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From Grayslake to voyages in Arctic

Lake County native describes service aboard submarine for U.S. Navy

By FRANK VAISVILAS
News-Sun

While aboard a nuclear-powered submarine during a U.S. Navy mission earlier this year, Lt. Cmdr. Steven Halle, a Grayslake native, could hear the ship crashing through solid ice as it surfaced near the North Pole.

Halle is second-in-command of the USS Hartford, and the Arctic mission is one of many around the world in which he's participated while part of a submarine crew, some of which are top secret.

But nothing compares to pushing through the ice to surface, which is a much different procedure than normal surfacing for the submarine, Halle said. "There could be a layer of slush, or there could be multiple feet of ice," he said during a phone interview this week from his home base in Connecticut.

Even the use of sonar, which helps submarine operators "see" underwater using soundwaves, changes in the high salinity in the Arctic, he said.

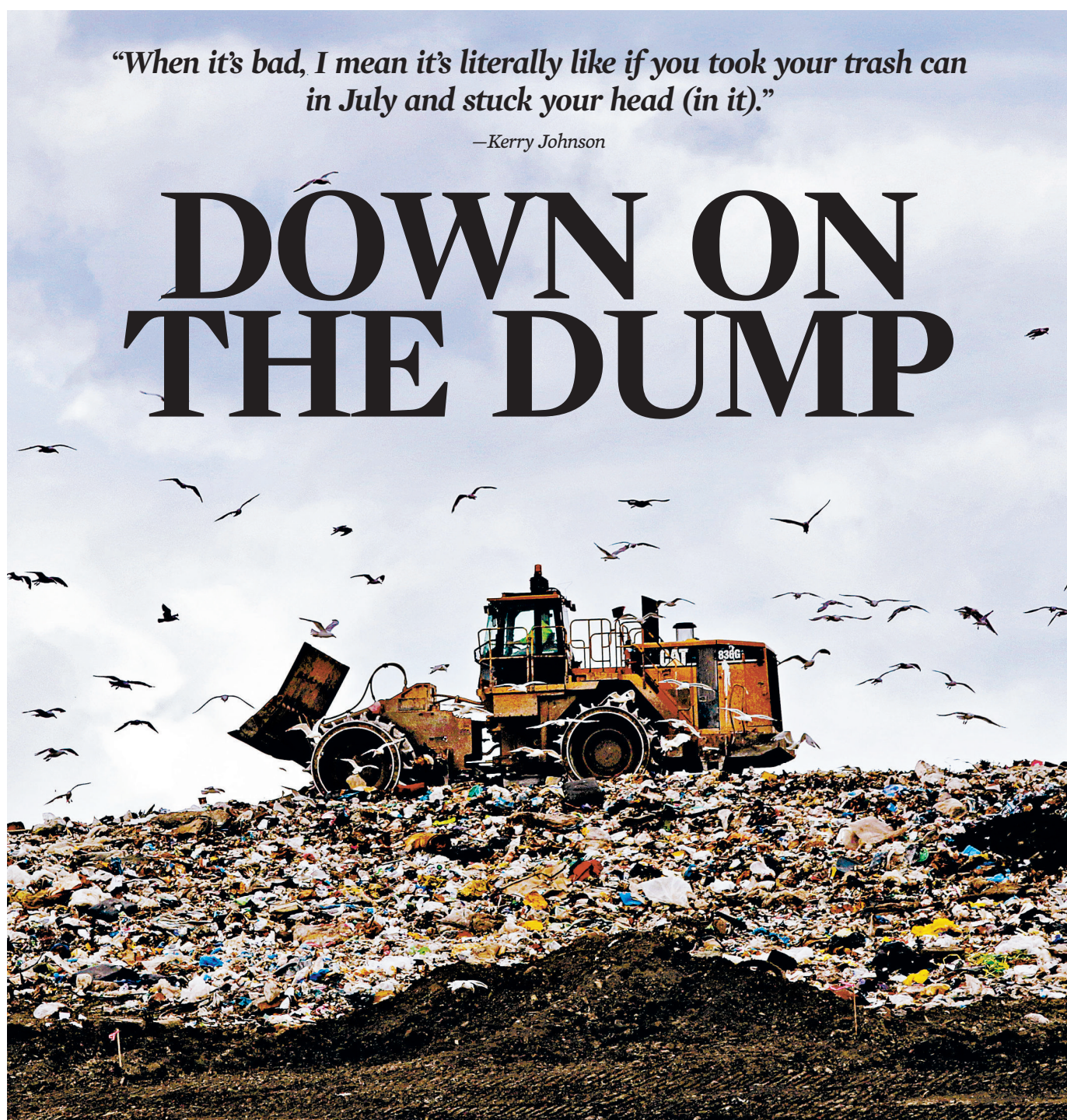
After surfacing, the crew conducts experiments and other exercises on the ice in temperatures from 15 degrees Fahrenheit, when the sun is out, to 40 degrees below zero after dark.

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U.S. NAVY PHOTO

U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Steven Halle, a Grayslake native, serves aboard the USS Hartford, one of the world's most advanced fast-attack submarines.



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Sea gulls fly around garbage at the Advanced Disposal landfill in Zion as workers try to work around them.

With lawsuits already filed over the Zion landfill's odor, residents are wary of a possible expansion

By EMILY K. COLEMAN | News-Sun

Winthrop Harbor resident Kerry Johnson can see the "mountain of garbage" from her second-story bedroom window, but she said the real problem is the smell.

"When it's bad, I mean it's literally like if you took your trash can in July and stuck your head (in it)," Johnson said.

Johnson lives a little less than a half-mile away from Advanced Disposal's landfill in Zion, built in the mid-1970s and one of two remaining active landfills in Lake County.

Johnson's family is one of more than 50 households in the Zion area suing Advanced Disposal, arguing the Green Bay Road landfill isn't doing everything it's supposed to do to minimize its impact on the area and challenging some of the data the company has been reporting. In recent months, they've also started a campaign to raise awareness ahead of a possible third expansion of the landfill site.

Advanced Disposal has taken steps to address the odor, garbage, dust and noise the site produces and is on track to try a new odor-neutralizing system this week, said James Lewis, the landfill's general manager.

"We try to minimize our impact as much as possible, but it's never going to be good enough for everyone," Lewis said.

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A CONTRAST IN COMPLAINTS

572 Number of complaints filed about Advanced Disposal's Zion Landfill in 2017. There have been 343 complaints filed this year.

41 Number of complaints filed about Waste Management's Countryside Landfill in Grayslake in 2017. Nine have been lodged so far in 2018.

LAKE ZURICH

Beach makeover unveiled

Expansion at Paulus Park gives needed 'breathing room' for visitors, local officials say

By PHIL ROCKROHR | Pioneer Press

More than 400 people recently helped unveil a beach makeover at Paulus Park in Lake Zurich, taking in the sights of the newly expanded North Beach during a grand opening ceremony.

Despite chilly 70-degree weather, the ceremony June 1 attracted a large crowd,

many of whom came to see the wider shoreline at North Beach, which now stretches about 225 feet farther than before the start of the renovation project, said Recreation Director Bonnie Caputo.

"It went really well, despite being a little bit chillier," Caputo said of the grand opening. "The sun really warmed up the lake. The 85-degree water was quite beautiful."

The opening capped a \$41,000 overhaul of the previous beach, which spanned 175

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A shoreline of Paulus Park in Lake Zurich is pictured. Village officials recently expanded North Beach at Paulus Park and widened the beach's shoreline by 225 feet. A pathway, landscaping and fencing were also added.

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