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## Skagway police carry body cams

By Melinda Munson

Skagway residents can now expect to be recorded, including audio and video, when they interact with Skagway's three police officers. The police department recently purchased four Axon body cameras at a total cost of \$21,396 for a five-year plan.

Acting Police Chief Jerry Reddick began researching the use of cameras shortly after he replaced former chief Ray Leggett in October 2020.

Reddick said some people questioned the necessity of body cameras.

"We're in Skagway, why do you need those?" he was asked.

"It's for transparency," Reddick said. "The reason for the body cameras is for them, and for us."

Reddick said he had concerns body cameras might make community members more hesitant to speak to officers, but decided video and audio evidence would protect both citizens and police officers.

He pointed out that while the cameras have "a fish eye," officers would be reacting to the 180 degree view, not just what can be seen on camera.

Footage from the cameras is downloaded to an offsite storage service called evidence.com. Reddick's officers may review recordings but can't alter or download the record.

"We want to make sure privacy is protected," Reddick said.

Reddick said body camera procedure is still being finalized. He sent two procedure plans to Borough Manager

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Photo by Jeff Brady

A bevy of trumpeter swans, a sign of spring, appeared in Dyea March 12. According to Jeff Brady, there were eventually as many as 29 on the Taiya River.

## Masks recommended, not mandated, in private buildings

By Melinda Munson

Skagway business owners are not obligated to direct employees and customers to wear masks. Resolution 21-09R passed five to one on April 15 with the words "shall" and "require" changed to "should" and "recommend." As a result, Skagway entrepreneurs will decide what health protocols to follow in their businesses.

It's a departure from an earlier attempt by the assembly to require masks in all buildings open to the public. Resolution 21-08R, passed on March 18, required face coverings when six feet of social distancing was not possible. Mayor Andrew Cremata vetoed the resolution days later, stating he believed the intent of the assembly was not reflected in the language. His veto was not challenged.

Resolution 21-09R, which

was very similar to the March 18 legislation, drew passionate public comment, with no correspondence or public remarks in favor of a mask mandate. Just four weeks ago, a majority of the public communication favored a mask mandate and the passage of Resolution 21-08R.

"I don't think you can set the ground rules for all of us," said Rocky Outcalt, owner of Klondike Doughboy as he urged the assembly to let businesses decide if they would require face coverings. He added that if cruise ships require masks, business owners will comply.

"If it comes to that, of course we'll mask up," Outcalt said.

Beth Smith, owner of Happy Endings Saloon and two other establishments, said she felt the city was "micro-

managing" business owners.

Assemblymember Jay Burnham suggested the language change in Resolution 21-09R.

"It looks good to have a resolution that you should wear a mask and I also agree that we shouldn't tell people how to run their business. This is my attempt at having both," he said.

When the amended resolution passed, many business owners breathed an audible sigh of relief and clapped quietly as they exited.

Assemblymember Reba Hylton, who voted for the measure, doesn't feel satisfied.

"We did what we had to do to get the resolution passed. It was literally the very least we could do," Hylton said. "I have some serious concerns. There are still so many unknowns."

Hylton said that in her ide-

al resolution, essential businesses would be required to don masks.

Assemblymember Orion Hanson was the single no vote for Resolution 21-09R.

"I don't know that it's terribly effective," Hanson said. "I wish the business community would present whatever they're working on."

The Skagway Visitors Department, along with the local business community, have been crafting a voluntary program which certifies that participating establishments comply with specific COVID-19 mitigation practices. The visitors department has yet to make a proposal to the assembly.

While masks may not be required in private businesses, face coverings are still mandated in all municipality buildings.

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**Governor plans tourism marketing, CDC discussions**

By Gov. Mike Dunleavy

Alaskans have been through it all: earthquakes, fires, floods and landslides. For the past year, our communities, businesses, families and friends have weathered the everyday challenges of living in the Last Frontier while simultaneously managing a global pandemic.

On all fronts, we worked together. We showed the nation how to manage a pandemic while still having an economy and a society. Even today, Alaska is a leader in many of the critical pandemic health metrics, including hospitalizations, COVID-19 testing and fully vaccinated citizens.

We organized a safe summer fishing season in some of the most remote parts of North America without triggering a single community outbreak. Our oil, mining and construction industries conducted successful, labor-intensive operations while protecting their workers and local residents.

Alaska did it right; Alaskans, working together, did what was asked of them to protect each other, their communities and our economy. We followed the science, and the results speak for themselves.

But the road to recovery will not be short. No one has been hit harder than the 2,180 businesses and dozens of communities that make up Alaska's \$4.5 billion tourism industry. In Ketchikan, over half of local businesses reported a 75 to 100% loss of income in 2020. Skagway saw 27% of its population move away. Even Denali and the Interior have been severely impacted by the global slowdown and the ongoing

ing cruise ban.

The reasons are many: demand shock from tourists concerned about travel safety, the closure of the Canadian border preventing RV trips, and of course, the federal ban on cruise sailings. The latter is expected to deliver a staggering blow of more than \$3 billion to Alaska's economy for the second year in a row.

Behind those dollars are people: Alaskans with dreams who dared to open a shop, put people to work and provide something unique and wonderful to the place they call home. None of this was their fault.

I'll continue battling for our cruise season. Across the globe, 400,000 tourists have sailed since last July with only 50 cases of COVID being discovered. As former FDA Director Dr. Scott Gottlieb recently stated, safe cruising is possible. A second year of shutdowns is not supported by science.

But we can't wait around for the CDC to do the right thing. This is an unprecedented disaster that continues to reverberate to this day. This is about whole sectors of our economy on the brink. Large scale assistance is warranted to get our economy back on track.

The recently passed American Rescue Plan Act recognizes the roll the federal government played in amplifying this economic disaster and contains \$1 billion in aid that Alaska's government has significant discretion to spend. Those recovery dollars should go where the need is greatest.

I'm proposing legislation directing \$150 million of those funds toward broad, tourism-related relief. My ex-

pectation is that this revitalization effort will include grants to affected businesses, local community and harbor support and tourism incentives for travelers. It's important that we mix direct relief with a vigorous effort to drive tourism toward our most heavily impacted regions and communities. Nothing beats getting customers back in the doors.

Secondly, my administration is launching a multi-million-dollar marketing campaign with the goal of reaching every home in America. We want the rest of the country to know what we know: that Alaska is not just an otherworldly beautiful place, but the people are what make it so wonderful. If ever there was a time to discover Alaska, to invest in the experience of a lifetime and meet some of the best people on the planet, the time is now.

Finally, we're opening vaccine eligibility to all tourists who want one. Soon, you'll be able to fly to Alaska and receive a free vaccination at our major airports. Americans are all in this together, and Alaska is blessed to be able to help our neighbors. It's my hope this will spur additional travel as we chalk up another national "first" thanks to your hard work.

Alaskans weathered the storm. They kept the ship afloat in the heavy swells and stabilized the craft. But we're not home yet. Now is the time for a strong tourism recovery plan and a united front in support of our tourism-based communities. Together, we can overcome these headwinds and bring Alaska safely to port.

*Mike Dunleavy is the 12th governor of Alaska.*

**Don't expect Canada to lift its travel ban anytime soon**

By Larry Persily

The Canadian border has been closed for more than a year and, judging from recent news, it's not likely to reopen in late spring or even early summer.

British Columbia recorded its highest number of daily cases in late March.

For the first time in the pandemic, British Columbia reported more than 1,000 new COVID-19 cases on two consecutive days. The April 2 case count was a record high, surpassed the next day by an even higher count. The previous record was set just three days earlier.

These are not the numbers you want to see if you are arguing that Canada should reopen its border with the United States.

"As the new variants spread, you will see that COVID-19 is killing faster and younger," Adalsteinn Brown, co-

chair of a panel of scientists advising Ontario Premier Doug Ford, said April 1, as reported by the Washington Post. "It's spreading far more quickly than it was before, and we cannot vaccinate quickly enough to break this third wave."

Adding to Canada's alarm, public health officials and infectious-disease experts report that patients hospitalized with more severe illnesses are younger than during previous surges, the Post reported.

The culprits? Pandemic fatigue, premature easing of curbs and the spread of more transmissible and dangerous variants of the coronavirus, public health officials in Canada said.

British Columbia announced March 29 that it would shut down indoor dining at bars and restaurants, worship services and indoor

group fitness classes for three weeks.

Quebec ordered strict curbs, including the closure of schools, theaters, gyms, hair salons and nonessential businesses for 10 days.

"People essentially have to stay at home, unless they absolutely need to go to work," Quebec Premier François Legault was quoted in the Post.

On April 3, Ontario closed indoor and outdoor dining and imposed capacity limits on businesses, weddings and funerals for the next four weeks.

The vaccination rate in Canada is not good, and that's part of the problem. As of April 3, less than 15% of the population had received at least one dose. Alaska was more than double that.

The news out of Canada does not look good for Alaskans, their friends and families, and tourism businesses

that were hoping to see the border stations wave people through instead of waving at them to stop and turn around.

In fairness, it's not just Canadian officials who are worried about cross-border spread of COVID-19. On March 21, the U.S., Mexico and Canada agreed to restrict non-essential travel across the U.S.-Canada land borders through April 21.

Maybe the vaccination rate will catch up and defeat the infection rate in our next-door neighbor. Maybe the case counts will drop enough and stay low long enough for officials to consider easing back on border restrictions.

In the meantime, however, Alaskans should look for vacation destinations on this side of the border and plan to fly over, not drive through, Canada. The pandemic's hold on life is lessening, but it is by no means over.

# Skagway construction worker accused of fleecing elderly client

By Melinda Munson

Jose de Jesus Orozco Santos, formerly the general manager of Hunz and Hunz Enterprises, was arrested on March 10 in the Juneau Airport on two counts of Theft in the Second Degree.

According to court documents, Orozco is accused of defrauding an elderly resident who hired the construction company to do work around her seasonal property in September 2019.

Orozco Santos estimated the job would cost \$13,997.81. He finished the work in December 2019, then made several trips to Mexico where his wife re-

sides.

When Hunz and Hunz contacted the client for late payment, the woman said Orozco Santos told her to pay him directly. She sent him a cashier's check in the amount of \$15,000, approximately \$1,000 above the estimated cost. She said Orozco Santos then told her she owed additional funds. The woman sent another cashier's check, this time in the amount of \$5,000 to a relative of Orozco Santos.

On Feb. 16, Hunz and Hunz notified the state police of the discrepancies. When Orozco Santos contacted Hunz and Hunz for

financial assistance to return to Skagway, the company used mileage points to obtain a plane ticket for the employee. State troopers arrested Orozco Santos when he arrived in Juneau.

The Skagway Police were not involved in the matter.

"That case did not come to us," said Acting Police Chief Jerry Reddick.

Had the complaint been made to the Skagway Police, Reddick said, "I probably would have referred it to the state," as an officer on the force is related to the owners of Hunz and Hunz.

The defendant was scheduled for a preliminary hearing on April 8, which was vacated. A status hearing is set for June 9. Orozco Santos was appointed a public defender and is being held on \$2,500 bail.

Hunz and Hunz did not respond to The Skagway News by deadline.

# Police officers add body cameras to routine



Acting Police Chief Jerry Reddick fastens his body camera to his uniform. Photo by Melinda Munson

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Brad Ryan for review by the municipality's attorney.

According to Borough Treasurer Heather Rodig, the four cameras and charging stations cost \$3,598. In addition, the licensing, storage and technical support for the first year will cost \$3,160. The municipality will then pay \$3,660 each successive year, for a total of five years.

In a recent Skagway Bulletin Board Facebook discussion about the police camer-

as, opinions varied.

"It's always (a) great thing, police having a bodycam. Wouldn't hurt at all," said local jeweler Murtat Ozuzun.

Artist Kathy Warchuck dsagreed.

"I choose to think of Skagway as a small town with small town issues, so do we really need body cameras? Read the Skagway Police Blotter in the paper... nothing too exciting," Warchuck responded.

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## Aurora over Skagway

Skagway small boat harbor beneath an April aurora. Photo by Reba Hylton

Photo by Reba Hylton

"It's been the first week that it has really felt like spring. Having the northern lights made it magical here in Skagway, like we earned this week! It made everyone feel better -- a collective appreciation and a big sigh of relief. We needed it." - Reba Hylton

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## Obituary

# David “Dyea Dave” Jon McClelland

November 28, 1945 – April 4, 2021



U.S. Army which included a tour of duty in Germany.

David came to Skagway to visit his sister, Nancy, and after returning a few times, settled down to become a Skagway resident. At first, he was known as Nancy Schave's brother. After he became known in the community as Dyea Dave, their roles reversed and Nancy became Dyea Dave's sister.

David loved Skagway and was often seen driving around town in his 1960 Metropolitan with his signature Pendleton red and black checkered shirt, wearing his top hat and entertaining any who were nearby. It was not hard to get a ride with him -- resident or tourist. David accumulated many friends in Skagway and was always willing to share. He enjoyed fishing and catching crab or shrimp. Lots of friends will recall him showing up with

various goodies.

David attended the Skagway First Presbyterian Church and loved the potlucks and after-service treats there along with the fellowship. He was a member of the Elks and the Eagles where he liked to play pool with many friends and convinced everyone that he was quite good at the games on the table. David also accumulated friends all over the country and the world with his Dyea Dave Tours. His reviews were complementary and he took pride in giving tourists the best that Skagway and the Yukon had to offer.

David is survived by his sisters, Ruth Craig and Nina Edwards, and his brother, William. His Skagway family is brother-in-law, Frank Wasmer, and sister-in-law, Wei Li. Numerous nieces and nephews live in various places in the lower 48 states.

David was interred at the Evergreen Cemetery on April 10 next to his sister, Nancy McClelland (Schave). There were many in attendance despite the frigid temperatures.

The family wishes to recognize and thank those at the clinic who cared for him in

his last days and the members of Skagway EMS who responded several times to provide ambulance rides to and from the clinic. We also thank all the friends for their concern and for mourning with us.



Photos provided by the family

Dyea Dave with his signature top hat and 1960 Metropolitan.

David was born in Lenawee County, Michigan, in the city of Adrian on Nov. 28, 1945. His parents farmed there and in David's younger years, he worked the farm with his father, John McClelland, and mother, Estelle McWilliams McClelland. He was one of seven siblings. After graduating high school he attended college attaining a bachelor's degree. He was a veteran of two years in the

## February 2021 Students of the month Inspire



Photo provided by Skagway School

Arthur Aribam, 5th, Evelyn Borst, 8th, and Greyson Gil, 3rd

## Skagway School hiring multiple positions

By Melinda Munson

Skagway City School has five vacancies for the 2021-2022 school year. The school will need a preschool director, a part-time Spanish teacher, a maintenance/technician worker and both a science and social studies instructor for junior high/high school.

Superintendent Dr. Josh Coughran said the number of staff departures is not necessarily unusual.

“It’s in the ballpark,” he said.

According to Coughran, science teacher Tom Parker and social studies teacher Ryan Hickel, both in their first years in Skagway, didn’t see the town at its most exciting during the pandemic, with several shelter-in-place orders and a majority of Skagway businesses shuttered.

“It must have been hard being a single, new guy,” Coughran said.

Jeffrey Hewitt, Spanish teacher, said she accepted a job in Colorado. The town took a collective sigh of relief when she promised she would be back each summer to manage her Thai restaurant, Starfire.

Coughran said mainte-

nance worker Paul Kowal accepted a different position in town.

“I don’t know how the school is going to operate without him,” said special education director Heidi Fairbanks. “He is phenomenal.”

The school is also losing Fairbanks. She was offered a principal position in Maine.

In 2020, the school welcomed their first students that required a self contained classroom, a classroom designed for children who require a special education teacher throughout the day.

Fairbanks designed a program for the three new students and mentored Catera Gilmore, who was hired to oversee the inaugural classroom.

According to Coughran, it is surprisingly difficult to recruit teachers for his school, which has the highest test scores in the state.

“Sometimes it’s a place that people have never heard of before. That’s difficult,” Coughran said. He added that the number of qualified teachers across the state has dropped dramatically.

While Coughran is advertising the positions and checking in with teacher da-

tabases, he plans to focus on locals.

“Anything we can do to support local talent, anyone who has an affinity for education. Those are the people who stick around,” he said.

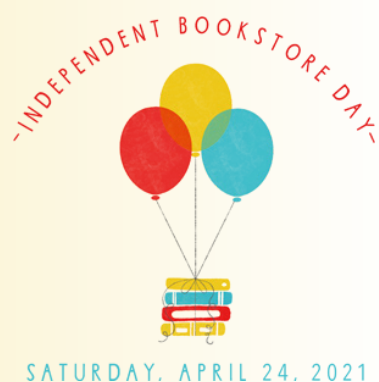
So far, Skagway School is having success with this method. Preschool teacher Kourtney Rupperecht is teaching while simultaneously working on her bachelor’s in elementary education. She will student-teach in the kindergarten classroom starting in August. Gilmore will be the teacher of record, dividing her time between the special education room and the kindergarten.

Cody Burnham, currently the first grade teacher, will transfer to the special education department.

Position details for all of Skagway School’s vacancies can be found at [skagway-school.org/human-resources](http://skagway-school.org/human-resources).

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Editor's Column



By Melinda Munson

I wake up in the morning wanting to hurt something innocent. This simmering, inexplicable rage is a new phenomenon for me. Normally, I'm a centered, patient person. But now, the beast awakes each morning as soon as my feet hit the worn carpet. I am not mad at anything in particular -- I am mad at everything.

My blind daughter turns her head towards me and I'm immediately irritated.

"What do you want?" I hiss.

"To tell you thank you," she replies.

"Oh, sorry," I say as I deflate.

My husband asks where we keep the pizza cutter for the fourth time since we unpacked the kitchen and I don't answer, I just growl and bark like a dog.

My four-year-old poops

The beast within: Mom is angry

in his diaper -- again. I just cry.

I am severely and critically burnt out.

We have moved four times in one year. Moving is unsettling for anyone, but add family members with blindness and/or severe ADD and even Marie Kondo couldn't organize that sh\*&.

My husband started a new job feeding Skagway's elderly through Meals on Wheels. We're excited but suddenly I'm home during the days, fighting the chaos of dinner routine so I can start work on the newspaper, already exhausted from five showers, four loads of laundry, two dishwasher runs and one "What the heck is that around the toilet seat?"

Three times a week I lead thirty-something high school students through their last month of Zoom classes, feigning enthusiasm and good cheer when we all know they just want a normal prom and I want a nap.

I don't think I'm the only one in town who feels off balance. I see multiple posts on Facebook about how badly everyone needs a break. About how this past year has just been too much with COVID, financial devasta-

tion and business plans that have broken more times than the ferry.

Just when I was about to start weekly therapy or book a one-way ticket to New Zealand (good weather, low COVID-19 counts, my kids don't have passports), something happened -- the sun shone in Skagway. In one single day, the April snow berms melted and I was walking around in Texas with my white triiceps bare, slapping at mosquitoes.

Basketballs slammed onto the recreation center pavement, where just weeks before an ice rink lay. Kids pulled out their swim gear and actually jumped off the small harbor dock. Adults gathered at bonfires to watch the vivid northern lights. Suddenly, optimism bubbled up through my chest, washing my soul with the balm of hope. Skagway was rising.

Instead of buying airfare, I signed up for the all-woman Chilkoot hike in June. I committed to Tuesday night yoga classes with Jeanne. And for the record, I think I will book that therapy appointment. Spring is here and I will focus on that.

Police chief vacancy advertised

By Melinda Munson

After a hiring freeze caused by COVID-19, the municipality is now advertising for a new police chief. A job announcement for the department head was posted on the municipality's website on April 9.

The full time position starts at \$38.49 per hour and qualifies for benefits. According to the announcement, "The position is open until filled."

Acting Police Chief Jerry Reddick said he applied for the job.

Reddick temporarily took over the department in January after Ray Leggett's departure in October 2020. Leggett had served Skagway for 15 years when he said he was told by the borough manager, Brad Ryan, to resign or be fired. The municipality will not comment on personnel matters.

Skagway has four police officer positions, including the chief of police. Current-

ly, three of the positions are filled. The police chief is expected to manage the department as well as perform patrol duties.

The borough waited to advertise the vacancy until the 2020 budget was reworked with the expectation

of another lost cruise ship season. According to Ryan, COVID-19 was also a concern in the hiring process. A majority of Skagway's adults are now vaccinated against the disease, making it safer for applicants to visit the borough.



The Skagway Public Safety Facility.

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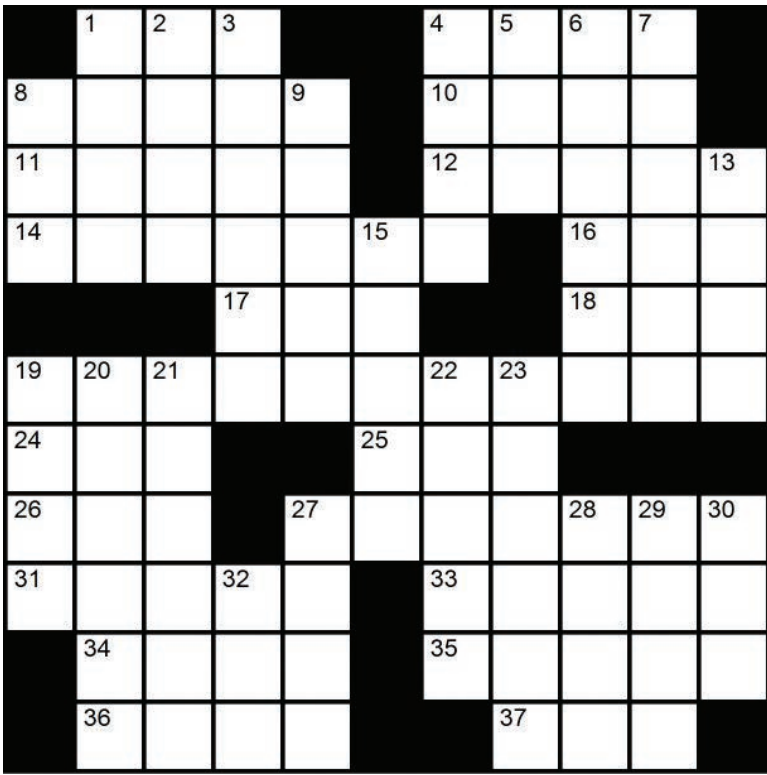
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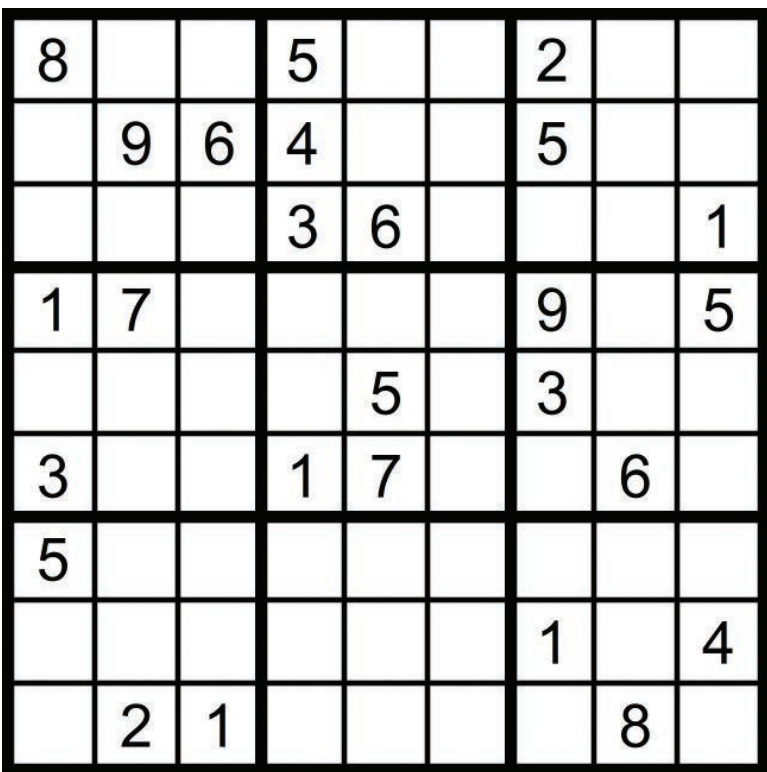
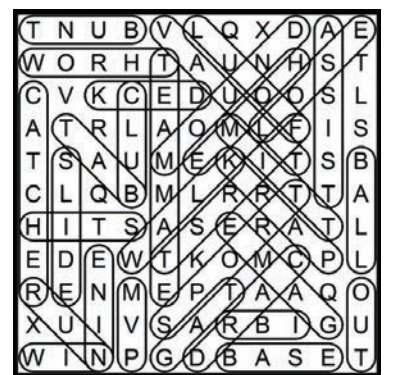
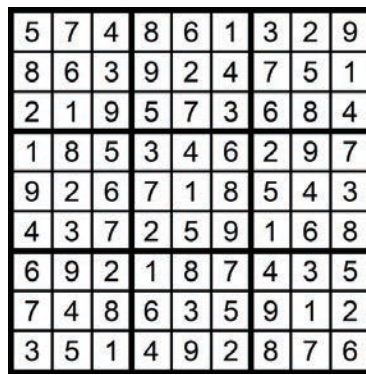
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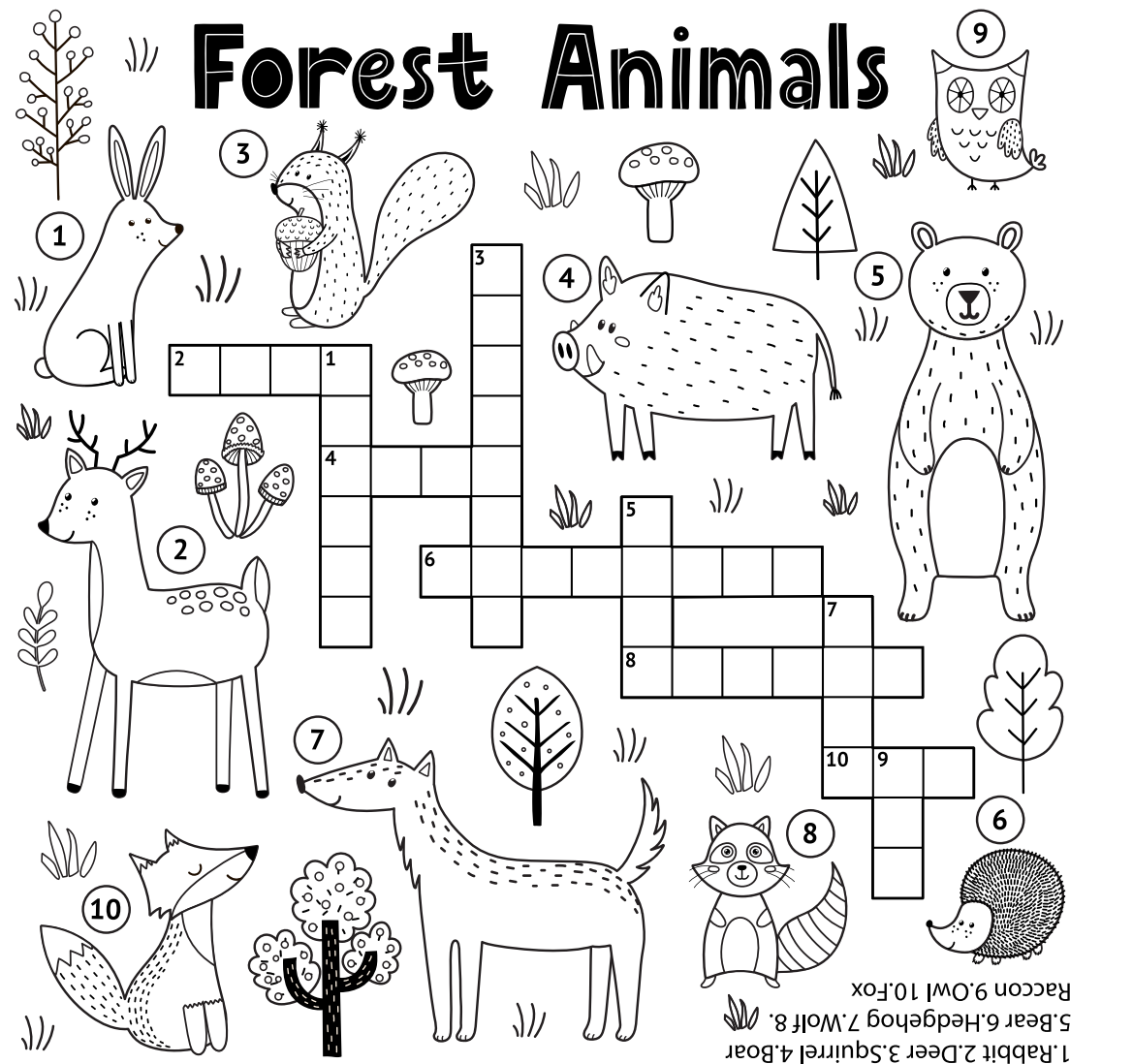
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- 7 The Old Man and --- (Hemingway)

- 8 Rent out
- 9 Eye socket
- 13 Raced
- 15 Solar-treated brick
- 19 Name of two British PMs
- 20 Huge amounts
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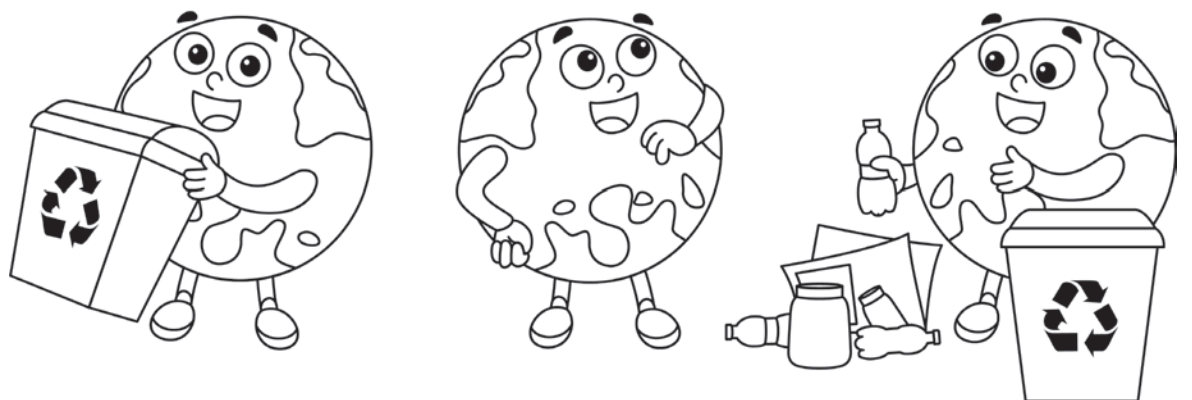


*Last issue's answers*



## Earth Day

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BUSINESS FOR SALE: Gold Digger Mine and Dine For more

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

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Check them out.

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## WEATHER WATCH

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

DATE	MAX	MIN	PREC
Weather Watch 2/21 - 3/31			
3/9	34	14	-
3/10	34	15	-
3/11	36	20	trace
3/12	39	25	trace
3/13	34	17	-
3/14	23	11	-
3/15	27	11	trace
3/16	32	25	.34 in
3/17	39	30	.13 in
3/18	36	30	.55 in
3/19	37	27	.02 in
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3/21	28	27	.10 in
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## BROADWAY BULLETIN BOARD

### Police & Fire Blotter

Submitted by Skagway Police Department

- April 5**  
The Klondike Highway was closed for half the day due to avalanche mitigation.
- April 7**  
Fire personnel responded to a brush fire on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.  
Fire personnel responded to a fire alarm on Main Street.
- April 9**  
The Klondike Highway was closed for half the day due to avalanche danger.
- April 10**  
Police helped a motorist gain entry to their vehicle.
- April 12**  
Fire personnel responded to a fire alarm on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- April 14**  
The Klondike Highway was closed due to wet slab avalanches on the Canadian side.
- April 15**  
The Klondike Highway reopened.  
The Klondike Highway closed again due to avalanche mitigation on the Canadian side.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Library Hours:**

M-F 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Closed Sunday  
8 patrons max.

(COVID-19 mitigation practices are in place)

Call 983-2665 or email [library@skagway.org](mailto: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](http://www.skagway.org) for borough meeting updates.

**RECREATION CTR SCHED**

**Skagway Recreation Center •**

OPEN regular hours  
5:30am-NOON and 4pm -8pm  
Please sign up for classes, wt.

### 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.  
Wed. Bible Devotions & Prayer 7 p.m.  
Email [skagwayag@outlook.com](mailto:skagwayag@outlook.com) for the latest schedule.

**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.

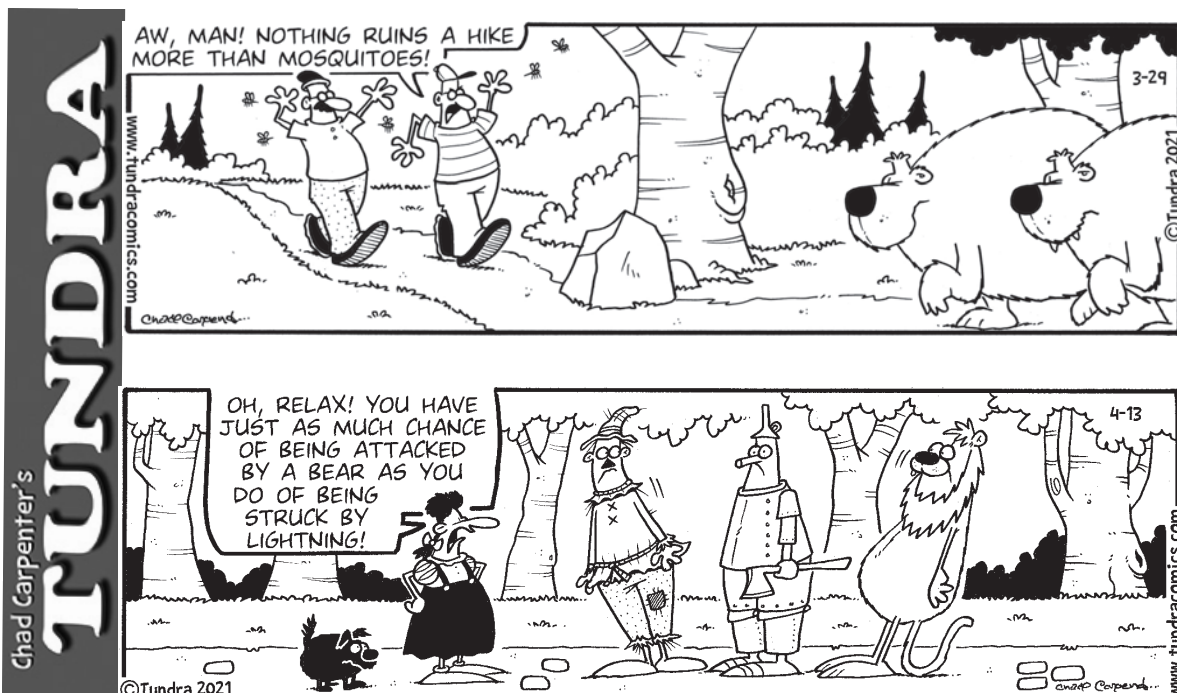
**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

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. & Tue.....12:10 p.m.  
(when a priest is available)

## THE PACK



## D is for Dad

By Julius Long

I love my dad, Jason O'Daniel. Here are some of the things I like about my dad. The first thing I like about my dad is he feeds me. He's a great cook. He feeds me pizza, ramen noodles, and my most favorite is his lasagna. The second thing I like about him is he plays board games with me like Monster Trap. I will tell you what you do in Monster Trap. When you flip a card that has a monster on it, you have to find that monster and trap him. As soon as I play monster trap with Dad, I am so happy. The last thing I like is watching him play video games. He plays Witcher 3, Middle-Earth Shadow of War, Borderlands 3, and last but not least Uncharted. For these reasons, I love my dad!

## D is for Dyea

By Mason Jennings

Dyea is a place outside of my town that has fun things to do and see. First, you can go camping! I love camping because you can do whatever you want with your friends. Four wheeling is one of my camping hobbies. It's fun because you can ride with friends, do jumps, explore, and well do anything our in nature. One time about 9 months ago, Waylon made me go on a four wheeler ride to show me this cave. Obviously I said, "This better be worth it because I was going to play football with Zander." We went to the flats, and we had to cross a river. Although the salt water wasn't good for the four wheeler, we went full throttle and blasted Yonder in the face with water. Once we got to the cave, we saw Zeke and Zane there, but when they left we explored. Another story was when my friend Dane and I were stranded on the flats! It was about 8:45 and sun was just about to go down, but I was going on a four wheeler ride last

## H is for Hawaii

By JT Reddick

I want to go to Hawaii! The first island of Hawaii I would go to is Oahu. I would really like to go snorkeling in Hanauma Bay because I haven't gone snorkeling before. I would also like to go to the big island of Hawaii. As soon as I get to Hawaii, if I go, I will go straight to the boogie boards at Kona State Park Beach. Another island I'd go to is Maui and do some whale watching. Last a helicopter ride in Waimea Canyon would be awesome and some surfing would be nice too. Do you want to go to Hawaii as much as I do?

## I is for Ice Cream

By Roman PerDue

Ice cream is very creamy and tasty. My favorite flavor is vanilla. We have an ice cream shop in town, and it's called the Cone Company. There are many different flavors like rocky road, birthday cake, mint and chocolate chip, and strawberry. Last, there are so many toppings to choose from. My favorite toppings are Reese's Pieces and jelly beans. I also like my ice cream in a cone with three scoops! As you can see, ice cream is delicious, especially vanilla!

## L is for Love

By Ella Rauscher

I love everything so much that I can explode, so be careful! The friends I love are Madie, Maycee, and Luna.. Even though Madie is on Zoom, I still sometimes call her, and we play Roblox! Maycee is a very fun friend to hang out with, same as Luna and Madie. When I hang out with them, it always turns into a sleep over. THEY'RE SO FUN! Some of my friends left Skagway when I was in 1st grade and 4th, but I still have lots of friends here that I love. In the summer, my friends and I love walking Gus around Skagway. I love hiking with my family and friends too, even though I don't want to sometimes. As you can see, those are all the things I love to do, but the thing I love most is watching My Hero, Academia!

## O is for October

By Madie Calver

October is my favorite time of year. I love October because you can get pumpkin everything. Pumpkin spice lattes, pumpkin cake pops, pumpkin bread, and pumpkin cookies. In October the leaves are orange, yellow, and red, and you can rake up the leaves then jump in them over and over again. The 31st is Halloween. This day is also my friend Lexie's birthday, but she moved to Texas in the year 2020. On Halloween you get to dress up and trick or treat, but in 2020 we didn't really get to trick or treat because of COVID -19. Can you see why my favorite month of the year is October?

## P is for Pearl Harbor

By Dane Ames

Pearl Harbor is in Hawaii, and I think it is an interesting place from history. It is the harbor that got bombed by Japan during World War II, and it was the incident that got America involved with the war. When I went to Pearl Harbor, I went on the SS Missouri. It had a super cool mounted machine gun on the deck, and a SUPER big gun with a barrel that was like 30 feet long. Inside the ship there were unique belongings and badges from soldiers that were on the ship during World War II. For those reasons, I think Pearl Harbor was an important place in history.

## P is for Pets

By Macye Authier

Ellie is my female dog. She is so cute. Ellie is really over protective, but she has not bit anyone before. Dooby was our dog, but sadly we had to put him down. I don't really remember much about him, but he was one of my mom's favorite pets. Chewy was a really good dog too. He was hit by a drunk driver and got split open, but the man is in jail who did it. Tom and Jerry are my pet mice. They were white with red eyes, but the mice died. Sadly, Tom's mice wheel wasn't on all the way, and when he went in it, the mice wheel trapped him and for some reason Jerry stopped eating. My rabbit's name was Rabbit. Rabbit would beat up our cat up, so we gave him to someone else. We had so many memories with Rabbit. Kitters was a good cat. When I was scared or sad, Kitters would snuggle me. Hopee was another dog we had, but we had to get rid of her because she would chew up our clothes. Rainbow Fins was my favorite fish because she was tiny but cute. When I came home, I was so sad to see that Rainbow Fins was not in her cage. What pet is your favorite pet?

## R is for Ruth Ginsberg

By Luna Hischer

Ruth Ginsburg is an inspiration to me. Ruth had big blue earrings and short dirty blond hair. She was a judge for the Supreme Court, and she helped a lot with women's rights even though she helps with all sorts of things. Sadly, Ruth Ginsburg died on September 18, 2020. All around the country people were devastated. Ruth not only inspired me, but almost everyone in our country. This is a quote from Ruth Ginsburg:

*"My mother told me to be a lady. And for her, that meant be your own person, be independent. Women will only have true equality when men share with them the responsibility of bringing up the next generation. The state controlling a women would mean denying her full autonomy and full equality. "* -Ruth Ginsburg

Even though Ruth Ginsburg died, she helped and inspired all of America.

## S is for Snow

By Millie Bass

In winter, beautiful snowflakes fall from the sky. I like to play in the snow, jump in the snow, and throw snowballs. You can do a lot of fun stuff in the snow like making snow angels and snowmen. Some people do not like the snow. I do not know why, but I cannot complain because it is their opinion. It is very fun to play in the snow, but it can cause problems for people. For example, one time my dog Cora got out without a leash and because she is white she was hard to find because in Skagway so it snows a lot. Thankfully, we got her back, but she got in trouble. I love the snow, but I do not know if it loves me. For these reasons, snow is the best!

## T is for Trevor Henderson

By Jaxon Larsen

Trevor Henderson is a Canadian horror artist born in 1986 who inspires me. He has been obsessed with monsters since he was little because he has visions and dreams about them. He's mostly the only person I talk about now because I like creepy stuff. I am currently writing him a letter and writing a story about Trevor Henderson's creatures. He has over 200 drawings. He uploads his drawings to Twitter and other parts of the internet. His drawings are called found footage art. His most popular drawing is Siren Head, part of the Malephite species. Siren head is a 40-foot tall entity with sirens for a head. In 2020 it was all over the internet creating memes, toys, plushies, and even songs. My favorite of his drawings are probably Long Horse, a skeleton horse with an infinite neck, Cartoon Cat, A large bipedal black cat with gloves and a big creepy smile, and Lil' Nugget, a small, pink, harmless creature. There are some theories that his creatures are SCPs, a totally different universe from Trevor Henderson's. Here's a quote from Trevor Henderson, "I think we should look into how many entities are trapped in the photographic web of google earth, forever being visualized and held by our focus, never aloud to flee. Seems like a concern!!" Trevor Henderson is an inspiration to me.