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Voters retire longtime incumbent

By Gretchen Wehmhoff

With a registered voter turnout of 44%, Skagway selected two new assembly members and one new school board member. The second school board seat went to incumbent Denise Sager who was elected to a second term.

Reba Hylton topped the assembly race with 230 votes, Sam Bass earned the second seat with 175 votes. Incumbent Dan Henry was displaced after more than two decades on the assembly with 145 votes while challenger Beth Smith received 144.

“There’s a lot of homework, tough decisions and late nights ahead,” said Bass.

Bass says he anticipates a good deal of discussion over the port, something he has been involved in for a while on the now defunct port commission.

Bass says he utilized free platforms and talked to as many people as he could. He is glad Hylton was elected to the other seat.

“I’m looking forward to working with Reba. She has some good ideas,” Bass said.

Hylton was pleased with the results.

“I’m pretty excited, I’m not going to lie,” said Hylton after the final votes were tallied.

Hylton says she was a little surprised, but she and her campaign manager, Deb Potter, put a lot of hard work into the election.

“Once I committed, I owned it. I started meeting with people,” Hyton said.

The new assemblymember said she has never run for office but the thought has al-

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Photos by Gretchen Wehmhoff

Zane Coughran, Waylon Bricker and Dane Ames play drums to encourage the senior high cross-country team on their end-of-season run. The drums were made at an event hosted by Skagway School and the Skagway Traditional Council. Guest artist Abel Ryan brought elk and deer skins and shared the art of making and decorating the drums. The drums pictured were made by the Bricker family.

Skagway School’s running teams undeterred by COVID-19

By Gretchen Wehmhoff

If cross-country running means traveling over miles of trails covered with natural beauty, then the Skagway cross-country teams have it made. This year they had the trails and roads to themselves.

The senior high team usually travels to Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka and either Petersburg or Wrangell every year. At least once a year Skagway or Haines hosts a race at the north end of Lynn Canal, but this year was quiet. No major races, but many solid runs, often with teachers joining in.

“Sometimes there will be three coaches running with six or seven kids,” said Kent Fielding, senior high running coach.

This year’s team practiced for two months. Fielding saw the practices as helping the students maintain their physical fitness for future sports like volleyball and basketball. Volleyball practice has already started.

Fielding coaches track and field in the spring, although COVID-19 stopped the 2020 season literally in its tracks. He also coaches Debate, Drama and Forensics, where the students are already preparing for virtual, online meets with other Southeast schools and possibly the state competition.

As for the 2021 cross-country team, Fielding sees the students coming up from junior high in healthy numbers. “Hopefully we will have a

large, competitive girls team next year,” he said.

The junior high team was also on a stayseason (think staycation) this fall. Coach Kortney Rupprecht said she wanted practice to “seem like a normal season.”

Rupprecht started running with her son, Logan, over the summer. He wanted to improve his time and she figured it would be good for her to get some miles in. Logan improved and eventually passed her on the trail. That is when she decided that coaching would be a way to support him at something he did well.

“It had to be fun,” Rupprecht said.

She had a significant turnout with about 25 girls and

boys coming out for the team. She credits a love of sweets.

“There is a lot of candy involved,” she said. Runners received treats for good sportsmanship and effort.

For a recent practice, Rupprecht organized a zombie scavenger hunt, requiring the kids to run across town and snap a selfie with the clues. Several students applied zombie makeup for the event. Teams of two took off around Skagway in a race that took nearly two hours. Members of the top five teams each received a \$10 gift card.

Earlier in the season, a grueling practice uphill towards Lower Lake was rewarded with a cool dip off the dock.

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Election brings 44% of Skagway voters to the polls

ways been on the back burner. This was a step out of her comfort zone.

She wanted to give honest answers and believes she may have lost a few votes with her candid answers.

Hylton and Potter purchased signs to post around town. It cost her some money, but she believes the signs helped in these COVID-19 days where people don't get a chance to meet at events.

Denise Sager received 302 votes to return to another three-year term on the school board.

"I'm very excited and I'm excited to work with Jason," Sager said.

Sager said she appreciates the confidence voters showed her.

"It's been a great process for me because my kids have been going to school here. When this term ends, my youngest will be ready to graduate."

Verhaeghe said his election comes at a time when Skagway School will be facing difficult decisions.

"I think it will be a welcome challenge," he said.

Verhaeghe has two children who have attended Skagway, but COVID-19 complications have them temporarily home-schooling.

"I'm thankful to the residents who gave me a vote of confidence," he said.

On election day, 377 individuals voted in person. Another 110 people voted early/absentee in-person while 53 absentee ballots were mailed out.

One questioned ballot was cast but not counted after the Canvass Board consulted the division of elections to verify registration. Three of the 53 mailed ballots were not returned. A total of 537 votes were cast. With 1,234 registered voters in Skagway, the voter turnout came to 44%.

"There were no glitches," said Emily Deach, borough clerk. "I was really happy. The election workers did a great job."

Election results will be certified at the Oct. 15 assembly meeting.

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Assemblymember-elect, Reba Hylton, speaks at the Sept. 28

Skagway runners end season with one virtual event

from front page

about 48 hours notice, the team joined runners from Blatchley in Sitka, Haines, Klawok and Petersburg in a virtual cross-country competition. In order to emulate the host team's (Petersburg) course, the Skagway runners had to finish running part way up the Lower Lake trail.

Running on Dyea or the Klondike would have required DOT involvement, so the short uphill was the most practical path.

For the girls, Rosetta Pring placed sixth in Southeast, with Kaitlyn Tronrud placing tenth out of 47 competitors.

On the boys team, Caleb Cochran placed fifth, Royce Borst seventh, Logan Rupprecht ninth and Ari Ariban placed tenth out of 45 competitors.

Leo Lucchetti and Sam Munson earned the most improved award for the season.

This past Sunday, the junior high team sponsored the annual Community Face-Off, a fundraiser for the team.

Students challenged people in their family or the community to a fun run around the block near the school. Each challengee, as Rupprecht called them, paid \$10 to enter. It was fairly easy this year to find challenges. The kids often chose previous and current teachers, parents, siblings and random community members.

The team decided they wanted hoodies rather than t-shirts for the year, so Rupprecht put the pressure on; they would also need a bake sale. Some students brought pre-packaged baked goods purchased at the store for customers who might be a bit leary due to COVID-19.

The event brought in over \$900, \$450 from the bake sale.

Rupprecht said they earned enough money for the hoodies and an end of season pizza party.

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SNOW passes in three tiers

By Melinda Munson

The Borough Assembly unanimously passed three resolutions on Oct. 1 which award up to \$335,000 to certain year-round, local businesses. The money to fund the grants will come from municipality sales tax.

The resolutions comprise Skagway Normal Operations for Wintertime (SNOW), designed to help essential businesses “maintain their traditional presence in the community” despite the financial losses of COVID-19.

The original version of the program was voted down in the Sept. 19 assembly meeting over disagreement of whether fuels stations, newspapers and salons, which might not have a traditional storefront, should be included.

In the updated legislation, eligible businesses were separated into three tiers with three separate resolutions: restaurant and grocery; retail; fuel stations, newspapers and salons. Any money not claimed from each of the categories will remain in the municipality and will not drop down to the next tier as previously planned.

Assemblymember Steve Burnham was reluctant to vote for the third resolution granting money to specific businesses with no storefronts.

“It’s just more money we’re pulling out of the magic bag that isn’t filling itself any more,” he said.

“I don’t know that (an) additional \$35,000 right here at the moment is going to crush the community for years to come,” Mayor Andrew Cremata responded.

Burnham eventually voted yes on the last resolution, jesting that he cast an aye vote because “Mavis said I should.”

During citizens present, Skagway matriarch Mavis

Henricksen testified in support of The Skagway News and Alaskan Fairytales.

Resolution 20-40R covers tier one businesses -- year-round grocery stores and restaurants. Businesses in this category may receive a maximum of \$25,000, with a total program funding of \$150,000. To qualify, tier one businesses must be open five days a week from October 2020 to March 31, 2021.

Resolution 20-41R funds year-round retail establishments, tier two, up to \$6,500 per business with a maximum program funding of \$150,000. Tier two businesses must commit to opening four days per week from October 2020 to March 31, 2021 with a minimum of two hours per day.

Resolution 20-42R, tier three, includes year-round fuel providers, newspapers and salons. There is no storefront requirement. Businesses in this category may receive up to \$5,000 with the program capped at \$35,000. Tier three businesses are required to be open four days per week from Nov. 15, 2020 to April 15, 2021.

A one month closure is permitted for all businesses. Payments to approved establishments will be made monthly from October 2020 to April 2021 if businesses are in compliance with municipality requirements.

To be eligible for SNOW, tier one and two businesses must have kept an open storefront from November 2019 to March 2020. Tier three businesses must have been open but the storefront requirement is waived. All businesses must have paid municipal taxes in the fourth quarter of



Greg and Billi Clem, front, and Jennifer Ozuzun, back, listen to the Sept. 30 finance meeting. Photo by Melinda Munson

2019 and the first quarter of 2020.

Billi and Greg Clem, owners of Alaskan Fairytales, a year-round art and gift shop in operation since 2005, do not meet the open storefront requirement. The Clem’s lease with the National Park Service (NPS) ended on Sept. 30, 2019. The lease was renewed in April 2020, but the Clems were forced to vacate their shop while NPS renovated the building.

The Clems brought their situation to the attention of the Finance Committee on Sept. 30, stating that if they got the funds, they would hire part-time help. After realizing the SNOW program was paid out of city money, the Clems decided not to pursue the grant.

“Those that are thinking about applying, but it’s not make or break for the winter, should think about not taking the money from the city coffers,” Greg Clem said. Clem hopes the funds will go to the businesses most at risk.

Businesses who accept

SNOW funding agree to “require employees to wear cloth face coverings over the nose and mouth at all times when indoors, and outdoors when six-foot distancing is not possible.”

All businesses who qualify can accept funding from both SNOW and the earlier Small Business Emergency Grant Program passed Aug. 6. The deadline for SNOW applications is 4:59 p.m. on Oct. 9. Appeals must be filed by 4:59 p.m. on Oct. 14.

Editor’s note: The Skagway News advocated to be included in the SNOW grant program. As originally written, the newspaper would not have qualified.

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Editors' Column



By Gretchen Wehmhoff

I have a deep appreciation for those who step beyond their comfort zone for public service. Thank you to everyone who put their name forward to serve this unique community. As we conclude our local elections in Skagway, I am reminded of my time knocking on doors during three of my own political campaigns, two for state house district 12 and one for the Anchorage Assembly. I didn't win any of them, but I remember how hard I worked to lose. In the process, I have a number of moments that make me smile and recall the oddities of campaigning in Alaska.

October is a creepy time for knocking on doors

Knocking on doors during a political campaign takes an ironically eerie turn in October. A month away from election day, with more visible politicians on the prowl, it seems appropriate that scary images and ghastly creatures crawl from the doorsteps. Literally. During my 2016 campaign we pulled into a Wasilla area driveway with a "beware of dog" sign. Under it a sign read, "We don't need no stinkin' security system."

Not easily deterred, I stepped out of the car with my campaign manager, Cheryl, and approached the house. Mary Ellen, our volunteer driver, stayed in the car, engine running.

Hidden from the lonely street, a graveyard with at least 15 tombstones filled the yard. I joked that past political hopefuls had met their match here. Next to one tombstone a creature straight out of The Walking Dead crawled towards the driveway. A single green arm lay on the

sidewalk, blood staining the clothing of the unfortunate victim. An exposed casket protruded from the ground beneath the closest headstone with a ghastly skeleton reaching through. The skull's gaze followed us as we walked up the sidewalk. Under the steps, another zombie tried to crawl from beneath the porch.

We cautiously rang the seasonal doorbell. Chimes from Dracula sounded through the house. We waited. There was no answer. Cheryl headed back to the car as I placed my magnet and door hanger on the screen door. For kicks,

I set a magnet in the teeth of the skeleton and turned towards the car when the sound of the screen door opening caused me to pivot.

A large, intimidating black dog, his head reaching easily to my shoulders, snarling and gasping, bounded out of the house followed by another barking and growling dog. I stopped, held up my hands and let them sniff me, anticipating my first dog bite. The larger beast immediately slimed me with excessive drool while the woman who lived there came to the door, her cell phone to her head

and her son at her side. She watched me try to pull away from the dog.

More things came to life. The green arm dragged itself towards me, skinny, bloody fingers scraping the sidewalk. I raised my arm, unsuccessfully, to block the large canine leaning in to slime my face. I had only one option. My best recourse was obvious. I wiped the slime from my face and smiled.

"Hi, I'm Gretchen Wehmhoff and I'm running for state house. Nice Yard."

Skagway highlights mental health care

By Melinda Munson

Skagway is headed into a long dark winter with more isolation and less money than usual. It's a situation the municipality and Dahl Memorial Clinic (DMC) take seriously.

"In these challenging times, messages of hope and healing are more needed than ever. Everyone in Skagway must encourage relatives, friends, co-workers and providers to recognize the signs of a problem and guide those in need to appropriate services and

supports," said Mayor Andrew Cremata.

The municipality declared Sept. 6-12 Suicide Prevention Week, the first time the municipality has recognized the nationwide mental health campaign.

"The economic, emotional and psychological impact of the COVID-19 pandemic can lead to feelings of hopelessness and thoughts of suicide. The magnitude of these impacts makes it even more important that we know the

signs that someone is contemplating suicide and how to help them," said John Hischer, DMC's licensed clinical social worker.

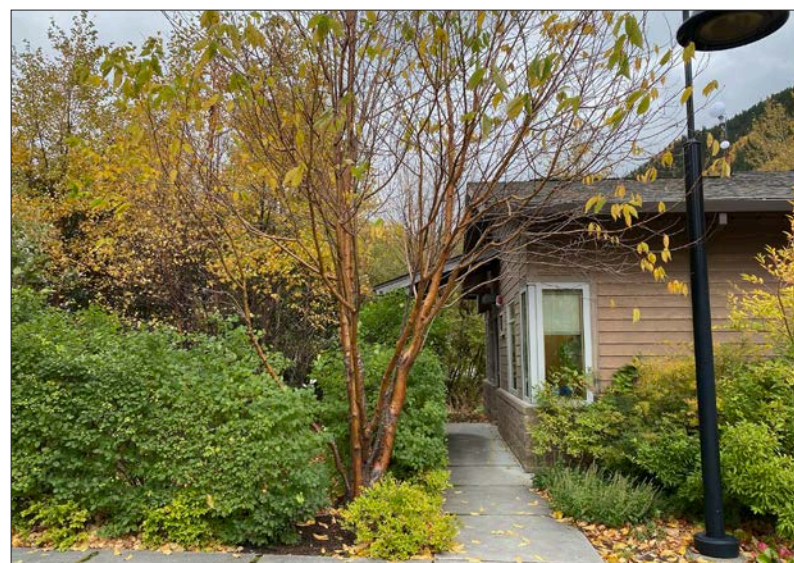
On Oct. 14 and 16, Hischer will lead a Mental Health First Aid Class at the Skagway Traditional Council (STC). The 8-hour course "teaches participants how to give first aid to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis situation and/or who are in the early stages of a mental health disorder," Hischer said.

The class will cover depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, bipolar and substance use disorders. It will also address suicide behaviors, panic attacks, acute psychotic behavior and drug overdose.

The program's motto is "Identify, Understand, Respond." More info can be found at www.mentalhealth-firstaid.org. Interested participants should contact DMC.

Hischer runs SMART Recovery Meetings on Mondays from 6-7:30 p.m. at STC for those coping with addiction. Each Wednesday, he sends out an emotional health email addressing different topics.

Along with counseling and mental health resources, Hischer is available to help with financial needs such as assisting residents with Medicaid and food benefits applications. He can be reached at 907-983-2255 or at j.hischer@skagway.org.



The counseling entrance at Dahl Memorial Clinic.

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Junior high runners climb the hill towards Lower Lake on a practice run. *Photo by Kortney Rupprecht*



Kenadie Cox, Addie Smith and Millie Myers zombied up for the Zombie Scavenger Run. *Photos provided by Millie Myers*



And they're off on a practice run. *Photo by Kortney Rupprecht*



Junior high runners participate in Clean Sweep. *Photo by Kortney Rupprecht*



Mary Thole and Julius Thole handed out Gatorade as runners finished. Julius was injured and couldn't run that day. *Photo by Kortney Rupprecht*



Enjoying a cool swim after a practice run up Lower Lake Trail. *Photo by Kortney Rupprecht*



Calvin Miller follows Arthur Aribuam and Logan Rupprecht in the last race of the season. *Photo by Reba Hylton*



Atlin Ryan midway through the virtual run with other Southeast schools. *Photo by Reba Hylton*



Rosetta Pring races towards the last hill. *Photo by Reba Hylton*



Sam Munson and Leo Lucchetti, the two most improved runners on the team. *Photo by Reba Hylton*



Jake Sager, freshman

Photo by Gretchen Wehmhoff



Nathan Ozuzum, sophomore

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Josh Cochran, sophomore

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Calia Fielding, sophomore

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Skagway School Cross-Country "Stayseason"



Skagway junior high team climbs the Lower Lake Trail.

Photo by Kortney Rupprecht



Jaime Bricker supporting runners with sharable signs.

Photo by Gretchen Wehmhoff



Charlie Deach runs towards supporters at the finish line.

Photo by Gretchen Wehmhoff



Tatem Sager, junior, heads towards the finish line.

Photo by Gretchen Wehmhoff



Coach Kent Fielding speaks with the team after the end-of-season run.

Photo by Gretchen Wehmhoff

Fish this!



Dog and fish ... what more do you need?

Photo provided by Andrew Cremata

Manufactured Mysteries

By Andrew Cremata

There is a place near Skagway where a lake ends and a river begins. As water flows toward the river's source, it picks up speed. An assortment of debris is funneled into the bottleneck, including insects, baitfish and wayward salmon eggs.

At first daylight, birds gather for the day's feast. A family of mergansers dives for small fish until the current carries them downriver and they fly back to their starting point for another turn. Two kingfishers call to one another as they dart back and forth along the water's edge. Bald eagles perched in spruce wait for larger fare while an American dipper bounces up and down on a small boulder.

Gulls are everywhere and always making the most of

their opportunities. Ravens call from the woods while crows and jays make random appearances on trees that line the banks.

A variety of fish are also active. Cutthroat trout attack insects on the surface while Dolly Varden char collect salmon eggs below. Healthy salmon swim into the lake while dying salmon struggle against the unyielding current.

When the salmon are running, brown bears frequent the area. During the morning hours, it's not uncommon to see multiple brown bears foraging along the shoreline for a hearty meal. Each has its own hunting style. When they have their fill, they disappear back into the woods.

As the morning matures, humans begin to arrive. Some

have boats. Most have fishing rods. A few of them manage to catch a salmon or two. By mid-afternoon, the fishermen outnumber the fish and the mergansers call it a day.

When the sun sinks beneath the mountains, the air chills and the sky turns pink. The air quickly cools and the only sound is moving water.

Throughout the summer and into the fall, this scene plays out daily. From July to October, it's possible to watch the merganser ducklings fully mature into adults. In that same timespan, pink salmon run strong and then begin to die off as coho take their place.

There are many such places filled with elemental symmetry in Alaska. Each has its own distinct rhythm but the only way to discern the beat

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is to stop and listen.

The best anglers are keen observers. The most successful fishermen seek to peer beneath the shallow veneer of the sport to decipher natural laws that lead to success.

Using expensive fishing rods and reels to cast overpriced lures is meaningless if the water holds no fish. This simple truth underscores the fact that material pursuits seldom bring fulfillment. More gear doesn't equate to more fish. In fact, the opposite is often true.

A \$5 fishing pole bought at a garage sale will catch just as many fish as a \$500 dollar rig sold at a "pro" shop. Fishing books, videos, television shows and magazines promote the idea that fishing is complicated because they understand that, in our modern culture, manufactured mysteries are best solved with dollars and cents.

An hour spent watching nature unfold before making the first cast is more valuable than the sum total of all fishing media. Both for catching fish and for contemplating mysteries.

When I was a teenager, I had a friend named Joel who loved to fish for speckled trout. He fished the canal walls barefoot using a beat-up Zebco 404 spincast rod and reel combo. Most people who have never been fishing have likely seen a Zebco 404 because they are often used by children, due to the fact that they are cheap and durable.

While most anglers use a Zebco for small freshwater fish, Joel used his to target big trout in saltwater.

A couple of the eyelets on the rod were missing and

there was a good deal of corrosion on the reel housing. Any reasonable person would have assumed it was junk because nobody in their right mind would have spent a dollar to buy it at a yard sale.

In Joel's hands, it was a piece of art - a Stradivarius for utterly destroying speckled trout.

On a sweltering summer afternoon, I watched Joel battle a trout for nearly 30 minutes as it ran him from one end of the canal wall to the other and back again multiple times. Joel deftly dodged spots where the seawall was crumbling and leaped over patches of sand spurs as though his bare feet had eyes. Then he suddenly jumped down into the water and when he climbed back up over the seawall he was holding a massive trout that easily topped 14 pounds.

Forty-five minutes later he reeled in another trout nearly as big as the first.

A few months passed. While fishing from a local bridge, Joel hooked up on something big. Midway through the fight, his fishing rod snapped in half from the strength of the fish. Joel threw down the rod and hand-lined the fish the rest of the way up to the surface where I helped him land it. The fish was a black drum around 40 pounds. Joel promptly traded the fish to a random bridge angler in exchange for another rod and reel.

Later that day, I asked Joel if he was sad about his Zebco breaking.

"Nah," he answered. "I don't care about it. I don't go fishing to play with my gear. I go fishing to catch fish."

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It says ruthless, but approachable.

Managing a rural grocery store: 'you get what you get'

By Melinda Munson

Tim Fairbanks would rather be fishing. Instead, he runs Fairway Market IGA, the largest grocery store in town.

Large is a relative term in Skagway. Fairway Market is about 5,000 square feet with five aisles.

Tim, who went to college in Colorado and spent time in the military, never planned on heading the grocery establishment.

"One year my father asked me to help out and I just never got away," Fairbanks said.

Fairway Market was started by Fairbank's grandfather, Ervon Fairbanks, in 1958. Ervon worked in grocery stores Outside before he decided to settle in Skagway. He turned down an offer to go into the food business with a friend in the Lower 48. That friend, Joe Albertson, later founded the giant grocery chain, Albertsons.

Eventually, Ervon's son, Ervon (Ed), took over the market along with his brother, Leslie. Today, Tim Fairbanks manages the store. His brother, Rod, is in charge of the meat department.

When asked how many hours he works a week, Fairbank's wife, Heidi, quickly answered.

"Too many," she said.

Fairbanks estimated his work week is between 60-70 hours with additional time in the summer. Fairway Market normally employs approx-

imately 22 workers during tourist season and 10 in the winter.

Like most businesses, the IGA is struggling to stay afloat after the non-appearance of cruise ships due to COVID-19. The grocery must also deal with a supply chain that is more finicky than normal.

"I wish they (customers) understood what it takes to get the product here," Fairbanks said.

Groceries, which are barged to Skagway, undergo a 10-day process before they are delivered to Fairway Market. On Saturday, Fairbanks makes his order. The warehouse in Centralia, Washington, pulls the numbers on Monday and pickers put the order on pallets. On Tuesday, Alaska Marine Lines receives the pallets and loads them onto the ship. The barge leaves Washington early Wednesday morning. Assuming the weather and tides are good, the barge will arrive in Skagway's port the following Monday.

If the barge arrives as planned late Monday night, the IGA restocks dry goods, perishables and chill items on Tuesday. On Wednesday, frozen items are stocked. Bread is always shipped to Skagway "freshly frozen" so it doesn't mold.

Fairbanks said the most challenging item is produce.

"Once in a while you'll get a whole load that's just gor-

geous," he said. Other times, the produce might be showing its age.

Sometimes, the warehouse pickers make mistakes or the desired items just aren't available. Fairbanks recounted a time when they didn't get bread for six weeks.

"You get whatever shows up," Heidi said.

The Fairbanks have tried to truck product in from the Yukon but drivers were wary of the steep mountain pass.

"In the winter time they just simply didn't want to come here," Fairbanks said. "We couldn't keep a driver."

There were also problems bringing goods across international borders.

Skagway's grocery prices reflect the cost of shipping to a rural community. Avocados are generally \$5 each, except when they're on sale for 99 cents.



Photo provided by Heidi Fairbanks

Lorraine Fairbanks at the Fairway Market in its Second Avenue location in the early days of the store.

"We've always tried to keep our prices low. We've even at times not added in the freight," Fairbanks said.

Fairway Market is current-

ly on the market with several interested parties. If it sells, expect to see Fairbanks on the Lynn Canal, fishing pole in hand.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Polling Places Will Be Open From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Candidate Races on the Ballot

- United States President / Vice President
- United States Senator
- United States Representative
- State Senator (Districts B, D, F, H, J, L, M, N, P, R, T)
- State House Representative (All 40 Districts)
- Judicial Retention

Measures Appearing on the Ballot

Ballot Measure 1 – 19OGTX "An act changing the oil and gas production tax for certain fields, units, and nonunitized reservoirs on the North Slope"

Ballot Measure 2 – 19AKBE "An act replacing the political party primary with an open primary system and ranked-choice General Election, and requiring additional campaign finance disclosures"

To find Your Polling Place Call: 1-888-383-8683 (In Anchorage call: 269-8683)

Early, Absentee In-Person and Special Needs Voting

These will be available at each of the regional offices listed below and at other locations throughout the state beginning October 19, 2020. For a list of the locations and information on absentee voting, call your regional elections office or visit the division's website at <https://elections.alaska.gov/Core/AKVoteEarly.php>. If you are unable to go to the polls due to age, disability or serious illness, you may use the special needs voting process by appointing a personal representative to bring you a ballot.

www.elections.alaska.gov

Region I Office	Region II Office	Region II Office	Region III Office	Region IV Office
Juneau	Anchorage	Mat-Su	Fairbanks	Nome
(907) 465-3021	(907) 522-8683	(907) 373-8952	(907) 451-2835	(907) 443-8683
1-866-948-8683	1-866-958-8683	1-866-958-8683	1-866-959-8683	1-866-953-8683

Language Assistance 1-866-954-8683

Toll Free TTY 1-888-622-3020

The State of Alaska, Division of Elections, complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need special assistance and/or accommodation to vote, please contact your regional Division of Elections office to make necessary arrangements.

Police & Fire Blotter

Submitted by Skagway Police Department

Sept. 21
Police responded to a reported trespassing on Broadway Street.

Sept. 22
Police responded to several reports of loud bangs around town, later confirmed to be fireworks.

Sept. 26
Keith A. Evans, 51, of Skagway, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test.

Sept. 27
Police responded to a report that the caboose on Spring Street had been vandalized.

Sept. 28
EMS personnel responded to

a medical emergency on 13th Ave.

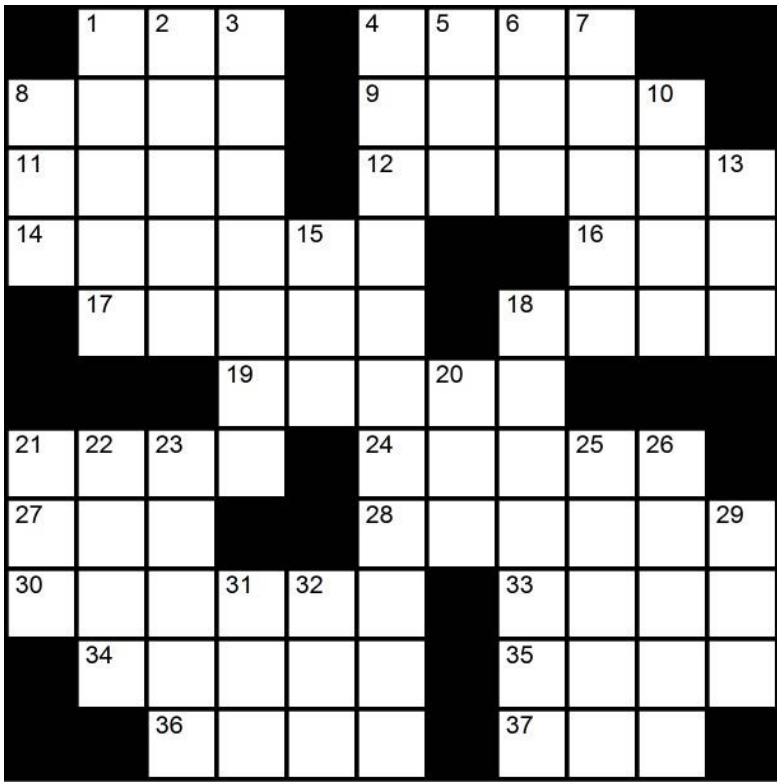
A brown bear was spotted heading north on State Street.

Oct. 1
A concerned citizen assisted the police in identifying a scam among the classified ads in The Skagway News.

Oct. 3
Police responded to a building showing signs of possible forced entry on Broadway Street.

Oct. 4
EMS responded to a medical emergency on State Street. EMS assisted the Coast Guard with a medevac from Dahl Memorial Clinic.

Family Fun Page - print and share



Across

- 1 Fortify
- 4 Turnpike fee
- 8 Entreaty
- 9 Creative flashes
- 11 Claim on a property
- 12 Where Muhammad went after Mecca
- 14 Legally bind
- 16 Floor covering
- 17 Son of Abraham
- 18 Verge
- 19 Shows approval
- 21 Apple pie makers
- 24 Mexican moolah
- 27 Org. with a flowery seal
- 28 IKEA's homeland

- 30 Eerie sense of recurrence

- 33 Short letter
- 34 Dynamite inventor
- 35 Yucky buildup
- 36 Charge per unit
- 37 Psychic "gift"

Down

- 1 Proof of being elsewhere
- 2 Staggers
- 3 Nuts
- 4 Item exhumed years after burial
- 5 Lyric poem
- 6 Took control
- 7 Scottish landowner

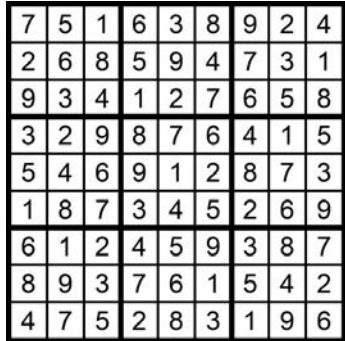
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- 21 School leader's degree
- 22 Golf tourney
- 23 Kind of suit
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- 26 Organization
- 29 "Game of Thrones" patriarch --- Stark
- 31 Lawyers' gp.
- 32 Old soldier

Last issues's answers

Fruit →



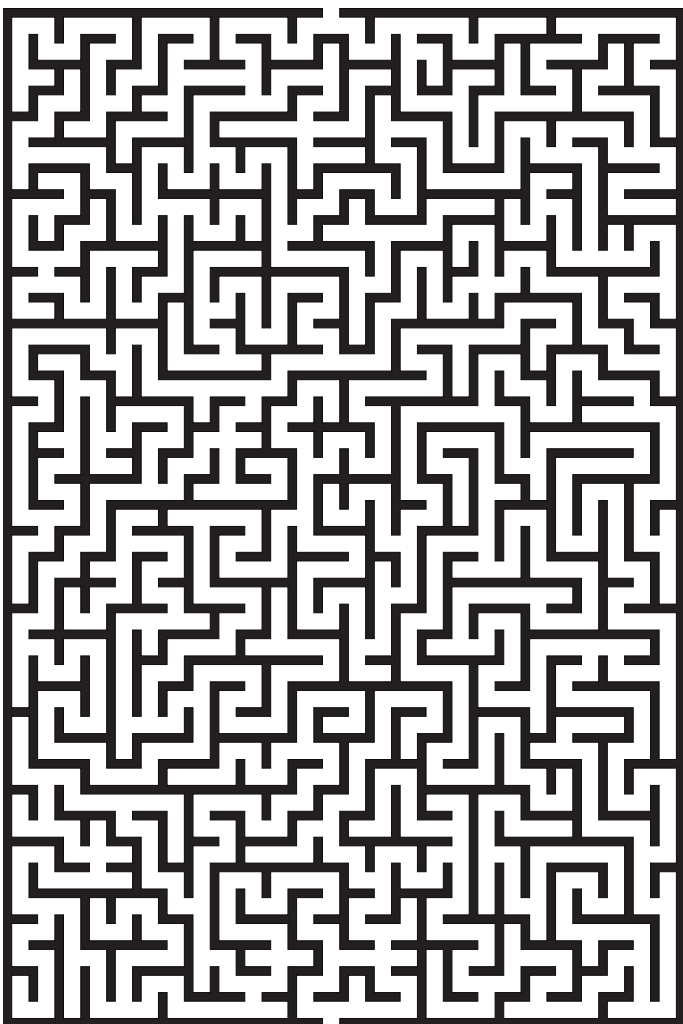
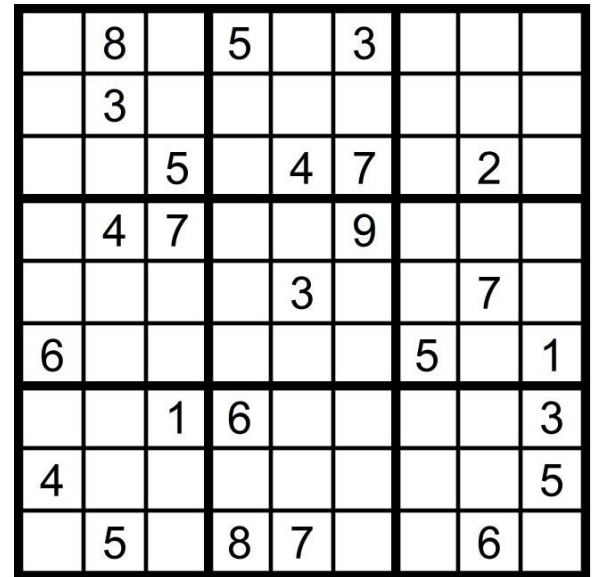
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- Cox
- Date
- Drupe
- Fig
- Filbert
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- Hip
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- Lychee
- Mango
- Medlar
- Melon
- Nut
- Ogen
- Olive
- Pear
- Pecan
- Prune
- Satsuma
- Seville
- Sloe



Wordsearch



Sudoku



Color me

CLASSIFIEDS

News Classified Ads cost 40 cents per word, \$4 minimum. Ads must be pre-paid unless advertiser has a business account with the newspaper. Skagway residents may drop off ad and payment at the News Depot. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card. Out-of-town ads must be pre-paid with a credit card and should be phoned in to 907-983-2354. All ads appear in our on-line edition for a minimum of two weeks.

FREE PERSONAL CLASSIFIEDS up to 25 words
CALL (907)983-2354
(restrictions apply)

JOBS-OPPORTUNITIES

HOUSING-PROPERTY

HOME FOR SALE: 470 1st Ave 3BD/2BA home 1701 sq ft, with nice fenced yard, well maintained with many updates! Call Mandy Reigle, Latitude 58 Real Estate Group, 907-465-7555

YEAR ROUND APARTMENT For Rent: 2 bed/2 bath, newer construction, fully furnished, deck, heated garage, energy efficient. No pets, no smoking. \$1,900/month + electric. Contact info@skagwaybrewing.com

FOR SALE: Duplex, three bedrooms and two baths on each side. Constructed 2019. Fridge, range, washer/dryer included, partially furnished. Call 907-723-2931.

COMMERCIAL-PROPERTY

BUSINESS FOR SALE: Gold Digger Mine and Dine For more information see <https://www.skagway.forsale/>

DOWNTOWN SKAGWAY SPACE available for lease: 1200SF retail space next to Eagles Hall. Great location in the heart of Skagway's Historic District between 5th and 6th Ave. on Broadway. This is for the south retail in the Kelly Block Building. Contact jimjewell@gmail.com or text Jim at 907-612-0114.(1cb)

RETAIL SPACE ON BROADWAY for lease. See info at: www.skagwayrealestate.net. (1cb)

MARKETPLACE

CHILKAT VALLEY NEWS & WHITEHORSE STAR available at Skaguay News Depot & Books.

PERSONALS-MISC. SERVICES

FOOD BANK DONATIONS WELCOME. Donations may be sent to the Food Bank, PO Box 200, Skagway, AK 99840. The local Food Bank helps those in need with groceries. If you need assistance, or know anyone who needs assistance, at any time of year, call any pastor or 907-612-0313. (1cp)

LEGAL ADS

INTENT TO USE USDA FOREST SERVICE, SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS TITLE III FUNDING:
As required by the Secure Rural Schools Act (SRS Act) reauthorization, P.L. 115-141, signed into law on March 23, 2018, and following the initiation

of Title III funds for this use by the Borough Assembly on September 17th, 2020, the following is the public announcement of the Municipality of Skagway's intent to use Title III funds: The municipality is proposing to use Title III funds to Purchase a Polaris Utility Emergency Response Vehicle with tracks and a transportation trailer. The Emergency Rapid Response Vehicle is a Polaris with tracks allowing Emergency Response personnel to navigate both common and less commonly used terrain in a safer manner for patient rescues. In addition, this vehicle would allow access to areas that we currently cannot get to, aiding in wildland fire suppression and in some cases, residential structure protection. With the tracks specified, this Emergency Response Vehicle can be utilized year round. This advertisement will be published for the required 45-day period. Please contact the Borough Treasurer with comments at 907-983-2297 or h.rodig@skagway.org.

NOTICE OF UTILITY TARIFF FILING
The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) gives notice that Goat Lake Hydro, Inc. (GLH) filed TA6-521, a revenue requirement study based on a 2019 test year. With TA6-521, GLH proposes a 29.87 percent increase to its energy rate from \$0.08666 to \$0.11250 per kWh on a permanent basis. GLH is not requesting an interim rate change.

GLH currently calculates its energy rate using a Rate Stabilization Methodology (RSM), which defers costs to future ratepayers. With TA6-521, GLH proposes to phase out the RSM and calculate the rate using the traditional ratemaking methodology. GLH proposes to amortize the RSM asset balance over a ten-year period.

This notice may not contain all requested revisions and the Commission may approve a rate or classification which varies from that proposed. You may obtain more information about this filing by contacting Steven J. Kramer, Senior Director - Regulatory Affairs for BBL Hydro, at 901 N. Leatherleaf Loop, Suite 201, Wasilla, AK 99654; phone: (907) 864-3211. The complete filing is also available for inspection at the Commission's office at 701 West 8th Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99501; phone: (907) 276-6222, or may be viewed at the Commission's website at <http://rca.alaska.gov> by typing "TA6-521" in the Find a Matter search box.

To comment on this filing, please file your comments by 5p.m., by October 23, 2020, at either the Commission address given above or via our website at: <https://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx> Please reference TA6-521 and include a statement that you have filed a copy of the comments with GLH at its address given above.

Individuals or groups of people with disabilities, who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats, please contact Valerie Fletcher-Mitchell at (907) 276-6222, toll-free at 1-800-390-2782, TTY/Alaska Relay: 7-1-1 or 1 (800) 770-8973, or send a request via electronic mail to rca.mail@alaska.gov by October 16, 2020.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 29th day of September, 2020.

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA
Julie C. Vogler
Finance Section Manager

BROADWAY BULLETIN BOARD



~ All units fully furnished
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Studio Apt: \$500/Month + Electric

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*these units not available until Sept. 1

Contact info@skagwaybrewing.com



Email Updates & New Events: editor@skagwaynews.com

SKAGWAY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Please contact each worship location for their updated COVID-19 schedule

Assembly of God Church

8th & State • 907-983-2350
Sun. Worship.....11 a.m.
Thu. Intercessory Prayer:6:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

5th & Main • 983-2260
Sun. Morning Worship10 a.m.
Sun. Sunday School.....4 p.m.

Wed. Women's Prayer7 a.m.
Thur. Celebrate Recovery.....6 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

11th & State • 983-2518
Sun. Sacrament Meeting...10 a.m.
Sun. School/Primary ...11:10 a.m.

Relief Society/Priesthood...12 p.m.

St. Therese Catholic Church

9th & State • 983-2271
Sun. Mass.....5 p.m.
Mass Mon. & Tues.....12:10 p.m.

(when a priest is available)

Life Link Fellowship Bible Church

11th and Main • 907-612-0121
Sat. Night Worship7 p.m.
Sunday Service.....11 a.m.

RECREATION CTR SCHED

Skagway Recreation Center •

12th & Main • 983-2679

Cardio • Weight Room • Locker

Rooms • Showers • Rock Wall

The Recreation Center is open by appointment beginning Sept. 20.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Library Hours:

by Appointment
W, Th, F 12 - 6 p.m.
Sat. 1 - 5 p.m.
Call 983-2665 or email library@skagway.org

Dahl Clinic Winter Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Sat. and Sun. For after-hours emergencies, please dial 911.

Incinerator Hours

T, Th, Sa. 1 - 3 p.m.

Skagway Museum

Closed for the season

Border stations:

7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Call each station for specifics.

Ferry Terminal Hours

M-F 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

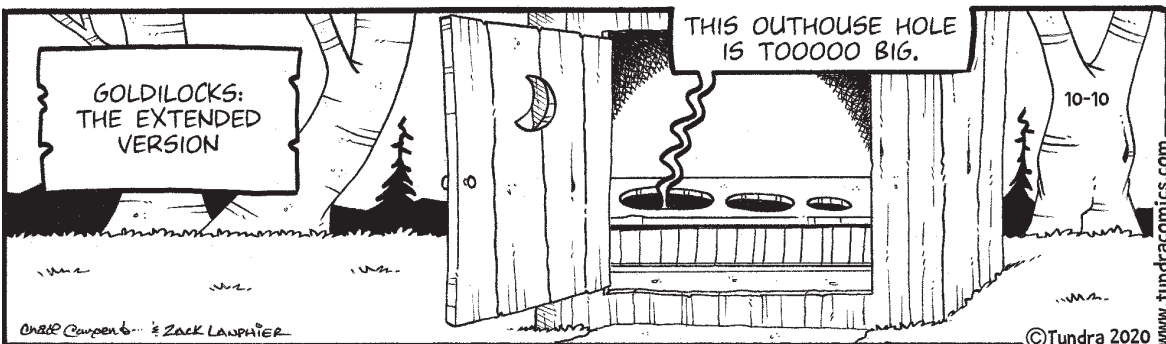
See www.skagway.org for borough meeting updates.

WEATHER WATCH

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OBSERVATIONS FOR PREVIOUS 24-HOUR PERIOD BEFORE 7 A.M.

DATE	MAX	MIN	PREC
Weather Watch 9/7 -9/30			
9/7	65	39	-
9/8	60	50	trace
9/9	62	56	.06 in
9/10	62	56	.06 in
9/11	64	3	.02 in
9/12	62	35	-
9/13	62	35	-
9/14	60	42	-
9/15	65	35	-
9/16	59	35	-
9/17	58	40	-
9/18	59	43	-
9/19	62	42	-
9/20	60	44	-
9/21	55	46	trace
9/22	56	46	.17 in
9/23	54	45	.01 in
9/24	60	43	.15 in
9/25	55	43	.05 in
9/26	59	47	.02 in
9/27	55	46	.15 in
9/28	53	44	1.27 in
9/29	53	43	.02 in
9/30	56	45	trace

Chad Carpenter's **TUNDRA**



PHONE:907-983-2259



Cory and Mary Thole fall behind their son, Julius Thole, in a family face-off.



Zeke Coughran runs with his dad, Josh.



Shane Ruppert and son, Levi, head down the last stretch.



Caleb Cochran looks back to check on his challengees, basketball coach Nate Jennings and Adrian Bricker.

Community Face Off - Oct. 4

Photos by Gretchen Wehmhoff, The Skagway News



Rosetta Pring cuts off challengee Nate Jennings as Mark Walker jogs along in Wayne's World attire.



Ella Rauscher and her mom, Emily, cheer on the runners.



Justin Munson motions for his mom to drive ahead, he's got this.



Lennon Jennings pushes to catch the leader.



Emma Tronrud, 3, recruited 3-year-olds to race. She leads.



Tyler Thompson races Shane Ruppert around the back stretch.