

TOWN OF YAMPA – DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! – Yampa townspeople are invited to judge and vote for the decorated home in Yampa that is your favorite. The four homes that receive the most votes will win the contest! If you live in Yampa, there will be a voting form enclosed with this newsletter. We are asking you to “tour the town” and let us know your personal favorite by completing the form and dropping it by town hall, mailing it to town hall, or putting it in the night drop. **The deadline for voting is Monday, December 21, 4:00 pm.** One vote per household, please! When you vote, your name will go in a drawing for a Christmas ham! Be sure to give us your name! The drawing for the ham will take place on Tuesday, December 22, around 9:30 am. Call Janet or Nora at Town Hall 638-4511 if you have questions. Prizes are given in South Routt Bucs that can be used at participating businesses in South Routt. The prizes are: 1st place - \$100, 2nd place - \$75, 3rd place - \$50, 4th place - \$25. If you are available to help with one of the following tasks, please call Janet or Nora at Town Hall: make popcorn balls Monday, December 21, 6:30 pm, at the home of Tom and Eloise Estes or put candy sacks together on Tuesday, December 22, 10:00 am, at Town Hall. Santa will visit on Christmas Eve at the town tree, in Yackey Park just west of the Yampa-Egeria museum, at 6:30 pm. It is a great time to visit with folks, even if you don't have children to sit on Santa's lap.

SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN – Remember to shop local and keep your dollars in South Routt during this busy buying season. Entry forms are available at participating businesses. For every \$100 you spend locally you get a chance to win fabulous prizes. All valid entries must be received by December 24th. Bring your receipts and registration cards to your town halls in Yampa or Oak Creek or to Flat Tops Ranch Supply in Phippsburg. The drawing will be held Wednesday, December 30 at Oak Creek Town Hall-entrants need not be present to win.

OAK CREEK HOLLY FESTIVAL – Enjoy a sleigh full of fun activities with friends and family at the Oak Creek Holly Festival **December 12**. Along with activities in Oak Creek (see posters or the Valley Voice for the schedule), you can make a reindeer ornament at Flat Tops Ranch Supply in Phippsburg and top off your evening by playing **BINGO** at the Ladies Aid Hall in Yampa. Doors open at 7 pm and play starts at 7:30 pm.

HOLIDAYS – The Town Hall and Public Works Department will be closed Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

AGENDA ITEMS – Agenda items for the January 6 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 pm, Monday, December 28.

FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PANCAKE SUPPER – Please join the fire department for their annual pancake supper on Thursday, December 31, at the Ladies Aid Hall. Enjoy fresh hot pancakes, french toast, and sausage along with coffee and juice. Get out, see your neighbors, and take some time to visit. Serving will begin at 5:00 pm and continue until 7:00 pm. The cost will be 5 & under free, 6-13 \$4.00 and 14 & up \$6.00. The department says thanks to their wonderful supporters and may you all have a joyous holiday season.

RECYCLE BIN – We are privileged to have the recycle bin in Yampa one week a month. We were reminded last month that the bin is for residents and not for businesses with large quantities of cardboard. If you as a resident use it for cardboard, please break down the boxes.

LADIES AID HALL RENTALS – The Ladies Aid Hall has been a wonderful resource through the years for groups and individuals to have social functions. Due to some problems in recent months, the Town Board will be instituting some new policies in 2016 and firming up some policies already in place. Until those policies can be completed, some interim measures have been put in place to help alleviate the problems. These will be discussed with groups and individuals when they rent the hall.

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

STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY – PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY IS MORE THAN JUST THE TRAVELED PORTIONS OF THE STREET and the town does use the non-traveled portion of the street for snow storage during the winter. In some places throughout town, the street rights-of-way are becoming full of residents' personal property. Help yourself and the town by clearing the rights-of-way now of anything that can't be moved on short notice. This does not include the vehicles you drive on a regular basis and move frequently.

WATER & SEWER PAYMENTS - Cash payments are welcome, but please bring exact cash for what is due or have the entire amount credited to the account; we do not keep cash on hand. Payments made by check or money order are welcome in the night drop on the Lincoln Street side of Town Hall, but we ask that you bring cash payments in during open hours so we can give you a receipt.

SNIPPETS of HISTORY-ITEMS from DECEMBER, 1915, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

Fri., Dec. 3....Turkey Shoot Brings Out Many Good Shots and Fancy Scores. Many House Parties and Family Gatherings....Grand Ball at Masonic Hall Attended by Many Dancers. Thanksgiving was fittingly observed at YampaThe turkey shooting was managed by J. L. Williams who had a fine lot of turkeys for the occasion. The 40 pound prize turkey was won by Clarence Kilnesmith who made a fine center shot at 100 yards. William MacFarlane was the high man winning six birds. Tony Valentin and his boys from the section house carried away six turkeys among them. Clint Wheeler had two to his credit as did Harve Smith and Frank Blue. Many others won a bird and all had a good time.

-Events of the Day....Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Moore had a family dinner party at their home near town....Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Van Camp spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Norvell at Steamboat....A jolly party of sixteen people gathered around the hospitable board of Harry Kawin when a most sumptuous dinner was served by Mrs. Kawin and daughters....Mrs. Dr. Cole served the day's cheer to a party of young people at five o'clock dinner....(note- there were many, many other dinners mentioned!)

-Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and Mrs. Williams' mother gathered into the fold all of the stray and hungry bachelors in town. Some of them are in this deplorable condition from choice, some from fear of the opposite sex and some because their wives won't come home. There were young bachelors, middle aged ones, but no old ones for it is only the married men who grow old.

Fri., Dec. 10....Young Charles Estep, son of Hayden Rancher Dies from Rifle Shot to Leg. He was hunting for lost horses with George Bird of Yampa when the accident happened. Charles Estep died Tuesday night from a gunshot wound in the left knee, accompanied by exposure from being lost in the mountains above the J. P. Gates ranch in Burns Hole....

-School Squibs....Campfire Girls are commencing great things. We expect to see them on snowshoes before long. This is a worthy organization and we believe all the girls should join....The Christmas programs are coming along nicely....Almost everyone is sick. Ten were absent at one time from the primary room and fifteen from the intermediate room....The Manual Training Boys are going to make the Campfire Girls some skis.

Fri., Dec. 17....Evidence indicates that the death of Ira Chivis, the Yampa ranchman, points to foul play. He was found dead on the road near Rifle on the morning of Nov, 21. It is thot (Sic.) that Chivis may have been drugged and thrown from a wagon as the road was very muddy at the point where the body was found and there were no tracks leading from the body.

-Christmas Holiday Season Now Here! Christmas falls on Saturday this year and preparations are being made for the usual festivities. "Pap" Reid, at the Post Office, has been selected by the children as the special representative of old Santa Claus and some of the letters he is receiving from the little ones are a source of great amusement....A Christmas tree at the church for the youngsters, this takes in any one under a hundred years old, will be the big event on Christmas Eve. There will be a big ball at the Masonic Hall on Christmas night.

-Colonial Theater Gossip....The advertising slides are very attractive and create no end of fun. All pictures shown are passed by the National Bureau of Censors....The Hearst-Selig educational pictures took you nearly around the world....You can't send to Monkey Ward for your moving pictures so go to the Colonial and see some good ones.

Fri., Dec 24....Miss Beulah Greathouse is learning that there can be some excitement even as "far from the madding crowd" as the Crosho school neighborhood. Some unkind person advised her to try a side hill on her early attempt at skiing. The result can be better imagined than described and Loren Bird had his chance to rescue a maiden in distress...-When it takes seven days to get a freight shipment of feed from Yampa to Toponas is it any wonder ranchers are complaining of the Moffat road service....A large crowd enjoyed the show at the Colonial Sunday afternoon. It has become quite the thing to take your best girl to the afternoon show.

-Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brewer royally entertained five of their Bachelor (or widower) friends at dinner last Sunday. The entire five have depended upon hotels and restaurants for their feed so long that an opportunity like last Sunday was certainly appreciated by the aforesaid five. Not only was the entire menu home cooking, but the fine chicken served was raised by the Brewers.

Fri., Dec 30....CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND GOOD CHEER ABROAD IN THE LAND. With Christmas Trees, House Parties and Family Gatherings Old Santa Has a Merry and a Very Busy Time at Yampa in Church, Schools, Town and Country Homes. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stephenson made the day pleasant for friends at Christmas dinner at their ranch....A large party of friends enjoyed the day at a bountiful Christmas spread at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Charles....The Crossan family party was at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. James Macfarlane....Mr. and Mrs., Dan Trantham gave Christmas cheer to a few friends at their new home on the Arnold Powell ranch....Mr. and Mrs. Henry Head entertained....Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Canant had a Christmas house party...A reunion was held by the Laughlin family....The Burgess family gathered at the town house to be together....Dr. and Mrs. Cole had a family dinner party...(note-the list goes on and on.)