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## NEW HOME, SAME MISSION

*Ouray County Food Pantry prepares for move to larger building, as demand for food assistance remains above pre-pandemic levels*

By Carolina Brown  
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The Ouray County Food Pantry will move to its new permanent location next month, and will own the building it occupies for the first time in the 13-year history of the nonprofit organization.

The nonprofit's new location at 602 N. Cora St. in Ridgway is the former location of Exotic Earth Coffee Roasters. The building will give the pantry 500 more square feet of space than it had before, to help serve anyone in the community struggling with food insecurity. Demands for weekly food distribution remain higher than they were before the pandemic.

The nonprofit is still fundraising for the building purchase, which has been finalized. The total cost is \$390,000, with a balance of \$234,000 still left to raise. This amount is being owner-financed at zero percent interest by Karen and Richard Avery, the building's previous owners.

"We just wanted to help the community, ultimately because I feel like there is an urgent need for a food pantry for the county," Karen Avery said.

Since the pantry could not have financed the building any other way, Avery said she offered to finance the purchase with no interest costs added on.

"It just didn't seem like we needed to charge any interest. We are trying to be helpful," she said.

### The need continues

Pandemic-related closures led demand at the food pantry to increase almost 53 percent for individual food distributions. The pantry has seen a 22 percent increase in the number of households served since the pandemic started.

Beverly Angehrn, the food pantry's board president, said some of the increased demand came from people who moved in with friends and family to make ends meet, so those homes needed more food to go around.

The number of people served at the pantry varies week-to-week, as many clients are not necessarily regulars. For example, Angehrn said one week they may serve 28 people, and 15 the next week.

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Left: Ouray County Food Pantry volunteer Caroline McAndrews prepares canned and boxed food to be distributed at the pantry's current home on Sherman Street in Ridgway on April 22. The nonprofit is preparing to move to its new, larger on North Cora Street, below, next month. The food pantry has \$234,000 of the \$390,000 purchase price left to raise. The previous owners of the building, Karen and Richard Avery, are financing the purchase of the building at zero percent interest.

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SEE VACCINE ON PAGE 20

## Vaccine demand slows

*Pfizer shots available for teens in region*

By Liz Teitz  
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Demand for vaccines in Ouray County has slowed, pushing the health department to consider scaling back vaccination days and relocating the clinic from the 4-H Center.

Public Health Director Tanner Kingery told county commissioners Tuesday only 11 people signed up for vaccines Monday, and only four on Tuesday, a number so low they were forced to move those appointments to another day to avoid wasting supplies.

"It's getting harder and harder with a small amount of people, because we can't open a whole vial for four people," Kingery said. Moderna vaccines come in 10-dose vials (though 11 shots can often be pulled from each) and the Johnson & Johnson vaccines are shipped in five-dose vials. Once the vials are opened, all doses must be used the same day or discarded.

"We've got to be a little more creative and strategic," he said, including encouraging more people to get vaccinated, and potentially adjusting vaccination schedules to accommodate more people.

As of Monday, the county has administered 3,350 total vaccines, and more than 1,800 people are now fully vaccinated; that includes residents and anyone from outside the county who was vaccinated at the 4-H Center. According to data from the state health department, 49.5 percent of eligible Ouray County residents are fully immunized, and 59.3 percent have received at least one dose. Among those considered most vulnerable, about 67 percent of residents who are 70 and older received at least one shot, a percentage that seems to be plateauing over the last month, Kingery said. Rates for ages 60 to 64 and 65 to 69 have continued to increase, though, with about three-quarters of those age groups at least partly vaccinated.

The slowdown in signups for appointments seems to be due to the inconvenience, Kingery said. People contacted about registration have said they can't miss work, or can't plan to have a sore arm or side effects on a weekday, and

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# Planning members reappointed

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Interviews scheduled with candidates for the Ouray County Planning Commission were canceled on Tuesday after two of the four candidates for three seats withdrew their applications.

The remaining candidates, Patsy Miller and Randy Parker, are sitting members of the commission. Since there was no longer competition, commissioners planned to formally reappoint Miller and Parker at a special session on Wednesday.

Parker and Miller were first appointed to the commission in March 2015.

Michael Waters and Rob Ashmead were the candidates who withdrew their applications. This leaves one vacancy on the seven-member panel, as Sheelagh Williams has not requested reappointment.

## OHV ordinance

The board approved the second reading of the new off highway vehicle ordinance on Tuesday with some changes.

The changes were made based on suggestions by Log Hill resident Dave Beckhardt, who brought up concerns via email and during public comment to commissioners. His concerns included a limitation on the number of occupants allowed in vehicles, considering some have after-market modifications meant to increase passenger load beyond the manufacturer's recommendations.

Ouray County Sheriff Justin Perry brought up Beckhardt's comments concerning the number of occupants of OHVs.

"Quite frankly there is a level of agreement I have with this. Having more occupants than a vehicle manufacturer recommends can be dangerous," Perry said.

Based on Beckhardt's comments, commissioners agreed to delete a portion of the ordinance that would have allowed for one occupant more than manufacturer recommendations.

The ordinance is meant to better align with neighboring Hinsdale, San Miguel and San Juan counties, reducing confusion for those operating OHVs in the backcountry when they cross county lines and easing enforcement issues for the Sheriff's Office. The counties share access to popular high country OHV trails, including the Alpine Loop and other passes. However, Hinsdale County is updating its ordinance now so the county may be looking at more adjustments in the future.

## Social Services

Director of Social Services Carol Friedrich told commissioners to expect her department to have extra workload when Medicaid members, currently locked in under the federally declared emergency, lose their health care eligibility.

Friedrich said Ouray County currently has 797 residents covered by Medicaid, 200 more than the county's average. Usually, people

initially qualify for Medicaid and then no longer qualify when their income goes up or their children get too old for coverage. But under rules enacted during the pandemic, Medicaid recipients are locked in, guaranteeing they are covered until the emergency declaration is over, which Friedrich said should last until January 2022.

Friedrich said she anticipates an increased need for staff to help people through transitioning off of Medicaid and possibly appealing the loss of coverage. She said the state will be supplying her department with extra funds for the needed additional staff during that time.

The board also approved a purchase of service agreement with Voyager Youth Program which provides reimbursement through the federal program Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), to Voyager for providing scholarships to families for summer programs.

Households with an income of less than \$75,000 per year with at least one child can fill out an application with Voyager, according to Friedrich. Voyager then invoices Social Services for reimbursement.

"It's been really good," Friedrich said of the agreement that has been renewed for several years. "Community strengthening, ensuring safety of kids, that they're adequately supervised in the summer. This really has been a very successful project and partnership between the county and Voyager."

## POLICE LOG

RIDGWAY MARSHAL

*The following is a summary of cases the Ridgway Marshal's Office handled from April 12-25. If you have information on any of the below active cases or of any other incident that you have information on or feel needs reporting, contact the Marshal's Office at 970-626-5196*

During these two weeks deputies conducted:

- 144 directed patrols
- 18 security checks
- 13 traffic contacts, four citations
- 12 agency assists
- Three information reports
- 10 VIN inspections
- One business check
- Five 911 calls, all OK
- 24 foot patrols
- Five camping warnings
- Three phone calls
- Five parking problems
- One accident
- Five animal problems
- One missing/found child
- One lost wallet
- One trespass
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- One civil matter
- One unwanted party
- One vehicle trespass/theft
- One criminal mischief
- One alarm
- One found cellphone
- One medical call

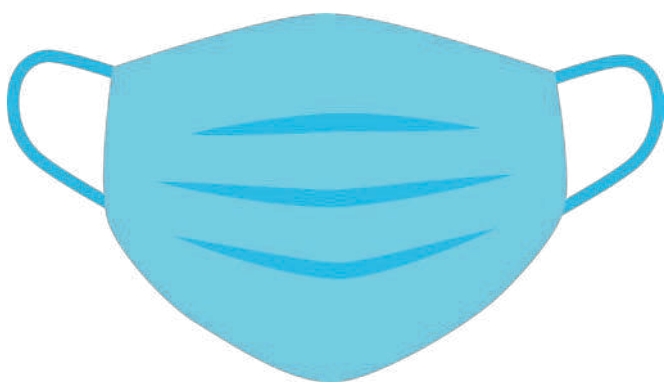
A deputy responded to a report of a theft at the Shell Store in Ridgway. A snowboard valued at \$1,000 was taken from back of a truck parked for a short time while occupants were in store.

A report of criminal mischief was taken in the 900 block of Moffat Street. Vehicle was scratched.

Deputies contacted several individuals camping in town, which is not allowed by ordinance, unless on private property with permission.

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# Virus forces Ouray learning online

By Liz Teitz  
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Ouray School has moved all high school students to online learning and instructed more than half to quarantine after three students tested positive for COVID-19.

Students were sent home at noon Monday after the cases were reported, and moved to remote learning through Monday, May 3. "All students may return to in-person instruction on Tuesday, May 4, as long as they are symptom free," Superintendent Tod Lokey said in an email to the school community.

Initially, all high school students were instructed to quarantine, remain at home and stay away from others. Administrators hoped this would give them time to contact trace and determine who has been exposed to the virus.

"We realized at the high school level, we couldn't isolate the quarantine to a certain group," he said in an interview. "We put the whole high school in remote learning, and at the current time, we're trying to draw an accurate circle around the specific students who have to quarantine for a longer term."

After determining the close contacts of the sick students, who are all athletes, 28 students were advised to quarantine; the other 22 will remain in remote learning, but could potentially receive in-person special education services and attend sports practices or other activities.

The decision to keep all students in remote classes was due to the number in quarantine, he said. "It's too hard to teach half your kids remote, and in some classes it might be almost all of them," Lokey said.

The students who tested positive were using at-home rapid BinaxNOW tests, which have been provided by the state health department. Ouray School distributed those tests to all athletes this spring, and most have been testing at home regularly, he said.

Lokey said the students have experienced symptoms including fatigue and sinus issues, which might otherwise have been overlooked as allergies, and urged people to take those symptoms seriously and get tested. "Those are

## At-home tests detect three high school cases

things to definitely listen to," he said. The students haven't reported loss of taste or smell, which have been common signs of COVID-19.

The origin of the latest COVID cases haven't been identified yet, but Lokey said it appears the virus wasn't transmitted in the classroom, but through some activity related to sports. "It's pretty clear to me what the connections are," he said. Masks have been required for all athletes, but the three who tested positive were "all very close contacts," he said.

*"We put the whole high school in remote learning, and at the current time we're trying to draw an accurate circle around the specific students who have to quarantine for a longer term."*

**OURAY SCHOOL  
SUPERINTENDENT TOD LOKEY**

They contacted five school districts whose teams had played against Ouray in the previous 10 days to notify them about the positive cases. All reported that they have no student COVID cases, Lokey said.

Public Health Director Tanner Kingery said the cases haven't all been recorded in the state's case reporting system yet; once they come through, he can start outbreak investigation paperwork. The at-home test kit results are reported to the state and county in the same way as other types of COVID-19 tests.

The three cases at the school are the first reported there since late January, when three staff members tested positive, prompting three elementary and high school grades to quarantine.

Statewide, cases among 11-to-17-year-olds have been increasing at a faster rate than cases among adults and younger children, State Epidemiologist Dr. Rachel

Herlihy said Tuesday. "We're really seeing our most rapid increase right now in the state among middle school and high school students," Herlihy said. "We're also seeing an increase in school-associated outbreaks across the state for the last several weeks."

In a press conference this week, Gov. Jared Polis called schools "a relatively safe place," and attributed that spike not to on-campus activities but to increased socialization. "As parents are protected, as grandparents are protected, they're taking their unprotected 11-year-olds and 15-year-olds out with them, to restaurants, to hang out with others, and while

their elders may be protected, the young people don't have that level of protection," he said. "While there's no question that there's some transmission that might occur in a school environment, and probably has, it's also likely that a good part of this is community spread."

In addition to the school-related cases, Ouray County also reported two new cases Monday, a woman in her 20s and a woman in her 40s, who were both tested last week. This brings the county's number of positive cases to 281.

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# Ouray board approves updated discipline policy

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After hours of discussion during their March and April meetings, the Ouray School Board approved updates to school policy concerning student code of conduct, discipline, suspensions and expulsions on Monday evening.

The changes are based on recommendations from the Colorado Association of School Boards and work done to tailor the policies to Ouray School by a committee headed by school counselor Jackson Cole.

The changes are part of a total reworking of the school's handbook that Superintendent Tod Lokey has been working on since he was hired last year.

Some of the updates are based on new guidelines limiting the threshold triggering suspension or expulsion of students below third grade. The changes also implement restorative justice, a more progressive form of discipline with a goal of working with students to come to a solution rather than arbitrarily doling out punishment.

Little discussion was needed to pass the policy updates on Monday after hashing out details last Thursday during a work session, but exhibits including a "bullying report form" and "bullying investigation form" needed more discussion and were not yet voted on.

Board President Sandy Kern expressed concern that the new policy would require even smaller incidents to be

formally reported and investigated, but Cole clarified that was not the intent of the documents.

Kern noted that conflicts that do not match the definition of bullying still need resolution, and administrators assured her they understood this.

Elementary Principal Kenneth Nelson said the forms were very useful tools, but the definition of bullying needed to be on the forms, to avoid conflicts with parents who may have a different idea of what constitutes bullying than the administration.

In the school handbook bullying is defined as "the use of coercion or intimidation to obtain control over another person or to cause physical, mental or emotional harm to another person."

The forms, once approved, will be accessible for parents and students online and physically at school. Currently, to report bullying, students are directed to the Safe2Tell hotline and website, and counseling request forms are available electronically and physically at all three school levels. They can be returned to locked boxes which are checked daily.

Also during Monday's meeting, the board heard from filmmaker Jake Abell on the upcoming Ouray International Film Fest and the work he is doing with Ouray High School students through project-based learning on film production.

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# Student mental health needs remain elevated

*Ridgway school counselor: I need another staff member to help handle heavy workload*

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The mental health counselor for both Ridgway schools told Ridgway School Board members last week that the social-emotional learning and individual counseling needs of students persist at high levels, even as pandemic-related restrictions are loosened.

With more than 400 individual student visits so far this year, Sharon Brown told board members on April 22 that the need for the district to hire another person to assist with mental health services continues.

“Working every other day at each school, by the time I enter one school, I’m behind on the needs,” Brown said.

Students at the elementary meet with her at scheduled times, and students at the secondary school are allowed to walk in her office anytime she is available.

Brown said she is seeing a lot of depression and anxiety, even suicidal ideations, which are referred to the Crisis Center through the Center for Mental Health.

Students are dealing with feelings of isolation and the challenges of rebuilding relationships lost during quarantine.

There was an extra strain created last fall and winter with students not having their usual resources of stress release through extracurricular activities, sports and clubs that allow mixing of cohorts, Brown said.

She said cohort bonds are stronger as a result of being isolated together, and there are some perks in this year’s schedule, such as extra recess time at the elementary school and more advisory, unwinding time at the secondary school. But she said students are still dealing with the inability to socialize with friends in other grade levels or classes, being limited on who they see or interact with at school.

When asked by board President Greg Lawler if depression-related issues were subsiding now that it is spring and more people are vaccinated, Brown gave a firm “no.”

“I imagine some of that will, but we are still wearing masks, not much has changed. They are still in cohorts. We are in green and that’s great, and we have been able to add sports and visitors at sports,” Brown said. “But there is still that loss of prom and different things that they were not able to do.”

Superintendent Susan Lacy praised Brown’s work. “She’s doing the job of two as one,” Lacy said.

Lacy cited Brown’s leadership as a reason the school was able to weather the storm of the last year.

“We are really lucky to have someone of her caliber, but we need to clone her,” Lacy joked.

Lawler praised what Brown was able to accomplish with “stretched resources” and said he hoped to be able to contribute more to the program.

Brown emphasized the way social-emotional learning is taught at the schools is more than a simple program, but a way of teaching implemented all the time in the regular classroom.

She said it is important to keep offering mental health first aid and training in suicide prevention and restorative practices to teachers and the larger community.

Reports from principals of both the elementary and secondary school reflect efforts to move things closer to normal for this time of year and give students a needed boost to their mental health.

Secondary Principal Russell Randolph told school board members the May 28 graduation ceremony will be held on the soccer field, followed by a parade and an outdoor celebration at Ridgway Lodge.

Seniors, whose long-standing, traditional five-day rafting trip through Cataract Canyon was canceled last fall, will have an overnight camping trip on the Gunnison River outside of Delta in May. Eighth-graders will get a modified version of their “rites of passage” trip, this year to Top of the Pines, followed by an outdoor ceremony with family.

Fifth graders will get to visit the secondary building in May for an orientation, and there will be a celebration of their departure from elementary as well as for the kindergarten and pre-K classes.

Randolph announced the senior boys have challenged the high school volleyball team to a game, so he is helping to organize the event as a fundraiser. The game will be held on May 7 and will be followed by a bonfire at the woodshop, a homecoming tradition that had been missed this year.

While the number of people in the gym will be limited, all are welcome to the bonfire, which should occur at 7 p.m. that day.

# County to pause new marijuana operations

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Ouray County commissioners voted to impose a six-month moratorium on new applications for retail marijuana operations on Wednesday, with the goal of revising the county’s current ordinance governing those operations.

The proposal, made by Commission Chairman Ben Tisdell during the commissioners’ meeting on Tuesday, was something he said he wanted to pursue back in December but waited to do so. Commissioners have received numerous complaints from one marijuana licensee in particular on Log Hill Mesa – MS Support – which has been granted conditional approval to continue operations just off County Road 22.

Those neighbors have formed an organization called Log Hill Neighborhood Action Group. Their complaints involve odors, lack of landscaping and fencing issues and lack of compliance with the county’s permit. Planning Director Mark Castrodale told commissioners Tuesday the neighborhood action group has been advocating for a moratorium on marijuana grows for the High Mesa Zone, which covers Log Hill Mesa.

Before deciding to adopt the moratorium, commissioners discussed problems with the current ordinance, including confusion and redundancies, with County Attorney Carol Viner.

The commissioners said they want to hash out a new ordinance and make it shorter and simpler.

Increased pressure on land use staff also prompted the decision, as County Planning Director Mark Castrodale said he doesn’t have enough resources and is stretched thin – with a 300 percent increase in building permits compared to a year ago. Castrodale’s department has also borne the burden of investigating numerous complaints stemming from the conflict between MS Support and its neighbors.

The moratorium will not affect any current operations, transfers or renewals – only new applications.

After commissioners unanimously voted in favor of the moratorium, Castrodale asked about an incomplete application submitted to his department within the past two weeks.

“It’s not a gray area, it’s nowhere near complete,” he said.

The commissioners indicated they were unaware of the incomplete application. Viner said she would deal with the application with Castrodale.

“If I feel like there’s a problem I’ll be back in front of you,” she said.

Commissioner Lynn Padgett said her intent in adopting the moratorium to re-do the ordinance wasn’t about any particular business. “For me, this is about a very difficult, unwieldy and unsatisfactory ordinance,” she said.

On Tuesday Commissioner Jake Niece said a moratorium would give the county time to work on cleaning up the 2019 ordinance, but expressed concern that the board may want to wait until it has hired a new county attorney.

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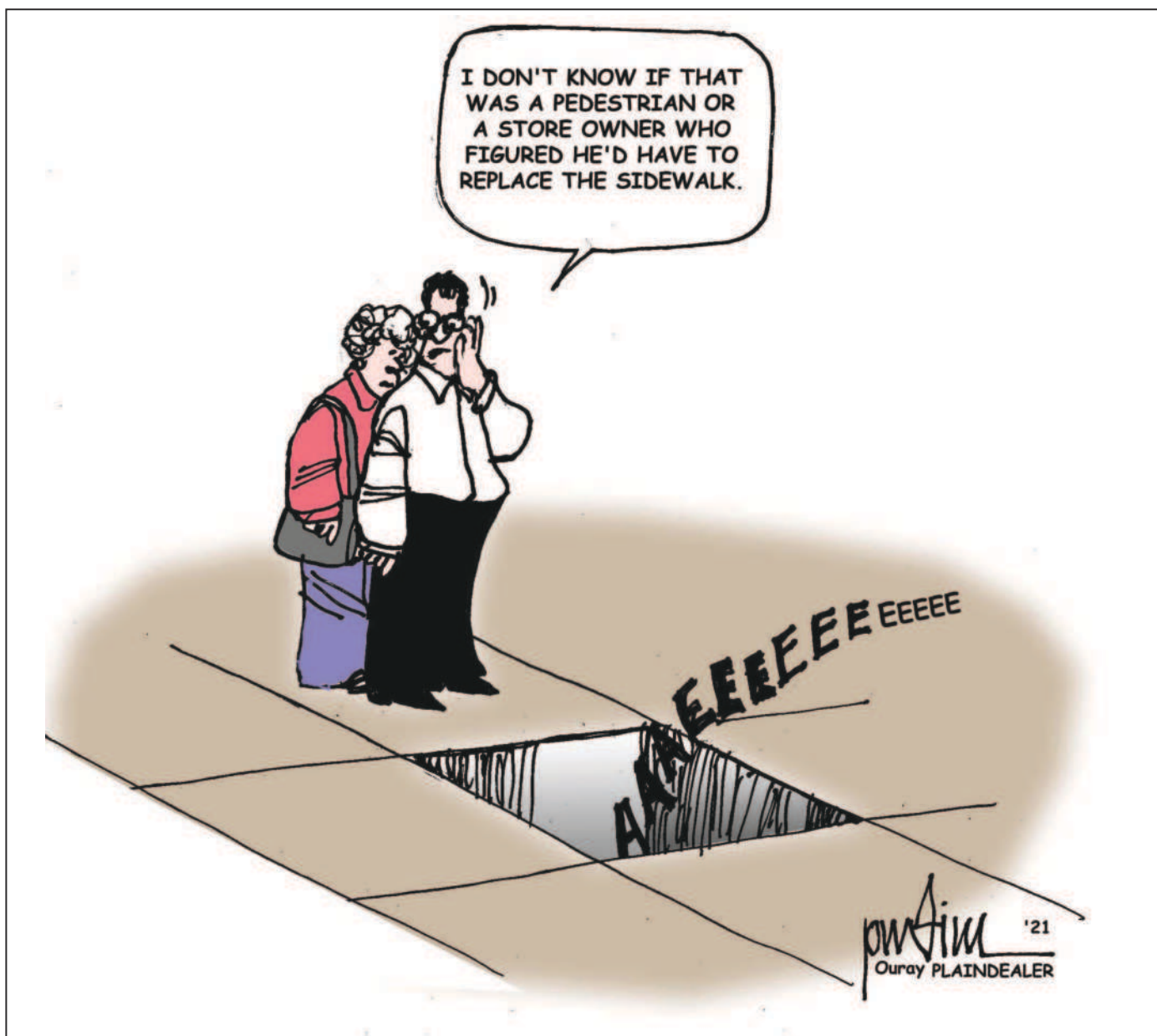
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"We just wanted to help the community, ultimately because I feel like there is an urgent need for a food pantry for the county."

**KAREN AVERY, WHO WITH HUSBAND RICHARD FINANCED PURCHASE OF NEW FOOD PANTRY BUILDING AT ZERO PERCENT INTEREST**



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### An opportunity to protect

Dear Editor:

In the wake of Earth Day and amidst ongoing severe drought and threats of another wildfire season, Great Old Broads for Wilderness is encouraging the U.S. Forest Service to look closely at protecting some Ouray County landscapes in the ongoing forest plan revision process. Specifically, within the more encompassing Community Conservation Proposal (see paid ad in this Plaindealer edition) we have recommended the Baldy Roadless Area and the Bear Creek basin for addition to the Uncompahgre Wilderness as well as some special considerations for the Hayden Mountain region and the Abrams/Brown Mountain area. All these areas harbor critical wildlife habitat — all of them for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, mule deer, elk and black bear and several for the endangered Canada lynx. These landscapes also provide important connectivity for wildlife migration between elevations, summer and winter ranges, and across the region. Wildlife watchers, hunters, photographers and other recreation users contribute vitally to our local economy and come to our region for the quality of nature experiences found here. In addition, these regions encompass significant watersheds essential to irrigation and agricultural producers throughout the Uncompahgre Valley. Given increasing recreation demands and the devastation our public lands experienced last summer, we are bracing ourselves for another busy season. Protection of these wild places is critical to sustaining our diverse economy and providing the lifestyle residents and visitors alike appreciate. Please visit [gmugrevision.com](http://gmugrevision.com) to learn more about the Community Conservation Proposal and show your support for wild places. Contact us at [northern-san-juan-broadband@gmail.com](mailto:northern-san-juan-broadband@gmail.com) if you want to get involved in this effort.

**Robyn Cascade**

Northern San Juan Broadband  
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Local mask mandate should continue

Dear Editor:

As a group of emergency physicians and Ouray County residents, we encourage the continuation of the local face mask mandate. We thank Ouray County for its continuing efforts throughout the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. It has been a challenging time for all of us. Although we are feeling optimistic about the availability of vaccines, we understand that the board of health is considering lifting the mask mandate. We urge them to keep this mandate in place. We must continue the measures most responsible for

decreasing the number of cases and not allow overconfidence to endanger our success.

Scientific studies have shown repeatedly that wearing face masks can slow down the spread of viruses and other airborne diseases. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has documented that wearing face masks, keeping a physical distance of 6 feet, and frequent hand washing are effective at reducing the spread of virus. The CDC currently continues to recommend the wearing of face masks.

Masking requirements have allowed

businesses to remain open and the employees to return to work. Ouray County has seen an 18% increase in tax revenues last summer. Masking, cohorts and hand washing have enabled our children to continue in person learning and protected the students and teachers. We believe that the Ouray County schools are a shining example of how successful education and community involvement helped maintain a positive economy, allowing people to work and have their children

SEE MASK ON PAGE 22

## CORRECTION

A story on Page 18 of the April 22 edition of the Plaindealer should have said deed-restricted unit sale prices are often capped at 10 percent above the cost of building the unit, not 10 percent of the cost.

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# OURAY COUNTY

# LOOKING BACK

From the Ouray County Herald, Ouray County Plaindealer and the Ridgway Sun

## 50 YEARS AGO

April 29, 1971 - Three men and a woman were arrested following burglary of the Ridgway Post Office in the early morning hours Saturday, but were released Monday. No charges were pressed on advice of a U.S. attorney who said it would be difficult to prove criminal intent and mental competence. Two of the men were "walkaway" or escaped mental patients from the State Hospital at Pueblo. Nothing of value was taken at the post office. Entry was gained by throwing a rock through a window. Desk drawers had been rifled and 50 or more envelopes containing bank receipts and blank postal forms were taken. The burglary occurred about 3 a.m. Saturday. A passerby noticed one person in the post office, another outside, watching, and a white pickup truck parked by the building.

## 40 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1981 - The next time you're in need of a babysitter, check out the lists and the phone numbers on the posters at the Ridgway Post Office, the Ridgway Mercantile, the Ouray Post Office or Duckett's Market. A total of 33 students from Ouray and Ridgway attended and received certificates from the babysitting clinic held on April 25 at Ridgway School. Linda Ingo began the clinic by putting together a profile of a responsible babysitter. Debbie Failing demonstrated the techniques of dressing an infant using her own 4-month daughter, Ginger. Jeanne Coulter held the session on toys and games for children. She gave examples of ways to keep children occupied and happy, according to age groups.

## 30 YEARS AGO

May 2, 1991 - If you are a rancher you must be happy to see that irrigation will be running above drought level (for once). If you are a river runner, you must be ecstatic over projected run off. If you love wild flowers, you must be in exalted anticipation. If you like sunshine, you are probably bummed. The skies have been filled with clouds for many days over the past months, but clouds mean precipitation and as of April 1, the Division of Water Resources reports that Colorado is at 122 percent of its average snowpack statewide. That is a giant boost from March 1, when the state was wavering at a mere 72 percent of average. So when you

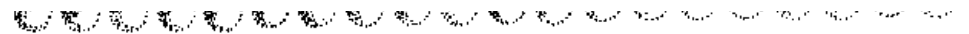
look at the skies, try not to be disenchanted by the thickening (and occasionally sickening) weather, and think of all the water this land has needed so much for the past years.

## 20 YEARS AGO

May 4, 2001 - Editorial: Anybody who has the misfortune to sit through consecutive meetings of the Board of County Commissioners should begin to understand the ramifications of rural development. It's a lesson that should be well learned by any city slicker who sees a real estate advertisement and dreams of living out in the sticks on their very own couple of acres. Sure, the views are dynamite. The peace and quiet are delightful. But, as illustrated by all of the problematic situations that arise in BOCC meetings and in other venues, life in these seemingly idyllic settings does not come without its costs. For instance, residents in two neighboring rural subdivisions are at odds because of a dispute over how a fire truck might get through one development to get to the other. Then, too, septic systems for individual houses have been a major concern, primarily because soils in major development areas aren't necessarily suited to process such waste disposal. In the city, density is high enough to build treatment plants and take care of this nasty chore. And did we say roads? Yes, roads are a big deal, perhaps the biggest. They cause dust, are the scene of accidents and frequently fall into disrepair, all the more so because of development in rural areas. -David Mullings

## 10 YEARS AGO

April 29, 2011 - The Ouray County planning commissioners are not on the same page. That was apparent April 21 during their latest work session focused on reworking Section 9 of the County Land Use Code. A heated shouting match over the basic tenets of the process nearly prevented Chair Ken Lipton from getting the group through what was supposed to be a friendly, low-key review of the progress they have made thus far. Since the beginning of the year, the commission has been deciding how it will work through the portion of the land use code that governs visual impact, the point system, skyline breakage, road and ridge setbacks and the definition of a structure as opposed to a building, among other things.



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## April was glorious, but drought outlook is gloomy

Morning birdsong, tiny bees, blooming apricots, sprightly daffodils, thick green grass – the wonder that is April finally arrived. The first 15 days of the month were bone-dry, though.

Luckily, since the 16th, we've had measurable precipitation. As of Tuesday, 1.36 inches of moisture and 11.5 inches of snow have fallen, proving once again that winter isn't over just because the temperature climbs to 68 degrees two days running and pale-legged humans in shorts hike around town in the warming sun.

Part of April's glory is the first garden shoots. Last week snow peas and the first

spinach leaves emerged. One lone asparagus stalk braved last week's spring snow/ice storms. Unfortunately, the first weeds emerged green and healthy, too.

Gardening quibbles aside, this town has been relatively wet, in spite of the ongoing American Southwest megadrought. Since Jan. 1, Ouray has seen 102 inches of snow, 116 percent of the historic normal of 87.9 inches. Water content, though, is quite a bit lower at 7.10 inches, 90 percent of the normal 7.91 inches.



**KAREN RISCH**

So, with such good snowfall, why less precipitation? One possible answer is that Ouray experienced colder than normal temperatures in January and February, as storms primarily rode

in on a northwest flow. And colder temps usually yield drier snow. January had 1.2 degrees colder-than-average days, and was 0.2 degree colder at night. February's daytime temps were 2.1 degrees colder and the nights near average.

March proved more moderate, with

day temps registering just 0.8 degree lower than average and nights 1.4 degrees warmer. Predictably, the snow was heavier and wetter, too. The month's precipitation was 2.76 inches, 121 percent of the normal 2.28 inches. Snowfall was 39.9 inches, 154 percent of the normal 25.9 inches.

Unfortunately, we're nowhere near making up for last year's serious drought, the fifth and most severe drought year in this century. 2020 was also Ouray's third driest year on record, with only 15.90 inches of precipitation, 7.15 inches below

SEE RISCH ON PAGE 21

## AROUND THE REGION

### GUNNISON

Western Colorado University's Board of Trustees held a 90-minute executive session to talk about legal and personnel matters on April 16. However, the board took no action on President Greg Salsbury's employment. Calls have mounted for Salsbury's removal with 12 department chairs, deans and program directors signing a letter urging trustees to take that step last week. Eight listening sessions with all of Western's major constituencies over the past two weeks revealed consistent and broad opposition to Salsbury lengthening his seven-year tenure as Western's top administrator. Western's audio-visual manager Greg Corliss kicked members of the public off of the trustees' Zoom call before the executive session began. Consequently, it was unclear whether Salsbury joined the trustees in their discussion on personnel matters.

### SILVERTON

The Columbine Park bathrooms are the most commonly used facilities for tourists as they get off the train. According to Parks and Recreation Director Todd Bove, they are falling apart and need some work. "We have been putting a Band-Aid on the bathrooms and they need a lot of help." He proposed the town use \$150,000 from the general fund and enter into a lease agreement with Citizens State Bank to borrow \$350,000 in order to complete the project. He was also hoping that if this passed, he could apply for a "Revitalizing Main Streets" grant to improve sidewalks, drainage and street lighting on Blair Street. This grant would give the town an additional \$1.7 million for those upgrades.

### LAKE CITY

Participants in last week's inaugural planning session for the Lake San Cristobal peninsula were invited to let their minds wander and think outside the proverbial box in envisioning recreational improvements which they wish to see long and short-term on the county's newly acquired 10-acre parcel. Although invited to think outside the box, participants in the kickoff planning event repeatedly returned to the overriding theme of minimal development of the tract and retaining it as much as possible in its natural configuration with minimal, inobstructive amenities. Friends of Lake San Cristobal member Roy Shaw, a Lake City resident, repeatedly urged "the less we do out there the better," a concept mirrored by local resident Mary Nettleton.

Sources: *Gunnison Country Times*, *Silverton Standard and the Miner*, *Lake City Silver World*.

## POLICE LOG

### OURAY POLICE

The following is an excerpt of cases handled by the Ouray Police Department from April 20-26

#### APRIL 20

Officer conducted a VIN inspection in the 1800 block of Main Street

Officer completed a VIN inspection at the Police Department.

Officer completed a certified VIN inspection at the Ouray County Sheriff's Office.

Officer conducted a foot patrol at the Ouray School.

#### APRIL 21

Officer hosted a table with Ouray County Sheriff's Office at the career fair at Ridgway High School.

Officer returned a phone call in regards to a VIN inspection.

Officer conducted a directed patrol of Eighth Avenue.

Officer conducted a directed patrol of Rotary Park.

Officer conducted a directed patrol of Oak Street.

#### APRIL 22

Officers responded to a parking problem in the 1600 block of Main Street.

Officer conducted a directed patrol on Oak Street.

Officer responded to two parking violations in the 200 block of Sixth Avenue.

Officer responded to a citizen's assist in the 600 block of Main Street.

Officer responded to an accident in the 200 block of Third Avenue.

#### APRIL 23

Officer conducted a directed patrol on Main Street.

Officer conducted a directed patrol at the school.

Officers responded to a parking problem in the 600 block of Fifth Street.

Officer conducted a directed patrol in the Amphitheater area.

Officer conducted a security check of Chautauqua Lane.

#### APRIL 24

Officer responded to a citizen's assist in the 600 block of Main Street.

Officer responded to a fire call in the 100 block of Seventh Avenue.

Officer conducted a directed patrol on Oak Street.

Officer discovered a parking violation in the 600 block of Main Street.

Officer red tagged an abandoned vehicle in the 700 block of Fourth Street.

Officer initiated a traffic stop for speeding in the 500 block of Main Street.

Officer discovered a vehicle parked in front of a no-parking sign at the Ouray Hot Springs Pool.

Officer conducted a security check of the Box Canyon Visitors Center.

Officer responded to the Ouray Hot Springs Pool for a patron refusing to leave. The issue occurred after the pool had to limit the amount of guests to the pool because of the ratio of guests to lifeguards.

Officer responded to that area of Highway 550 and County Road 18 on Red Mountain Pass after large chunks of ice fell onto the highway, blocking a lane of traffic.

Officer conducted a directed patrol of Amphitheater Road.

Officer conducted a foot patrol of Main Street.

Officer assisted in closing Main Street for the Ouray Fire Department, so they could water it.

Officer responded to assist Ouray EMS with a medical call in the 600 block of Fifth Street.

Officer conducted a bar check of the Silver Eagle Saloon.

#### APRIL 25

Officers responded to a parking problem in the 600 block of 2nd Street.

Officer conducted a directed patrol on Main Street.

Officer conducted a directed patrol on Seventh Avenue.

Officer conducted a business check of the Goldbelt Bar & Grill.

Officer responded to a citizen's assist in the 600 block of Main Street.

Officer conducted a directed patrol of Pinecrest Drive.

Officer conducted a directed patrol of Ouray RV Park.

Officer assisted a male party home after he was observed to be too intoxicated to walk on his own and his wife was having a hard time getting him off the ground.

#### APRIL 26

Officer conducted a directed patrol at the school.

Officer conducted a directed patrol on Oak Street.

Officer responded to an accident in the 1700 block of Main Street.

#### APRIL 27

Officer conducted a directed patrol at the school.

Officer conducted a directed patrol on Main Street.

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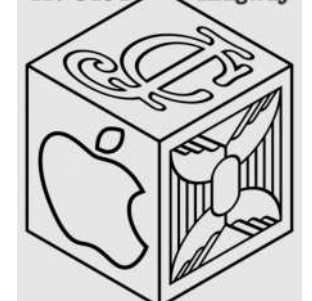
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# Legislation aimed at advancing state's vital agricultural industry

My grandfather was a mover and shaker in the Colorado sugar beet industry with Great Western Sugar, and he was also a professor of agriculture at Colorado State University. But the ag roots my brother and sisters and I most appreciated were the ones associated with trips to the Western Stock Show, Little Britches Rodeo and Colorado State Fair.



**BARBARA  
McLACHLAN**

We rarely missed a show together. It was during those fun days we became closely

acquainted with the importance of agriculture in Colorado as we met my grandfather's co-workers and friends, many ranchers and farmers, my cousin the cowboy and his friends, and the people behind the scene in the rodeo and livestock handling.

So it is with a great debt to him I am a member of the House Agriculture, Livestock and Water Committee. In the last few weeks, we have heard bills that not only advance the industry, they also help me continue to value how lucky we are to have a local and healthy food source, an appreciation of water, a love for agricultural events and friendships with some of the best people in the industry.

We have had some interesting bills debated recently celebrating one of the largest industries in the state.

We unanimously voted to approve the measures necessary to propel some of the \$700 million-plus state stimulus money into many agricultural events important to Colorado. The passage of House Bill 21-1262 was not really a debate; it was more of an apology. When we had to cut the budget so severely last year because of COVID-19, public events around the state took a large hit, including the Western Stock Show in Denver, the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo and most county fairs.

In our apology of sorts, we voted to allocate \$9 million to the Department of Agriculture, most of it for the Stock Show and Fair. The money will help both of them recover from their losses last year. Their presence adds to our agricultural education, our livestock needs, competitions for big prizes, small businesses and county coffers.

In House Bill 21-1260, we voted unanimously to dedicate \$20 million to the State Water Plan.

The plan was released in 2015 after a great deal of work in every basin, calling for an estimated \$100 million a year dedicated to water projects, public awareness and engagement regarding statewide water issues. Water utilities and their ratepayers around Colorado pay some of that money, but the rest is left to the state. We are woefully behind.

This money, in addition to the money earned from the 2019 ballot measure legalizing and taxing sports gambling, isn't enough, but it is a great start, a down payment. It will accelerate projects already on the worktable and encourage planning for more. Bill sponsors House Speaker Alec Garnett and Rep. Marc Catlin said so much money will be coming at one time, it could outpace what the Colorado Water Conservation Board is prepared to handle. It's a good problem to have.

A third bill we passed in committee, House Bill 21-1268, will provide matching grants to Colorado State University and the University of Colorado to study potential uses of emerging technologies to effectively manage Colorado's water supply. These technologies include blockchain, telemetry, improved sensors and advanced aerial observation platforms, which could enhance confidence in the reliability of data in water rights transactions.

It is exciting to investigate the new wave of technology we are seeing, then determining how it may help our agricultural industry thrive.

And, finally, for the first time in Colorado's history, a Republican, from the minority party, has been chosen as

committee vice-chair to the chair, a Democrat from the majority party. Rep. Catlin from Montrose was honored because of his vast experience to help lead the Agriculture, Livestock and Water Committee. We are all so proud barriers were broken. Agriculture is nonpartisan.

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# BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE

## Ridgway clinic expands services

*Aesthetic work intended to meet need, make Mountain Medical more sustainable*

By Carolina Brown  
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Ouray County residents looking for a more youthful appearance now have a place to get a little lift under the direction of a physician they already know.

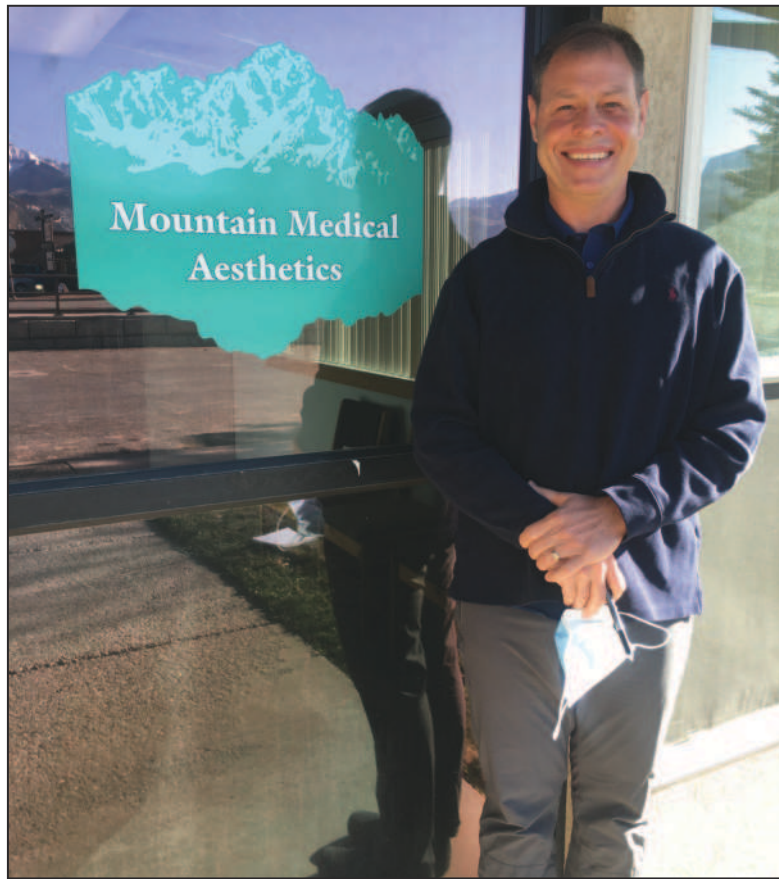
Dr. Joel Gates has opened a new aesthetics service as part of his Mountain Medical Center practice in Ridgway. Mountain Medical Aesthetics opened last month at 295 Sherman St. with an after-hours event at the medical office.

Services offered include Dysport, an injection of botulinum toxin to temporarily improve the appearance of frown lines; Restylane, a dermal filler; Sculptra, a collagen booster; and microneedling.

The amount of time between treatments to maintain the look varies in length of time. Dysport is usually repeated every 3-5 months. The effects of Sculptra, which stimulates the body to build its own fuller, youthful structure, can last for more than two years.

Gates said his goal is to host events once a month, though they are currently scheduled for every 6-8 weeks. Ultimately, the plan is to have Mountain Medical staff trained to provide the services on a more regular basis. Appointments for the events can be made by calling the regular office number. The schedule allows for consultation and treatment on the same day.

Gates and his partner in aesthetics, Suzanne Rogers, had been planning to start offering the service at the clinic before the pandemic struck. The roll-



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Dr. Joel Gates has extended the services offered at Mountain Medical Center to include after-hours aesthetic events that don't interfere with his regular workload. Mountain Medical Aesthetics opened last month at the clinic at 295 Sherman St. in Ridgway.

out was originally planned for a year ago.

Rogers, a part-time local, has been working in plastic surgery offices in California for the last 20 years and boasts extensive experience in the services she is not offering in Ridgway.

Gates has received training in the techniques, and Rogers currently leads the events, providing him further training.

"This is something that people are paying money out of pocket for, and I want to ensure they

are getting the best result. And so I am being extra cautious and making sure we are using an expert until we absolutely feel confident," Gates said.

Gates did training last year in medical dermatology, because "first and foremost we want to make sure we are taking care of addressing people's lesions that may be malignant and wanting to get rid of those things."

Gates said the services address needs he has seen in his patients, and he is not going to be

pushing or actively promoting the services. Nor does he want to compete with any local spas that may host similar events.

"Over the last 16 years, I have had patients that have asked about various skin blemishes and aging changes and I haven't had anything to offer. So I am just trying to extend that service to the patients that are already here," he said.

Every face is different, and Gates says a consultation is needed to determine pricing and a budget for how much the person wants to get done.

"The reason why we're offering this is because skin is the largest organ of the body. It's what we present to the world, and we just want to help people look in the mirror and feel good about what they are presenting," Gates said.

"We don't know in our population how many people are going to be interested in this kind of work, and I don't want to get into a sales sort of situation where people feel like they're encouraged or coerced into services they don't want, but we are saying, 'Hey, people are getting this anyway, and maybe they'd be happy with their local doctor's office instead of a medspa somewhere that they don't know.'"

### Sustaining the practice

Gates said another reason to offer the service is to make Mountain Medical Center more sustainable.

"The model here with me being a solo practitioner and staff is really a hard model to sustain. And again, without the RSA we wouldn't be here," he said.

The Ouray County Regional Service Authority (RSA) is the voter-approved steward of the building that houses Mountain Medical Center using funds from a 0.375 mill property tax.

In exchange for Gates signing a contract agreeing to see all types of patients including those using private pay, Medicare and Medicaid, he receives reduced rent and the RSA covers a large portion of the cost of the electronic medical records program required to bill Medicaid and Medicare.

"Primary care is getting harder and harder to be able to do. If we didn't have the RSA and the support that they offer, then I don't think that we would still be here and functional. Doing additional services is trying to figure out how to keep services here," Gates said.

Gates laments the changes in the medical landscape across the country, with large groups of physicians working together under a larger corporation instead of small family practices like his own. The problem in Ouray County is made worse by a housing crisis, making Mountain Medical understaffed.

"It's tough to find people, and it's tough for them to find a place where they can live affordably here. And so we've had several people kind of in line who've had to back down because they couldn't find a sustainable situation for their living. And so that's been the biggest barrier for us," he said.

More information about Mountain Medical Aesthetics and upcoming events can be found at [ridgwayaesthetics.com](http://ridgwayaesthetics.com).



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# Real estate company finds home in Ouray

*With new office, Keller Williams Mountain Group extends reach beyond Montrose, Delta counties*

**By Carolina Brown**  
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A Realtor office that has primarily worked in Montrose and Delta counties is expanding its reach into the San Juans with the opening of a new office in the Beaumont Hotel building at 505 Main St. in Ouray.

Beckie Pendergrass, team lead and managing broker of the Keller Williams Mountain Group, has worked in real estate for 30 years and is eager to become part of the Ouray and Ridgway communities.

Keller Williams has nearly 180,000 agents internationally, and Pendergrass believes the one thing that sets them apart is their technology.

“They’re really a technology company as much as they’re a real estate company. So when it comes to our marketing, most of ours is by social media. We feel like today that’s what the market is, whether you’re looking at Zillow or Realtor.com,” she said.

The Mountain Group is part of Keller Williams Realty, Southwest Associates, LLC based out of Durango. Before the opening of the Ouray location, their primary service areas were Montrose and Delta counties. The agency worked on a more limited level in Ridgway, Ouray



*Courtesy photo*

Left to right, Deanna Jakino, Hannah Samuelson, Sarah Elizabeth Nash, Beckie Pendergrass and Leslee Reeder make up most of the members of the Keller Williams Mountain Group, which has opened an office in the Beaumont Hotel in Ouray at 505 Main St. The team also includes Mark and Tammy Monroe of Ridgway.

and Telluride, but Pendergrass predicts their work in those areas will increase.

“This is just a way for us to have a central location for Keller on this side of the mountain,” Pendergrass said, adding that the Ouray location puts them in a better position to cover the entirety of southwest Colorado.

The whole mountain team will be working out of the Ouray office: Pendergrass, Deanna Jakino

and Hannah Samuelson from Montrose and Mark and Tammy Monroe from Ridgway.

“We’re looking forward to being in the Ouray community, the Ridgway community,” Pendergrass said

“We feel like Ouray is really ready for growth.”

The veteran Realtor is not worried about the market drying up in this rural area, noting she has seen periods of ups and downs

before. She feels confident in the market remaining strong based on continuing low interest rates.

“It’s a seller’s market,” Pendergrass said, attributing the lack of inventory in part to the fact that some people don’t want to list their house — even though they know they can get top dollar right now — because they do not know where they will go when they do sell.

“Most people would say, ‘It’s a seller’s market, they should take advantage of that,’” she said. “But really, they need to know where they’re going to go before they put their house on the market. And we understand that.”

Pendergrass acknowledges there are “a lot of good Realtors” in the area but said her team works well with others.

“We just are ready for an expansion for our office and feel like we can offer a new type of brokerage,” she said.

“We love to work with buyers and finding, evaluating and going through the processes of having the buyer prequalify before shopping and having them ready so that we know exactly what we’re looking for.”

Although Keller Williams has a reputation as a luxury property specialist, and there will be an area of the office dedicated to

that, Pendergrass said they will “sell anything and everything.”

Along with the heavy focus on technology, with many of the Mountain Group’s clients only seeing the properties they purchase through virtual tours, another aspect that sets them apart is their willingness to work with “for sale by owner” clients.

Mountain Group will set up an open house for people attempting to sell their house without a full service Realtor. They conduct promotions and pay for whatever it takes for a successful open house, such as professional photography and staging.

Realtors are given any leads that come from the open house if a potential buyer is not interested in that particular house. If they do find a buyer, they perform all the documentation for the transaction and take a reduced commission.

The Mountain Group has a lot of clients looking for investment properties, despite the rise in construction costs and difficulty in finding land.

“We do have investors looking to do development of housing. We all know there’s a housing shortage,” Pendergrass said.

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# Hot Springs banking on bounce-back year

Admission revenue picked up significantly in March, but city struggling to fill multiple pool positions

By Mike Wiggins  
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The capacity restrictions have vanished. Swimmers and soakers are starting to queue at the Ouray Hot Springs Pool again, as revenue in March nearly matched that of the pre-pandemic levels of March 2019.

Now what the city of Ouray needs most is employees — lots of them — to maintain the pool and grounds, staff the register and keep customers safe.

The coronavirus battered the hot springs financially last year, with the pool shutting down under an emergency order in mid-March and not reopening until June. When customers were allowed to return, it was with severe capacity restrictions in place — just 50 at a time

for much of the year, increasing to 175 at one point.

The result was total visitation and revenue dropped by more than half in 2020. Nearly 72,000 people came to the pool and fitness center last year, compared to nearly 165,000 in 2019. Those visitors accounted for a little more than \$926,000 in revenue, compared to more than \$2 million in 2019.

But with the state eliminating the color-coded COVID-19 dial — and with its restrictions on gatherings — business is picking up again at the hot springs. The number of visitors to the pool and fitness center in March was down about 18 percent compared to March 2019, but revenue was nearly equal — \$106,419 this year compared to \$108,526 two years ago. “I think that’s a really positive indica-



Liz Teitz — Ouray County Plaindealer

Hayden Krebs of Oklahoma, left, and Taylor Anthony of Ouray soak at the Ouray Hot Springs Pool last month. The pool is no longer under capacity restrictions that hampered it most of last year, but the city’s challenge now is to hire 25 to 30 employees to have enough staff in place to manage the upcoming summer crowds.

tor,” Finance and Administrative Services Director Melissa Drake told city councilors last week. “I think if COVID stays at a low number here and we aren’t on additional restrictions, we have the potential to do a lot of recovery this year.”

“That’d be great,” Mayor Greg Nelson responded. “We could use it for the pool.”

The biggest obstacle standing in the city’s way now is staffing. In his report to the council last week, City Administrator Silas Clarke said the city “desperately” needs lifeguard applications.

The shortage of lifeguards has forced the city on occasion to artificially limit the number of pool customers. Police were called to the pool on April 24 after one customer refused to leave, a dispute

triggered by the fact that there weren’t enough lifeguards to supervise guests.

All in all, Clarke said the city needs to hire 25 to 30 employees, including a pool manager, maintenance and customer service staff and lifeguards.

He said the number of employees the city is looking to add as summer approaches isn’t unusual. What’s different, this year, is that the city is starting from square one in many of its recruitment efforts.

“We’re trying to ramp up post-COVID,” he said.

Normally the city recruits for staff throughout the year, including in schools in Ridgway and Ouray, since high school students often fill many of the jobs at the

hot springs. But the pandemic brought all of that work to a halt, and several positions were left unfilled for months in an effort to save money. Unable to reach students in person at school for much of the year, the city produced and distributed a recruitment video instead, Clarke said.

The top position at the pool has been vacant since former manager Kentee Pasek was laid off early last spring in what the city at the time termed a cost-cutting move. Ultimately, the city chose not to bring her back even after the pool reopened in June.

Clarke interviewed pool manager applicants earlier this spring and made an offer to one, but Clarke said he turned it down for personal reasons. The city advertised the position again, and Clarke is scheduled for another round of interviews this week.

He said city officials are discussing offering a cash bonus to lifeguards as an incentive, but that no decisions have been made.



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## CITY OF OURAY

ZONE	ADDRESS	STRUCTURE
Residential	1701 N. Oak St.	Reroof
Residential	1503 Oak St.	Single family dwelling
Residential	Hot Springs subdivision	Single family dwelling
Residential	1665 Hinkson Terrace	Single family Dwelling

## MARCH 2021 BUILDING PERMITS



## TOWN OF RIDGWAY

ZONE	TYPE	ADDRESS	STRUCTURE	VALUATION
Commercial	Commercial	TBD Redcliff Drive	Temporary construction office	\$8,000
Commercial	Commercial	598 Palomino Trail	Commercial vehicle storage with office	\$300,000
Commercial	Other	TBD Palomino Trail	Placement of stage container for renovation	\$30,000
Residential	Single family residence	770 Sabeta Drive	Single family home with attached garage	\$665,248
Residential	Tenant improvements	635 Chipeta Drive	Storage shed underneath existing easement	\$1,000
Residential	Single family residence	320 Terrace Drive	Single family home with attached garage	\$420,000

## MARCH 2021 BUILDING PERMITS



## OURAY COUNTY

APPLICANT	ADDRESS	STRUCTURE	PROJECT	VALUATION
Blue Skyy Builders	152 Marmot Drive	Single family dwelling	New construction	\$310,000
Dale Jensen	8386 County Road 5	Single family dwelling	New construction	\$600,000
Eli Feldman	1076 Pleasant Point Dr	Single family dwelling	Repair to existing structure	\$250,000
Kevin Loughrey	7137 County Road 5	Single family dwelling	Remove existing structure	\$0
Steve Jones	421 Waterview Cove	Garage-shop-warehouse	New construction	\$50,000
Mark Reimer	68 Last Stand Road	Single family dwelling	Wood/pellet/gas stove	\$0
Debra Knight	908 Sumac Lane	Garage with living space	Alter existing structure	\$180,000
Andrew Moyle	724 Lonesome Trail	Single family dwelling	New construction	\$500,000
Tim Chisholm	787 Golden Eagle Dr	Single family dwelling	New construction	\$1,400,000
Sawtooth Mountain Ranch	TBD County Road 8	Single family dwelling	New construction	\$425,000
Eric Faust	7631 County Road 5	Agriculture/barn	New construction	\$165,000

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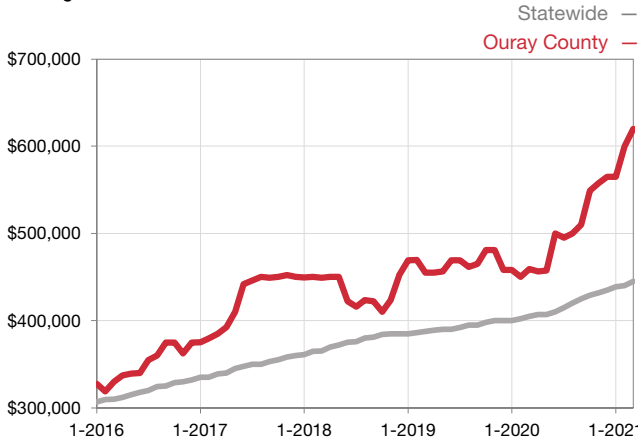
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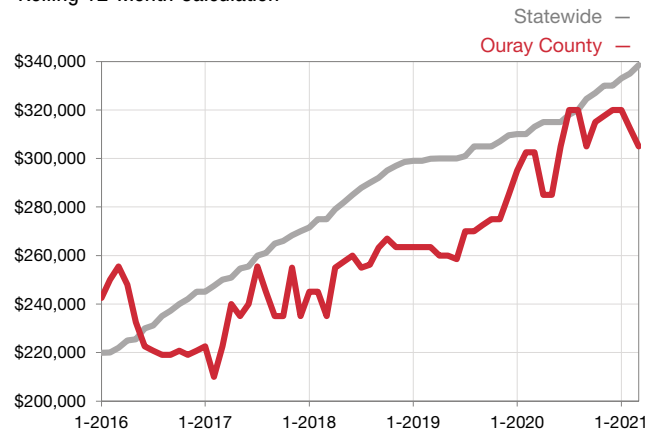
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**Median Sales Price – Single Family**  
Rolling 12-Month Calculation



**Median Sales Price – Townhouse-Condo**  
Rolling 12-Month Calculation



**Area single family sales, 2020 vs. 2021, year-to-date through March**

	2020		2021		2020		2021		2020		2021	
New Listings	55	82	4	10	200	182	5	8	21	21		
Sold Listings	41	65	5	3	135	151	6	4	5	17		
Median Sales Price*	\$565,000	\$800,000	\$470,000	\$385,000	\$267,000	\$355,000	\$358,750	\$486,850	\$395,000	\$987,500		
Average Sales Price*	\$879,172	\$1,063,456	\$439,000	\$335,000	\$312,421	\$401,197	\$356,167	\$629,675	\$631,100	\$2,312,088		
Percent of List Price Received*	94.1%	97.4%	93.7%	94.9%	97.8%	99.2%	92.9%	98.4%	95.1%	94.7%		
Days on Market Until Sale	194	146	282	259	116	96	253	379	122	179		
	Gunnison County		Hinsdale County		Montrose County		San Juan County		San Miguel County			

**KEY REAL ESTATE STATS**  
Ouray County  
March 2021 stats

New Listings	18
Sold Listings	5
Median Sales Price*	\$510,000
Average Sales Price*	\$516,920
Percent of List Price Received*	96.4%
Days on Market Until Sale	126
Inventory of Homes for Sale	83
Months Supply of Inventory	9.6

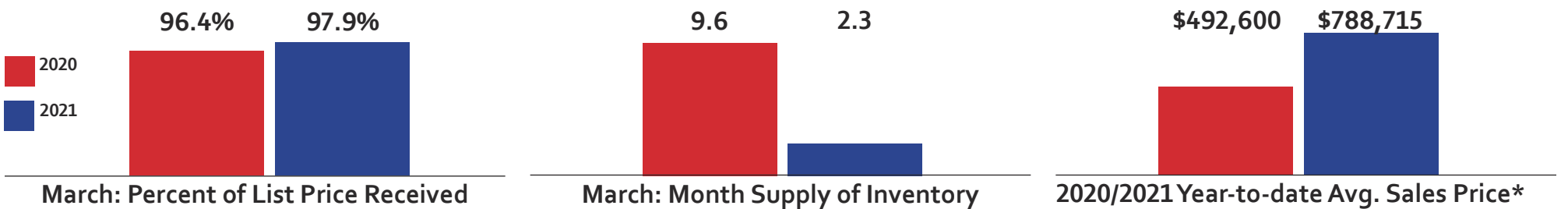
**March comparison**

2020	2021	Percent Change From Prior Year
18	8	0.0%
5	10	+25.0%
\$510,000	\$720,500	+92.5%
\$516,920	\$903,393	+124.3%
96.4%	97.9%	+2.0%
126	177	+168.6%
83	28	-57.0%
9.6	2.3	-67.4%

**2020 vs. 2021**

Thru March 2020	Thru March 2021	Percent Change From Prior Year
43	25	-41.9%
16	28	+75.0%
\$428,050	\$667,000	+55.8%
\$492,600	\$788,715	+60.1%
95.3%	97.1%	+1.9%
114	197	+72.8%
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MLS# 781008 \$449,000



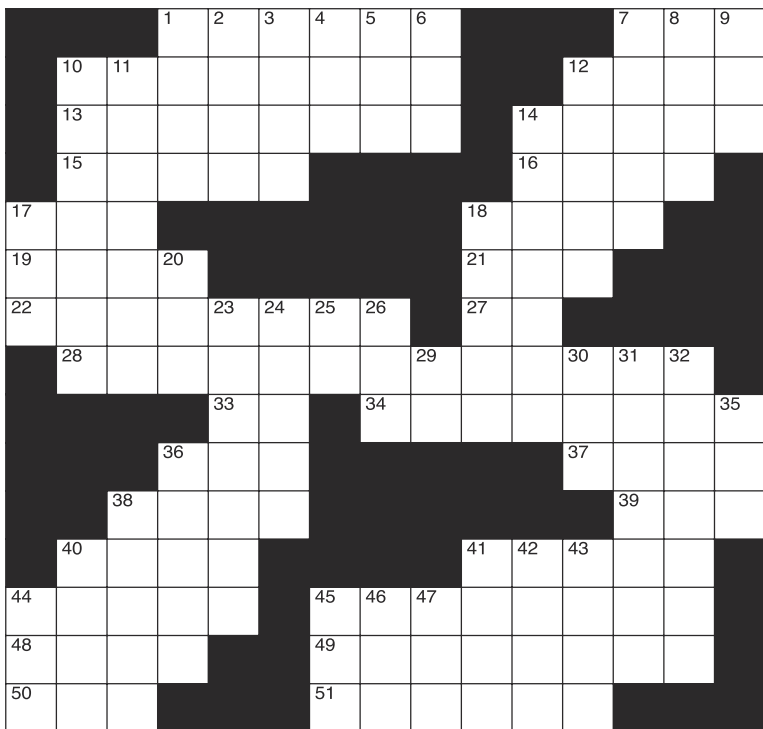
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## OURAY COUNTY TRANSACTIONS

### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

DATE RECORDED	PRICE	SELLER	BUYER	LOCATION
3/22/21	\$108,000	Norman J. Naquin Jr.	Anthracite Creek Avenue Trust	301 Dave Wood Rd, Montrose
3/22/21	\$440,000	John M. Wilkinson Jr.	Bruce C. & Paula K. Ward	420 Pinecrest Dr., Ouray
3/22/21	\$1,131,925	Chao Renn Trust	Anna Conforti & Paul M. Rogers	832 Pine Dr., Ridgway
3/22/21	\$145,000	Yolande Kathleen Miracle	Edwin L. & Donna S. Coulter	230 Fisher Canyon Dr., Ridgway
3/25/21	\$80,000	Martin R. Pitts	Elizabeth A. Ballenger & Jason R. Ramsdell	TBD Pine Dr., Ridgway
3/25/21	\$36,000	Heritage Inn & Suites of Kansas City Inc.	David Thomas & Amanda Peters	1775 Marmot Dr., Ridgway
3/25/21	\$36,000	Heritage Inn & Suites of Kansas City Inc.	Cedaredge Homes, LLC	1676 Marmot Dr., Ridgway
3/25/21	\$36,000	Heritage Inn & Suites of Kansas City Inc.	Cedaredge Homes, LLC	1771 Marmot Dr., Ridgway
3/25/21	\$36,000	Heritage Inn & Suites of Kansas City Inc.	Cedaredge Homes, LLC	1635 Marmot Dr., Ridgway
3/25/21	\$175,000	Pacific International Enterprises, Inc.	Sean Evangelista & Tamra Nichols	802 E. Pine Dr., Ridgway
3/25/21	\$340,000	Karen A. Hawkins	Brendan Hodge	825 Chipeta Dr., Unit W, Ridgway
3/29/21	\$105,000	John & Jeanette Quay Revocable Trust	Karen G. & Kevin L. Rutherford	151 Fedel Court, Ouray
3/30/21	\$325,000	Mary Tarr	Zane Lowell Mund	373 Marys Rd, Ridgway
3/31/21	\$148,000	H.T. Heritage Inn & Heritage Inn & Suites	Kathleen A. & Frankie D. Patton	TBD Cottontail Ln., Ridgway
3/31/21	\$175,000	The Clinton Living Trust	Nicole A. Bureau	TBD Ponderosa Dr., Ridgway
4/5/21	\$199,000	Robert E. Waddle	The Cielo Trust	6372 Government Springs Rd
4/6/21	\$900,000	Randle A. Garner & Sahari B. Garner	Troy Terence & Crystal Rhea Tadlock	64 Violet Court, Ridgway
4/8/21	\$168,000	Thomas D. & Linda Johnson	CS & L Properties	4151 County Rd 17, Ridgway
4/8/21	\$150,000	Richard E. & Kathleen F. Van Dorn	Jeffrey James Hampton & Dawn K. Cotten	307 Pinon Rd East, Ridgway
4/12/21	\$105,000	Rhonda F. Doyle Revocable Trust	Michael D. & Pamela A. Douglas	TBD Tower Rd North, Ridgway
4/12/21	\$1,755,000	William H. & Pamela C. Fugazzi	Liquor Barn Real Estate, LLC	896 Birdsong Ln., Montrose
4/15/21	\$100,000	Gregory Alan & Chirstine Ann Sharp	Robert Diaz & Shelia Sullivan-Inglis	190 Waterview Court, Ridgway
4/15/21	\$155,000	Susan C. Wojcieszek	William Jack & Karen Lee Fay	25 Terrace Dr., Ridgway
4/15/21	\$89,450	Lydia Gould Liker	Jessica L. & Matthew B. Jones	TBD Le Ranch Boulevard, Ridgway
4/15/21	\$163,000	Jonathan A. Pesta	Cappi C. Castro	520 Redcliff Circle #G-101, Ridgway
4/15/21	\$880,000	Living Trust of Craig F. Cambria	Courtney Meyers & Michael Highland Brown	2511 Ponderosa Dr., Ridgway
4/20/21	\$1,290,000	William David Sims	Christopher & Lisa Vincent	3362 Ranch Rd, Placerville
4/20/21	\$385,000	Cockshire, LLC	Darlene G. & Todd R. Schroedel	1231 Park Rd, Ouray
4/20/21	\$140,000	Bradley W. & Corinne M. Davis	Bradley J. & Allyson E. Cunningham	106 Ouray Vista Ln., Ouray
4/21/21	\$459,000	Backstreet Bistro, LLC	MountainHeitz Properties, LLC	219 7th Ave, #R2 & #B2, Ouray
4/21/21	\$155,000	Ian A & Diana M. Atha	Jason K. & Sarah J. Yeager	Lot 17 2nd St., Ouray
4/21/21	\$50,000	Carton Lloyd & Allison Michelle Mason	Travis Leverty & Iris Gardner	Lot 416 Alpine Ln., Ridgway
4/21/21	\$730,000	Michael D. & Carol Crawford Mastrangelo	Bobby W. & Laura E. Braxton	230 County Rd 22A, Montrose
4/22/21	\$499,500	Little Switzerland of America Candy Factory, Inc.	Mark & Louise Rozich	225 7th Ave #R1-B1, Ouray

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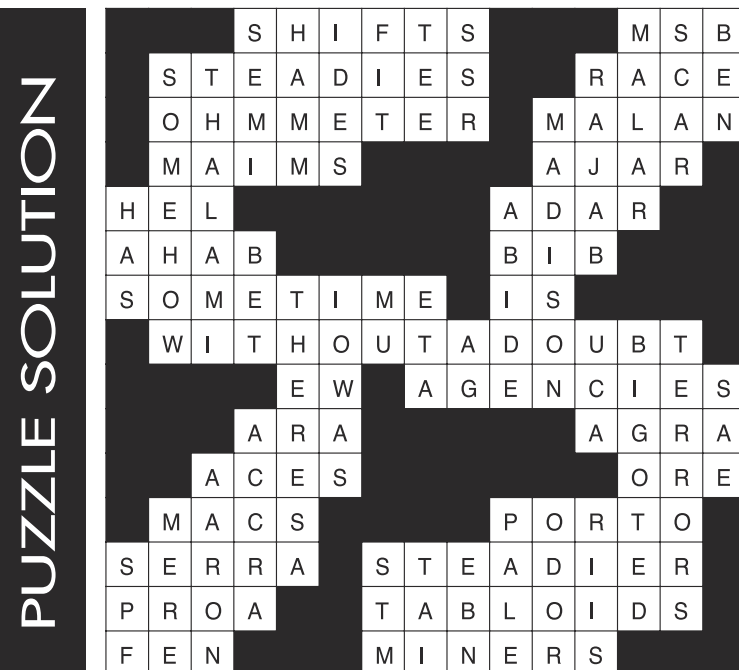


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Switches
- 7. Legal financial term (abbr.)
- 10. Sweeties
- 12. Competition
- 13. Measures electrical resistance
- 14. Psychotherapy researcher
- 15. Causes injury to
- 16. Open
- 17. Polish peninsula
- 18. Hebrew calendar month
- 19. Whale ship captain
- 21. Children's accessory
- 22. Unknown point
- 27. Exists
- 28. Extremely confident
- 33. Expression of disgust
- 34. The government has many
- 36. Small constellation
- 37. Northern Indian city
- 38. The best pitchers
- 39. Naturally occurring solid
- 40. Apple computers
- 41. Portuguese city
- 44. Ancient Greek war dance
- 45. More reliable
- 48. Sailboat
- 49. Newspapers
- 50. Frequently flooded area
- 51. They dig for coal

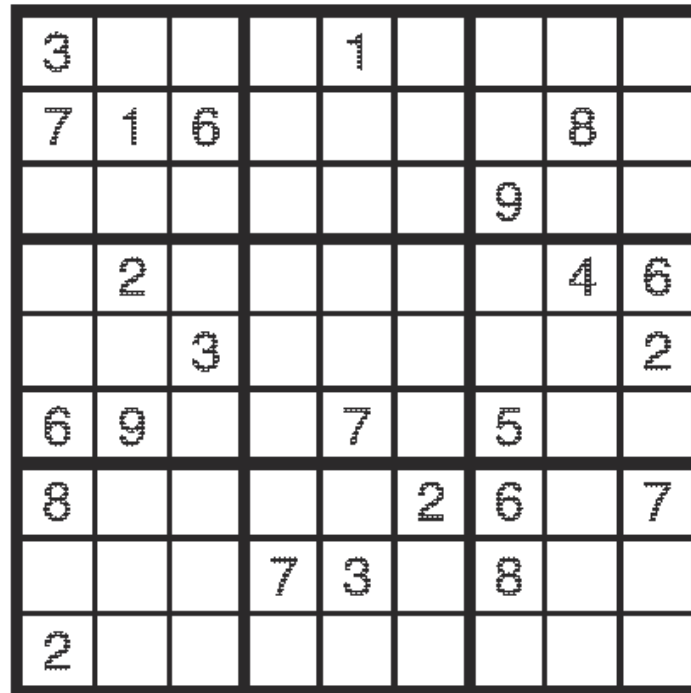
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Partial
- 2. "Mad Men" leading man
- 3. The \_\_\_ of March
- 4. Healthy
- 5. Where golfers begin
- 6. Soviet Socialist Republic (abbr.)
- 7. Of the cheek
- 8. Injury reminder
- 9. Statesman Franklin
- 10. For an unknown reason
- 11. Brain parts
- 12. Islamic calendar month
- 14. Avenue where ad men work
- 17. Possesses
- 18. Accept
- 20. Stake
- 23. Former British PM May
- 24. US battleships circa 1939
- 25. Greek alphabet letter
- 26. When you hope to get there
- 29. Top lawyer
- 30. Fiddler crabs
- 31. Intolerant
- 32. Persons that cause extreme fear
- 35. Car mechanics group
- 36. Capital of Ghana
- 38. Famed ballplayer Hank
- 40. Emphasizes insignificance
- 41. Light-colored
- 42. Distinctive smell
- 43. Muckraking journalist Jacob
- 44. Sunscreen rating
- 45. Short-term memory
- 46. Japanese delicacy
- 47. One point north of due east



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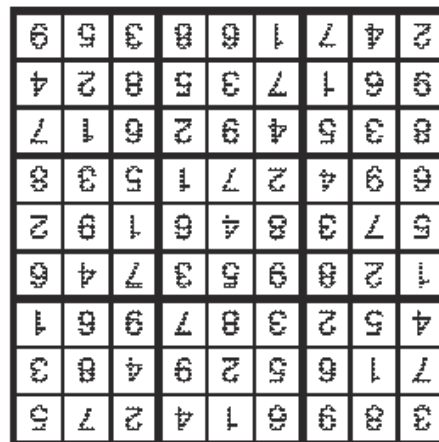
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FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 29-MAY 5

- ARIES**      **March 21 - April 20**  
*Aries, you have a unique perspective, and sometimes you appear uninterested in the opinions of others. But this week it is best to be humble and accept other thoughts.*
- LIBRA**      **September 23 - October 23**  
*Your head is pushing you in a practical direction, Libra. Yet your heart wants you to go a different way. Try to find a balance between both scenarios.*
- TAURUS**      **April 21 - May 21**  
*Taurus, you routinely put caring for others ahead of caring for yourself. This compassion is commendable, but you can't offer help if you aren't in top form.*
- SCORPIO**      **October 24 - November 22**  
*Scorpio, others are ready and willing to offer advice if they sense you need it. While you can be open to suggestions, don't follow others' dreams if they aren't your own.*
- GEMINI**      **May 22 - June 21**  
*Gemini, let others bring up issues with you rather than prying. Your willingness to lend an ear is well-known, and others will come to you on their own.*
- SAGITTARIUS**      **November 23 - December 21**  
*You may be conflicted about telling someone you need a little personal space, Sagittarius. But it's not good to suffer through situations that make you unhappy.*
- CANCER**      **June 22 - July 22**  
*It may be tempting to slack off when supervisors are not looking, Cancer. However, a lack of discipline now may have a trickle-down effect in the future. Stay focused.*
- CAPRICORN**      **December 22 - January 20**  
*Capricorn, even though you cannot please everyone, you can do what is necessary to make yourself happy. Make this your primary goal this week.*
- LEO**      **July 23 - August 23**  
*You may not be sure if you should pursue an opportunity that is before you, Leo. Consider your skills and talents and be honest with what you are capable of accomplishing.*
- AQUARIUS**      **January 21 - February 18**  
*Aquarius, people may misunderstand your intentions when you start a new project. You don't have to please everyone right now. The end result will be met with positive responses.*
- VIRGO**      **August 24 - September 22**  
*Virgo, even though it can be risky to express your true feelings, especially when you go against popular opinion, don't shy away from being true to yourself.*
- PISCES**      **February 19 - March 20**  
*Moving on from an emotional situation can be taxing, Pisces. But it may be necessary right now and could make you stronger in the long run.*

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**OURAY HOT SPRINGS POOL SEASONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSOCIATE**

The Ouray Hot Springs Pool is seeking an energetic customer service-oriented individual for part time, seasonal (May-Oct) Customer Service Associate. Knowledge of the area and previous experience with cashiering is desirable. Day, evening and weekend shifts required. Pay is \$16.93/hr. See www.cityofouray.com for application form and detailed job duties. Please submit by email to hr@cityofouray.com, or fax to 970-325-7212. Application form must accompany resumes and be received by 4 pm on May 3, 2021. The City of Ouray is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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The Ouray Brewery is currently accepting resumes and applications for year round full time bartenders and line cooks. Wage DOE. Possible housing stipend for the right candidates. Please drop off resumes or stop by and fill out an application at 607 Main Street in Ouray.

**SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE OPERATOR**

The City of Ouray is seeking seasonal, Parks Maintenance Operators. One full time (40hrs/week) and one part time. Work schedule is from May to end of Sept. Duties are listed with job description on our website @ www.cityofouray.com . Pay is 20.43/hr. See cityofouray.com for application form and job description. Application form must accompany resumes and be received by 4pm, May 3, 2021. Please submit by email to hr@cityofouray.com or fax to 970-325-7212. The City of Ouray is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**LOCAL RANCH SEEKS SEASONAL HELP**

Local ranch seeking seasonal help in various areas of agriculture and landscape maintenance. Compensation DOE, please inquire at 970-626-5485 for more information.

**IRRIGATION HELP NEEDED**

Summer help wanted. Need a dependable person to irrigate. Great hourly rate. Must have experience. Call 970-209-2424.

**BOX CANON CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSOCIATE**

The City of Ouray is seeking an energetic customer service-oriented individual for part-time, seasonal Customer Service Associate at Box Canon Park. Knowledge of the area and previous experience with cashiering is desirable. Some weekend and evening shifts required. Pay rate: \$16.93/hr. See www.cityofouray.com for City application form and job description. Application form must accompany resumes and be received at City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on May 3, 2021. You may email to hr@cityofouray.com, or fax to 970-325-7212. The City of Ouray is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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**CEMETERY CARETAKER**

Caretaker for historic Cedar Hill Cemetery, between Ouray & Ridgway. Flexible hours, part time seasonal, \$16.00-\$18.00 an hour based on qualifications and experience. Position requires landscaping, with mowing, weedeating, tree trimming, equipment maintenance (with possible travel to Montrose for repairs), operating and maintaining pump/sprinkler irrigation system and any other duties necessary to maintain the beautiful grounds of the cemetery. Coordinate with Sexton, excavator and funeral home on burial arrangements. Assist with setup, traffic and parking during services. Contact Hannah Hollenbeck at 970-318-1404 for the job description. Send letter of interest & qualifications to CHC, PO Box 1123, Ouray, Colorado 81427 or to Hannahhollenbeck@gmail.com.

**HOUSEKEEPERS**

Box Canyon Lodge and Hot Springs is seeking full- and part-time housekeepers for the summer season. \$15-16/hour. Please apply in person at 45 Third Ave. in Ouray. Ask about end-of-season bonus.

**LABORERS**

Laborers needed ASAP for Telluride area. Contact Randy Cunningham Construction at 970-318-1171.

**POOL MAINTENANCE OPERATOR I FULL TIME, YEAR ROUND**

The Ouray Hot Springs Pool is seeking a full time, year-round, employee for our Pool Maintenance Operator I position. Primary duties include general facility maintenance, grounds keeping, and pool filtration duties. Pay is \$20.75/hr. Benefits package included. Detailed duties and requirements are listed in the job description on our website at www.cityofouray.com. Weekends required. Apply directly at www.ourayhotspringspool.com or see www.cityofouray.com for job description and application forms. You may submit by email to hr@cityofouray.com or fax to 970-325-7212. Application form must accompany resumes and be received by 4 pm on May 7th, 2021. The City of Ouray is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**SEEKING LEAD LINE COOKS AND COOKS**

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**MEETINGS**

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

Every Wednesday, noon-1p.m., 645 S. 5th St., Montrose. Email info@bosombuddiesswc.org for details.

**AL-ANON/ALATEEN**

Meets Monday at United Church of the San Juans, log cabin, 295 N. Lena St., Ridgway. 5:30 p.m., info: 318-6966.

**SEASONAL POOL MAINTENANCE OPERATOR**

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**SEEKING HIGH VOLUME BARTENDERS, BAR BACKS, FOODRUNNERS/BUSSERS AND COOKS**

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# AGENDA

## OURAY CITY COUNCIL

**May 3, 2021**  
Regular meeting — 6 pm

**IN-PERSON MEETING – ALL PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK SHOULD ATTEND IN-PERSON**  
320 6th Ave. – Massard Auditorium

**ZOOM MEETING (FOR LISTENING PURPOSES ONLY)**

<https://zoom.us/j/9349389230>  
Meeting ID: 934 938 9230 Passcode: 491878  
Or by phone: 408-638-0968 or 669-900-6833

Meeting agendas will be posted:  
[ci.ouray.co.us/city\\_offices/city\\_council/meeting\\_agendas\\_and\\_minutes.php](http://ci.ouray.co.us/city_offices/city_council/meeting_agendas_and_minutes.php)  
and at City Hall and the Post Office

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# LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice No. 1183

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED N004599**

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to

**TRUST OF DORIS E FLURY U/T/D/ 4/10/97**

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5TH day of November, 2010 the then County Treasurer of the County of Ouray, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax sale to Big Red Limited Partnership, the following described real estate situated in the County of Ouray, State of Colorado.

S: 8 T: 45 R: 7 2/3 INT. IN MR NW1/4SE1/4 & NE1/4SW1/4

Said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BIG RED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.

That said tax sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2009. That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Trust of Doris E Flury U/T/D/ 4/10/97, for said year 2009. Big Red Limited Partnership, the present holder of said certificate, who has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Big Red Limited Partnership at 9:00 o'clock A.M., on the 9th day of September, 2021 unless the same has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 15th day of April, 2021.  
Jill Mihelich, Ouray County Treasurer

Published: Ouray County Plaidealer: April 15, 22, 29, 2021

Legal Notice No. 1184

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of VERNON G. HUGHES, aka VERNON HUGHES, aka VERNON GLENN HUGHES, Deceased, Case Number 21PR30005

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court in and for Ouray County, Colorado, on or before August 15, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.

David E. Rakow  
PO Box 302, Fate, TX 75132  
Primary Phone: 972-978-6797  
Personal Representative

Published: Ouray County Plaidealer: April 15, 22, 29, 2021

Legal Notice No. 1186

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Terry William Hamman, aka Terry W. Hamman, aka Terry Hamman, Deceased, Case Number: 21PR30006

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 September 1, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.

Cathey Hamman  
12115 Mahogany Drive  
Reno, Nevada 89511  
Personal Representative

Published: Ouray County Plaidealer: April 29, May 6, May 13, 2021

Legal Notice No. 48323

**ORDINANCE 2021-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, AMENDING REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE USE OF OFF-HIGHWAY**

**VEHICLES IN UNINCORPORATED OURAY COUNTY; AND SETTING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

NOTE: Ordinance No. 2021-001 remains the same as was published in the April 8, 2021 edition of "The Plaidealer." The following sections were slightly modified during the April 27, 2021 BOCC meeting:

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READING on April 6, 2021 and ordered published in the Ouray County Plaidealer on April 8, 2021.

11. It is unlawful to operate an unlicensed OHV, ATV, or unlicensed / unregistered motorcycle on Ouray County Public Rights-of-Ways where such use is prohibited by Resolution, Ordinance, or Official Designation, unless:

- it is registered / permitted with the State of Colorado pursuant to C.R.S. § 33-14.5-102 and the registration / permit is displayed.
- the OHV / ATV / motorcycle contains no more occupants than it is designed to hold when in motion.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO**

/s/  
Ben Tisdell, Chair  
/s/  
Lynn M. Padgett, Vice-Chair  
/s/  
Jake Niece, Commissioner

ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING on April 27, 2021

/s/  
Ben Tisdell, Chair  
/s/  
Lynn M. Padgett, Vice-Chair  
/s/  
Jake Niece, Commissioner

EFFECTIVE DATE May 29, 2021

**CERTIFICATION BY OURAY COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER:**  
I, Michelle Nauer, Clerk and Recorder of Ouray County and Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby attest and certify that this Ordinance was introduced and read on April 6, 2021 and ordered published at such regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. The Ordinance was published in full in the Ouray County Plaidealer on April 8, 2021 along with a notice of public hearing. Adopted and approved at a public hearing of the Board of County Commissioners on April 27, 2021 after the second and final reading of the Ordinance. Published after adoption in the Ouray County Plaidealer on the 29th day of April, 2021.

/s/  
Michelle Nauer, Clerk and County Recorder  
By: Hannah Hollenbeck, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Published: Ouray County Plaidealer: April 29, 2021

Legal Notice No. 48325

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Ouray County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 5:00 pm on May 18th at the Ouray County Land Use Office, located at 111 Mall Road, Ridgway CO and via Zoom. (Zoom info published with the hearing agenda in the Plaidealer 14-days prior to the hearing date.)

The purpose of the hearing is to consider a request by Donald and Alicia Sheppard for a Plat Amendment of Fisher Canyon South, Filing #2, Lots 12 and 13. The purpose of the proposed plat amendment is to combine the two subject lots into a single lot. This application is made under the provisions of Section 6.12 of the Ouray County Land Use Code.

Application materials may be reviewed during regular business hours (Mon – Thurs, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm) at the Land Use Office, 111 Mall Road, Ridgway, Colorado. Comments may be submitted prior to the hearing and should be received no later than May 11th. Comments may be mailed to: Land Use Office, P.O. Box 28, Ridgway, CO 81432 or emailed to: [mcastrodale@ouraycountyco.gov](mailto:mcastrodale@ouraycountyco.gov). Alternatively, written and/or oral testimony may be taken from the public during the hearing. Action may be taken on this application following the hearing.

Published: Ouray County Plaidealer: April 29, 2021

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# LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice No. 48324

**Ouray County Expenditure Report  
February 1, 2021 - March 31, 2021**

Pursuant to C.R.S. §30-25-111(1) each county shall publish a report of each claim, except salary warrants, and expenditure by it allowed and paid and taxes rebated, disclosing the name of and the amount paid to each individual or firm, a description of the services or material furnished to the county, and, as to other items, the nature of the claim and disclosing the fund charged with each expenditure.

<b>FUND: 020 GENERAL FUND</b>		
191 DAHL OF MONTROSE	MATERIALS	149.14
ACCA	DUES	300.00
ALPENGLOW PUBLISHERS LLC	LEGALS	3,704.53
ALPINE BANK	TRAINING/SUPPLIES	8,695.66
ARTHUR J GALLAGHER	LIQUOR LIABILITY INS	2,132.10
BH BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	2,529.31
BR PRINTERS	TAX NOTICES	1,359.81
BRYAN SAMPSON	CELLULAR	35.00
CENTURYLINK	CLERKS/ELECTIONS	1,602.68
CITIZENS STATE BANK	FEDERAL WITHHOLDING	109,810.76
CLEARNETWORX, LLC	SERVICES	836.30
CLUB 20	MEMBERSHIP	300.00
COLO. COUNTY CLERKS	DUES 2021	937.29
COLO. DEPT. OF LABOR	4TH QTR	305.04
COLO. DIV.OF FIRE PREVENT	2021 IGA EFF	3,431.47
COLONIAL INSURANCE	COLONIA NON TAXED	1,494.30
COLUMN, PBC	19CW3098/MONTROSE	401.70
COPY CATS	MAPS	1,204.16
COUNTY HEALTH POOL	DENTAL	68,106.23
COUNTY SHERIFFS OF COLO.	JP/REGISTRATION	350.00
CSU EXTENSION	1ST QTR	1,187.75
DERRICK LINNELL	CELLULAR	35.00
EAST NIAGARA CAR WASH	MAINTENANCE	132.10
ECOLAB	RENTAL	197.77
FASTTRACK COMMUNICATIONS	SERVICES	794.88
FREDRICKZINK & ASSOCIATES	FLEX MEDICAL	801.76
GALLS INC.	VERTX PHANTOM	689.99
GARY CHISM	CELLULAR	70.00
GLENN BOYD	MILEAGE	344.73
GREAT-WEST RETIREMENT	FEB/RET	53,893.53
GREAT/WEST	CCOERA LOAN PLAN	7,627.30
HOME DEPOT	MATERIALS	423.21
INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR	UPGRADES	522.70
KRAFT PAINTING	SERVICES	82.61
LAW OFFICE STEVEN D. ZANS	CASE 32021CV30001	7,500.00
LEO RASMUSSEN	CELLULAR	35.00
LORI FICCO	CELLULAR	58.99
LUIS PEREZ	CELLULAR	35.00
MATTHEW BENDER & CO	2020 SPECIAL SUPP/	27.66
MGT OF AMERICA	CLASS/COMP	3,670.00
MICHELLE KUHLMAN	READY TO GO STAND ALONE	19.99
MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF	JANUARY HOUSING	9,131.00
MONTROSE WATER FACTORY	SERVICES	136.00
MONTY ENGLISH	CELLULAR	35.00
MR. LOCK	SERVICES	162.50
OPENGOV INC	SERVICES	3,500.00
OURAY COUNTY	JANUARY FUEL	3,902.37
OURAY COUNTY EMS	FIRST AID CLASS	35.49
OURAY HARDWARE & MERCANTI	SUPPLIES	135.83
OURAY POLICE DEPT.	EQUIP/	1,055.00
PDS, INC	SERVICES	820.42
PITNEY BOWES	SERVICES	329.96
PROTHMAN	SERVICES	2,972.50
PURCHASE POWER	POSTAGE	4,006.27
QUILL	SUPPLIES	105.79
RIDGWAY HARDWARE	HARDWARE/CHAIN LINK	132.32
SALT LAKE WHOLESALE SPORT	EQUIPMENT	1,460.80
SAN MIGUEL POWER	UTILITIES	14,772.18
SCHOONOVER SERVICES INC.	SERVICES	897.40
SCOTT'S PRINTING	SUPPLIES/ENVELOPES	768.15
SECOND CHANCE HUMANE	SERVICES	320.00
SERVPRO	WATER RESTORATION	855.46
SNIPP'S HEAT & AIR	SERVICES	237.32
STATE OF COLORADO	02/REG	397.04
THE MASTER'S TOUCH LLC	POSTAGE	1,600.00
TIM ZIRBEL	CELLULAR	70.00
TIMBER RIDGE STATION	SERVICES	175.00
TOWN OF RIDGWAY	UTILITIES	382.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	MAINTENANCE INCODE	176.46
USDA FOREST SERVICE	ALPINE MGMT	6,600.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELLULAR	1,234.35
VINER LAW	SERVICES	17,768.00
VISTA OUTDOOR SALES	P45HST2	63.26
WASTE MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	358.49
WESTCO	1ST QTR	12,714.82
WESTERN PAPER DISTRIBUTOR	SUPPLIES	1,251.51
WRIGHT WATER ENGINEERS	SERVICES NOV/20	10,315.50
XEROX CORP.	SERVICES	668.44
XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICE	SERVICES	<u>1,391.91</u>
	<b>SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>386,770.99</b>
<b>FUND: 040 ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>		
AFFORDABLE AUTO GLASS	GLASS	477.00
ALPINE BANK	TRAINING/SUPPLIES	188.30
ALSCO	SERVICES	1,247.48
BH BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	1,586.24
CENTURYLINK	CLERKS/ELECTIONS	244.91
CHRISTY WILLIAMS	SUPPLIES	90.04
CITIZENS STATE BANK	FEDERAL WITHHOLDING	22,862.45
CLEARNETWORX, LLC	SERVICES	383.50
COLONIAL INSURANCE	COLONIAL NON TAXES	389.54
COMMERCIAL TIRE	TIRES	2,285.79
COUNTY HEALTH POOL	DENTAL	20,144.56
DELTA RIGGING & TOOLS	WIRE ROPE/CLIP	77.15
DMEA	UTILITIES	102.24
FASTENAL SUPPLIES	PARTS	842.20
FASTTRACK COMMUNICATIONS	SERVICES	223.54
FLEET PRIDE	PARTS	842.20
FLOWER MOTOR COMPANY	AXLE	120.15
GREAT-WEST RETIREMENT	FEB/RET	9,034.44
GREAT/WEST	CCOERA LOAN PLAN	717.16
HARTMAN BROTHERS	SUPPLIES	177.72
INDEPENDENT PUMP	SERVICES	636.38
INLAND TRUCK PARTS	UBOLTS	80.68
MHC KENWORTH	BRACKETS	229.46
MONTROSE WATER FACTORY	SERVICES	41.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	1,833.63
NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	SPECIAL TRAFFIC	621.27
OURAY COUNTY	JANUARY FUEL	7,717.87
OURAY HARDWARE & MERCANTI	SUPPLIES	152.56
PERSONNEL SAFETY	SUPPLIES	108.60
PROTHMAN	SERVICES	966.51
QUILL	SUPPLIES	47.22
R AND M AUTO PARTS	BRAKE FLUID	213.51
RIDGWAY HARDWARE	HARDWARE/CHAIN LINK	204.31
ROBERT RUMMEL	DOT 2021	90.00

<b>ROCKY MTN AGGREGATE &amp; CON</b>		
SAN MIGUEL POWER		21,044.19
SANI SERVE		2,311.00
SEH		690.00
SNAP ON TOOLS		11,011.29
TOTAL GREEN JANITORIAL		385.50
TOWN OF RIDGWAY		3,363.52
UNCC		104.00
VERIZON WIRELESS		108.24
WAGNER EQUIPMENT		1,143.68
WINZER		994.34
		<u>82.22</u>
	<b>SUBTOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>118,357.12</b>
<b>FUND: 050 SOCIAL SERVICES</b>		
CITIZENS STATE BANK	FEDERAL WITHHOLDING	12,511.22
COLONIAL INSURANCE	COLONIAL NON TAXED	248.16
COUNTY HEALTH POOL	DENTAL	5,072.34
GREAT-WEST RETIREMENT	FEB/RET	4,573.80
GREAT/WEST	CCOERA LOAN PLAN	<u>2,301.82</u>
	<b>SUBTOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>24,707.34</b>
<b>FUND: 645 BROADBAND FUND</b>		
DEEPLY DIGITAL, LLC	BORING/CONSTRUCTION	<u>117,718.00</u>
	<b>SUBTOTAL BROADBAD FUND</b>	<b>117,718.00</b>
<b>FUND: 710 CLERK/RECORDER TECH</b>		
DELL MARKETING	OPTIPLEX 3080 MICRO BTX/CLERK	5,851.77
INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR	UPGRADES	<u>4,513.08</u>
	<b>SUBTOTAL CLERK'S TECH FUND</b>	<b>10,364.85</b>
<b>FUND: 720 CLERK/RECORDER OPERATING</b>		
CITY OF OURAY	SALES TAX	154.67
COLO. DEPT. HUMAN SERVICE	MARRIAGE LICENSES	200.00
COUNTY TREASURER	TECH SURCHARGE	539.00
DEPT. OF HEALTH	MARRIAGE LICENSES	30.00
MONADNOCK MINERAL SERVICE	SURVEY PLAT	10.00
OURAY COUNTY	JANUARY FUEL	984.10
OURAY TREASURER	MMM TREAS	323,630.72
TOWN OF RIDGWAY	UTILITIES	<u>603.89</u>
	<b>SUBTOTAL CLERK'S OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>326,152.38</b>
<b>FUND: 800 EMS FUND</b>		
ALPINE BANK	TRAINING/SUPPLIES	1,415.24
ANDREW YEOWELL	SERVICES	3,500.00
BUSINESS OPTIONS	SERVICES	676.68
CENTURYLINK	CLERKS/ELECTIONS	244.29
CITIZENS STATE BANK	FEDERAL WITHHOLDING	17,876.36
CLEARNETWORX, LLC	SERVICES	783.10
COLONIAL INSURANCE	COLONIAL NON TAXED	108.20
COLORADO FIRECAMP	MARCH FIRE CAMP	950.00
COPY CATS	MAPS	37.00
COUNTY HEALTH POOL	DENTAL	6,502.50
FASTTRACK COMMUNICATIONS	SERVICES	142.98
GREAT-WEST RETIREMENT	FEB/RET	4,836.96
HARTMAN BROTHERS	SUPPLIES	267.85
HENRY SCHEIN	SUPPLIES	352.50
LIFE-ASSIST	SUPPLIES	732.75
MICHAEL ANDREWS	PARTS	34.01
MIKE ANDREWS	SUPPLIES	26.94
MONTROSE FORD NISSAN	SERVICES	248.35
MONTROSE SIGNS	VEHICLE LETTERING	400.00
MR. LOCK	SERVICES	4.50
OURAY COUNTY	JANUARY FUEL	1,399.79
RIDGWAY FIRE PROTECTION	1ST QTR RENT	7,350.00
ROAD & BRIDGE	MAINT/SERVICE	749.40
RPM AUTOMOTIVE	ALIGNMENT	798.22
SHOP N LUBE	AIR FILTER	136.18
TIMBER RIDGE STATION	SERVICES	69.55
WESTCO	1ST QTR	<u>3,549.62</u>
	<b>SUBTOTAL EMS FUND</b>	<b>53,192.97</b>
<b>FUND: 890 PUBLIC HEALTH FUND</b>		
ALPINE BANK	TRAINING/SUPPLIES	2,301.84
AMY ERIKSEN	MILEAGE	161.94
BUSINESS OPTIONS	SERVICES	12.85
CENTURYLINK	CLERKS/ELECTIONS	272.22
CITIZENS STATE BANK	FEDERAL WITHHOLDING	19,860.63
CLEARNETWORX, LLC	SERVICES	807.10
COLO. DEPT. PUBLIC HEALTH	RETAIL LICENSE FOOD FEES	344.00
COLONIAL INSURANCE C	COLONIA NON TAXED	79.80
COUNTY HEALTH POOL	DENTAL	6,228.40
FERRELLGAS	UTILITIES	1,071.27
FREDRICKZINK & ASSOCIATES	FLEX MEDICAL	434.18
FRESH FOOD HUB	FAMILY WELLNESS	508.55
GREAT-WEST RETIREMENT	FEB/RET	11,084.73
IDARADO MINING COMPANY	MARCH RENT	1,122.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICA	SUPPLIES	413.91
QUILL	SUPPLIES	167.94
REBEKAH STEWART	MILEAGE	225.72
RIDGWAY NATURAL FOODS	FAMILY WELLNESS	98.98
SAN MIGUEL POWER	UTILITIES	328.00
SANOFI PASTEUR	VACCINES	347.36
SPROUT DESIGN STUDIO	FAMILY WELLNESS	51.75
STEP BY STEP	FAMILY WELLNESS	262.50
TANNER KINGERY	THERMOMETER	80.94
VOYAGER YOUTH PROGRAM	FEBRUARY	17,225.32
WASTE MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	182.95
XEROX CORP.	SERVICES	<u>349.07</u>
	<b>SUBTOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH FUND</b>	<b>64,023.95</b>
<b>FUND: 900 MTC FUND</b>		
COLORADO JUDICIAL DEPT.	TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY	168.00
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR	VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND	224.00
OURAY COUNTY SHERIFF	CHP/MTC	<u>8.00</u>
	<b>SUBTOTAL MTC FUND</b>	<b>400.00</b>
<b>FUND: 950 FUEL PUMPS FUND</b>		
MASTER PETROLEUM	FEBRUARY FUEL	<u>28,202.85</u>
	<b>SUBTOTAL FUEL FUND</b>	<b>28,202.85</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>1,129,890.45</u></b>

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# VACCINE

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asked for Friday or Saturday appointments. So far, the Public Health Agency has primarily been vaccinating people Tuesday through Thursday, but they're discussing scheduling Friday or weekend sessions, Kingery said. "We're tossing all these ideas around right now about ways to make it easy and convenient for everyone," he said.

They are also starting to offer the Johnson & Johnson vaccines again after a short pause, which could be more appealing to people wanting only one shot, instead of two.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Food and Drug Administration have advised providers they can resume using the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine, after halting it to review six reported cases of severe blood clots, out of more than 6 million doses administered.

Their review determined "the available data show that the vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks in individuals 18 years of age and older," the agencies said in a statement Friday.

While the clots are "exceptionally rare," they require different treatment than other types of blood clots, and the agencies have released new guidance to medical

providers to be "aware of the potential for these adverse events," and to be prepared to treat them properly, the statement said.

The Ouray County Public Health Agency has about 300 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine on hand, which were shipped before the mandatory pause.

The county held a one-day Pfizer vaccine clinic for 17 students from Ouray and Ridgway last week, because that vaccine is the only one approved for 16- and 17-year-olds. They'll get their second doses in three weeks, but the county isn't likely to schedule any other Pfizer clinics because of the logistical challenges, Kingery said. Ouray County is only receiving Moderna and J&J vaccines, due to the ultracold storage requirements for Pfizer vials, so the teen clinic required requesting doses from Delta Hospital and sending someone there to pick them up and make sure they were stored properly.

"It's really quite difficult logistically, having 3 vaccines on hand, especially the Pfizer," Kingery said, in response to a question from Commissioner Lynn Padgett this week about scheduling a clinic for others looking for that vaccine. "Honestly, it was quite difficult and a lot of work and a lot of headaches," he said, making it unlikely he'll do it again, aside from the required second doses for the teenagers who already received their first shots.

Pfizer vaccines are available from some providers in nearby counties, including Montrose, San Miguel and Delta counties.

Ouray County will continue offering vaccinations at the 4-H Center for the next few weeks, but Kingery said they plan to move back to the Public Health office in Ouray by Memorial Day, allowing events to be scheduled at the 4-H Center going forward.

Once the mass clinic is broken down, they may look

at scheduling 10 doses per day from the office, he said; Commissioner Ben Tisdell also suggested using large spaces at the schools, once they're no longer in session, if a larger space is needed.

Registration for vaccines is still available online through Ouray County's website.

Liz Teitz is a journalist with Report for America, a nonprofit program focused on supporting journalism in underserved areas. Email erin@ouraynews.com to make a tax-deductible donation to support her work.

## Where else can you get a vaccine?

Here are a few options in our region if you're looking for alternatives.

A list and map of all Colorado vaccine providers, including links to register, is available at covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine/where-you-can-get-vaccinated

- City Market, Safeway, Walgreens and Walmart: Register for appointments online through store websites.

- Montrose County Public Health: Details online at www.montrosecountyjic.com/vaccination/ or by phone at 970-252-4545, option 1

- Delta County: 970-874-2168

- Delta Health (hospital): 970-874-2410

- Pediatric Associates of Montrose and Delta: Pfizer available, 970-249-2421

- Grand Junction Convention Center: Vaccines available by appointment or walk-in, Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Schedule appointments online at scheduling.mesacountyhealth.com/public/index.php, or call 970-248-6900

- San Miguel County: Clinics at Telluride Intermediate School gym, register for appointments online at https://covid-19-sanmiguelco.hub.arcgis.com. Pfizer for ages 16-17, April 30; Moderna May 1 and May 5; Johnson & Johnson May 1

- Vaccine Mobile Clinics: State vaccine buses, which can distribute up to 500 shots per day, will stop in Grand Junction on May 5, Palisade on May 7 and Fruita on May 8. Sign up for appointments at https://www.mobilevax.us/western-slope.

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Theater 2 R	<b>Lewis Tan</b> <b>Mortal Kombat</b> 7:05 p.m. Fri, Sat & Sun 4:05 p.m. Sat & Sun
Penthouse K	<b>Japanese Anime</b> <b>Demon Slayer the Movie: Mugen Train</b> 7:25 p.m. Fri - English dubbed, no subtitles 4:25 p.m. Sat - English dubbed, no subtitles 7:25 p.m. Sat - Japanese with English subtitles 4:25 p.m. Sun - Japanese with English subtitles 7:25 p.m. Sun - English dubbed, no subtitles

# THE WEATHER



Compiled By Carolina Brown

## LAST WEEK

### OURAY

Date	High	Low	PCP	Snow	S.O.G.
4/20	47	25	.16	T	T
4/21	56	24	0	0	T
4/22	52	33	0	0	0
4/23	47	32	.36	1	1
4/24	63	31	.02	T	T
4/25	63	31	0	0	0
4/26	60	44	0	0	0

### RIDGWAY

Date	High	Low	PCP	Snow	S.O.G.
4/20	62	22	0	0	0
4/21	52	23	0	0	0
4/22	65	31	0	0	0
4/23	58	32	.02	0	0
4/24	53	21	T	0	0
4/25	68	22	0	0	0
4/26	74	30	0	0	0

Ouray report from NWS weather observer Karen Risch. Ridgway report from weather observer Jennifer Cram. Ridgway data is for 24 hr. period ending at 7 a.m. on the date observed.

### AVALANCHE DANGER

LOW

### LUNAR PHASES

Date	Type	Pct
Apr. 30	Waxing Gibbous	84%
May 6	Waning Gibbous	24%

## FORECAST

	OURAY HI° LO°	RIDGWAY HI° LO°
<b>Fri. Apr. 30</b> Sunrise: 6:14 a.m. Sunset: 8:02 p.m.	66° 45° sunny	73° 51° sunny
<b>Sat. May 1</b> Sunrise: 6:12 a.m. Sunset: 8:03 p.m.	68° 46° partly cloudy	76° 51° sunny
<b>Sun. May 2</b> Sunrise: 6:11 a.m. Sunset: 8:03 p.m.	62° 39° partly cloudy	70° 42° mostly sunny
<b>Mon. May 3</b> Sunrise: 6:10 a.m. Sunset: 8:04 p.m.	54° 42° cloudy	58° 37° partly cloudy
<b>Tues. May 4</b> Sunrise: 6:09 a.m. Sunset: 8:05 p.m.	57° 44° sunny	61° 39° sunny
<b>Wed. May 5</b> Sunrise: 6:08 a.m. Sunset: 8:06 p.m.	61° 48° partly cloudy	66° 43° partly cloudy
<b>Thurs. May 6</b> Sunrise: 6:07 a.m. Sunset: 8:07 p.m.	64° 49° cloudy	69° 44° partly cloudy

## AREA WEEKEND WEATHER

	SAT. HI° LO°	SUN. HI° LO°	PRECIP. SAT. SUN.
Grand Junction	88° 58°	79° 48°	0% 20%
Lake City	66° 41°	59° 35°	10% 10%
Gunnison	74° 40°	68° 35°	0% 20%
Durango	78° 46°	73° 41°	0% 0%
Telluride	65° 43°	59° 36°	0% 10%
Dolores	79° 46°	74° 39°	0% 0%
Crested Butte	66° 40°	59° 35°	0% 30%
Denver	83° 54°	70° 48°	10% 50%
Colorado Springs	81° 54°	71° 46°	0% 40%
Moab, UT	90° 61°	81° 50°	0% 10%

## WATER FLOWS & SNOWPACK

Location	Flow	Pass	Snowpack
Uncompahgre		Red Mtn. Pass	
Near Ridgway	73.3	11,200 ft.	18.3"
Below Reservoir	69.3	Schofield Pass	
		10,700 ft.	22.5"
Gunnison		Upper Taylor	
Below Gunnison Tunnel	702	10,640 ft.	7.7"
Near Delta	739	McClure Pass	
San Miguel		9,500 ft.	3.5"
Near Placerville	107	Lizard Head Pass	
Brooks Bridge Nucla	60.1	10,200 ft.	5.2"
Cimarron		Molas Lake	
Near Cimarron	23.0	10,500 ft.	8.4"
Dallas Creek		Wolf Creek Summit	
Near Ridgway	.19	11,200 ft.	26.8"
Lake Fork		Lone Cone	
Near Gateview	88.2	9,600 ft.	.1"
Animas River		Upper San Juan	
Near Durango	372	10,200 ft.	22.2"
	In cfs.	Idarado	
		9,800 ft.	6.5"

# RISCH

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the historic average of 23.05 inches. Unfortunately, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's forecast for May through July is daunting, with above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation.

Even worse, Ouray and the rest of Colorado share this dismal forecast with virtually all of the American Southwest. Becky Bollinger, Colorado's assistant state climatologist and Colorado State University drought specialist, says that the snowpack season for the Colorado River Basin, now in spring melt, "fell well short of expectations." (Colorado River Basin's snowpack season earns low grades: Bad news for water in the West," The Washington Post, April 16, 2021.) The major consequences will be increased wildfire risk, reduced water supply, and reduced crop and livestock yields.

Bollinger's report card also includes a C grade for the snowpack this year, which peaked and began melting 10 days early on April 2. "Since the beginning of April, the majority of stations in the upper Colorado River basin have seen melt rates between 2 and 6 inches. When the snowpack peaks and melts early it often portends a lower water supply during the dry season."

Snowpack values for the entire Colorado River Basin are also well below normal, with many locations peaking in the bottom 25th percentile.

The Colorado River basin's soils score much worse; Bollinger gives them an F. This "problem child" entered the winter snowpack accumulation season extremely dry after a "no-show" summer-fall monsoon season. "But without the monsoon moisture," she writes, "the basin went into the snowy part of the season with dry soil, essentially saddling the water supply with a debt that is far from being repaid."

Stream data is also troubling, earning a D grade from Bollinger. The U.S Geological Survey shows that "the percent of the upper part of the basin observing near normal flow conditions has actually increased from 21 percent to 42 percent." Not all is as rosy as it seems, though. Bollinger says this increase "is only an artifact of the early snow melt and will not be sustained."

On April 1, the Colorado River Basin Forecast Center predicted that "all of the Colorado River Basin will experience below-average water supply." The Southwest's reservoirs (think Lakes Mead and Powell) also receive a D grade. "Unfortunately," concludes Bollinger, "we'll put 2021 down as another year to further deplete this system."

Meanwhile, we can only watch as much of the glistening white mantle on our northern side of the San Juans melts and much of it is absorbed by thirsty alpine soil. The red, warm river that runs through Ouray hasn't risen yet, though the visible snowpack decreases daily

*April gets you out of your head and out working in the garden. — Marty Rubin*

*Karen Risch gardens, records weather for NOAA and CoCoRahs, writes and hikes in Ouray. Her Wunderground weather station ID is KCOOURAY3, transmitting*

*weather from latitude N38° 1' 34", longitude W107° 40' 21", Elevation 7,736'. A purpleair.com air quality monitor RISCH operates at the same location.*

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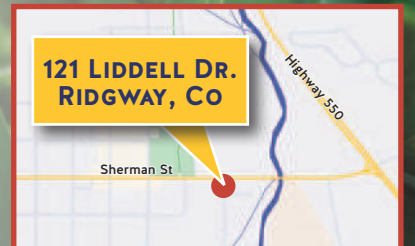
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# AGENDA

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

May 4, 2021

This meeting is being held virtually, via Zoom, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to Resolution 2020-007.

Video and audio: <https://zoom.us/j/92039160307>  
Meeting ID: 920 3916 0307

Phone Only: 1-346-248-7799  
Meeting ID: 920 3916 0307

A. 8:30 The Board of County Commissioners will convene as the Board of Health concerning the following:  
1. Public Health Director Update;  
2. Discussion and possible action concerning extension of Ouray County Public Health Order No. 11:

B. 9:00 AM 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.

C. 9:30 Road and Bridge Reports:  
1. Road and Bridge Report:  
2. Request for appointment of Ty Barger as Ouray County Road Supervisor pursuant to C.R.S. § 43-2-111:  
3. Miller Mesa Road Association (MMRA) Requests:  
a. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on Agreement concerning road maintenance repair work on CR 5 from the intersection of CR-5 and CR-5A:  
b. Request for approval to install Kiosk near the cattle guard on CR-5/CR-5A:  
4. Request for approval/authorization to process payment to Lifetime Adventures, LLC for ski trail grooming (1-30-21 to 3-25-21) out of the Ouray Parks Fund:  
5. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on Road Project Agreement between Ouray County and the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest, Ouray Ranger District for Engineer Pass (County Road 18) Road Repair and on the Fiscal Impact Form:  
6. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on Position Replacement Forms for Road and Bridge Operators and a Mechanic:

D. 10:00 Request for adoption of Proclamation 2021-003 declaring May 2021 as Mental Health Awareness Month:

E. 10:05 General Business:  
1. Request for approval of warrants:  
2. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on Western Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council (WRETAC) Regional

Systems Development Application and Pre-Grant Form for purchase of a Lucas CPR Device:  
3. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on Letter of Assignment from DOWL Engineering to Buckhorn Engineering Inc., (BEI) concerning Ouray County Engineering Services:  
4. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on Pre-Grant Form for Regional Climate Action Plan Update, Phase 2 (Community Outreach and Engagement) by EcoAction Partners on behalf of the Sneffels Energy Board:  
5. Request for adoption of Resolution 2021-013 regarding Disbursement of National Forest Payments and Motor Vehicle Funds pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-29-101 (4):  
6. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Ouray County and Ridgway State Park Concerning Noxious Weed Management and Control Services and on its Fiscal Impact Form:  
7. Consideration of Letter of Support concerning cooperation between Region 9 and Region 10 to work on economic recovery agenda:  
8. Discussion / possible action concerning an Economic Study Grant (OEDT):  
F. 10:15 The Board of County Commissioners will move into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) for a conference with the County Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding the Ouray County and Montrose County boundary line placement:

G. 11:00 Ouray County Historical Society:  
1. Discussion and possible action regarding recommended improvements for the Ironton Houses:

H. 11:45 Marti Whitmore, Colorado River Water Conservation District Representative:  
1. River District Meeting Update:

I. 12:00 Commissioner/Administrative Reports:

Lunch:

J. 1:30 The Board of County Commissioners will convene into an executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(2)(f); for discussion of a personnel matter not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees:

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. Agendas and amended agendas will be posted on the Ouray County Website [www.ouraycountyco.gov](http://www.ouraycountyco.gov) no later than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting. Agendas may also be posted at the Ouray County Courthouse, 541 4th Street, Ouray, CO 81427.

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## PANTRY

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"We are open every week, but not every family comes every week," she said.

Though it is hard to say if the amount served has gone down over the last several months, Angehrn said the numbers are still above pre-pandemic levels.

Under normal circumstances, prior to the pandemic, clients would come to the front desk, sign in and fill out a shopping list. While that order was filled by a volunteer, the client could also shop the shelves of donated items. Angehrn is hopeful to get back to this system upon moving to the new location.

"Number one, it's just a lot easier, and secondly, the interaction between the volunteers and the clients is just more

intimate when they can come in and choose what they want, (there's) more opportunity to have a conversation."

Every week since the start of the pandemic, volunteers have used a new protocol, taking tables outdoors and filling them with food purchased through the Food Pantry of the Rockies, which provides a steady volume of essential items.

Donated food is placed in bags in a miscellaneous fashion by a volunteer and handed out, rather than allowing clients to shop for what they want.

Angehrn, a retired registered nurse who is originally from California, has always been interested in nutrition. She's been working for the food pantry for 11 years. The pantry started in Ouray in 2008, moved to Ridgway in 2010 and formally registered as a 501(c)(3) in 2013.

"Food pantries have always been where

my heart is," she said.

Her answer to people who may feel embarrassed coming into the Food Pantry: "You know what, some day you may come in and you're sitting in my desk and I'm sitting in yours."

Sometimes patrons will come in and say, "This is my last time here because I am starting a job on Monday.' And we won't see them for months, maybe years, and then we will see them back. It's just good to be here for when the need arises because you never know. We've had so many people who had really good jobs and now they have no job."

But just having a job in Ouray County does not prevent people from needing the food pantry, Angehrn said, as the pantry helps many people who simply cannot make ends meet even though they work full time.

"We do have people with regular jobs, making minimum wage or maybe slightly above, and if you've got a family in Ouray County that doesn't cut it. We've got people with more than one job," Angehrn said.

### The move

"You can see we are really crowded here," Angehrn said, motioning across the cramped space at the current location on Sherman Street, where she sat surrounded by packed shelves and piles of boxes.

The closing date on the purchase is scheduled for May 3 and the plan is to be completely out of the building by May 7, the end of the lease at the old building next to the Shell gas station. Volunteers are lined up to help with the move, though they will be reaching out to the Ridgway Volunteer Fire Department to help move the two freezers and a refrigerator.

"We've got a lot of volunteers but we're all getting old," she said, laughing.

The new location is beautifully landscaped and the pantry board is on the lookout for volunteers who like garden-

ing and would be willing to help maintain it.

The pantry will maintain its current hours of every Thursday from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

The lot at the new location is big enough for a future expansion, if that's needed.

### The service

Recipients must show proof of Ouray County residency on the first visit.

On the first Thursday of the month, the pantry distributes food from the federal government programs, TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) and CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food Program). Links to eligibility requirements for those programs are on the food pantry's website.

The pantry tries to provide meat every week, usually purchased through the Food Pantry of the Rockies or Shared Ministries in Montrose. They occasionally purchase it from local ranchers when available at processing cost.

In the summer fresh produce and fruits are available from various sources, including the federal government source Feeding America.

### Donations

The preferable way to donate to the pantry is by mailing a check, as the pantry does not lose any money through transaction fees, but they also offer the convenience of donating online through a card. This also allows the pantry managers to purchase needed items in bulk, at a lower cost and make the donation stretch further.

Drop-off boxes for food items are located at the Ridgway Post Office and Ridgway's Alpine Bank location. Donations can also be dropped off at the food pantry when it is open and Angehrn is happy to arrange to meet someone with a large amount to donate. She can be reached at [infor@ouraycountyfoodpantry.org](mailto:infor@ouraycountyfoodpantry.org).

## OBITUARY

### Jeff Norman

January 4, 1958-March 29, 2021

I remember when my dad taught me how to ski, when I was maybe four years old. My mother was a ski instructor, and so she tried to teach me using the "correct" methods, using "pizza, french fries," etc. I always ended up crying, and my poor mom had to carry me down the hill while I threw a tantrum. My dad, however, simply stuck me in a harness and held the



other end of the rope. He would try to steer me while I pointed straight down the slope. It's been a little over 12 years since then and I still love skiing.

Of course, some of my passion for skiing must be attributed to genetics. Known to the majority of the Telluride and Ridgway communities as "Normy," my father was incredibly athletic. Hailing from Long Beach, CA, he was a natural surfer. With that came skateboarding. Both of these stuck with him for his whole life, and he could still do a handstand on a moving skateboard at the age of 62. Next was mountain biking. He took it up before it was anything like today. He moved to Durango, CO and rode professionally for Schwinn during the time that mountain biking became popular, racing with a lot of the big names, never taking himself or any of it very seriously. For him, it was always for the love of the sport, even though he enjoyed the competition.

When he moved to Durango, he did things here and there, and eventually earned a ski pass by working for the mountain. Normy would tell you that he "invented" snowboarding. Of course, this isn't exactly true. However, he did help to popularize it. But he eventually switched to skiing. As with most things he did, he picked it up pretty fast and became one of the best. Eventually, he ended up in Telluride, where he became a pillar of the community, and helped shape it into what it used to be: authentic (or real, as the locals like to say).

Norman was an excellent baker, in addition to pretty much everything else. He owned the Stone House bakery in Durango for a few years, along with putting in countless hours at Baked in Telluride over a period of a few decades. More recently, he assisted in baking operations at Crumb in Ridgway for a few months, and

probably far past the time when he should've stopped due to his declining health. Well into the fall and winter, he showed up every morning, a joint in his mouth. Eventually, he started showing up on a walker, but kept showing up nonetheless.

That was one consistent thing in his fight with cancer over the past year: his persistence. He refused to

take his diagnosis lying down - quite literally. Given the state of his cancer, and his worsening condition, he made it a lot further than he should've, perhaps by sheer force of will. He also refused to lie down until the very end, knowing that he may never get up again. Part of this stubbornness can be attributed to his childhood. When my father was 14 or 15, he mysteriously became paralyzed from the waist down. The doctors told him he'd never walk again. Around a year later, he made a full recovery. One time, somebody theorized that because he'd been surfing near poison ivy, the plant somehow got into his bloodstream and swelled his joints. This also explained his newfound immunity to poison ivy. Yet another example of him conquering the unconquerable.

He helped to build and shape this community in more ways than one. Carving out the beginnings of what are now known as the RAT trails, building one of the first houses in River Park, the list goes on. Whether you knew Normy from his work at Second Chance or saw him on his unicycle with his morning coffee in hand, multiple dog leashes in the other, or from the massive statue of liberty on his front lawn holding her political signs, his memory will live on in the community.

On Saturday, May 1 there will be a memorial ride on the RAT mountain bike trails leaving from Ridgway Wrench at 10 am. Join us or just come to see the riders off. A celebration of the life of Jeff Norman will take place at 380 North Cora in Ridgway following the ride or around 1:00. All are welcome as Jeff touched many lives throughout the San Juans and beyond. There are some great videos of Jeff on YouTube commemorating his life that can be found upon searching Jeff Norman.

## MASK

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safely return to in person learning.

With the arrival of increasing num-

bers of tourists, COVID-19 variants, and the potential for a future spike in cases, continuing the masking mandate is even more important. We have to continue what we know helps prevent infections, hospitalizations and deaths, to avoid

individual and collective suffering and economic hardship. The mask mandate is a wise and effective choice. It is a minor discomfort compared to the alternative.

The mask mandate communicates the importance of these measures to tourists in an unambiguous way. Removing the mandate, and relying on voluntary compliance, sends wrong and confusing signals that masking is not important, not effective or that the virus is under control.

We have come a long way in the struggle and need to make sure we see this through to the successful conclusion. Let the safety and well-being of Ouray County residents guide our decisions and trust science to help direct our actions to keep us all healthy and prosperous.

Thank you,

**Dr. Andrew Yeowell**  
**Dr. Avery Mackenzie**  
**Dr. Alexis Garza**  
**Dr. Douglas Borgo**  
**Dr. Katy Majors-Foley**  
**Dr. Katie Hughes**  
**Dr. Kerstin May**

## OBITUARY

### Thomas David Griffiths

Sept. 12, 1943-Jan. 15, 2021

Thomas David Griffiths, 77, of Johnstown died on January 15, 2021, at the Hillcrest Assisted Living Center in Loveland. He was born in an Army hospital on September 12, 1943, in Washington D.C. to

Thomas Melvin and Barbara Rose Griffiths. Thomas lived in Denver and has been living in Johnstown since 2010.

Thomas attended the Evans School for the Deaf & Blind, Morey Middle School and graduated from East High. He was a Boy Scout and later became an Eagle Scout. After high school he went to mechanical drawing school. Thomas was a draftsman for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. From 1959-1960, he lived in Stockholm, Sweden. After his work with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service, he attended the Rochester Institute of Technology.

He is survived by his brother, Arthur Griffiths, of Johnstown; nephews Travis Griffiths and Everett Griffiths; niece Anna Villarreal; as well as many cousins.

Cremation has been completed. No services to be held. Please go to [www.viegutfuneralhome.com](http://www.viegutfuneralhome.com) for online condolences.



# PREPARING FOR PLANTING



Ridgway Secondary School students volunteered on April 23 at the Ridgway Community Garden, readying garden beds for planting.

Left: Maizy Gordon and Anna Mahlin pour a wheelbarrow full of soil into a garden bed.

Right: Students Dylan Hunter, Tanner Hawkins, Canyon Ishikawa, Jackson Magahee, Garrison Unfug and Justin Beserra dig into a garden plot and get it ready for planting.

Photos courtesy Kaitlyn Winkelmann



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Scholarship deadline May 1

Students who want to develop their skills or pursue a college degree in the performing arts have a chance to receive some financial help from the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild. But the deadline to apply for that help is May 1.

There are two categories of OCPAG Youth Scholarship available - one for graduating high school seniors and those already enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning and another for middle and high school students.

Scholarship amounts vary from year to year and depend on the number of applications received. In the past, seniors have

received scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000, while middle and high school students have received up to \$500 to help them pursue enrichment activities in the performing arts.

Students can also apply for the Susan Hillhouse Performing Arts Scholarship, a \$1,000 scholarship opportunity for enrolled and full-time college students who are pursuing a performance arts degree or an arts-related teaching degree and intend to stay active in the arts after graduation.

Those eligible are Ouray County middle and high school students and former Ouray County students enrolled in an associate, bachelor's or graduate degree program.

To apply, visit [ocpag.org](http://ocpag.org). Questions can be

emailed to [ocpagscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:ocpagscholarships@gmail.com).

### Space to Create construction staging site approved

The Ridgway Planning Commission voted 5 to 1 on Tuesday night to approve a temporary use permit allowing Stryker and Company, Inc. to stage and store construction equipment on a vacant lot diagonally across Clinton and Laura streets for the Space to Create project. The construction company will rent the lot from its owners, who are Realtors in Telluride.

Despite opposition from a few neighbors about disruption and noise, the commission decided allowing the staging site on

the lot close to the construction site would minimize impact from transporting materials through town. Stryker is required to provide traffic control when moving equipment at the site, must not allow vehicles to idle between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., and must meet with community members bi-weekly to make sure concerns are addressed.

Use of the staging site is expected to start in May, Stryker Project Manager Mark Clutts said, and once construction begins on the Space to Create building, work will be done from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, in an effort to avoid disruption in the neighborhood on Fridays and weekends.



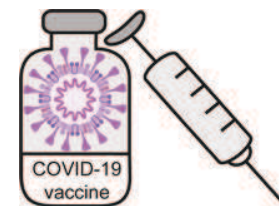
## COVID-19 Testing & Vaccine Update



**Ouray County Mask Protocols in effect.**  
Please wear a mask when entering, waiting to enter, and when within an indoor public space.

**Ouray County Public Health**  
**970-325-4670**

**Vaccine Phase 2**  
**\*General Public**



Current as of 4/23/21  
Total doses administered: 3,351  
First dose: 1,508  
FULLY vaccinated: 1,843  
Total tests administered  
7,502

Sign-up for a vaccine: [www.ouraycountyco.gov](http://www.ouraycountyco.gov)

Colorado Vaccine Hotline 1-877- CO VAX CO (1-877-268-2926)

# A GOOD DAY TO CELEBRATE EARTH



**Erin McIntyre** — *Ouray County Plaindealer*

Left: Ridgway Town Councilor Russ Meyer opens up the back of the 1971 Volkswagen Beetle dubbed the "lightning bug" after its conversion to an all-electric, battery-powered vehicle. Ridgway and Ouray secondary students received a conversion kit for the car with the help of San Miguel Power Association, which presented the keys to the car to Ridgway School District Superintendent Susan Lacy on Earth Day, April 22. SMPA sponsored the conversion more than a decade ago and the student Envirocycle Club, started last year, recently completed it with the help of technology teacher Jonathan Silvester.

The school also celebrated the installation of two electric vehicle charging stations, installed by SMPA with the help of a Charge Ahead Colorado grant, which students applied for and received.

SMPA members can opt into a Totally Green energy program which allows customers to use electricity from 100% renewable sources, through a voluntary 1 cent per kilowatt hour bill adjustment. Ouray County and the Town of Ridgway have both committed to using totally green energy.

Right: Ridgway Elementary School students admire the "lightning bug" electric VW beetle as San Miguel Power Association Key Account Executive Terry Schuyler drives it to the Earth Day celebration at the secondary school.



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