

TOWN OF YAMPA – AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT UPDATE & WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS – Nothing new to report for this newsletter.

TRANSITION TO CROSSAN'S M & A MARKET BUILDING – With completion of the first floor at the Crossan building, Deputy Clerk Nora Phillips is now located there. Please take “in person” water/sewer payments to her when she is there as she has the records there. The street address is 101 Main. The payment drop box will remain at town hall (56 Lincoln St) for now. A reminder that Nora is the notary public and the municipal court clerk. Town Clerk and Public Works will remain at town hall until the second-floor construction at Crossan's is finished.

2018 BUDGET & WATER/SEWER ORDINANCE UPDATE – The Town Board is beginning 2018 budget preparations and continuing work on updating the water/sewer ordinance, which will include an increase in rates. When the draft water/sewer ordinance is ready for review, we'll let you know. If there is something you would like to see in the budget, please let town staff or town board know. The Board can't promise it will be included, but they can't include it if they don't know about it.

AGENDA ITEMS – Agenda items for the September 6 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk by 4:00 pm, Monday, August 28.

YAMPA HOME SIMPLE – Additional information has been submitted for the proposed development at 30 Moffat Avenue and both the preliminary application and the re-submittal is available for review at Town Hall. The resubmitted information still needs to be reviewed so a proposed date for the public hearing has not been set. The public will be informed when the application is deemed complete and the public hearing is scheduled.

TOWN HALL CLOSED – Yampa Town Hall will be closed Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

SCHOOL BEGINS TUESDAY-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. Just a reminder that Soroco is on a four-day school week so youngsters may be out and about on Fridays.

SOUTH ROUTT LIBRARY DISTRICT – The "Build a Better World" Summer Reading Program for the South Routt Library District was a great success! We had over 240 kids in attendance in our 8 programs at each library in Yampa and Oak Creek. Thank you to the businesses who gave us donations: Penny's Diner, Select Super, Bonfiglio Drugstore, Safeway Stores, Natural Grocers, City Market, Walmart, and Walgreen Drug Stores. Also there are FREE eclipse sunglasses that will be handed out at each library (first come, first served and one per person); don't forget the partial eclipse on Monday, August 21 where you will need these sunglasses to view it. **Please remember to visit your local library!**

YAMPA MARKETS – Plan now to participate in the Yampa Markets on the remaining Sundays - August 27 and September 24 at River Park (southeast side of Moffat Avenue). Posters around town have details.

YAMPA-EGERIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY – There will not be a meeting on August 17 as some members are involved in the Routt County Fair and the Society encourages attendance at the fair. Some historical society members are busy working on what displays will be housed at the Crossan building and if you have an interest in helping with that, your contacts are Rita Herold or Wendy Moreau.

TOUR DE STEAMBOAT bicycle event was held July 22, 2017. Two of the Tour's four rides, included Yampa and other parts of south Routt. The event provided an 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 thank you to all the volunteers at the aid station.

FRIENDS OF CROSSAN'S M & A MARKET – The 4th annual Call of the Wild Auction, featured an outdoor acoustic concert with TODD PARK MOHR (of Big Head Todd and the Monsters) was held Saturday, July 29 and was once again very successful. Thank you to the locals for welcoming the visitors to town and sharing “our space” with them for a short while and thank you to the numerous volunteers. Historic Routt County, the fiscal agent for Town of Yampa and Friends of Crossan's M & A Market Committee, for the Crossan building rehabilitation received word that they were awarded a state historic fund grant for completion of the second floor of the Crossan building. Your monetary assistance and volunteer help on the rehabilitation and reuse of this historic structure has been and continues to be much appreciated as this is **not** a Town funded project. As stated, Historic Routt County is the fiscal agent for the project and your donations can still be used as the grant does not cover all expenses. Checks should be made payable to Historic Routt County and Crossan's should be noted in the *for* line of your check and mailed to P.O. Box 775717, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477. Email friendsofcrossans@gmail.com for more information.

YAMPA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – The Yampa Fire Protection District has openings on their Board of Directors. Please leave your name and telephone number on the message machine at the District office – 970-638-4227 and you will be contacted with the information you will need to apply for a position.

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.

SNIPPETS of HISTORY-ITEMS of INTEREST from AUGUST,1907, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

Aug.,3.... Remember the box social at Carl's Hall next Friday evening. A barrel of fun for all who attend.

-Mrs. Mark Choate was displaying a pair of beautifully blackened eyes the first of the week, the result of a horse which she was riding falling with her. In her descent, she hit a tree.

-Bert and Viola, at the Town Hall, this Saturday evening. Two solid hours of good music and uproarious fun. Adults 35 cents; children 15 cents. There will be a dance afterwards.

The Angel of Death has once more come into Routt County, this time to take Hugh Chapman of Pinnacle (note-located west of Phippsburg), one of the oldest and most respected residents of this portion of the state. After an illness extending over many months and from which it was known there could be no recovery, he passed to his long rest on Wednesday morning, shortly before five o'clock.... Grandpa Chapman had been a resident of Routt County for the past 14 years and few citizens are better known than him and his two sons, David M. and Franz S. Chapman.... Hugh Chapman was born at Steubenville, Ohio, on June 26, 1834.

Aug., 10.... That the Moffat Road would probably be completed and in operation to the State Bridge across Grand River (note-now known as the Colorado River) by October 1, was the cheering news brought by Mr. Deuel (note- an official with the Moffat Road visiting Yampa). He stated there is a possibility that the road would fall short of that point by the date mentioned, but said positively that cattle shipments would be accepted by that date at Copper Camp, a point generally known as Yarmony Siding, which is 10 miles from McCoy.... To reach Copper Camp, the road to Wolcott is left at the Baily ranch, 1 1/2 miles beyond McCoy, and Yarmony Creek is followed. The road is said to be a very good one, and in distance from Yampa will be very little farther than State Bridge. Warehouses and cattle chutes will be built there and good facilities afforded for the handling of freight.... Mr. Deuel stated that the rock slides in Gore Canon during the past three months have been worse than anything of the kind which he has had to deal with in all his years of railroading.

-Mrs. L. Buckingham has had a neat picket fence constructed in front of her residence on A Street (Where was A Street??) J. W. Raney is laying crosswalks for the town at Second and A Streets.... F. A Jackson has had a new roof put on his house on A Street.

Aug., 17....Work has commenced upon the new steel bridge across the Yampa river at this town....The new bridge is being placed on the section line opposite the east end of Moffat avenue, which street is supposed to run about east and west, but which is actually a little north of the line at the corner of Main Street, and is a little south of it at the east end....The present bridge is about 200 feet south of the new bridge, and the traveled road, in order to reach it, has swung to the south of the section line leaving irregular shaped tracts on the north side of the road between it and the section line.

-W. V. Cox, who until recently has been in the livery business at Hoisington, KS., has purchased two lots on Lincoln Avenue in Yampa, where he will erect a residence.... Work was commenced this week on the erection of a neat dwelling house for Ferdinand Luedke (note-he was one of two druggists) on the west side of Lincoln Avenue, between Fourth and Fifth Streets.

-There was a slight frost along the river bottoms last Friday night, Aug. 9, this being unusually early for such a low temperature. Potatoes and beans were slightly nipped, but on the higher ground no harm was done.... Cool again Thursday of this week, the Leader's thermometer recorded a low of 37 degrees.

Aug. 24.... The mail for Oak Creek post office, which has heretofore been carried from Yampa three times a week, now goes by daily stage from Yampa to Huggins (note- a small incorporated town just south of Oak Creek at the intersection of 131 and Stagecoach road 14), by the contract now being held by the stage company. As the Oak Creek road is not in proper condition for the stages to follow, Manager Whipple has let a subcontract to carry the mail daily between O. C. and Huggins.

-According to a news item in the Denver Republican, Steamboat Springs is a new town which was incorporated on Monday of this week. Rather a hard blow for the Steamboat real estate men.

Aug. 31-The session of the District Court which opens at Hahn's Peak on Monday, Sept. 16, will probably be the most important session of court ever held in Routt County, on account of the large number of criminal cases on the docket. There are more than a dozen criminal cases to be tried, coming from all portions of the county, but Yampa and vicinity have contributed more than any other neighborhood, and as a result a large number of Yampa people will be in attendance as witnesses. It is estimated that fully 250 people will be at Hahn's Peak....every room at the Larson Hotel as well as every other available bed in the county seat town has been engaged....a large number of people will be compelled to camp out....cases on the docket from the Yampa area include a murder trial; a forgery case of a timekeeper accused of keeping "dead people" on the payroll and pocketing their paychecks; a man accused of selling mortgaged property and a man arrested in Toponas while on his way out of the country after having contracted store bills in Yampa.

-The town board is having a culvert built to enclose the ditch crossing Moffat Avenue east of the Royal Hotel, so as to extend across the entire street. Heretofore the ditch was only crossed by two narrow bridges.