Projects use creative techniques to mitigate mine pollution

by Tori Sheets

Sneffels Creek will run more clearly after completion of a bank stabilization project designed to divert the creek away from mine tailings at the abandoned Atlas Mill. The mill is just east of the Ouray Silver Mine, formerly the Revenue Mine, and its tailings are laden with cadmium and zinc deposits that leak into Sneffels Creek.

The creek is on the Clean Water Act’s 303(d) List of Impaired Waters because its water quality does not support certain aquatic life. Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership collaborated with a project to divert the creek away from the tailings so it won’t continue to flow through the area and pick up the heavy metals.

Public hearing continues for CR 1 PID

by Tori Sheets
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The Ouray County Planning Commission had one last chance on July 6 to review its draft of high alpine residential development regulations before its public hearing July 9. The final recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners will be voted on after the hearing.

Meeting at the Land Use building in Ridgway, the OCPC went over the draft subsection by subsection, reviewed the accompanying report to the BOCC and then laid ground rules for the upcoming public hearing.

The attending public also had 15 minutes to voice their opinions as the process came to an end.

Square footage

During the section walkthrough, the most complicated issue seemed to be how much square footage of a structure to allow on buildable high alpine parcels, which must be at least five acres. At previous sessions, the OCPC decided on a maximum density of one 1,000 square foot dwelling with a 200 square foot non-dwelling accessory unit.

A high alpine developer can also earn an additional 500 square feet for each “surrendered” developable parcel, maxing out at 2,500 square feet. “Surrendered” would mean the owner gives up development rights for those properties. This would encourage one larger structure rather than several smaller ones, thereby lowering density.

“Contiguous would definitely be a more difficult standard,” said Craig Jackman, planning commissioner.

Chris Carr, planning commissioner, shared his opinion on the possible maximum square footage of 2,500.

“If we’re going to offer allowances, I’d like to see (maximum square footage) reduced,” he said. “To me, we’re just piling on something we’re trying to discourage.”

However, Parker and the rest of the commission decided to accept the figure.

“It’s going to be on significant average if they’re going to get up to 2,500 (square feet),” said Parker. “It’s

Tailings from the Atlas Mill were seeping into Sneffels Creek prior to the bank stabilization project. Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership collaborated with Ouray Silver Mines and Western Stream Works to turn the creek away from the mine tailings and reduce the amount of heavy metals in the water.

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The only decision before the BOCC now is whether commissioners should form the PID, place the question on the general election ballot or not allow formation of the PID at all. If commissioners decide to form the PID they will also set its boundaries.

If the district is formed, voters within the district would decide the debt and mill levy issues later.

Citizens expressed opinions both for and against formation of the PID during the public hearing, but comments were overwhelmingly against forming the district.

County Attorney Marti Whitmore said she has a personal financial interest in the issue because she owns property in the proposed PID, so she removed herself from the BOCC table and joined the public.

Paul Sunderland, San Juan County attorney, is assisting the BOCC with all legal matters on the issue. Commissioners set aside $5,000 for Sunderland to assist them in any mat-
Regional humane societies are nonprofit organizations that count on contributions—some through donations, but costs aren’t always fully covered with donations. Despite serving different size regions, local humane societies have similar operational expenses and must maintain revenue levels to meet those expenses.

For example, this was never more clear than when Second Chance Humane Society recently received a $665,000 donation, yet Executive Director Kelly Goodin said the funds would “not eliminate our reliance upon our community’s support for such ongoing (operational) expenses.”

The donation will be used to pay off the mortgage on the shelter property at 177 County Road 10 near Ridgway.

Second Chance serves Ouray County, San Miguel County and parts of Montrose County.

In 2014, Second Chance received $957,727 in contributions and grants, according to its IRS Form 990. Form 990, officially labeled the “Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax,” is a document filed by non-profit organizations with the Internal Revenue Service. The 990 is public information and can be found on the Colorado Secretary of State’s website under the “Charities and fundraisers” link. For a specific nonprofit, users can use the search feature. The 2014 return is the most recent.

Second Chance has also received significant donations in the recent past, including a $50,000 donation from the Florida-based Timothy Sykes Foundation in April 2015, a $100,000 donation from Jane and Robert Cizek for the shelter’s dog den in May 2014 and a $20,000 donation to expand our capacity to meet that need.”

According to Second Chance’s Form 990, the nonprofit’s two thrift stores in Ridgway and Telluride have a large impact on the nonprofit’s business model, which Goodin said is important to earning revenue. Second Chance has operated the Ridgway thrift store since 1998 but acquired the Telluride location in July 2014.

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“Comparing regional humane societies is difficult due to varying factors. There can be local factors that may make direct comparisons less than 100 percent accurate,” said Mike Stoll, Pagosa Springs executive director. “Probably not to the degree of ‘apples to oranges’ comparisons, but statistically important enough to keep in mind.”

Factors such as population served, higher concentration of pets, animal-friendly communities, local volunteer pools, shelter programs, animal species taken in, public and municipality support and facility maintenance can figure in to how much each humane shelter spending and outcome differs from other shelters.

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Red flag warning lifted

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Southwestern Colorado came under a Red Flag Alert for wildfires on Monday during high wind conditions, low humidity and high temperatures. The alert was lifted on Tuesday.

The alert notification sent out to Ouray County residents on Monday read, “Southwestern Colorado is now under Red Flag Alert, no burning in Ouray County.”

According to Junior Mattivi, Ouray County sheriff, the reference to no burning was just a precaution, not a burn ban.

“When we’re in a Red Flag Warning, we try to get the word out so that people understand that they have to be really careful with their burning,” he said.

Mattivi said he does not expect a burn ban to be initiated any time soon. He is in contact with the U.S. Forest Service to check on the moisture content of fuels and the fire conditions in the area. The warning on Monday was just a precaution.

“Red Flag Warning is just conditions are ripe for a wildfire fire if it gets out of control because humidity is low, temps are high and the wind is blowing,” he said.

The Rocky Mountain Area Intergency Coordination Center moved Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas from level two to level three preparedness level. According to a press release from RMACC, preparedness levels are based on current and forecast weather conditions, fire activity and fuel availability.

Levels range from one to five, with five being the highest level of fire danger. Each level has specific directions for firefighters and the public to respond to and prevent wildfire incidents.

As of Wednesday there are five active wildfires in Colorado. For a map of the fire locations and information go to http://inciweb.nwcg.gov.

Alaimo case postponed

by Dalton Carver
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The criminal case for Joseph Alaimo, 50, has been pushed forward to Aug. 4 at 11 a.m.

Alaimo appeared at the Ouray County Courthouse in person the morning of July 7 for a dispositional hearing. His public defender, Kori Zapletal, delivered the post-pomtion request over the phone, citing “received additional discovery” as the main reason.

Hon. Cory Jackson, Ouray County judge, Alaimo’s case was discussed May 12 and June 2 leading up to last Thursday’s appearance.

Alaimo is charged with two counts of sexual assault and one count of possession of a controlled substance. After attempts to find Alaimo in Colorado were unsuccessful, he was arrested in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania by the United States Marshals Fugitive Task Force in April.

Alaimo is a licensed veterinarian and the former owner of the Trail Town Still in Ridgway. He also contributed a monthly science column to the Plaindealer.

Montrose accident results in death, injuries

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A head-on vehicle collision the morning of July 6 left one dead and two others seriously injured, according to Nate Reid, Colorado State Police trooper.

Stephanie Boyd of Montrose was driving her 2005 Chevy Cavalier eastbound on US 550 when Earl McWilliams’ 2006 Ford F350 drifted into Boyd’s lane, colliding head on.

McWilliams’s vehicle rolled once, coming to rest off the eastbound shoulder after colliding with a fence. McWilliams was transported to Montrose Memorial.

Boyd died in the collision. The Montrose resident was wearing her seatbelt. Boyd also had a passenger, her daughter Margin Boyd, who was transported to Montrose Memorial with serious injuries. Charges have yet to be filed in the incident.

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Dear Editor,

A friend and I were in Ouray last week for a few days and visited the Box Canyon Falls on July 7. While admiring the magnificent falls, we had the pleasure of meeting and talking with Sue E. Hirshman, a volunteer with the City of Ouray and the Forest Service, one of whose passions is the study and protection of the Black Swifts in the canyon. The City of Ouray is indeed fortunate to have a resident with the dedication and expertise of Ms. Hirshman.

As well as describing the habits of the birds, Ms. Hirshman kindly pointed out several Black Swift nests in the canyon walls. I was concerned that at least one of the nests was close enough to the walkway that it could be disturbed easily by careless or thoughtless tourists. I hope plans are being made to erect additional screens along the walkway to prevent that from happening.

Last week was the first time I had visited our beautiful and friendly city, and it certainly will not be the last time.

Richard S. Harwood
Colorado Springs
LOOKING BACK
From the Ouray County Herald and Ouray County Plain Dealer:

50 Years Ago
July 14, 1966
This is the first of a series of articles concerning the fallout shelter program for Ouray County, as released by Civil Defense Director James Kitt. There is much we can do together, and perhaps the first step is to take a clear look at nuclear warfare and what it means for Ouray County.

25 Years Ago
July 14, 1991
A piece of railroad ties—called a "Golden Age Pass"—was issued to anyone with a "Golden Age Pass." Anyone with a "Golden Age Pass" can avoid the struggle up and toe-jam down. But when pray tell, is the fun and challenge in that? Milestones should be memorable, so we did it the hard way.

15 Years Ago
July 13, 2001
Anyone with a "Golden Age Pass" can appreciate Old Lodge Skins' last prayer. We understand that "human beings" are strengthened by "defeats" and that periods of "Blindness" are mere opportunities to see "beyond." We also feel his frustration, that we are being led down "a road to nowhere."

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July 21, 2006
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10 Years Ago
July 18, 1996
Ouray's mountain runners numero one. Trujillo wasn't expected to be able to complete this year's Hard Rock 100 endurance run. So he was more surprised than anybody when he not only finished the race, but won the new course record - 30:44:17. The previous record was 32:00:14. For Trujillo, 48, the race was a triumphant yet grueling experience, made more so by the back pain which was acting up just two weeks before the race.

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CITY OF OURAY

Steep slope may lead to code change

by Tori Sheets

The Ouray Planning Commission began initial discussions about a change to the city code during its meeting on Tuesday.

In April John Nixon, architect, approached city council concerning a code requirement he believes is a mistake. The section requires at least a 30 degree roof pitch for single family residences in the R2, C1 and C2 zones.

Council directed the issue to the planning commission to determine if the code should be changed or left as is.

According to John Strandberg, community development coordinator, the code requirement was adopted in 2005 but there are no references in the minutes of city council or planning commission meetings at that time as to why.

Strandberg said he believes there are two main factors that drove adoption of the 30 degree pitch requirement.

“One is that a steep roof pitch allows for faster shedding of snow and less ice damming,” he said. “It also may have been an attempt at single family homes trying to fit in with the existing architecture. Many of the existing historically significant Victorian homes have a steeper roof pitch and that would allow them to fit in a little bit better.”

Strandberg also thinks it was an oversight that the requirement wasn’t included in the R1 zone as well.

Options for the planning commission are to remove the 30 degree roof pitch requirement, amend the section or make no code changes.

Jeff Skoloda, planning commission chair, said the requirement seems like a back door way to require architectural review.

“It doesn’t seem congruent with other requirements in our code to dictate roof line,” he said.

Flat top roofs are capable of holding snow loads if they are designed properly. Other commissioners agreed that the requirement seems unnecessary.

“I wouldn’t want somebody dictating my roof lines unless it was a restricted area in a historical district,” Tamarra Guide, commissioner, said.

The issue will be discussed again during the next planning commission meeting, when action may be taken.
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A member of the public, Howard Green, agreed with Nate Disser, wanted to see even higher-end development structures in the area,” he said. “(Twenty-five square feet are allowable square footage,” he said. “(Twenty-five square feet are allowable square footage,” he said. “(Twenty-five square feet are allowable square footage,” he said. “(Twenty-five square feet are allowable square footage,” he said. “(Twenty-five square feet are allowable square footage,” he said. “(Twenty-five square feet are allowable square footage,” he said. “(Twenty-five square feet are allowable square footage,” he said. “(Twenty-five square feet are allowable square footage,” he said. “(Twenty-five square feet are allowable square feet in places like Red Mountain Pass.”

Lowande also suggested adding a specification to the report outlining wolf thickets and krumholtz not being considered as significant or extensive tree cover in the tundra.

“Don’t you want houses sitting in the whitetop willow thickets right by the timberline,” he said. “They’re not tall enough to obscure anything.”

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La Plata Humane Society

La Plata, serving a county of about 54,000 people, took in a significantly larger number of animals in 2014 – about 148,000. Ouray News.com

La Plata’s 2014 salaries line item is $1,394,701, which equates to $870 a month. Its resulting 2014 profit spends about $1,500 per day for all the pets sheltered. With an average two-week stay for 996 pets, the average per day is $39.

Total expenses in 2014 were $621,320.

Roeic-Hurst serves the second-largest area with fewer employees as well, totaling $289,963 spent on salaries accounts for about 47 percent of total expenses. Not having a thrift store, Roeic-Hurst covered much of its expenses with a 2014 contribution and grants figure of $499,180.

Goodin’s thought process on animal intake spending.

“Bottom line for us is we spend whatever amount is necessary to provide the required daily care of whatever animals are in our shelter at any given time,” said Stoll. “We make an effort to maximize the number of animals we can provide shelter to.”

Operating with around 16 full-time employees, Pagosa Spring’s 2014 salaries and compensation were $414,714, or about 57 percent of total expenses.

“We all work together through varying partnerships for the same cause,” said Goodin. “We all apply different approaches and have different challenges, limitations and opportunities that are impacted by geographical and demographic differences.”

Preventing woodpecker damage to trees

Woodpeckers, primarily sapsuckers, occasionally damage trees by boring a series of 1/4- to 3/8-inch closely spaced holes in the limbs or trunks of healthy trees. They feed on sap oozed from the holes. The tree wounds may attract insects, squirrels, or porcupines and can serve as entrances for diseases and wood decaying organisms. Occasionally, girdling of limbs and trunks may kill the tree.

High value ornamental or shade trees can be protected from sapsuckers by sticky bird repellents such as Tanglefoot® and Roost—No-More®. These products may be smeared on trunks and the top of branches to discourage sapsuckers. Hang frightening devices such as bright tin lids, plastic or mylar strips 1-inch wide and about 2-feet long or hawk mobiles in the trees so that they move in the wind to frighten sapsuckers. Mirrors that enlarge the image may also frighten sapsuckers. Woodpeckers are protected by federal and state laws.

For more information, see the Colorado State University Extension fact sheet at ext.colostate.edu/Pubs/natives/06516.html.

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Grinding to a start
by Tori Sheets
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During a field tour of the Snodden Creek Bank Stabilization project on Thursday, tour-goers got an exclusive look at the inner workings of the mill at the Ouray Silver Mine, formerly the Revenue Mine. OSM is in a feasibility study phase. The study is to determine whether operators can tell the mine owners to go forward with investment.

"The numbers are attractive enough that I think we'll be doing that," Clint Fletcher, chief executive officer of Ouray Silver Mines, Inc., said.

Lateaux Resource Capital, based in New York, is the investment management service for the mine. Fletcher said they already have a capital budget developed, and after the feasibility study is completed it will take a month or two to complete negotiations.

"If we move forward we'll be looking at about another $30 to $35 million into the mine to get to ask about our special events, historic tours and "Evenings of History" Series.

During a field tour of the Sneffels Mining District, Fletcher said the last thing he wants to do is "get rid of a good portion of it and really be able to reduce our footprint on this mine site."

The only other mine in the world to have no waste footprint is the Sutter Gold Mine in California. Fletcher said he has visited the Sutter Gold Mine many times and decided to take a page out of their book and reduce waste production at OSM as much as possible.

"We said that if we had to we could have a mine that the only thing we have for waste is some scrap steel, scrap wood and regular old off-take water," he said. "That's it, that's all we should have, everything else gets used and sold."

OSM is going through environmental testing to apply for a permit to do so.

MINE cleanup
FROM P1

Western Stream Works manager Bill Coughlin is conducting work on the creek bank stabilization project. His plan is to change the meander of the creek along the portion where the water meets the mine tailings. He is using boulders, trees and other materials from the site to divert the stream and create floodplains for future expansion of the creek.

"What we're trying to do is let the river create a sinuous, natural pattern through the floodplains," Coughlin said.

He said the creek will ultimately decide where it wants to flow, but through diversion techniques he hopes to guide the creek in a way that won't require future mitigation.

"Our whole objective is to walk away without maintenance and for it to look like we were never here; that's the best compliment we can get," he said.

Before the creek was diverted, an island with willow trees was in the center of the flow. Coughlin removed these trees and replanted them on the bank of the stream to create additional bank stability.

Ouray Silver Mines is collaborating on the project because the mine tailings are on their property. Clint Fletcher, executive officer of Ouray Silver Mines, Inc., said the last thing he wants is a repeat of the massive spill at the Gold King Mine.

"We don't want to be sitting here 20, 30, 50 years from now continuing to have a discharge out of that portal," he said. "We're certainly not going to plug the portal because we all know what happens when you plug a portal, it just comes out somewhere else." Fletcher also is working on a treatment system for discharge water coming out of the Atlas Mill. The system channels water out of the mill into holding ponds where a "bioreactor cell" will clean the water. The cell has a liner bed with a layer of peat moss and geo fabric on top. The next layer is a foot of topsoil with catchalls and other carbon inducing plants. All of this creates a carbon-rich environment for microorganisms to live and help filter out the heavy metals.

"So the whole idea is you create an environment where bugs will live," Fletcher said. "The peat moss and carbon is there for food, and they create their own chelating systems and they grab extra metals that are coming up."

After the water goes through the system it meets water quality standards. He said there are a number of these bioreactor systems in the Leadville mining district and they work great.

Ouray Silver Mine has received permits for this system and will begin the process in the next few weeks.

The creek bank stabilization project is being funded by a grant through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment - Nonpoint Source Program, as well as a catch match from Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety.

The owners of Ouray Silver Mine gave the tour-goers an exclusive look at the inside workings of the mill. Target production for the mine when it is open will be 250 tons a day.
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Public Hearing Notice

Notice is hereby given that on June 7, 2016, a petition was filed with the County regarding the formation of the OURAY COUNTY ROAD 4 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. The petition is on public record and may be inspected at the Office of the Clerk, the County Courthouse, 915 Fourth St., Ouray, CO 81427.

The purpose of the proposed district is to improve the currently unpaved portion of County Road 4 by chip seal, such improvements to be funded by a bond to be repaid from a mill levy assessed against all property within the District.

The boundaries of the proposed district are as shown on the attached map.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on July 12, 2016 and has elected to meet the hearing requirements at 6:00 p.m. at the Ouray County 4-H Event Center (Fairgrounds), 2379 Hwy 550, Ridgway, CO 81432.

The purpose of the hearing (pursuant to C.R.S. 30-30-560) is to take evidence to determine if all matters required by law are:
1) whether the petition has been signed by the required number of property owners;
2) whether the improvements proposed to be provided by the District will carry a general benefit on the District;
3) whether the cost of the improvements proposed to be provided by the District would be excessive as compared to the value of the property within the District; and
4) all other matters regarding the formation of the proposed District as may be legally required.

Written comments may be submitted in writing prior to the hearing and should be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2016. Mail comments to Ouray County– Clerk of the Board, P.O. Box 8, Ouray, CO 81427 or email to clerk@ouraycounty.co.us. Alternatively, written comment and testi- mony may be taken at the public hearing.

Board members will be present at the hearing, at the board may make the District by Resolution.

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Legal Notice No. 105159
REQUEST FOR BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Town of Ridgway, Colorado until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2016, for the following project:
1. 2016 Road and Bridge Maintenance – Stage 2

A meeting will be held at the Ridgway Town Hall on Thursday, July 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., to address any questions concerning the proposed project. A site visit will be included as part of the meeting. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.

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Legal Notice No. 44999
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to the Section 12, C.R.S. 12-74-311, David Brunevald, agent for Little Switzerland Resort, DBA Duran CA23 Campground, has requested the Ouray County Commissioners authorize the appointment of the following persons as a planning commission for the Planning District:

Brian Farmapi,618 Buena Vista Ave., Ridgway, CO 81432

The license is for the 13-acre R2 zone from the campground area. A public hearing will be held at the Ouray County Commission Chambers, 1111 Ridgway Land Use Office, 1111 Main Rd., Ridgway, Co 81432 to hear any comments from interested persons or for the granting of said license.

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OURAY COUNTY Equestrian facility clears the fence

Commercial venture allowed under Land Use Code

By Dalton Carver
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A county planning commission approval recommendation, Mark Shambough’s application for a commercial equestrian center on County Road 24 near Ouray has been approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Mark Shambough, Mark’s daughter, proposed a commercial use facility for training personal horses, training client horses, training clinics and personal exhibitions and performances.

“(Mark) believes in pure, natural horsemanship and has a specialty of training problem horses,” said Mark Shambough. “The purpose of the operation is small-scale.”

Under Section 3 of the Land Use Code, a commercial use facility is allowed in the Valley Zone, including gymkhana, team roping and equestrian events.

“This is much narrower in scope than what is allowed by the code,” said Mark Castrodale, county planning director.

However, Castrodale said there were concerns with the proposed facility, including dust, damming of CI 24, noise, visual impact, lighting and traffic. The Land Use Department addressed these issues by recommending conditions for BOCC approval.

With dust complaints and a recommend by county officials, Shambough would be required to mitigate as well as possible. Related to the amount of dust kicked up, the traffic and from the facility can’t exceed what is allowed for other commercial operations in the county.

The proposed facility is in the visual impact corridor, which will require a thorough inspection from the Land Use Department, and the Shamboughs will have to comply with county noise and light ordinances.

Road damage would require fur- ther mitigation.

If there’s excess damage to the road beyond what would be caused by a use by right, the applicant may be required to enter into a cooperative maintenance agreement with the county,” said Castrodale.

“Then would include a financial contribution to pay for the maintenance of that portion of the road,”

While the planning commis- sion’s public hearing featured many Pleasant Valley neighbors that were dis- agreed at the project, the idea of a new facility being placed in their neighborhood, July 12’s public comments were mostly the opposite.

Many of the horse- and well- trained horses fit very well in the (community) character I term pastoral,” said William Steding, Pleasant Valley resident.

“I think of a barn and a big barn, with any one homeowner’s association being the one to determine what the character of Pleasant Valley is.”

“I deal with horses almost on a daily basis,” said Jason Merkley, prop- erty owner and pastoral farmer. “I can notify that a training facility in Ouray is desperately needed.”

John Holrah and Jon Eady, both residents of the area and against the permit at the planning commission hearing, also stood to make state- ments.

They know this special use permit is going to be granted today. I knew it was going to be approved by the planning commission,” said John Holrah. “The key is the condition that are being placed on the permit, on which many of us are good.

“I think this is a project that is not with (Mark Shambough’s) career. It’s with the proximity of this property to the town and the area,” said John Holrah. “I think we need to take particular care in terms of defining the conditions the applicant must meet.”

In addition to the conditions Castrodale already stated, three others were added before the end of the public hearing, including executing and recording a driveway access agree- ment, the facility’s uses be substantially similar to what Shambough had outlined in an email dated May 6, and the permit be issued to Horsemanage, LLC for operation of the business.

With conditions, the Shambough equestrian facility was approved unam- imously by the board.

OURAY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS

July 15, 2016, 7:00 PM
Meeting to be held at the Ouray County 4-H Event Center
22739 Highway 550, 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 not finished 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 session or may be taken at the conclusion of public hearings.

I. Call to Order – Regular Meeting of the Ouray County Planning Commission (7:00 PM)

1. Public Hearing

The purpose of the hearing is to review the following applications to the Board of County Commissioners on possible revi- sions to the Ouray County Land Use Code regarding high alpine residential development on patented mining claims and mill sites in the high country. In conjunction with those recommendations, the Planning Commission will also review possible related changes to Sections 2, 3, and 13 of the Land Use Code.

II. Public Hearing

Note: Public Comments will be limited to 3 minutes/person.

If your comments will exceed that limit, please submit your comments to the Land Use Staff prior to the meeting.

2. Adjourn Regular Meeting

Copies of land use applications or workshop materials can be obtained at the Land Use Office. Comments on the agenda items shall be sent to the Planning Commission by email or by hand to Mark Castrodale, County Planner, P.O. Box 8, Ridgway, CO 81432.
The Ouray County Ranch History Museum is seeking interested history buffs for its first annual guided ranch tour July 23 at 10 a.m.

The bus tour will visit the ranches and people of Pleasant Valley and feature many stories that will take visitors back to Ouray County’s roots.

“Our mission is to really hear things you can’t find in a book, because the stories are so rich,” said Joan Chismire, OCRHM director of president. “The history books are the foundation of our county and this tour will be the frosting on top.”

The tour will begin promptly at 10 a.m. at the corner of US 550 and County Road 24, in the old town of Dallas. The bus will stop at ranches in the Pleasant Valley area, as well as another property heading back down CR 62.

Tour-goes will also be treated to more than just spectacular views and interesting history. A farm-to-table luncheon at Elk River Ranch is scheduled for the event.

“We’re going to have different kinds of crapes, quiche, huge fresh salads, homemade rolls, fruits and kebabs,” said Chismire. “It’s going to be a wonderful luncheon.”

After visitors have enjoyed their afternoon meal, they’ll be able to relax with some limoncello prepared by Chismire herself. Carol and Don Dalsteins, Elk River Ranch owners, have another property with lemon trees in Pajunena, California. The limoncello is a product of the Dalsteins’ lemons.

“The Dalsteins are so gracious,” said Chismire. “I’ll be hard to get people to go home, because it’s such a wonderful place to sit and relax.”

The tour will then finish up at Johnson’s Corner, near the Wolf Ranch on CR 23.

“It really is going to be phenomenal,” said Chismire.

With all that’s planned for the tour, Chismire recommended reserving a seat as soon as possible, as there are only 40 spots available for this year’s trip.

“I’ve got a quarter of them gone. It’s a hot commodity,” said Chismire. “People are realizing it’s going to be a really special day.”

The tour is a tangible sign of how far the museum has come since its humble start in 2006, when the OCRHM officially registered as a nonprofit organization. However, the group didn’t have an official location until two years later, renting two classrooms in the Coloma Grange.

Since 2006, the dedicated group has gathered the stories and memories of Ouray County’s ranches and created two history books, as well as a learning corner in the Ridgway Public Library.

“The Grange has been wonderful about helping us out and getting our museum off the ground,” said Chismire. “The last couple of years, we’ve been looking for land in the county for a more permanent location.”

Enter this year’s ranch tour, where funds will be primarily used for a new OCRHM headquarters.

“The money will go toward the purchase of land or working and creating something along the lines of our eventual location in Ouray County,” said Chismire. “We’ve got lots of projects, but this is one of our big ones for this year.”

Chismire said the OCRHM has been searching steadily for a location for about two years and has prospects that are promising.

Anyone that misses this year’s tour, or wants to go on another one, will have several chances in the future. Chismire said the OCRHM is planning tours for Cow Creek, Piedmont, Dry Creek and several others.

Additionally, Chismire hopes visitors will eventually be able to take themselves on tour.

“We’re going to put together self-guided tours with CDs and have some photograph graphs,” she said. “We’re going to make contacts for permission to get small signs to highlight the different ranches all through Pleasant Valley.”

History buffs who sign up for the July 23 ranch tour should arrive at the departure location before 10 a.m. to sort out parking and check-in. Visitors will be back by 2:30 p.m. To reserve a seat for the tour, call 970-318-1190. Each seat is $45, which includes both the tour and the meal.

Dalwhinnie Farm, LLC secured one of the final marijuana cultivation licenses for the year at July 12’s Board of County Commissioners meeting.

With plans to lease the area at 6142 County Road 23, applicants Travis Howard and Reed Porter hope to grow high quality cannabis at their future facility.

“What we’re intending to build inside of that arena hasn’t been done yet in the state,” said Howard. “If there’s never been a farm-to-table luncheon at any of these ranches, then this is going to be such a thing as a $100 bottle of wine as it relates to cannabis, it’s going to come out of that arena.”

However, Commissioner Don Batchelder raised the question whether the current special use permit on the property granting commercial equine activities would cause a conflict with any regulations.

“If the (equine) SUP was running a school (or class), we could not approve this,” he said. “(The grow facility) would be within 1,000 feet of a school.”

Although Marti Whitmore, county attorney, was under the assumption the equine SUP had expired, Commissioner Lynn Pagedt suggested creating a condition just in case.

“If that SUP is still valid, the lessee would not allow a school or licensed daycare to be present on the property,” said Pagedet.

During the applicant presentation, Howard guaranteed none of that would be an issue.

“We’ve both been married for over 10 years. I have three kids, (Porter) has two,” said Howard with regard to a possible school or daycare on the property. “We’re parents first.”

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The Ouray County Ranch History Museum is looking for interested history buffs for its first annual guided ranch tour July 23 at 10 a.m.

The bus tour will visit the ranches and people of Pleasant Valley and feature many stories that will take visitors back to Ouray County’s roots.

“An opportunity to really hear things you can’t find in a book, because the stories are so rich,” said Joan Chismire, OCRHM director of president. “The history books are the foundation of our county and this tour will be the frosting on top.”

The tour will begin promptly at 10 a.m. at the corner of US 550 and County Road 24, in the old town of Dallas. The bus will stop at ranches in the Pleasant Valley area, as well as another property heading back down CR 62.

Tour-goes will also be treated to more than just spectacular views and interesting history. A farm-to-table luncheon at Elk River Ranch is scheduled for the event.

“We’re going to have different kinds of crapes, quiche, huge fresh salads, homemade rolls, fruits and kebabs,” said Chismire. “It’s going to be a wonderful luncheon.”

After visitors have enjoyed their afternoon meal, they’ll be able to relax with some limoncello prepared by Chismire herself. Carol and Don Dalsteins, Elk River Ranch owners, have another property with lemon trees in Pajunena, California. The limoncello is a product of the Dalsteins’ lemons.

“The Dalsteins are so gracious,” said Chismire. “I’ll be hard to get people to go home, because it’s such a wonderful place to sit and relax.”

The tour will then finish up at Johnson’s Corner, near the Wolf Ranch on CR 23.

“It really is going to be phenomenal,” said Chismire.

With all that’s planned for the tour, Chismire recommended reserving a seat as soon as possible, as there are only 40 spots available for this year’s trip.

“I’ve got a quarter of them gone. It’s a hot commodity,” said Chismire. “People are realizing it’s going to be a really special day.”

The tour is a tangible sign of how far the museum has come since its humble start in 2006, when the OCRHM officially registered as a nonprofit organization. However, the group didn’t have an official location until two years later, renting two classrooms in the Coloma Grange.

Since 2006, the dedicated group has gathered the stories and memories of Ouray County’s ranches and created two history books, as well as a learning corner in the Ridgway Public Library.

“The Grange has been wonderful about helping us out and getting our museum off the ground,” said Chismire. “The last couple of years, we’ve been looking for land in the county for a more permanent location.”

Enter this year’s ranch tour, where funds will be primarily used for a new OCRHM headquarters.

“The money will go toward the purchase of land or working and creating something along the lines of our eventual location in Ouray County,” said Chismire. “We’ve got lots of projects, but this is one of our big ones for this year.”

Chismire said the OCRHM has been searching steadily for a location for about two years and has prospects that are promising.

Anyone that misses this year’s tour, or wants to go on another one, will have several chances in the future. Chismire said the OCRHM is planning tours for Cow Creek, Piedmont, Dry Creek and several others.

Additionally, Chismire hopes visitors will eventually be able to take themselves on tour.

“We’re going to put together self-guided tours with CDs and have some photograph graphs,” she said. “We’re going to make contacts for permission to get small signs to highlight the different ranches all through Pleasant Valley.”

History buffs who sign up for the July 23 ranch tour should arrive at the departure location before 10 a.m. to sort out parking and check-in. Visitors will be back by 2:30 p.m. To reserve a seat for the tour, call 970-318-1190. Each seat is $45, which includes both the tour and the meal.

Dalwhinnie Farm, LLC secured one of the final marijuana cultivation licenses for the year at July 12’s Board of County Commissioners meeting.

With plans to lease the area at 6142 County Road 23, applicants Travis Howard and Reed Porter hope to grow high quality cannabis at their future facility.

“What we’re intending to build inside of that arena hasn’t been done yet in the state,” said Howard. “If there’s never been a farm-to-table luncheon at any of these ranches, then this is going to be such a thing as a $100 bottle of wine as it relates to cannabis, it’s going to come out of that arena.”

However, Commissioner Don Batchelder raised the question whether the current special use permit on the property granting commercial equine activities would cause a conflict with any regulations.

“If the (equine) SUP was running a school (or class), we could not approve this,” he said. “(The grow facility) would be within 1,000 feet of a school.”

Although Marti Whitmore, county attorney, was under the assumption the equine SUP had expired, Commissioner Lynn Pagedt suggested creating a condition just in case.

“If that SUP is still valid, the lessee would not allow a school or licensed daycare to be present on the property,” said Pagedet.

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CR 1 hearing

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ters dealing with the PID.

Parameters for the BOCC
Sunderland explained the four questions commissioners must address according to the Colorado state statute governing the formation of PID’s. Those four questions are:

1. Were there a sufficient number of valid signatures on the petition? A sufficient number is either 30 percent of the electorate (property owners in the boundaries of the PID who are registered to vote in Colorado) in the potential district, or 200 electors in this case.
2. Will chip sealing of CR 1 confer a general benefit on the district? "Is the cost of chip sealing going to be excessive compared to the value of all properties within the district?"
3. Are there any other elements of the statute that have not been met? Sunderland said a general benefit does not mean individual benefit for people inside the district, but for the district as a whole.
4. The other two questions are: What is it going to cost, and how will that cost be allocated among the properties, what sort of mill levy will there be in order to pay it back, etc.

Commissioners could send the formation issue to a vote, but Sunderland advised them against doing so because citizens will be able to vote on the debt and mill levy at a later time.

In order for the BOCC to work out the details of the debt and mill levy, they must enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement. In another step, the SOCC must then be formed and if it has one, what its boundaries are not set in stone.

Sunderland said the formation of the PID will give security to voters because they will be able to look at the specific agreements formed by the BOCC and PID and know exactly what they are voting for. If voters do not approve the debt, the PID will be abolished.

Whitmore, as a member of the public, said her interpretation of the statute differs from Sunderland’s. “I think formation of the district has to be by vote of the public,” she said.

Several citizens cheered her statement, requiring BOCC Chair Lynn Padgett to call the meeting back to order.

Blurred lines
When public comment opened, one recurring concern citizens expressed is that the proposed boundaries of the PID were changed after proponents of the PID gathered signatures.

Sunderland reassured citizens that this is legal, but it did not sit well with many people.

“The problem I have is that the document available to those signing the petition was subsequently changed after the petition was signed,” Peggy Howe, CR 1 resident, said. “The boundaries were changed in such a way that individuals in portions of the original PID were excluded because, quote ‘they made the case that they would receive little benefit from hard surfacing of CR 1.’” Howe was quoting citizens committee member Dick Kretzmann on the reasons the drafters of the petition decided to change the boundaries of the PID.

During two town hall meetings in May, many residents living on CR 22 said they do not want to pay for CR 1 chip sealing because they do not use the road.

Money Trail
One resident questioned the county’s dealings with the group of citizens attempting to form the PID. Aleta Jajollo said she gathered information from public records and found the county has provided extensive resources beyond basic citizens’ inquiries in regard to hearings, notifications and other related issues.

“I find myself pondering the issue of whether the county used general tax-payers funds either directly or indirectly to help the advancement of a private citizens group’s objectives,” she said.

“It is my understanding that Colorado statute number 10-29-506 requires that petitioners file a bond or cash deposit at the time of filing or before the hearing in an amount sufficient to pay expenses connected with the proceeding and in case the organization of the PID is not effected. So really my question is, how much has the county spent in direct expenses and how much in county resource dollar equivalents has the bond or cash deposit been made?”

The answer is that no bond or cash deposit has been made, Sunderland said the county decided to absorb the costs.

“The statute requires a proponent of any sort of PID to post a bond, unless the commissioners disapprove with the bond and then the commissioners can set the amount of any bond,” Sunderland said. “In this case in my discussions with the county, the county indicated at least preliminarily that they were going to spend county money on this issue and not require the petitioners to post a bond before the hearing. That can be changed if the commissioners choose to do so at this time, but that’s why there’s no bond yet. It was deferred until a later date.”

Other concerns
Several residents also expressed concern that creating this PID will set a precedent for other areas in the county to follow suit. They said the PID will create unnecessary work for the county clerk and assessor, as well as create too many governing bodies inside the county.

Recurring concerns of extra traffic, speeding and destruction of the rural character of the road were brought up once again as negative effects of paving CR 1.

One solution proposed is to levy taxes to fix roads in the entire county instead of just focusing on CR 1. The public can still submit written comments to the BOCC, but the county comments during the public hearing will be limited to two minutes in length.
Elk Meadows to install solar panels

At its annual meeting Saturday, the Elk Meadows Homeowners Association voted to install solar panels to provide electricity for its waterfront apartments.

The vote was 37-16.

The subdivision, at 8,000 feet on Mills Mesa south of Ridgway, will utilize a $12,750 rebate from San Miguel Power Association and a loan from The Citizens State Bank to fund the Solar Array Project. The solar arrays will be engineered to generate 28,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year, the current demand of the two plants.

David Mullings, EMHAO board member and chair of its Solar Committee, said the project is designed to provide electricity for the community in three ways.

“First and foremost, it has to make sense financially,” said Mullings. “Our projections show that it will be mostly break even in early years, but we will see significant savings after about five years, based on grid electricity costs increasing at historical levels of 3 percent a year.”

Over 25 years, for which panels and inverters are warranted, positive cash flow could approach $100,000, with half of that coming after 20 years, according to the project program.

Other benefits will be environmental — reducing carbon emissions by 19 tons a year, or the equivalent of gas to drive 48,000 miles — and helping bolster the community’s image and property values, Mullings said.

Elk Meadows was founded in 1971 and currently has 126 lots and 92 homes. Its water source, the same as the Town of Ridgway’s, is the Beaver Creek drainage, which originates at the eastern end of the Snaefell Range. It feeds the Golf Spring, at EMHAO’s water treatment plant. Elk Meadows also has two nearby wells for use in times of low spring flow.

Ponding contract approval at the EMHAO board, the panels will be installed by Anasazi Solar of Montrose, which was the low bidder of seven participating contractors from Grand Junction to Durango. Tentative plans call for installation of 32 panels at the water plant and 30 at the sewer facility, in August or September.

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Young actors learn the best of Shakespeare

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Young thespians are getting an opportunity to expand their skills during a two week long theatre workshop under the direction of a nationally known theater instructor.

Kathleen O’Mara has been teaching, performing and directing performances since 1992. She has worked with thousands of students across the nation and taught many workshops like the one she is now teaching at the Sherbino Theater for Weehawken Creative Arts.

This particular workshop highlights iconic portions of Shakespearean plays and will culminate with two performances of the dramatic young stars.

On the third day of the workshop students already had dialogue memorized and were working on fight scenes. Several of the students agreed they already felt like they had created a piece of the group. The group spends five hours a day going through team building exercises, practicing lines and playing around with Shakespeare on stage.

O’Mara said the secret to a successful workshop is trust and communication among all the actors. Her main rule is to be open to new ideas. She said the students help to shape the class, but she does have clear goals in mind for the young actors.

“I do have a curriculum, it just comes out in various ways that the students need to have done every day,” she said.

On Thursday, the third day of the workshop, students were polishing up their Shakespearean insults and fight scenes. Actors spout zingers such as “You logger headed, clay brained horn-beast,” “you venomed, sheep-hating scut” and “you mangled, boiled-brained flap-dragon” before dramatically play-slapping and stomping one another and running off stage.

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Photo courtesy of Kentsie Pasek

Foundation gives $75,000 to local non-profits

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Western Colorado Community Foundation recently announced grants totaling $75,000 to benefit Ouray County nonprofit organizations.

General operating support grants went to Ouray Mountain Rescue Team, Voyager Youth Program and Ouray County libraries.

Ouray School received a second grant to complete upgrades to sound and lighting equipment in the Multi-purpose Room.

Ouray County Performing Arts Guild received financial support to help with marketing and the inaugural season of the Dave and Mary Wood Classical Concert Series this summer.

Friends of the Wright received the first installment ($40,000) of a multi-year commitment for electrical upgrades to renovate the historic Wright Opera House landmark and require a match. Dee Williams, president of the Friends group, said, “This generous grant and multi-year commitment are a huge boost for our project. We are so thankful for the funding from the Dave and Mary Wood Fund managed by WCCF to help fulfill our dream of a total renovation of this historic community asset.”

WCCF has been working with community leaders to create a permanent fund to benefit the county’s non-profits, continuing its long history of grantmaking in Ouray County. The new Ouray County Community Fund has a local steering committee and hopes to build an initial endowment of $100,000 this year. The committee will make $15,000 in small grants available to nonprofits this fall.

WCCF serves seven counties in western Colorado, managing charitable funds for community good.

The foundation manages $55 million in total assets and gives out more than $2 million a year in grants and scholarships.

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THURSDAY, JULY 14
RIDGWAY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - Hp Abdusolt. Ridgway Town Park, 6 p.m. Free. Opening act Niceness plays at the Sherbino Theater 9:45 p.m. MUSIC AFTER DARK CONCERT - Sherbino Niceness. Doors at 9:00pm. Music around 9:45pm. $7 at the door. 21 and over only.
FRIDAY, JULY 15
RIDGWAY FARMERS MARKET - Hartwell Park 10 a.m. - 3 pm. www.ridgwayfarmersmarket.com
TRUE Grit WALKING TOUR - 1969 John Wayne movie filmed locally. Arrive 10:45 a.m. at the Ridgway Visitors Center. 150 Racecourse Rd. Tour ends at noon. $10 ($1 and under free). Reservations strongly recommended. Or schedule your own tour for 6 or more at 970-626-5822.
LIVE MUSIC - Hot Dam at KOA Campground. 3.5 miles north of Ouray, mon 98. 5:30-8:30 p.m.
NO HOLD BARD PERFORMANCE - Wright Opera House. 7:30 p.m. “The Taming of the Shrew.”
“HOW THE PEAKS AROUND OURAY GOT THEIR NAMES” - 7 p.m. Ridgway State Park Visitor Center. 970-626-5822.
DOCSURIES - THE BARLEY MARATHONS - Sherbino Theater, 604 Clinton St., Ridgway Doors 7 p.m. Movie 7:30 p.m. Not rated. $7 adults/$5 students.
YOUTH PERFORMANCE “THE BEST OF SHAKESPEARE” - See story on page 18.
SATURDAY, JULY 16
LIVE MUSIC - Hot Dam at KOA Campground. 3.5 miles north of Ouray, mon 98. 5:30-8:30 p.m.
LIVE MUSIC - O’Briens Pub. Ouray. 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
RODEO ASSOCIATION ROYALTY GYMNASIA SERIES - Ouray County Fairgrounds arena. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
NATURE DETECTIVES - Children ages 4-10 join naturalists for a morning of activities and learn about bird migration. Ridgway State Park Visitor Center. 9:00-11 a.m. 970-626-5822.
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“WOMEN IN COLORADO HISTOry” - 7 p.m. Ridgway State Park Visitor Center. 970-626-5822.
HUCK FINN FISHING AND LAKE APPRECIATION DAY - Ridgway State Park. Begins with Huck Finn fishing 8:30-10:30 a.m. Pa-Co-Chu-Puk. Fishing for all kids. Kids 16+ will need a fishing license. Gear provided. Lake Appreciation Day at swim beach, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., watershed games, food, boat tours, fun booths. 970-626-5822.
SUNDAY, JULY 17
MONDAY, JULY 18
SISTER LUNCH - Ouray Community Center, Noon.
TUESDAY, JULY 19
LEGIO CLUB - ages 6 and up, Ridgway Public Library, 300 Charles St. 6-5 p.m. Library supplies Legos and snack. BASED ON THE BOOK CLUB AND A NOVEL IDEA BOOK CLUB - Ouray Public Library. Novel ideas 12 and up and at 4 p.m. Based on the Book ages 7-11 and up.
TOWNIE TUESDAYS PICTURE SHOW - “Aladdin,” Ridgway Town Park at dark.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20
BINGO - Ouray Elks Lodge. Open to the public. 7 p.m.
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