

LOOKING BACK

From the Ouray County Herald and Ouray County Plaindealer:

50 Years Ago

November 19, 1964 Because of the snow removal problem due to continued snowfall, the Ouray City Council finds it necessary to drastically enforce the "no parking" restriction on Main Street, from 2:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. The council met in regular session Monday night. They voted to accept the decision handed down some time ago by Judge George V. Kempf, setting forth terms of the injunction brought by the city against Jack Stewart. It was reported that the municipal ski tow would be put in operation as soon as possible.

40 Years Ago

November 22, 1974 Of twenty-five Ridgway students entering the 30-hour Starvation at the school November 16 and 17, thirteen were dropouts. The Starvation began at 4 p.m., Friday the 15th, and ended Saturday night at 10:00. All that was consumed during the 30-hour period was water, tea and coffee, without sugar. The original plan was to raise money for the Christ Rural Overseas Project with the students obtaining sponsors to contribute 10 cents an hour for those remaining through the 30 hours of the Starvation. It was later decided however that a committee of ladies will make up Thanksgiving baskets for the needy here in Ouray. In the last three minutes of the 30-hour period, the students had a countdown and candy bars were available.

30 Years Ago

November 22, 1984 The prohibition against parking on parts of Main Street in Ouray from 2:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. has now been expanded to include all of Main Street from 10th Avenue to 2nd Avenue, or, in other words, all of Main Street in Ouray from just south of the city park to where, as Highway 550, it starts to loop its way up Red Mountain Pass.

20 Years Ago

November 24, 1994 The County Extends Subdivision Moratorium until April ...however, could be lifted sooner if code revisions are completed. The Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously Monday, Nov. 21 to again extend the moratorium on subdivisions and special use permits for up to an additional three months, if necessary, to complete the public hearing phases required for all the proposed revisions in the Land Code Use. All five members of the County Planning Commission were present to attest that the revision process, while well underway, has taken considerably longer than anticipated.

10 Years Ago

November 26, 2004 The City of Ouray's water infrastructure improvement project got a big boost this week when the city landed a million-dollar federal grant. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell was the first Monday to announce Ouray will receive \$1.1 million in federal funds for water infrastructure improvement. The funding will help replace old water mains and provide for a second storage tank said city administrator Patrick Rondinelli. Work should be done in 2005.

From The Ridgway Sun

25 Years Ago

November 23, 1989 During the morning a call came in over the radio for the Log Hill Fire Department to respond to a brush fire just west of County Road 22. The fire department responded and stated they could not get to the fire from County Road 22. "After going as far as they could with the fire truck, a couple of fire people continued on in a jeep to trying to get to the fire," Under-sheriff Jerry Wakefield reported. "They got to a fence then walked down with hand tools and began fighting the fire." Access was finally found using roads through private property at the upper end of the Government Springs road. Firefighters took about six hours to put out the fire.

15 Years Ago

November 24, 1999 Ouray and Ridgway Schools and School to Career Partnerships, along with the Voyager program have teamed up to sponsor 50 local youth at the 1st annual Assets for Rural Youth Conference at the Telluride Conference Center. Assets for Rural Youth (ARY) is a regional initiative that seeks to mobilize youth leadership and youth resources in San Miguel, Ouray and West Montrose counties.

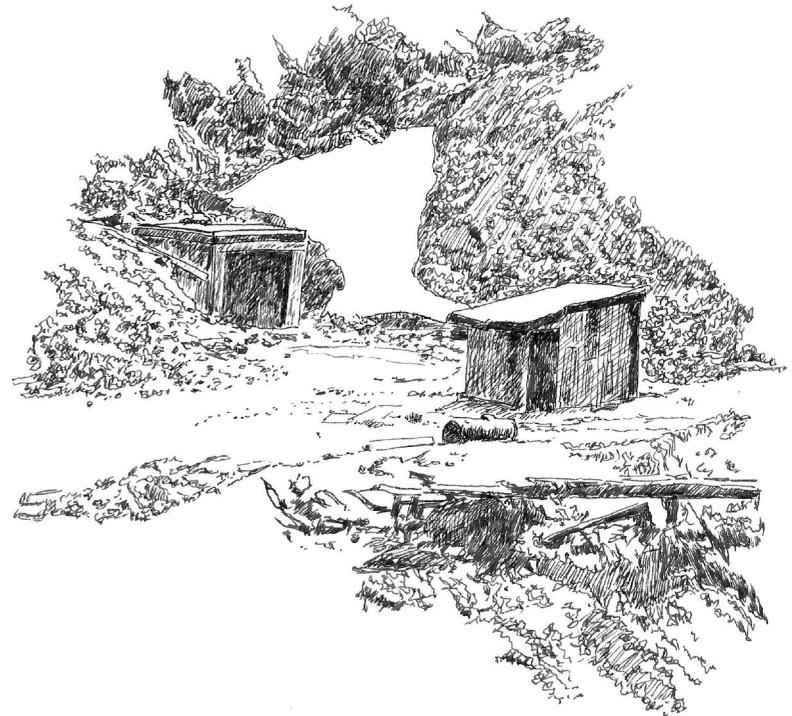
5 Years Ago

November 18, 2009 Poet Rosemary Wahtola Trommer returns to Ridgway Sunday for a "Getting Walloped by the World" event. Trommer will read from her latest book, sing nature-oriented folksongs from around the world, and explore the ways that poetry helps readers increase their awareness of and engagement with the world. The event is held at Cimarron Books from 2-4 p.m. "If the heart could make a topo map of the region where Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico meet, it might look something like this," said Trommer of her newly published book. Through poems and photographs, Trommer and photographer Claude Steelman lead readers on a visual and sonic journey to mountains and deserts, icefalls and aspen forests, resonant canyons, and silent fields.



A Wistful Visitor's OURAY SKETCHBOOK by don carlton

*A SMALL MINE IN THE
RED MOUNTAIN AREA
SHOWS MINING ACTIVITY
IS ALIVE IN JUNE, 2014.
PROFITS ARE LIKELY
DREAMED ABOUT.*



Just off the road near the base of Red Mountain No. 3 a small mine has seen recent activity, bringing to mind that larger mines in the Yankee Boy Basin are already producing metals once more. Visitors realize the large numbers of smaller mines such as this in the San Juans. Should the economics of a few of the smaller sites prove out, is it possible the region's personality might shift once more to an active mining community? Large financial obstacles would need be dealt with, but a brief look at the local industry of the turn of the 20th century is sobering.

*BUT ALL THE
BIG MINES BEGAN
AS SMALL MINES,
RIGHT?*

