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“Everyone duck!”



Underground tourists huddle together in the mining cart tram, ducking their heads as low clearance obstacles headed their way.

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Mining conference attendees journey into the dark

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Trekking down into the dark of the Ouray Silver Mine at about 10 to 15 miles per hour, the mining cart tram was coming up on a low clearance area, prompting the driver to yell out into the dark - "Everyone duck your heads!" The ride had just started, but there would be many more warnings to come. The rickety ride would eventually lead to a test section of the mine, where tourists would be able to see a sliver of a silver ore vein embedded above them.

For a visual journey of the tour, visit ouraynews.com for the video.

The tourists of the Ouray Silver Mine, attendees of the 2017 San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference in Ouray, took a dark, damp journey inside the mine as part of the conference hosted by the city and organized by Mountain Studies Institute.

Several groups trudged into the mine last Friday to see its past and present, receiving a tour of the operation with full gear and a trip into the depths via mine cart

tram.

The below-ground tour started with groups being shuttled up Camp Bird Road to the Ouray Silver Mine site and entrance. The shuttle made occasional stops along with road for short history lessons, given by both driver Leo Rasmusson and longtime Ouray resident Rick Trujillo.

As Rasmusson stopped for the riders to take in the views, he would describe what they were seeing and Trujillo would add in some mining history, having had

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TOWN OF RIDGWAY

Seacat pursuing other broadband routes after \$1 million grant removed

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With a grant of about \$1 million in the palm of his hand, Clearnetworx owner Doug Seacat had big plans to install quality broadband fiber infrastructure throughout Ridgway, bringing hope to local residents and businesses their digital subscriber line (DSL) connections may finally go the way of dial-up.

However, the money was recently taken away and given to internet service provider giant CenturyLink, resulting in disgruntled business owners and ensuring DSL will remain the only affordable option in Ridgway for the foreseeable future.

In late September 2016, the Colorado Broadband Board, a division of the state Department of Regulatory Affairs, awarded Montrose-based internet service provider Clearnetworx a grant of \$1,061,167 to install fiber throughout Ridgway, including coverage through the downtown area, Solar Ranch and Vista Terrace. The fiber would be a modern upgrade on the current usage of DSL, creating faster upload and download speeds for residents and business owners.

The award was a large chunk of the \$2.4 million put aside by DORA in 2016 for statewide last mile broadband projects. Clearnetworx, throwing in about 25 percent of project funding, had applied for the grant and received it to start a last mile project in Ridgway, which would have connected with

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OURAY COUNTY

Improving river health is aim of cleanup efforts

BY MARY MENZ
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River pollution is recognizable as trash on and around a river and its banks, yet some pollution and contamination is invisible to the naked eye.

Dudley Case, a board member of the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, and his wife Sharon, measure water quality of the Uncompahgre River at four different locations between Ouray and the Pa-Co-Chu-Puk tailwater fishery.

"The river is always cloudier above the reservoir from both naturally occurring elements in the area's geology and runoff from abandoned mines," said Dudley.

Monthly, Dudley tests for hardness, alkalinity and three heavy metals: aluminum, arsenic and zinc.

"Twice a year, we also take samples for nutrient testing, which includes phosphates," said Dudley.

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CITY OF OURAY

Conference offers insight into the future of mining

BY MARY MENZ
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In a region of the state where mining legacy is big business—both as an active industry and as an offshoot of tourism—it is not surprising that more than 150 people attended the seventh annual San Juan Mining Conference in Ouray last week.

The conference featured 14 presentations relevant to the theme “Coming Full Circle: Making a Difference and Forging Ahead.” Attendees included mining professionals, associated businesses and interested members of the public, some involved in the region’s recreation organizations.

Morning sessions addressed how various stakeholder groups are active in remediation

efforts like revegetating, reviving and reestablishing areas around closed and active mines. Other sessions focused on managing mine waste past and present, from ground-water monitoring to flood-plain development to reducing contaminant loads in acid mine drainage areas and successful restoration plans.

At the end of the day, the focus was on the future of reclamation, specifically the need for Good Samaritan legislation as it relates to dealing with abandoned and orphaned hard rock mines, ways to convert waste rock to useful products and a panel of local experts who discussed the future of mining in the San Juans.

Good Sam legislation

The San Juan Clean Water Coalition comprises 20 regional businesses, more than a dozen nongovernmental agencies and thousands of individuals.

During the afternoon session Lauren Duncan, mine

restoration project manager for Colorado Trout Unlimited, shared with attendees why the coalition, Trout Unlimited and other coalition partners support legislation that

relief for groups wanting to help.”

Duncan described the bipartisan reintroduction of a draft in January 2016 of the Good Samaritan Cleanup of Orphan Mines Act by Senators Michael Bennett (D) and Cory Gardner (R) and Representative Scott Tipton (CO-03). Since then negotiations between lawmakers have stalled due to compliance and liability issues, even in the wake of the Gold King Mine spill into the Animas River in August 2015.

Different forms of this kind of legislation have been on the burner in Colorado for more than two decades.

Converting waste rock to good purpose

“The sheer volume of waste rock in mining operations makes managing and storing it a huge obstacle and cost in the environmental sustainability of mining,” said Andrew Harley, a principal scientist with Duraroot Environmental Consulting, during his presentation.



Mining conference panelists, left to right: Bob Larson, Dave Belling, Pat Willits, Russ Means and Frank Filas.

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would make cleanup of abandoned and orphaned mines easier.

“Good Sam legislation would not allow anyone with a backhoe willy-nilly access to clean up or treat water,” said Duncan. “But it would increase capacity for cleanup efforts, allow partial cleanup and provide liability

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MINING future

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Instead, Harley said, the emphasis can and should be on closing the waste loop by extracting minerals from waste rock. He said that his company is using a proprietary, environmentally safe chemical leaching process that can also extract precious metals from waste rock.

Harley insisted that mineral recovery is not as important or as lucrative as using the available biominerals in waste rock to add minerals back to agricultural land, to fortify animal feedstock or to create fertilizer, depending on the minerals being extracted.

Potential use of waste rock can be an incentive as well as a cost recovery aspect to future mining operations, explained Harley.

The future of mining

Moderator Rory Cowie, Ph.D.

hydrologist and water resources director for Mountain Studies Institute, introduced a panel of experts with more than 140 years of experience among them. Panelists included:

- Bob Larson, mining and geological consultant, Monadnock Mineral Services L.L.C.;

- Dave Belling, P.E., Bullfrog Gold Corporation;

- Frank Filas, P.E., Filas Engineering and Environmental Services L.L.C.;

- Pat Willits, executive director, Trust for Land Restoration; and,

- Russ Means, senior environmental protection specialist, Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety.

An interactive discussion with the audience addressed reopening hard rock mines, advances in the mining and cleanup processes since the Clean Water Act was introduced in the early

70s and a better informed citizenry.

“From a local perspective, it’s a lot easier for the public to embrace the plans for Ouray Silver Mines, because it’s a known entity and scale of operation,” explained Pat Willits. “People now also have an appreciation for the mining legacy. For example, for 20 years the public thought all of the dilapidated mine structures were eyesores. Now people want to save those old buildings.

“By the way,” said Willits, “I’m pleased to announce that last week, the Trust for Land Restoration and Ouray Silver Mines signed a memorandum of understanding to conserve the surface rights of mining lands. This will help them achieve their mining goals and also reduce conflicts with recreationalists, cabin dwellers and more. The future of mining requires collaborative efforts like this.”

TOWN OF RIDGWAY

New mental health center opens in Ridgway

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The Center for Mental Health will open a clinic in Ridgway in June. The new clinic will be located at 177 Sherman St., Suite 103, and will offer mental health and substance use disorder services.

Work is currently being completed on the inside to create a pleasing and

welcoming space with a planned finish date in the early part of June.

The clinic will be open five days a week with regularly scheduled hours.

The Center for Mental Health is a community mental health center, organized as a non-profit, with a governing board of directors representative of the communities served. The center provides comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder care

throughout Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel counties, with a team of 147 staff and a budget of just over \$12 million.

The center was organized in 1964 in response to the Community Mental Health Act of 1963 – the last bill that President Kennedy signed before he was assassinated. With this proud heritage, the center will be, for the first time, part of the Ridgway community.

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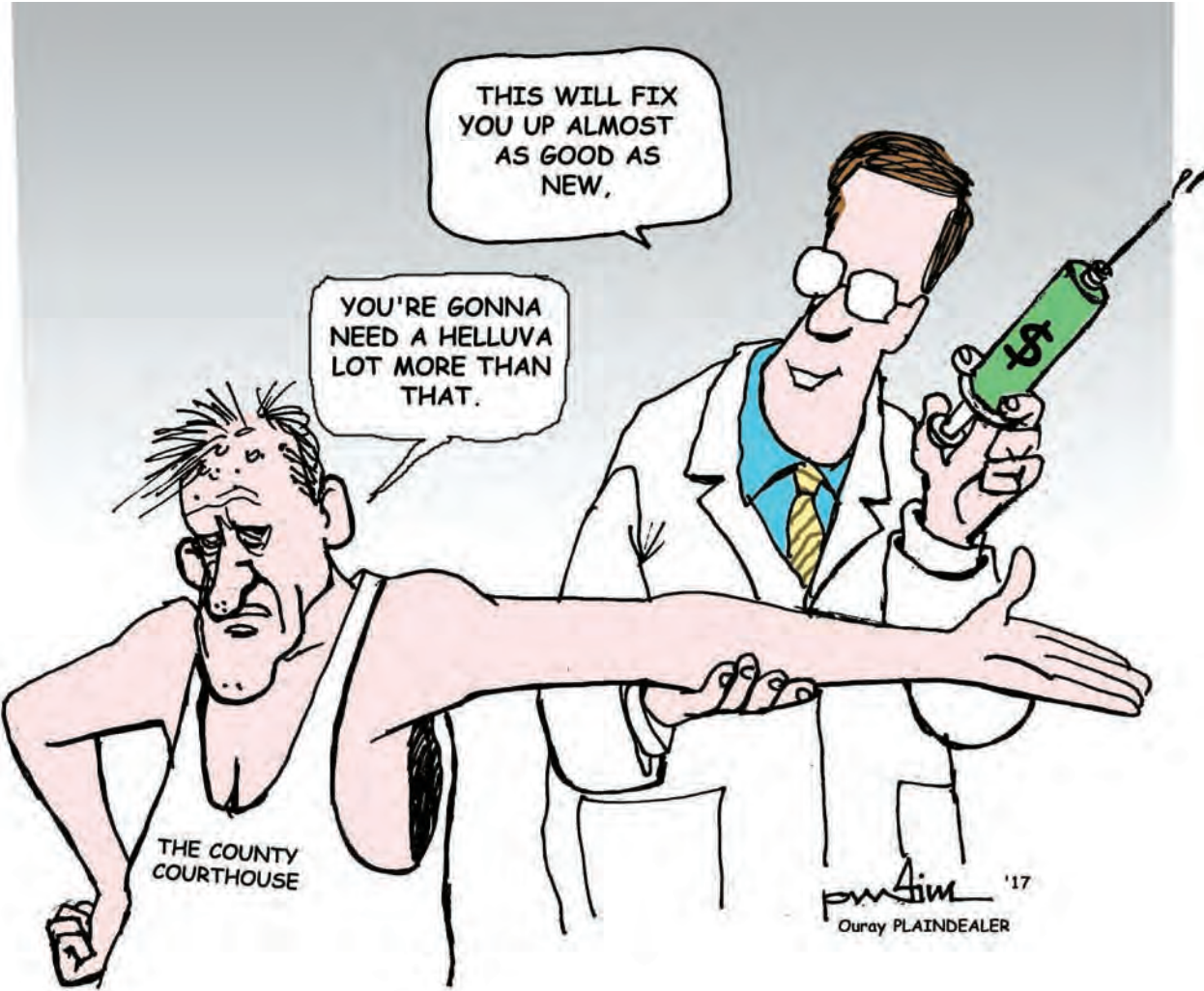
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Lauren Duncan, Colorado Trout Unlimited
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mining conference done right

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to express my thanks to the organizers of the San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference held in Ouray May 23-25. It was a very worthwhile event. Even without a background in science, engineering or mining, each of the conference presenters helped me gain a better appreciation of what is being done and what can be done to clean up the many

legacy mines in Ouray County.

I also want to thank the management and employees of Ouray Silver Mines for allowing us to tour their mill and mine at the Revenue-Virginus Mine. It was fascinating. OSM's community outreach is a case study on how to do it right.

*Kevin Kennedy
 Loghill Mesa*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Truly jaw dropping

Dear Editor,

The Plaindealer's coverage the past several weeks of the County's deliberations regarding renovations to the courthouse now has me convinced that we who live on Log Hill must inhabit a separate parallel universe with respect to the Commissioners and County staff. Perhaps the escarpment ascent is the wormhole.

Talk of spending \$9 million plus to renovate/rebuild/relocate County offices is being blithely bandied about while our roads continue to fall apart. It is a cliché

but this is truly jaw dropping.

The County was unable to determine how to come up with \$3 million to pave County Road 1, and even undermined the "CRI Fix" initiative, but my sense is that the decision to spend at least \$9 million for new County offices has been made, that the momentum is there to do it, and the only open question is what to do, and whether the funding comes from sales taxes or property taxes.

JAW P21

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Our glass is half full

The Ouray Hot Springs Pool opened Saturday a few hours later than scheduled, but after nine months what did a little more anticipation matter?

Evidently, it didn't. I was there at 10:00 a.m. when it was scheduled to open, and when I came back at noon the same people, and then some, were waiting for the doors to open.

We know there's still work to be done, but swimming and soaking had to be done this Memorial Day weekend. The new design has five distinct pools, but the majority were closed. On Saturday only one pool was open. On Sunday and Monday just two were open.

There's so much more water to come. And soon.

In the meantime, how did this weekend stack up compared to Memorial Day weekend last year?

This year, 1,945 visitors dipped their toes in the pool. Last year, 3,081 ushered in the summer's first official weekend at the pool.

So, with limited pool capacity and a few glitches here or there, you might ask: was the pool half empty or half full?

Simple math-at-a-glance tells you that if all of the Hot Springs Pool was operational, this past weekend could have easily put attendance at or above 4,000.

Our vote: half full.

Alan Todd



A local hotel owner cancelled her help wanted classified ad with us this week after running it just one week. She found someone for a critical position that fast.

Not that I'm jealous of her success or how quickly she achieved it but, frankly, I'm jealous of her success and how quickly she achieved it. I've been trying for a while to find part-time help for our account manager, who is so swamped she's about ready to pull her hair out, and probably mine, too.

So, you could imagine the excitement when I received an inquiry last week, and from someone who has newspaper experience. Never mind that I was patient, asking twice for a resumé and references.

Yet, as any business owner in the county can attest, with such a shallow pool to choose from, it seems Ouray County employers tend to want candidates more than the candidates want us.

So, yes, you'll excuse me if my patience turned into a bit of overanxiousness. That soon waned.

I finally got that resumé over a week later, and it arrived with a note which I paraphrase: "Sorry, Mr. Todd, that I didn't send this earlier. I unexpectedly had to go camping."

I hired hundreds of people in my 25 years in the corporate newspaper world. I

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LOOKING BACK

From the Ouray County Herald and Ouray County Plaindealer:

50 Years Ago

June 1, 1967 Members of the 4-Wheelers and others with 4-wheel drives are invited to assist in entertaining the county clerks who will be in Ouray for their convention, June 11-14.

40 Years Ago

June 2, 1977 The Woman's Club of Ouray presented the large framed collections of their yearbook pictures, and other memorabilia from the club's 80-year existence to the Ouray County Museum, at the start of the Museum's season this week. The collection displays club yearbooks beginning with the year 1898, the year the club was formed. The song, "Ouray, Ouray of the Golden West" is also displayed.

30 Years Ago

June 4, 1987 The Ouray city council voted to proceed with drilling of three test wells as a part of the next step of the geothermal project despite a request from Linda Wright-Minter, owner of the Wiesbaden Lodge and Spa, during the council meeting Monday night, that the amount of spring water available to the lodge be monitored for a longer period of time.

20 Years Ago

June 5, 1997 Jim and Denise Wilson, and daughters Melinnia and Shabree, live in one of the most densely populated corners of Ouray County. But they say their neighbors are mostly pretty quiet. That's not surprising, seeing as how they are all dead. (The neighbors, that is.) As the caretakers of Cedar Hill Cemetery, (on Highway 550), between Ouray and Ridgway), the Wilsons do have some stories to tell, about keys which mysteriously disappear and reappear, or an ancient "ghost cat" which visits a particular tombstone, but can never be caught.

10 Years Ago

June 1, 2007 Ouray's popular "Taste of Ouray" will again offer an abundance of

palate-pleasing fare at the Ouray Community Center on Wednesday, June 13. The annual event, from 5-9 p.m., is sponsored by the Ouray Chamber Resort Association to introduce locals and visitors alike to the different cuisines offered at Ouray County restaurants. Admission to the Taste of Ouray is free, but diners must pay a nominal fee for tickets redeemable to sample a variety of foods.

1 Year Ago

June 2, 2016 Colorado Parks and Wildlife Personnel hope that an upcoming fishing tournament will help curb some of the issues that have been introduced to the Ridgway Reservoir. This weekend, anglers will have the opportunity to win fishing prize packages as well as a brand new fishing boat from Tracker. However, the tournament is about more than just prizes. In the early 2000s, smallmouth bass started being illegally introduced into the Ridgway Reservoir, creating issues for the surrounding ecosystem.

From The Ridgway Sun

25 Years Ago

June 4, 1992 The Ridgway Athletic Booster Club is now official. After months of active, but undeclared existence, the Booster Club elected officers in May and is preparing a membership drive for the fall. "We felt we could get more support if we organized," said Karen Miller, club co-president. Kent and Holly Parkinson are co-vice presidents, and Buddy and Debby Kay are co-secretary/treasurers.

15 Years Ago

June 5, 2002 Effective immediately, the Board of County Commissioners' resolution prohibits open fires, contained open fires, fireworks or any other potential source of ignition that poses a risk to the public health, safety, and welfare. The ban is in effect until July 1, subject to weekly review of existing conditions by the BOCC.



A Wistful Visitor's
OURAY SKETCHBOOK
by *don carlton*

**NATURE TOOK ITS TIME IN
MAKING THE MOUNTAINS
OF THE SAN JUAN RANGE —
AND IT'S STILL A WORK-IN-
PROGRESS HERE.**

Someday, I hope to absorb enough geology understanding to safely identify the varied forces that give the specific shape to the many mountains of the San Juans. This "half dome" appears to simply have given in to gravity and weathered erosions of alternating sun and ice producing a rock slope below. Or was it originally a glacially carved cirque basin there below?

All I know is that, ultimately, all the mountains here originated in the time of shifting plates, volcanic fires and violent upheavals and collapses. Then much later on, huge glaciers did much carving and movements of the rock. Wind, snow and melting ice then had their ways in "finish shaping" what we experience today. And the variations are endless.

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Cowboys, rodeo queens and broken filters

Our life on the ranch is incredible. We have been blessed to be allowed to live on a beautiful piece of private land in one of the most picturesque areas of this country. But changes and updates to things believed "perfect" are normal, right? I only ask that the littlest of things be "made better." The problem is that I have to ask over and over and over again. I pride myself on not being a nag or "that kinda" wife but sometimes blunt statements are necessary when you are dealing with a house full of cowboys, rodeo queens and broken filters.

The lights in the bathrooms are circa 1970 and only six of the 10 sockets are functional. Most of you, I think, would say that it is appropriate to update the lighting fixtures in the bathrooms. I have purchased the necessary parts, located the circuits, purchased LED lightbulbs and asked the cowboy to complete the job. That original request was given more than a year ago.

So the nagging must now begin... I begin pleading my case in jest, "I bet I would look years younger in this mirror, if I could see myself through the dark in this bathroom." The cowboy responds, "You look great already." Sweet to say but

really missed the point.

I go down the road of directness next. "Hey, it's too dark in this bathroom to see if my grey roots are showing." He brings me a spotlight. This is not working. Time to bring the kids into it.

I ask Caitlin, our 17-year-old Labor Day Rodeo Queen, to join me in the dark bathroom to complete fixing her hair. "It's too dark to see if I got all your hair curled, Sweetie, tell Dad you need more light." She answers, "It's fine Mom...I'm just going to a horse camp anyway." Big help from her.

I am left with the last 'ace up my sleeve'. My youngest son, Wyatt, has been blessed with a non-functional filter between his thoughts and his mouth. Whatever he thinks, he says. Sometimes a bit embarrassing but for this battle might just be the perfect weapon.

I tell Wyatt he can take a bath in our bathroom (the kids' bathroom is a shower only). The excitement is palpable. The bubbles are in, the water is slightly above tepid (perfection for Wyatt) and the trap is set. Wyatt is also "not pleased with the

Erin Stadelman



darkness" - he's afraid of the dark. "If you want more light in here, son, you need to tell your Dad." I hear the next conversation from the safety of my walk-in closet adjacent to the bathroom.

Wyatt to his Dad, "It's really dark in here." Steve says, "I know but you can still take your bath without much light." The brilliance of my son escapes through his mouth, "Dad, just fix the lights in this bathroom and Mom will stop trying to make Cait and I 'b-' at you about it." The laughter can be heard from the closet to the barn outside. Still no new lights in the bathroom but I have a great story to tell now.

Now when it comes to necessary improvements to the outside areas of the ranch for the livestock, the cowboy is "Johnny on the Spot." There is a wire fence between our horse pasture near our house and the 'milk cow' pasture to the west. At least four horses have had their hooves stuck in that wire fence over the years. It's just something horses do when they are bored. They 'paw' at the ground

and get hung up in the lower wire.

Every time it happens, Steve is immediately on the 'job' and fixes the problem (and often the loose horseshoe) right away. No matter what time of day or night. That's life with a cowboy, a cattleman and steward to the ranch. He can always be counted on to correct any issue that puts any head of livestock in danger.

Another example: Wyatt's goats were jumping out of their pen, just because they can. We live very close to the highway so they were in danger upon their escape. The cowboy to the "goat" rescue. He spent the entire day before he began his week long night shift building those goats a larger pen to dissuade their need to jump.

All in all, the life here is incredible, beautiful and picturesque even without proper lighting in my bathroom. Only a true cowboy, cattleman or steward to the ranch puts the animals ahead of his wife...and that's okay - most of the time.

Erin Stadelman is a rancher's wife and a devoted caretaker of children, grandchildren, horses and cows alike.

WESTERN SLOPE NEWS BRIEFS

SILVERTON - Returning from a May 20-21 retreat at Purgatory Resort, Silverton's six town trustees and mayor have entered into an "operating agreement" pledging "civility and respect" and restructuring the way Town Board meetings are conducted. Town Attorney Jeff Robbins outlined the achievements from the Town Board's retreat, including new protocol for the Town Board meetings and for greater "trustee accountability." The retreat was suggested by the town attorney last month as the Town Board was about to launch a search for a new town administrator. At the time, Robbins suggested the Town Board was not governing as effectively as it should. The new protocol was clearly in effect at Monday night's Town Board meeting. Instead of trustees addressing each other as "Pete," "Tiffany," or "Larry," the language changed to the more formal Trustee Maisel, Trustee deKay and Trustee Gallegos, with only an occasional slip-up.

LAKE CITY - Challenged by wind gusts which at times exceeded 35 mph, volunteers from Lake City Fire/Rescue and other area emergency agencies responded to a fast-moving brush and tree blaze at Lake Fork Ranch north of Lake City shortly before 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 13. The blaze - the result of private citizens burning irrigation ditches on ranch meadows just north of Sparling Gulch - was reported out of control at 12:58 p.m. Saturday after spreading from a meadow ditch into a grove of mature cottonwood trees. On arrival, and continuing through cleanup seven hours later, at 7:58 p.m., firefighters battled a ground blaze extending to between three and four acres, including upwards of 40 cottonwood trees up to 40' tall.

GUNNISON - A controversial development proposal in the unincorporated county, but adjacent to the Town of Crested Butte, has cleared the final planning hurdle. Gunnison County Planning Commission voted unanimously Friday to recommend to County Commissioners approval of the 30-acre residential Slate River Development. The project was pitched by Cypress Foothills LP as a "hybrid" development straddling Slate River just north of town limits. As envisioned, following county approval of the 30-acre portion containing 23 homesites east of Slate River, developers will see annexations into the town of the remaining 14 acres to the west.

Sources: *Silverton Standard & The Miner, Gunnison Country Times, Lake City Silver World.*

COPS

The Ouray Police Department investigated the following calls for service between May 20 and May 27, 2017:

- May 20:** Responded to the 1200 block of Main Street for a parking problem.
- May 21:** Responded to the jail to serve summons and to the 400 block of Pine Crest for a medical assist. Conducted a traffic stop, for speeding, in the 300 block of Main Street and a traffic stop, for speeding, in the 200 block of Main Street. Responded to the 700 block of Main Street for a parking problem, to the 300 block of 7th Avenue for a citizen complaint and to the 500 block of Main Street, for a medical assist. Conducted a traffic

- stop, for speeding, in the 900 block of Main Street.
- May 22:** Conducted two traffic stops, for speeding, in the 1200 block of Main Street and a traffic stop, for speeding, in the 200 block of 3rd Avenue. Responded to the 1400 block of Main Street for a parking problem, to the police department for a report of a dog found at the Amphitheater, to the 100 block of Sunnyside Lane to assist the deputy with a possible disturbance, to the 400 block of Main Street for a possible harassment call and to the 1500 block of Main Street for a damaged fire hydrant.
- May 23:** Responded to the 700 block of 2nd Street for a report of a careless driver, to

- the 200 block of 7th Avenue for a garbage problem and to the 700 block of Oak Street for a nuisance bear.
- May 24:** Responded to the 700 block of Main Street to conduct 20 VIN inspections, to the 700 block of Main Street for a parking problem and to Main and 6th Avenue for a parking problem.
- May 24:** Responded to the 700 block of Main Street for a report of three men seen smoking marijuana in a vehicle, to the 100 block of 7th Avenue for a report of a deceased bear cub and to the 400 block of Main Street for a parking problem. Took a report for a barking dog complaint in the 400 block of 4th Street. Responded to the PD for fingerprints.

- May 26:** Spent time with the school kids at Fellin Park during Field Day.
- May 27:** Responded to the Ouray County shop for a complaint that someone had taken the road grader without authorization and to the 700 block of Oak Street for a report of juveniles shooting pellet guns in the city limits. Conducted two traffic stops, for speeding, in the 1900 block of Main Street and a traffic stop, for speeding, in the 1200 block of Main Street. Responded to the 100 block of 3rd Avenue, for unwanted people in the pool and to the Box Canyon Falls Park for a suspicious canister located near the road.

OURAY POLICE LOG

OURAY COUNTY

EcoAction recommends culture of composting

BY DALTON CARVER
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In a work session at the Colona Roadhouse on Tuesday afternoon, EcoAction Partners Zero Waste Coordinator Kris Holstrom met with the Board of County Commissioners to make a recommendation based upon a recent grant EcoAction used to catalog waste.

With funding from the grant, EcoAction was able to conduct two waste audits on the landfills used by Ouray and San Miguel counties, one in March and another in October.

"We wanted to get a general idea of, 'Can we do better?'" said Holstrom on Tuesday. "And the answer is yes."

The audits discovered that about 72 to 77 percent of waste could have been diverted from the landfill in some way, whether it was through recycling, composting or another form of reuse.

As a result of the audits, Holstrom recommended creating a "culture of composting" for the county, as well as possibly funding a position to help coordinate the effort.

"We need to know our waste numbers so we know if we're making progress or not," said Holstrom. "Public education has to be ongoing and constant."

EcoAction will conduct a meeting in July or August to assess what direction local governments want to take on the suggestion.

WESTERN SLOPE

Wildfire council honored for mitigation projects

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Rocky Mountain Area Coordinating Group recognized West Region Wildfire Council and Yampatika with the first first annual Prevention Information Mitigation Education (PRIME) award for outstanding contributions with significant program impact in prevention of human-caused wildfires and reducing the wildfire risk to communities.

Brandon Lewis, Bureau of Land Management fire management officer for the Southwest Colorado Fire and Aviation Unit, presented the award on May 11 at the West Region Wildfire Council monthly meeting. WRWC is committed to doing more than promote existing programs. They work closely with Wildfire Research, an interdisci-

plinary group focused on homeowner wildfire risk reduction and communities that can weather a fire. This partnership provides the council a better understanding of the communities they are working with so they can apply the best methods that achieve the greatest results. Specific recommendations for individual properties and financial assistance provide homeowners the means for getting the necessary work on and/or around their homes.

Yampatika is a Steamboat Springs-based non-profit that offers a continuum of educational services to children and adults ranging in age from pre-K to senior citizens in many counties across northwest Colorado. Yampatika has expanded their basic wildfire prevention messages in their established program to include a high school curriculum at a local high school and presentations at the local library.



West Region Wildfire Council Steering Committee and staff, left to right, are Steve Ellis, Austin Shelby, Lilia Falk, Jamie Gomez, Mike Tarantino and John Bennett.

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OURAY COUNTY

Mine will not need permit for gravel extraction

BY BEECHER THREATT
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The Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday heard from the county attorney that Ouray Silver Mines will not need a special use permit for extraction of gravel that is a byproduct of mining operations.

The question arose during a work session with mine representatives two weeks ago, when commissioners learned that the mine will provide gravel for county use and for commercial sale.

Gravel extraction is incidental to mining operation and therefore is an accessory use to the mining use by right. It is included in the definition of underground mining in the land use code, according to County Attorney Marti Whitmore.

With regard to buildings on the property, the county inspects above ground structures and the federal Mining Safety and Health Administration inspects below ground structures, Whitmore said.

County Road 361 jurisdiction

The U.S. Forest Service is ready to begin the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process that will lead to granting an easement to the county to implement improvements and enforce traffic regula-

tions on County Road 361. The service has requested from the county details describing the stretch of CR 361 that would be involved. The board will provide those details to the service.

The agreement for an easement granted by the forest service will not require the county to abandon its claim that the road is owned by the county. Both the county and USFS claim ownership.

The board met in a work session on May 17 with Six Basins Project, a nonprofit group that wants to improve signs and information dissemination along heavily used portions of CR 361. Some of the improvements sought by the group cannot be completed until the easement is in effect. (See Plaindealer story on May 25.)

Residential address signs for emergency services

Alan Staehle, chair of Ouray Fire Protection District, told commissioners the district has funds to provide reflective address signs for its district residences, and they want to work with the county to adopt a standard to make signs

consistent throughout the county. Some areas of the OFPD are in the county.

Reflective signs would assist emergency services in locating an address.

At the suggestion of Commissioner Don Batchelder, the board asked land use, legal and EMS staff to come up with a recommendation as to where a standard for residential address signs would best fit; i.e., land use code, building permit procedures, etc. Staff will also contact other counties that have standardized reflective signs and find out if they are required and how they were paid for.

Road and Bridge report

Road and Bridge Department Supervisor Steven Calkins gave his monthly report to the board. Some roads received stabilization and topical applications for dust control on test sections last week.

Mag chloride application will begin this week, and the schedule is on the county website, www.ouraycountyco.gov. A crew from the Department of Corrections will be

performing tree and brush trimming along roads next week.

Paint striping starts this week for County Roads 24A and 1 to the top of the Log Hill escarpment.

Jeep roads for Yankee Boy and Owl Creek are open and Calkins hopes to have Red Mountain Town open by the end of the week. The goal is to have all roads open by July 4, but Calkins said that would be cutting it close.

In other business, the board:

- reviewed and approved contracts between the county social services department and various private services providers;
- discussed beginning talks with surrounding counties about OHV regulation consistency for next summer;
- discussed working with a new nonprofit organization to control weeds in Ouray, San Juan and La Plata counties; and,
- heard from board chair Ben Tisdal that he will become chair of the Region 10 board of directors in July.



A Ouray father and son duo, James Pew and James Pew, 4, were two of the first to buy a daily pass for the Ouray Hot Springs Pool. The pool opened at noon Saturday after being closed for nine months for a major renovation. The pool drew 1,945 visitors over the Memorial Day weekend.

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OURAY COUNTY

Affordable housing committee role explained

BY BEECHER THREATT
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County Commissioner Don Batchelder updated the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday regarding the Ouray County Housing Advisory Committee. He cautioned county officials regarding their responses to community inquiries about the committee's function.

The advisory committee has members representing all three governmental jurisdictions in the county.

"We were tasked with coming up

with a five-year plan which is being worked on," Batchelder said.

"If the (government) entities are going to take an active role beyond zoning and ... incentives ... there will have to be money involved, and if there's money involved there will have to be ballot questions," Batchelder explained.

He added that community members and elected officials may look at the advisory committee as a "panacea to address all the issues," but it is not.

"It is important for elected officials, when people ask what is going on, not

to say 'there is a housing authority and they are taking care of it,'" he told the board.

"There is an expectation from those answers that there is a group that is going to solve all their problems. It's not going to happen," he said.

The next meeting of the committee is June 15 at 5 p.m. at the Ouray Community Center. Members will continue work on the five-year plan for establishing a housing authority. The committee will have an educational forum this year to keep the issue of affordable housing in focus.

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Ridgway middle and high school students took advantage of Fluffies for Finals Thursday, as dogs of all ages were made available to students as a diversion.

Senior Lydia Leafstrand, a member of the Ridgway High School Key Club, organized the day in conjunction with Second Chance Humane Society.



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Tom Magstadt

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The Ouray Chamber Resort Association (OCRA) Board of Directors invites you to give input on a marketing funding restructure that would be proposed to City of Ouray voters in the fall of 2017. As community members and business owners, your input in and support of this process is important to us.

Following months of review by the OCRA Board, open input from OCRA members and Ouray City Council worksessions, a quorum of Chamber Business Members voted to pursue a proposal based on a 2.5% lodging and restaurant tax at the OCRA Annual Meeting on May 18, 2017.

This proposal would replace the current short-term Lodging and Occupation Tax (LOT), a \$3.00 fee on hotel and motel rooms and vacation rentals and \$1.00 on campsites and unfurnished cabins. (This tax is currently collected for the restricted City of Ouray Tourism and Beautification Funds.) The proposal would increase funding to these sources, which would allow for strategic marketing and destination management beyond the broad-based, year-round awareness plan that Ouray currently pursues, as well as additional funding for Beautification efforts. The proposal also includes the creation of a new, restricted fund for Outdoor Recreation development in the City of Ouray.

We understand that individual impacts to local businesses, residents and visitors are varied and complex, which is why we invite you to give us feedback and input. Any change to the current funding structure, which was supported and proposed by Ouray lodging businesses many years ago, will require broad-based support from all of you, so please get involved and join us as we look to create a new, forward-looking structure for a funding source that has been so vital to Ouray for many years.

Please RSVP to ouray@ouraycolorado.com by 5:00 pm, Monday, June 5, so that we can send you an information packet in advance of the meeting.

If you are not able to attend but want to give input, please contact the Chamber to set up an individual meeting. This item will also be on the Ouray City Council Agenda on June 19 as a discussion item; we invite you to attend that as well.

Sincerely,

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OURAY COUNTY

Land use staff opinion reversed on bed and breakfast

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Continuing its public hearing on a possible bed and breakfast on the Hoosier Girl mining claim, the Ouray County Planning Commission recommended approval of applicant Eric Johnson's special use permit at Tuesday's meeting at the Land Use office in Ridgway.

Applicants Eric Johnson and Susie Taylor plan to expand the cabin located on the Hoosier Girl mining claim to offer bed and breakfast services, which is a use allowed by special use permit in the High Alpine Zone. The bed and breakfast would be an expansion of an existing shack and residential structure on the mining claim known as the Sanford Hut, which is approximately 500 square feet in size and constructed in 1983.

The application was originally considered by the OCPC May 16 and was presented by land use staff with a recommendation of denial due to the avalanche hazards that may be present when traveling to the bed and breakfast from Camp Bird Road. The commission had heard staff and applicant presentations on the SUP, as well as heard public comment on the subject. Commenters May 16 included Ouray resident Eric Jacobson and San Juan Mountain Guides owner Nate Disser, both of whom supported the bed and breakfast opportunity in the High Alpine Zone.

The main concern and topic of discussion last Tuesday was the possibility of the county being liable for any accidents occurring at the bed and breakfast. County Attorney Marti Whitmore said the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act would provide protection against the majority of challenges, with a few exceptions.

"I don't see the issuance of a permit or approval falls within a special exception," she said. "It would certainly be a novel case."

Randy Parker, planning commission member, asked Mark Castrodale, county planning director, if land use staff's recommendation of denial had been reversed as a result of Tuesday's conversation, and Castrodale said it had.

Staff's original recommendation of denial was based on the route leading to the cabin creating undue danger in the surrounding

area for users. However, after conversation specified the cabin itself wasn't creating the danger and that an indemnification agreement with the parties involved with transportation would be signed, Castrodale said he reversed his decision.

Although there weren't many reasons that could initiate litigation against the county, Whitmore said County Road 361 could be one.

"A known, unsafe condition on the road can be an exception from the immunity act. Whether avalanche hazards constitute a known, unsafe condition, I don't know," she said. "I think the county will want some kind of indemnification."

Planning commission members, thinking back on public comment they received at the previous session, said users of the bed and breakfast would most likely realize the danger of the area and accept it. In addition, the OCPC expressed the use of the hut itself wasn't unsafe, but only the traverse up to the location was the element in question.

"One could argue that having a hut there actually mitigates the risk and gives people a safe place to get to," said Craig Jackman, OCPC vice chair. "It isn't the use of the hut that's really unsafe. Many of the things we all love to do have risk."

"I agree avalanches are dangerous, but I don't see the bed and breakfast as creating that danger," Parker said. "I think the danger exists and there are ways to mitigate it, including this (indemnification) agreement with the county."

Following discussion, commissioners unanimously recommended approval of the special use permit for the Hoosier Girl bed and breakfast, with the condition of an indemnification agreement and several other elements, such as trash being kept in bear-proof containers, the permit being issued for a period of three years and the applicant being responsible for any damage to the road by guests.

Johnson still has the Board of County Commissioners approval and other obstacles connected to high alpine development approval, including possessing enough trade credits and acreage to comply with the recently approved high alpine residential development regulations. Johnson's proposal will come before the BOCC at a future session for consideration.

OURAY COUNTY

Cattlemen's scholarships awarded to three

PLAINDEALER STAFF REPORT
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Three area high school students were recipients of Ouray County Cattlemen's Association 2017 scholarships.

The three winners were: Saren Robinson, Ridgway High School (\$1,500); Lincoln Sackman, Ouray High School (\$1,500); and, Ara Norwood, Ouray County Home School Connections Academy (\$2,000).

According to Ken Miller of OCCA, 13

applicants were judged on need, community service and involvement in the agriculture industry. He said the applicant field was very strong this year, making it difficult to choose just three. Robinson and Norwood have been heavily involved with the 4-H program.

The scholarships were funded by OCCA's February banquet, and this year's award money represents an increase from prior years.

"We want to thank everyone who attended," Miller said.



Fortuna Tierra Club has announced its 2017 scholarship winners. Awards of \$1,000 each went to (left to right) Henry Benasutti, Alexis Lindley, Jordan Pugh, Emma Gould, Lydia Leafstrand, Jonathan Zaugg, Emma Copp and Parker Northey at Ridgway Secondary School's Senior Night May 15. Northey received the Shelly Bennett Memorial Scholarship, and Henry Benasutti received the Richard Shotwell Memorial Scholarship. Fortuna Tierra's scholarships are possible through the Ridgway community's generous support of the club's fundraising activities. This year's only fundraiser will be the 5k/10k Log Hill Hustle on Sept. 16.

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Left: Lifeguards raised the flags at Ouray Hot Springs Pool Saturday just prior to the pool opening.

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Right: The American flag is raised at the Memorial Day ceremony at the 4H Event Center and Fairgrounds Monday morning. Hosted by the Ouray County Cattlemen's Association, the event also dedicated the new three-flag array and plaque honoring all those from Ouray County who have served.

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TOWN OF RIDGWAY

Inaugural bike race and festival coming

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World-class mountain bikers will descend onto Ridgway's newly minted trail on June 10 for the inaugural RAT RACE, a 26-mile singletrack circuit showcasing Colorado's freshest singletrack. The race is open to riders of all

ages and abilities—it begins at 9 a.m. from Ridgway's Hartwell Park and will feature two 13-mile loops on the RAT trails.

After the RAT RACE, The Ridgway Fat Tire Festival kicks off at high noon with bands Elder Grown and Fire in the Pines. The festival will feature brews from Colorado Boy, three different food trucks, a silent auction,

feats of strength and more.

Race organizer and resident RAT Sundra Hines said, "We've raced bikes around the world and I couldn't be more excited to share the trails we've built—they truly are something to behold. It's going to be a really fun, fast race."

Festival organizer Jasmine Oenick

remarked, "We brought in some amazing bands and great food, not to mention our favorite brews—this is going to be a great way to kick off the summer music season in Ridgway. We're all really excited to get the party started."

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Lawmakers lament they “don’t have more influence” moving state water plan forward

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This is part one of a two-part story. Part two will appear in next week’s Plaindealer.

Two sessions have passed since Gov. John Hickenlooper rolled out Colorado’s first statewide water plan, yet lawmakers have made little progress toward the plan’s main goal – averting a massive state water shortfall in 2050.

The single biggest achievement in water policy these past two sessions is a feel-good law allowing Coloradans to use rain barrels to collect rain and snowmelt to water their gardens. Although the barrels carry some symbolic importance in a state whose water supplies aren’t keeping up with needs, the amount of water they collect toward solving Colorado’s water woes is the statistical equivalent of a drop in the bucket.

Lawmakers’ broader inaction underscores the limits of their authority on water policy and of their ability to put in place meaningful efforts – or at least a priority list for those efforts – to stave off a water crisis. Although the legislature has allocated \$15 million to implement the water plan, some members complain their involvement is limited mainly to “writing the check,” without input into how, specifically, money might be spent other than on writing more water reports and holding more water meetings. Several admit they have no idea where the plan’s priorities lie or how, specifically, Hickenlooper expects it will be put into

action.

Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Sonnenberg, a Republican and farmer from Sterling and one of the General Assembly’s leading agriculture and water advocates, complains that lawmakers “do not have enough influence on the direction of the

half-dozen bills that specifically address water plan issues, some successfully, some not. She points out that a published guide on moving forward, put out by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCBC), said that most goals of the water plan would be accomplished by the executive branch, with

2013 and finalized in November 2015. It seeks to address an alarming problem: Projections that, by 2050, the state will face a water shortfall of at least one million acre-feet per year.

An acre-foot of water is about 326,000 gallons of water. If not addressed, the one million acre-foot supply-demand gap would cut across all water uses in the state: affecting at least two million residents as well as recreational, environmental, industrial and agricultural water uses.

The swelling water deficit is born of several factors. One is growth and projections that the state’s population will jump from about 5.4 million residents this year to as many as 10.3 million by 2050.

Another factor is climate change. A 2014 report commissioned by the CWCBC points out that average annual temperatures in Colorado have risen by 2 degrees between 1977 and 2006. A hotter climate increases the potential for drought in southern Colorado, and could also reduce the annual spring runoff from the mountain snowpack, which affects all of Colorado as well as some of the downstream states both east and west that rely on water that originates here.

An increasing reliance on water by Colorado’s oil and gas industry also factors in, as do demands by conservationists and recreational users to stop bleeding our rivers dry.

But the biggest factor in terms of actual water use is that farming and ranching interests, which use 80 percent of the state’s



Feature photo of James Eklund, then head of the CWCBC and Gov. John Hickenlooper, holding up a copy of the state water plan for its November, 2015 rollout.

Photo by Marianne Goodland

water plan.”

Rep. Jeni Arndt of Fort Collins, a Democrat who chairs the House Agriculture, Livestock and Energy Committee, has run a

limited role for the General Assembly.

“That’s what they think,” she laughed.

The Colorado Water Plan was initiated with much fanfare by Hickenlooper in May

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WATER plan

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water, are motivated under the state's "use it or lose it" water laws to continue antiquated and even wasteful water practices out of fear of losing their senior water rights.

The water plan identifies the size of the projected water shortage - drawn from a 2010 study that is being updated - but doesn't offer a roadmap for addressing it, other than stating how much water the state needs to save through storage and conservation projects to meet its 2050 needs. It doesn't spell out just who's responsible for those savings: the executive branch, the legislature, or public-private partnerships.

Hickenlooper's administration has passed responsibility for charting the specific courses mainly to nine local, grassroots groups, known as basin roundtables, that include officials from water utilities and representatives of agricultural, industrial, recreational and environmental groups. The nine roundtable groups are centered around the state's eight major waterways plus the Denver metro area. Each assessed how much water they would be short in the coming decades, broken down by recreation, environmental, agricultural and municipal needs.

The roundtables - with the South Platte River and metro Denver groups working jointly - each came up with plans that outline what they will do to meet the projected water shortages in their areas. Their wish-lists for local water projects form the bulk of specifics within the 540-page statewide plan. But there is no greater design, no set of master priorities on which spending decisions can be based.

That leaves lawmakers scratching their heads when it comes to water policy and budgeting.

The legislature's efforts on water fall to a joint interim committee, known as the Water Resources Review Committee, that meets every summer. The bipartisan group of 10 lawmakers - including the chairs of the Senate and House agriculture committees - starts its annual review of state water issues each August. Members then sponsor water-related legislation either as a committee or on their own.

In the past two years, water committee members have sponsored most of the 35 water-related bills proposed at the Statehouse. Of those, the vast majority deal with managing the state's Byzantine laws on water rights. Roughly 15 were to varying

degrees intended to address some of the nebulous goals laid out in Hickenlooper's water plan.

By far the most noteworthy among those 15 were the 2016 and 2017 annual water projects bills, which were written by CWCB staff and earmarked state funding for a variety of water projects. The 2016 bill put up \$5 million to implement the water plan, but didn't specify how that money would be spent. That line item became a bone of contention for some lawmakers, especially those on the Joint Budget Committee who tend to take a dim view of spending money without specifics on where it's going.

The 2017 projects bill set aside another \$10 million for implementing the state water plan, plus another \$10 million more to the basin roundtables to pay for local water projects. The 2017 projects outlined how the \$5 million from 2016 would be spent. That money will go to the CWCB for statewide projects, such as improved water supply forecasting, a grant program on agricultural water transfers, statewide training to water providers on water loss, and grants to water agencies that are developing feasibility studies for future water storage projects.

The \$10 million in 2017 for implementing the plan includes \$1 million to update a 2010 study that provided the initial projections for the state's projected water deficit - estimated in 2010 to reach about one million acre-feet per year by 2050. That estimate is now considered low, and could possibly be as much as two million acre-feet annually.

Another \$2 million will pay for water projects that serve multiple purposes (such as recreation and environmental needs). Another \$1 million will develop long-term strategies on conservation, land use and drought planning. Another \$3 million will help facilitate the development of water storage systems. Some \$1 million will pay for water education, \$1 million for "technical assistance for agricultural projects" and \$1 million for watershed health (more about that later).

The \$10 million for the CWCB's 2017 costs for implementing the water plan and the \$10 million for the regional roundtable groups will come from severance tax revenues that will be transferred into the

CWCB's construction fund. The rest comes from that construction fund, a revolving loan account that dates back to 1971 and makes low-interest loans for water projects throughout the state. Its revenues come from interest earned on outstanding loans, the fund's cash balance, and federal mineral lease revenues.

The 2017 projects bill, which Hickenlooper signed into law on May 23, puts \$10 million from the CWCB's construction fund into a new loan guarantee fund that would help with regional water projects in which multiple water utilities are involved.

Another \$5 million will pay for a watershed restoration program. Watersheds are areas of land from which rain or snowmelt route toward a common waterway, including the surface water from streams, rivers and reservoirs as well as groundwater found in underground aquifers. The water plan says healthy watersheds are crucial for environmental needs such as improving fish and wildlife habitats or reducing the impact of soil erosion, and for recreational purposes such as rafting and angling. Colorado's watersheds match up with the nine river basins, and then are further subdivided by local waterways in each of those basins. The \$5 million for watersheds is intended to advance the water plan's goal to improve the health of 80 percent of those watersheds by 2030.

Go to: <http://www.coloradoindependent.com/165649/progress-state-water-plan-legislature> to see the original article.

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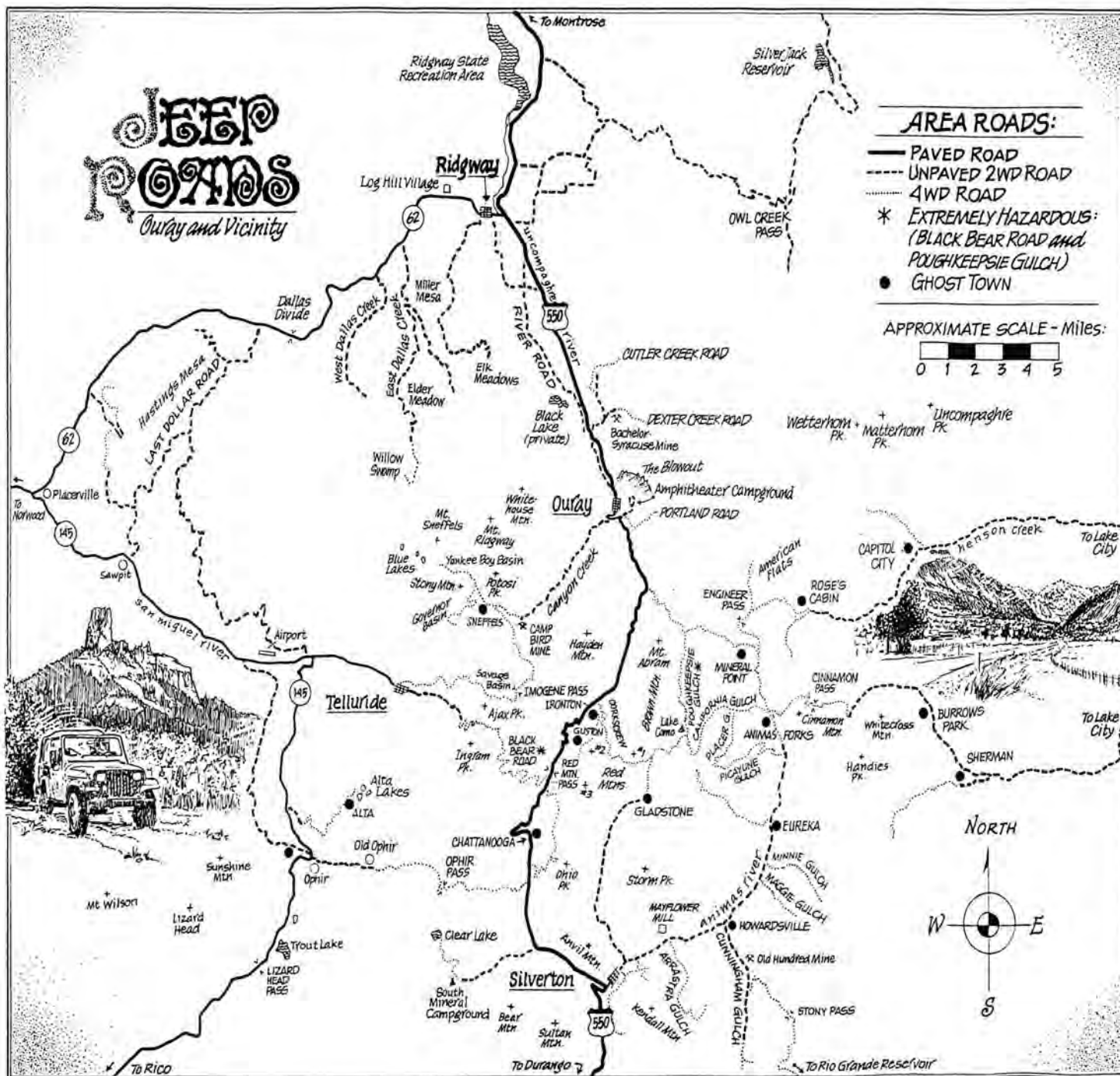
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Upon arrival at Ouray Silver Mines, tour-takers received safety instructions, in case an emergency were to occur.

Mine tourists were then taken to changing rooms, where they were outfitted with

overcoats, pants, illumination helmets, gloves, safety glasses, steel-toed boots and an emergency breather in case an incident occurred. The breather would provide about an hour of oxygen for the user.

The first stop of the tour was the mill, where mined rock is broken into smaller pieces by grinding and crushing. Colored machinery and a maze of ladders going up and down led to machinery controls and overlooks of the equipment below.

Tourists were then taken to the mining cart tram, which is used to haul finds up to the surface when the mine is in operation. Sitting five to a car, visitors crammed themselves into the tight quarters of the tram and were instructed to keep all limbs and body parts inside the vehicle at all times, as the travel route was not roomy.

After a short instruction and warning of the overhanging dangers, the tram set off toward the dark and damp, with water dripping from above, muddy puddles below and a chilling breeze that got colder as the tram increased speed.

Every now and then, the tram operator would shout for tourists to duck their heads, as clearance was extremely low in several portions of the route. The tram sped past blocked off



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San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference attendees journeyed up to the Atlas Mill site to view the reclamation work being done by the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership.

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Underground mine tour attendees travel through the Ouray Silver Mines mill on Friday, May 26.

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tunnels, old equipment and overhanging signs indicating which way the carts were headed.

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After descending the ladder, the group went back to the entrance of the mine tunnel to conclude the tour, emerge back into the light and head back down Camp Bird Road.

The previous day, May 25, conference attendees also had the opportunity to be part of an above-ground tour, visiting both the Atlas Mill Site and the Ouray Silver Mine operation site.

At the Atlas site tour, led by Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership's Agnieszka Przeszlowska, visitors were informed of the ongoing mine site remediation project conducted the UWP.

Tour attendees also learned about some of the work OSM is conducting, including improving the quality of water coming from its site, which is considered drinkable.

The conference, running May 23 through May 26, is



The mining tour group wanders through the Ouray Silver Mine mill before heading into the mine itself.

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convened annually to help educate the public and other stakeholders on the science and policy of mining, mine lands remediation, water quality and improving mining practices. The conference is hosted by a different San Juan mountain community each year.



Mine tour attendees get a brief tour of the mill, learning about its purpose and operation.

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For the week of June 1 - 7

-  **ARIES** Mar. 21 - Apr. 19
Prove yourself with actions instead of words, Aries. Your productivity will not speak for itself, so you may need to do some self-promotion to get the word out.
-  **TAURUS** Apr. 21 - May 21
Taurus, your words will carry a lot of weight when you speak about a topic that is dear to your heart. Others might be inspired by your message, and you can recruit helpers.
-  **GEMINI** May 22 - June 21
Do not get caught up in gossip and hearsay, Gemini. That can compromise your credibility at work and among friends. Stay focused on your responsibilities.
-  **CANCER** June 22 - July 22
While you shouldn't compare yourself to others too often, once in a while it can illustrate just how far you have come. Why not compare against the person you once were?
-  **LEO** July 23 - Aug. 23
Leo, you know what needs to get done. Now it is just a matter of finding the time to accomplish everything. Simplify things by writing all of your tasks down.
-  **VIRGO** Aug. 24 - Sept. 22
You may have to explain your point of view over and over again before others see your way of thinking, Virgo. Don't let this discourage you this week.
-  **LIBRA** Sept. 23 - Oct. 23
Libra, once you are knee-deep in a project, you may not need to take frequent breaks. You're ready to plow through to the finish line and reap the rewards of hard work.
-  **SCORPIO** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Scorpio, no matter which words come out of your mouth, others are compelled to listen when you speak. Recognize the impact your words can have on others.
-  **SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Explaining a proposal may require some creative thinking, Sagittarius. Make a list of all the talking points and then narrow down your options this week.
-  **CAPRICORN** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Capricorn, you tend to hold yourself to a very high standard because you always want to do your best the first time out of the gate. Others appreciate your dedication.
-  **AQUARIUS** Jan. 21 - Feb. 18
Aquarius, sometimes it seems as if you have a sixth sense, especially where finding good deals are concerned. You're happy to be the shopper of the family.
-  **DISCES** Feb. 19 - Mar. 20
Pisces, extreme focus on a subject can be a help or a hindrance. Remember to remain flexible in the next few days.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice No. 1341665

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Ouray School District R1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and has been filed in the office of the Superintendent of Ouray School District R1 located at 400 Seventh Avenue, Ouray, CO 81427 as well as on the school website where it is available for public inspection. A public hearing for the proposed budget will be held on Monday June 19th, 2017 at 7:00pm during the Regular Meeting of the Ouray School District R1 Board of Education in the APAC.

Any persons paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his/her objections thereto.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Dated May 18th, 2017
Ouray School District R1

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NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT

Notice is hereby given that final payment will be made on or after June 26, 2017 on a contract dated April 2017 between Town of Ridgway (Owner) and Jason Matesevac dba ASMR LLC (Contractor) for Ridgway Town Hall /Community Center and Gazebo Roofing Project. All persons, companies or corporations that have furnished labor, materials, or other supplies or services used by Jason Matesevac dba ASMR LLC (Contractor) under and in connection with the said contract and whose claim has not been paid by the Contractor shall file with the Owner a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim. Failure on the part of the claimant to file such settlement will relieve the Owner from any or all liability for such claim(s).

Town of Ridgway
By: Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

Published: Ouray County Plaindealer: May 25, June 1, 2017
Legal Notice No. 45850

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Ouray County Board of County Commissioners has scheduled a public hearing beginning at 9:30 a.m. June 20, 2017 at the Ouray County Land Use Office, 111 Mall Road, Ridgway, Colorado.

The purpose of this hearing is to review a recommendation by the Planning Commission regarding a request by Eric Johnson and Susie Taylor for approval of a Special Use Permit to operate a Bed & Breakfast on the Hoosier Girl Mining Claim, near Richmond Basin.

The application and all associated documentation may be reviewed at the Land Use Office, 111 Mall Road, Ridgway, Colorado. Comments may be submitted in writing prior to the hearing and should be received no later than June 12, 2017. Mail comments to: Ouray County - Clerk of the Board, P.O. Box C, Ouray, CO 81427 or email to: hhollenbeck@ouraycountyco.gov. Alternatively, written and/or oral testimony will be taken at the public hearing. Action may be taken on this application following the hearing.

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Public Notice County Board of Equalization

Name, address and phone number of contact:

Ouray County Board of Equalization
541 4th Street
P.O. Box C
Ouray, CO 81427
(970) 325-7320

The County Board of Equalization will be reviewing property values determined by the County Assessor. The Board of County Commissioners sits as the County Board of Equalization (CBOE) from July 1, 2017 to August 5, 2017 to hear appeals from taxpayers that are dissatisfied with their property valuation.

In the first step of the appeal process, property owners file objections to the valuations set by the Assessor. Only those who properly filed objections with the Assessor and were dissatisfied with the Assessor's determination may petition the CBOE for a hearing. The filing deadline is July 15 for real property and July 20 for personal property.

If a petitioner disagrees with the County Board of Equalization's decision, this decision may be appealed to the State Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA) or with the District Court, or the petitioner may request a binding arbitration hearing. This appeal must be filed within 30 days of the CBOE decision.

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STATE OF COLORADO
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Plaintiff(s):
DONLEY RANCHES, LLC
v.
Defendant(s):

The heirs and devisees of FRED DONLEY (SENIOR), GEORGIA DONLEY and FRED DONLEY (JUNIOR), all individuals, BETTY J. DONLEY, an individual, and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action.

Attorney for Plaintiff:
HOCKERSMITH LAW, P.C.
Michael D. Hockersmith, Reg. No. 6377
917 Main Street, 2nd Floor
PO Box 646
Ouray, CO 81427
Telephone: (970) 325-4414
Email: office@mdhlawpc.com

Case Number: 17-CV-30009
Div.: 4

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the petition filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within thirty-five (35) days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the petition may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the petition in writing within thirty-five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the petition without further notice. Judgment for this matter is transfer of property via deed to Plaintiff.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Ouray County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:

SW1/4NW1/4, Section 17, Township 47 North, Range 11 West, N.M.P.M., Ouray County, State of Colorado.

Dated May 30, 2017.

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Attorney for Plaintiff:
HOCKERSMITH LAW, P.C.

By: _____
/s/ Michael Hockersmith, Reg. #6377

Attorney's Address:
Hockersmith Law, P.C.
917 Main Street, 2nd Floor
PO Box 646
Ouray, CO 81427
T: (970) 325-4414

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JUMBLE

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I drew these to study for my test. I'm so excited! I'm going to ace it!

Wow! Those are great!

Way to go, honey!

SHE KNEW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STRATUS, CIRRUS AND CUMULUS AND WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Jumbles: OUNCE PUPPY UTMOST GERBIL
Answer: In the 1880s, farms in the Midwest were —
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROPERTY VALUATION ARBITRATORS**

The Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County is seeking applications from qualified persons to serve as arbitrators for disputes between property owners and the Ouray County Board of Equalization. Minimum qualifications include experience in the area of property taxation on and after June 1, 1993; being registered, licensed, or certificated as a real estate appraiser pursuant to the provisions of C.R.S. Section 12-61-701, et seq., as amended; AND any one of the following:

- a. an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Colorado;
- b. an appraiser who is a member of the Institute of Real Estate Appraisers or its equivalent;
- c. a former county assessor;
- d. a retired judge;
- e. a licensed real estate broker.

No person shall act as an arbitrator of property valuation disputes in any county during any property tax year in which such person represents or has represented any taxpayer in any matter relating to the protest and appeal of property valuation or to the abatement or refund of property taxes.

An arbitrator's expenses and fees shall not exceed \$150.00 per case concerning residential real property. For cases concerning any taxable property other than residential real property, an arbitrator's expenses and fees shall be an amount agreed upon by the taxpayer and the County Board of Equalization.

Please send letters of interest including qualifications, license numbers and references to the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County; Attention: Hannah Hollenbeck, Deputy Clerk of the Board; P.O. Box C; Ouray, CO 81427. The deadline for submittals is June 30, 2017.

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HIRING woes

FROM P4

thought I'd heard it all during the interview process.

"There's no way I failed the drug test. Can I do it again?"

"Well, yes, that reference and I have the same last name because she's my mom."

"How soon after I start do I get a raise?"

This is a first, though.

I unexpectedly had a heart attack eight years ago. I can't ever remember having to unexpectedly go camping.

We have a new poll up on our website and hope you'll take the time to participate. It asks:

There are current and proposed projects and fundraising initiatives in Ouray County. Which one do you think is the most important?

- increasing the Lodging and Occupancy Tax in Ouray to fund development and promotion of outdoor recreation;
- building a new bathhouse at the Ouray Hot Springs Pool;

- renovating the deteriorating Ouray County Courthouse;

- increasing tax revenue in Ouray by allowing the sale of recreational marijuana within the city; or,
- approving a mill levy override to increase funding for Ouray School.

Visit www.ouraynews.com and weigh in. You'll find the poll in the upper right of our website.

While you're on our site, check out the video produced by our reporter, Dalton Carver, from his visit to the Ouray Silver Mine, as he takes you deep into the mountain during a tour last weekend. Special thanks to Scott Williams, board member of the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership for giving up his seat on the tour for our reporter.

We want to thank the sponsors for this school year's Trojan Tribune. With their support, Ouray journalism students published almost weekly from October through May in the Plaindealer. Ouray teacher John Kissingford led the class, and Tribune Editor Mackenzie Gibbs did a great job with the help of a stable of reporters including Anna Biolchini, Georgia Pieper, Evan Vann, Ella Colpitts, Nisha Harding, Jaden Kunz, Abbie Link, Charlotte Lockhart, Sidney Murch and Alannah Wister.

This year's sponsors were: The True Grit Café, Cooling's Heating and Air Conditioning, Alpine Bank, City of Ouray, Ouray Real Estate Corporation and Citizens State Bank.

Thanks to all. We look forward to next year.

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JAW dropping

FROM P4

Many government administrative offices in the U.S. are housed in modular/prefabricated buildings. What is wrong with using the property on Mall Road (the Land Use office area) to erect practical modular offices for County staff? There presumably would even be efficiencies in colocating all County offices and functions. Spend frugally what is necessary on the Courthouse to only stabilize it and continue to house the court. If a venue is needed for conferences, use the 4H Center or the Courthouse.

Spend the rest of the \$9 million that apparently is going to be easy to raise on paving County Road 1 and other major arteries

In Ouray County. Commissioners, please get your priorities in order.

Ouray County needs fine roads before it needs fine County offices.

*Charles Carson
Log Hill*

AGENDA OURAY CITY COUNCIL

320 6th Avenue – Community Center
MASSARD AUDITORIUM
June 5, 2017
7:00 P.M.

- Electronic copies of the Council Packet are available on the City website at www.cityofouray.com. A hard copy of the Packet is also available at the Administrative Office for interested citizens.
- Action may be taken on any agenda item
- Notice is hereby given that a majority or quorum of the Planning Commission, Community Development Committee, Beautification Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, and/or Pool Capital Improvement Committee may be present at the above noticed City Council meeting to discuss any or all of the matters on the agenda below for Council consideration

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

- Councils Response from Citizens Communication, May 15th

CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Boyd: Community Development Committee meeting, June 1st, Review of Treasurer's Report • Glanc: Ice Park Steering Committee meeting, June 1st, Expenditures for the week of May 29th
- Hilton:
- Maurer: CML Spring Outreach meeting, May 17th, Region 10 Board of Directors meeting, May 26th, Gunnison Valley TPR, June 1st
- Larson: Courthouse Remodel Steering Committee meeting, May 23rd

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Ouray Police Department 2016 Report

CONSENT AGENDA

- Liquor License Renewal – J TJ Companies LLC, dba O'Brien's Pub and Grill
- Huckstering Permit Application – MS LLC, dba Dippin' Dots, Fellin Park, July 4th
- Huckstering Permit Application – Ouray School, Fellin Park, July 4th
- Recommend for Appointment to the Ouray County Housing Advisory Committee – Shirley Diaz and Chris Pike

ACTION ITEMS

- Ordinance No. 1 – Concerning Financing the Costs of Improvements to the City's Hot Springs Pool Facility and Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property of the City and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery by the City of a Lease Purchase Agreement and Related Documents, Declaring an Emergency
- Construction Contract with Elam Construction for Asphalt Overlay of Ouray Vista Lane and 5th Avenue – \$126,847
- Request for Temporary Street Closure at 3rd Avenue between 1st and 2nd Streets, July 19th – 23rd, FJ Summit, Jonathan Harris

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Possible Ballot Question to Allow Retail Marijuana Sales within the City
- North Ouray Corridor Master Plan

ADJOURNMENT

Deadline for next regular Council meeting agenda is June 13th at 4:00 p.m. *

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AGENDA OURAY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING & WORKSHOP

June 6, 2017, 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Appx)
Meeting to be held at the Ouray County Land Use Office
111 Mall Road, Ridgway, Colorado

If all agenda items are not covered in this time frame they may be continued until the next regular meeting. *Times are approximate and subject to change*. If an item is finished early the Planning Commission will move directly to the next agenda item. If not a Public Hearing, public comment may or may not be taken during the meeting. Action may be taken at the conclusion of public hearings.

I. Call to Order – Regular Meeting of the Ouray County Planning Commission (6:00 p.m.)

1. Public Hearing (6:00 PM): The purpose of the hearing is to review and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on proposed revisions to Section 2 of the Ouray County Land Use Code. Revisions being considered include a new definition of "sign" and a revised definition of "school".
2. Public Hearing (6:15 PM): The purpose of the hearing is to review and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on proposed revisions to Section 8 – Sign Regulations of the Ouray County Land Use Code.
3. Review and request for approval of 6/6/2017 minutes
4. New Business
5. Adjourn Regular Meeting

Copies of land use applications or workshop materials can be obtained at the Land Use Office at 111 Mall Road, Ridgway, CO; by calling 970.626.9775 or e-mailing mcastrorale@ouraycountyco.gov. Comments on the agenda items may be sent to Mark Castrorale, County Planner, P.O. Box 28, Ridgway, CO 81432.

GRANT removed

FROM P1

the middle mile project being undertaken by Region 10. Although an important piece of the broadband puzzle, the middle mile infrastructure wouldn't lead all the way to individual users. Seacat's proposed project would have allowed broadband to reach that finish line in Ridgway.

However, a clause in the grant structure allows right of first refusal by an area incumbent provider. In Ridgway's case, that provider is CenturyLink.

According to Clearnetworx and Deeply Digital owner Doug Seacat, the internet service provider giant had two opportunities starting in December 2016 to peel the grant away from him and his companies in an attempt to upgrade its current DSL connections serving much of the town.

Seacat, journeying to Denver for the first appeal on the grant award, said the process took about 10 minutes for the broadband board to deny CenturyLink's request.

"They said there's no question Clearnetworx's solution with fiber is not the same as (CenturyLink's) DSL product and there's no comparison," said Seacat in a phone interview last Friday. "(That made me) pretty confident."

About a month later, CenturyLink returned with another appeal, which is allowed through the regulations and enabling legislation. This time, the company had taken a look at Seacat's plan and bolstered its own by stating it was serving a larger service area.

Prior to applying for the grant, Seacat had received information from the Town of Ridgway on the number of buildings within his possible service area, which was

585. CenturyLink came before the broadband board with an area serving about 1,050. During the second appeal, Seacat overlaid the two service area maps and said Friday the two looked almost identical, aside from the number of dots falling within the service territory.

"Their dots all fall within our service territory. Our maps are identical. The locations being served are identical," said Seacat. "There's just a discrepancy between the two numbers of houses being served."

According to Seacat, another factor he viewed as pushing the grant into CenturyLink's hands was a misunderstanding of the quality of service featured by both providers. As the board understood it, both CenturyLink and Clearnetworx would provide 100 megabit service. However, Seacat said, his packages start at 100 megabits of both download and upload speed. CenturyLink's upload speed probably wouldn't go above 20 megabits per second.

In addition, the full board wasn't present at the second appeal due to snowy weather. In the end, the grant went to CenturyLink on a six to four vote.

"There were people there that definitely didn't understand the difference. They were just like, 'It's internet, right?'" said Seacat. "If there were more people there that had a technical background, I think those people would have voted our way."

From Seacat's understanding, CenturyLink plans to use the funds to upgrade the DSL that currently runs through Ridgway.

"It stinks because CenturyLink is going to invest that money, and in five years, come back to the state and say, 'I need more money now to upgrade to fiber,'" he said. "We're putting a ton of money into an older type of technology, when for \$300,000, we'd have a fiber network that's flexible, upgradeable and fast."

Now that the appeal process is complete, the only way for Clearnetworx to get its grant funding back is through legal action.

The grant being taken away by DORA

resulted in several businesses, including the Burro Building, not receiving the internet service they were expecting and needing to function at their highest capacity. Disgruntled Burro Building owner John Metcalf recently sent several emails to area elected officials in an effort to get them involved in possibly taking back what originally belonged to Clearnetworx.

"To my knowledge, the town and county have done nothing," said Metcalf in an interview at the Burro Building the afternoon of May 23. "No email, no phone call, no response of any kind as far as I know to DORA, who took the grant away."

The Town of Ridgway did not respond to a request from the Plaindealer for comment at press time. Email addresses for Town Manager Jen Coates and Mayor John Clark were included in several emails Metcalf distributed on the subject.

Metcalf, who plans to deal with financial transaction recording at his building, believes the grant can be taken back on a legal basis if an entity has enough funding to do so. A few weeks ago, Metcalf spoke with Jordan Beezley, fund administrator for the broadband board, and was told CenturyLink had yet to receive the grant funding.

"Which is why time is of the essence to try and get that back before the money is given away to the black hole of CenturyLink," said Metcalf. "I'd like to see the grant money go back to who it was originally awarded to."

However, Seacat said Monday the money may already be on its way to CenturyLink.

"At this point, it's getting kind of late," he said. "CenturyLink has a year to get this job done and they've already started work on it. The money's probably already started to be applied to the project."

However, Seacat said, he hasn't given up on getting broadband to Ridgway but has decided to attack it from another direction. During the interview, Seacat mentioned Clearnetworx and Deeply Digital will likely be purchased by the Delta Montrose Electric Association in the near future.

"They've offered to buy me out and I think we've decided to move in that direction. We're not purchased yet," he said. "DMEA would like to start having a larger role in communities outside of Delta and Montrose. My role would be to help expand broadband in Ouray, Ridgway and Telluride."

RIVER health

FROM P1

Dudley was trained by River Watch, a statewide volunteer water quality monitoring program, established by the Colorado Watershed Assembly and operated with the assistance of Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Thirteen different metals are measured by River Watch when Dudley sends his samples in for additional testing.

River data can be accessed by the public on the Colorado River Watch website.

River cleanup, rafting and watercraft building this weekend

The UWP's Adopt-a-Park program needs volunteers to help clean up Rollans Park in Ridgway on June 3 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Volunteers should bring work gloves, rakes, clippers, a hat and sunscreen as well as friends and family members to join in the fun. Tasks include weed-pulling, trash pick-up, bench staining and more.

On Sunday, June 4, RIGS is hosting a two-hour float of the class I and II rapids on the river. Contact RIGS before June 4 to register.

If, after the family raft day, participants want to enter the June 24 Junk of the Unc river race, Weehawken can help with a water-craft building workshop on June 5. For more information, check out the UWP or Weehawken websites.



Ridgway resident and UWP volunteer Dudley Case collects water samples for monthly testing of the Uncompahgre River.

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WEATHER

LAST WEEK

OURAY

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PCP	SNOW	S.O.G.	SKY
May 23	58	37	0.12	0	0	PC
24	74	38	0	0	0	PS
25	72	41	0	0	0	MC
26	70	43	0.08	0	0	PS
27	62	40	0	0	0	PC
28	67	34	0.04	0	0	MS
29	69	34	0	0	0	PS

Real-Time City of Ouray's weather, go to wunderground.com and click on Ouray, CO.
 ■ From NWS weather observer Karen Risch, lower 9th Ave., Ouray.

RIDGWAY

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PCP	SNOW	S.O.G.
May 23	64	38	0	0	0
24	80	32	0	0	0
25	78	32	0	0	0
26	75	40	trace	0	0
27	68	39	0	0	0
28	72	29	0	0	0
29	76	29	0	0	0

■ From NWS weather observer Jen Coates, Ridgway.

FORECAST

	OURAY		RIDGWAY	
Fri. June 02	HI 68°	LO 41°	HI 74°	LO 43°
Sunrise: 5:49 a.m. Sunset: 8:28 p.m.	Sunny		Sunny	
Sat. June 03	HI 71°	LO 44°	HI 78°	LO 48°
Sunrise: 5:48 a.m. Sunset: 8:29 p.m.	Sunny		Sunny	
Sun. June 04	HI 72°	LO 45°	HI 78°	LO 50°
Sunrise: 5:48 a.m. Sunset: 8:29 p.m.	Sunny		Partly Cloudy	
Mon. June 05	HI 69°	LO 44°	HI 76°	LO 48°
Sunrise: 5:48 a.m. Sunset: 8:30 p.m.	Partly Cloudy		Partly Cloudy	
Tue. June 06	HI 67°	LO 42°	HI 73°	LO 45°
Sunrise: 5:48 a.m. Sunset: 8:31 p.m.	Partly Cloudy		Partly Cloudy	
Wed. June 07	HI 68°	LO 42°	HI 74°	LO 45°
Sunrise: 5:47 a.m. Sunset: 8:32 p.m.	Partly Cloudy		Partly Cloudy	
Thur. June 08	HI 67°	LO 45°	HI 75°	LO 47°
Sunrise: 5:47 a.m. Sunset: 8:32 p.m.	Sunny		Partly Cloudy	

AVALANCHE DANGER:



LUNAR PHASES

June 02: Waxing Gibbous	66%
June 08: Full	100%

Compiled by: Evan Vann

WATER FLOWS cfs.

Uncompahgre	
Near Ridgway	444
Below Reservoir	301
Gunnison	
Below Gunnison Tunnel	6510
Near Delta	9430
San Miguel	
Near Placerville	572
Brooks Bridge, Nucla	588
Cimarron	
Near Cimarron	364
Dallas Creek	
Near Ridgway	19
Lake Fork	
Near Gateview	777
Animas River	
Near Durango	2470

SNOW PACK

Red Mtn. Pass	11,200ft.	16.3"
Schofield Pass	10,700ft.	26.8"
Upper Taylor	10,640ft.	0"
McClure Pass	9,500ft.	0"
Lizard Head Pass	10,200ft.	1.0"
Molas Lake	10,500ft.	3.6"
Wolf Creek Summit	11,200ft.	23.3"
Lone Cone	9,600ft.	0.5"
Upper San Juan	10,200ft.	8.6"
Idarado	9,800ft.	0.1"

Latest readings available Apr. 04. Snow pack inches equal snow water equivalent.

AREA WEEKEND WEATHER

	Sat		Sun		Precip.	
	HI	LO	HI	LO	Sat	Sun
Grand Junction	88	57	91	60	0%	10%
Lake City	69	40	69	41	40%	20%
Gunnison	78	42	77	43	0%	10%
Durango	77	42	81	46	0%	0%
Telluride	66	42	66	43	0%	20%
Dolores	81	50	81	50	0%	0%
Crested Butte	68	40	68	41	0%	20%
Denver	81	53	83	54	40%	20%
Colorado Springs	79	52	79	53	0%	50%
Moab, UT	94	66	96	66	0%	0%

OURAY COUNTY

Historical society publishes next journal volume

PLAINDEALER STAFF REPORT
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Ouray County Historical Society has published the fifth volume of its journal, which began in 1984. Volume 5 of the "Ouray County Historical Society Journal" is available at the museum bookstore.

This volume contains articles by former OCHS president and Ouray

historian Roger Henn, Joseph Hazlett, Warren Waterman, Elizabeth Miner, A. R. Tiedemann, Dick Engdahl, Glenda Moore, Frank Woods, Donnalee Brown, Ruth Krueger, Gail Saunders and Jim Pettengill.

When OCHS published Volume 1 in 1984 under the editorship of P. David Smith, plans were to publish four issues each year. However, no other editions were

published until 2003, after the board of directors found a box of Volume 1 in 2001. Volume 2 appeared in 2003, Volume 3 in 2005 and Volume 4 in 2010. Each issue contains 10 to 15 articles about all aspects of Ouray County history.

Copies of volumes 1, 3 and 4 are also for sale in the museum bookstore.

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Ouray's Early History
The Far Sequestered West, 1869-2015

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"PRODUCT EXPANSION" By JIM HOLLAND

ACROSS

- 1 Icy coating
- 5 Heroine in the "Divergent" films
- 9 Route shower
- 12 Castro, for one
- 17 Unlike spring chickens?
- 18 ___-car
- 20 One-of-a-kind
- 21 Bud in Baja
- 22 Automaker's expansion into music?
- 25 Tijuana restaurant staples
- 26 Work out
- 27 "SNL" parody
- 28 Behavioral oddity
- 30 Fore relative?
- 31 "Are you ___ out?"
- 33 Dizzy's jazz
- 36 Story line
- 38 ___ port
- 41 Antitoxin
- 43 Lamb by another name
- 44 Observed
- 45 Candy company's expansion into exercise equipment?
- 49 Studio amendment
- 52 Run
- 53 Supermodel
- 54 Sastre
- 56 "Family" actress
- 57 Thompson
- 57 Like some twins
- 61 Final financials
- 63 ___-de-France
- 64 It may quash dreams of a musical career
- 68 Ed's title
- 69 Air-escape sound
- 72 Drink container company's expansion into bakery products?
- 75 Montevideo Mrs.
- 76 "Tough!"
- 78 Rouse to action
- 79 Co. that merged into Verizon
- 80 Like car carburetors, for the most part
- 82 Victimized by bad spelling?
- 87 They often have quotas
- 88 Stella ___ cookies

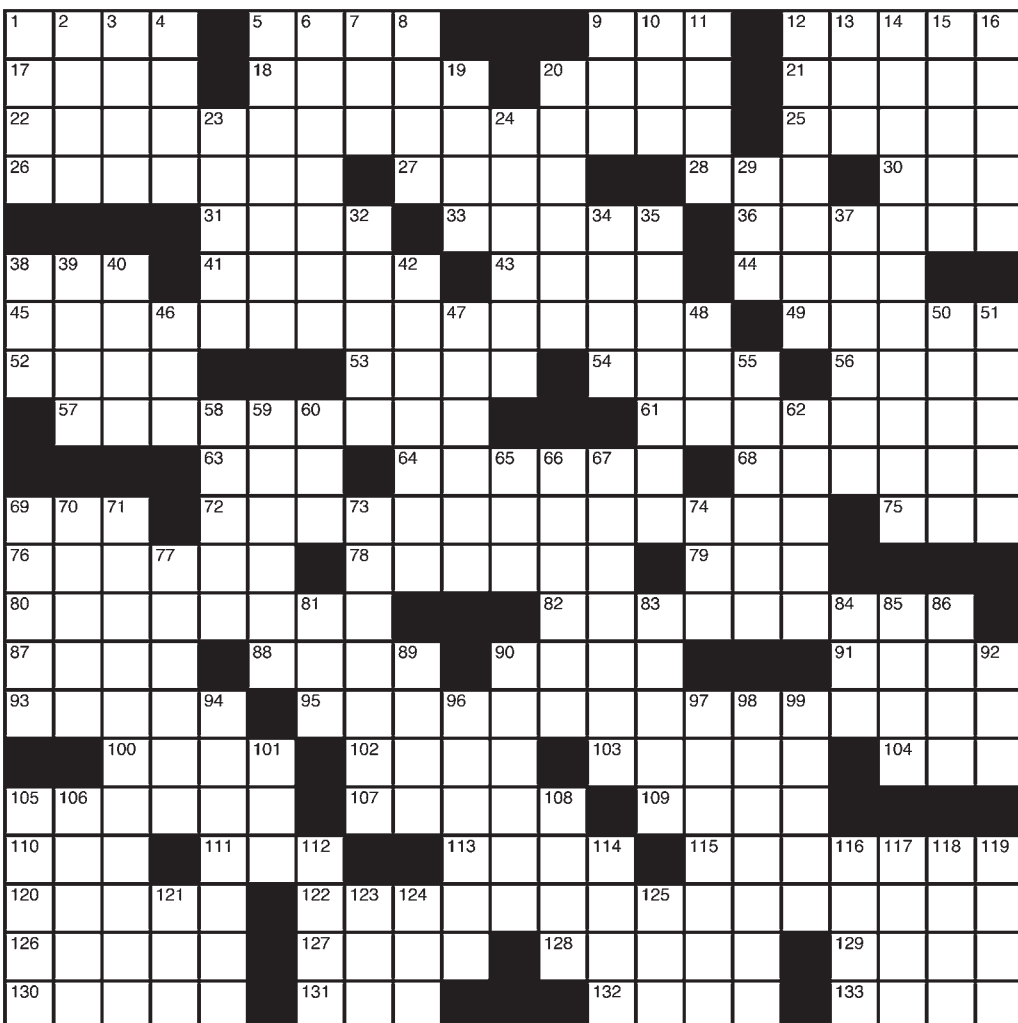
- 90 Singer Horne
- 91 Emphatic type: Abbr.
- 93 Shelley's Muse
- 95 Jewelry company's expansion into fishing for delicacies?
- 100 Figure (out)
- 102 Latin trio part
- 103 Older Obama daughter
- 104 Turf
- 105 "Route 66" co-star
- 107 Saint Kitts' island partner
- 109 Agree to, in a way
- 110 Mil. address
- 111 Classical start
- 113 Draft category
- 115 Med. diagnostic procedure
- 120 Shell lining
- 122 Cleaning products company's expansion into arena seating?
- 126 Comic book artist

- 127 Bits
 - 128 Jeer
 - 129 Cosmo competitor
 - 130 Sends a fly flying
 - 131 Be in a red state?
 - 132 Place
 - 133 Political group
- DOWN**
- 1 Fan sounds
 - 2 "___ You Babe": 1965 #1 hit
 - 3 Actress Suvari
 - 4 What goes around
 - 5 Work newbie
 - 6 Clergy abode
 - 7 Forbes competitor
 - 8 Pack away
 - 9 Farm sound
 - 10 Gothic novel pioneer
 - 11 Unrelenting annoyance
 - 12 One usually crouching
 - 13 Thurman of film

- 14 Writing implement
- 15 Selling spot in Sparta
- 16 Went snooping
- 19 Many an Omani
- 20 Held to account
- 23 "___ Called Wanda"
- 24 Stereotypical pocket protector wearers
- 29 Part of TGIF
- 32 Repeat annoyingly
- 34 Louvre displays
- 35 Ancient Syrian trade center
- 37 Piece maker
- 38 Broadcast format: Abbr.
- 39 ___-employed
- 40 ___ Rabbit
- 42 Sea cow
- 46 Blue map area
- 47 Museum pieces
- 48 Respond to defamation, say
- 50 Milk container

- 51 Iraq's main port
- 55 One of two zygote producers
- 58 Word before wave or pool
- 59 Slurred in pronunciation
- 60 T. ___
- 62 High grounds
- 65 Kook
- 66 Anaphylaxis treatment
- 67 NATO, for one
- 69 Target, for one
- 70 Grave
- 71 Kitchen supplies company's expansion into security?
- 73 ___ Peninsula
- 74 Metric wts.
- 77 Second-easternmost U.S. state capital
- 81 Wee one
- 83 Rooms in a casa
- 84 Beatle Paul's title
- 85 Nice summers

- 86 Ballpark rallying cry based on a 1950s hit
- 89 "How silly ___!"
- 90 Bodega patron
- 92 Trip provider
- 94 Corkscrews, essentially
- 96 Party gifts
- 97 Food
- 98 Move periodically
- 99 ___ button
- 101 Byron's "before"
- 105 Frenzied
- 106 Bucky Beaver's toothpaste
- 108 Racy message
- 112 Prefix with -pus
- 114 Down with, in Dunkirk
- 116 "The Purple People Eater" singer Wooley
- 117 Holding area
- 118 Woody's boy
- 119 Brief time pd.
- 121 U.S. Army rank qualifier
- 123 Prosecutor's field
- 124 Tribute in verse
- 125 Him, to Henri



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HOW TO SUDOKU:

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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IN TODAY'S CLASSIFIEDS

CITY OF OURAY

The Outer Vibe headlines music series June 8

BY MARY MENZ
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The Outer Vibe, a self-described surf disco band from Grand Rapids, Michigan, will rock the stage at the second of five Thursday concerts for Ouray's Mountain Air Music series in June. Musically, they are a bit all over the place, explained Lisa Kacos, who plays trumpet and keyboards.

"Collectively, we dig artists like Spoon, Electric Light Orchestra, The Strokes, Red Hot Chili Peppers and others," said Kacos in a recent interview with the Plaindealer. "Surf disco is an all-encompassing term that's our

band's music, our members, our culture, our friends, our lifestyle, everything.

"It all started about three years ago when Noah [Snyder] joined the band on drums. As a five-piece band of people who play multiple instruments, it's really easy for us to get lost down rabbit holes of sounds and styles. We created surf disco as our own genre to give ourselves some loose restrictions, and we took it and ran with it."

ReverbNation recently called The Outer Vibe's music a "weirdly awesome genre you've never heard of."

Music series attendees will enjoy

happy grooves and expressive lyrics as they listen to surf-style guitar, a dance and funk-infused rhythm section, brilliant overtones of trumpet and keys, and powerful lead vocals.

"During live shows we like to deliver optimism and good vibes, and we love getting audiences to boogie with us," said Kacos.

Opening for The Outer Vibe is The 14ers, a folk rock quartet from Fort Collins. Each week, a Colorado-grown band will open for a nationally-recognized band. The 14ers will play again 9:30-11:00 p.m. at O'Brien's Pub and Grill after the concert in the park ends.



The Outer Vibe will headline the Ouray Mountain Air Music Series June 8, supported by the 14ers.

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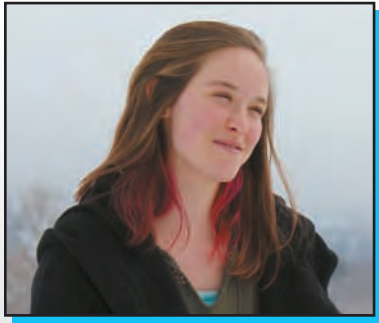
 <p>'16 Featherlite 28' GN 4H LQ 11' short wall, 7' wide slide out, awning, swing out saddle rack, stud divider. CWT 10,000, GVWR 16,000 #0697 MSRP \$72,850 Spring Clearance \$62,975</p>	 <p>'17 Featherlite 24' Stock Combo Western Gate Pkg, center gate w/sliders, Rumber flooring, brush tray, saddle rack, bridle hooks, spare. CWT 4300, GVWR 14,000 #4280 Spring Clearance \$24,880</p>	 <p>'17 Featherlite 28' GN Stock Combo 4' straight wall, 2 center gates w/sliders, Rumber flooring, 4 tier saddle rack, rear load light, blanket bars, bridle hooks, spare. CWT 4700, GVWR 14,000 #4281 Spring Clearance \$30,175</p>	 <p>'16 Featherlite 20' GN Double Deck Sheep/Hog 7'W X 20'L X 7'T, Rumber flooring, removable top deck, 2 center gates, spare tire. CWT 5580 GVWR 1400 #1182 MSRP \$31,409 Spring Clearance \$24,275</p>	 <p>'16 Featherlite 7'6\" X30' Livestock 8127-7630, Western Gate package, 8K axle upgrade, cross members on 12' centers, 2 center gates with sliders, escape door front curb side. CWT 5200 GVWR 16000 #0506 MSRP \$27,200 Spring Clearance \$23,700</p>
 <p>'16 Featherlite 22' 4H 52" SW dressing room, 2 brush trays, blanket bar, bridle hooks, 4 tire saddle rack, 3/4" floor mats, drop down feed windows. CWT 5300, GVWR 12,000 #0764 MSRP \$28,778 Spring Clearance \$23,400</p>	 <p>'15 Featherlite 8541 3H 20' GN 7'X16'4\" X7' tall, saddle racks, 52" dressing room, spare tire. CWT 4750, GVWR 10,400 #6484 MSRP \$29,379 Spring Clearance \$20,975</p>	 <p>'15 Featherlite 20' Stock Combo Center gate, plexiglass side panel, tack pkg, includes 4 adjustable saddle racks w/blanket bars, 3 plastic solid mount 6 hook hauler bars, 2 brush trays. CWT 4100, GVWR 14,000 #7093 MSRP \$26,177 Spring Clearance \$20,200</p>	 <p>'16 Featherlite 20' Livestock 7' X20' X7' tall, rumber flooring, 1 center gate, slider in rear gate. CWT 4600, GVWR 14000 #9765 MSRP \$26,177 Spring Clearance \$17,975</p>	 <p>'16 Featherlite 16' BP Livestock One center gate w/ slider, fully swing rear gate w/ slider, escape door. CWT 2450, GVWR 9000 #2050 MSRP \$12,100 Spring Clearance \$11,200</p>
 <p>'16 Sundowner 4H GN Super Sport Double rear doors, pads for slant stall, loading light, spare tire. CWT 4420, GVWR 13000 #1839 MSRP \$22,410 Spring Clearance \$20,975</p>	 <p>'16 Sundowner Rancher 24' GN TR 4 tier saddle rack, brush tray, blanket bar, load light, center gate, spare, 2 - 19\" X53\" windows in GN. CWT 4665, GVWR 15,210 #2905 MSRP \$23,895 Spring Clearance \$18,700</p>	 <p>'16 Sundowner Charter SE 2H BP Feed bags, 2 tier saddle rack, rear load light, rear ramp, spare. CWT 2815, GVWR 8050 #2640 MSRP \$19,515 Spring Clearance \$15,475</p>	 <p>'16 Sundowner 16' Super Sport 3H BP 6'9\" X16\" X7'6\" tall, silver/beige, 3 tier saddle rack, drop down feed windows on head side, plexiglass on ramp side, spare, vents above stall. CWT 3150, GVWR 8050 \$16,175 #2294 MSRP \$16,175 Spring Clearance \$13,975</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">  <p>'16 Bloomer 34' 4H GN LQ 14' SW, 10' slide, one of a kind #1581 \$157,000</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Precision Engineered for Durability and Dependability</p>  </div>
 <p>'16 Charmac Renegade 17' 3H BP 6'8\" X17\" X7' tall, Drop down feed windows head side, large bus windows ramp side, 3 tier swing out saddle rack, matted floor/walls. CWT 4315 GVWR 9990 #6004 \$13,275</p>	 <p>'17 Charmac Renegade 2H BP 7' tall, swing out 2 tier saddle rack, drop down feed windows, vent above each stall, padded divider, spare tire. CWT 3345 GVWR 7000 #6275 \$11,535</p>	 <p>'17 Circle D 24' GN Stock Combo 6'8\" X24\" X7' tall, center gate w/ slider, 4 tier saddle racks, plexiglass both sides, interior/rear load light. CWT 5700 GVWR 14000 #6591 \$13,575</p>	 <p>'17 Circle D Model 6824 GN Stock 6'8\" W X 24' L X 7' T, 16' centers all around, 2 center gates with sliders, floor mats, spare tire. CWT 6000 GVWR 14000 #6691 \$12,795</p>	 <p>'17 Circle D 22' GN Stock 22' model 6822GN, 7' tall, 16' centers all around, center gate w/ slider, floor mats, spare tire. CWT 5310 GVWR 14000 #6687 \$12,125</p>
 <p>'17 Circle D GN 24' Stock 6'8\" W X 24' L X 6'6\" T, 16' center wall, 2 center gates with sliders, spare tire. CWT 5800 GVWR 14000 #6609 \$11,875</p>	 <p>'17 Circle D 6820 20' GN Stock 6'8\" X20\" X7' tall, 1 center gate w/ slider, 4 outside tie loops, floor mats, plexiglass, spare tire. CWT 550 GVWR 14000 #6727 \$11,500</p>	 <p>'17 Circle D 20' GN Stock 6'8\" W X 20' L X 7' T, 1 center gate with slider, escape door, floor mats, 16' centers all around, torsion axles, spare tire. CWT 5500 GVWR 14000 #6757 \$10,975</p>	 <p>'17 Circle D 18' GN Stock 6'8\" W X 18' L X 7' T, 1 center gate with slider, floor mats, 16' centers all around, torsion axles, spare tire. CWT 4350 GVWR 12000 #6688 \$10,675</p>	 <p>'17 Circle D 16' Stock/Combo BP 6'X16'X7', Slider in rear gate, slant tack wall, 3 tier swingout saddle racks, plexiglass both sides. CWT 3460 GVWR 10160 #6598 \$8,975</p>
 <p>'16 Circle D 14' 2H Slant 6'W X 14' L X 7' T, slant wall tack package, 2 swing out saddle racks, brush tray, 2 tie loops-inside/4 outside, 2 drop down feed windows, rear load light, spare tire. CWT 3240, GVWR 7000 #6326 \$8,875</p>	 <p>'17 Circle D 16' Stock/Combo 6'X16'X7' tall, slant wall package, floor mats, swing out 3 tier saddle rack, 8 tie loops, rear load light, spare tire. CWT 3260, GVWR 9990 #6589 \$8,475</p>	 <p>USED '01 Alumina 4H/6H GN Slant Drop down feed windows, front & rear ramp, new tires, spare tire. CWT 5,600, GVWR 15,000 #1085 \$11,975</p>	 <p>USED '98 Featherlite 12' 2H Slant 2 tier saddle rack, drop down feed window, padded divider, blanket bar, bridle hooks. CWT 2900, GVWR 7000 #3106 \$10,500 \$9,975</p>	 <p>'07 Trip B 24' Cargo 8'W X 24' L X 8' T, rear ramp, 8-D ring tie downs, roof vent, 3 dome lights. CWT 3200 GVWR 12,000 #7150 \$6,975</p>
 <p>CM TRUCK BEDS BUILT TO WORK. BUILT TO LAST.</p>	 <p>'16 CARGO CRAFT EV-85202 BP Trailer 8'6\" W X 20' L, E-track on floor, 6' vender door, rear ramp, aluminum wheels, spare tire, roof vent. CWT 4000 GVWR 9990 #45740 \$8,475</p>	 <p>'00 PJ 30' GN Flatbed Tandem Dually 25' x 5' dovetail, comes with spare tire. CWT 5700 GVWR 24000 #6907 \$6,475</p>	 <p>Classic 1966 Lincoln 4 Door Convertible This is an original and in excellent condition vehicle, suicide doors, white leather interior and white convertible top that goes into the trunk, 430 cubic inch V-8 engine, 101,000 original miles. #6508 NEW PRICE \$29,975</p>	 <p>'79 Chevy Corvette Call today for more info on this vehicle! #5205 \$8,995</p>

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Last week's 4-page graduation section was to be in color. Regrettably, we ran this page in black and white. Let's try again.

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Alexandria Brook Colpitts

"Be content with the silence. You'll learn a lot."

~ Jackie Hill Perry



Andersen Joseph Pitts

"Nice."

~ Jeremy Harthan



Brendon Paul Olin

"If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

~ Harry S. Truman



Jordan Elizabeth Leo

"It's great to plan for your future. Just don't live there... Whatever happens happens now, so live your life where the action is - now."

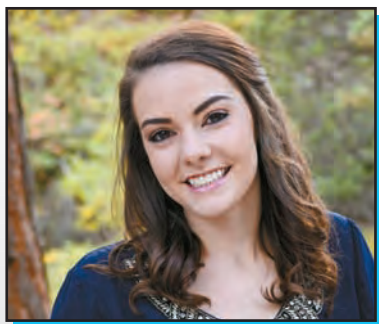
~ Jerry Zucker



Juan Francisco Meraz

"Life is like a game of soccer. You need goals. If there are no goals in your life then you can't win."

~ Unknown



Kayla Marie Fairchild

"Wherever you go, go with all your heart."

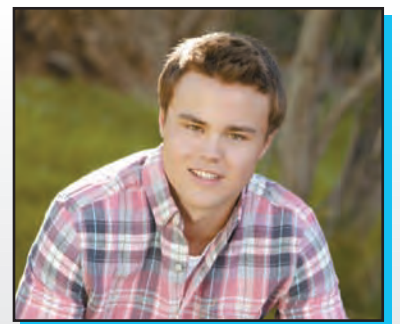
~ Confucius



Lexie Kathleen Todd

"You are loved more than you will ever know by someone who died to know you."

~ Romans 5:8



Lincoln Chase Sackman

"Just relax, take it slow, and let the good times roll."

~ Steven Stifler



Megan Eileen Kienapfel

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have."

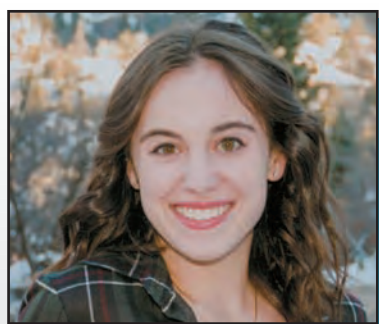
~ Margaret Mead



Ravi Amida Inmon

"The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power."

~ Unknown



Rose Elizabeth Biolchini

"I always find beauty in things that are odd and imperfect- they are much more interesting."

~ Marc Jacobs



Wendy Anne Woods

"Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."

~ Joshua J. Marine



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CITY OF OURAY

Library hosts lunch program

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Ouray Public Library will launch a new program, Lunch at the Library, on Tuesday, June 6. The library will give a free sack lunch to anyone under age 18, due to a grant from Ouray Elks Lodge.

Younger children will have a story read to them, and older children may eat in the library or take their lunch with them.

"The Ouray Library is always trying to

find ways to fill a need in our community," said Aimee Vann, program coordinator. "We started Lunch at the Library as a way to keep our kids healthy, fed and engaged during the summer months, when school lunches are not an option."

For more information, contact the library at programsOurayPL@gmail.com.

Lunch at the Library will be every Tuesday in the summer from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The library is located at 320 6th Ave.

Montrose history is subject of book reading

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Ouray Public Library will host a free reading and discussion by Montrose author ZillaMay Brown on her book, "Images of America: Montrose" on Monday, June 12 at 6 p.m. in the Ouray Community Center. A book signing will follow.

"This work is dedicated to area pioneers, past and present, and to the Montrose County Historical Society supporters striving to preserve and protect our local historical legacy," according to publisher Arcadia Publishing and the History Press.

Brown said she hopes "this book will highlight the area's legitimate history and help readers discern the difference between actual historical events and fabricated theatrical versions."

Brown has lived in Montrose since 1954. She is a lifetime member of the Montrose County Historical Society and has served as the president of the society for 10 years, scheduling free monthly historical presentations for the Montrose community. She also serves as the chair of the Montrose County Historic Landmark Advisory Board, tasked with determining eligibility and qualifications of sites.

CITY OF OURAY

Time to Bingo!

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Summer means it's time for Bingo at the Ouray Elks Lodge every Wednesday night, beginning June 7. Games are at 7 p.m.

"Our weekly Bingo program is really popular every year," said Exalted Ruler John Lorimer. "It's really a fun evening for

the whole family. We'll have light concession refreshments available from local students, and the Progressive jackpot game is always exciting. These games are open to the public, and we hope to see a lot of our old friends, as well as new faces."

Income from Bingo supports a number of lodge charitable programs, as well as helps to cover lodge upkeep.



Ouray High School valedictorian Jordan Leo told her fellow graduates that her speech was about them. "I've learned so much from each of you," said Leo. Salutatorian Megan Kienapfel also addressed the crowd. After presentation of diplomas by superintendent Scott Pankow and board of education president Kentee Pasek and a closing message from graduate Kayla Fairchild, the 12 graduates left the stage to "Don't You Forget About Me," a song by Simple Minds.

Courtesy photo



Holding scissors, left to right: Amber Perkins, Phil "Bombie" Martinez and Jason Perkins cut the ribbon during the opening of Ouray Café located at the Ouray RV Park and Cabins, 1700 Main St., Ouray. The cafe is open Tuesday-Sunday, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

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CALENDAR & EVENTS

On the Slope

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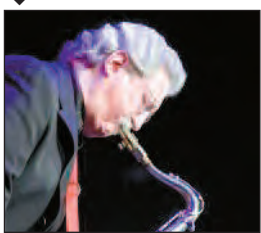
PAONIA
Ancient World of Drumming Workshop, master drummer Glen Velez explores amazing worlds of drumming and hoomi. June 3-4, Blue Sage Center for the Arts. www.bluesage.org



TELLURIDE
Palm Kidz, Big Bang Boom June 2, 4 p.m., Telluride Palm. Parent friendly children's educational music. www.telluridepalm.com



GRAND JUNCTION
CMU Jazz Workshop final concert, June 2, CMU Moss Performing Arts Center, Robinson Theatre, faculty jazz, Wester Colorado Jazz Orchestra, guest artist Ralph Lalama, saxophone. 7:30 p.m.. 970-243-6787.



DURANGO
True West Rodeo, begins June 7, La Plata County Fairgrounds, every Wednesday through Aug. 2. www.truewestrodeo.com



Calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

TEEN CAFÉ - Ridgway Public Library, 300 Charles St. Ages 10-16. Free. Snacks. Read. Write. Chat. Hang out. 3:45-5 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC - Jessica Hernandez and the Deltas. Mountain Air Music Series. Fellin Park, Ouray. 6-9 p.m. Opening band iZCALLi plays O'Brien's Pub and Grill at 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

THEATER - "Treasure Island" at Wright Opera House. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: www.thewrightopera-house.org. Adults \$15, students \$12.

TOUR - "True Grit" Walking Tour. Meet at Ridgway Visitor's Center at 10:45 a.m. \$10 for ages 12 and up. Children under 12 free.

SPIRITFEST - Opening Ceremony. Sherbino Theater. Doors at 6:30 p.m. www.ridgwayspiritfest.com.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

ARCHERY - at Ridgway State Park Visitor's Center. 9:30 a.m. Info: 970-626-5822.

THEATER - "Treasure Island" at Wright Opera House. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: www.thewrightopera-house.org. Adults \$15, students \$12.

SPIRITFEST - Events in and around Ridgway. Info: www.ridgwayspiritfest.com.

CONCERT - Cowboy Up for Christ presented by Praise Him Ministries. Ridgway Town Park. 11 a.m.-

1 p.m. Free concert and lunch catered by True Grit Café.

CLEAN-UP - Volunteers needed to help clean up Rollans Park in Ridgway. Information and to sign up: 970-325-3010 or uwpcordinator@gmail.com.

LECTURE - "Mountain Men" by J. Coffman. Ridgway State Park Visitor's Center Overlook. Info: 970-626-5822.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

THEATER - "Treasure Island" at Wright Opera House. 2 p.m. Tickets: www.thewrightoperahouse.org. Adults \$15, students \$12.

SPIRITFEST - Events in and around Ridgway. Info: www.ridgwayspiritfest.com.

MUSIC - Miles Pike performs at Ridgway Community Church. 10 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

MEETING - Northern San Juan Broadband of Great Old Broads for Wilderness, 9-11 a.m. Ridgway Library, 300 Charles St.

MEET & GREET - Welcoming Ridgway's new Town Marshal Tammy Stroup, 11:30 a.m., Ridgway Community Center.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

MOVIE - "20th Century Women" sponsored by Ouray Public Library. 7 p.m.

Free. Rated PG-13.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT - "Spiritual Gifts." Ridgway Community Church. 7-8 p.m. For more information call 626-5692.

TALK - Sherb Travel Talks by community members. Sherbino Theater, Ridgway. 7 p.m. Doors at 6:30 p.m. \$5 suggested donation.

BINGO - at the Elks Lodge, 421 Main St., Ouray. Light refreshments available. Open to public. 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

TEEN CAFÉ - Ridgway Public Library, 300 Charles St. Ages 10-16. Free. Snacks. Read. Write. Chat. Hang out. 3:45-5 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC - The Outer Vibe. Mountain Air Music Series. Fellin Park, Ouray. 6-9 p.m. Opening band The 14ers plays O'Brien's Pub and Grill at 9:30 p.m.



- Jun 1: Carli Hansen, Christine Witherspoon, Mary Jane Kuboske, Thomas Tyler
- Jun 2: Henry Potter, Belinda Willis, Quinten Larkin
- Jun 3: Ben Tisdell, Edward Hurley, Ashley Holder
- Jun 4: Melanie Ingo, Justin Watkins, Nita Lou Webb, Dar Craft
- Jun 5: Ryan Bartashius
- Jun 6: Chuck Merling, Levi LaGree, Joan Moyer, Wedding Anniversary of Shari & Larry McIntire
- Jun 7: Mary Ann Hughes, Liam McBride, Joel County, Jenny McCoy. Anniversary: Dan & Krista Ficco.

Send us your name and birthday to plaindealer@ouraynews.com

In case you missed it



Brett Kwiatkowski, Nick Baris and Matt Baudhuin teamed up for a tournament victory at the Ridgway basketball three-on-three tournament last Saturday, May 27. The tournament featured several teams of community members, high school students and Ridgway Secondary School graduates at the Ridgway Secondary School gym. Courtesy photo

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