

# Seldovia Village Tribe

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## SVT Health Center

A Non-Profit  
Community Health  
Center Providing  
Primary and  
Preventative Care

## Going Green

Here is a simple way to  
Go Green, submit your  
email address to SVT to  
receive our Quarterly  
Newsletter  
electronically to reduce  
paper usage.

## Seldovia Conference Center

Planning a conference  
or a wedding?  
(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 new  
Calendar!

## Kachemak Voyager 2011 Season - Schedule

Seldovia Bay Ferry begins its second season of operation on Sunday, May 1, 2011. The ferry will continue to provide service three times a day between Seldovia and Homer.

Tickets can be purchased in Homer at the following locations, Alaska Ferry Adventures, Kachemak Mariculture Center, and the Seldovia Bay Ferry Terminal located in the Homer Boat Harbor. Tickets can be purchased at the Seldovia Village Tribe Visitor's Center in Seldovia or online at [www.seldoviabayferry.com](http://www.seldoviabayferry.com).

The 150 passenger, fully equipped M/V Kachemak Voyager gets you to and from Seldovia, one of Kenai Peninsula's up and coming destinations, awashed in history that is easy to explore on foot. The advanced, twin-hull catamaran design-provides enhanced stability for smoother sailing with comfortable indoor seating and large viewing windows.

Peggy Keesecker, Seldovia Bay Ferry



## Seldovia Bay Ferry

Service between Seldovia and Homer began  
May 1st, 2011

Seldovia		Homer		Seldovia	
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
8:00 a	8:45a	*9:45a			11:00a
12:30p	1:15p	*2:15p			3:30p
4:30p	5:15p	6:15p			7:00p

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to departure for all sailings.

\*Extended Trip

Phone reservations: 1-877-703-3779.

## 2011 Open Enrollment

Enrollment for 2011 opens July 1, 2011 and will remain open through September 1, 2011.

*Why should your family members be enrolled?*

Being enrolled with Seldovia Village Tribe has many benefits for programs available to Alaskan 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.*

Time is a ticking please call Trinket Gallien @ (907) 435-3248 if you have questions, concerns or want an application. Application can be downloaded at [http://www.svt.org/SVT\\_members.html](http://www.svt.org/SVT_members.html) as well.



## Seldovia Sea Day

Tuesday May 17th was our annual Sea Day with the K-12th grade students from Susan B. English School plus visiting students from Port Graham and Tyonek.

This year's focus was on Sea Birds. We worked with the staff of the Susan B. English School, the Seldovia Bay Ferry, the Pratt Museum, the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, the SVT Prevention Program, and the Environmental Program to put together a fun and exciting day of learning for the children. The Prevention Program gave support by being able to fund the trips on the Seldovia Bay Ferry and by providing staff support as chaperones. The Staff at the school were gracious in being flexible as their class schedules and routines were disrupted. The kids were great this year and were really engaged in what was being presented to them,



especially the part where they got to go see the F/V Time Bandit and talk to some of their crew.

The Captain and crew of the Seldovia Bay Ferry kindly allowed us to take over the ferry and set up learning "stations."



The Captain gave an informative talk to the kids about his career in the marine industry and about how they could get started in the marine industry. Collin McCoy from the Pratt Museum gave a short tour of the boat harbor, which focused on the famous Time Bandit. Since he previously worked on this boat, he had some great stories to tell the children. The second group of classes were also lucky enough to get a short talk from a gentleman who worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Research Vessel Tiglax. Tracie Merrill brought some really nice ID cards and coloring book pages along for the kids on the different bird species we would see during our trip around Gull Island. On the return trips to Seldovia, the Captain allowed extra time at Gull Island.



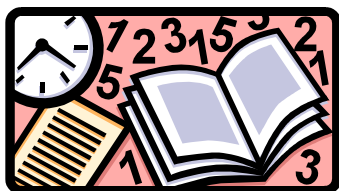
Tracie and Jenni Medley from the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies also provided some interesting narration on the birds that we saw at Gull Island over the PA system. Jenni's stations provided a hands-on opportunity for students to learn about sea bird adaptations, focusing on the birds' specialized beaks for eating and feathers for flight and staying warm while out at sea. Jenni also brought along some binoculars so the kids could look at the sea birds as we went around Gull Island. The Pratt Museum staff, Holly Cusack-McVeigh and Robi Harris, put together a couple of very fun and exciting tables about ways to identify different sea birds; about sea bird body parts, adaptations, and food sources; about effects of oil spills; and about subsistence use of sea birds and eggs and their relationship to midden sites. All those involved talked a little about their careers and how they got into them.

By Michael Opheim and Tracie Merrill





## SVT 2011 May Scholarship Awards



**Kyle Brady,**  
Achievement Scholarship \$1,500.00  
Azusa Pacific University,  
Biochemistry

**Courtney Collier,**  
Achievement Scholarship \$1,500.00  
University of Alaska Fairbanks,  
Biology/Pre-Medicine

**Brett Hopkins,**  
Achievement Scholarship \$1,500.00  
Boise State University,  
Mathematics-Secondary Education

**Brittany Hopkins,**  
Achievement Scholarship \$1,500.00  
Boise State University,  
Pre-Medical Studies

**Zach Kashevaroff,**  
Achievement Scholarship \$1,500.00  
Southeastern University,  
Biology/Pre-Medicine

**Seth Suydam,**  
Achievement Scholarship \$500.00  
AVTEC Seward AK,

Congratulations!!! SVT is very proud of all the applicants and wish each and everyone of you the best of luck in your education.

*Scholarships, due September 1st, 2011.  
Applications available online  
[www.svt.org](http://www.svt.org) or call 907-435-3248.*



## Alaska Tribal Cache

2011 Summer hours 10AM-6PM  
Seven days a week starting Memorial Day Weekend. ATC will be featuring fresh fudge and Alaska Pure Berry Products. Order online today! Web-site [www.alaskajamsandjellies.com](http://www.alaskajamsandjellies.com)

## Job Opportunities

**Senior Meals Cook**  
This position is part time.

**Seldovia Conference Center  
Director**  
this position is part time

To receive a full job description or submit a resume' contact Shirley Hurley, Human Resources  
(907) 435-3267

## Elder Dinners

SVT's Elder Meals are available to our Native residents over 50 years of age and their spouses. Guests are welcome by invitation. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Meals are served at the Seldovia Conference Center. Please contact 435-3272 for reservations at least 24 hrs in advance. Suggested Donation \$4, Guests \$10, guests must pay server before meal. Menus are available online at [www.svt.org](http://www.svt.org) for those who maybe coming to visit and are interested in using this service.



## Visitor Center/Museum

SVT Visitor Center/Museum will began 2011 Summer operations May 1st, 7 am-5 pm daily. The ticketing office for the Seldovia Bay Ferry-Kachemak Voyager is also housed in this area this season. There are great souvenirs to take home. Cost is free but a suggested donation is always welcome.

## SVT Barabara Heights VFD

SVT BH VFD Fire Chief, Rick Harkness has geared to the summer training schedule. We are currently meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday mornings of each month, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Practice drills using our Fire Engine 1 and Brush Truck are scheduled. New members are needed and welcomed. FIRE WISE home safety check sheets, and information are available at our office. Call 907-435-3250 to join and inquire about our department.

SVT's Safety Store has Mustang Bomber-Style float jackets (sizes S-L) for sale. The cost is \$150.00 per jacket. If you're interested call Alix at 435-3250.

## Behavioral Health Department



*"Dr. Sheimel, Maryann Wilson, Emiley Faris, Alene Hidecker, Darlene Moore"*

This has been a busy and exciting quarter for the Behavioral Health Department. There has been Drug Alcohol Community Education for parents on new drugs of abuse, in class instruction for the middle and high school students on setting boundaries, the SVT Community Health Fair and Cancer Walk plus great growth in the Ladies Support Groups.

Darlene Moore our SVT Health Clinic Educator came to Seldovia and gave a great presentation on the new usage and marketing of the drug K-2 Spice. Counselor Hidecker and SVT's Shirley Hughes organized a catered luncheon for the event. K-2 Spice is a synthetic marijuana which is spiked with designer drugs. Each batch is spiked with something different. There have been several deaths in Alaska attributed to this new drug. So in spite of the childlike and colorful packaging; take this drug seriously. It can currently be obtained in Anchorage at different smoke and bead shops in the guise of bath salts or incense. The event was a great success.



The Student Health Conference was a lot of fun. Counselor Hidecker and Prevention Person Shad Haller, gave the middle and high school students an interactive class on "Setting Boundaries." Each student did a quick assessment and watched a Power Point Presentation that encouraged student answers and ideas; afterwards there was a discussion and chocolate time. Everyone had a great time and a lot to say!

The Behavioral Health Department had a busy display table. Alene Hidecker had new pamphlets on different kinds of drugs, new prevention color books for children and different mental health issues. After participating in the Community Health Fair, Counselor Hidecker ran the SVT Annual Cancer Walk. It was held in honor of family and friends that we have lost to Cancer. Alene Hidecker honored her friend and Cancer Buddy, Patty Lu Bowdon. After much consideration, a design was selected that had a pink Breast Cancer Ribbon on it however the SVT Cancer Walk was for all people who have had to deal with Cancer.



*"Tina Yuth, SVT Admin Assistant"*

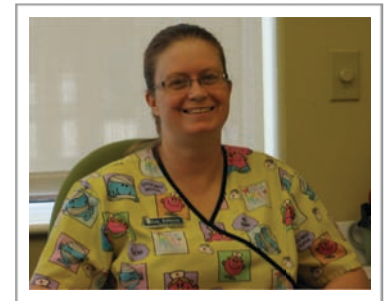
Emiley Faris of the SVT Health Center garnered the donation of 30 beautiful tee-shirts from Julia Thorsness, Program Coordinator for Comprehensive Control for the DHSS/DPH/Chronic Disease and Health Promotion in Anchorage. We want to give those two special ladies Julia and Emily a very special "Thank You!" for the meaningful and thoughtful gift.

*By: Alene Hidecker A.A.S. , CDC I, ABHC, BHA III*

SVT Health Center would like to introduce our newest employees.



Georgia Guyton,  
Certified Dental Assistant.



Rebecca Whaley, Patient Accounts Representative, joined our team in Homer while Don Ohler has taken the reins managing construction of the SVT Wellness Center adjacent to the Homer location.

**~Seldovia~**

**Open Mondays & Tuesdays  
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.**

Appointments please contact Shirley Hughes, (907) 435-3262.

**~Homer~**

**Open Mondays 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesdays- Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Appointments please call (907) 226-2228.

**"COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR  
OUR COMMUNITY"**



# Seldovia Area Subsistence food Survey

Dear Tribal Member,

Much concern exists over the risk posed to human health through exposure to contaminants through the consumption of traditional subsistence foods. Traditional foods comprise 40 percent to 90 percent of rural Alaskan diets, putting Alaska natives particularly at high risk. This summer, the Environmental staff of Seldovia Village Tribe (SVT) will be conducting a dietary survey of fish and other subsistence foods to determine how frequently they are eaten by tribal members residing in Seldovia. Questions will be asked about how much is eaten in regards to different species, fish parts, cooking and preparation methods, time periods (seasons, ceremonies/special events, nursing of very young children) and locations of where fish were caught. This information will be used to obtain accurate daily consumption rates for native adults and children in our community. This survey will be followed by contaminant testing of the higher ranking subsistence resources found to be commonly eaten in our community. The resources tested will all be harvested locally. It is our intention that beginning in 2012 with the help of additional funding from EPA, this survey will also be conducted in several other villages in Cook Inlet. Contaminant testing of fish species, and potentially other subsistence foods, will also be conducted from the local fishing/harvesting areas of these participating Tribes. Community specific "safe-eating limit" guidelines will ultimately be determined for several traditional subsistence foods based on survey and contaminant testing results.

Any sensitive personal information given in these surveys will remain with the Tribe. Data from these interviews may be shared with the other Tribes and a summary report will be written from the results and submitted to EPA. Upon completion of this study, results will be presented to community members in each village.

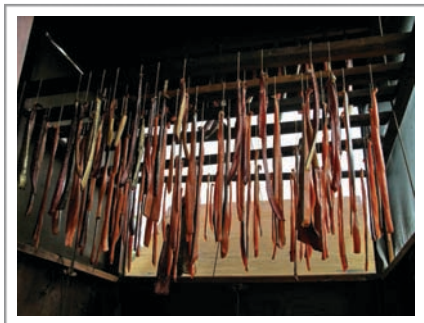
Names will be randomly selected from Tribal members living in Seldovia so we hope that if you are contacted in the near future you can be available for an in-person interview. For those that choose to participate, your name will be entered in a drawing to win a prize. We hope that if contacted, you will support this important study. The information obtained in this study could have far reaching impacts not only to the personal health of you and your family members but to our community as a whole.

If you would like to know more about this study, please contact Michael Opheim, SVT's Environmental Coordinator, at 907-435-3247 or [mopheim@svt.org](mailto:mopheim@svt.org).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Environmental Department





Seldovia Village Tribe's Prevention Program staff has been busy making summer plans. We kicked off the season with a bonfire potluck and celebrated Al Sughroue's return for a great summer of outdoor education and activities. We'll be having outdoor hikes and camp outs, river rafting trips, fine arts classes, music camp, culture camp, tie dyeing, bike decorating, shop class, computer class, baking classes, and so much more!

You can keep posted on the Prevention Program activities in many ways: On Facebook, visit "Seldovia Village Tribe Prevention Program" and click "like." On the web, visit [www.svt.org](http://www.svt.org) and select the Calendar of Events. Also on the web, go to the new

[www.SeldoviaCalendar.com](http://www.SeldoviaCalendar.com) to see a list of all the activities that are happening in Seldovia each day!



*Tribal Members: Ariel Anahonak, Arianna Waterbury, David Botero, Gavin Elvsaas, Playing Wii*

*Skyler Bond Sporting fire fighter hat, Adam Ogle Hilts playing rock band, Axcenia Waterbury enjoying hotdogs at Summer kick-off BBQ outside beach.*



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