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The Hot Springs' colorful dilemma



Ouray Hot Springs Pool officials have been tinkering with various methods to remove or prevent mineral staining of the pool lining so it looks more like the photo on the left, taken in 2018, and less like the photo on the right, taken June 9. The pool was treated with ascorbic acid Monday to try to fix the problem. Two more treatments are scheduled June 17 and 24.

Photo on the left courtesy Brent Bayless for Ouray Tourism Office, Plaindealer photo on the right by Mike Wiggins

Chlorine line fixed, but balancing act between minerals, staining is tough

BY MIKE WIGGINS
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Kentee Pasek has always known about the "great minerals" in the Ouray Hot Springs Pool and how they help a 15-minute soak melt away stress and tension and leave swimmers feeling refreshed and rejuvenated. She grew up in the water, working as a lifeguard as a teenager.

But now, in her fourth month as the manager of the pool, Pasek is getting an up-close view of the more colorful side of those minerals — the iron and manganese and potassium and copper that transform the pool from a bright, clear blue to shades of red, black, purple and green and prompt quizzical looks and questions from residents and tourists alike.

Two years into a \$9 million pool renovation and expansion, Ouray city leaders and pool employees con-

tinue to tinker with the hot springs' appearance, seeking a happy medium that allows the iron from the appropriately named Red Mountain and other minerals to impart their natural health benefits but holds them in check enough to avoid a discoloration that is unappealing to the eye.

"The coloration is a great story. It's been a great chemical challenge, obviously," Pasek said.

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WESTERN COLORADO

Snow, slides, avalanches keep Alpine Loop closed

Some high country events nixed

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It might be weeks or months before the Alpine Loop is more than an up-and-back-down route and instead a true loop, as record snow, landslides, avalanches and floods have created challenges for roads managers in the counties it winds through.

The already narrow snow-free window the 65-mile

scenic drive usually faces shrunk even further, as officials in Ouray, Lake City and Silverton battle an epic snowpack year peppered with disaster in some places, preventing access to the road through the alpine tundra.

Hinsdale County's access to the Alpine Loop, coming from Engineer Pass on the Ouray side and Cinnamon Pass just north of Silverton, will be blocked for some time, according to JoAllen Blowers, road and bridge supervisor.

"On our side of the mountain, this (snow) is a 500-year event," he said.

Blowers, who has been in his position a total of three

weeks, said his crews have also been thwarted in their road-clearing efforts by other, more pressing matters, including flooding of Henson Creek. County officials have focused their efforts on keeping the waterway clear of debris and removing two old historic dams, to keep the runoff from backing up and flooding areas with homes.

The county recently put out a call for volunteers to fill sandbags and evacuate artifacts from its museum, many of them irreplaceable items related to Alford Packer.

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Panel advises camping rule change delay

Planning commission: Clarify definitions before overhauling land-use code

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Ouray County commissioners shouldn't adopt the latest revisions to county land-use codes concerning non-commercial camping until a proposed ordinance is complete and definitions are clearer, according to advice from the county's planning commission last week.

The county has been working on various versions of the ordinance for years, which would limit stays on private land to 30 non-consecutive days within a year. This would include tent camping, RVs, yurts and other shelter not requiring a certificate of occupancy.

The Ouray County Planning Commission recommended at its last meeting, held June 4, that the Board of County Commissioners not adopt a draft of revisions to sections of the Land Use Code concerning non-commercial camp-

ing until the ordinance on the same issue is finalized, leaving the issue far from resolved.

Commissioners said it was premature to adopt changes to the sections of code until after the ordinance is complete and definitions are clarified.

Though county commissioners thought they were nearing a final draft and only wanted the planning commission to provide comments before finalization, the planning commission refused to do so. While members disagreed vastly in opinions on camping on private property in the High Alpine Zone, they all agreed they did not want to wordsmith the sections of code they deemed complicated and inconsistent.

"I think this needs a lot of work," Vince Snowbarger, commission member, said of the documents. He also said he was "baffled by the process" of adding terms, such as short-term and long-term non-commer-

cial camping to the code when they have not been adequately defined.

The commission was as split as members of the public on how regulated camping on private property in the High Alpine Zone should be. The zone, located above 9,480 feet, has more stringent land-use regulations due to the increased impacts on the more sensitive environment.

At the center of the argument is property rights. Property owners have purchased their property – often old mining claims – with the hope of using it for camping or to construct cabins or yurts.

Yurts have become a popular option due to rules restricting building permits in the High Alpine Zone to parcels of 35 acres and above, whereas many mining claims are under 10 acres. Property owners – prevented from building more traditional homes or cabins on the land they had intended to use as their getaways and jumping-off points for various recreation-

al activities – have resorted to yurts as an alternative.

On the other side of the debate is the desire to preserve higher altitude lands in their natural state and keep them undeveloped. Concerns include effects to wildlife, soil, plants and general visual impact. Many people both at public meetings and in letters to the commission argue that anything used for camping should be removed when vacant, such as a requirement to remove tents or an RV. This is an option that is not feasible for something like a yurt.

"I'm not sure I want the BOCC making the choice between one extreme or the other. I think it behooves us to investigate whether there is any kind of compromise there for the long-term camping structure," Randy Parker, commission member, said after the planning commission agreed to not recommend adoption of the changes.

OBITUARY

Robert Wilson

January 3, 1944 ~ May 26, 2019



Robert Wilson, 75, was born in Los Angeles, CA, on Jan. 3, 1944 and passed away on May 26, 2019. He was known as Bob around the town & county of Ouray, Colorado where he lived for 30yrs. His spouse, Bobbie, and he came to Colorado on vacation one summer in 1985 and never looked back.

Bob found employment at various jobs until he was hired at the Ouray Variety Store in town. He worked for Glynn & Dee Williams for 20 years doing retail sales, a job he had so much experience in from California.

His spouse, Bobbie, worked at Citizens State Bank for the Harry A. Lowe Insurance Agency for 18 years.

Shortly after moving to Ouray, Bob met a friend, Don Harrington, who invited him to join the Ouray Elks Lodge #492. The Elks were involved with so many programs for children in the county. This sparked a passion in him, as he grew up in the YMCA programs.

He got involved in the Ouray Elks ride for charity for many years, raising as much as \$11,000 one year. There were several riders who collected pledges to help in this grand total. It was amazing to say the least. Bob coordinated all the donations for food, paper products & anything else that was needed for the 2-day, 50 mile horse-back ride. It was quite a job, but he loved every minute of it. His friend, Don Harrington, was responsible for starting the original Ouray Elks ride for charity.

After Bob & his spouse retired, they wanted to move back to California where all the relatives on both sides resided. His family was very important to him, being closer would be wonderful. This would make his sister, three brothers & his 96-year-old mother very happy.

Their house sold in 2015 and they were on their way to California. He & his spouse bought a garden condo in a senior community in Port Hueneme, CA.

Bob passed away peacefully at home in the care of Hospice on May 26th after a lengthy respiratory illness.

His date of passing was on their 45th wedding anniversary. He kept his promise to stay until their anniversary, and he did.

His life was a life well lived. He will live on in the hearts & memories of so many.

His wife called him "Her Knight in Shining Armour." He was, is & always will be the "Love of her Life."

TOWN OF RIDGWAY

Council agrees to temporary cap on business water rates

BY ERIN MCINTYRE
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Ridgway town councilors agreed to temporarily cap commercial water rates at \$10.50 per 1,000 gallons, after convening in an emergency meeting last week.

Business owners came to the town with their water bills in hand, complaining the increased costs caused financial strain, and convinced councilors to agree to the stopgap measure. The ordinance adopted by council freezes the rates until fall, and will apply to the June water bills charged in July.

The town raised water rates after numerous meetings last year and staff evaluation of the costs associated with treating and delivering water to residents and businesses. They discovered the town was subsidizing water rates and decided to raise the prices, beginning in January.

But roughly a dozen businesses joined forces and complained to the town, anticipating increased water usage over the summer with more tourists coming to town. Some businesses, including hotels and restaurants, said they faced exponential water bill increases.

Some said there's a balance between finding a way to pay for the cost of water and what they feel is punishing businesses who use more water and bring economic benefit to the town, including tourism.

"How can the town support the tourism, and get what they need to support the needs of the water fees so that everyone has good drinking water?" asked Cat Lichtenbelt, the co-owner of the building at 615 Clinton St.

Councilors agreed with business owners' requests to extend the proposed freeze on rates into the fall, citing a longer tourism season with hunters and leaf-peepers in mind.

Mayor Pro Tem Eric Johnson said the freeze was a move in the right direction to finding a permanent solution.

"I agree with you guys that this is a burden, and it's unfortunate, but we've got to cover our costs," he said. He also noted the town wants to be transparent about how the rates were determined, that all the meetings held about the proposed rate increase were open to the public last fall.

"Nobody's trying to hide anything," he said.

The council unanimously approved the measure. Mayor John Clark was absent from the meeting as he was on vacation.

After the vote, Councilor Robb Austin said he hopes the decision shows a good-faith effort on the council's part to work with business owners to find a fair solution.

"I just hope that this is some indication that the town is very willing to work with our business partners on this and it may not be what everyone wanted, and it may not be what all of council wanted but I think it shows some desire on council's part to work with those in business."

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WESTERN COLORADO

Tri-State exec: Offer to buy too pricey

BY MIKE WIGGINS
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The chief executive officer of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association says he rejected a \$500 million offer to replace three of the company's coal-powered plants mostly with renewable energy because he believes Tri-State can ultimately accomplish the same ambitious task at a lower cost for its members.

Miami-based energy contractor Guzman Energy approached Tri-State with a proposal earlier this year to purchase a trio of coal-fired power plants — two near Craig and one in New Mexico — and a coal mine near Craig with plans to close them. Guzman would replace them with a combination of wind, solar and natural gas-fired facilities, along with battery storage, to supply Tri-State with electricity cheaper than the power generated by the shuttered coal plants.

In addressing more than 150 people during San Miguel Power Association's annual meeting in Ridgway on June 6, Tri-State CEO Duane Highley said Guzman's offer "sounds fantastic and it is, and I applaud them for their energy and creativity."

But he said while rates for Tri-State's members may initially decline under the deal, they could be higher in 20 years. He also claimed Tri-State can obtain financing at a lower interest rate than the rate of return sought by Guzman's investors, a group Highley called "Boulder billionaires."

"We think we can do the same job Guzman could do, if not better," he said.

Tri-State provides wholesale power to 43 member co-ops in Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Nebraska, including SMPA.

The Westminster-based company has come under fire in recent months from some of its members for its dependence upon fossil-fuel generation and limiting local renewable energy projects to 5 percent of the local electricity load, prompting some to break ranks with Tri-State. Tri-State's 2018 annual report indicates the company receives 41 percent of its electricity from coal and 25 percent from renewable sources.

Guzman financed New Mexico-based Kit Carson Electric Cooperative's \$37 million buyout from Tri-State, and the Delta-Montrose Electric Association is seeking to do the same so it can develop more renewable and local energy generation. DMEA sought a ruling from the Colorado Public Utilities Commission after Tri-State required a fee DMEA called "discriminatory." The PUC has yet to hear the case.

Highley fielded questions from meeting attendees for about 20 minutes on a range of topics, including Tri-State's battle with DMEA. With several DMEA employees in the room, he said Tri-State is continuing discussions with the co-op in the hopes of settling on a buyout number "that would be fair to Delta-Montrose, but also fair to the other 42 members (of Tri-State) who pick up those costs Delta-Montrose won't pay."

One audience member asked what Tri-State plans to do to help Nucla recover from the economic impacts of the shuttering of the Nucla Station power plant by the end of 2022.



Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association CEO Duane Highley said Guzman Energy's offer to purchase three of Tri-State's coal-fired power plants and replace them mostly with renewable energy "sounds fantastic," but he rejected the overture because he believes Tri-State can accomplish it at a lower cost to its members. Highley addressed more than 150 people during San Miguel Power Association's annual meeting in Ridgway on June 6.

Plaindealer photo by Mike Wiggins

The associated New Horizon coal mine has already closed.

Highley noted Tri-State set up a \$50,000 block grant to assist businesses. He said he's also met with Gov. Jared Polis and asked him to help companies like Tri-State make the transition away from a coal-based electrical energy economy in light of a bill Polis signed that will set up the Colorado Just Transition Office and generate a report on how to make that transition and help coal-based workers.

"Help us site and build power generating facilities without waiting 15 years," he said. "We have to be able to develop those resources."

When asked what will happen to the plant in Nucla, Highley said that's something for the Tri-State board of directors to discuss and that no decision has been made. The options, he said, range from "a fence and a dog" to complete reclamation of the site.

Both Highley and SMPA CEO and General Manager Brad Zaporski were peppered with questions about pursuing more renewable energy sources and lifting Tri-State's 5 percent cap on those sources. A Tri-State contract committee is considering changing the bylaws to allow member co-ops to generate more renewable energy.

Tri-State members currently operate

tract would look like. He said SMPA has asked to raise the renewable cap to 10 percent or more.

Highley said it's essential for Tri-State to build flexibility into its members' contracts.

"In today's world, our members expect more flexibility from their power supplier, and if we don't provide it, they'll find it somewhere else," he said.

In a review of SMPA's 2018 annual report and events this past winter, Zaporski touched on several points:

- Avalanches have buried some SMPA power lines under 20-30 feet of snow, leaving many remote locations in the company's service area without power still.

- A new underground line that connects the Telluride and Sunshine substations and provides a redundant power feed that backs up the transmission line that serves Telluride and Mountain Village came in handy in March when a tree blew into the transmission line, knocking out power to some 4,700 customers.

SMPA was able to switch over to the so-called Telluride/Mountain Village Reliability Project, which was completed last year, and limit the power outage to just under an hour. Without that redundant power source, Zaporski said power likely would have been out for 36 hours.

- SMPA operating revenue totaled \$29.1 million in 2018, about \$1.2 million more than 2017. Zaporski said the co-op will defer some of that revenue and put it in savings. That will allow SMPA to avoid a rate increase should the economy sour this year or a mild winter ensue, he said.

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“People ask, ‘What’s going on with your pool?’ And we tell them, ‘Oh, it’s all of our great minerals.’ And they say, ‘Get me in.’”

Ouray Hot Springs Pool Manager Kentee Pasek, Page 11

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Grandparents' time nothing to rave about

Dear Editor,

I noticed in an article in a recent business section of the Plaindealer that, in support of the new single use bag law, Ridgway's mayor, John Clark, was quoted as saying that we all need to live more like our grandparents. I certainly hope that he has reconsidered that thought considering how our grandparents lived.

In 1958 I inherited my grandfather's car, a 1952 Buick. That car got the worst gas mileage of any car I have owned since that time. While I do not know what the exhaust emissions were from that Buick, I am sure that it was much higher than any vehicle I currently own.

I know that my grandparents and my parents both had washing machines and dryers that were not as energy efficient as the ones I currently own. My grandparents may have had, at the maximum, two rotary dial phones in their house. They did not have a computer, a cell-phone or any other electronic device that most of us currently own. Their TVs and radios operated with tubes of various sorts. The main TV tube should have been disposed of as hazardous waste, which had not been thought of at the time. While the standard of living, in many respects, is quite similar to today, the energy costs, carbon emissions and general environmental concerns of today just were not thought of by the majority of the citizens.

A second point is that Mayor Clark was speaking in support of children who were and are of an age that I could be the same age or even older than their grandparents. In that respect we are living as those young folks' grandparents, since many readers of your newspaper are of an age to be their grandparents.

John R. Mitchell
Ridgway

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Roadblocks add to pain of mother's passing

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter out of sheer frustration. My mother passed away on April 19, 2019, and as I try to close this chapter of my life I continue to run into numerous roadblocks.

Just for a little background, my mom lived at the 4J Trailer Park, in Ouray. Consequently the trailer is 25 years old and I am being required to remove the trailer from the park. In the meantime the 4-J and I are being held hostage by the City of Ouray. It seems as long as the trailer is parked on said spot, I have to pay water and trash services even though they are not being used. I can disconnect the electricity, I can stop propane deliveries, I can also shut the water off myself, but I cannot stop trash pickup or terminate the water account. Yes, the account is current up until the death date, and yes the 4J will be billed for the water and trash as long as the trailer is parked on said lot.

I find it difficult to understand why the City of Ouray is allowed to collect money on services that are not being used. I have heard of companies trying to take advantage of the elderly, but to take advantage of one who is dead

is nowhere within the grasp of my mind. Actually I'm not sure how much trash a dead person has or how much water they use. I understand paying the lot rent because the trailer is occupying that spot that another could rent, but I don't understand the need for the dead to continue paying the City's water debt when they are not using the services.

Show me the regulation that says dead people must continue paying the water and trash bill. I know for a fact that all other services terminate when someone dies. What's the deal with the City? I feel like the City is committing fraud by asking for money from me and I receive nothing in return, or holding a gun to the 4J's head. As I was told by City Hall "People who live here part-time still pay their bill." The issue I see with that statement is they are alive, and my mother lives no more. Once the home is carted out of town the billing ceases. I just don't understand.

Lillian McMurrin
Ouray



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LOOKING BACK

From the Ouray County Herald and Ouray County Plainealer: 50 Years Ago

June 12, 1969 - A large portion of Monday's noon meeting of the Ouray Chamber of Commerce was devoted to the "old business" of angry comment and castigation of the telephone service in Ouray County, or lack of it. Service has again deteriorated to a point as low as it has ever been in the area. A main complaint is being unable to get the long distance operator. The Plainealer has often had to forego business requiring long distance calls, as have may other Ouray businesses, a problem that has become so chronic that fear of more tragic emergencies rests now in the minds of many.

40 Years Ago

June 14, 1979 - Editor: Coming home to Ouray, after being away for the past six years, filled me with a miscellany of emotions. Returning to the captivating splendor of the San Juans brought back the memorable feeling of tranquility. But as I drove down the back road into town, that feeling was transformed into despondency and disgust. The old hot water heater that someone had dumped on the Boslaugh's property, a toilet further on down the road, trees that had been topped during Christmas season and others that had been brought back to wither and die. There were also several bags of trash dumped over the cliff on our neighbor's land, containing mail addressed to a local family. And junk cars in the river - absolutely nothing positive can be said about this subject. Growth is inevitable, but trash isn't. - Kathy Jo Campbell

30 Years Ago

June 15, 1989 - A record breaking crowd attended Friday night's opening concert of the Music In Ouray Chamber Music Festival. The All Mozart program drew music lovers from up and down the Western Slope, New Mexico, Texas, California, and visitors from Chicago and New York and as far afield as Frankfurt, Germany. Music In Ouray has attracted world-class artists to the Southwestern part of Colorado for seven years the level of the performers and their performances make attendance at this festival a must. Dee Williams, of the Ouray Performing Arts Guild said.

20 Years Ago

June 17, 1999 - An irritated Board of County Commissioners reacted to recent statements of Ouray Mayor Jim Miller, who questioned the motives of the county's road work schedule. BOCC Chairman Alan Staehle said that inferences made by Miller were a cheap shot to the county and based on uninformed facts. County Road and Bridge Supervisor Bob Wolford presented a memo to the BOCC showing that Jeep roads are opening roughly on schedule as compared to the last four years. Last week, Miller repeatedly questioned whether the county was delaying its plowing operation in retaliation to the city for its stance on a matter involving county-collected property taxes.

10 Years Ago

Editor: Concerned about development in

the high country? Want to see Ouray County's crown jewels sliced and diced by more and more road and driveway cuts and megahome sites? Or, do you think the county can strike a better balance between property rights and preservation of our Alpine wonderland? To do just that, the county Planning Commission is holding a public hearing on a new, comprehensive land use ordinance for the southerly and most sensitive portions of the Alpine Zone. This culminates a year and a half of public meetings and workshops and diligent and hard work by the Planning Commission, BOCC and staff. So what's the problem with the existing Land Use Code? Until recently, no one believed that anyone would actually build modern residences in the high country in the face of such challenges. That assumption proved untrue, and the county is now correctly and proactively moving forward with special regulations. - Scott Williams, Ridgway

From The Ridgway Sun

30 Years Ago

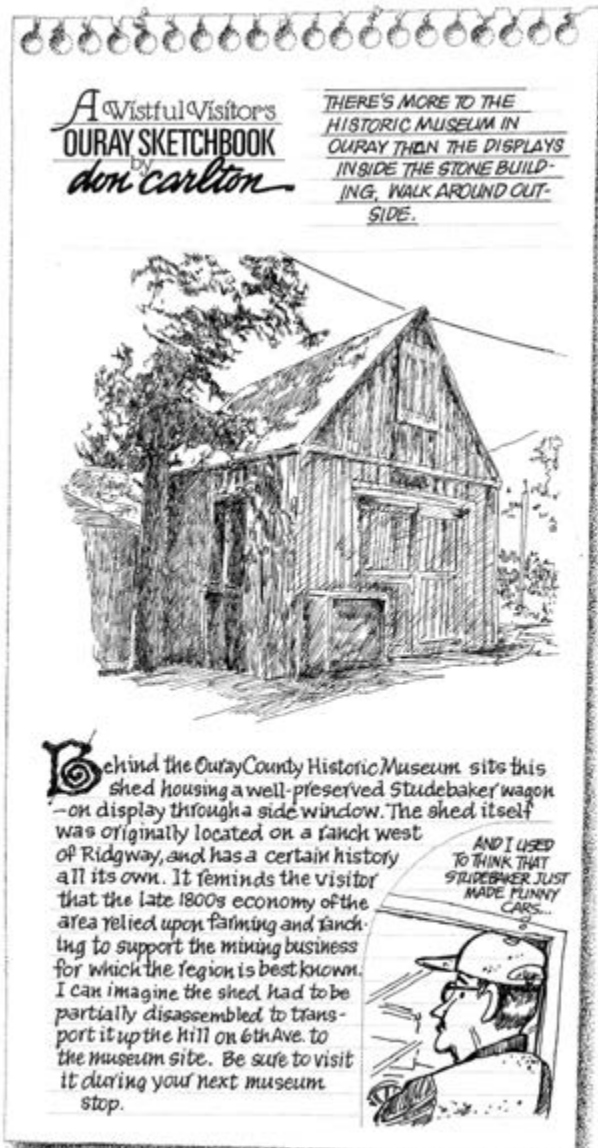
June 15, 1989 - Professional counseling services in Ouray County will be available starting July 5th. Ms. Susan Danner, M.A., of the Center for Mental Health will begin holding regular office hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Wednesday at the Ouray County Courthouse. Ms. Danner has worked extensively in the mental health field and therapy will be available for such needs as marital counseling, adolescent problems, depression, and alcohol and drug abuse to name a few. Funding was obtained through the combined efforts of the Ouray County Board of Commissioners, City of Ouray and the Victim's Assistance Law Enforcement Fund.

20 Years Ago

June 17, 1999 - There'll be some changes made at the Ridgway Chamber Visitor Center. With the approval of Town Council under its belt, the Chamber can proceed with plans to place a railroad car near the building, compliments of the Ridgway Railroad Museum committee. And thanks to a grant from Region 10, renovations to the center's interior can proceed, along with exterior landscaping that will include trees, shrubs and picnic tables. The railroad car will be bought by the Railroad Museum committee, which was started last year through the Ouray County Museum with plans for a satellite railroad museum in Ridgway.

10 Years Ago

June 17, 2009 - Economic conditions have resulted in more people needing food assistance, according to the director of Ouray County Social Services. Department head Allan Gerstle informed the Board of County Commissioners on Monday that a comparison of families eligible for food stamps showed a significant increase from an average of 50 households per month in 2008 to an average of 80 households per month for the first four months on 2009. Commissioner Keith Mainert asked Gerstle if the increase is an indicator of the local economy. Gerstle said yes.



What happens in Mayberry stays in Mayberry

Readers of a certain age will remember watching The Andy Griffith Show or, more likely, reruns. It was a popular series about life in a small town called Mayberry. For anyone who can recall what it was like growing up in a place like Mayberry, the characters on the show brought to mind real people and a rush of memories.

No doubt contemporaries of Samuel Clemens (better known as Mark Twain) felt the same way reading about Tom Sawyer in the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. There was a time when "rural America" was the real America and small towns were the heart and soul of that America.

According to the Census Bureau, 97 percent of the counties in the United States are still classified as rural. Demographically, however America looks nothing like the nation brought forth in 1789 when 95 percent of the population was rural. At the time of WWI half the population lived in farm country. In 1950, it still stood at 40 percent.

In a real sense, the history of this country is a story of human migration both involving people coming here from abroad but, less often remarked, internally. Internal migration from rural areas and small towns to cities has been more disruptive and transformative than immigration.

According to American Housing

Survey released last year, over half the population (52 percent) say they live in suburban neighborhoods. Another 27 percent are city folk. Barely one-fifth self-identify as rural.

Today, more than 8 out of 10 Americans live in cities, AKA metropolitan statistical areas. Denver, for example, is Colorado's example of a sprawling, fast-growing MSA. In 2017, the state's population totaled slightly less than 6 million. Of that number, 3.5 million Colorado residents live in and around Denver. Taking Front Range Urban Corridor as a whole, the number rises to 5 million. That leaves about one million for the rest of Colorado - including the entire Western Slope.

The Western Slope contains 38 percent of Colorado's area but only 10.7 percent of its population. That's only one of many reasons why we (you know who I mean) love living here, but it's not to be overlooked or taken for granted.

The region has a population of around 575,000. It grows every year, of course, but the growth rate is mercifully slow.

Not a few writers and thinkers are asking whether America has lost its way, whether it still has a heart. Or a soul. But there are still

Tom Magstadt



places in America where people are real, businesses are locally owned and operated, and not every eatery is a national franchise serving the same kind of plastic food. Welcome to Mayberry, USA.

I'm not saying nice places - neighborhoods with character - no longer exist in cities but you do have to know where to look. Suburbs, however, are another story altogether. If it's individualism, character, a neighborhood feel, or anything that distinguishes one shopping mall or monochromatic pop-up housing development from another you are looking for, good luck finding it in the suburbs of America.

Growth is the talisman of real-estate developers, economists and politicians who, among others, would have us believe that bigger is always better and growth is an unmitigated good with no downsides and no limits. Pshaw.

There are many kinds of growth in nature that are not good - cancerous tumors spring readily to mind. That's also true of business. If Amazon gets any bigger, Jeff Bezos will have enough money to buy Brazil and then he'll own what's left of the real Amazon.

If you don't believe me, get on the Google and see for yourself. Then stop in at a Walmart or an Apple store nearest you. Oh, and don't forget to check your Facebook notifications. Having done that, you will have engaged with four companies that have a combined worth greater than the GNP of most nations.

At the end of 2016, the combined market caps of Walmart, Target, Best Buy, Nordstrom, Kohl's, JC Penney, Sears, and Macy's was \$297.8 billion. Amazon was bigger than all these brick-and-mortar retailers put together, weighing in at \$356 billion. In other words, the big retailers are being dwarfed and eaten alive by four high-tech behemoths, three of which, unlike Apple and Walmart, for all practical purposes have no physical presence in your community.

I grew up in a place more like Mayberry than Minneapolis or Manhattan. For the vast majority of Americans that America is a fading memory. City dwellers and suburbanites have no clue how rich life in a small town can be. Shhh...

Mum's the word.

Tom Magstadt writes and cooks in the log cabin of his dreams. He lives on a mountain in Ouray County and frequents Colorado Boy almost enough to qualify as a regular.

WESTERN SLOPE NEWS BRIEFS

SILVERTON - Sheriff Bruce Conrad said on June 4 that his department is still awaiting a Colorado Bureau of Investigation report on the April 2 shooting on Red Mountain Pass in which a woman apparently shot herself and in the process injured Undersheriff Steve Lowrance. And local officials don't expect any surprises in the case. County Coroner Keri Metzler has already ruled the death of Amanda Maes, 30, of Colorado Springs, as a suicide. "It was ruled a self-inflicted gunshot wound," Metzler said. "The pathologist found everything consistent with the story told by all involved."

LAKE CITY - Well behind schedule, the long-awaited alpine snow melt has finally begun to rise in both Henson Creek and the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River which bifurcate Lake City. In tandem with the threatening flood waters are rising public anticipation, anxiety, and planning strategies. The June 4 meeting convened to update Lake City on changing conditions. At Tuesday evening's conference table this week was a smaller than has been usual panel featuring Unified Coordination Group team operation Section Chief Justin Whitesell; Lake City Town Manager Caroline Mitchell; County Administrator Jami Scroggins; and Hinsdale County Sheriff Justin Casey. Whitesell described efforts this week up CR 20 along Henson Creek and noted that debris removal and clean up was in full swing with excavators and large equipment clearing the "reachable" avalanches of massive snow dams mixed with debris from Big Casino, Klondike, Fanny Fern and others. While the Klondike work is mostly completed, Whitesell said work at the other slides is still underway but they are making good progress. Whitesell outlined not only debris loads at various points along upper Henson Creek, but also detailed the progress made thus far on the deconstruction of the Hidden Treasure Dam. The feat is being attacked via a narrow yellow bridge spanning the top of the historic dam from which hangs a remote "jackhammer robot which allows the demolition to happen in manageable, small pieces" from the top down.

GUNNISON - Gunnison River Festival events will occur over two separate weekends this summer as a result of anticipated high runoff. Festival officials announced this week that all events scheduled to occur at the Gunnison Whitewater Park will be moved to Aug. 24. The 16th annual Gunnison River Festival was previously scheduled for June 20-23. Other portions of the festival slated to take place along the Taylor River, at I Bar Ranch and in downtown Gunnison will continue as previously planned. The festival board indicated in a prepared statement that after discussing projections and consulting with the title sponsor, the Upper Gunnison River Conservancy District, they opted to reschedule events previously planned for June 22 at the Whitewater Park.

Sources:
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OURAY COUNTY

Commissioners get schooled in fire science

BY CAROLINA BROWN
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Mitigation methods based in science can save homes when wildfires spark, according to a wildfire expert who talked with Ouray County Commissioners on Tuesday.

Some of those science-based techniques are the same ideas that have been debated by county planning commission members as they formulate recommendations for rules to help make homes less susceptible to wildfire.

Jamie Gomez, assistant director of the West Region Wildfire Council, explained to commissioners Tuesday the science behind the proven methods to protect homes vulnerable to ignition from wildfires. Gomez shared information particularly concerning the Wildland Urban Interface, where homes are built near lands prone to wildland fire.

Ouray County has many homes in this interface, particularly in the area considered "intermixed" with homes and wildland. Loghill is a perfect example of this type of interface, and Ouray County has only seen more of these areas develop over time. The intermixed areas of the county have grown from 15.8 square kilometers to 43.5 between 1990 and 2010, according to Gomez.

After reviewing basic fire science with commissioners, Gomez explained the science of preventing a wildfire from consuming a home. Most of the research he cited came from a series of experiments conducted in Canada from 1997 to 2000 called the International Crown Fire Modeling Experiment. The research helped

establish the zoning the wildfire council recommends and the need for defensible space. Defensible space is a perimeter around a home that is completely fire resistant, such as 5-footwide path of rocks surrounding the entire structure acting as a barrier against fire spreading on the ground.

Other mitigation measures Gomez discussed included a class A roof, proper gutters and mesh screening in vents to prevent embers from entering structures. Gomez also stated the importance of a 6-inch non-combustible material along the bottom of a combustible siding.

Gomez likened decks to a campfire ready for ignition and said anyone with a traditional wooden deck is "taking an elevated risk." Likewise, wooden fencing that connects to a house acts as a ladder for a wildfire to travel along to reach the home.

He said homeowners should also avoid storing firewood and other combustibles against homes. Simple tips like these are easy for homeowners to implement themselves.

"As taxpayers we spent a little over \$3 billion on fighting wildfires in our country last year... One of the things that we spent that \$3 billion on is called a structure protection group... They go

around and move people's firewood piles, move their wicker furniture, sweep underneath their deck," Gomez said referring to trained crews that do this work in the projected paths of wildfires. "We're spending money to do what our homeowners should be doing right now."





Gomez said that it is a myth that mitigation does not work, that if a wildfire sweeps through an area the homes are doomed to burn down. He pointed out neighborhoods that were in the midst of last year's 416 Fire near Durango in which the homes had been properly mitigated and were spared from destruction.

The planning commission has been using the same information provided by Gomez over the last year as part of their work to develop recommendations for new regulations to help protect, or harden, homes in the county from wildfires.

Ouray County Planning Commission Chairwoman Sheelagh Williams, one of several members of the commission to attend, told commissioners the science they heard from Gomez was what their recommendations were based on and they would be presenting those to commissioners soon. The commission is scheduled to get back to work on finalizing proposed regulations next week.

"We're spending money to do what our homeowners should be doing right now."

Jamie Gomez
West Region Wildfire Council
assistant director

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OURAY COUNTY

County awarded grant for broadband project

Funding will pay for first phase of building lines from Montrose

BY ERIN MCINTYRE
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Ouray County has a clear path to bringing large-scale broadband internet service to the area after receiving a federal grant announced last week and discussed briefly by commissioners at their meeting Tuesday.

The county will receive initial funding of \$1.57 million for the first phase of the project, costing roughly \$2.4 million, which involves building fiber from Montrose to the Ouray County Health Department building. The funding, secured through the Universal Service Administrative Company through its Healthcare Connect Fund Program, supports bringing better health care to rural areas through increased connectivity. The county's matching portion of the grant will likely come from grants obtained through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs and other sources still being determined, County Commissioner Ben Tisdal said.

The health department will own the broadband infrastructure, according to Tisdal. However, the management of the lines will likely be done through a communications contractor used by Region 10.

The total grant award is more double the initial amount, according to County Commissioner Ben Tisdal, spread out over a two-year period. According to the grant award, Clear Network is the vendor providing the broadband.

Details are still being worked out, but the news that Ouray County obtained the grant money after first applying two years ago is exciting, Tisdal said. The construction of the broadband infrastructure is one called "middle mile" by those in the business, meaning it's bringing the service close enough to the area for private companies and service providers to build the last leg and hook up to the infrastructure. The network won't just be used by the health department — it ultimately can be used by other entities under certain agreements and will bring the possibility of broadband to more rural areas.

"There's a lot of numbers and details and things that we're still working on," Tisdal said, "but the big story is that we kind of dreamt big when we first thought about this program and our dreams are being realized. It's a huge cost we could never do on our own."

In other business, county commissioners also:

- Approved an emergency contract to have work begin on stabilizing the slide area of County Road

17, which has been closed for months.

"We cannot wait to go through the big process that's required because the road is closed ... there's a public safety issue where people are driving or riding their bikes and they're walking along that area and it's very unstable and very dangerous," County Attorney Carol Viner said, adding that plans are for the contractor, EarthTek, to begin work this week.

County Administrator Connie Hunt said rocks have continued to fall in the slide area and people should avoid the closed section of County Road 17. The route reconstruction is unlikely to be finished before the Fourth of July, when some folks have used the road as an alternate route.

- Approved a variance for a public restroom to be constructed just west of the intersection of county roads 26 and 26B, on land owned by the Ouray Silver Mines on the site formerly occupied by the Torpedo Eclipse Boarding House. The bathrooms, built by Six Basins Project, Inc., will serve visitors on their way to Imogene Pass and Yankee Boy Basin, and

will include electricity, running water and flushing toilets. The mines have agreed to lease the property for 99 years and the bathrooms will be maintained through a contract with the U.S. Forest Service, according to applicant Craig Hinkson.

Commissioners unanimously approved the variance from the land-use code, required because the bathroom is being constructed on a parcel smaller than 35 acres, and also agreed to waive building permits and fees for the bathroom construction.

- Received an annual report from Top of the Pines Inc. from board members Brad Wallis and Patsy Young. Recent additions of restrooms, improvements to the pavilion and other efforts to improve the facility were highlights of the presentation. Top of the Pines is also exploring the idea of building a disc golf course.

- Approved a change order for the Ouray County Courthouse restoration project. The original contract with

FCI Construction was for \$8.071 million and the new contract value is for \$8.015 million.

The project has realized some savings in various plumbing, light fixtures and other items included in the original bid that have been changed in the project.

Project Manager Monty Guiles said the project still has more than \$50,000 in his contingency budget, FCI has roughly \$450,000 in their contingency budget, and the good news is, many of the milestones in the construction process that could have presented big surprise costs are past.

"The risk is starting to alleviate," he said, adding all the walls have been opened up now and the unknowns are becoming much fewer.

Another change order is expected in the future to add digital conduit to the building, which will allow data lines, cable and wiring to be installed more efficiently. Hunt said she doesn't have a final price tag on that addition to the contract yet, but expects the costs to be minimal.

Commissioners discussed organizing a fundraiser for the estimated \$36,000 brick restoration in the building's basement, something that has not been covered so far.

"...We kind of dreamt big when we first thought about this program and our dreams are being realized. It's a huge cost we could never do on our own."

Ben Tisdal
Ouray County Commissioner

Ouray County Assessor Senior Citizen Exemption

The Colorado Constitution establishes a property tax exemption for seniors. For those who qualify, 50 percent of the first \$200,000 in actual value of the primary residence is exempted from property tax. The State of Colorado pays the property taxes on the exempted value. Qualifying seniors are urged to submit applications if they have not yet done so.

Basic Qualifications: Generally, each of the following statements must be true to qualify for the senior citizen exemption. The qualifying senior:

- Must be at least 65 years old on January 1 of the year the application is filed; and
- Must be the current owner of record, and listed as the owner of record for at least 10 consecutive years prior to January 1; and
- Must occupy the property as his/her primary residence, and must have done so for at least 10 consecutive years prior to January 1.

Exceptions to Basic Qualifications: The application may still qualify if one or more of the following statements are true:

- Ownership is in the spouse's name, and the spouse also occupies the property;
- Ownership has been transferred to or purchased by a trust, corporate partnership or other legal entity solely for estate planning purposes;
- The qualifying senior or his/her spouse was or is confined to a health care facility;
- The applicant was forced to move when the prior residence was condemned in an eminent domain proceeding;
- The applicant is the surviving spouse of a senior who met the requirements on January 1, 2002, or on any January 1 thereafter.
- The qualifying senior citizen's prior residence was destroyed or otherwise rendered uninhabitable by a natural disaster.

How to Apply: To apply, you must complete the appropriate application form and return it to the assessor by **July 15**. The assessor must accept late applications until August 15. The "Short Form" application may be used by qualifying senior citizens who meet each of the basic qualifications. The "Long Form" application must be used by applicants who satisfy one or more of the exceptions to the basic qualifications. If you would like to receive an application form or a brochure that explains the senior citizen exemption in greater detail, or if you have any questions regarding the exemption, please call the assessor's office at (970) 325-4371.



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LAST WEEK

OURAY

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PCP	SNOW	S.O.G.	SKY
June 4	67	46	0	0	0	MC
5	72	46	trace	0	0	PC
6	75	46	trace	0	0	PC
7	74	46	trace	0	0	PC
8	77	48	trace	0	0	MS
9	64	37	0	0	0	MS
10	75	35	0	0	0	PC

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.
June 4	70	35	0	0	0
5	79	35	0	0	0
6	83	30	0.01	0	0
7	81	40	0.02	0	0
8	81	40	0	0	0
9	70	37	trace	0	0
10	79	30	0	0	0

■ From NWS weather observer Jen Coates, Ridgway.

COPS

The following is an excerpt from cases the Ouray Police Department handled from June 3-9, 2019:

June 3

Officer conducted a directed patrol of Amphitheater Road.
Officer conducted a directed patrol on Oak Street.
Officer conducted a directed patrol on Main Street.
Officer conducted a directed patrol of Rotary Park.
Officer responded to a medical call at 100 Seventh Avenue.
Officer conducted a foot patrol at Box Canyon Falls.

June 4

Officer completed fingerprints for a local employee.
Officer received two reported thefts of trash cans. Both parties were advised the trash cans were collected due to a defect.
Officer conducted a directed patrol of County Road 361.
Officer conducted a directed foot patrol of the pool.
Officer conducted a foot patrol of Main Street.
Officer contacted a speeding motorist in the 1600 block of Main Street.
Officer spoke with a local resident about and ongoing parking issue.
Officer conducted a security check at Rotary Park.
June 5
Officer discovered an illegally parked vehicle in the 700 block of Main Street.
Officer conducted a VIN inspection in the 1800 block of Main Street.

OURAY POLICE

Officer responded to the 700 block of Main Street to take a property damage report. A car door struck another car leaving a dent.

Officer conducted a directed patrol of Ouray RV Park.

Officer conducted a foot patrol of Main Street.
Officer conducted a bar check of Silver Eagle Saloon.

Officer responded to the 800 block of Main Street for a suspicious incident. A male was reportedly using a credit card with someone else's name on it. It was his boss' credit card and he had permission to use it.

Officer arrested a 21-year-old male party on a warrant in the 700 block of Main Street.
Officer conducted a directed patrol of the 4+J trailer park.

June 6

Officer conducted a foot patrol of Main Street.
Officer received a found property at the police department, a wallet was returned to its owner after a receipt for the hotel they were staying at was found inside of it.

Officer conducted a directed patrol in the 1200 block of Main Street.

Officer responded to Fellin Park in an attempt to locate a runaway juvenile out of Montrose. She was located and reunited with her mother.

Officer conducted a security check of Fellin Park and the Hot Springs Pool after the concert. Officers made sure everyone made it home.

Officer responded to the area of mile marker 85 Highway 550 to assist the Colorado State Patrol and Ouray County Sheriff's Office with a report of a semi-truck that ran out of gas and was blocking the roadway.

Officer conducted a directed patrol of the 4+J Trailer Park.

June 7

Officer assisted Ouray Mountain Rescue Team with a fall victim below the Baby Bath Tubs.
Officer conducted a foot patrol of Cascade Falls.

Officer conducted a foot patrol of Main Street.
Officer contacted a motorist for speeding in the 1600 block of Main Street.

Officer conducted a directed patrol of Oak Street.

Officer conducted a directed patrol of the Amphitheater.

June 8

Officer conducted a directed patrol of Main Street.

Officer conducted a foot patrol of the Cascade Falls area.

Officer conducted a foot patrol of Main Street.
Officer spoke with a motorist about a traffic complaint on Red Mountain Pass.

Officer took an information report.

June 9

Officer conducted a security check of a residence. The homeowners saw an individual walking around their property on their video camera. Everything was fine and the party was legitimately on the property.

Officer assisted a motorist with a flat tire.
Officer conducted a directed patrol of the Amphitheater.

Officer conducted a foot patrol of Main Street.
Officer conducted a security check of Rotary Park.

RIDGWAY MARSHAL

The Ridgway Marshal's Office had the following activity from May 21 to June 10, 2019:

- 5 welfare checks
- 51 traffic contacts, with 8 citations issued
- 90 directed patrols
- 14 security checks
- 12 VIN inspections
- 6 traffic complaints
- 19 agency assists
- 6 reports where information was taken
- 2 medical cases

Officers have received four reports of criminal mischief associated with a business in Ridgway. The cases are under investigation.

If you have information associated with a person or persons involved, please call 970-626-5196. All information will remain anonymous. We would also like to ask that if you have an issue or concern regarding a business or person that you address it properly not by damaging property.

Also as it warms up and kids are out of school we want to remind everyone to pay attention while driving in town.

FORECAST

		OURAY		RIDGWAY	
Fri. June 14	HI 70° LO 42°	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	HI 76° LO 46°	Partly Cloudy
Sunrise: 5:47 a.m.					
Sunset: 8:35 p.m.					
Sat. June 15	HI 65° LO 44°	Partly Cloudy	AM	HI 72° LO 47°	AM
Sunrise: 5:47 a.m.					
Sunset: 8:35 p.m.					
Sun. June 16	HI 67° LO 44°	PM	Isolated T-Storms	HI 74° LO 47°	Isolated T-Storms
Sunrise: 5:47 a.m.					
Sunset: 8:35 p.m.					
Mon. June 17	HI 67° LO 45°	PM	T-Storms	HI 74° LO 48°	PM
Sunrise: 5:47 a.m.					
Sunset: 8:36 p.m.					
Tue. June 18	HI 69° LO 46°	AM	Showers	HI 75° LO 48°	Showers
Sunrise: 5:47 a.m.					
Sunset: 8:36 p.m.					
Wed. June 19	71° 46°	Mostly Sunny	HI 77° LO 49°	Sunny	
Sunrise: 5:47 a.m.					
Sunset: 8:36 p.m.					
Thur. June 20	HI 71° LO 45°	Mostly Sunny	HI 76° LO 49°	Mostly Sunny	
Sunrise: 5:48 a.m.					
Sunset: 8:37 p.m.					

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LUNAR PHASES:

June 14: Waxing Gibbous 91%

June 20: Waning Gibbous 90%

Compiled by: Carolina Brown

WATER FLOWS

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Uncompahgre	850
Near Ridgway	552
Below Reservoir	
Gunnison	7290
Below Gunnison Tunnel	12500
Near Delta	
San Miguel	1340
Near Placerville	1800
Brooks Bridge, Nucla	
Cimarron	410
Near Cimarron	
Dallas Creek	49.4
Near Ridgway	
Lake Fork	1800
Near Gateview	6880
Animas River	
Near Durango	

Latest readings available June 10. Snow pack inches equal snow water equivalent.

AREA WEEKEND WEATHER

	Sat	Sun	Precip.	Sun
	HI	LO	HI	LO
Grand Junction	87	60	89	61
Lake City	63	43	64	44
Gunnison	71	41	74	42
Durango	78	45	79	45
Telluride	63	44	64	44
Dolores	79	46	80	48
Crested Butte	61	39	64	40
Denver	77	54	77	54
Colorado Springs	73	49	73	50
Moab, UT	90	64	91	64

TAKING A SHOT



Ouray's Lauren Fairchild, number 12, attempts a three-pointer over Monument Lewis-Palmer's Bridget Cassidy during the 2019 Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games on June 8 at Adams State University's Plachy Hall. Fairchild's team unfortunately fell 49-25 in the third-place game. Fairchild scored five points in that game, and then three in her final prep-level contest.

Photo courtesy Joel Priest, Southern Ute Drum

WESTERN COLORADO

Prescribed burns planned

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Prescribed burns in the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests' Norwood Ranger District are scheduled throughout June, depending on weather and appropriate ground and vegetation conditions.

The following are currently planned burns:

Glencoe Pine: Located approximately 13 miles northeast of Nucla, off of 25 Mesa road (NFSR 503). Approximately 450 acres are planned to be burned over a three to five day period.

Sanborn Park: Located approximately five miles northeast of Norwood, near Sanborn Park Road (NFSRs 530, 515, and 526). Approximately 300 acres are planned for treatment.

Thunder Road: Located approximately six miles southwest of Norwood, adjacent to Thunder Road (NFSR 609). Approximately 350 acres are planned to be burned.

25 Mesa: Located approximately 25 miles west of Delta on 25 Mesa Rd (NFSR 503). The objectives for this burn include increasing the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, protecting adjacent private property from the spread of large unplanned wildfires, and reducing slash from mechanical treatments. Approximately 1406 acres are planned for treatment.

Davewood: This project is located approximately 15 miles southwest of Montrose on the east and west sides of Davewood Road (NFSR 510). The objectives for this burn include increasing the resiliency

and reproduction of native Ponderosa pine stands and protecting private property from the spread of large unplanned wildfires. Approximately 1400 acres are planned for treatment.

Sawmill: Located approximately 15 miles south of Montrose on Sawmill Mesa Road (NFSR 574). The objectives for this burn include protecting adjacent private property from the spread of large unplanned wildfires, and reducing slash from mechanical treatments. Approximately 300 acres are planned for pine maintenance treatment, and an additional 300 acres are planned for first entry treatment.

Simms Mesa: Located approximately 15 miles south of Montrose on the Simms Mesa Rd (NFSR 574). One to four days of ignition are planned with monitoring through the following several days pending forecasted weather. Approximately 800 acres are planned to be burned.

Love Mesa: Located approximately 27 miles west of Delta on Love Mesa Road and Dry Mesa Road (NFSR 500, 501). The objectives for this burn include increasing the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, increasing range forage production, and improving wildlife habitat. Approximately 3846 acres are planned to be burned.

For information and updates on prescribed burns, wildfires and fire restrictions on National Forest System lands and other areas, call the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Fire Information line at 970-874-6602 or visit the [GMUG Forest website](http://www.fs.usda.gov/gmug) (www.fs.usda.gov/gmug).



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JEEP ROADS IN THE OURAY VICINITY - AS OF JUNE 12

- County Road 361 - Closed
- Yankee Boy Basin - Closed
- County Road 31 - Closed
- Owl Creek Pass - Closed
- Brown Mountain - Closed
- Corkscrew Pass - Closed
- Engineer Pass - Closed
- Imogene Pass - Closed

Crews are also working on opening the main loop in Red Mountain Town. Updates posted on OurayCountyCo.gov. Conditions subject to change due to weather and emergencies.

JEEP ROADS FROM LAKE CITY AS OF JUNE 12

- Cinnamon Pass - Closed
- Engineer Pass - Closed

No anticipated date at this time for Alpine Loop to open on Hinsdale County side, due to flooding concerns and clearing debris from avalanches.

JEEP ROADS FROM SAN JUAN COUNTY AS OF JUNE 12

- Cinnamon Pass - Closed
- Engineer Pass - Closed
- California Pass - Closed
- Corkscrew Pass - Closed
- Hotel Draw - Closed
- Hurricane Pass - Closed
- Ophir Pass - Closed
- Stoney Pass - Closed
- Poughkeepsie Gulch - Open

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JEEP ROADS FROM SAN MIGUEL COUNTY AS OF JUNE 12

- Black Bear Pass - Closed
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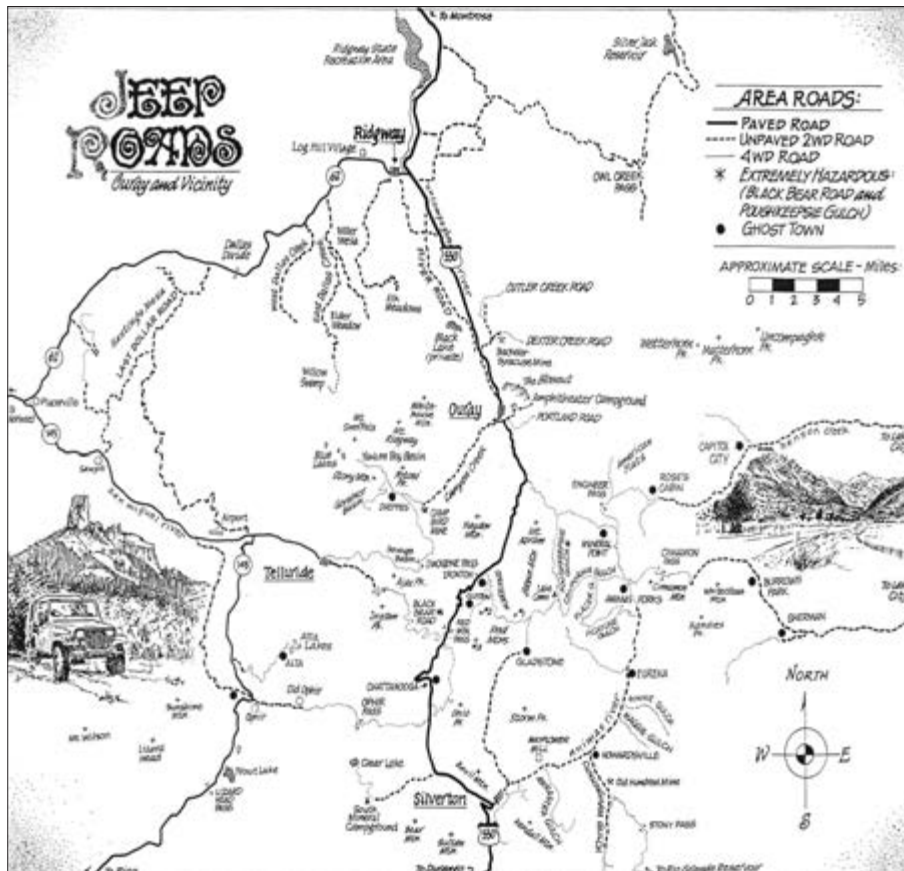
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FROM P1

Blowers initially started clearing as much as possible from Hinsdale County's side of the Alpine Loop beginning in April. But for safety reasons as well as thin resources, he had to leave the route untouched for weeks. He's also recovering from a broken leg, which hasn't helped.

As of this week, the Hinsdale County side of the route was cleared to about 1 1/2 miles past Burrows Park, and on the Engineer Pass side, it was clear to about a mile past Capitol City, Blowers said. That leaves roughly 16 miles left to clear on both routes to complete the loop.

But it's going to be a while, Blowers said, because it's not just snow that needs cleared.

On the Cinnamon Pass side of Hinsdale County, workers have 13 slides full of debris to handle. And on the Engineer Pass side, they have another 12 slides to contend with.

"Our side is so bad, I can't even explain to you how much debris is up there," Blowers said. "The plan right now is for the contractors to get as much snow and debris of the creek so it doesn't come down and plug up the creek."

Blowers urged folks to steer clear of the area, as it truly is impassable and dangerous in places.

In Ouray County, heavy snows hindered efforts to get the route to Yankee Boy Basin open, which they're still working on, and at this point it's taking five times as long to clear as an "average" year, according to Steven Calkins, the county's roads supervisor. The route usu-

ally takes a week to plow, he said.

His crews were just starting on Engineer and Corkscrew passes, much later than usual.

"All we can try to do is blast through it and get the road open," he said.

"Our side is so bad, I can't even explain to you how much debris is up there."

JoAllen Blowers, Hinsdale County road and bridge supervisor

High country snows have also impacted events planned for the region, including the 100-mile Hard Rock Endurance Run, which event organizers have already called off. The run, scheduled for July 17, has been canceled due to "historic snowfall, avalanches, avalanche debris, an inability to reach certain aid stations and uncertain conditions on more than 40 percent of the course," according to an announcement from organizers.

The ultra run takes participants up more than 33,000 feet in elevation through the San Juan Mountains from Silverton, through Ouray and Telluride. Race organizers said runners can roll their entry fees over for the 2020 competition or withdraw for a full refund before July 12 by emailing Run Director Dale Garland at dale@hardrock100.com.



Above, Ouray County roads workers have faced record snowpack as they clear high-country routes. This photo of crews working on the road to Yankee Boy Basin was taken earlier this month.

Right, debris from avalanches and flooding have presented huge challenges for Hinsdale County roads crews. The eastern side of the Alpine Loop, including Engineer and Cinnamon passes, does not have an anticipated opening date yet.

Photos courtesy Ouray Road & Bridge Department and Hinsdale County Road & Bridge Supervisor JoAllen Blowers



SPRINGS

FROM P1

Ouray City Resource Director Rick Noll said he believes city officials have identified and solved a problem that created more staining than they anticipated. Two weeks ago, employees discovered an underground pretreatment line wasn't delivering enough chlorine needed to offset the iron in the water. He said the line has been replaced, the flow of chlorine has increased and the pool water is clearer.

"But," Noll hedged, "let's talk again in two or three weeks."

The 13-year city employee has worked with the pool long enough to know it's a constant work in progress. Maintaining the pool — and the crowds that flock to it, particularly during the summer — is equal parts chemistry and marketing.

Mineral staining of the pool is as old as the pool itself. The previous concrete pool bottom was black from decades of iron staining.

When it came time to select a new pool liner during the renovation, federal safety regulations dictated that it be light-colored so that the bottom of the pool is visible. A committee including Noll and Pasek chose a white liner flecked with blue.

That choice admittedly enhanced the colors that now stain the bottom and sides of the pool. But as Noll noted, it also allowed employees to more quickly pick up on the problem with the chlorine delivery line. A lighter brown color, while muting the discoloration, also likely would have masked the chlorine issue.

Noll said city officials started noticing the discoloration last fall. The minerals — particularly iron — form a star-shaped pattern around the inlets in the pool bottom. In addition to replacing the chlorine pretreatment line, employees are also experimenting with introducing chlorine

to the pool system earlier to give it more time to interact with and oxidize the iron, hoping it will lead to less discoloration.

That's the chemistry part. Too little chlorine and the staining is more pronounced. Too much, however, and you risk obliterating the pool's allure.

"I could dump a bunch of chlorine in the pool," Pasek said. "I don't believe that's what our public wants. We want it as natural as possible."

There's also a marketing and messaging element. When Pasek took over pool management in March, she instructed front desk staff to call the discoloration what it was — to explain to doubtful customers that what they were seeing was the natural effects of the minerals in the water.

"People ask, 'What's going on with your pool?' And we tell them, 'Oh, it's all of our great minerals.' And they say, 'Get me in,'" Pasek said.

Pool managers are also tackling the staining with Vitamin C. They treated the pool with it in March and again in April when the pool was closed for four days for a deep cleaning. They're doing it again this month. They closed the hot pool on Monday and will close the overlook pool on June 17 and the shallow pool on June 24. It costs \$23 each time a gallon of ascorbic acid is dumped into the pool to lift the iron off the plaster liner.

They're doing all this while trying to maintain the triple-digit pool temperatures customers want, another problem that plagued the pool for months but seems to have been sorted out. Cleanings and treatments can sap the pool of its heat, another variable Pasek and her staff must account for as they continue to tweak the dials in the hopes of finding the right combination of color, heat and minerals.

"My number one goal is safety. My number two goal is hot water. My number three goal is, can we make it a little bit less stained?" Pasek said.

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OURAY COUNTY

Teen falls while climbing, severely hurt

Boy, part of guided technical ropes group, flown to hospital

BY MIKE WIGGINS
mike@ouraynews.com

A 16-year-old boy was severely injured and airlifted to a Grand Junction hospital last week after falling during a climb near the Baby Bathtubs trailhead south of Ouray, according to the Ouray Mountain Rescue Team.

Fifteen members of the team were called out around 2 p.m. June 7 after the boy fell while climbing with a guided technical ropes group, Incident Commander Matt Hepp said.

Rescuers lowered a litter about 100 feet down from the bridge over Portland Creek into the Portland Creek gorge, loaded the boy and lifted him back to the bridge.

Hepp would not describe the injuries the boy sustained but said a Ouray County ambulance drove him to Fellin Park, where a medical helicopter met him and flew him to St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction. His condition was not immediately known.

Hepp said the Ouray Mountain Rescue Team used an aluminum boom pole that mounts to the front of a truck to lower the litter into the gorge and raise it back out of the gorge. He said it's an "incredibly useful" tool that rescuers frequently use for high-angle rescues involving incidents that occur off the edge of a road or cliff.

Rescuers were out of the gorge by 5 p.m., he said.

The incident near the Baby Bathtubs was the latest in what has been a busy start to the summer for the Ouray Mountain Rescue Team. Two days earlier, rescuers responded to a report of a lost hiker near Vista Point on Owl Creek Pass. Over Memorial Day weekend, they assisted a lost hiker on the Blue Lakes trail southwest of Ridgway.

"Somebody just opens the faucet on Memorial Day," Hepp said. "We're definitely into our busy season right now."



Ouray Mountain Rescue Team members pull a 16-year-old boy out of the Portland Creek gorge after he fell while climbing with a guided technical ropes group on June 7.

Photo courtesy of Matt Hepp

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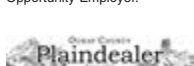
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June 18, 2019 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Meeting to be held at the Ouray County Land Use Office
111 Mail Road, Ridgway, Colorado

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.

- Regular Meeting – 5:00 pm
 - Review/approve minutes from June 4 public hearing
 - Review/approve 'reports' from June 4 public hearing and work session
 - New business
- Work Session
 - Review current drafts of wildfire regulations
 - Review Staff's comments on current wildfire regulations.
 - Discuss public outreach for wildfire regulations, prior to public hearing
- Adjourn

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GEMINI May 22 - June 21

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CANCER June 22 - July 22

Keep an open mind when someone presents an idea to you, Cancer. It's easy to blow it off without a thought, but you should be more amenable to listening and advising.



LEO July 23 - Aug. 23

Now may be the time to share responsibilities with others, Leo. This is especially true if you are facing deadlines and simply cannot meet them in time.



VIRGO Aug. 24 - Sept. 22

Accept help when it is offered, Virgo. This makes helpful people feel good that they can do you a service. You will have an opportunity to reciprocate in time.



LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Not everyone is on board with your new plan, Libra. You may have to present it a few times before you get a few takers. Be persistent to win others over.



SCORPIO Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Scorpio, even though it seems like there are many obstacles in your path, you will be able to get through relatively unscathed if you have the right people on your side.



SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Sagittarius, relaxation is essential right now, as you have had many things on your plate. Do not feel like you are slacking off if you take some time to give yourself a break.



CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Let others in your family know how you are feeling. You don't have to put on a show or mask your emotions, Capricorn. They'll love and support your decisions.



AQUARIUS Jan. 21 - Feb. 18

Have faith in your decisions even if they don't entirely make sense on paper, Aquarius. You will have a line of supporters waiting in your corner in no time at all.



PISCES Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Pisces, things are changing rapidly in your life and you may feel like you have to play catch up. Target some areas to focus your attention.



ARIES Mar. 21 - Apr. 20

Aries, are you up to stepping outside of your comfort zone? Embrace the challenge and try something completely different from your normal routine. You just may like it.



TAURUS Apr. 21 - May 21

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Legal Notice No. 937

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On March 12, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Ouray records.

Original Grantor(s)	William B Miller
Original Beneficiary(ies)	Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Acting Solely as Nominee for Franklin American Mortgage Company
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	Pennymac Loan Services, LLC
Date of Deed of Trust	June 14, 2013
County of Recording	Ouray
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	July 15, 2013
Recording Information	
(Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)	At Reception No. 210364
Original Principal Amount	\$388,540.00
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$365,587.82

Pursuant to C.R.S. §38-38-101 (4) (i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust and other violations of the terms thereof.

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Ouray County Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

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Legal Notice No. 938

DISTRICT COURT, OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO

630 Main Street

P O Box 643

Ouray, CO 81427

Plaintiffs:

TRACEY CARLISLE and KAMERON SHIELDS

v.

Defendant:

KEVIN KOPREK; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF Gladys Leiber, aka Gladys M. Leiber; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF Francis Leiber aka Frances M. Leiber; and UNKNOWN PERSONS

Martha Phillips Whitmore Reg. # 8696

Hockersmith & Whitmore, LLC

917 Main Street, 2nd Floor

P.O. Box 646

Ouray, CO 81427

970-325-4414

mart@ouraylaw.com

Case Number: 19-CV-30005

Div.: _____ Ctrm: _____

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED CO-DEFENDANT(S):

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint 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 complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint 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 complaint without further notice.

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

That certain Lode Mining Claim located, patented and recorded as the Santa Claus, U. S. Mineral Survey No. 17992, situate in the Paquin Mining district, County of Ouray, State of Colorado.

LESS AND EXCEPT any portion of the above-named mining claim(s), within overlapping senior mining claims described in prior patents, other than specifically included herein.

Dated May 17, 2019

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Attorney for Defendant, Kevin Koprek:

HOCKERSMITH & WHITMORE, LLC

By: _____

Martha P. Whitmore, Reg. #8696

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Legal Notice No. 939

DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF OURAY, STATE OF COLORADO

P.O. Box 643

630 Main Street

Ouray, CO 81427

Plaintiffs: RADIO DOG RANCH LLC, GARY R. HOLLOWELL REVOCABLE TRUST, JENNY LEE PHILLIPS REVOCABLE FUNDED LIVING TRUST, SOPHIA ARJANA, ENGLISH ENTERPRISES II, LLC, PHILLIPS KELLY, LLC, CLARA C. MOORE TRUST DATED 11/7/08, ELIZABETH REGAN, GEORGE H. LOWE, III, ERIC C. FAUST, JENNIFER W. FAUST, WOLF LAND COMPANY, LP, and MESA PRESERVATION, LLC.

v.

Defendants: THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF OURAY, COLORADO, and any all persons who may claim an interest in certain real property

and,

Plaintiff-in-Intervention: San Juan Hut Systems, Inc.

v.

Defendants-in-Intervention: RADIO DOG RANCH LLC, GARY R. HOLLOWELL REVOCABLE TRUST, JENNY LEE PHILLIPS REVOCABLE FUNDED LIVING TRUST, SOPHIA ARJANA, ENGLISH ENTERPRISES II, LLC, PHILLIPS KELLY, LLC, CLARA C. MOORE TRUST DATED 11/7/08, ELIZABETH REGAN, GEORGE H. LOWE, III, ERIC C. FAUST, JENNIFER W. FAUST, WOLF LAND COMPANY, LP, MESA PRESERVATION, LLC, and the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF OURAY, COLORADO

Case No.: 2019CV030000 Div: _____ Ctrm: _____

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

Any all persons who may claim an interest in certain real property of which is the subject matter of this action, including but not limited to the "Old Road/Hidden Meadow Lane" located in Ouray County, Colorado.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with the Clerk of the Court an answer or other response to the Complaint filed against you in this case. You are required to file your answer or other response on or before June 14, 2019 in the Ouray County District Court, Ouray, Colorado.

The nature of this action is a proceeding in rem.

The relief sought by the Plaintiff(s) is to quiet title to a private road ("Old Road/Hidden Valley Lane") which will affect the following property:

1. Radio Dog Ranch LLC ("Radio Dog") owns real property identified as Ouray County Parcel No. 451708102001 and located at 9708 CRS, Ridgway, Colorado.

2. Jenny Lee Phillips Revocable Funded Living Trust and Sophia Arjana ("Phillips") own real property identified as Ouray County Parcel No.

3. English Enterprises II, LLC ("English") owns the real property identified as Ouray County Parcel No.

4. Clara C. Moore Trust Dated 11/7/08 ("Moore") owns the real property identified as Ouray County Parcel No. 451705300071.

5. Elizabeth Regan and George H. Lowe, III ("Regan-Lowe") own the real property identified as Ouray County Parcel No. 451705300072.

6. Eric C. Faust and Jennifer W. Faust ("Faust") own the real property identified as Ouray County Parcel No. 451706405001.

7. Mesa Preservation, LLC ("Mesa Preservation") owns real property identified as Ouray County Parcel No. 451708203068.

If you fail to file your answer or other response on or before the date and time shown above, the relief sought may be granted by default by the Court without further notice.

This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4(g), C.R.C.P., as amended.

Dated: May 9, 2019

/s/ James F. Fosnaught
Signature of Plaintiffs' Attorney
James F. Fosnaught
Karp Neu Hanlon, P.C.
201 14th Street, Suite 200
PO Drawer 2030
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602
(970) 945-2261

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Legal Notice No. 947

Town of Ridgway
Request for Proposals
Call to Artists for Public Art

The Town of Ridgway, Colorado will receive proposals from Artists or Artist Groups for the design and installation of public art until 4:00 pm, July 16, 2019, at Ridgway Town Hall, 201 N. Railroad, PO Box 10, Ridgway, CO, 81432 in accordance with the request for proposals.

Owner reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any and all informalities and to negotiate contract terms with the successful proposer, or to accept the proposal for the contract, which in Owner's judgement best serves the interest of the Town of Ridgway. Owner reserves the right to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional proposals, or to terminate the selection process for any project without prior notice. The Town of Ridgway reserves the right to terminate the project at any time.

An information packet can be obtained at www.colorado.gov/pacific/ridgway/frequently-asked-questions. Proposals must be received by the Town Clerk at Town Hall, 201 N. Railroad, PO Box 10, Ridgway, CO 81432, (970) 626-5308 x 211; pkraft@town.ridgway.co.us, by the due date.

By: Pam Kraft, Town of Ridgway, Town Clerk

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Legal Notice No. 953

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
(CRS §38-38-103) FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2019-006
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On April 3, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Ouray records.

Original Grantor(s) Rodney G Anderson
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt The Bank Of New York Mellon Fka The Bank Of New York, As trustee for the Certificateholders of the CREALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-43CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-43CB
Date of Deed of Trust 12/13/2006
County of Recording Ouray
Recording Date of Deed of Trust 1/22/2007

(Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) At Reception No. 194005
Original Principal Amount \$255,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$261,673.00
Pursuant to C.R.S. §38-38-101 (4) (i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: The failure to make timely payments required under said Deed of Trust and the Evidence of Debt secured thereby.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

EXHIBIT A
The following described property located in the County of Ouray, State of Colorado, described as follows:
A tract of land situate in Lot 1, Section 2, Township 46 North, Range 9 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, more particularly described as beginning at a No. 4 Re Bar and cap marked LS 7160 at the intersection of the North line of said Lot 1 and the Westerly right-of-way of Ouray County Road No. 1 (being 40 feet from the centerline of said road) whence the Northeast corner of said Lot 1 bears south 89 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds East 1.56 feet; thence North 89 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West, 1283.83 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 1; thence South 0 degrees 57 minutes 50 seconds West 1455.33 feet along the West line of said Lot 1 to a No. 4 re bar

and cap marked LS 7160, whence the South corner of said Lot 1 bears South 0 degrees 57 minutes 50 seconds West, 30.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 03 minutes 23 seconds East, 1176.93 feet parallel with the South line of said Lot 1 to a No. 4 re bar and cap marked LS 7160 and the Westerly right-of-way of said country road; thence along said right-of-way the following five courses: 233.80 feet along a curve to the right having a radius of 1943.00 feet, the chord of this curve bears North 4 degrees 40 minutes 16 seconds West 233.66 feet; thence North 1 degrees 13 minutes 26 seconds West, 572.96 feet, 285.26 feet along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 735.00 feet. The curve of this chord bears North 9 degrees 53 minutes 40 seconds East, 283.47 feet; North 21 degrees 00 minutes 47 seconds East, 190.68 feet, 202.52 feet along the arc of a curve in the left having a radius of 730.00 feet, the chord of this curve bears North 13 degrees 03 minutes 56 seconds East 201.87 feet to the point of beginning. Also beginning at the SE corner of Lot 1, Section 2, Township 46 North, Range 9 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, thence North 89 degrees 03 minutes 3 seconds West 30 feet to the true point of beginning of said right-of-way thence North 89 degrees 03 minutes 23 seconds West 1265.86 feet to the SW corner of Lot 1 thence North 0 degrees 57 minutes 50 seconds East 30 feet along the West line of said Lot 1; thence South 89 degrees 03 minutes 23 seconds East 1265.84 feet to the West boundary of the county road; thence South 0 degrees 53 minutes 40 seconds West 30.00 feet to the point of beginning. Except a tract of land situate in Lot 1, Section 2, Township 46 North, Range 9 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, more particularly described as commencing at the Southeast corner of said Lot 1; thence North 89 degrees 03 minutes 23 seconds West, 30.00 feet to the true point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 03 minutes 23 seconds West, 88.71 feet parallel with the South line of said Lot 1 to a No. 4 re bar and cap marked LS 7160 and the Westerly right-of-way of Ouray County Road No. 1 (Existing October 3, 1979); thence along said right-of-way the following five courses: 233.80 feet along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 1943.00 feet, the chord of this curve bears North 4 degrees 40 minutes 16 seconds West, 233.66 feet; North 1 degrees 13 minutes 26 seconds West, 572.92 feet, 285.26 feet along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 735.00 feet, the chord of this curve bears North 9 degrees 53 minutes 40 seconds East, 283.41 feet, North 21 degrees 00 minutes 47 seconds East, 190.68 feet, 47.94 feet along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 730.00 feet, the chord of this curve bears North 9 degrees 07 minutes 54 seconds East, 47.93 feet to a point lying North 89 degrees 26 minutes 20 seconds West, 30.00 feet from the East line of said Lot 1; thence South 0 degrees 33 minutes 40 seconds West, 1309.74 feet to the true point of beginning.
Address: 5021 County Road 1; Montrose, CO 81401
Tax Map or Parcel ID No.: 425702100134
*Pursuant to that certain Correction Affidavit Re: Final Judgement and

Decree dated 10/14/2016, Recorded 3/5/2019 at Reception No. 222579, Ouray County, Colorado.
Also known by street and number as: 5021 County Road 1, Montrose, CO 81401-9444 aka 137 Molly's Way, Montrose, CO 81403
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
If applicable, a description of any changes to the deed of trust described in the notice of election and demand pursuant to affidavit as allowed by statutes:

NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2019, at the Ouray County Offices, Second Floor Lobby, 112 Village Square West, Ridgway, CO 81432, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
First Publication June 13, 2019
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DATE: April 16, 2019 Jill Mihelich

Ouray County Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Steven Bellanti #48306
Attorney File # CO-17-801724-LL
7700 E. Arapahoe Road, Suite 230
Centennial, CO 80112
Phone: 877-369-6122
Fax: 866-994-7369
McCarthy & Hothus LLP
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

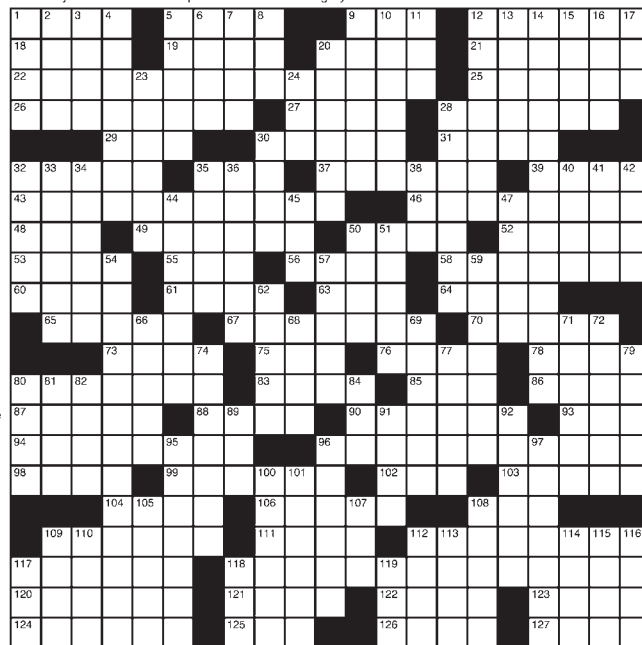
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ACROSS

- 1 Reading aid
- 5 Office
- 9 Resort amenity
- 12 Allergic reactions
- 18 DQ Blizzard flavor
- 19 Bridal gown decoration
- 20 First one cast, usually
- 21 Speaks in a boring way
- 22 It happens without warning
- 25 Buzzard's snack, perhaps
- 26 Avoid, as a puddle
- 27 Big piece
- 28 Truck propeller
- 29 Finish off, as a cake
- 30 Bridge, which connects Buffalo, NY, to Fort Erie, Ontario
- 31 Carnival destination
- 32 Old car starter
- 35 "Tarzan" critter
- 37 Took off again
- 39 Skeptical reply
- 43 Reason for an ankle monitor
- 46 Phishing target
- 48 Payroll service co.
- 49 Exam given intradermally, for short
- 50 "Chicago" actor
- 52 Do ___ to eat a peach?; Eliot
- 53 Cut the crop
- 55 Salt on the Seine
- 56 Word with bed or board
- 58 Bellyached
- 60 ABC World News Tonight anchor David
- 61 Rate of speed
- 63 Fond du ___
- 64 Wisconsin
- 65 90-Across garb
- 66 Hollywood tease
- 67 Keyboard centerpiece, and a phonetic hint to six long puzzle answers
- 70 Loose, pants-wise
- 73 Blood donation unit
- 75 Before, before
- 76 "Piece of cake!"
- 78 Shapely school subj.?
- 80 Milk sources nowadays
- 83 One-in-a-million

- 85 Young fellow
- 86 Quotable "Star Wars" character
- 87 "North Woods Law" critter
- 88 Head of the party?
- 90 See 64-Across
- 93 Short bylaw?
- 94 "Wheel" coup
- 96 It's more than right
- 98 Western skyline sight
- 99 Skilled speaker
- 102 Craft beer letters
- 103 Witherspoon of "Wild"
- 104 Pup
- 106 Directly
- 108 Big name in luxury cars
- 109 Nightly news segment
- 111 First name in '70s tennis
- 112 Gets some air
- 117 "I Love ___"
- 118 Fringe benefit for some reps
- 120 "Othello" role
- 121 Korean exports
- 122 Online break-in
- 123 Actress
- 124 New York's ___
- 125 Military VIP
- 126 Products of 66-Down
- 127 Part of GPS: Abbr.
- 128 Examine in detail
- 130 Preppy trio?
- 132 Bracelet ornament
- 133 Arrived on wheels
- 134 Childcare aide
- 135 Russian workers' cooperative
- 136 Opening bout, for short
- 138 Word for us
- 140 Swedish wheels
- 141 Nagy of Hungary
- 142 Put coins into
- 143 Sneak off and hide
- 145 Bering, e.g.: Abbr.
- 147 Calf catcher
- 150 World Cup cry
- 151 Event host
- 154 Item on the best man's checklist
- 157 More mature
- 159 Actress/activist married to Ossie Davis
- 162 Waterside sights
- 166 See 126-Across
- 168 "Curses!" cousin
- 169 Bring to the majors, in baseball
- 171 Presidential name in three centuries
- 172 Alpine songs
- 174 Wearable ads, maybe
- 177 Spicy dip
- 179 Kid-lit "Maniac"
- 180 Car radio letters
- 181 It's handed down
- 182 Chill's competitor
- 184 Flow counterpart
- 189 Off-tangent link
- 191 Arguing
- 192 Airport surface
- 195 Floatplane
- 196 Wild reineries
- 197 Units of force
- 100 "Call the Midwife" nurse
- 101 Crankcase reservoir
- 105 Bert's pal
- 107 Barnyard mama
- 108 Stella Artois alternative
- 109 Minor light
- 110 Italian tower town
- 112 See 24-Down
- 113 Human
- 114 Toon nephew
- 115 USPS stack
- 116 Editorial "let it stand"
- 117 They run often in summer, initially
- 118 ER graph
- 119 MAX rival



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ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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Legal Notice No. 952

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
(CRS §38-38-103) FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2019-005
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On April 3, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Ouray records.

Original Grantor(s) Vince Peccolo
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for American Brokers Conduit, its successors and assigns
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As trustee for American Home Mortgage Assets Trust 2006-2, Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-2
Date of Deed of Trust May 17, 2006
County of Recording Ouray
Recording Date of Deed of Trust May 24, 2006
Recording Information
(Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) At Reception No. 191603
Original Principal Amount \$706,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$538,572.09
Pursuant to C.R.S. §38-38-101 (4) (i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Borrower's failure to make timely payments as required under the Evidence of Debt and Deed of Trust.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
Lot L, The Highlands according to the plat recorded March 4, 1981 at Reception No. 130038, County of Ouray, State of Colorado. Parcel ID Number: 430531200120
Also known by street and number as: 1161 Highland Drive, Ridgway, CO 81432
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
If applicable, a description of any changes to the deed of trust described in the notice of election and demand pursuant to affidavit as allowed by statutes:

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2019, at the Ouray County Offices, Second Floor Lobby, 112 Village Square West, Ridgway, CO 81432, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
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DATE: April 16, 2019
Jill Mihelich

Ouray County Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592
Janeway Law Firm
9800 S. Meridian Blvd., Suite 400
Englewood, CO 80112
Phone: 303-706-9990
Fax: 303-706-9994
Attorney File # JLF No.: 19-021097
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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Legal Notice No. 950

Public Notice

Atlas Mining & Reclamation, LLC, 19911 Highway 550, Montrose, CO 81403, (970) 901-9924, has filed an application for a Hard Rock/Metal Mining Limited Impact (110) Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board under provisions of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act. The proposed mine is known as the Von Dose Mine, and is located at or near Section 7, Township 42 North, Range 7 East, 6th Prime Meridian. The proposed date of commencement is July 1, 2019, and the proposed date of completion is December 31, 2040. The proposed future use of the land is Commercial/Industrial. Additional information and tentative decision date may be obtained from the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567, or at the Ouray County Clerk and Recorder's office, 112 Village Square West, 2nd Floor, Ridgway, CO, 81432, or the above-named applicant. A complete copy of the application is available at the above-named County Clerk and Recorder's office and at the Division's office. Comments concerning the application and exhibits must be in writing and must be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety by 4:00 p.m. on June 24, 2019.

Please note that under the provisions of C.R.S. 34-32-101 et seq. Comments related to noise, truck traffic, hours of operation, visual impacts, effects on property values and other social or economic concerns are issues not subject to this Office's jurisdiction. These subjects, and similar ones, are typically addressed by your local governments, rather than the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety or the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

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Legal Notice No. 949

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of ROBERT FRANKLIN McCULLOUGH II aka ROBERT F. McCULLOUGH II aka ROBERT McCULLOUGH II aka ROBERT FRANKLIN McCULLOUGH aka ROBERT F. McCULLOUGH aka ROBERT McCULLOUGH, Deceased
Case No. 2019 PR 30001

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Ouray County, Colorado on or before October 14, 2019, or the claims may be forever barred.

Linda C. McCullough
P.O. Box 636
Ouray, CO 81427

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Legal Notice No. 951

Town of Ridgway

Notice is hereby given that on June 5, 2019 the Town Council adopted an emergency ordinance entitled:

Emergency Ordinance of the Town of Ridgway Repealing and Amending the Ridgway Municipal Code Section 9-1-17 Temporarily Adjusting Non-Residential Water Service Rates for Usage Over the Base Water Allotment for a Defined Period of Time.

A copy of said document is available at Ridgway Town Hall, 201 N. Railroad Street, or by emailing pkraft@town.ridgway.co.us.

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AGENDA

Board of County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Regular Meeting	H. 12:00 Petitions of Abatement / Refund of Taxes:
Ouray County Land Use/Road & Bridge Conference Room 111 Mall Road, Ridgway, CO June 18, 2019	
A. 8:00 Planning Commission Interviews: 8:00AM Mark Wilson: 8:20AM Mark Ippenlatz 8:40AM Andrea Sokolowski	1. Petitioner: Ferris-Johnson LLC c/o Duff & Phelps: Account: R003661 Location: Eagle Hill Ranch Filing No. 2 Lot: 33 S: 9 T: 45 R: 8 2. Petitioner: John R Trujillo c/o Duff & Phelps: Account: R000162 Location: Blake Placer, Part of the Tract B S: 31 T: 44 R: 7
B. 9:00 Call to the Public: The "Call to the Public" agenda item is a time when the public may bring forth items of interest or concern. No formal action may be taken on these items during this time due to the open meeting law provision; however, they may be placed on a future posted agenda if action is required.	I. 12:15 Commissioner/Administrative Reports:
C. 9:30 Jon Wagner, Loss Prevention Team Leader; County Technical Services Inc. (CTSI): 1. Insurance Pool Update and Loss Analysis: D. 10:00 Dana Gardunio, Ouray District Ranger, USFS, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests: 1. Introductions: 2. USFS Program Updates:	J. 12:30 The Board of County Commissioners will convene as the Board of Health to consider the following items: 1. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on Environmental Health Service Contract between Division of Environmental Health and Sustainability of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Ouray County Public Health Agency; contract routing #FEFA 2020'0524 and on the Fiscal Impact Form: 2. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on Core Public Health Services Contract, Amendment to contract between Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Office of Planning and Partnership and Ouray County Public Health Agency; 18 FAFA 97487, with Amendment #1, contract routing number 19 FAA 107482 and Amendment #2, contract routing number 2019'0399 and on the Fiscal Impact Form: 3. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on Collaborative Management Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Lunch
E. 10:30 The Board of County Commissioners will convene as the Board of Social Services to review the following items: 1. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on the following documents and on the Fiscal Impact Forms: a. Purchase of Service Agreement with Mary Lewis Kelly for Child Welfare Services: b. Purchase of Service Agreement with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the 7th Judicial District for Supervised Visitation Services: c. Purchase of Service Agreement with Telluride Drug Screening: d. Collaborative Management Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): e. Purchase of Service Agreement with Uncompahgre Board of Cooperative Educational Services (UnBOCES) for Coordination of the Collaborative Management Program. f. Purchase of Service Agreement with Ridgway School District for Summer 2019 Day Treatment Alternative Services:	K. 1:30 Continuation of First Reading - Ordinance 2018-004 Repealing and Replacing Ordinance No. 2018-002 and Providing for Licensing and Permitting of Marijuana Cultivation Facilities, Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facilities, Retail Marijuana Stores, Marijuana Testing Facilities, and Marijuana Research and Development Facilities: (continued from December 18, 2018, February 26, 2019, and May 14, 2019)
F. 10:40 General Business: 1. Request for approval of warrants: 2. Request for approval of the May 14, 2019 minutes: 3. Request for appointment / reappointment of two Planning Commission Members:	Note: Action may be taken on any or all of these items. All times are approximate. If any given item is finished earlier than anticipated, the Commissioners may move on to the next item. The only exceptions to this are public hearings, which will not begin prior to their advertised time. Amended Agendas: If it becomes necessary to amend an agenda, such amendment(s) will be posted at the Ouray County Temporary Offices, 112 Village Square West, Ridgway, Colorado, no later than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting. Any descriptions of any Land Use applications (Planned Unit Developments, either regular, limited, intra-family, or resort; special use permits; variances; or exemptions) above are not necessarily all-inclusive; for further information on these types of agenda items, please contact the County Land Use Office at 970-626-9775. Commissioner agendas, with the exception of amended agendas, and resolutions being considered are also available on the County's website at www.ouraycountycolorado.gov. Amended agendas are posted at the Courthouse as stated above.
G. 11:00 Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Representatives: 1. Annual CDOT / County meeting:	

AGENDA

OURAY CITY COUNCIL

320 6th Avenue - Community Center
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June 17, 2019

Regular meeting 6pm

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 4 Regulating Short-term Rentals in the City of Ouray
5. CEREMONIAL/INFORMATIONAL - San Juan Mountain Guides Year-end Report
6. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION
7. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/INFORMATION Glenn Boyd, Dawn Glanc, Bette Maurer, Dee Hilton, and Pam Larson
8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
 - a. Interim City Administrator
 - b. Finance and Administration Director
 - i. May Financial Report (Approve)
 - ii. May Disbursements (Accept)
 - iii. May Sales Tax Report (Discussion)
 - iv. May LOT Report (Discussion)
 - c. Community Development Coordinator
9. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Special Events Permit Application - BPOE Lodge #492, 4th of July
 - b. Huckstering Permit Application - MS LLC dba Dippin' Dots Ice Cream, 4th of July
 - c. Huckstering Permit Application - Masonic Lodge, 4th of July
10. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Second (and Final) Reading of Ordinance No. 4 Regulating Short-term Rentals in the City of Ouray
 - b. Consideration of a fixed encroachment permit for a stone landscape planter, landscaping and fence for the Columbus Building with the encroachment located in the Eighth Avenue Right-of-Way north of Block 9, Lot 13 740 Main Street
11. DISCUSSION
 - a. Short-term Rental Application Forms
 - b. Short-term Rental Fees
 - c. Future Agenda Items
12. ADJOURNMENT

COLORADO

Bernhardt's visit to home state full of controversy

Protest highlights conflict over policy as decision on new headquarters looms

By JASON BLEVINS
The Colorado Sun

VAIL — Interior Secretary David Bernhardt is looking at every job in the Bureau of Land Management to determine two things: Is the role essential? And does it need to be based in Washington, D.C.?

Once the newly confirmed secretary finishes answering those questions, he said, he can support the push to relocate the land agency to a Western state, closer to the nearly 250 million acres it manages.

Bernhardt, answering questions from a dozen state leaders at the annual Western Governors' Association conference in Vail, declined to indicate a preference for any state. A decision is expected by September.

"At the end of that analysis, my expectation will be that I can tell Congress very clearly, 'Here's where I think these roles would be optimized and put to the greatest use' and we'll see if Congress agrees with that," said Bernhardt, noting he expects "a substantial element of BLM folks in D.C. being repositioned."

"I think there is a great value in delegating greater accountability to the front lines of our departments, and we need to somehow find a way to put more resources on the front lines and then organizing in a way that will best serve the American people," Bernhardt said.

Shortly after protesters wearing swamp-monster masks parading along a roiling Gore Creek voiced their angst about Bernhardt and support for public lands, a dozen Western U.S. governors lobbied softball questions to the cabinet member.

Gov. Jared Polis and Utah Gov. Gary Herbert went first during the opening panel for the conference,

asking Bernhardt about his plan to address the \$12.6 billion backlog of deferred maintenance at national parks.

Bernhardt called the delayed investment in national parks "entirely unsustainable," noting President Donald Trump's Public Lands Infrastructure Fund directs energy leasing revenues toward park maintenance. For fiscal 2020, Trump's budget includes \$639.8 million for park service construction and deferred projects.

"My view is that we actually do it," Bernhardt said. "Our infrastructure is crumbling ... and it's time to address that problem."

Former lobbyist "a walking conflict of interest"

An hour before the meeting, the Sierra Club hosted a public lands rally with a few dozen protesters calling Bernhardt "a walking conflict of interest" because of his previous job lobbying for oil and gas interests. Parading along a recreation trail behind the hotel under the watchful eye of hotel security and Vail police, the group decried Trump's energy-dominant agenda for public lands that has increased oil and gas exploration and drilling.

Aaron Johnson with the Western Energy Alliance attended the rally as well, noting that oil and gas royalty payments to the U.S. government support the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

"Public lands can provide critical revenues for fixing up our national parks," Johnson said.

Governors will collaborate on three fire issues

The confab at Vail's Hotel Talisa kicked off with the governors' association announcing its new partnership

with Forest Service parent U.S. Department of Agriculture. The new collaboration reveals at least three areas where the Democrat and Republican state chiefs not only agree, but will work together.

First, the association's governors and federal land managers are forming a wildlife disaster response program that coordinates federal resources available to communities after wildfire. The partnership also will work to reduce the threat of wildfire near power lines through a unified vegetation management program. And lastly, the new partnership will work together to eliminate cheatgrass and other invasive species across the Western U.S.

USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Jim Hubbard said the collaboration "will have the greatest impact in addressing critical risks" posed by wildfires, drought and invasive species.

"Each state has some neat, new opportunities to get out and enjoy public lands, and we are excited about that," he said.

Bernhardt urged the governors to partner with the federal government on the National Environmental Policy Act analysis of projects on federal land, saying his department has "flexibility if states want to be more involved in the NEPA process and even sharing NEPA responsibilities."

Bernhardt said he sees opportunities to collaborate with states on NEPA and the Endangered Species Act. He said his department in the next few weeks will propose revised rules for endangered species "that have the potential to sand the rough edges of these laws."

"My belief is that for a number of these areas of natural resources, if we sand some of the rough edges, the fear and tension in that climate will

fall away and we can just focus on making big conservation gains," he said. "Because everybody needs that and sometimes the conflict, frankly, is counter-productive to the ultimate goal."

Opponents to gravel mine expansion are worried

Among the protesters who donned the now famous swamp-monster masks decrying Bernhardt and Trump's push to ease regulations on public lands were members of the Glenwood Springs Citizen's Alliance. The group is fighting plans to expand a gravel mine above town from about 20 acres to 320 acres.

The Mid-Continent Quarry is owned by Rocky Mountain Resources, a fledgling investment firm with close ties to Bernhardt's former lobbying firm, the influential and politically connected Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. Rocky Mountain Resources is seeking BLM approval to expand the mine, a decision that ultimately will land on Bernhardt's desk.

And Bernhardt was scheduled to visit the BLM's Colorado River Valley office in Silt on Tuesday, which is handling the mine proposal.

Citizen's Alliance does not expect to have a chance to speak with Bernhardt, who answered questions only from governors and declined to meet with reporters on Monday in Vail.

"We want to remain fact-based and the voice of reason, so a protest may antagonize the situation and not be beneficial," alliance president Jeff Peterson said.

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CITY OF OURAY

Flag Day ceremony planned for Saturday

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The Ouray Elks Lodge will present its annual public ceremony honoring Flag Day on Saturday, the day after the official holiday. The ceremony is planned for 2 p.m. at the Ouray Elks Lodge, 421 Main St. The Elks Lodge has a long history associated with Flag Day.

This year's ceremony marks the 242nd birthday of the U.S. flag. The first documented national observance of Flag Day was in 1877. National Flag Day was adopted by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in 1907, and formal ceremonies were required

of all lodges beginning in 1911.

At the urging of the Elks, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as the official anniversary of the flag. Continued lobbying for a more formal designation resulted in passage of a law by Congress in 1949 ordering all Federal buildings to fly the flag and encouraging citizens to display the flag on June 14th. President Harry Truman, who was a member of the Elks, signed the act on August 3, 1949.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

TOWN OF RIDGWAY

Ouray artist wins sculpture contest

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Cie Hoover may be known as part of the local folk-rock duo You Knew Me When, but recently he has also rejuvenated his love of visual art – and his efforts have been well received.

After receiving the “Mayor’s Choice Award” at the Inaugural 610 Arts Collective Regional Arts Exhibition last month, Hoover tried his hand at Michael McCullough’s 7th Amateur Sculpting Contest at The Sherbino Theater & 610 Arts Collective in Ridgway on Sunday. In the end, Hoover walked away with the “John Billings Choice Award” for his piece titled “Finding Balance.”

Amateur sculptors from across the Western Slope were invited to participate in the event where participants had two hours to sculpt five pounds of clay into any form they wished. Once complete, a panel of professional artists scoured the entries and chose the winners.

“Sculpting is the most primal form of art,” said McCullough, the founder of the event, who has been a driving force in Ridgway’s arts community. McCullough’s hope was that the competition would motivate amateurs across the region, and for Hoover it has done just that.

“Once again I feel immensely honored to

have my work recognized amidst such a talented group of artists,” Hoover said. “Not only was it a great gathering of community art appreciators, not only was it a great opportunity for me to delve into another art medium (clay...something I don’t think I’ve touched since freshman year of high school), but to have my work chosen by such a superbly talented artist and sculptor is truly an honor. My immense thanks to John Billings and all those who encourage creativity.”

Billings is best known for handcrafting the Grammy Awards for the past four decades. His talents can also be found cast in many other awards and he has been very supportive in Ridgway’s quest to become a state-certified creative district, a title bestowed upon the town in 2013.

The piece for which Hoover received the award is titled “Finding Balance.” It was based on Cie’s love of balanced rock structures known as cairns.

“While I love these structures, I want to acknowledge that there needs to be restraint in building them off trail and in over abundance in wild settings,” Hoover said. “We must always strive to respect the nature we revere.”

More of his artwork can be found at the 610 Arts Collective in Ridgway and at the SKOL Gallery in Ouray.



Ouray resident Cie Hoover shows off the “John Billings Choice” award he received on June 9 during Michael McCullough’s 7th annual Amateur Sculpting Contest in Ridgway. Participants were given two hours to sculpt five pounds of clay into any form they wished. Hoover’s piece was titled “Finding Balance.”

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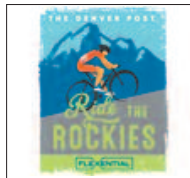
On the Slope

The following is the editor's choice of events and happenings throughout the Western Slope.

GRAND JUNCTION Country Jam, June 13-16, Country Jam Ranch in Mack. The 28th annual, four-day event features a main stage and two other stages. Vendors, food, beverages. Headliners this year include Little Big Town, Luke Bryan and Alabama. Tickets vary in price. countryjam.com.



MT. CRESTED BUTTE Ride the Rockies awards party, June 15, noon to 5 p.m., CBMR Base Area. The 34th annual event wraps up this day. Come to the party to hang out, check out the vendors, eat, enjoy the adventure park, mountain bike and hike. ridetherockies.com.



PAONIA, HOTCHKISS North Fork Uncorked, June 14-16, various locations. Three days of exciting events featuring wine and food pairings, barrel tastings, music, picnics and winemaker dinners. Festivities hosted by each of the wineries of the West Elks AVA, will be held throughout the area. westelksava.com.



PALISADE Palisade Bluegrass and Roots Festival, June 14-16, Riverbend Park. Family-friendly festival featuring real bluegrass and roots music. Food, beverage, goods and services vendors. Single-day and three-day passes are available. palisademusic.com.



Calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

LUNCH - Lunch at the Library: Free lunch to enjoy at the library or take to go for ages up to 18 and special needs. Ouray Public Library, 11:30-1 p.m.

KID ACTIVITY - Girls in STEM for grades 4-8. Ouray Public Library, 3:45 p.m.

SUMMER READING - Children's and Teens' Summer Reading Programs. Ages 5-9, 11 a.m.-noon. Ages 10-16, 3-4 p.m. Ridgway Public Library, 300 Charles St.

LIVE MUSIC - Ouray's Mountain Air Music Series: Nora Jane Struthers with opener The Casey Kristofferson Band. Fellin Park in Ouray 6-10 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

COMEDY - Sherbino and Full Tilt present "The Comedy Zone." Alan Goodwin with AJ Finney opening. Sherbino Theater, 604 Clinton St., Ridgway. Doors 7:30 p.m. Show 8 p.m. \$13, advance. \$22 reserved. \$18 at door.

EDUCATION - "The History of Ridgway," including the Town of Dallas, by Bob Cox. Ridgway State Park Visitor Center, 7:30 p.m.

MOVIE - Youth Movie at the Ouray Public Library. Mary and the Witch's Flower (PG) 1 p.m.

MOVIE - Family Fridays! Outdoor Movies in the Ridgway Park at dusk featuring "Green Book." PG-13.

MARKET - Ridgway Farmers Market. Town Park. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC - Greg Everheart at KOA Campground, 3.5 miles north of Ouray, mm 98 BBQ & beer/wine bar. 5:30-8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

TRAIN RIDE - Free rides on RGS Motor 1 at the Ridgway Railroad Museum. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 200 N. Railroad St.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY - "Touch Tables" at the swim beach as Ridgway State Park, every Saturday

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OUTDOOR ACTIVITY - "Take Me Fishing" at the Ridgway State Park. Pa-Cho-Chu-Puk ponds. 8:30-11 a.m. Free poles and bait provided.

CONCERT - Dave and Mary Wood Classical Concert Series present Susan Ellinger, piano; Abigail Fischer, soprano; Jason Slayden, Tenor. Wright Opera House. 7:30 p.m. Adults \$25 online, \$28 door; \$5 students 18 and under.

CEREMONY - Flag Day Ceremony, 2 p.m., Ouray Elks Lodge. Open to the public to celebrate the flag's birthday and history.

ART SHARING - ArtSpeak at the Ridgway Library. Share art with other artists. All levels welcome, up to 3 pieces. 3-5 p.m.

LECTURE - "The Colorado Bison Project" by Holly "Sonny" Shelton, archeologist. 7:30 p.m. Ridgway State Park Visitor Center.

LIVE MUSIC - Greg Everheart at KOA Campground, 3.5 miles north of Ouray, mm 98 BBQ & beer/wine bar. 5:30-8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

OUTDOOR LEARNING - "Reading in the Park," for young kids. Join a naturalist at the camper service building at Ridgway State Park. 9:30 a.m.

MOVIE - "The Darkest Mind," Wright Opera House. 7 p.m. PG-13. \$5, \$2 discount with valid student id.

EDUCATION - "Great Blue Herons" meet at the Elk Ridge camper Services at the Ridgway State Park, 9:30 a.m. Book reading and hands-on activity.

FATHER'S DAY - Free admission to Ouray County Historical Museum for all fathers. 420 6th Ave., Ouray.

MONDAY, JUNE 17

SENIOR LUNCH - Ouray Community Center, Neighbor to Neighbor. Noon. Call 970-325-4586 for information or to request transportation.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

EVENING OF HISTORY

"Electrifying Ouray" presented by Eric Jacobson, owner of the Ouray Power Plant and Larry Kerecman,

engineer and hydroelectricity historian. Wright Opera House, Ouray, 7:30 p.m. \$5, or free to Ouray County Historical Society members.

LIVE MUSIC - KOA Campground, 3.5 miles north of Ouray, mm 98 BBQ & beer/wine bar. 5:30-8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

BINGO - Bingo at the Ouray Elks Lodge. Light refreshments available. Open to the public 7 p.m.

KID ACTIVITY - Summer Reading program: A Universe of Stories. Ouray Community Center, grades 1-6. 1-2 p.m.

SENIOR LUNCH - Neighbor to Neighbor Picnic Lunch at the Camelot Gardens, Montrose. Noon. Call 970-325-4586 for information or to request transportation.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

TOUR - Guided tours of historic Ouray Power Plant. 9 and 10:30 a.m. Meet at Ouray County Historical Society Research Center, 722 Main Street, Ouray for a short presentation before each tour. \$35 includes transportation to the plant. Pre-register, 970-325-4576

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 - June 14: Nicholas Davis, Wedding Anniversary of John and Margaret Tjossem, Raymond Markey, 50th Wedding Anniversary of Harriet & Every Fleischer
 - June 15: Steven Schroeder, George Robinson
 - June 16: Will Clapsadl, Richard Weber III, David Bergman, Alyssa Hill, Wedding Anniversary of Ed and Linda Ingo
 - June 17: Indigo Krois, Beth Edwards, William Thompson, Jonnie Sirotek
 - June 18: Marisa Lipsey, Ronald Durham, Gladen Berry, Greg Hunger, Tammy Bain
 - June 19: Chip Larson, Ann Larson, Scott Tucker
- OTHER NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS:**
- June 13: Chris Evans, Actor (38)
 - June 14: Donald Trump, US President (73)
 - June 15: Neil Patrick Harris, Actor (46)
 - June 16: Trevor Wentworth, Singer (26)
 - June 17: Paulina Rubio, Singer (48)
 - June 18: Blake Shelton, Singer (43)
 - June 19: Macklemore, Rapper (36)

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OURAY COUNTY

Draft forest plan set for release Monday

Semantics blamed for delay

BY ERIN MCINTYRE
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The U.S. Forest Service is expected to release its preliminary draft plan for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison National Forests on Monday, after retracting its announcement earlier this month that the plan would be released and public meetings were set.

Word choice is what held up the release and caused the agency to pull back its initial announcement on June 3, Forest Service representatives told Ouray County commissioners at their meeting Tuesday.

"People were concerned about what we were saying, and the words we were using," Chad Stewart, deputy forest supervisor, told commissioners. The use of the term "comment period" versus "feedback period" to describe the way of soliciting public input was the source of the controversy.

"We are giving the public a preview to look at the preliminary draft plan," he told commissioners. He said the purpose was to receive feedback on the plan prior to an official comment

period which has specific time constraints. However, the preview for feedback is expected to last roughly 30 business days, extended from 30 calendar days.

"This is just a feedback period," he said.

The official comment period is expected to be included in a draft environmental impact statement this fall.

Acting Forest Supervisor Jerry Krueger, who is on detail for the temporary assignment from the Black Hills National Forest, said 16 national forests have completed forest plan revision since the 2018 rules were implemented.

A new forest supervisor is expected to be hired in the next three months, Krueger told the commissioners.

Initial plans were to hold meetings in Montrose, Gunnison, Hotchkiss, Palisade and Norwood. County Commissioner Ben Tisdell requested a meeting in Ouray County, which Stewart said he would consider.

FLOWER POWER



City of Ouray seasonal gardener and self-proclaimed "flower fairy" Heidi Odom dead-heads petunias that were hung in baskets on Main Street on Monday. City employees and volunteers with the Ouray Beautification Committee planted flowers in ore carts along the street on Tuesday.

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 <p>WHERE THE MOUNTAINS MEET THE MESA Treed with Ponderosa and Pinon • Located on the 11th Fairway Views of Cimarron Mountain Range Paved roads • Utilities to lot line MLS# 753320 \$44,900</p>	 <p>640 ACRES ON THE UNCOMPAHGRE PLATEAU No Covenants for this Large Acreage • Hunters You Can Have Your own Land to Hunt, Oil Livestock Permitted • Possible Development Opportunity Off Grid Living • Private Yet Just 30 Minutes to Montrose MLS# 739528 \$768,000</p>	 <p>RIVER FRONTAGE PRIME DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY Just north of the Montrose water & kayak park 4.02 acre parcel • 900 feet of Uncompahgre River frontage South of Mayfly Development • Close to future Goldwater Fly Fishing operation • Don't miss out!! MLS# 743651 \$1,875,000</p>