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HALIBUT DERBY STARTS THIS SATURDAY IN VALDEZ

VALDEZ, Alaska – Warm weather and an early Spring have given Valdez charters and boat owners an opportunity to get their boats into the water and get fishing a bit early. Harbormaster Jeremy Talbott said he has seen a lot of private boaters hitting the waters to set pots for shrimp and has already seen two 75 pound halibut come across the docks.

Charter Captains in Valdez are also preparing for a busy season as anglers have high hopes of being the winner of the \$15,000 first place prize in the Valdez Halibut Derby. A ticket costs \$10 for the day or \$50 for the season and must be purchased before heading out on the water.

[CLICK HERE](#) for full press release

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 18th 2015
at City Council Chambers



VALDEZ POLICE AND FIRE REPORT

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the police and fire report from this last week.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What lifts your spirit when something gets you down?

- A friendly gesture from another person
- Having a person listen to my problems
- A pint of Häagen-Dazs

[CLICK HERE](#) to answer this week's Question of the Week.

Regular Meeting –7pm

Items include:

1. Acceptance of the 2015/2016 Valdez City Schools Budget
2. Approval of Change Order with DOWL in the Amount of \$12,000 for the 10 Mile Material Site Analysis
3. Approve Award of Contract to Curtis Electric / Apex Technical Services (Joint Venture) for VCT North Star Warehouse Upgrades in the Amount of \$66,620.50

[CLICK HERE](#) for full agenda

All meetings of City Council and School Board are held in City Council Chambers, broadcast on 1230AM KVAK and streamed LIVE on www.kvakradio.com



PWSCC STUDENT PRODUCED FILM FEATURED IN WEB ARTICLE

The PWSCC film class travelled up to the Tailgate event at Thompson Pass this past April. The students were present for the weeklong event and filmed the

RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

How do you prevent bears from visiting your house?

38% - Do not leave my trash outside

6% - Make sure neighbors do not leave trash out

31% - All the above

25% - I do not do anything

KVAK VIDEO OF THE WEEK



Check out an outdoor film done by students of PWSCC

VCS MAY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

[CLICK HERE](#) for the breakfast menu

[CLICK HERE](#) for the lunch menu

VALDEZ LITTLE LEAGUE

Valdez Little League Opening Ceremonies are scheduled to be

different events and festivities in Thompson Pass. The final video from the class was recently featured in an article summarizing Tailgate Alaska 2015.

Snowboarding.transworld.net -

Tailgate Alaska 2015 wrapped up on Thompson Pass, completing the eighth annual edition of the now legendary big mountain festival. The legend of Thompson Pass riding is not hype, according to snowboarding legend Jamie Lynn who rode in the area around base camp, "It's like taking 100 powder days and combining them into one run." Bryan Iguchi agreed, "I had the best turns of my life today."

Riders from 16 countries descended on Valdez, Alaska on April 3rd for the ten daylong event – and were greeted by the best snow conditions Alaska has seen in recent memory – and in the history of the event. In addition to direct access to the peaks that tower over base camp, Tailgate Alaska had free daily snow science classes, speakers, a FM radio station (The Weagle 90.7 FM), an 8 man rescue team, on site medics, special parties and events.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view full article and video

Tuesday, May 26th 6pm at the Valdez Gold Fields. Hopefully you have already registered your child for a team, but if you haven't already done so, Tuesday will be your last chance. Grab a Registration Form off the Valdez Little League Facebook page or at HHES or GMS and turn it in or bring it to the field to make sure your child gets on a team.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a registration form

LOCAL VALDEZEAN NEEDS HELP

Richard Fraley was diagnosed with 4th stage lung cancer and is fighting for his life in Anchorage. An account has been set up at Wells Fargo to help he and his wife, Linda, with travel and living expenses. Richard is a veteran and has been a loyal friend to Valdez, so if you would like to help out, a donation can be made at Wells Fargo.



Click the graphic above to view the Parks and Recreation page.

**PATRICK JENNINGS PAVING
IS IN VALDEZ NOW**

GMS TRACK AND FIELD

Rod Morrison - On Thursday morning, our varsity track team headed to Colony Middle School to compete at the Valley Championship; the first for the Huskies track team. Overall, all the athletes did exceptional as a team, while also challenging and beating their own personal records. The season has come to an end, and as coaches we couldn't have asked for a better group of athletes. It's not every day where you find a group of athletes, that's willing to push themselves beyond their limits. These students went above and beyond to bring pride not only to themselves, but to the GMS and the community.

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4th QUARTER SUPER HUSKIES



8th Grade: **Kayne Kelly** - "Kayne has a smile that lights a room combined with a cheerful disposition-a winning combination, just like his favorite NFL team." -Mrs. Warner

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VALDEZ TEAM WINS ATIGUN AWARD

Alyeska Pipeline Service Company has named this year's recipients of its Atigun Awards, which annually honors innovative work, exciting projects and shining-star professionals along the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS). Scott Smith, Valdez Marine Terminal Utility Supervisor, and the Power Vapor Facility Team won the Health and Safety award this year for identifying and implementing a custom-molded device to provide hearing protection and improve communication across the massive and complex Power Vapor Facility.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the Alyeska Press Release

MEMORIAL DAY SILENT AUCTION

Bidding: Monday, May 18th and closes at 5:00 P.M. on Memorial Day at the Elks Lodge

The public will have a week to come in



7th Grade: **Brenner Wilson** - Brenner was a great peer buddy for his classmates all year in P.E. He displayed great attitude and enthusiasm." --Mr. Hill.



6th Grade: **Hayden Howard** - Hayden Howard has shown constant improvement and high achievement this year with both his study and organization skills along with his work quality and content. He is a hard worker, has a positive attitude, and always strives to understand new concepts and do quality work." --Ms. Knight

DAN CUDDY, HEAD OF FIRST NATION BANK, DIES AT 93

Dan Cuddy, who presided over First National Bank Alaska for more than six decades, died Tuesday in Anchorage, according to bank officials. He was 94

and bid on your favorite baskets at a silent auction held today thru Memorial Day on Monday, May 25th. Local merchants and members have donated numerous items to have baskets for men, women, children and babies. The lodge opens weekdays at 4:00 P.M. On Memorial Day the lodge will open at 11:00 A.M. This event will be open to the community to help celebrate and support our Veterans.

All Proceeds from the Silent Auction will be donated to the Wounded Veterans Project



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 19 – VHS Graduation
- May 20 – HHES 5th Grade Promotion
- May 22 thru 24 – Valdez Rock Climbing Festival
- ([CLICK HERE](#) for schedule)
- May 23 thru 26 – Halibut Derby
- May 28 – 8th Grade Promotion Day
- May 28 – Last Day of School
- May 30 – Bite Back Run

years old.

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NEW ARRIVAL

On May 13th at 11:52pm, Paul Cosgrave entered this world weighing 7lbs. 10.6oz and was 20 inches long. His parents are LynLyn and Edward Cosgrave.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN

This past Sunday the local 2015 Special Olympics were held at the new track with a BBQ at the Eagles Lodge following the event. It was a very good weekend for Special Olympics Valdez Copper Basin. Leigh the Torch Run raised \$2575.50 this year and had 3 Valdez law enforcement runners, 9 Special Olympics athletes, and 15 community runners. The Torch Run had support from the Valdez Police Department, Alaska State Parks, Eagles Lodge, Eagles Auxiliary, Mountain Sky Hotel, Connecting Ties, Valdez Subway, Steve Radotich (MC) and the amazing and generous communities of Valdez and the Copper Basin.

May 30 thru 31 – Military Appreciation Weekend

June 5 thru 6 – Relay for Life Event

July 12 – 21 – Halibut Hullabaloo

July 18 – Kids Pink Salmon Derby

July 18 – Silver Salmon Derby

July 24 – Silver Salmon Big Prize Friday

July 25 – Colors of Cancer Fun Run

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

July 21 thru 26 – HHES Playground Build

August 8 – Women’s Derby

August 28 – Silver Salmon Big Prize Friday



HAPPY BIRTHDAY VALDEZ

May 18 – Jasmine Hobson, Jenny Morris

May 19 – Ernie Perez

May 20 – Amanda Wakefield, Carly Casillas

May 22 – Keira Albright, Kathy Nielsen, Tiffany Biggs, Carey Wade, Michelle Petersen, Beverly Petersen, Beverley Huckstep, Geni Decker, Harry Woods

May 23 – Kara Merrell, Tabitha Gregory, Leland Cook, Frieda Wiley, Natalie Lawrence, TJay Jenn

May 24 – Jo Dea Ace, Laurie Toye

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