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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

1st - 12th Grade:

Monday, August 17, 2015

Kindergarten Students Is:

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

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253.8 POUND HALIBUT TAKES THE LEAD IN VALDEZ DERBY

VALDEZ, Alaska – The biggest halibut of the 2015 Valdez Halibut Derby season was caught on a jig Friday. Fred Hyder of Willow, Alaska was fishing on the *Jaime Lynn* with a group of friends from Tennessee and Kentucky when he hooked the big one. Captain Josh Hughes said he was a bit nervous when he realized it was a big fish “It was the first fish of the day and it was caught on a jig which is a hook that is easier to lose fish on” Hughes commented Friday Night. “It made me real nervous. I was

VALDEZ POLICE AND FIRE REPORT

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you think it was a wise decision for the City Council to hire an Interim City Manager?

- Yes

- No

- I do not know enough on this matter

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

thinking - It's a big fish and it's on a jig, oh no. Luckily Fred did awesome. He kept the line tight". Hughes said the fish went under the boat twice before coming in.

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YOUTH BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL CAMPS



Pictured above: Greg Brittenham and the Valdez youth during their basketball camp last week

Greg Brittenham (20 years with the NY Knicks) and Ken Murczek (Wake Forest Head Volleyball Coach) brought a plethora of experience and knowledge to Valdez student athletes last week. They conducted week-long camps open to 3rd through 12th grade students. Originally planned for Hermon Hutchens, attendance was so high; they moved the volleyball camp to Gilson Middle School and kept the basketball camp at HHES. More than 100 Valdez kids benefitted from the camps put together by Valdez High School Principal Rod Schug.

RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

What feels worse to you?

45% - Being stuck behind an RV in summer

16% - Warming up your car during winter

39% - Waiting for snow to melt in spring

KVAK VIDEO OF THE WEEK



Video credit: Valdez Fish Derbies

Check out an interview with Fred Hyder and his 200+ pound halibut

STAN STEPHENS FEATURE PHOTO



Pictured above: The Glacier Spirit viewing a humpback whale during one of their cruises

TSAINA OR TSINA - THAT IS THE QUESTION

There are not a lot of controversies in Valdez, but when it comes to the new sign on the Richardson Highway, Valdezeans have a lot to say. A sign recently erected on the Richardson Highway reads Tsina. According to the Department of Transportation there are several variations of the spelling of the river depending on the location. Tsina Glacier is 0.5 miles West of Tsina River and 19 miles NE of Valdez. Thirty four miles NE of Valdez is the Tsaina. Tsaina is an Ahtena Indian name meaning "bent (crooked) river" and was named by F.C. Schrader, USGS, in 1898. According to DOT, there was also a telegraph station established here in 1902 by the U.S. Army, Signal Corps. It was officially called "Saina."

[CLICK](#) the link to visit the DOT site and read more about the area.



Visit the Valdez City School Page on kvakradio.com to check out the latest details of the 2015-2016 school year. Your kids will certainly be ready for the

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Stan Stephens Cruise website

VALDEZ GOLD RUSH DAYS

Valdez Gold Rush Days is just around the corner and the people of Valdez are getting ready. KVAK will be posting information as it is received from Gold Rush.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Gold Rush Days schedule



CUPCAKE WARS

Thursday, July 30th at the Senior Center

Set-up: 4:00 – 5:00pm

Tasting and Judging: 5:00 – 7:00pm

The 4th annual Gold Rush Days Cupcake Wars is almost here. The event is scheduled for Thursday, July 30th at the Senior Center. Set-up will be from 4 to 5pm and cupcake tasting and judging will follow from 5 – 7pm. In addition to the baking competition there will also be an

first day of school with the Valdez City Schools page on kvakradio.com. The only thing KVAK can't help you with is getting your kids out of bed the first day of school.

Click graphic above to visit the KVAK schools page

REGISTRATION DATES

Hermon Hutchens Elementary School

Registration for Kindergarten through 5th Grade students who did not attend Valdez City Schools last year (and have not already pre-registered) begins Friday, July 31st through Friday, August 7th from 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Gilson Middle School

TO REGISTER: Bring registration forms (completed by a parent/guardian) during the following times:

8th Grade

August 10th at 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

7th Grade

August 11th at 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

6th Grade

August 12th at 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

GET A FLOAT IN THE GOLD RUSH

ice cream social, free cupcake tasting and silent auction for the public. If you would like to participate in this event, a registration form must be filled out. Only 16 entries will be accepted and registration form and fee must be turned in to reserve your spot.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the flyer
[CLICK HERE](#) for registration form

SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES

Elementary Lunches

\$2.50 per day, Includes fresh ½ pint milk,
Fresh Milk Only - \$.75 cents

GMS & High School Lunches

\$3.25 per day, Includes fresh ½ pint milk



Thursday, July 30th 2015

7:30pm at the Civic Center

Valdez Gold Rush Days is looking for contestants to perform in the upcoming Valdez Voice singing competition, during this year's Gold Rush Days celebration

DAYS PARADE

This year's parade will be held Sunday, August 2nd at 3pm on Egan Drive. The theme for this year's Gold Rush Days is "Take A Hike" Businesses, groups, and individuals are all invited to enter the parade. Just fill out a registration form describing your entry and e-mail it to: j.bugni11@gmail.com. Questions, call Jessica at 907-942-4296.

[CLICK HERE](#) to get the Gold Rush Days Parade Entry Form.

GOLD RUSH DAYS QUICK DRAW

Saturday, August 2nd 2015

12pm at the Open Air Market

As part of the Valdez Gold Rush Days celebration, there will be an art competition on Saturday, August 2nd at 12pm during the open air market. Artists will have one hour to draw a work of art before the items will be open for auction at 1:15pm. Benefits from the auction will benefit the Gold Rush Days Scholarship.

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KVAK WEEK 5 TRIVIA WINNERS

World History

Lizzie Covington

7:30pm, Thursday, July 30th at the Civic Center. This event is free and open to the public. If you would like to be a contestant and show off your super star singing skills, call Flora Walters at [907-831-6134](tel:907-831-6134) for more information and registration details. The deadline to signup is Friday, July 24th.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 18 – Kids Pink Salmon Derby

July 18 – Silver Salmon Derby Starts

July 24 – Silver Salmon Big Prize Friday

July 25 – Colors of Cancer Fun Run

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

August 8 – Women's Derby

August 13 – Hot Dog Howdy

August 13 – GMS Ice Cream Social

August 14 – VHS "Welcome Back"

Fishing

Kristina Lawrence

Marine/High Seas

Larry Wolfe

Alaska Art & Culture

Zena Disney

Automotive

Crista Anderson

Entertainment

Ray Gross

Mythology & Folklore

Kevin Christoffersen

Health & Wellness

Amber Mehlberg

Literature

Leo Cabanaugh

Outdoors

Leo Cabanaugh

Sports

Leo Cabanaugh

Alaska History

Curtis Malcuit

Cookout

August 17 - First Day of School 1-12

August 25 - First Day of School

Kindergarten

August 28 – Silver Salmon Big Prize

Friday

September 7 – Labor Day

September 12 – Trick or Treat in the Heat



HAPPY BIRTHDAY VALDEZ

July 13 – Chrystal Farmer, Sunny Muir,
Tina Russell

July 14 – David Johansen, Cindy Friese

July 15 – Sierra Kniskern

July 16 – Alene Maag, Pamela Verfaillie,
Connie Ballow, Athena Wiczorek, Janis
Johnson

July 17 – Kovai Christensen, Donna
Gifford

July 18 – Diane Schaeffer, Korri Ragan,
Colleen Price, Darryl Verfaillie

July 19 – Laura Quintana



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