

Seldovia Village Tribe

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Missing Tribal Members

Please help us locate missing addresses by

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Housing

Need housing assistance contact Rod Hilts at rhilts@svt.org or (907) 435-3260

Seldovia Conference Center

Planning a conference? (907) 234-7898

Energy Assistance

Applications are now available at the SVT Admin offices.



Your Community Health Center. Everyone is Welcome.

2014 Open Enrollment

Seldovia Village Tribe's Open Enrollment closed September 1st for 2014. The Seldovia Village Tribal Council met September 26, 2014 and approved the Enrollment applications for 2014.

A BIG WELCOME to the following new members:

Deptmer M. Ashely Jr.
Camden J. Betts
Alexis K. Colberg-Nelissen
Alyssa M. Elias
Angel M. Elias
Kevin M. Fox
Autumn R. Goss
Katrina E. Liwanag
Jordan A. Kehl-Goughnour
Lexsey N. Kehl-Goughnour
Jasper D. Koldeway
Dallas C. Miller
Natalie R. Miller
Frank G. Moonin
Richalyn G. Smith
Sean M. Smith

New members should have received a Tribal Enrollment card in the mail. If you or a family member have not received a Tribal card please contact Trinket Gallien Enrollment Clerk as soon as possible.

If any Tribal member has misplaced or need corrections made to Enrollment cards feel free to contact Trinket Gallien, Enrollment Clerk at the Tribal Offices (907) 435-3248 for a replacement card.



Honoring Lengthy Service to Seldovia Village Tribe.

Two longtime employees of Seldovia Village Tribe were honored for their service at a recent staff meeting in Seldovia.

Debbie Cameron (above) was congratulated for 25 years at SVT, while Trinket Gallien (left) was noted for her 20 years of service.



Food Distribution Program

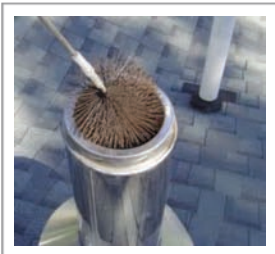


Seldovia Village Tribe's Food Distribution Program is a federal program that provides commodity foods to low-income households residing in the Seldovia area.

Each month participating households receive a food package to help them maintain a nutritionally balanced diet. Participants may select from over 70 products.

Applications for this program are available through Debbie Cameron CHR (907) 435-3255.

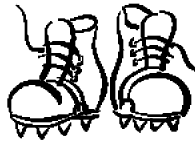
Chimney Brushes for Use.



With winter in full swing, wood stoves are being used to heat our homes. Seldovia Village Tribe has Chimney brushes in several sizes available for free use. Contact Tina Yuth at the SVT Admin Offices, Monday thru Friday or call (907) 435-3246.

Ice Cleats

SVT's Injury Prevention Department offers a great deal on several types of ice cleats that may be purchased from our Admin Offices in Seldovia. Velcro Toe Stabilizers: \$40



pair, Jogger Stabilizers \$30, Lite Stabilizers \$18 per pair, Overshoes Stabilizers \$70 per pair. Feel free to stop in the offices or call (907) 234-7898 for these great winter safety items.

Energy Assistance 2014



Seldovia Village Tribe has applications for 2014 Energy Assistance. Those households residing in the Seldovia area that are having trouble meeting their heating bills this winter are welcome to apply.

For more information and an application contact Debbie Cameron at 435-5255 Monday through Friday 9am-5pm.

Telling the Kachemak Bay Voyagers Story

The Seldovia Bay Ferry got excellent exposure at the 2014 Alaska Community Transit Conference held in Anchorage. The conference gave us the opportunity to share the importance of our ferry with heavy hitters in the state and federal transportation arena. SVT Public Relations & Marketing Director Ian McGaughey manned the ferry's display, networked with conference attendees and got to address the convention of 250 people, describing how the Seldovia Bay Ferry has become a vital link to our communities.



Elder Meals

Tribal Member Sharon Bond joins SVT as Elder Meals Cook. Sharon brings her passion for healthy, natural foods to serve AK Natives/American Indian Elders in Seldovia.

Meals are served Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5 O'clock sharp at Alaska Tribal Cache (ATC) building.

Suggested donation for eligible Elders is \$5 and guest meals are \$12 per guest. It is important to call Sharon at 435-3270 the day before a meal for reservations to insure enough food is prepared for all participants.



News and Updates from the Environmental Dept.

by Michael Opheim, Environmental Coordinator

Air monitoring is done and we gave a presentation to the community with help from our ANTHC Project Officers. We met with city, state, and Tribal representatives about what we could do to work together on keeping dust remediation going along Jakolof Bay Road. Many good conversations were had as well as some new ideas. We will put together a one page educational flyer with bullet points for these representatives to use to possibly get more funding for Calcium Chloride.



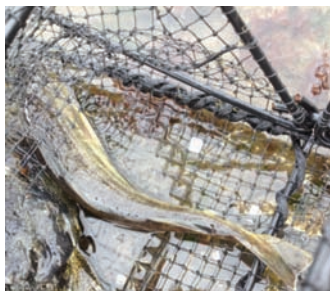
Michael and Tracie gave a presentation by phone for a conference in Washington DC for the 2014 National Forum on Contaminants in Fish. This was supposed to be a in person presentation but flights did not work out so a quick thinking moderator gave us the opportunity to call in and have our co presenter with the ADEC change the slides for us as we talked over the phone. Our presentation was on Phase I and Phase II of our fish consumption assessment along with our work with the ADEC lab in Anchorage.

Work has started on our newest BIA funded project with the Jakolof Creek baseline assessment of the coho population and what the system will support. We have done some water samples and taken some GPS points along the stream so we can create a map in GIS of the work we are doing and what we find.



Clean up of old abandoned freezers from the Jakolof trailer park was done so as not to attract animals or more trash.

E-waste was collected from the Rocky Ridge Landfill and palletized so that it will be ready for the spring e-waste drive in Homer.



Our European Green Crab monitoring ended in September with no green crabs found. These little critters have a voracious appetite and will eat anything up to their size and sometimes bigger. We have not heard of any real good way to get rid of them once they are here. Maybe as the lower 48 deals with them first they will find a way that we can be ready with and use when they do get here.

We have finished up with sampling household wells in Seldovia Village. This was a great project and we were so happy to do this. Many homes had never been done or had not been tested since they were drilled in the 80's. Most wells came back good but some had issues and we were very glad we were able to help homeowners get the information they needed to get started in correcting these issues.

News from the Seldovia Museum & Visitor Center

by Jan Yaeger



The Environmental Department and Museum office hosted an "Advanced Skin Sewing and Selling" workshop at the Seldovia Conference Center. The class was taught by master skin sewer June Pardue, and used diverse materials such as deer hide, sea otter fur, beaver fur and dyed fish skin. June taught a variety of sewing techniques, as well as the steps necessary to transform these skills into a viable home-based business.

The Seldovia Museum & Visitor Center is once again open during the winter months, generally on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to match the State Ferry schedule, but also on request during business hours. In September we hosted more than thirty second-and-third grade students and adults from McNeil Canyon Elementary School in Homer, who were comparing their home community with Seldovia. We also hosted several representatives of federal agencies who were engaged in a planning conference at the Kasistna Bay Laboratories and took a field trip into town to visit the Museum.

Jan Yaeger, Museum Curator, attended the 2014 Museums Alaska / Alaska Historical Society annual joint conference in Seward, where she gave a presentation on the Seldovia Museum's "In Our Own Words" oral history project.

As part of "In Our Own Words," Museum staff is collecting video and audio interviews of Seldovia's Elders. These interviews will be preserved in the archives of the Seldovia Museum, as well as at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Rasmuson Library, and will be available through the Seldovia Project Jukebox website that is currently being developed. In addition to collecting interviews, we are also offering to digitize the public's historic Seldovia photographs and videos. In exchange for being able to add digital copies to our archives, we will return all original materials along with high-resolution digital versions. This will help participants protect their personal collections by storing the images in more than one format, as well as allowing them to be shared with others. If you have images that help tell Seldovia's story that you would be willing to share with us in exchange for digitization services, please contact Jan at jyaeger@svt.org or (907) 435-3245.

From the Garden to the Plate

The kids at Ch'anik'na Children's House harvested potatoes from SVT's People's Garden and then made home fries out of them. Lots of fun and tasty treats for everyone!

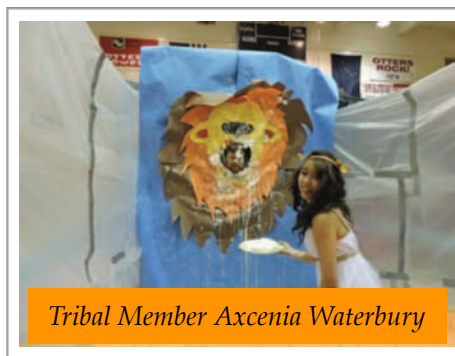




*Tribal Member
Jordan Cameron & Family*



Bo & Leif Brun



Tribal Member Axcenia Waterbury



Tribal Member Franky Haller



2014 Annual Halloween Carnival Sponsored by Seldovia Village Tribe

It was another great Halloween Carnival this year! The Prevention Program staff worked hard to make it a great event, giving it a carnival theme and making many wonderful decorations. Ronene, Ariel and Taylor spent days preparing the artwork for the main entrance and gym hallway. The day before the carnival, school students and staff pitched in to help, plus the Seldovia Volunteer Fire Department set up the entire centerpiece of booths for the carnival.

Thursday, the day of the event, was a blast as we all got to work with great volunteers and students. Everyone was in good spir-

its, all working together to make a fun evening for the kids and community.

The carnival included a catapult duck pond this year (the brain-storm of Sophomore Violet Mitchell)! It also had some familiar standbys, including the whipped cream cupcake toss, balloon darts, and the ever-popular cake walk!

The costume parade was filled with incredible outfits this year, from the youngest baby dressed as a viking, all the way up to the adult dressed in a some-what skimpy basketball uniform (we won't mention any names, Mark

Janes...). It was great to see the number of family themed costumes, too, including Stars Wars, and bumble bees.

The Booster Club raffled off two round-trip tickets on Alaska Air Taxi, thanks to Jack Barber, and they were won by our new math & science teacher, Richard Beirer.

As usual, everyone came together at the end to clean up and the gym was emptied in just 45-minutes. Hope you all had a Happy Halloween!

By Laurel Hilts.

Environmental Excellence Team Award



On October 29th while Tracie Merrill and Michael Opheim were attending the 2014 Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management they were awarded the Environmental Excellence Team Award. This came as quite a surprise to them as they did not know they were nominated for the award. Our project officer from the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium put us in for the award and also was kind enough to present us with the award during the awards luncheon. "It is a great honor to be noticed for the work our department does," says Michael Opheim. The work was not

done by just Tracie and Michael. They truly are part of a team that makes all of our work what it is. For example, many individuals helped us keep our air monitors running through the summer when we were not able to. Our great admin staff keep us in line. SVT Tribal members and community members expressed concern over the air they breath prompting us to pursue air monitoring. These are just a few examples of how multiple people make up our team. We want to thank everyone for the belief and trust in us to do the work of our people, our community, and our Tribe.



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