

Seldovia Village Tribe

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SVT Health & Wellness
A Community Health
Center Providing
Primary,
Preventative Care,
and Naturopathic
Healing.



**Kachemak Voyager
2014 Season**
Seldovia Bay Ferry
began its 5th season of
operation on Friday
May 23, 2014.
Check us out at
www.seldoviabayferry.com

**Seldovia
Conference Center**
Planning a conference?
(907) 234-7898



**SVT's Housing
Program**

SVT's Housing Office is
still offering 4 programs
for low income Ak
Native families living in
the Seldovia area.

**Prevention
Program**

SVT Prevention
Program has exciting
events planned for
Summer.
Check out our
Calendar!

www.SeldoviaCalendar.com

2014 Open Enrollment

Enrollment for 2014 opens July 1, 2014 and will remain open through September 1, 2014.

Why should your family members be enrolled?

Being enrolled with Seldovia Village Tribe has many benefits for programs available to Alaska Natives. Being enrolled in your Tribe can help with housing needs, low income energy assistance heating program, scholarships, and much more. Below is the definition of eligible membership from SVT's Tribal Enrollment Ordinance.

Section 6 ~ SVT Enrollment Ordinance: Any blood descendent of any person who was originally enrolled to the Native Village of Seldovia -under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Questions call Trinket Gallien @ (907) 435-3248. Application can be downloaded at http://www.svt.org/SVT_members.html as well.

Secretarial Election Results

Seldovia Village Tribe has a total of 510 Enrolled Tribal Members, 394 of these Members are eligible Voters.

March 4, 2014 ballots were mailed to all eligible voters asking voters "Shall the Tribe revise the Seldovia Village Tribe Constitution?"

Friday, March 28, 2014 the Tribal Election Committee convened at SVT's Administrative Offices to count ballots. The revised Constitution of Seldovia Village Tribe was adopted by a vote of 102 for, and 22 against, with 9 spoiled ballots. 30% of the 394 eligible voters cast their ballots.

This is a very important privilege of being a voting Tribal member. Thank you to all who participated.

Secretarial Election Prizes

- 1st Prize \$500 **Thelma O Patton**
- 2nd Prize \$300 **Deborah Cameron**
- 3rd Prize \$100 **Loretta Conway**
- 4th Prize \$100 **Shirley Stearns**
- 5th Prize \$100 **Robert Juliussen**
- 6th Prize \$100 **Leon Wallin**
- 7th Prize \$100 **Vickie Wise**
- 8th Prize \$100 **Joy Schwarz**
- 9th Prize \$100 **Jessie Sliney**
- 10th Prize \$100 **Trevor Drake**

Congratulations to the Lucky 10 Winners. Thank you for participating in your Tribal rights.



SVT's Annual Tie Dying Event 2014

July 2nd, SVT had its 2014 annual tie dying event. Tribal Members Laurie Gallien and Cheala Ogle-Hilts assisting Cha'nik'na children with tie dying.



SVT's Annual Bike Decorating

July 3rd, SVT had its annual bike decorating event. Children and adults alike gathered to decorate bikes for the July 4th parade. Above: Tribal Member Tyra Bowdon and friends add finishing touches to her bike.



Above: SVT Barabara Heights Volunteer Fire Department Truck, Fire Chief Rich Harkness, Driver.



2014 July 4th Parade

July 4th, SVT sponsored this year's parade. With fabulous weather, fun floats, festive bikers and walkers another July 4th parade was a great success.



Above: Flag bearers John and Sara are volunteers in SVT's Barabara Heights Fire Department.



Above: Tribal Member Courtney Collier, drives Darlene Crawford Seldovia Alaska's Honored Old Crab 2014.



Above Left: Tribal Memabers Axcenia Waterbury and Arianna Waterbury sporting Seldovia Cheer Squad Spirit.



How's the road dust this summer?

So far things are looking good for Jakolof Bay Road this summer. The average levels of road dust at miles 3 and 4 and for both PM 10 and 2.5 per 24 hour sampling periods have not exceeded national standards (set by EPA). The environmental department has been conducting air monitoring since May 15 this year. This is the Tribe's third year of monitoring road dust along Jakolof Bay Road using DustTrak aerosol monitors and high volume air samplers on loan from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC).

Particulate matter (PM) in the air includes a mixture of solids and liquid droplets. Particles less than 10 micrometers in diameter (PM10) are so small that they can get into the lungs, potentially causing serious health problems. Particles less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter are called "fine" particles and come from combustion sources, including motor vehicles, power plants, residential wood

burning, forest fires, agricultural burning, and some industrial processes. Particles between 2.5 and 10 micrometers in diameter are referred to as "coarse." Sources of coarse particles include crushing or grinding operations, and dust stirred up by vehicles traveling on roads. We are monitoring for PM 10 although we have the ability this year to collect additional data for PM 2.5.

Although coarse particles do not go as deep into the lungs as fine particles, they can still have adverse impacts to susceptible individuals, such as people with respiratory conditions (like asthma), the elderly, and the young. Sensitive individuals can reduce their health risks by staying indoors or away from dirt roads when they are dusty. When berries and even drying fish are exposed to airborne dust, people consume the dust particles with their subsistence foods. Therefore, food exposed to road dust should be rinsed before they are eaten. You can help to reduce road dust by driving slower. Did you know that reducing speed from 40 miles per hour (mph) to 20 mph reduces dust emissions by 65%? Got questions? Give us a call at 907-435-3247 or 907-435-3261.



Invasive Species Monitoring

The European Green Crab is a non-native species in Alaska waters. The European green crab is however native to the Atlantic coast of Europe and northern Africa. Beginning in the early 1800's, it appeared on the East Coast of the United States where it successfully extended its range as far north as Nova Scotia and as far south as Maryland. It has invaded California and since then, made its way to Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. Additionally, it has now become invasive in waters off the coast of Australia, South Africa, Canada, Argentina, and Japan.

What's this crab got to do with Seldovia (and Alaska)? Nothing and that is how it is supposed to be. Scientists and biologists are worried that this species will make its way to Alaska in the near future. The green crab is an aggressive competitor and has a huge appetite. It eats clams, mussels, oysters, scallops and even small lobster. They may have originally come over to the US (and to other places) through the ballast water of ships and/or been shipped unknowingly inside cargo.

For many years now, in partnership with the Kachemak Bay Re-

search Reserve, SVT staff have been monitoring for this crab species in Seldovia during summer months using folding and minnow traps baited with herring and left out for 24 hours during the lowest tides of the month. To date, no green crabs have been found in Alaska!

Although Seldovia doesn't have green crabs, did you know



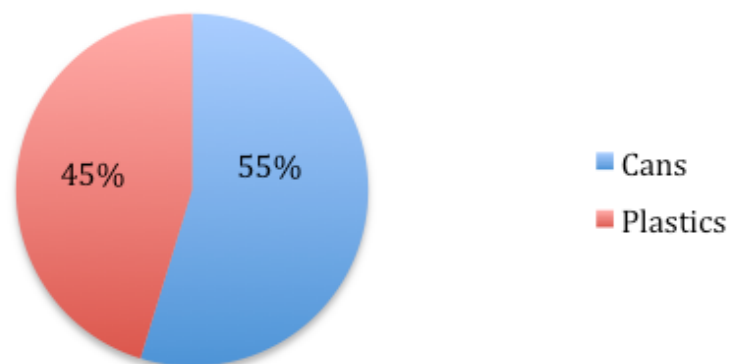
we have a big problem with two other invasive species? Orange Hawkweed and Common Tansy. Since 2009, SVT staff has been assisting Homer Soil and Water Conservation District staff in mapping, and removing, local infestations of these species along with other invasive plant species. Invasive plants can not only completely take over an area without natural enemies to limit their reproduction and spread, displacing native plants, but are aggressive competitors for space, light, and nutrients. Some invasive plants can also produce chemical changes to the soil, affecting nutrient cycling. You can help prevent this by not planting these species in gardens and removing them if you do have them on your property.

Recycling our way to a cleaner community

Since 2011 SVT's environmental department has been putting out recycle bins within the city limits of Seldovia during the summer months. Many of you have probably seen these distinctive green bins around town. These were obtained through a Coco Cola Keep

Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling (ALPAR) Grant, we had a Cans for Cones program where coupons were given out for free ice cream at Perry's Cafe in exchange for a small bag of recyclables. We have collected over 345 lbs of aluminum cans and plastics to date. As you can see from the graphs below, it is almost an even

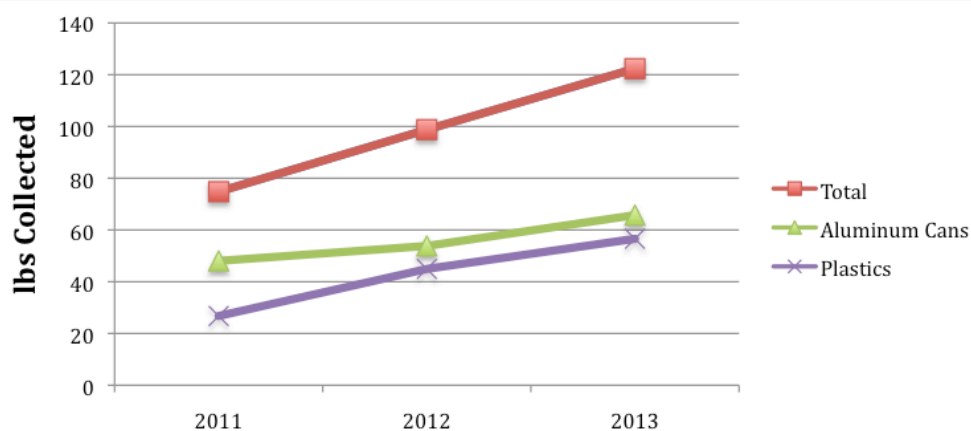
Weights (lbs)



America Beautiful (KAB) grant. We collect and sort the recyclables and then take them to the Rocky Ridge Landfill so that they can be shipped out of the community for recycling. Additionally, through an

spread between cans and plastics being collected, the amount being recycled by community members has increased each year.

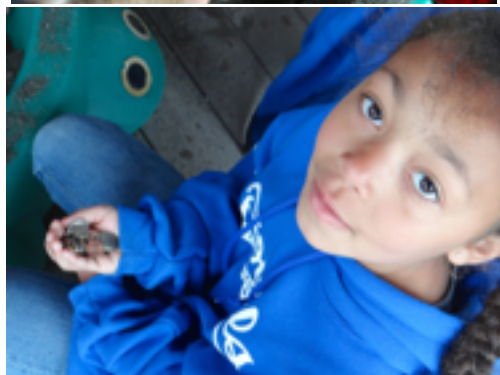
Way to go, Seldovians!





2014 Annual SVT Company Picnic

June 21, 2014 Seldovia Village Tribe had our Annual Company Picnic. With rain coming down hard the event had to be brought inside Seldovia Conference Center. Employees from Seldovia and Homer came together for good food, family time, and great fun.



Below: Tribal member Tyra Bowdon showing off her find, from the sand box.

Proud Graduate Gives Thanks

*Ryan Matthew Bullis,
Apex, North Carolina*

With much pride and joy I send a heart-felt "thank you" to the Seldovia Village Tribe for their scholarship support throughout my educational endeavors to help me pursue my dream.

In 2005 I graduated from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Sciences, cum laude.



This past December, 2013, I graduated from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (pictured) with a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences with a concentration in Chemical Biology and Medicinal Chemistry.

The financial support I have received throughout the past 12 years has helped provide me with the education and skills that can make a difference in the lives of people around the world. I plan to utilize my knowledge and skills in the research of disease states at a

molecular level and to discover novel therapeutics that can be used to treat them. Thank you again for helping me to realize my dream.

Ryan Matthew Bullis is the son of Claude and Kathleen Bullis of Clemmons, North Carolina. Kathleen is an original SNA shareholder and Seldovia Village Tribe member. Ryan's grandmother, Emily Shell Holcomb, was born in Seldovia.

SVT Open House Scavenger Hunt



Jackie Taylor & Annie Rafferty gathering information about SVT from Crystal Collier President/CEO.

Seldovia Village Tribe welcomed the community into its offices with a fun-filled scavenger hunt complete with big cash prizes. Participants each received a free game card with clues for each office or location, and had to answer a series of questions. All completed cards were entered into a drawing for cash prizes worth more than \$900. The winners were:

Annie Rafferty — \$500
 Harold Yuth — \$250
 Sage Stanish — \$100
 Jackie Taylor — \$50
 Ronene Gain — \$25

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Seldovia Village Tribal Council

Lillian Elvsaas Vice President, John Crawford, Katherine Gottlieb, Helen Quijance, Trinket Gallien Secretary, Suzanne Collier, Crystal Collier President/CEO, and Kim Collier (Don Kashevaroff absent)

2014 May Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following Tribal Member recipients of Seldovia Village Tribe \$1500 Achievement Scholarship Award.

Kyle Brady attending Azusa Pacific University-Business Administration.

Courtney Collier attending University of Alaska Anchorage-Biology/Pre-Medicine.

Spencer Mason attending University-PhD Chemistry.

Rebekah Gilligan attending Tarleton State University-Communications/Business.

Dorothy Gladsjo attending University of Phoenix-Psychology/Business.

Brittany Hopkins attending Boise State-Biology Secondary Education.

George Seth Suydam attending Colorado School of Mines-Petroleum Engineer.

Seldovia Village Tribal Council wishes each of you good in your schooling endeavors and hope that you will reapply next year for our scholarship.

Achievement Scholarships are due May 1st, Trade School and Foreign Exchange Student awards are due September 1st. Visit http://www.svt.org/SVT_members.html

SVT Job Opportunities

SVT Health & Wellness - Homer

Dental Assistant: This position is full time 35 -37 hours per week. Provides range of clinical, administrative and staff support functions for Dental department. Cross trains with Dental Patient Account Representative.

Generous benefit package. Salary DOE. Must have excellent customer service skills.

Collections Specialist: This position is full time 40 hours per week. Responsible for processing and transmit claims and secondary billing to reduce accounts receivable balance. Work with multiple insurance payers. Adjust and post to patients accounts. Process insurance denials for appeals. Assist eligible patients with payment plans. Investigate credit information and collect past due accounts. Answer correspondence, submit reports, process write-offs and refunds. Prefer Associates degree and 2 year minimum experience in a medical office with attention to detail and multitasking.

Generous benefit package. Base wage \$20 per hour.

M.D. or Family Nurse Practitioner: with interest in holistic integrative medicine focusing on wellness for the whole person. Provides services to communities of Homer, Anchor Point and Seldovia. Must be willing to travel frequently by

small boat or plane. Full time 40 hrs/week. Generous benefit package.

Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner: Seeking full time PNP to provide behavioral health program development, case management and counseling services for SVT Health & Wellness patient/partners focused on care model centered on integration of mind, body and spirit, thereby treating the whole individual. Salary DOE, base \$105K

SVT Project Coordinator, Homer: Assists in evaluation of current systems and processes by documenting procedures, gaps and other items as identified. Assists in development of Financial Management Policy and Procedures. Part time 20 flexible hours per week. Wage \$20 hr.

SVT Seldovia Side

Prevention Activity Assistant: Assists in all age Prevention Program activities as directed by Prevention Program Director. Part time, Wage \$15. hr.

Elder Meals Cook: This position is part time approximately 25 hours per week. Responsible for planning and prepare meals using DEC nutritional guidelines and Food Service regulations for SVT Elders Meals program and Seldovia Conference Center events. Must secure AK Food Handler certificate. Wage \$15. per hour

Human Resource Manager: This position is full time and based in Seldovia. Positions consists of planing, directing and coordinating all human resource activities of Seldovia Village Tribe to include Seldovia Bay Ferry and SVT Health & Wellness, Homer. Works directly to support SVT President/CEO and Management team members. Functions include compensation, staffing, benefits, performance, recruitment, personnel policies and procedures, regulatory compliance such as labor laws and OSHA. Must be able to travel frequently to Homer by boat or small aircraft. Experience in Tribal Human Resource very helpful. Full time 35 hrs per week with generous benefits. Salary DOE.

SVT Open House/ Scavenger Hunt



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Participants and other community members joined SVT staff on the deck of the Seldovia Conference Center for hot dogs and hamburgers, enjoying the perfect summer afternoon. It was a fun way to share with our community some of the great things the Tribe provides every day.

SVT Health & Wellness is on Facebook and YouTube



Be sure to visit and like the SVT Health & Wellness Facebook page. You can find it at:
facebook.com/SVTHealthWellness

And check out the SVT Health & Wellness channel on YouTube:
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