



NEW INTERIM DEAN OF INSTRUCTION

Prince William Sound Community College has announced Jed Palmer as the new interim Dean of Instruction, a position vacated by Wes Lundburg. Former Dean of Instruction Wes Lundburg is now the interim president. Lundburg has been acting at the college president after Doug Desorcie was removed from the position. Palmer is the curriculum coordinator for Chugachmiut and former principal of Tatitlek School. Many community members may recognize Palmer's name from when he was a finalist for the principal position at Valdez High School last year.

Palmer holds a M.Ed. and is currently working toward a doctorate. Palmer will begin his duties on Monday, April 24th, and will serve until a new interim Dean of Instruction takes office.

TAILGATE ALASKA DECLARES A WINNER



Brandon Reid accepting his trophy

The snowmachines and campers have cleared out of Thompson Pass and the winners have been announced. Brandon Reid took the first place prize for the men's category and Emily Weer was named first place in the women's category. Valdez local Donny Mills placed fifth in the competition.

Results

Men

1. Brandon Reid
2. Sammy Luebke
3. Mikey Marohn
4. Max Zipster
5. Donny Mills



Valdez Police & Fire Report

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the weekly police and fire report.



Question of the Week

4/16-4/22

If you could pick one thing to improve from restaurants in town, which would you choose?

- *Higher quality food
- *Better service
- *Affordable prices
- *Faster service

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

Happy Birthday Listener Club Members and Kids Club Kids!

- 4/16-Tracy Lats, Jennifer Sweitzer, Janai Comer
- 4/17-Sheila Wallace, Debbie Zulz, Matthew Smith, Martha Peterson
- 4/18-Beth Duffy, Gianna Guisti, Mel Botulinski, Nicole Harris, Karen Sholer
- 4/20-Laurie Prax, Mo Radiotich, Dan VanDerMeulen, Ken Montgomery, Tristian Smith, Douglas Cummins, Kalin Woods
- 4/21-Lori Saylors, Myrna Plath, Norman Rogers, Marion Schlomer
- 4/22-Karen Frye, Beau Fowler

6. Scotty Lago
7. Micah Hoogaveen
8. Cody Beach

Women

1. Emily Weer
2. Yoko Nakamura

[CLICK HERE](#) to check out some Tailgate Alaska photos from Transworld Snowboarding.

SCHOOL BOARD MOVES SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION OFF AGENDA

The School Board began a formal evaluation process for Superintendent Jacob Jensen several months ago and it will continue through May. Jensen's three year contract does not end until 2013, but an agenda item to extend his contract through 2014 appeared on the School Board agenda at the meeting last Monday. School Board member Kathy Todd made a motion to remove the item from the agenda. There was no discussion regarding the evaluation process and a meeting time for further discussion of Jensen's evaluation was not set in this public forum. On Tuesday, School Board member Anita Fannin said they had not completed the evaluation process and had set a meeting for May when the entire board could get together. At press time, KVAK could not confirm the date or time of the School Board meeting to discuss the superintendent evaluation.

[CITY COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT @ 7PM](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) for the meeting agenda. The meeting will be broadcast LIVE on KVAK 1230AM or streamed LIVE on www.kvakradio.com

NEW KVAK WEBSITE IS LIVE

The KVAK website has a new look to better serve users. The new layout has an updated color scheme, new features like podcasts, and more graphics. Also take note of the new buttons to listen to LIVE meetings and sporting events. The new buttons to are located at the top on the right hand side of the page. Also, the Listener Club has changed to the Valdez Insider. Only the name of the club has changed; if you signed up for the Listener Club on KVAK's old site you will still get the Monday E-News and special events. Check out the new podcast feature on the KVAK website. The podcast allows KVAK to upload bits of audio from various programs that play on KVAK, such as bits of city council meetings or school board meetings, winners on the radio, and happenings around town. Check out the new look of the site at www.kvakradio.com

PROSPECTOR FOOTWEAR SALE GOING ON NOW

All work boots from Wolverine, Redwing and Danner are 20% off. Extra Tuffs, Boggs and Muck Boots 20% off. Brands like Merrell, Dansko, Teva, The North Face and Columbia are 20% off. All Carhartt is 20% off too. Open 9-8 Monday through Friday, 9-7 on Saturday and 12-6 on Sunday.

WRATH OF THE TITANS NOW SHOWING AT THE CIVIC CENTER

Wednesday, April 18th-22nd
 3D Wednesday- 7pm
 2D Thursday- 7pm
 3D Friday- 8pm
 3D Saturday- 1* & 9:30pm
 2D Sunday- 3* & 7pm

This movie is rated PG-13, Runtime 1:39 plus trailers

[CLICK HERE](#) for other Park & Rec activities

SKI HILL IS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

With the warm temperatures and rapid melting, Salmonberry Ski Hill is closed for the season.

This Weekend in Sports: Track Team-Valdez Time Trials

FOOD FOR THOUGHT AT HHES

The Valdez Literacy Council is sponsoring Food for Thought on Thursday, April 19 from 6:30-8:00 at the elementary school. The public will be able to go to three separate classrooms where they will view a production of a book followed by a snack related to the book. Admission is free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

[CLICK HERE](#) for details.

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

There will be Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention program offered in Valdez Tuesday, April 17th from 10-3pm. The training will be held at the Valdez Native Tribe and refreshments and door prizes will be provided. This training is for adult and older teen community members, and health providers. Contact Matt Sena at matthew@chugachmiut.org or at 907-334-0124 for questions.



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN TOWN THIS WEEKEND

The Valdez Youth Basketball League will host the "Hooping for Spring" tournament this weekend in Valdez. Over 40

Try out the LIVE meeting button tonight by listening to the City Council meeting at 7pm.



THODOS DANCE CHICAGO THIS TUESDAY



The Valdez Arts Council will host Thodos Dance Chicago Tuesday, April 17th @ 7pm. Thodos Dance Chicago is a critically acclaimed contemporary dance company with breath-taking athletic and innovative choreography. Tickets can be purchased at A Rogues Garden and Nani's Hair Design Salon. Adults are \$20; students, military, and seniors are \$10.

CHILDBIRTH CLASSES IN VALDEZ

PVMC will offer childbirth classes starting Tuesday, April 24th in the hospital training room from 6:30-8:30pm. Contact Sue Arts at 835-2173 or 831-0691.

teams from across the state will participate, including Barrow, North Pole, and Wasilla, just to name a few. The tournament will consist of children in grade three through eight. [CLICK HERE](#) for the tournament brackets. There is no charge to watch the games but there will be t-shirt sales and concessions available.

AVV WOMAN OF DISTINCTION FOR 2012

Advocates for Victims of Violence awarded Gail Renardson the 2012 Woman of Distinction and Forest Masters the 2012 Young Woman of Distinction.

AVALANCHE IN KEYSTONE CANYON TEMPORARILY CLOSED RICHARDSON HIGHWAY



The road was closed for less than an hour while road crews removed the snow from the highway.

TWO RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE DAYS LAST WEEK

Mostly sunny skies on Friday led to a second high temperature record being tied in the space of a single week. A high temperature of 52 degrees was measured last Friday, April 13th and last Wednesday, April 11th. The Friday record tied with a record set back in 1978. The Wednesday record tied the record temperature set in 2003.

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