

# LOOKING BACK

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*From the Ouray County Herald and Ouray County Plaindealer:*

**50 YEARS AGO, Oct. 19, 1961**

All traffic on Highway 550 will be cut off for four hours within the next few days when the entire hill will be shot off on Tuffey's Corner three-quarters of a mile north of town. Thirty thousand pounds of explosives will be used in three hundred holes. The drilling has been going on for two weeks. This curve on which five deaths have occurred is to be widened forty feet, making a four-lane highway for a distance of 800 feet.

**40 YEARS AGO, Oct. 21, 1971**

Word was received late Wednesday this week that the dam proposed at Ridgway will not go in there, which will come as welcome news to many in this area who have opposed that site for the reservoir. Instead, the second site, under study as an alternative this past year, has been selected for preconstruction planning of the dam. The selected site will not inundate the town of Ridgway, nor the valley lands between Ridgway and Ouray, and will provide for greater net economic benefit to the surrounding area.

**30 YEARS AGO, Oct. 22, 1981**

The Ouray City Council had planned to open five sealed bids Monday night for the refuse collection contract that was to begin Jan. 1 but Tisdell said there was a "problem." He had discovered a state statute, effective the beginning of this year, that, in his opinion, puts the legality of the city's trash policies in doubt. Bob Borchardt, one of the bidders, disputed Tisdell's interpretation of the statute, opening old wounds that sent the council and the audience down a memory lane strewn with garbage problems.

**20 YEARS AGO, Oct. 24, 1991**

The rising costs of cable television to motel owners flared some tempers during Monday night's City Council meeting. Allegations that Ouray Cablevision was violating its permit with the city brought owner Ken Schumann flying in from Alaska to answer the charges. The allegations also filled the City Hall Echo Chamber

with residents and motel owners anxious to hear the debate.

**10 YEARS AGO, Oct. 26, 2001**

Nervousness about the current climate of terrorism has city officials studying possibilities of added security for functions at the city facilities. Mayor Art Fox told the City Council that local police departments, including Ouray's, are getting hourly updates from federal agencies, such as the FBI. "The issue has been raised. There are a lot of groups in the state of Colorado that have some extreme ideas," he said.

*From the Ridgway Sun:*

**25 YEARS AGO, Oct. 23, 1986**

Even though the new federal tax reform legislation is on the President's desk waiting for his signature, it may be many months before we really feel its full impact. Will it simplify the tax environment as proponents argue? Or will it be anti-economic growth, as some economists and Sen. Danforth of Missouri are now arguing? Is it really reform or were members of Congress being stampeded into voting for it because they think that their constituents think it's reform?

**15 YEARS AGO, Oct. 24, 1996**

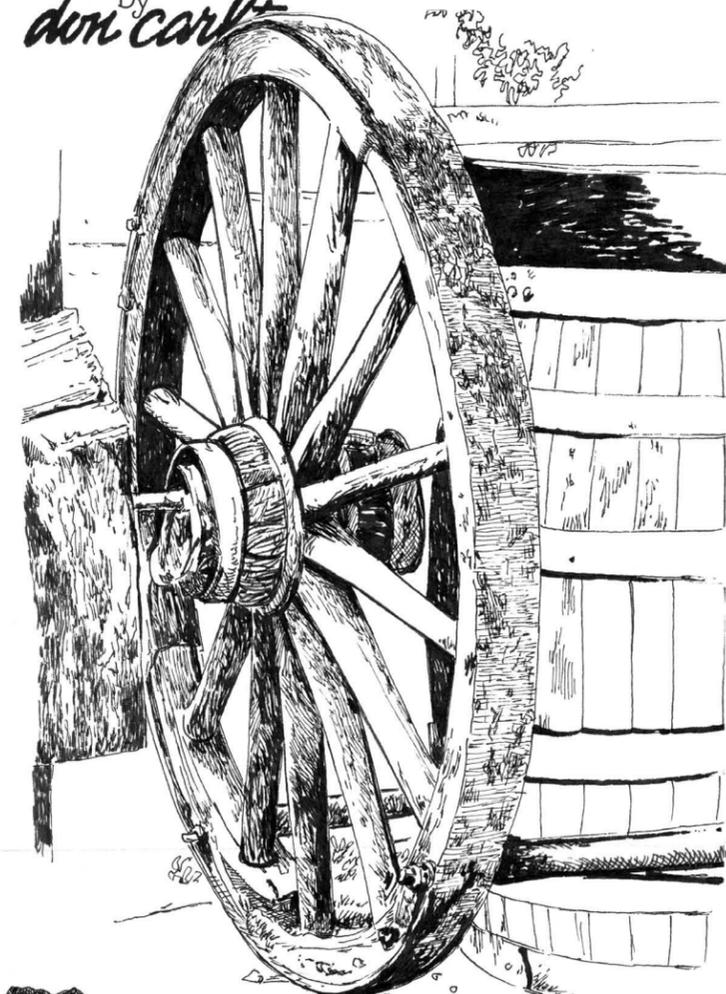
Ridgway's getting more people, and that means more mail coming in. The problem is where to put it. According to Postmaster Don Sharman he has two choices: opening closed boxes immediately instead of waiting the traditional three months, or putting people on a waiting list. The problem has been resolved somewhat, however, by extending rural delivery to people living in the Solar Ranch subdivision.

**5 YEARS AGO, Oct. 18, 2006**

The Ridgway Skate Ranch skateboard park was officially opened Sunday, Oct. 15, with a quick speech from Mayor Pat Willits thanking the community and everyone involved, and dedicating the park to Eddie Booher, killed in 1996 while crossing Sherman Street. "Eddie loved to skate," said Willits. "Something like this in Ridgway was his dream. Finally, it's a reality."

*A Wistful Visitor's*  
**OURAY SKETCHBOOK**  
*by don carl*

*OURAY'S STREET CORNERS*  
*HAVE BRIGHTENED UP WITH*  
*SUMMER PLANTERS*



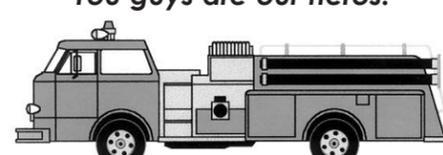
**T**his ancient wagon wheel built onto a barrel sits at the corner of 6th and Main, housing a bundle of summer flowers for the tourist season. And it's but one of many antique fixtures recycled to display ingenuity and taste adding to the color of live vegetation on the main thoroughfare of Ouray. I'd not found a thing lacking in Main Street's past ambiance, but this summer someone really set a new standard for downtown charm. Here's a sincere salute to the folks who put in the time and work on the flower displays of Ouray!

SOMEONE'S CONCERNED IT JUST ISN'T BEAUTIFUL ENOUGH IN OURAY, COLORADO.



## A HUGE THANK YOU

**to Log Hill Fire Department and Montrose FD**  
**who saved our home after a fire Sun., Oct. 9**  
*You guys are our heroes!*



Special thanks to LHFD's Steve Furstenfeld who got here ahead of the fire trucks, suited up and helped us fight the fire with garden hoses until the trucks showed up, then came back every couple of hours to check for hot spots once the fire was out.

**Thank you to Farmers Insurance**  
Agent Greg Bollig, Montrose, and Adjuster Lane Coale.  
And Tyson Witcamp of Service Master  
You have been great, holding our hands and guiding us thru the aftermath

**Thank you to Larry Bartlett, our contractor**  
Larry should be your 3rd call whenever you have a disaster like this. With expertise, patience, and compassion, Larry is working with us and our adjuster to get repairs done as quickly as possible - before pipes freeze and snow falls through the roof!

**Thank you to Citizens State Bank and Dennis Reece.**  
You always come through in a crisis - a gift beyond price and a solid reason for banking with our hometown bank.

**Thank you to all our friends and family,** who offered help, especially sister Kay who lent us a car when ours (not fire-related) was rendered inoperable at the height of the mayhem.

**Thank you to Dr Bynum, staff at Western Slope Orthopedics and Black Canyon Surgical Center**  
for helping with the medical end of our (we now hope) forever-completed disaster run.

There are a lot of good people in Western Colorado, and we're grateful for all of you!

~ James and Kathryn Burke, Log Hill Village

## Back By Popular Demand

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday</b> <i>Taco Night</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Tacos for \$7.50 beef, chicken or veggie hard or soft shell served with beans and rice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday</b> <i>Pasta Night</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bottomless Bowl</b> Pick Your Pasta Pick Your Sauce \$13.95 per person includes salad &amp; garlic bread</p>
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