

TOWN OF YAMPA – AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

WATER METER READING - Water meters will be read on September 1. Please help public works staff by having your dog indoors or otherwise secured on that day so as to avoid dog bites. Thank you for your help.

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS – Work continues to be on schedule for both the Water Treatment Facilities improvements and the Water Storage Tank installation, with the project being around 78% complete. The next phase of the project includes construction of a pre-treatment facility, replacement of a portion of the transmission line and relocation of the access road and will continue into 2017. For the wastewater treatment facility improvements, the planning and design for the construction of the improvements is in early stages.

AGENDA ITEMS - Agenda items for the September 7 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 pm, Mon, August 29.

YAMPA MARKETS – The next Yampa Market will be Sunday, August 28, starting at 10 am and running until 3 pm at River Park (southeast side of Moffat Avenue). Thank you to the South Routt Economic Development Council and Friends of Gateway Yampa for presenting the markets.

YAMPA PUBLIC LIBRARY – Don't forget to visit your Yampa Public Library, 113 Main Street, 638-4654; hours are: Monday & Tuesday 10AM to 5PM; Wednesday Closed; Thursday 3-7PM; Friday 10 AM to 4 PM, and Saturday 10AM to 2PM.

YAMPA-EGERIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Another thank you to June Nelson for having the museum open on weekends; however, we still need volunteers during the week. Stop by or call Town Hall to sign up. Sign up for a few hours or for a few days; all will be appreciated!

TOWN HALL CLOSED – Yampa Town Hall will be closed Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

PERMITS – Reminder: permits are needed for fences, utility work, most building projects 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.

SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY-AUGUST 22 – The speed limit on Main Street as you travel by the preschool and elementary school is 15 miles per hour. The safety of our children is of the utmost importance. Please obey the law. New this year is a four day school week so youngsters may be out and about on Fridays more than we've been accustomed to in the past.

SOROCO PRESCHOOL – is now accepting registration for enrollment. Soroco Preschool is a high- quality, full day, year round program of care and education for your young child. We accept all potty trained 2 ½ through 5 year olds during the school year, and up to 6 ½ year olds on school days off. Our Preschool is Colorado Shines Level IV Rated, and the teaching staff is skilled, nurturing, and excited to help your child with their Math, Language/Literacy, Social/Emotional, Cognitive, and Physical areas of development and exploration. The daily rate beginning August 22, 2016, is \$40/day for operating hours of 7:00 am - 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. No minimum days/week are required for enrollment. There are several opportunities to accommodate family financial need. For additional information, a facility tour, and registration packet, please stop by the preschool (little red schoolhouse on the Elementary school field in Yampa), or call the Director, Tamara at 970-638-1065. Spots will fill quickly as the school year begins. Come join the 'learning fun'! Family Comments: "We can see the growth from when our son started and he continues to show interest in learning every day. Thank You!" "As an educator, I know you all offer an exemplary service. You all have taught my son so much. I thank God each and every day for each one of you!" "I owe a great deal of gratitude to the director and all of the wonderful teachers at Soroco Preschool. As a parent, I couldn't ask for a better program to help prepare her for kindergarten and beyond." "My son gets an opportunity to practice good group behavior with children his own age, and his speech has vastly improved." "The Preschool keeps us informed, and they also are always friendly and kind. They work with us when needed."

OAK CREEK LABOR DAY – THREE DAYS OF FUN! Support our neighbors to the north as the Labor Day committee volunteers work hard so you can play. No better place to celebrate.

TOUR DE STEAMBOAT- bicycle event July 23, 2016. Two of the Tour's four rides, included Yampa, Oak Creek and other parts of south Routt. The event provided a great opportunity for visitors to experience the heart of Yampa and the beautiful area we get to enjoy every day. Thank you to everyone for being courteous hosts for these visitors and to all of the volunteers at the aid station.

FRIENDS OF CROSSAN'S M & A MARKET - The 3rd annual Call of the Wild Auction, this year featuring an outdoor acoustic concert with TODD PARK MOHR (of Big Head Todd and the Monsters) was held Saturday, July 30 and was an unprecedented success. Thank you to the locals for welcoming the visitors to town and sharing "our space" with them for a short while.

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: rdtponas@hughes.net. The South Routt Economic Development Council (SREDC) website is <http://www.southrouttedc.com/Home.aspx>.

SNIPPETS of HISTORY-ITEMS of INTEREST FROM AUGUST, 1916, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

Fri., Aug. 4....One of the most interesting sights in this section of Colorado is the peculiar gap at the head of Bushy Creek over in the Morrison Creek country and commonly known as the Mud Slides....Viewed from the top (note-accessible by going up on Green Ridge road) the slide has a weird appearance, which makes a person feel as tho looking at the inner workings of the Earth than is quite right. The mountain is cut clean at its highest point and the trees are growing right to the edge while below are hundreds of feet of bluish soil sloping from three sides into a deep chasm thru which the creek flows.

-Thirty cars of sheep were unloaded at Yampa Monday and taken to the range at the head of the Yampa River. There were 3,000 in the lot and they were shipped by the Boyer Bros. out of Wyoming. Another bunch of about 3,500 will follow in a few days which will bring the total on this part of the Flat Top range to something over 10,000 head.

-What might have been a very serious accident occurred in Wheeler's lane last week when Mrs. Charls was driving a party of ladies to the Ladies' Aid meeting. The carriage went into one of the holes in the road and Mrs. Trull and young child were thrown out. They were all badly shaken. Mrs. Charls was obliged to give up the trip and turn back....

Fri., Aug., 11....The Yampa Valley Garage has installed a number of electric lights at their plant. There are four on the street and in the front of the building and six on the inside. The lights were put in by Chas. R. Simon of the Colonial theater and the electricity is furnished from that plant. This may be simply a starter for a complete system for the town. We hope so.

-Dr. J. H. Cole and wife, their daughter Margaret and S. C. Crouch returned Thurs. night from a week's absence in Denver. They made the trip via Rabbit Ears pass. The whole journey was made without mishap of any kind until they got within three miles of Yampa when their car got stuck in the mud and they had to get a team to pull them out....S. G. Gumlick and wife drove over from Denver in their Lizzie to visit their brother, E. N. Gumlick and nieces. They drove thru the mud and rain nearly all the way. They left Denver the morning of the 3rd. and arrived at the ranch on the 6th and the worst mud hole on the whole trip they encountered was between Yampa and the ranch.

-There will only be a few more weeks of "The Broken Coin" at the Colonial and all are anxious to see the finish of this thrilling story....John H. Burroughs of Steamboat has purchased from F. A. Metcalf a 1917 six-cylinder Buick....The lightning killed one of Mr. Charls' valuable milk cows Tuesday night....James Wilson and Bill Bird went to Trappers Tuesday for a few days fishing....Its haying time up the Yampa River but if the heavy rains continue they'll be haying at Christmas.

Fri., Aug 18....Judge Tully Scott, associate justice of the state supreme court, with his two sons, Kempthorn and Garrett, of Denver, and a nephew Philip Scott of Kansas City, arrived in Yampa Monday night and left Wednesday morning for ten days outing at Trappers Lake. Scott Teague had charge of the party and no one is better able to manage a camping trip than Mr. Teague. Trappers Lake is growing in popularity and more and more people go over the trail each year. It is only a matter of a few years until this beautiful lake will be surrounded by permanent summer camps, for few people who visit there and enjoy the beautiful trip over the Flat Top mountains ever forget the experience.

-The Moffat road will run a special train to Hayden for the Routt county fair on Wed., Thurs. and Friday, September 6, 7 and 8. The train will leave Yampa at about 7:30 in the morning and return the same day. A fare of one and one-third for the round trip has been made.

-Miss Amy Phillips spent Wednesday and Thursday visiting friends in Wheeler Basin....The Campfire Girls will give a dance tonight at Masonic Hall. Punch and cake will be served....Miss Bessie Smith came in from Denver Wednesday. She will spend the summer at the Bartholomew sawmill. (Note- at Crosho Lake.)....Frank Benton Jr. drove twenty-six head of horses thru Yampa this week. He intends to sell them down in the lower country....The box social and dance at the Lancaster school house last Saturday was well attended and a neat sum was added to the piano fund (note-Lancaster school was located up river road.)....Mrs. Jerry Starkey gave birth to twin boys Wednesday morning; the babies only lived a short time. Mrs. Starkey has been poorly for months past but is doing nicely now.

Fri., Aug. 25-Mrs. Chas. Wheeler very delightfully entertained in honor of her guest, Miss May Wilson of Osceola, Mo., on Tuesday afternoon. Upon the arrival of the guests they were conducted to the dining room where they were served with fruit punch. The rooms were fragrant with sweet peas and pansies. The game of the afternoon was 500, the high prize going to Miss Long, it being a hand-painted plate. Mrs. Wheeler, in her usual charming manner served delicious peppermint ice cream and light and dark cake....Miss Cornelia Brown charmingly entertained at 500 at the home of her uncle, S. C. Reid, Wednesday. A lovely lunch of peach ice cream and cake was served on the lawn after a delightful game of cards....

-The building east of the Leader has been rented for a new pool hall and barbershop; the interior is to be redecorated and everything made modern and up to date. It is proposed to install an electric lighting system, also hot and cold running water.

-Judge Tully, two sons and nephew returned from their ten days at Trappers Lake yesterday and went to Denver today. They reported the time of their lives, both as to the scenery and fishing and an ideal place to camp. Judge Scott said he had fished in every part of the state but had never seen anything like Trappers.