

TOWN OF YAMPA – APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

YOUR ASSISTANCE NEEDED! GATEWAYS AND DIRECTIONAL WAYFINDING SIGNAGE – For several years, it has been known that many people traveling Hwy 131 drive past Yampa without venturing into town to experience what we as locals get to enjoy every day. The Town needs those visitors to “get off the highway” into the business district and support the local businesses. **SIGNAGE IS THE KEY!** 3 signage options have been developed by students at the Colorado Center for Community Development-University of Colorado Denver. You can participate in this planning effort by viewing the options they have created and share your feedback for likes/dislikes, etc. These options are available for viewing at both town hall and the post office. Feedback surveys are available at both places. You can indicate that you like one option best or you can do a mix and match of the 3. Feedback surveys can be hand delivered to town hall during regular business hours or left in the drop box on the East (Lincoln Street) side of town hall. **We are able to take comments through April 19th.**

MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANCELLED – The municipal election was cancelled as there were not more candidates than offices to be filled and there were no other ballot questions. Mayor Tom Yackey and Trustees Brian Ashley, Jeff Drust and Michael French were sworn into office at the regular town board meeting held April 6, 2016. Trustee Mike Lewis's term continues until April 2018. Thank you gentlemen for your service. Thank you to outgoing trustee, Tom Estes. At various times over several years, Mr. Estes has served as a trustee and as mayor.

RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC – The rabies vaccination clinic is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Town Shop, 56 East First St. Dr. John Colburn will administer the vaccinations. Canine vaccination prices: Rabies - \$9.00, DHL-P with Lepto \$18.00 (distemper, hepatitis, lepto, parvo, corona), Kennel Cough - \$15.00 and Lyme - \$20.00. Giardia is not available. Feline vaccination prices: Rabies - \$9.00 and Distemper including Leukemia - \$20.00. Town license fees: spayed/neutered \$2.00 – unaltered \$5.00. Payments for vaccines must be made separately from payments for town licenses. If you have taken your pet to a veterinarian at a different time, the Town must have your proof of rabies vaccination papers (not just the tag) before the town license can be issued.

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS – Nothing to update at this time.

PERMITS – Reminder: permits are needed for building projects, fences, utility work and so on. **Please check with town staff during the planning portion of your project to obtain current rules and regulations that are in place within Yampa.**

AGENDA ITEMS- Agenda items for the May 4 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 pm, Monday, April 25.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE – Plan ahead! Terri Northrop has informed us that the Yampa Community Yard Sale will be Saturday, June 25, 2016.

NO CLEAN UP DAY - Participation in the clean up day that is usually held the Saturday after the Community Yard Sale has dwindled to the point that it is not cost effective to continue and the Town Board decided to not provide the service this year.

4TH OF JULY IS ON ITS WAY! - The 4th of July Committee is hard at work! **All volunteers are needed and welcomed.** The next planning meeting is Thursday, April 28, 2016, 7:00 pm, Yampa Town Hall. The 2016 parade theme is: **HEROES ARE FOREVER.**

TOUR DE STEAMBOAT bicycle event is scheduled for July 23, 2016. The Tour will offer four rides, two of which will encompass Yampa. This will provide a great opportunity for visitors to get into the heart of Yampa!

FRIENDS OF CROSSAN'S M & A MARKET – The next meeting is Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 7:00 am, Yampa Town Hall. You are welcome to join in as planning gets seriously underway for the annual fundraising auction, which will be Saturday, July 30, 2016. To find out how you can be a part of this project, email friendsofcrossans@gmail.com. The Town of Yampa, Historic Routt County, and Friends of Crossan's continue to appreciate your help on the rehabilitation and reuse of this historic structure as this is **not** a Town funded project.

YAMPA-EGERIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY – The next meeting is Thursday, April 21, 6:30 pm, Yampa Town Hall.

SOUTH ROUTT ELEMENTARY – If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten at South Routt Elementary next fall and he/she is not enrolled in the South Routt Early Learning Center please either call Cheryl Sullivan at the elementary school (638-4558) or email csullivan@southrouttk12.org. In order to start kindergarten children must be 5 years old before October 1st. Thank you.

SOUTH ROUTT EDC – Debbie Curtis is the point of contact for events happening in South Routt to put on the EDC's website calendar; her email address is: rdoonas@hughes.net. The South Routt Economic Development Council (SREDC) website is <http://www.southrouttedc.com/Home.aspx>.

SNIPPETS of HISTORY-ITEMS from APRIL, 1916, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

Fri., April 7....You can now call the Yampa Valley Garage over the telephone....Miss Marie Canant, who has been attending business college in Denver, is expected home about April 10....Clarence Scribner and Dot Dunkley, students at the Agricultural College in Fort Collins, came in on Monday's train....T. H. Webb and wife were down from their ranch above Toponas Saturday. They have just completed a fine new residence on the ranch....Miss Groesbeck (note; she was the town telephone operator) spent two days at the Mark Cole ranch, where she says they have three squares a day. At home she has one square and two others....Max Ewing returned from his visit at Denver and Boulder Tuesday evening.. He reports a splendid time. He visited the town of Nederland near Boulder and says it is a hummer. A few months ago it had a population of 200, and there are 5,000 souls there now.

-School Notes by Auto Swim. The pit for jumping and vaulting has been dug and a load of sawdust put in. Herb Moore also donated a large number of edgings for cross bars....Examinations in Entomology, American Government and Plane Geometry were held this week. Results were pretty good.

Fri., April 14....At a meeting of the Ladies' Aid last week it was proposed by the Missionary Society that the two organizations consolidate....Many of the ladies were members of both societies and were finding it burdensome. After some discussion it was found that the only real obstacle was the fact that after sixteen years of active work the pioneer organization known as the Ladies Aid of Yampa was not willing to change its name, and being non-sectarian did not wish to become an auxiliary of any church. Both points were yielded by the Missionary Society out of respect for the women who pioneered the society.

-School Notes; The Manual Training boys have commenced work on the fire escape for the school building. This is a hard piece of work and Prof. Franz and the boys should be complimented.

-Change of Train Time; Next Sunday a new time card will go into effect. The morning train going east will arrive at 9:15 and the evening train going west will arrive at 5:51.

-There is one dark spot that blemishes the school term and that is the lack of interest which the parents have shown in the school. So far this year the only visitors we have had have come on business of some kind or other. During the remainder of the term we would like to have our parents make at least one visit to school. It pleases the teachers, students and everyone concerned.

Fri., April 21....C. P. Cavis, traveling salesman for the Prior Hat Company of Denver, was run over by a wagon on Moffat Avenue Monday afternoon and so badly injured that he only lived about thirty minutes....He was driving into town from Phippsburg with Mr. Davis and when in front of the Masonic Hall either fell or jumped from the rig in which he was riding directly in front of a team driven by the Marshall boys. When picked up he was unconscious and so badly injured that he spoke only a few words before expiring.

-The executive committee of the Egeria Park Stock growers met last Friday and decided to call the next meeting of the association in Yampa, Saturday to consider a number of range matters, also the purchase of several cars (note- railroad cars) of salt. The Egeria Association now has over eighty members, T. H. Miles having secured fifteen new names in his neighborhood on Morrison Creek.

-William Wagschal has been painting the Yampa Auto Co. garage building with his new paint sprayer.

-William Macfarlane has had the street in front of the Yampa Valley Garage dragged until it is as smooth as a floor. Public spirit is what makes a town. Who will be next to do some good road work?

Fri., April 28....The home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gates of Burns was the scene of entertainment and merriment on Friday evening....being spent in dancing and playing of games. A delightful buffet supper was served at midnight, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all....Just as dawn was tinging the clouds with deeper shades of morning the guests reluctantly bade their host and hostess adieu with hearts full of hope of another party in the near future at the Gates home. (Note; over thirty-five people attended, including children.)

-School Notes; Who said dog? Frank Blue gave his pups to Jack Hill to protect them from the ravages of hungry high school in search of "weenies", at any rate we had the weenies and a hell'uv'a time. Mrs. Reifenstahl acted as chaperone and believe me she had a rare time....Miss Brooks, Prof. Hyatt and Senior Reifenstahl were judges for the eighth grade debate. We believe they were crooked, but we don't like to say so, as they might lick us.

-Grandpa Bird has improved so that he can sit up....P. A. Busch, wife and child left for Syracuse, N. Y., on Wednesday where they will visit Mr. Busch's parents.

-The ceremonial meeting of Camp Fire Girls on Monday evening was one of the prettiest and most impressive affairs of the winter. Mrs. Franz Chapman loaned her house to the guardians, who were hostesses for the evening. A large number of guests were present, including the mothers of the girls and other ladies of the town who might be interested in furthering the work of this splendid movement....Mrs. Peck gave a very instructive talk of this work in developing character and fitting a girl for the great responsibilities of life.

-Mrs. C. D. Hyatt entertained at progressive whist on Wednesday last week and a very pleasant afternoon is reported.

-Mrs. Emma Peck, county superintendent, visited schools near Yampa the past week.

-Editor Sharp of the Oak Creek Times, never gets far from home without a mysterious box that weighs like a glass container and which he claims is a picture-making device. It shakes suspiciously like liquid refreshment.