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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 17th, 2015
at City Council Chambers

Work Session – 5:30pm
Baker Tilly HR Study - Briefing To Council

Regular Meeting – 7pm

Items include:

1. Capital Facilities Project Report
2. Building Permit & Inspection Reports - July 2015
3. Economic Diversification Commission Strategic Doing Report

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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

STUDY OF CITY EMPLOYEES IDENTIFIES AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT FOR HIRING, TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT



VALDEZ POLICE AND FIRE REPORT

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Are you more likely to attend a City Council Meeting on a Monday or Tuesday evening?

- Monday evening
- Tuesday evening

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The City of Valdez hired Baker Tilly to conduct a review of their personnel policies and regulations. Their assessment and ideas to improve the Human Relations function city-wide will be presented to City Council tonight. Baker Tilly surveyed all City employees and received a 57% response rate. According to the report, the most notable areas of concern for the City are: Complaints and Grievances; Discipline/termination; Employee Relations; Personnel policy interpretation; Performance Evaluations; and Workforce and organizational planning. The study recommends training for management and staff as well as improvements to policies and procedures.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the study.

WHITE HOUSE VIDEO PREVIEWS

OBAMA'S VISIT TO ALASKA

Alaska Dispatch (08-13-15) – President Barack Obama will use his trip to Alaska later this month as the backdrop of a message to the world about climate change, he announced in a video message today. Obama plans to take his trip beyond the streets of Anchorage and will be the first sitting U.S. president to visit Alaska's Arctic, a White House official said today. “In Alaska, glaciers are melting. The hunting and fishing upon which generations have depended -- for their way of life, and for their

RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Which would you rather have?

53% - Less work

47% - More work you enjoy doing

STAN STEPHENS FEATURE PHOTO



Pictured above: An orca pod spotted on a Stan Stephens cruise

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jobs -- are threatened. Storm surges once held at bay now endanger entire villages. As Alaskan permafrost melts, some homes are even sinking into the ground.”

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VHS SPORTS

The VHS varsity football team kicked off the start of the season with their game this past weekend in Eagle River. The Buccaneers had a close and exciting match-up against the JV Dimond Lynx. The game intensified when both teams had a score of 22 a piece going into the 4th quarter. Unfortunately, due to fumbles and key interceptions, the Buccaneers ended up losing the match. The

Buccaneers look to bounce back this weekend in their very first home game of the season against the JV North Pole Patriots. The game is scheduled as a non-conference game for this Saturday, August 22, at 1pm at the Valdez High School football field. In addition, the cross-country running team will be traveling to Skyview this Saturday. Last year the cross-country team had a small group of four enthusiastic student athletes, though coming into this year the team has

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SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

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NEW ARRIVAL

On August 15th at 9:01pm Danner Wayne Shiell was welcomed into this world. He was 7lbs. 8.5oz. His parents are Jason and Jennifer Shiell.



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**Valdez Parks & Recreation
Events & Activities**

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grown substantially and look to start their season off strong this weekend.

VALDEZ ANGLERS BRINGING HOME PINKS, SILVERS, HALIBUT AND ROCKFISH

VALDEZ, Alaska – The leader board hasn't changed much this past week in either the Valdez Silver Salmon Derby or the Valdez Halibut Derby, but lots of halibut and silver salmon are coming into Port Valdez. The silvers seem to be running a bit small this year, but it's a great year for catching pinks, silvers and halibut all in one trip. Silvers are being caught from Allison Point, but fish cutter Pat Olson reports the bigger fish are coming from outside the narrows, which has anglers excited about a strong run of silvers and bigger fish closer to Port through the end of the derby.

A late run of pink salmon means the pinks are still bright and in good shape to catch. Couple that with an emergency order from Alaska Department of Fish and Game allowing a limit of 12 pink salmon and 12 in possession and anglers catching their limit of silvers and pinks can take home 18 salmon in a day. Throw in a couple halibut and a few rockfish and the family is fed for the winter.

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COAST GUARD RESPONDS TO

Parks and Recreation page.

KVAK TOP 3 TRIVIA WINNERS

Mikayla Kimble - 12

Outdoors
Mythology & Folklore
Automotive
Marine & High Seas
Literature
Health & Wellness
World History
Fishing
AK Art & Culture
Entertainment
Sports
Alaska History

Bree Larson - 7

Literature
Alaska History
Sports
Automotive
Mythology & Folklore
World History
Fishing

Donovan Kelly - 6

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Fishing
AK Art & Culture
Outdoors

GROUNDING VESSEL IN PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

VALDEZ, Alaska (08-11-15) – The Coast Guard responded to an 87-foot fishing vessel aground in Prince William Sound, Monday, August 11, 2015.

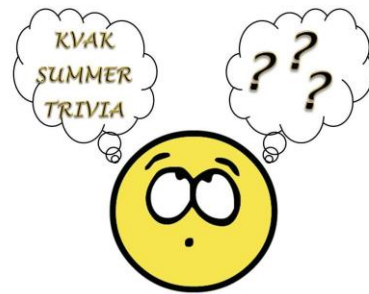
At approximately 4:00 a.m. Monday, the fishing vessel EGEIK SPIRIT ran aground in the vicinity of Olson Bay near Unakwik Inlet with 4 people on board. The nearby Good Samaritan vessel SHYPOKE safely brought all crew members aboard shortly after the grounding. No injuries were reported. A hole of approximately 2 square feet was opened in the engine room during the grounding and the vessel remains hard aground atop a submerged rock.

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DEPARTMENT SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DRAFT ALASKA WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN

(Juneau) – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is seeking feedback on a document that will guide the agency's conservation work over the next 10 years. The draft 2015 revision of Alaska's Wildlife Action Plan is available now for public and agency review.

The plan's purpose is to identify Alaska's species of greatest conservation need, describe distribution and habitat use, and recognize key threats and conservation



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 17 - First Day of School 1-12

August 25 - First Day of School for Kindergarten

August 28 – Silver Salmon Big Prize Friday

September 5 – VHS Football vs Monroe

September 7 – Labor Day

September 6 – End of Silver Salmon Derby

September 6 – End of Halibut Derby
September 7 – Labor Day

September 13 – Trick or Treat in the Heat

September 22 – Parent Teacher Conferences



actions that might be used to ensure healthy populations into the future.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY VALDEZ

August 17 – Kelli Karau, Scott Caruthers

August 18 – Jason Smilie, Annagail Woods, Larry Oberender, Debbi Marsden

August 19 – Shannon Foster, Dan Pratt, Patricia MacDonald, Robert Swanson, Mackenzie Jones

August 20 – Amy Hull, Kelly Letendre

August 21 – Alison Boyle

August 23 – Lola Compehos, Stephanie Morgan, Afton McNierney, Melany Brewi, Angelina Fuschetto, Ed Brown, Anita Franciosi

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