



BOARD OF TRUSTEES - LAKE LIMERICK COUNTRY CLUB

April 15, 2006 9:00

MINUTES

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Guest attending: Jack Betterley, Karen Kohler, Irene Russman, Pat Feist, Ron Gruszuzyski, Bill McDonald, Kirk Osborne, Terry Vosler, Roxanne White, Carolyn Parker.

II. GUESTS FROM THE FLOOR: NONE

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To adjourn at 11:45.

5. **Park Host Log Toy:** Dave reported that there is a candidate for log toy, Lee will do back ground check. The size of the RV was questioned and it will be need to do some of the changes to the sign as requested by the lake dam committee last year.
6. **Committee procedures:** Scott wished to empathize the need for committees to go by the guidelines when conducting meetings and typing minutes. Any motion presented without the correct procedures is not legal. Votes can only be from committee members and only Lake Limerick members. All suggestions are welcome but the guidelines need to be followed.

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LAKE LIMERICK COUNTRY CLUB, INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
April 22, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Scott Carey at 3:25 p.m.

Members attending were: Scott Carey, Tom Taylor, Shirley Toner, Esther Springer-Johannesen, Carolyn Parker, Dick Sirokman, Lee Dormuth, and Dave Kohler

A blanket motion was made by Dick Sirokman, seconded by Carolyn Parker and passed as follows:

To elect Scott Carey President, Tom Taylor Vice President, Esther Springer-Johannesen Treasurer and Shirley Toner Secretary.

All were elected by acclamation, it was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Esther Springer-Johannesen, seconded by Dick Sirokman and passed as follows:

To send out a special postcard in regards to the changes to the Dog Policy, effective May 1, 2006.

A motion was made by Dave Kohler, seconded by Lee Dormuth and passed as follows:

To adjourn the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sheila Hedlund

Executive Administrative Assistant

Preliminary Minutes, not approved by the Board of Trustees. For Review Only.



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COUNTRY CLUB

Its all for fun!

March Highlights

6 Month Recap

	2006	2005	BUDGET
Gross Revenue	318081.98	309107.12	323699.98
Gross Revenue Sales	299435.62	303580.41	339878.54
Net Income	617517.60	612687.53	663578.52
Direct Costs	55983.19	57891.07	85630.38
Gross Profit	561534.41	554796.46	577948.14
Expenses	537939.93	517550.14	572300.52
Operating Profit	23594.48	37246.32	5647.92
Other Income & Expenses	57821.76	39699.87	27148.74
Net Profit	83416.24	76946.19	32796.36

CONSENT AGENDA

WATER COMMITTEE:

LAKE/DAM COMMITTEE:

GREEN COMMITTEE: no minutes

INN COMMITTEE:

YOUTH COMMITTEE:

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE:

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VI. OLD BUSINESS:

*(M) quinn's No correspondence - up lifetime
gold July Remover - quinn's spell
dinner/gum stand -
DS DJ - moved
to approve*

*CA
AK/Ann RS rug mess which was
done that should come down. If
you're going with for removal.
Call home and get work
RS will work w JB. PWD JB
contacted.*

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TERRY VOSLER

Roxanne White

Carolyn Parker

Dog rules \$1000. non compliance
\$100.00, \$250, ~~\$300~~ ^{non compliance} just 2nd, 3rd, contingent of non
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intend to accept 1st 100.00 2nd 250. 3rd non compliance
ES/TT ① KS.
to accept the new dog rules

(NB) Resub. FED 16 1985 resolution
request for variance to allow a pot belly pig
pig which is a family pet.

Adj intended to grant variance for Resub
05 a family pet which is a pot belly pig.

General Meeting - 2:00

③ variance to Directors -

③ water variance

- Ruth Smith who is not coming again, thanks for
the board - for his work especially the work he
has done on the green committee

- FVI Youth committee meeting 22 kids graduates
- 5/19 kids -

BMD show I'd Day need resolution 5/20
meeting in May - request for bid of the one

OB

① Resolutions were discussed, Scott is contacting hearing committee

- (M) motion to ^{appeal} 2006-1 June 08 DS / ST &
- (M) to accept committee guidelines OK / AS &
- (M) to accept procedure of hearing committees DS / ~~AS~~ &

② POS & Quick Books

③ Pro Shop advertising - Don Gordon / top confusion
Budget needs to offset record keeping AS will
be working with Board of office with requirements.
PE stated that tournaments were good advertising -
Bobby & Linn ^{are} ~~was~~ working on a process which
could be developed; another idea would be ad in
local paper.

④
5 Questions: Situation of park boat location @ Anglin Park
~~the~~ ^{the Board} is getting bids on the cost of moving all
the utilities - Consideration of the ability for the boat
to ~~run~~ ^{run} park & beach. Questions raised if we move
the boat would someone else complain & request moving
again.

DS motion to table issue until bid is on hand.
A of seconded. ● & park

LAKE LIMERICK COUNTRY CLUB COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

The following are guidelines for the named committees as approved by the Board of Directors on May 29, 1994, and revised with Board of Directors Approval on May 20, 1995 and April 15, 2006.

Committees for the purposes of these guidelines are standing committees including Architectural, Water, Hearings, Greens, Lake/Dam, Maintenance, Inn, and Youth. Other committees may be chartered and scheduled by the president or the Board of Directors as required. Special purpose committees including election and nominating may not require monthly meetings nor need to comply with budget preparation provisions included in these guidelines.

1. Each committee will have a chairperson appointed as outlined in the Board of Directors resolution establishing that committee. Each committee should also have a vice-chairperson appointed by the committee chairperson. The committee will meet at the same time, date, and location each month as determined by the core committee as defined in paragraph four below. Meeting arrangements will be made to avoid two or more standing committees meeting at the same time whenever possible, and should result in the committee meeting being completed prior to the third Saturday of each month.
2. Each committee chairperson assisted by his vice-chairperson and others as deemed appropriate, will prepare a statement of plans and goals for his committee for the ensuing year for review and approval of the Board of Directors. That statement should include a schedule plan for budget preparation and other events controlled by the committee. It should also identify significant anticipated capital expenditures and overall financial goals for the year. Agendas for monthly meetings should be structured to reflect requirements and events contained in the plans and goals. This statement is to be available to the Board of Directors one week prior to the June Board of Directors meeting.
3. Draft budgets for the club fiscal year will be prepared by each committee in coordination with the corporate treasurer for Board of Directors review no later than one week prior to the July Board of Directors meeting. The committee as a whole will establish budget guidelines, including estimated income and expenses and capital expenditure plans. The chairperson will appoint three or four committee members to sit on the budget committee (a sub-committee), to prepare draft budgets in detail, reflecting the budget guidelines established by the committee. Final budgets for submittal to the corporate treasurer will be reviewed by the full committee and must be approved by a majority of the committee members.
4. Upon the approval of a committee chairperson by the Board of Directors, that chairperson may establish the core committee by appointing a vice-chairperson and a recording secretary.

chairperson is also asked to prepare statements for each succeeding quarterly newsletter to include progress against the goals.

11. At the beginning of each meeting, following roll call, any attending non-committee member should be acknowledged and introduced. They should be encouraged to participate in the meeting when appropriate and may be added to the agenda. The committee minutes should note guests' attendance.
12. All committee members should strive to complete action items accepted in a reasonable time and to notify the chairperson of such action.
13. Committee members should obtain draft minutes prior to the next committee meeting, review them, and notify the chairperson of significant changes and updated status.
14. Robert's Rules of Order, or other mechanical rules of procedure, shall not apply to any of the processes and procedures of the committee; rather, the committee shall proceed in all ways reasonably and fairly, with concern not only for the rights of the general membership to enforcement of the applicable rules, but also for the rights of individual members to a process that affords them respect as members, gives them a reasonable chance to participate in the process and fairly considers their positions. Meetings must be conducted in an orderly manner, with comments and statements from voting members made as such member is recognized by the chairperson. Visitors to any committee meeting are asked to observe the same protocol.

**LAKE LIMERICK COUNTRY CLUB
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Date Prepared: _____

Committee: _____

Date: _____

Chairperson: _____

Vice Chair: _____

Secretary: _____

Current Members:

1. _____ 14. _____

2. _____ 15. _____

3. _____ 16. _____

4. _____ 17. _____

5. _____ 18. _____

6. _____ 19. _____

7. _____ 20. _____

8. _____ 21. _____

9. _____ 22. _____

10. _____ 23. _____

11. _____ 24. _____

12. _____ 25. _____

13. _____ 26. _____

Terry & Kathleen Vosler
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E-mail: nospringchicken@comcast.net

FAX MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 13, 2006
TO: Lake Limerick Directors
FAX #: (360) 426-8922
PAGES INCLUDED: 29
FROM: Terry & Kathleen Vosler
RE: Rosebud Our Family Pet

Honorable Directors,

My wife and I are relocating to the Shelton area and have made an offer to purchase a residence in the beautiful Lake Limerick community. Our offer is contingent upon being able to continue to keep our longtime family pet Rosebud, a pot belly pig. We understand that we need to petition you in order to keep her in your wonderful community. Rosebud has been a member of our family since shortly after her birth on April 1, 1995. Rosebud has lived with us in three other towns without incident or complaint. We are providing you with some general information on potbelly pigs. Also included are Ordinances from other communities from around the country (including Portland Oregon) that were specifically written and approved to allow potbelly pigs to be kept as pets. In addition, you will find some documentation from Ridgeway Colorado where we successfully petitioned the Ridgeway Town Council in order to keep Rosebud as our pet in that community.

We are confident that you will agree that Rosebud is simply a pet and will not be a nuisance to our new neighbors or the community. I plan on being at your meeting this Saturday to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you in advance for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

Terry & Kathy Vosler

Most zoning ordinances are based on large, farm-type pigs that are often kept in smelly pens. These zoning rules, which are subject to interpretation, vary greatly from town to town and even between areas in the same town. Some local governments are changing their rules to allow pet pigs.

POT-BELLIED PET PIGS

Kayla Mull and Lorrie Blackburn, D.V.M.

From: Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
ODA proposes a change in state's livestock definition because of pot bellied pigs.
May 14, 1997 . . .

Times sure have changed. Little did those who decades ago wrote Oregon's livestock laws ever suspect that a pig would become a household pet. The presence and popularity of miniature pot-bellied pigs has prompted some proposed changes in the state's official definition of swine.

The proposed change is as follows:

Definition of "swine" as used in ORS Chapter 607 is clarified to mean a breed of domestic pig that is used for food production, but does not include any breed used primarily as a pet (i.g., pot-bellied pig).

"This has been a whole different way of dealing with swine," laughs Coos County Sheriff Mike Cook. "Lots of cities, including Coos Bay, have ordinances that prohibit livestock ownership within city limits. But these pot-bellied pigs are pet rather than livestock."

Cook would rather see them locally controlled and licensed as pets so that when they are abused or abandoned, the owner can be found and held responsible.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture intends to bring the law into the modern world, even if some people believe pigs belong in a barnyard, not inside a home.

ORDINANCE NO. 19780

Amend Portland City Code Section 13.16.100 relating to swine to allow pot-bellied pigs to be kept as pets in the City. (Ordinance).

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. That at present the City Code does not allow for the keeping of any swine in the City for periods of longer than three (3) days.
2. That there is a miniature breed of swine, commonly referred to as the Vietnamese, Oriental or Chinese Pot-Bellied Pig (*sus scrofa vittatus*) that is now becoming increasingly popular as a house pet.
3. That this particular breed of swine is capable of being regulated as dogs and therefore present no inherent threat or danger to the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. Portland City Code Section 13.16.100 is hereby amended by substituting the following sections for the existing section:

13.16.100 Swine Not Allowed in City; Exception.

A. It is unlawful to have or to keep within the limits of the City, any live pigs or swine for any period longer than three (3) days.

B. Notwithstanding the above or the terms of 13.16.120, the having or keeping of swine commonly referred to as Miniature Vietnamese, Chinese or Oriental pot-bellied pigs (*sus scrofa vittatus*) is allowed, subject to the following:

1. Pig or swine shall be considered to fall within this exception if their maximum height is no greater than eighteen inches (18") at the shoulder and it weighs no more than ninety-five (95) pounds;
2. No more than three (3) pigs shall be kept at any one address for any period in excess of three (3) days.

Passed by the Council, **JUN 27 1991**

Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury
Paul C. Elsner;br/ts
June 4, 1991 - animal\potbelly.pig

BARBARA CLARK

Auditor of the City of Portland

By *Britta Olson* Deputy

Staff Report City of Monterey Park

05/31/1990

TO: Mark Lewis, City Manager

FROM: Robert W. Collins, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8.01 OF THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO GENERAL PROHIBITIONS OF ANIMALS

Purpose

To amend code section 8.01.010, allowing Vietnamese Pot-bellied pigs (*Sus Scrofa Bittatus*) within the city limits and section 8.11.035, limiting the number of pigs per household.

The Monterey Park code section 8.01.010 currently states; "Prohibition: It is a nuisance, and it is unlawful for any person to keep or maintain, or suffer to keep or be maintained within the city, any ox, steer, bull, cow, horse, colt, mule, sheep, goat, hog or similar animal." Also code sections 8.11.030 and 8.03.120 restrict the number of pets allowed per household.

Discussion

The Vietnamese Pot-bellied pig, scientifically known as *Sus Scrofa Bittatus*, is considerably smaller in size than its relative the common farm pig. It ranges from 30 lbs. to 90 lbs., much like a medium sized dog. These animals can be kept indoors but should have some access to fresh air. They also can be easily housebroken similar to dog training. Pigs are very clean animals and will likely be less dirty and odor causing than a dog, also pigs never get fleas.

The popularity of the Vietnamese Pot-bellied pig has raised a question whether these animals should be considered household pets not farm animals, like its relatives, common farm pigs. According to many humane experts, these animals are becoming very popular pets and are called the pet of the '90s.

In contacting other humane organizations these pets are allowed in some areas of Southern California and have not been a problem.

The average cost of these animals is \$1,500 to \$5,000. Generally pet owners who will pay this amount for an animal are responsible owners.

Therefore, we ask that the City Council consider these amendments and allow Vietnamese Pot-bellied pigs, subject to limitations and conditions, with no more than one per household.

We bring this to the attention of the City Council, to consider the attached amendments of these code sections.

Fiscal Impact

None.

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C. GOATS, SHEEP, SWINE

1. Except as provided in sub-section F.2., the keeping, raising and breeding of goats, sheep, or swine shall be permitted in any AG district as follows:

1- a. Goats, sheep, and swine shall not be kept or allowed to run within one hundred (100) feet of any dwelling unit under separate ownership unless the property on which the dwelling unit is located is being used for bona fide agricultural purposes.

2- b. Buildings or other roofed structures for keeping of goats, sheep, or swine shall be set back a minimum of three hundred (300) feet from any dwelling unit under separate ownership unless the property on which the dwelling unit is located is being used for bona fide agricultural purposes.

2. The keeping and raising of Vietnamese Pot-bellied pigs (*Sus scrofa bittatus*) as a household pet shall be allowed in all residential districts. Vietnamese Pot-bellied pigs shall be limited to no more than four (4) pigs per dwelling unit. No other species of pig or hog may be kept or maintained in residential districts within the unincorporated areas of Lee County.

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Introduced: _____
Published: _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 7-105 AND 7-115 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINSON, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO KEEPING PIGS AND HOGS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINSON, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 7-105 of the Code of the City of Hutchinson, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Keeping pigs and hogs.

- a. Except as otherwise herein provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to maintain any pig pen, hog lot, or to keep or maintain any pigs, hogs or swine within the city.
- b. Registered purebred miniature Vietnamese potbelly pigs and other similar registered purebred miniature pigs may be kept within the city limits, subject to the conditions stated in subsections (c) and (d).
- c. It is unlawful for any person to maintain a registered purebred miniature pig which:
 1. weighs ~~more~~ than 80 pounds;
 2. is not spayed or neutered upon reaching maturity;
 3. has not undergone a blood test to show the animal is free from pseudorabies; or
 4. is maintained as a food source.
- d. It is unlawful for any person to:
 1. keep a registered purebred miniature pig without an animal maintenance permit; or
 2. maintain more than one registered purebred miniature pigs at one licensed premises."
- e. The fee for the animal maintenance permit for a registered purebred miniature pig shall be five dollars (\$5.00), renewable once every two years, obtainable at the city clerk's office.

ORDINANCE NO. 2571

This Ordinance was signed and dated approx. May 19, 1992

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2526, PERTAINING TO THE KEEPING OF SWINE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, BY REPEALING THE AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 2 OF SAID ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2526 on July 17, 1991, allowing for the keeping of registered, purebred miniature pot-bellied pigs within the City limits, and,

WHEREAS, said Ordinance contained an automatic expiration one year after adoption, and,

WHEREAS, the City Council, upon considering all comments and information regarding this matter, is desirous of allowing such animals to continue to be kept within the City limits,

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Yuma as follows:

1. That Ordinance No. 2526 is hereby amended by repealing Section 2 of same pertaining to automatic expiration one year after adoption.

2. That all other provisions of Ordinance No. 2526 shall continue in full force and effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 1992.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk

Robert H. Tippet, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

REVIEWED BY:

City Attorney

City Administrator

ORDINANCES

MILES CITY, MONTANA

ORDINANCE NO. 1015

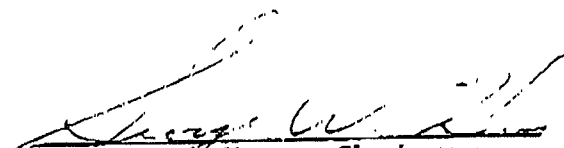
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 8.02.020 (b) OF THE MILES CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES AS IT RELATES TO KEEPING CERTAIN ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

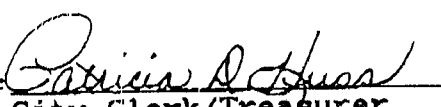
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY, MONTANA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 8.02.020 (b) is hereby amended to read:

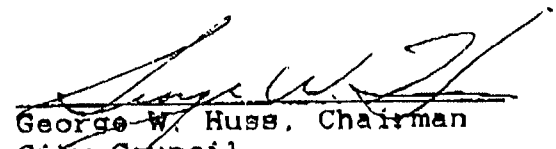
(b) This section shall not apply to domestic or household pets, that is, parakeets, canaries and similar type birds, and to Vietnamese Pot Bellied Pigs, providing that the pets are not a nuisance or a hazard so as to endanger public health.

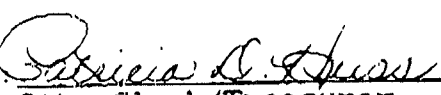
Said ordinance read and put upon its passage this 12th day of February, 1991.


George W. Huss, Chairman
City Council

ATTEST: 
City Clerk/Treasurer

FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 1991.


George W. Huss, Chairman
City Council

ATTEST: 
City Clerk/Treasurer



Section 5. Section 5-4-2 "Definitions", SubSections (19) "Vicious Dog", (20) "Watchdog", and (21) "Wildlife" of the Springfield are hereby renumbered as follows:

"(21) Vicious Dog"

"(22) Watchdog"

"(23) Wildlife"

Section 6. Section 5-4-9 "Pigs" of the Springfield Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Swine

1. Except as may be permitted in Section 5-4-9(2) no swine shall be permitted inside the City limits.

2. Vietnamese/Chinese/Asian potbellied pigs are permitted inside the City limits if the following conditions are met:

(a) <u>Number of Potbellied Pigs</u>	<u>Minimum Lot Size</u>
1	4,000 sq. ft. per animal
Maximum of 2 animals per lot	

(b) Fenced Pig Run/Sanitation. A fenced pig run meeting the following requirements shall be provided:

- (i) A minimum seventy-five (75) square foot enclosure which shall contain the pig; and
- (ii) A shelter within the enclosure; and
- (iii) A minimum twenty-five (25) square foot pad within the enclosure.

The pig run shall be located: in the rear portion of the yard no closer than forty (40) feet from the front property line; at least twenty (20) feet from any interior line; and, at least thirty-five (35) feet from all dwelling units, other than the dwelling unit in which the permittee resides. Proper sanitation shall be maintained, and Section 5-4-13(3) shall apply.

(c) Tusk Removal. All male pigs more than two (2) years old must have their tusks removed.

(d) Breeding Prohibited. Breeding of pigs is not allowed. All pigs shall be neutered.

Section 7. Section 5-4-10 of the Springfield Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"5-4-10 Dogs and Other Animals at Large Prohibited

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 13, 1997, 5:30 p.m.
Ridgway Community Center
Clinton Street, Ridgway, Colorado

ROLL CALL Councillors Jorge Anchondo, Barbara Cohen, Scott Middleton, Tim Stewart, Buck Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Gary Woods and Mayor Joe Kirby

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR All matters listed under the consent calendar are considered to be routine by the Town Council and enacted by one motion. The Council has received and considered reports and recommendations prior to assigning consent calendar designations. Copies of the reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and are available to the public. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If discussion is requested, that item will be removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 1997.
2. Minutes of the special meeting of July 24, 1997.
3. Approval of Register of Demands 97-7.
4. Liquor license renewal - Ridgway Liquor and Wines.
5. Liquor license renewal - Mountain Market.
6. Request for water leak adjustment - Scott Middleton.
7. Resolution supporting Ballot Issue No. 10, the Colorado Transportation Needs Act.
8. Approve participation in the Rural Transportation Authority Law.
9. Waive the reading and introduce by title only the ordinance amending zoning regulations applicable to building height.
10. Request to administer grant funds from Colorado State Historical Society - Mike McCullough.
11. Institute a spay/neuter & release program for feral (wild) cats in Town.

POLICY MATTERS Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; discussion of each item may be limited to 20 minutes - unresolved items may be tabled to another meeting.

12. Alternative method to satisfy obligation to provide cable tv service and discussion regarding pathways in Solar Ranch Subdivision - Robert Savath & Jack Young.
13. Request to determine if a pot belly pig is livestock or a pet - Terry Vosler.
14. Discussion regarding licensing or requiring permits for vendors.
15. Enforcement and definitions pertaining to removal of weeds and brush.
16. Waive the reading and adopt by title only the Ordinance Amending Water Rates Applicable to Certain Residences and Requirements to Restore Shut-off Water Service.

July 31, 1997

Honorable Board of Directors
Ridgway, Colorado

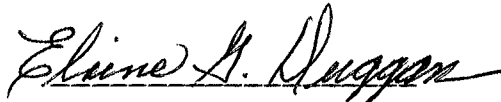
In regards to "Rosebud", the pot belly pig, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Terry Vosler.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Vosler, were my next door neighbors and I just adored "Rosebud". She was never a problem or a nuisance to anyone on our block. "Rosebud" loved attention and was always quiet. You would never know, she lived next door. I dearly miss her friendly grunts, when she came for her daily treats. She's clean and there never was any yard odor from her being there.

"Rosebud", was always playful and enjoyed greeting people. She had always enjoyed taking her naps indoors on the couch or on the cool patio. Compared to a block of barking dogs or continuous crowing roosters and quacking ducks? I'll take "Rosebud", one hundred percent anytime.

I've known "Rosebud", for two years and truly miss her. She's a sweetheart and a docile loving pet. We all miss her happy face and pleasant disposition.

Sincerely,



Elaine G. Duggan
141 Riverside Dr.
Olathe, CO. 81425
(970) 323-6805

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
FROM: LISA JO WESTERMANN
RE: ROSEBUD VOSLER (POT BELLY PIG)
DATE: AUGUST 5, 1997

Mrs. Vosler has informed me that she has run into some opposition with regard to keeping her pot belly pig in Ridgway. I am a resident of Olathe and the Vosler's were my neighbors prior to their upcoming move to Ridgway.

I live just two houses away from where the Vosler's used to live in Olathe. I never experienced any problems with their pet pig. Their yard was very well kept and Rosebud was always properly penned or in their house. Quite frankly, I have experienced more problems with other neighbors' cats and dogs than I ever did with Rosebud.

I would ask on behalf of the Vosler's that you keep this in mind when making your decision. Rosebud is a family pet and I can't imagine that she would cause any disruptions for her new neighbors.

Sincerely,

Lisa Jo Westermann

Lisa Jo Westermann
111 Riverside Drive
Olathe CO 81425
970-323-6269

ALTA VISTA ANIMAL HOSPITAL
1845 EAST MAIN STREET
MONTROSE, COLORADO 81401

Dear Ridgway City Council Members:

I was asked by Kathy Vosler whether Pot Bellied pigs were considered a pet or whether they were considered livestock. I guess the answer to that lies in the definition that we give to each. What I can tell you is what I have perceived in the seventeen years I have been practicing medicine. The only Pot Bellied pigs that I have come in contact with have been used as pets. I have not seen or heard of anyone raising these animals for food or profit in any way except the few people who raise the piglets to sell for pets, such as you would for a dog or cat. Pigs are very smart animals and can be trained like any other household pet. Kathy keeps her pig vaccinated and in good health. If you have any other questions, please feel free to call me at 249-8185.

Thank You,



Dr. Anne M. Schlingman

Dear Council Members:

We the undersigned are residents of Ridgway and neighbors of the Vosler family. We understand that there are some people who have a problem with a pot-bellied pig living in the town limits. We as neighbors in close proximity to the pot-bellied pig in question do not have any objection to her living in our neighborhood. She is kept in a six foot high privacy fence and is not even visible to the passerby.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Eileen Gray	291 S. Charlotte 626-3774
Sarah Miles	PO box 465 920 Moffat
Glynis Miles	920 Moffat
Priscilla Miller Peters	Box 216 626 5858
Susan Baker	(My Pig was cleaner & quieter than my dogs Roosters in town are louder) Box 348 626-5050
LINDA MANDERSEN	Box 472 626-5325
Bonnie Batchelder	Box 114 1027 Hyde 626-5056
Bonnie Batchelder	Box 215 1027 Hyde 729-0294
Jane + Mark Edwards	PO Box 208 356 No Lane 626 4246

Honorable Council Members,

We understand that we need to petition you in order to keep our family pet, Rosebud, who has been a member of our family since her birth. Rosebud is the size of a medium dog, sleeps in a dog house and spends part of her days and evenings in our house with us. She is either on the couch with my wife cuddling, or on the floor by the bed napping. She is just like any other persons dog but she is a pot belly pig. She is house broken, very clean, lovable and smart. She is a beloved part of our family, she is also very attached to us and sees us as her family.

Our son is highly allergic to dogs, cats, horses, and most other animals except Rosebud. This is one reason we opted to have a potbelly pig for a pet. Pot belly pigs are considered to be exotic pets (not livestock). They do not differ much from having a dog or cat except in appearance. She in no way fits into the category of livestock. She is a pet and companion. In Webster's dictionary livestock is defined as: Horses, cattle, sheep, or other useful animals kept or raised on a farm or a ranch. Pet is defined as: Any domesticated animal kept as a companion. Rose is a companion to our family. She travels on trips with us and draws a lot of attention at rest stops. Like the dog we used to have, she loves to fetch and eat popcorn with us on Sunday evenings. She likes having her belly rubbed and being brushed. There is nothing sweeter than her grunts of hello she saves just for us. She is in no way being raised for profit. She is spade so can not be bred nor would we think of butchering her! We are building a privacy fence around our back yard so she won't even be visible to the neighbors.

We have had 2 dogs and several cats in the last 20 years and Rosebud is no different in our eyes than they were. She is a loved part of our family. We would be deeply hurt as would she if we were forced to get rid of her. We have never had to get rid of a pet in the past except for health reasons, such as old age. All of our cats, dogs and Rosebud have lived with us without causing any problems or complaints from our neighbors.

We ask that you consider this on a personal level. Just the thought of having to part with Rosebud is very upsetting to everyone in our family. She is a loved pet just as most of your pets are, and being forced to part with her would be as painful and heart breaking to us as it would be to anyone who makes their pet a part of their family.

Thank you for your consideration in allowing us to keep Rosebud as part of our family. We pray you will agree that Rosebud is no different than having a dog or a cat as a pet and look forward to a favorable decision from you.

Sincerely,

Terry G. Vosler

Dear Council Members,

I am sending you some information on miniature pigs which may clear up some miss-information given to you concerning their size and temperament.

We would like to thank you for your concern for this situation. Also, we appreciate the fact that you have much more far reaching matters to contend with at the council meetings. Hopefully the matter with Rosebud will fade into the sunset. In my opinion, this whole thing has been blown totally out of proportion by the Krutys. It is obvious that we cannot make them happy when their concern a month ago was that Rosebud would become huge and now they insinuate that we are abusing her to keep her small.

We do not want our pet to be a negative to any of our neighbors or to the Town. We always have and will continue to keep her yard clean and keep her as quiet as possible. We will continue with her diet, which was recommended in two books on pot-bellied pigs and discussed in full with her vet. Rosebud is not abused in any way or vicious. She is just a sweet little pig whose only concerns in life are grass to graze, meal time and belly rubs from us.

We know that your concerns are with the bigger picture and what is best for the Town. It is obvious to us that you are fair minded and very conscientious in your decision making. At the last council meeting there were some questions about conflicting information you have received. We hope that this information enclosed will answer some of those questions factually.

I apologize for the confusion with Rosebud's actual size and age. She was born on April fool's day 1995 and is just over 2 1/2 years old. When she was last at the vet, just over two months ago, she weighed 85 pounds. The vet recommended that she loose a few pounds so I cut her food down a small amount. I'd say she now weighs between 80 and 85 pounds.

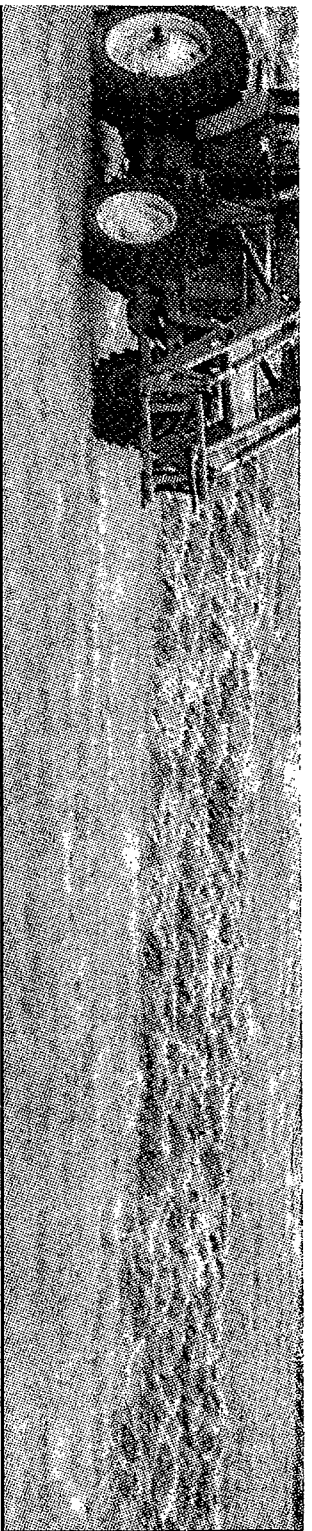
I hope you will find time to read this information and hopefully it will be helpful to you. I have the book this information was taken from and would gladly loan it to anyone who would be interested in reading it.

Again, thank you for your time and thoughtfulness. Hopefully our next visit to a council meeting will be one for a totally different subject matter or perhaps just to observe government in action.

Sincerely,

Kathleen & Terry Vosler

Kathleen & Terry Vosler



It's a waiting game for local farmers trying to cut hay this fall as unusual monsoon rains have kept things wet. Here, a tractor sits idle in a half finished hay field along Pleasant Valley near Ridgway yesterday. (Daily Press Photo by Sean Cayton)

Address

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Night

week, the Montrose merry for its annual Moon- address will be entertained and will be entertained dance (8 p.m.). Also, triage rides, sponsored by madness is "Come Rain

thor and chronicler of Montrose Pavilion. King Cowan starts in the dice that will benefit the which includes one beverage play to follow at 7:30 Pavilion, or by calling

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hine the first Rocky way this weekend. Ouray County Fairgrounds, re Mayrals, Pato Banton & Bad Dog, Zub? and of a diverse natu tions in Montrose, or call

Neighbors angry, find ornerly oinker offensive

AMY COLLIER
Daily Press Staff Writer

RIDGWAY — Although one neighbor of a pot belly pig owner finds the animal offensive, ornery and odoriferous, other neighbors think it's OK.

Disagreements arose this week at a Ridgway town council meeting between the pig owner and neighbors with various opinions about the porker.

At its previous meeting, the town council had amended an ordinance

which classified the pigs as pets. This allows them to be kept at domestic residences, whereas livestock cannot.

John Kruty, a neighbor of the owners, raised his concerns about the animal.

He said he did not know much about pot belly pigs so he researched them on the Internet. The main difference between pot belly and regular pigs is they are smaller, he said.

Pot belly pigs bite, he said, and there is no rabies vaccination for them. He said he is concerned about

the safety of children.

Also, he said, they are a herd animal and need to be with other pigs. He said between the ages of 18 to 24 months pigs establish a pecking order.

"They can be aggressive and territorial. Without other pigs humans become the pecking order," he said.

Kruty said potbelly pigs can get as large as 150 to 200 pounds and oftentimes one cannot tell how large the animal will be because they don't mature until they are two and a half to three years old.

"I don't think the town proper is suitable for an agricultural animal," he said.

The owners of "Rosebud" the pig, Kathy and Terry Vosler, jumped to her defense.

Kathy Vosler said they have a six foot high privacy fence and Rosebud cannot get out. She is also fixed and up to date on her shots, she said.

She presented the board with letters from neighbors who had no problem with the pig as well as let-

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Montrose girl awarded Little Britches honors

ELAINE HALE JONES
Lifestyles Editor

MONTROSE — At 16 years old, Kari Smith already has a clear idea of her college and career goals thanks in large part to her experience with Little Britches Rodeo.

"After high school, I plan to go to CSU and get a degree in occupational therapy and compete on their rodeo team," said the Montrose resident. "After college, I hope to become a professional barrel racer." During last month's finals at Colorado Springs, Smith placed second

"After college, I hope to become a professional barrel racer."

— Kari Smith

up through two barrels in a race against the clock of setback. Since it is a speed event, points are averaged over a competitor's five



Hospital's Rehab Center as her Career Options class at school.

Smith's mother relates, her participation in Little School and High School Rodeo has helped her to become proficient in management and develop a sense of responsibility.

Smith's horses are her responsibility. Her mother, Sharron Smith, said she and support each other and the older kids help out the younger ones," she adds.

Smith, a junior at Montrose High School, is looking forward to competing in Little Britches and High School Rodeo for several more years before entering college and further developing her talents and skills in anticipation of obtaining a four-year degree and entering the world of professional rodeo.

Mengedoth, president and chief executive officer of Community First. "We are dedicated to providing superior banking services to small and medium-sized communities, and we look forward to bringing our brand of community banking to our new customers."

Closets Overflowing?
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Calendar

Every School Board, every 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Ridgeway school library.
 City Council, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m., City Hall echo chambers.
 Town Council, 2nd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., town hall.
 County Commissioners, every 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:30 a.m., at the Land Use office, 1111 1/2 rd, off highway 550 North of Ridgeway. Transfer Station.
 Ongoing in Montrose:
 PS meets every Monday at 6 p.m. at MH Care Center, 249-3785.
 Force Clinic, Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. at Rural Legal Services. Call to re-249-9658.
 Parish Center, 249-1914, 4:30-5:30 p.m. do/Self Defense Class more info. Fridays, call 323-6505.

Pinker

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 ters from other cities who amended their ordinance regarding pigs.

Scott Middleton, town councillor, said many of the examples of amendments presented to the board by her said pigs could be kept as pets if they do not exceed 95 pounds. "I'm not for removal of the pig. I have to see people come up and say, 'Here's where a pig bit people and gave them rabies,'" he said.

Middleton said he thinks pigs should be allowed as long as they do not exceed the size of a medium-sized dog.
 Priscilla Peters, owner of a bookstore in Ridgeway, said she paid a visit to Rosebud.
 "She lives in the cleanest yard I've ever seen and I find her delightful. She's a pet," she said.
 Susan Baker, who termed herself a "concerned citizen," said the pig is "small, sweet and very well cared for. We're talking about somebody's pet. It is kept so well I don't see that it could hurt anybody's neighborhood."

Councillor Jorge Anchondo said, "We're a small town. Let's all be good neighbors. Many of the reasons

we moved here is to experience a lot of things that have to do with nature and each other."

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Woods said his main concern is safety, then compatibility within the neighborhood. "I'd like to see it left to the neighbors to work this out," he said.
 He said he does not feel size is an issue because there are many small mean animals and large gentle ones.
 "Size is something you have to look at. Someone may want a cow in their yard. They're not going to breed it but it won't be appropriate," said Barbara Cohen, council

Guns

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 from Montrose, and Jeddiah Dyer, an 18-year-old male from Montrose, were arrested on the charges and booked into the Montrose County Jail and held on \$15,000 bond.
 Also arrested were the two juveniles, both 17-year-old males from Montrose. They were transported to the Grand Mesa Youth Center.

"It was just a routine traffic contact," Chinn said. "Everything in the car was in plain view."
 Police officials are awaiting labor-

member.
 Mayor Joe Kirby said the town needs to allow the situation to remain status quo for now and allow the neighbors to work the conflict out.

The issue will be put on the agenda of the next meeting for further discussion.

Town Manager Don Batchelder told Kirby there are other regulations, such as those dealing with nuisance, and if the pig is in violation of those the town needs to know about it.

atory results on the substance to determine what the drug was, but Chinn said the substance appeared to be crystal methamphetamine, worth between \$1,000 and \$25,000.
 Possession and selling of a controlled substance is a class three or four felony, Chinn said. Weapon charges may also be added, but will probably carry misdemeanor charges.

It is uncertain how the charges will be filed, especially with the juvenile offenders, Chinn said.

third Wednesday of every month, Bank One-Montrose, 249-3772.
 Colorado Cross Disability Coalition, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at BLM building, 2465 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, 626-5140.
 Ongoing in Ouray:
 Free GED preparation classes for adults at the Ouray City Hall Echo Chamber. Call Chris Reece for information, 325-4066.
 Senior lunches are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, usually at the Ouray Community Center. Pickup and delivery are available. Call Nancy Rule at 325-4306.
 A Course in Miracles is held Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. to noon. For information, call Lenti at 325-0219.
 Ouray Public Library is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Story

Montrose Republicans Women's first fall meeting will be held upstairs at the Chamber of Commerce starting at 9:30 a.m.
 Sept. 13
 Friends of the Ute Museum will hold a yard clean up day at museum grounds at 8:00 a.m. in preparation for grand opening on Sept. 27.
 Habitat for Humanity of Montrose County will hold its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament/Fundraiser Kickoff starting at 9 a.m. at the Montrose Golf Course.
 American Cancer Society will host a cancer survivors party at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 2-4 p.m.
 Montrose Pavilion will host a dance from 7:30 to 11 p.m.
 Black Canyon Twirler celebrating their 38th anniversary will dance at the Lions Park Clubhouse at 8 p.m.

Sept. 17
 The Business Committee of the Montrose Chamber of Commerce will present "Business Ideas for Rookies," a business information seminar, Wednesday, Sept. 17, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Chamber Meeting Room. The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch.
 Open forum to meet candidates for RE-1J School Board will be held at 7 p.m. at the new DMEFA building. The following candidates will attend: Jack Pritchey at 7 p.m., Danny Hernandez at 7:30 p.m., and Stan Grigg at 8 p.m.
 Sept. 18
 The governing board of Delta County School District RE-50 will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the district office at 765 2075 Rd. in Delta.
 There will be free disposal of used oil and antifreeze Thursday and Friday, Sept. 18 and 19 at the Ouray Chev. Shop, on Oak Street

Sept. 27
 Grand Opening of the new Ute Indian Museum facility at 9:30 a.m. at the museum grounds.
 Sept. 27
 Octoberfest at Centennial Plaza in Montrose, noon-8 p.m., call 249-2486.
 Sept. 27-28
 The third annual Council Tree-Powow & Cultural Festival will be held in Delta. The event will feature Native American dance, demonstrations and festivals. West Elk Mountain Man Encampment will also be held. For more information, call 874-1718.
 Oct. 1
 Open forum to meet candidates for RE-1J School Board will be held at 7 p.m. at the new DMEFA building.
 Oct. 1
 Apples, Aspen & Art Show will be held

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HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES will be taught at Ridgway School on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Willie festival fine fun, financial flop

It was the best of times and the worst of times for the Willie Nelson One World Rocky Mountain Music Festival last Sunday for promoter Jud Schwartz.

"The event was a tremendous success and it worked exactly as we said it would. The only real disappointment was the paid attendance. As a financial endeavor, it was a really painful experience. It rained all week and was raining right up until show time," he said.

Schwartz said he lost \$25,000 on the one-day event because of the low attendance. He estimated about 2,600 people paid to get in the festival that ran from noon until after 10 p.m., but that actual attendance was much higher. "I'd say the total attendance was between 3,600 and 4,000, but that includes volunteers and comps (complimentary ticketholders) and we gave a lot of



Sept. 30, Oct. 1 & 2: 6-9 p.m. Class will be at the shooting range Friday, Oct. 3, 12:30-2 p.m. Steve Hill, 626-168.

F MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNITY MEETING — Mount Sneffels Education Foundation will host a membership and community meeting on Friday, Oct. 6, 6-8 p.m., Ridgeway Community Center. A hearty soup supper at 6 p.m., with soups from area restaurants, hearty bread, and dessert, entertainment and speaker. Paper tickets \$5/adult, \$3 children. Yes 3 - 10, under 3 free. Pottery bowls from area potters to take home 10, soup included! 325-4063 or 26-5973 for reservations.

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Schwartz had nothing but praise for local support. "The incredible support we received from the Legends of the West, the Elks Lodge — particularly Johnnie Lee Johnson, Barbara Morris, Judy Snelling and John Billings — was instrumental in making this event happen. We also had the wonderful cooperation of Kelly Green and Greg Overton of the Rec Board, Robert Burns of the Sheriff's posse, Lyle Braund and Joseph Lyons and Dennis Weaver. I also have to thank Pam Kraft of Ridgeway Town Hall, Rob Hunter and the Hunter family of ReMax Cimarron and of course the Big Barn folks — they let us use it for the volunteers."

But rainy weather was just one reason the event wasn't a financial success, Schwartz said. "The only way we could ever do this event again is as a multi-day event. We cannot financially afford it otherwise. We wanted to do it as a multi-



FUN IN THE SUN — The rain stopped just in time for a crowd of about 3,000 to fill the Fairgrounds and enjoy an afternoon of music.

Festival photos

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Event no problem

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day event, but the feeling from the Recreation Board was that this was the first time this had been done and they wanted to try it for only one day — I certainly understand those feelings, but it can't happen again like that."

Schwartz said that despite the financial

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Pig in: Council lets Rosebud keep residency

Rosebud, the pot bel-
lied pig, can stay with
her owners, decided
the Ridgeway Town
Council at its Septem-
ber meeting last week.

Neighbors Beth and John Kruty were unsuccessful in their complaint declaring Rosebud a farm animal, which would make it illegal for owners Terry and Kathy Vosler to keep her in the town

limits.

The Krutys had several objections to the presence of a pig in their neighborhood. "A pig is a pig," said Kruty. The U.S. Department of Agriculture doesn't make any distinction between pot-bellied pigs and any other kind. Kruty stated: "No rabies vaccine is available for pigs, which are territorial herd animals and can be aggressive," he said.

Pot-bellied pigs mature at

jam he is in after this year's rain-threatened event, he hopes to repeat it again next year. "We had this little hole of sunshine which maybe our great positive spirits created."

He praised local support, and said that without it, the event would never have happened. "We got incredible support and what's happened is that all these people from all different parts of Ridgeway all worked to make this happen. As the theme of the festival says, 'It's not if you're right or wrong, it's how we get

about three and a half years, by which time they may weigh as much as 200 pounds. "The town is not suitable for that kind of agricultural animal," said Kruty, who also cited odors and concern for property values in his complaint to the town council.

"The only time you hear about pot-bellied pigs who weigh 200 pounds is in cases of animal abuse. Those pigs have not been cared for prop-

erty," said Terry Vosler. Rosebud is on a diet, stays within her fence, and has never threatened anyone, the Voslers said. Many towns have amended their ordinances to exclude pot-bellied pigs from being considered livestock, they added.

Although the Krutys presented letters from other neighbors complaining about the pig, several of Rosebud's

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Information supplied by the Ouray County Sheriff's Department.

Sept. 8: Deputy Glen Kidder went to the scene of a report of a bear at Dutch Charlie. He investigated a suspicious vehicle at Ridgway Liquor and checked on a loud party in Solar Ranches. Later he checked on a suspicious vehicle behind the Big Barn and went up to Loghill where a home owner heard footsteps on their deck.

Sept. 9: Deputy Don Brown went to Fairway Pines on a domestic call.

Sept. 10: Deputy Brown did a follow-up on possible domestic from the day before.

Sept. 11: Deputy Brown went to check on a house alarm and all was OK.

Sept. 12: Sgt. Junior Mattivi and Deputy Betty Wolfe went to the scene of an accident on County Road 8.

Sept. 13: Deputy Glen Kidder went to County Road 3 where lightning had started a tree fire. Later he investigated a car/deer accident report.

Sept. 14: Sgt. Mattivi took a report of a drunk driver and rounded up a horse on the road one mile south of Ouray. Sgt. Mattivi and Deputy Wolfe took a trespassing report on County Road 10A.

Rosebud is no problem, council decrees

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supporters appeared in person to defend her.

"I visited Rosebud this afternoon, and I found her delightful," said Ridgway bookstore owner Priscilla Miller-Peters, who noted that according to Webster's Dictionary, a farm animal is kept for "use or profit." Rosebud has been spayed and couldn't possibly be bred for profit, the Voslers said.

"The owners are so fastidious, I don't see how it would hurt property values," said Ridgway citizen Susan Baker. "Rabies is seldom a problem for animals that are confined," said former veterinary technician Jane Schroeder. Councilor Barbara Cohen still voiced concern about the lack of a rabies vaccine for pigs, however.

"My main concern is the ratio between animal size and lot size," said Councilor Scott Middleton. Councilor Gary Woods agreed, saying size of the animal itself isn't


everything. "Some little animals can be really mean, and some large animals can be kind," said Woods.

"No problem has been proven," said Mayor Joe Kirby, summing up the council's position. Council members urged the neighbors to work out their differences, but also asked city staff to research and recommend maximum size restrictions for pot bellied pigs.


Story by Jane Bennett, correspondent

County AARP chapter works on plans

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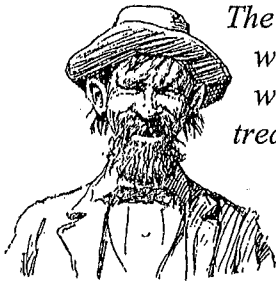


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WINTER



The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year, Of wailing winds, and naked woods, and meadows brown and sear. Heaped in the hollows of the grove the withered leaves lie dead; They rustle to the eddying gust and to the rabbit's tread. The robin and the wren are flown, and from the shrubs the jay, And from the wood-top calls the crow through all the gloomy day." Wm. Cullen Bryant

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MAYOR'S LETTER

Something has changed— oh yes, it was the year, 1997 into 1998. Last year you changed. Sure, a little older, but hopefully a little wiser, too. Last year, our town changed. In fact, it has been in a constant state of change ever since its founding in the late 1800's. Even our weather has a habit of changing every so often, doesn't it? When it comes to myself and my circumstances, I have found change difficult. But I'm learning to accept change, and sometimes, even graciously.

King Solomon said, "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven..." Let's pick that word, 'activity'. There is and always has been activity in Ridgway, some good and some bad. Thank God, mostly of the former kind. Your citizen politician / leaders do their best to help in handling the activities and changes that continue to come along. I like what Bill Cosby said, "I don't know the key to success, but the key to

failure is trying to please everybody." I know you want our great community to be a success, both now and in the future. So do we. The Town of Ridgway holds great promise for the future, and quite candidly, I'm excited. Will you help us carry out your trust in us— Ridgway is, after all, the "Town that refused to die."

Your Mayor, Joe Kirby"

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ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

With the end of the year, the Ridgway Town Council will begin a series of newsletters for the purpose of addressing the need for better communication between our local government and the citizens of Ridgway.

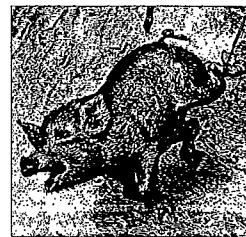
This newsletter is meant to inform our fellow townspeople about what has transpired in a few of the last town council meetings. However, this does not let you off the hook! Citizen involvement and participation are a responsibility in a participatory democracy and I would very much encourage all of our citizens, even if it is once in a while, to come to the **Town Council Meetings**. It's the only way to be really informed and certainly this newsletter cannot even begin to include everything that goes on. Bring your kids! The more input the better.

There are some big issues that are going to be discussed in the coming year that will tax all of our collective wisdom to resolve.*



The Year In Review

The Town Council passed 16 ordinances in 1997. Made 70 motions. Attended 180 hours of meetings. Among all of this activity one that stands out is the issue of **Rosebud**. Now, you may think this is a trivial matter deserving no more than a passing grunt or two— But wait a minute!



This is a growth issue with a capital P which stands for pig, right here in Ridgway. This particular

porker's weight was extensively examined and found that, at the moment, it did not violate our ordinances about commercial livestock within the town limits. But if the dainty little swine were to exceed a certain poundage it would fall, sadly and perhaps loudly under the axe of our regulations. Much to the chagrin of architects and developers decrying the loss of property values if such an animal were to be allowed to pollute out town. Fortunately for Rosebud, such a loophole was found and





its existence guaranteed, for the moment.

The three most important ordinances passed in 1997 were: 1 - The definition on building height limitations. 2 - Allowing condominiumization of commercial properties. 3 - The ordinance allowing for accessory dwelling units in a residential zone.

Next in importance to the pig question, and perhaps no less popular, was the **One World Music Festival!** A very big first for Ridgway to be exclusively targeted (or should I say honored?) to bring, to this little burg, such a well-known name in the music business. Again, fortunately, it all turned out alright. The necessary indemnization was posted in the form of a bond, in case the promoter suffered a lapse of memory about whose job it was to clean up afterwards. Happily we all enjoyed it and there were no major incidents to mar the event. From the Town's point of view the size of the event was perfect.

Under the not-so-great events of the year was the fact that we started out the year with 3 police officers and ended with 2. Two of the officers quit and the Town hired a third. Police officer Art Fox from Ouray joined us this Fall and is doing an excellent job.*

In general, 1997 saw Ridgway's **continuing growth** as our overall biggest issue, which we will go into in greater depth under:

recreational areas and facilities; include our public school in helping to expand their recreational facilities and to make them available for use by the public.

- ♦ Lobby more actively in trying to reduce the speed limit in town to 25 miles per hour.

- ♦ Promote cottage industries in town by making our ordinance on home occupations less restrictive.

- ♦ Create more pedestrian access to different areas around town.

- ♦ Work with John Schler of the University of Colorado at Denver to come up with a set of Architectural Guidelines for the Historic Downtown Business sector.

- ♦ Reevaluate and modify or completely update our signage ordinance.

- ♦ Utilize grants as a revenue source; propose a de-Brucing ballot to be able to keep more of revenues generated by the town.

These were the top priority goals, additionally we have a set of mid-level goals:

- ♦ Develop a Water & Sewer Improvements Master Plan. Our sewer plant is at 80% of capacity and expansion planning should begin.

- ♦ Develop a Master Plan for the Town Parks.

- ♦ Adopt standards that promote affordable housing.

- ♦ Lend support to the formation of the Library and Recreational Districts.

As you read this newsletter you

residents account for much more.

This is a per capita figure which also means children are included. In the month of July, 1997, the town used **7.5 million gallons of water.** About half of it was used to water the park and other recreational areas. In 1997 there were 15 to 20 **new buildings** being built or finished in town, both commercial and residential. Our **rate of growth** is close to 7% for the past couple of years. At the current rate of growth, the town's size would double in less than 10 years. The Town of Ridgway's **income** comes primarily from sales tax collected by the businesses in town, which amounts to 50% of our **budget.** Property taxes account for 25% of our income.

Speaking of growing strains, our two police officers, Sherman Williams and Art Fox have been doing the work of close to four Ouray Police officers by having 194 cases to Ouray's 211. On-call hours logged by our two cops is 56 hours on top of the ordinary 40 hours of patrol time. Compare this to only 16 per officer of the Ouray County Sheriff's Department.

In order for us to grapple with the issue of growth, it is important to define a few terms. In order for our town to grow within our budget, within our capacity to be able to provide services to new residents, it is vital that we as a community come to a consensus as to what is sustainable.

"**Sustainability** implies balance and permanence: a balance between people living in a community and the jobs available there; a balance between renewable resources continuously available locally and local consumption patterns; a balance between maintaining the natural environment in good health and the needs of the human community which lives within it. Like an individual in balance, a sustainable community will be healthy: socially, economically, and biologically..." (from *Sustainable Communities*, by Van Der Ryn)

It is therefore necessary that developers and subdividers participate in acknowledging that the responsibility for controlling or managing growth resides within our community. This authority to regulate growth is a dynamic function exercised through our elected representatives.

The first step in determining what impacts this potential growth will have is to measure it. For this the town has hired professional planners that will advise the town, at the cost of the developers, as to the impacts on the community this would have.



ISSUES IN 1998



Earlier this year the Town Council held a brainstorming session trying to list the different positive and negative attributes of our town. The purpose of this goal setting session was to define which of these attributes we could best use as a guide to point us in a direction towards which we could collectively strive. Or, conversely, to give us a set of goals to try to achieve. A few of the goals that emerged from that session were:

- ♦ Budgeting \$20,000 to share in the repairs of the pumps in Vista Terrace to address the water pressure problem.

- ♦ Expand the use of our

will see where we have tried to address some of these issues.*

GROWTH

Physically, the Town of Ridgway covers about 1 square mile in area. That is a little more than 600 acres. Currently our **population** is about 575 people. Of those, 30% are children under 18, or 172 kids. Maybe more— this is a guess. According to the latest Federal figures, the **median income** of the residents of Ouray County, as of 1992, is \$17,500, though these figures might be misleading, as some



Preface

The popularity of pigs has had its highs and lows throughout history. Various societies revered pigs as godlike animals; others sacrificed them to the gods. At one time they were blamed for carrying leprosy and other diseases. To this day, some religions reject pigs as unclean.

Pigs belong to the order Artiodactyla, which includes many other even-toed animals such as deer, camels, giraffes, antelopes, goats, sheep, and cattle. Most of the animals in this order are ruminants, meaning animals that have complex stomachs and chew their cud. The pig, however, has a single stomach much like our own.

The word *pig* has had many meanings over the years, most of which are derogatory and insulting. If you call your friend a fox or a highway patrol officer a bear, they may not take offense. Their reactions would be very different if you substituted the word pig in either instance. Nevertheless, the pig's adorable face and body shape have stolen the hearts of many people. Pig lovers who cannot have pets collect pig paraphernalia of every sort and description, from earrings to coffee mugs.

The pig's reputation for being unclean arose from living conditions humans have forced it to endure. Clean by nature, the fastidious pig has had little chance to prove this over the ages when kept in crowded areas awaiting slaughter.

The intelligent pig has long been a circus favorite in trick acts and as a humorous companion to clowns. Pigs were kept as pets by many prominent people, including Sir Walter Scott, President Abraham Lincoln, and Senator Mark Hatfield. In the past, the large size attained by commercial swine was a major de-

terrent to the consideration of pigs as pets. Today, the introduction of miniature pigs has shed a different light on the notion of pigs as companion animals.

Miniature pigs now appear in many zoos worldwide as part of the zoo's human-animal interaction areas. The small pigs are tractable in nature. It was not long before people who attend these zoos decided they would like pigs of their own.

In the middle 1980s, 18 potbelly pigs were imported to Canada. These were the original Connell pigs. Most of them were solid black with a few white markings. Other groups of pigs were imported over the ensuing years from China, England, Sweden, and Germany. Many of the later imports were black and white. Some were white with blue spots on the skin underlying a white haircoat.

The adorable and appealing miniature pigs were high in demand but low in supply during the first few years after their introduction. Prices skyrocketed, with some pregnant sows bringing over \$20,000 at auctions and private sales. Soon, supply met demand and the price of these wonderful little pets became within the reach of anyone who could afford a purebred dog. Serious miniature pig breeders are now mating animals specifically for reduced size, without sacrificing the general health of the offspring. Many progressive city councils see the value of the pet pig as an acceptable animal within their city limits—provided the animal is neutered. Now pet pigs reside in homes worldwide. Affectionately termed the "Yuppie Puppie" of the 1990s, this is the pet to have!

Pat Storer
September, 1992

Buying a Miniature Pig

- African pygmy, also called Guinea hog
- Yucatan, also called Mexican hairless
- Ossabaw Island

(Vietnamese (Potbellied) Pigs)

This breed of pig has long been a favorite in zoos around the world because of its appealing appearance and docile disposition. The general features of a potbellied pig are an exaggerated potbelly, swayed back, erect ears, and a straight tail. Today, this is the most popular miniature pig kept as pets.

The potbellied pig's maximum acceptable height, measured at the withers, is 18 inches (45.7 cm), with the ideal height less than 14 inches (35.6 cm). The length should be in proportion to the height.

The maximum allowable weight is 95 pounds (43 kg), with the ideal weight less than 50 pounds (20 kg). Today's breeders are producing tiny toy pigs that are under 30 pounds (13.6 kg).

The nose is short to medium length. Many people prefer a pugnose appearance. Do not choose a pig with a nose too short; it may have difficulty breathing because of deformed nasal passages.

The acceptable colors are all-black, all-white, or black-and-white pinto pattern.

Juliani (Painted Miniature) Pigs

This breed of pig was imported to the United States from Europe after years of selective breeding for small size.

These pigs have small to medium-size ears, a slight potbelly, short hair, a swayed back, and a short, straight tail. Their colors can be red, red-and-black, red-and-white, white, white-and-black, black, silver and silver-and-white. Their legs are longer than those of the potbellied pig. They range from 15 to 60

pounds (6.9–27.3 kg) and 10 inches to 16 inches (25.4–40.1 cm) in height.

Juliani pigs have a gentle disposition and love to play, especially if they have someone or something with which to play.

African Pygmy (Guinea Hog)

History tells us that this breed of pig was brought with the slave trade from Africa to the southern United States. Originally, this was a breed of huge, red hairy pigs. What we call Guinea hogs today have evolved into a small black pig.

These pigs, which live up to 25 years, are usually 14 inches to 22 inches (35.6–55.9 cm) tall. Their weight limits are 40 pounds to 60 pounds (18–27 kg), with the preferred range between 20 and 40 pounds (9.1–18.2 kg). They are not dwarfs, but true midgets.

They are not swaybacked, nor potbellied. They are shorter in the forequarters than the hindquarters. They have a moderately short snout and a slight bristling and thickening at the nape of the neck. Most of these pigs are active, alert, and highly intelligent. They have straight backs, a kink in their tails, medium-sized ears, and smooth, nonwrinkled skin with bristly hair. They are stocky, with short legs. The breed is recognizable by its shiny black coats, which may have white markings.

African pygmies prefer grazing on lush grasses instead of rooting for their meals. They are normally docile and get along well with each other, other household animals, and humans. They bond readily to humans and prefer to be close to their favorite people.

African pygmies have their own registry, and are also registered by the American Miniature Pig Association.

Understanding Miniature Pigs

Pigs have several unique behaviors and natural tendencies. These include rooting, wallowing, scratching, playing, and defining toilet areas.

If you understand these behaviors and realize that they are natural, normal, and instinctual for most pigs, you will save yourself much grief raising a pet pig. Understanding them will help you satisfy your pig's natural urges and even use these behaviors to your advantage while raising and training your pigs.

All of these behaviors and tendencies are as natural for a pig as it is natural for you to scratch an irritating itch or look for a glass of water when you are thirsty. In certain cases, you can help the pig redirect these instincts in a way that is agreeable to you and your environment.

Rooting

Rooting behavior is a manifestation of the pig's natural desire to search out and sample things in its environment with its highly specialized snout. It will unearth roots, grubs, and worms in any available soil, especially if it is confined to a small area or if it becomes bored. It will make no distinction between a pasture, a lawn, and your bed of prize roses. It will plow up any available dirt in its pen searching for something—anything! If the pig is confined in a pen, give it some hay to root in and chew up. It will spend countless hours sorting through the hay and rearranging it. If the pig is uncomfortably warm, it will try to find a resting place for itself in the damp earth by rooting a cool spot in the earth.

If the pig is a house pet, it could root up the carpet in your living room. To stop this undesirable behavior, you must give the pig a substitute outlet, instead of punishing it *after* it does something wrong. Give it some old

blankets and towels that it can root under, and realize that you must live with little piles of blankets here and there on your floor if you wish to have a pig that is satisfied and well adjusted. Otherwise, the pig can turn your wall-to-wall carpet into an assortment of scatter rugs in short order.

Rosebud never cause damage

Wallowing

Wallowing behavior is an all-time favorite pastime of swine. Although they prefer fresh mud, they will settle for fresh earth they have just rooted up or hay they have chewed up into small pieces and arranged and rearranged. House pigs will settle for a pile of blankets and towels. A hot-weather treat for outdoor pigs is a child's small wading pool. Pigs will make a wallow out of hay and dirt. Even pigs with well-lubricated skin seem soothed by the action of wallowing. A pig will try to get into any water that is available. It will make no distinction between a 5-gallon bucket of water and a cup full of water. It will try to push both over with its nose and then wallow in the mess it has made.

She detests wallowing

Scratching

Scratching (and rubbing) and pigs just go together. Practice proper skin care by keeping the pig free of mites, lice, mange, and dry skin. Use of appropriate insecticides and lubricating oils will reduce scratching to a minimum. Even a "well oiled" pig cannot resist a tummy scratch. You can teach your pig to "play dead" by scratching its side. It will fall over to expose more scratching area as if it has just lapsed

Understanding Miniature Pigs

into a coma. It will remain there enjoying the massage, lifting each leg as you approach the area underneath it, with its eyes looking at you adoringly. Your fingers will give up long before your pig will tire of the attention. See the sections on external parasites and skin care to help your pig live a comfortable life.

Playing

Playing is part of most pigs' daily routine. Pigs like to play. They love to chase each other and play with "toys." You don't need to spend *any* money at the toy store. Instead, you can recycle unwanted household items that can become toys for a pig, like an old plastic bucket or milk jug, a cardboard box, burlap sacks, strips of cloth tied to the fence, and whatever else you have that will not be harmful to your pig. Pigs love to tug on them, root them around, and chew on them. Don't use containers that have held any toxic ingredients, including antifreeze. See "Poisoning," page 51 for a list of dangerous substances. Remember, if a toy gets soiled by feces, be sure to remove it and wash it, or it will be ignored and forgotten forever.

Defined Toilet Areas

Pigs are naturally neat! They will use defined toilet areas. A portion of each pig's environment will be designated by the pig itself as the place it relieves itself. Even if you keep several pigs in one contained area, they will normally use the same one or two areas for urinating and defecating. This will later be discussed under "Housebreaking," page 70.

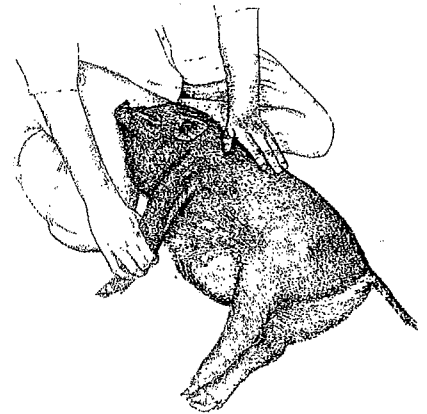
Cleanliness

Pigs are exceptionally neat when given the opportunity to be so. The old expression about being "dirty as a pigpen" is completely unfounded. Pigs only become dirty when kept in surroundings that *prevent them from being clean*.

If you keep water out of reach (except drinking water), and remove excrement daily, you will find that a pig is as clean as, if not cleaner than, any dog or cat you have ever known.

As mentioned above, pigs have very defined toilet areas, even those pigs that live in the wild. Most of the domestic pig's wild cousins, such as warthogs and European boars, will also defecate and urinate in defined areas. Other pigs in their herd will use the same areas. Pigs *never* soil their den or nesting place.

Dogs tend to relieve themselves anywhere



Kindness and consistency in training and discipline will be rewarded with a very special bond between pig and owner. Gentle scratching and massaging of the pig will deepen the human-animal bond.

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they see fit at the time, if they have a large area from which to choose. House pigs, when trained to relieve themselves outside, will usually pick one tiny area as their bathroom. For you, cleanup is a breeze. Because pigs also graze on the grass in the yard, they choose to "do their business" in an area that will not interfere with their grazing. This "defined toilet area" helps make pigs very easy to house-train. They can be trained to use a litter box or go to the door and let you know when they want to go out. With respect to the latter, they can be trained to use a free-swinging doggie door, or to push a button that opens a door to the outside.

If you regularly bathe your pig and condition its skin, it will not shed like most cats and dogs. If given blankets to wallow and root in, they are less apt to co-opt other items in your home as their own.

Bodily Contact

Pigs have much bodily contact with other pigs of their group during rest and play. They are fond of massaging each other with their snouts. Mothers push their babies about while foraging, as if they are teaching them how to find food. Boars can be very aggressive to each other, pushing or biting. Their large canines, called tusks, can do serious damage if the fight is in earnest. Piglets often argue over the best teats, but they will usually establish territory and select their own nipple(s). Many types of animals, such as horses and cattle, keep their herd together by maintaining visual contact. Pigs, however, with their poorer eyesight, use bodily contact and various auditory signals to maintain their bonds.

Language

Pigs have a language all their own. They are very vocal, and communicate by grunting, squealing, and snorting to indicate pleasure, distress, alarm, mating, challenge, or for calling their young. It is not difficult for a human to distinguish the pig's various types of communication. The sounds of many animals are universal and distinguishable by other species. Pigs, too, respond to similar sounds from humans. Unlike birds that sing to each other or mimic human voices, pigs maintain their own language. They will try to communicate with you, all the while assuming that you understand them completely. You will know you have reached your pig's heart, and have become a herd member, when it greets you with a "conversation" about how the day has been and how glad it is to see you. That it is really talking to you and verbalizing its pleasure about your presence is unmistakable.

Social Dominance

Pigs are one of the few animals that establish social dominance at a very early age. Piglets establish "teat territory" within a day or two of birth: One piglet jealously defends the teat it has chosen by biting and chasing off invaders. This territorial behavior is carried through the rest of their lives, during feeding and courtship. Because domestic pigs rarely have to search out their food sources, much of this behavior is not evident. But, when several pigs are fed together in the same trough or container, the behavior is unmistakable.

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not know you and has not been properly socialized and gentled will go on resisting and screaming until you release it. Understanding this part of a pig's natural instincts is *critical* if you are to be successful in training it. When you do grooming and massaging behavior to a pig that trusts you, amazing things happen. It will stretch and fall over on its side, exposing its most vulnerable belly area for additional attention. Using this natural tendency, you will be able to teach your pig to "roll over and play dead" by scratching its side and belly. To get the behavior you want, you must modify things that pigs do naturally.

Another natural behavior you can capitalize on in training is the pig's tendency to use their highly specialized snout for many things. There are many tricks that can be taught by reinforcing this behavior at the proper time.

You must be patient, kind, and fair. Do not lose sight of your goals and the reasons for training your pig. You are doing it for fun, but to keep a willing student, it must be fun for the pig also. Happy pigs learn faster, learn more, and retain the lessons longer than unhappy pigs. If you expect an instant response and are an impatient person, do not try to train your pig. Your frustration will be picked up by your pig and you will end up with an untrained, unhappy pig.

Watch your pig in everyday situations and

see what its actions can tell you. Does it take its towel or blanket in its mouth when it goes to bed and pull it over itself? Reinforce this behavior by telling it "Go to bed" when it begins the behavior on its own. Give a small food reinforcement when it completes the action, and you will have a trick pig who is a "pig in a blanket." Your ingenuity and creativeness can develop your pig's individual talents and make it a real show pig. Your friends and neighbors will be impressed when you tell your pig, "It's time for bed," and it gets into its bed and pulls the blanket over itself.

Watch and observe your pig as you introduce it to new situations, pets, and objects. Be ready with treats to reinforce any desirable behavior.

When you fully understand what it means to enhance and modify a pig's natural tendencies, begin with as young a pig as you can. The younger it is, the more receptive its mind will be to new learning experiences, and it will have no bad habits.

Never train more than one pig at a time. They will not only fight over the food, they will forget the action for which they are being reinforced. The one *not* getting the treat will become aggressive and nippy. This undesirable behavior will then have to be corrected. Remember, it is easier to prevent unwanted behavior than to correct it.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS - LAKE LIMERICK COUNTRY CLUB

March 18, 2006 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL:

President Scott Carey, Vice President Tom Taylor, Treasurer Esther Springer-Johannesen, Secretary; Shirley Toner, Directors Dave Kohler, Lee Dormuth, Dick Sirokman; Keith Smith and Don Johnson, water committee secretary Bill McDonald.

Excused: Kirk Osborne, Water Chair

I. GUESTS FROM THE FLOOR: Karen Kohler, Jack Betterley, Carolyn Parker, Ron Gruszczynski, and Nan Stricklin

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Dick Sirokman seconded by Dave Kohler and passed as follows, with 0 nays:
To accept the minutes of Board of Directors for March 2006

III. FINANCIAL REPORT: **Esther Springer-Johannesen Treasurer**

February figures reflect a net profit of \$37,751.83 year to date compared to \$6,724.81 in 2005. The receivables over 90 days are down over \$40,000.00 from last year. Direct costs are up just over \$6,000.00, but expenses are down \$16,289.00. Gross revenue is also up.

Esther requested from the board authorization to purchase certificate of deposits for at \$10,000.00 each, versus leaving the dollars in the money market reserve fund. This was suggested by the audit and would provide a greater interest. Discussion followed on the need to keep up with inflation and invest the depreciation dollars for replacement of assets in the future. The consensus was to purchase a 3 month and a 6 month now and follow with monthly CD's as funds allow.

Motion made by Dick Sirokman, seconded by Don Johnson and passed as follows with no nays:
To accept the financials of February 2006, as presented.

Motion made by Dick Sirokman, seconded by Don Johnson and passed as follows with no nays:

To authorize the purchase of a three month and a six month certificate of deposit in the amounts of \$10,000.00 each by the treasurer.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA: **(Committees motions)**

Discussion was held on the following;

Greens committee: Creating a finder's fee \$25.00 for any member or public players who bring in a new first time annual (This needs to come to the board in the form of a motion), and the approval of the project to fill in the area between the #7 forward and back tees. Drainage issues were discussed and addressed by Ron Gruszczynski.

Water Committee: Question was raised as to feasibility of maintenance repairing the fence damage, Bill McDonald said he would go look at it and review possibilities.

Lake Dam Committee: Discussion was held on paving projects at Banbury and Log Toy parks; park host and the correspondence surrounding.

Motion made by Dave Kohler, seconded by Tom Taylor and passed as follows with no nays:

To create a finder's fee of \$25.00 for any member or public players who bring in a new first time annual.

Motion made by Dick Sirokman, seconded by Tom Taylor and passed as follows with no nays:

To accept the applicants for park host, pending back ground checks.

Motion made by Dick Sirokman, seconded by Dave Kohler and passed as follows with no nays:

That the park host be in residence within the Log Toy and Anglia parks, open to the discrepancy of the Lake/Dam committee, not to exceed more then eight months in one location.

Motion made by Dave Kohler, seconded by Don Johnson and passed as follows with no nays:

To accept the consent agenda.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Signs (Dave Kohler):** Signs have been ordered.