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MOS, STC oppose roadless exemption

By Melinda Munson

The Municipality of Skagway and Skagway Traditional Council (STC) expressed disappointment when the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced Oct. 28 that the Tongass National Forest would be exempt from the 2001 Roadless Rule which prohibited timber harvests and road construction.

The decision will open up for development -- though not require -- more than half of one of the world's largest temperate rainforest, which traps massive amounts of carbon and is a haven of biodiversity.

The debate over road building, logging and restrictions of both has endured for decades in Southeast Alaska.

According to the Anchorage Daily News, 96% of comments received during the federal environmental impact statement review opposed changes to the roadless protections. Nine Southeast Alaska tribes withdrew from talks Oct. 13 after the Forest Service made public its plan for opening more of the Tongass to development.

"What is the point of gathering community input across Southeast Alaska when the input is summarily ignored? Representatives that fail to acknowledge the input and will of their constituency are not doing the job of representation," said Mayor Andrew Cremata.

On Nov. 5, the assembly voted five to one, with Assemblymember Sam Bass dissenting, for Cremata to send a letter to the Forest Service reiterating the mu-

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Photo by Melinda Munson

William Lockette and Brandon Arnold prepare to testify in support of former chief of police, Ray Leggett, at the Nov. 5 assembly meeting.

Muni remains mum on Leggett resignation, community vocal

By Melinda Munson

The Nov. 5 assembly meeting started with a figurative bang. The literal bang came later.

Cindy Godbey, long-time resident and gold rush performer, sat at the same table as Borough Manager Brad Ryan and looked pointedly at him as she testified in support of reinstating former police chief Ray Leggett.

"Those involved in removing Chief Leggett from office need to be ashamed of themselves in the way they handled the situation," she said, also stating that Ryan was acting like he had a "vendetta." She finished her comments with a loud demand that Ryan resign or be fired.

Brandon Arnold also spoke in defense of Leggett. He described how the former police

chief, who is a pastor, gave Arnold's father his last rites.

"I've seen at least five chiefs of police in this town and by far, Ray Leggett was the best chief we've ever had," Arnold said. After becoming emotional, he banged once on the table and exited the witness seat.

According to Leggett, who moved to Skagway 16 years ago from Texas, the municipality told him to resign or be terminated on Oct. 20. Leggett did not wish to comment further and was not present at the Nov. 5 assembly meeting.

The municipality stated they no longer employ Leggett and did not offer any additional details, citing personnel policies.

Although the reason for Leggett's resignation has not been officially verified, many

community members believe it was due to inappropriate comments.

"Those of us that know him, we know that he probably made an off-color comment that was jaded," said Billi Clem. "We all do it."

Some residents expressed concerns with the resignation process and the assembly's role in the decision.

"I also would like some information as to what happened with Chief Leggett. I would like to make certain that (the) Open Meetings Act was followed," said Valerie Larsen.

According to Skagway Municipal Code 3.18.030, "the borough manager shall have overall authority and responsibility for personnel management for all municipal departments."

Termination of a municipal employee is under the purview of the city manager and does not involve the assembly. An assembly meeting would not have been necessary and, according to Assemblymember Dustin Stone, no such gathering took place.

"I was not in a secret meeting," Stone said.

Ryan and Borough Clerk Emily Deach also later confirmed no assembly meetings regarding Leggett occurred.

The two hours of public testimony included Skagwegians who supported the replacement of Leggett after 16 years of service.

"I do believe that he is a good person ... but I separate that from what has happened here," said Kaylynn Howard, *see page three*

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Letters and Opinion**You can't hear voices if you ignore sound**

By Andrew Cremata

Beams of white light radiated from narrow breaks in the canopy to the forest floor, backlighting mint-green leaves of Devil's club that covered a steep embankment. Pressed against the stillness was the faint sound of a burbling creek as meltwater flowed between rock and root.

Two woodpeckers began a conversation of knocks that were quickly swallowed by the hollow expanse beneath the canopy of spruce, hemlock and cedar. Five raps answered by five raps, establishing a rhythm until some mutual understanding caused one bird to fly directly over my head. I hopped over the creek and walked deeper into the woods.

When most people think of the Tongass National Forest, Skagway, Alaska doesn't come to mind. Skagway is well known for its Klondike Gold Rush history and modern cruise ship tourism. Many visitors are surprised to discover a robust trail system over some steep, dramatic terrain.

However, one trail a few miles north of downtown Skagway penetrates dense old-growth forest in the Tongass en route to a young glacial valley. It is one of Skagway's hidden gems and it's called the Denver Glacier Trail.

During most seasons, access to the trail is facilitated by a short train ride aboard the White Pass & Yukon Route train. Adjacent to the trailhead is an old caboose that's been converted into a rentable Forest Service cabin that sleeps six.

During the summer of 2020, COVID left Skagway without any cruise-related tourism. Without the trains, the six mile round-trip jaunt becomes a 12 mile, full day adventure. On a particularly sunny and warm day in July, I decided to set off on the trail. It was a rare opportunity to soak in the scenery with little risk of running into another human soul.

Skagway is an alpine hik-

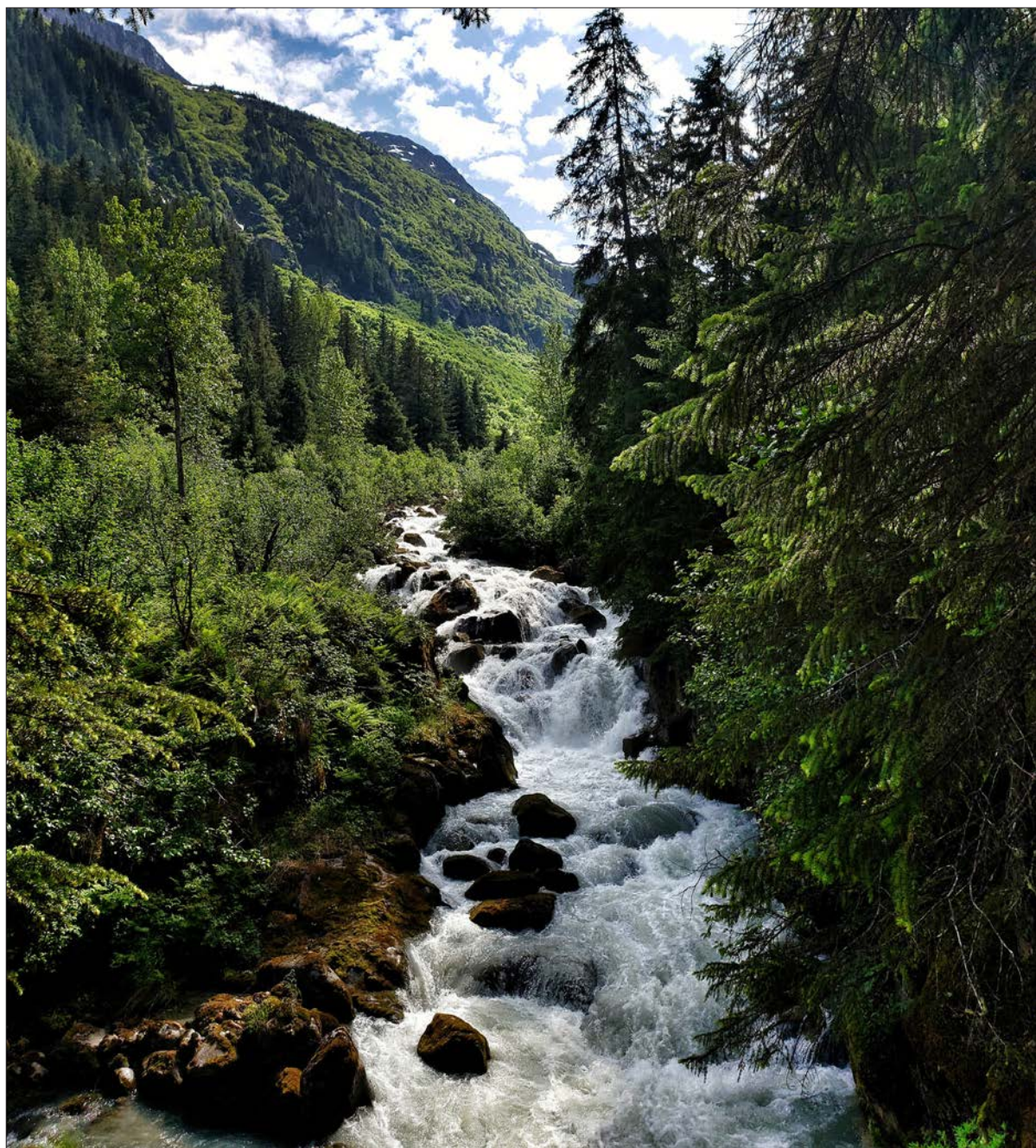


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er's paradise, but there is little old-growth rainforest surrounding our community that is commonly associated with the Tongass. Many of the mountainsides around town were clearcut during the Gold Rush. However, the Denver Glacier Trail's more remote location spared the valley from hordes of stampedeers hungry for gold.

I imagine that my adoration of Tongass old growth forest may seem redundant to some Southeast Alaska residents. Especially if they live in places more commonly associated with these unique ecosystems. To me, the Denver Glacier Trail is precious because it's a rare environment in Skagway. Just as Tongass old growth temperate rainforest is a rare environment within this nation and very little of this type of ecosystem remains on our planet as a whole.

Obviously, many other

Alaskans agree. Last fall, when the Forest Service asked for public comment in response to the suggested Tongass Roadless Rule repeal, 96% of participants said they were against the repeal and supported Alternative One -- leaving the rule in place. In Skagway, residents gathered to share their opinions on the possible exemption of the Tongass from the Roadless Rule. One hundred percent were against a full exemption. It has been recently announced that despite overwhelming public support for the rule, the preferred alternative selected by the leadership in Washington D.C. reflects the full removal of the protections of the Roadless Rule on the Tongass National Forest. This puts our largest remaining stands of old growth and our most productive watersheds at risk to extraction.

There is a point on the Den-

ver Glacier trail where the terrain changes. The trees are smaller. The alder and devil's club is more dense. The lichen species change and the trail begins to gain elevation. It is here where one walks the path covered by glaciers less than 125 years ago. There are Gold Rush photos showing stampedeers standing on the Denver Glacier that were taken in 1898. Today, the glacier is barely visible 1,200 feet above the valley floor.

The glacial valley is spectacular. Unnamed waterfalls spill on exposed rock and join the East Fork of the Skagway River where it flows into the Pacific Ocean only fifteen miles distant.

On that warm July day, I laid down on my back and soaked in the sunlight with my dog, Rufus, sitting on my chest. Closing my eyes, I focused on the sound of water crashing against earth -- the

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Tongass National Forest no longer protected by the Roadless Rule

from front page

municipality's objection to the exemption from the national rule limiting road construction in national forests.

"Skagway's future depends on the vitality and resplendent natural beauty of the Tongass National Forest. As one of the most visited and highly rated cruise ship destinations in the world, our economy hinges on maintaining the pristine beauty of Southeast Alaska's primeval landscape," the letter stated.

The correspondence was accompanied by Resolution 19-32R, adopted on Oct. 24, 2019, voicing the municipality's support for maintaining all protections under the 2001 provision.

During the comment pe-

riod, STC president Jaime Bricker also sent a letter to the Forest Service.

She noted that, "The Tongass National Forest has been home to our Native people since time immemorial."

"We are concerned that the environmental impact statement inaccurately implies that there would be minimal adverse effects on land and water habitats and biological diversity. The number of animals whose habitats could be destroyed by logging and road development is innumerable. Our members hunt goat, bear and deer, fish for salmon, halibut and eulachon and forage for berries, mushrooms, devil's club and birch bark. These delicate ecosystems could be negatively im-

acted by lifting the Roadless Rule and possibly exposing them to construction and development."

According to Bricker, STC, a sovereign tribal government, was not consulted by the Forest Service regarding the new rules.

The environmental impact statement that led to the Forest Service decision to lift the roadless rule in the Tongass said the changes "can be made without major adverse impacts to the recreation, tourism, and fishing industries, while providing benefits to the timber and mining industries, increasing opportunities for community infrastructure, and eliminating unnecessary regulations."

Gov. Mike Dunleavy supports the exemption, as do U.S. Sens. Dan Sullivan and Lisa Murkowski and U.S. Rep. Don Young.

"A full exemption from the Roadless Rule is about access — access to recreation, renewable energy and more. This puts us on track for a Record of Decision and final rule by the end of the year, in turn opening the door for individuals and communities throughout Southeast to build a more sustainable economy while still ensuring good stewardship of our lands and waters," Murkowski said.

Bass said he believed shedding the roadless rules would allow for greater "self-deter-

mination."

Separate from logging, proponents of removing the roadless rule from the Tongass have long advocated that it could allow for new hydroelectric projects or other developments. Supporters of the restriction have argued it is needed to protect fish and wildlife habitat, in addition to encouraging more tourism.

"It's not over yet," Cremata vowed. "We need to continue to show our support. We all know that we need commerce in Alaska but we don't need commerce that's going to have a devastating impact on the cruise ship industry."

Community responds to police chief resignation

from front page

a former borough employee.

"There has been an overlap between the separation of church and state," Howard said, noting that Leggett feeding the community hamburgers every Wednesday is a "great service" but an issue that is "completely separate from how Ray should handle himself as a police officer in our community."

"I personally believe we need a police chief that has a police chief certification," Howard said.

Leggett lost his police certification in 2016 after accusations he interfered with a family member's criminal investigation in Haines.

<https://skagwaynews.com/2017/07/28/police-standards-council-revokes-certification-for-skagway-police-chief/>

Sherry Corrington was the first person to go on public record since Leggett's resignation to corroborate complaints of inappropriate remarks.

"I've heard him too," Corrington said. "I've heard racist comments. I've heard things that weren't right."

"I'm nervous as hell saying this right now. There are so many people who are afraid to speak out because of what might happen," she said.

William Lockette, who supports reinstating Leggett, started a petition which has

approximately 42 signatures and can be found at Klondike General Store. The petition asks that Leggett be reinstated while an investigation into his resignation is conducted.

Ashlei Greenleaf, daughter of the former police chief, explained why her father was not contesting the municipality's actions.

"He chose the option of resigning because he doesn't want to create division in this town, especially during times like this with the pandemic, the political climate," she said.

In closing remarks, all of the assembly members who

addressed Leggett's resignation thanked the public for their comments but made it clear they would not intervene.

"There is one person who can protest the events that happened and that is Ray," said Stone.

Jerry (J.J.) Reddick, a 20-year police veteran, became the acting chief of police on Oct. 23. According to Ryan, the earliest the municipality will begin to advertise for a permanent chief is late December. He cited the 2021 budget process and a rise in COVID-19 as reasons to delay the search.



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Cindy Godbey and husband, Will, wait for the start of the Nov. 5 assembly meeting. Cindy was first to testify in support of Leggett.

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Editors' Column



By Gretchen Wehmhoff

As we approach the season we pair with warm fires, full wine glasses and good company, I've been looking back at the chaos and the treasures of 2020.

Melinda and I jumped into the local news business just as the world became unstably united. Not united in peace, but in a battle for life. It wasn't quite the alien ships from Independence Day, but it might as well have been. Countries around the world worked to secure their populations and economy from the deadly coronavirus, COVID-19. Information was shared through international scientists, mathematicians and medical specialists.

What worked and didn't work crossed headlines and every day citizens became our frontline, working to keep our nation moving. From grocery clerks to nurses, first responders to infrastructure support services, we all looked to them to provide any sense of normalcy they could. Food and vital services were delivered by underpaid, underappreciated Americans who stayed at work while the

Grateful amid global chaos

rest of us hunkered safely in our homes.

I look back at the chaos and am grateful for those bright spots of resilience. I want to share some personal gratuities.

In my world this year, I am thankful for Larry Persily, who took a chance on two determined women to carry on the legacy of a small town Alaska newspaper. He gave us all we needed and more to be successful -- most importantly, his faith in us.

I'm grateful for Katie Kolasch who worked for years at The Skagway News, often the only person holding things together through changes in owners and editors. She was organized and welcoming, showing us all we needed and gracefully letting us into her world.

Having the blessing and support of Jeff Brady is priceless. After all, the paper started as his baby and his advice and knowledge made things a bit easier.

Skagway accepted us with open arms and gave us a chance. While we sometimes stumble, it is the kind words, great conversations and willingness to share that tells us this is the best job ever -- never mind the salary sailed away with the cruise ships.

And I want to thank Melinda for her faith in me to say, "Let's do this."

We had already taken on a few challenges together such as driving from Tacoma to Anchorage in the dark for five days. We figure we can beat any test of endurance.

I was apologizing one day for not completing a story or letter, or something. She reminded me that she was confident we were both doing the best we could with our personal challenges. She also said that passing judgement on each other would make it near impossible to work together.

So, I am grateful for Melinda. She is the perfect, capable, intelligent business partner. I can't imagine a better person to jump off a cliff with.

Perhaps I am most grateful for my family. My sister and brother who endure heartburn and stress everytime I get in a car for another adventure across the Yukon in the winter to do a crazy thing like run for public office or become a newspaper owner. When I make it, they are proud of me. What more can I ask?

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Most importantly, I am grateful for my husband who glides beside me as we both take strange turns. He may work on a crab boat in Norton Sound or a fishing boat in Bristol Bay while I fill my life with debates, interviews and now a newspaper that literally takes me from home for six weeks at a time. He's always there, ready to cook, put up campaign signs, love my family, pack my car and allow me to take our dog to live 800 miles away. He loves me and for that, I am grateful.

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School board president surprised by award

By Melinda Munson

Skagway School Board President John Hischer was watching football when the congratulatory texts started rolling in. He won the 2020 MacKinnon Educational Excellence and Human Recognition Award. The accolade was announced on Sunday by the Alaska Superintendents Association (ASA).

“I had no idea,” Hischer said. “It was a huge surprise.”

The ASA gives out the state award each year to “a school board member who has demonstrated meritorious service to their school districts and communities.”

Josh Coughran, superintendent of Skagway City School, nominated Hischer for the honor.

“For nearly a decade, Hischer has been a visionary leader with the courage to make difficult decisions in the best interest of the district,” Coughran said.

Hischer has served on the school board for nine years. He is a licensed clinical social worker employed by the Dahl



Memorial Clinic. He helped form the Skagway Opioid Task Force, conducts mental health first aid training and periodically teaches Parenting With Love and Logic, along with heading many other community initiatives.

“Even beyond his pledge to Skagway School’s success in education, John exercises patience, empathy, generosity and commitment to supporting all the people of this community as it applies to their overall health, safety and welfare,” said Jaime Bricker, school board member.

Hischer’s wife, Sara, added

to the praise.

“I think the best part of him as a school board member is that tries his best to represent all families. Besides the work he has done on the school board, he is always working for the community. This includes time devoted during the weekends, nights, days off and even when on vacations at Disneyland,” she said.

Hischer said he feels “very lucky” to work with a great superintendent, school board and student body.

“It makes being on the board a pleasure,” he said.

STC grant helps school mitigate COVID-19

By Melinda Munson

Skagway Traditional Council (STC) gifted Skagway City School with a \$60,000 grant to be “used to respond to COVID,” according to Tribal Administrator Sara Kinjo-Hischer.

“Covid money was eaten up almost immediately,” said Dr. Josh Coughran, school superintendent. Between new furniture that can be easily disinfected, deep cleaning of the building, hand sanitizers and masks, Coughran said the school’s pandemic budget quickly dwindled.

Skagway School used the STC grant to purchase two hands-free temperature kiosks which allow for distanced, rapid temperature checks as students enter school. The money paid for air purifiers for each classroom with enough replacement filters for a year, 120 stacking chairs and an extra carpet cleaning at Christmas break.

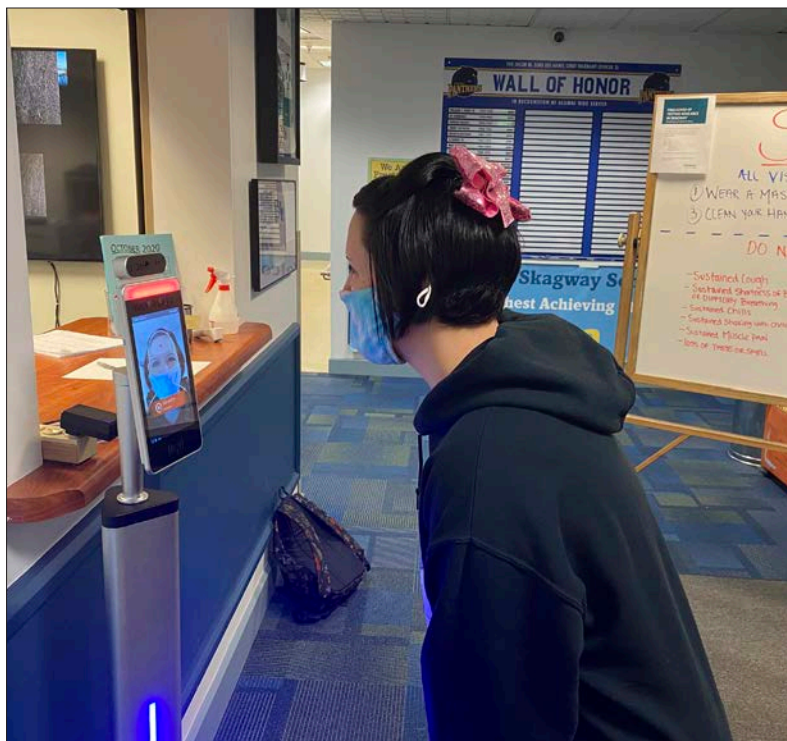
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monthly credit towards internet service, which will be matched by Alaska Power and Telephone for a total of \$70. The credit is available through the end of the school year and will prepare students to learn online should school be cancelled due to any additional cases of COVID-19

within the community.

Coughran expects the school will eventually provide about \$20,000 towards internet bills. He is grateful for STC’s contribution.

“They’re always looking for ways to help support us,” Coughran said.



Skagway pre-school teacher, Kortney Rupprecht, checks her temperature at the kiosk located by the front entrance.



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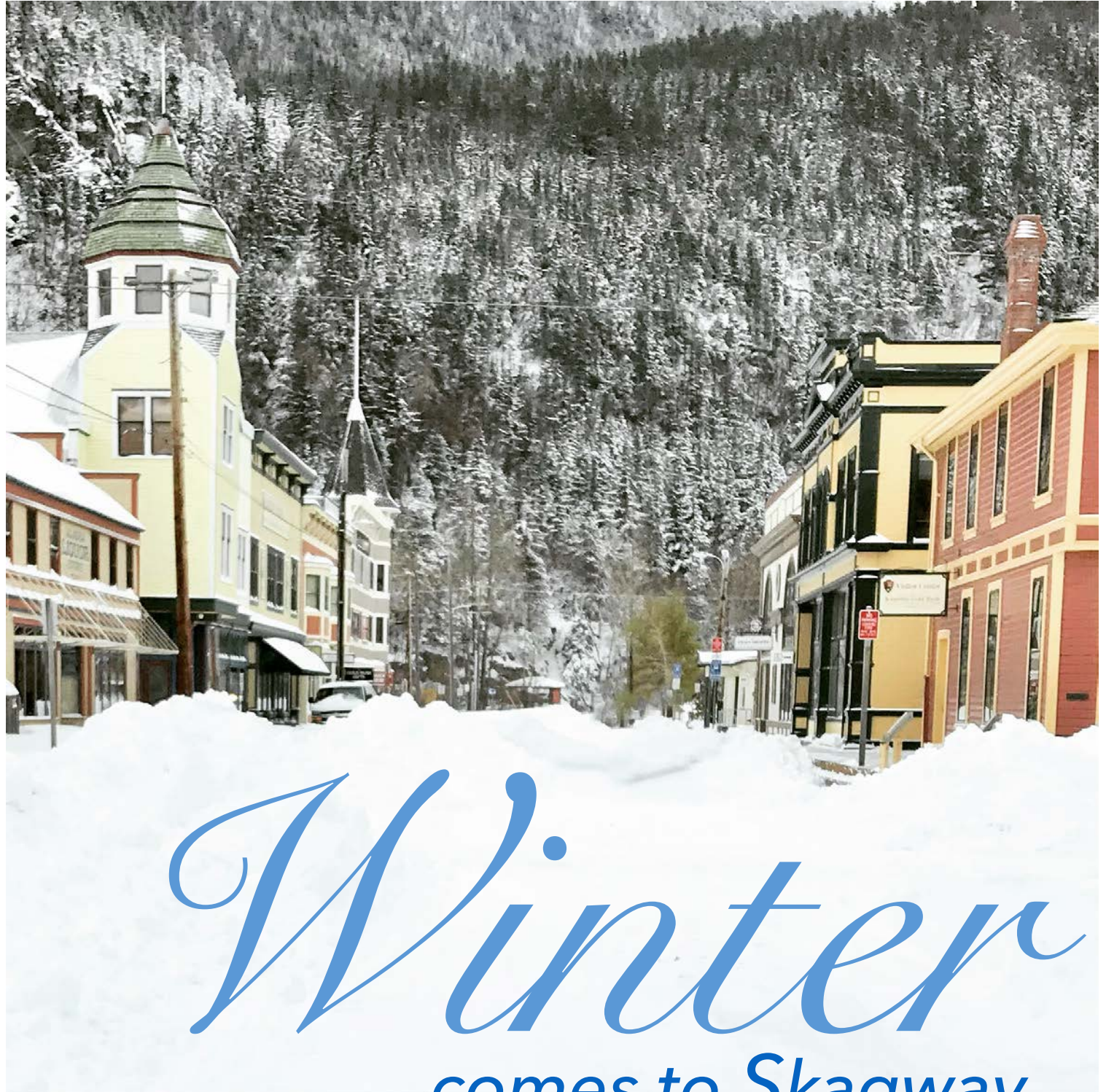


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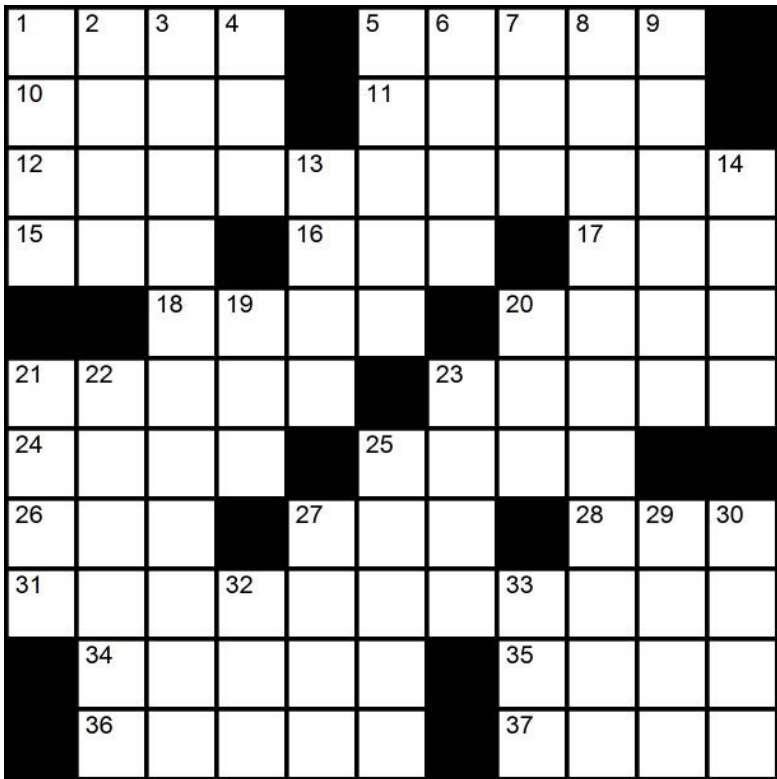


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- 23 Head of the line
- 24 Pile
- 25 Cuckoo
- 26 And not
- 27 Trim, in a way

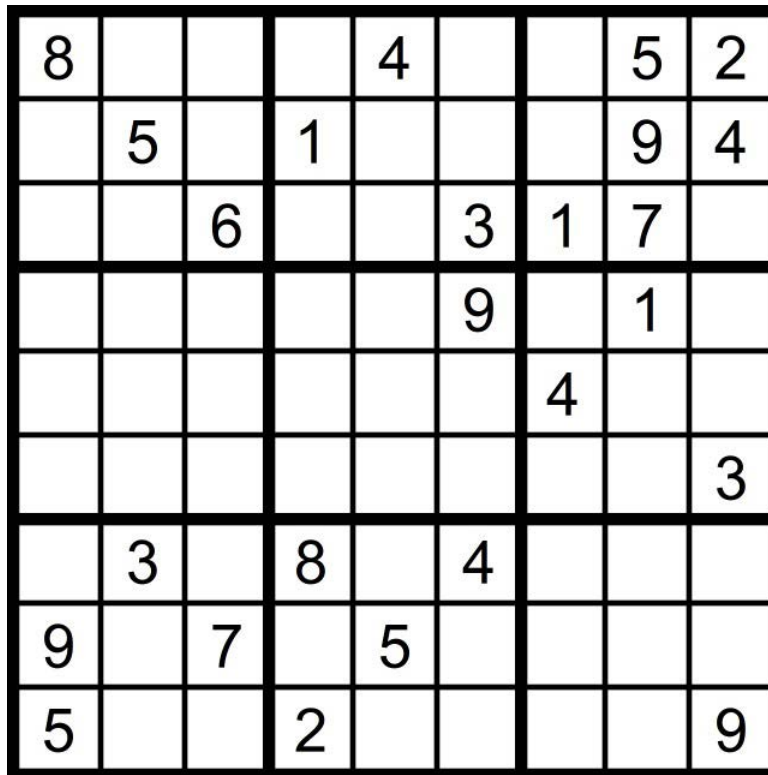
- 28 Letters in an open slot
- 31 Temperature reading of a sort
- 34 Get to know
- 35 Love god
- 36 Old Democrat --- Kefauver
- 37 About

Down

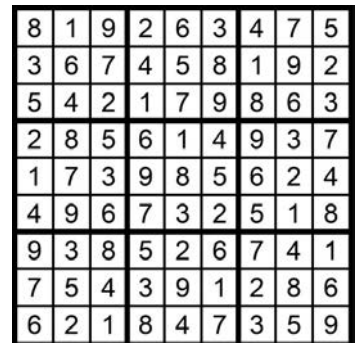
- 1 WWW code
- 2 Like tom yum soup
- 3 Feeders
- 4 Low form of comedy
- 5 "Ivanhoe" writer
- 6. She was urged to come into the garden (Tennyson)

- 7 Loan abbreviation
- 8 Hospital breathing machines
- 9 Dog rewards
- 13 Clothed
- 14 Hightail it
- 19 Vigor
- 20 Manipulate
- 21 "Say it ain't so!"
- 22 Persons in general
- 23 Deer in a petting zoo
- 25 Thugs
- 27 Bog
- 29 Rorschach test piece
- 30 Too
- 32 Southampton Insurrec

Sudoku



Last issues's answers



Wordsearch Herbs and Spices

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|----------|---------|--------|
| Anise | Cress | Rue |
| Basil | Dill | Sage |
| Bay | Ginger | Senna |
| Camomile | Hyssop | Sesame |
| Capers | Lettuce | Sorrel |
| Caraway | Mace | Tansy |
| Chervil | Mint | Thyme |
| Chive | Myrrh | Woad |

Which two pictures are alike?



Color me

Find five birdies



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WANTED IMMEDIATELY!
EQUIPMENT OPERATOR for Department of Transportation in Skagway, Alaska. Must have Experience operating Heavy Equipment; Plow Trucks, Graders, Loaders, Dump Trucks. Position is: Part Time for Winter Help Must have CDL-A OR if not at time of hire at least an Alaska CDL-B WITH AIR BRAKES and 90 days after hire to acquire your ALASKA CDL-A. For further information contact Linda @ Local 71 907-586-6993 or linda@local71.com

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FOR SALE - 501 7th Avenue, Skagway, 5 Bdrm, 2 Ba, 1,748 SF house on 1.5 lots, \$350,000, David Brena, ARA, 907-983-2700.

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

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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.

BROADWAY BULLETIN BOARD

Police & Fire Blotter

Submitted by Skagway Police Department

Oct. 20
Police responded to a report of a bear with cubs near 4th Avenue and Spring Street.

Oct. 21
Fire personnel responded to a chimney fire on 11th Avenue.

Oct. 27
Police responded to a report of a bear near 7th Avenue and Spring Street.

Police assisted a motorist who locked their keys in their vehicle.

Oct. 28
Police responded to a report of a bear near 17th Avenue and State Street. The bear was escorted up State Street and eventually hazed to motivate the bear to leave town.

Oct. 29
Police responded to a report of a bear near 7th Avenue and Spring Street.

Police unsuccessfully attempted to assist a motorist to regain entry to their camper trailer.

Police found a bear near 7th Avenue and Spring Street again. The bear was hazed and left town.

Nov. 2
Fire personnel responded to a fire alarm on Broadway Street.

The Klondike Highway was closed for two days due to blizzard conditions and an avalanche.

EMS responded to a medical emergency on 8th Avenue.

Nov. 4
Police responded to a bear and cub near 14th Avenue and State Street.

Nov. 6
Police responded to a bear and cub near 18th Avenue and State St.

Police assisted a motorist who was locked out of their vehicle.

Nov. 7
Police responded to a bear and cub near 17th Avenue and State St.

Ryan P. Foley, 36, of Skagway, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Nov. 8
The Klondike Highway was closed due to multiple avalanches on the Canadian side.

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.

RECREATION CTR SCHED

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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
Sunday Worship 10 am
Wed. Women's Prayer 1:30 pm
Thursday Bible Study 3:30 pm
Online Access Available to all events.

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)

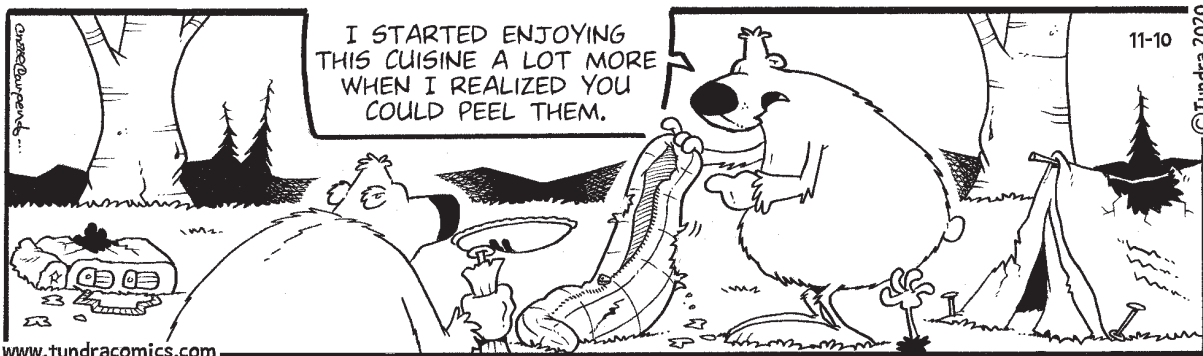
Life Link Fellowship Bible Church
11th and Main • 907-612-0121
Sat. Night Worship7 p.m.
Sunday Service.....11 a.m.

WEATHER WATCH

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

DATE	MAX	MIN	PREC
Weather Watch 10/17 -11/12			
10/17	41	25	-
10/18	34	26	-
10/19	41	27	-
10/20	40	29	.05 in
10/21	40	27	-
10/22	36	26	-
10/23	35	26	-
10/24	36	26	-
10/25	35	26	-
10/26	42	31	.58 in
10/27	50	38	.02 in
10/28	46	39	trace
10/29	44	37	.04 in
10/30	45	34	.01 in
10/31	45	34	
11/1	50	26	.15 in
11/2	27	17	.90 in
11/3	22	17	.09 in
11/4	24	17	trace
11/5	23	17	-
11/6	23	7	-
11/7	23	7	-
11/8	29	9	-
11/9	39	27	.05 in
11/10	37	20	trace
11/11	30	18	trace
11/12	36	28	.04 in

Chad Carpenter's TUNDRA



PHONE:907-983-2259

Local voices must be heard regarding the Tongass

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voice of creation itself. It was the same voice I heard at the Forest Service meeting in Skagway and the voice of real Alaskans who value the Tongass for what is.

The problem with processes like this is that we can speak to the many ways this place is valuable to us, but there is no mechanism that allows us to quantify the experience of it.

We can speak to the many economic reasons intact ecosystems are important for production of salmon and support of our fisheries, and how tourists don't come to Southeast Alaska to see clearcuts. We can talk about how the residents of our rural communities rely on old growth forest to provide habitat for the deer and the fish that we harvest to fill our freezers and feed our families. We can speak to how uneconomical the timber industry is without major government subsidies.

Yet, even with all of this talk there is no category or quantifier for the connection that gets into our blood, fills

our hearts with adoration and our souls with inspiration. Regardless of our beliefs, we all understand this sublime feeling. It is our connection to these lands and waters and the love we have for this way of life that ties us to this place and unites us across this region.

Our communal connection is our love for Southeast Alaska and it's the source of the passion heard in so many voices that spoke out at these meetings. This is the power and the passion and the poetry inherent in the burbling sound of water tumbling over rock and root.

If local voices don't matter, then how can anyone believe the process was fair to begin with? If the game is rigged toward dollars and cents, nobody can call these lands "public" and maintain a shred of integrity.

For me, the Tongass is a blue heron chasing tadpoles along the riverbank. It's a young fluffy varied thrush clumsily learning to fly, missing his branch, landing and

tumbling to the forest floor. It's the haunting sound of treetops as they rub together in a rising afternoon wind.

The choice of Alternative Six represents the desire to take these trees and not even get a monetary return for what they're worth. They will become industrial products like cheap wood pulp furniture that lasts a few years before it breaks and ends up in the local landfill. Or maybe some OSB panels used for substandard wall or roof construction, doomed to be replaced when water inevitably damages its integrity.

The ignorance of this choice represents a fundamental misunderstanding of this region and our way of life, and a profound disconnect between our leadership and the constituents they are meant to represent.

Alaskans have already spoken their mind on the Roadless Rule. Maybe it's time to lay back in the sun with a dog on your chest and listen.

Andrew Cremata is the Mayor of Skagway, Alaska

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- Supplemental Nutrition Assist Prog (SNAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
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- Medicaid



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