

## TOWN OF YAMPA – DECEMBER 2016 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. P.S. - If your own home is your favorite, please vote for your second favorite! **The deadline for voting is Wednesday, December 21, 4:00 pm.** The cash prizes are: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50, 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$25. One vote per household, please! The winners will be announced Friday, December 23. 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 Friday, December 23. 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 19, 6:30 pm, at the home of Tom and Eloise Estes or put candy sacks together on Tuesday, December 20, 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. Contest runs Nov 19 through Dec 24. 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 Friday, December 30 at Oak Creek Town Hall-entrants need not be present to win.

**HOLIDAYS** – The Town Hall and Public Works Department will be closed Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

**AGENDA ITEMS** – Agenda items for the January 4 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 pm, Tuesday, December 27.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PANCAKE SUPPER** – Please join the fire department for their annual pancake supper on Saturday, December 31, at the Ladies Aid Hall. Get out, meet your neighbors, and take some time to visit. Serving will begin at 5:00 pm and continue until 7:00 pm. Watch for posters around town for the prices and the menu! The department says thank you to their wonderful supporters and may you all have a joyous holiday season.

**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 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 90% 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.

**SOUTH ROUTT MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT** – Your friendly, hometown clinic! Open 5 days a week 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. Walk-ins welcome! Come in and get your seasonal flu vaccine – **NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!** Did you know we have 5 medical providers to suit your individual wants and needs? We're proud to have some of the best in the area! – Dr. Dan Smilkstein, MD, Dr. Lisa Harner, MD, Dr. Jon Freckleton, DO, Frankie Hannah, PA, Linda Casner, ND; We accept most insurance plans including medicare & medicaid. Call us today for an appointment or come on in! 970-736-8118 – Located at 300 E Main St., Oak Creek, CO 80467, [www.southrouttmedical.com](http://www.southrouttmedical.com) Like us on Facebook!

**WATER & SEWER PAYMENTS** - Payments made by check or money order are welcome in the night drop on the Lincoln Street side of Town Hall. It is best to bring cash payments in during open hours so we can give you a receipt. Exact cash for what is due or having the entire amount credited to your account is required as we do not keep cash on hand. Town hall hours are 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

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

**ASK A FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL** – Free. Confidential. Walk-Ins Accepted. FREE clinics on the first Wednesday of each month, 4-6:00 pm. December 7, January 4, February 1, and March 1. Where: Routt County United Way Office (443 Oak Street, Steamboat Springs). Sample Topics Include: credit, budgeting, investment accounts (such as retirement and college), debt, loans, general banking. Please bring any relevant paperwork with you. Professional interpreters will be available. **RSVP:** Call 970-879-5605 or email [lauren@routtcountyunitedway.org](mailto:lauren@routtcountyunitedway.org) to reserve your 20 minute session. Come to one, come to all!

## SNIPPETS of HISTORY-ITEMS of INTEREST from DECEMBER, 1916, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

Fri. Dec., 1....Mrs. Max Ewing was quite ill during the late part of the week; Mary Terhune visited in town several days last week; Dr. J. H. Cole has placed a two thousand pound safe in his residence; Chas. Anderson is putting the finishing touches on the new house he has been building for Albert Bird at the Bird ranch below Yampa.

-T. J. Weaver, a Lily Park rancher, is credited by the Craig Empire with having raised a 19 ½ lb. radish.

-Special rates will be given over the Denver and Salt Lake railroad for the stock show in January.

-The Winter Sports Club of Middle Park has joined the National Ski Association and the ski tournament there this winter will be held under the National rules.

-High School Notes...."Work equals force times distance." Can we apply this rule to school work? We can apply the force but how about the distance...Another examination was taken in physics. The grades were much better this time....The girls are sure prompt when it comes to taking examinations in the afternoon. We had a scheme made up to shut the teacher in the recitation room, take the examination questions and then we would all be sure of good grades, but our hearts failed us....We always have a nice fire in the high school room to warmly greet us each morning.

Fri., Dec. 8....Thanksgiving Day Fittingly Observed by Yampa People; The special pictures and music at The Colonial Theater in the afternoon and the dance in the evening were enjoyed by large crowds....A family reunion was enjoyed at the parsonage....Thanksgiving was observed in true "down east" style at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cole, when they entertained at six o'clock dinner. Tables, at which were seated twenty-eight guests, were set in the two large living rooms and most every good thing that was ever thought of in the way of food was served thereon. After the dinner the guests enjoyed a game of cards until ten o'clock and then all went to the Masonic hall and danced....About thirty people, all relatives, ate dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Moore.

-Did it ever occur to you that Yampa has the handsomest collection of bachelors in the state of Colorado? Well she has! And when they put on their boiled shirts and gold cuff links, they would make the heart of the statue of Venus beat....On Thanksgiving day, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stephenson, assisted by Auntie Lindsey, one half dozen of these happy, blessed single Adonises sat down to a table which fairly groaned with Thanksgiving cookery. Elmer and T. P. Lindsey, with saddened features, broke a wish bone with a sigh, saying "boys, you're lucky. Here's to our day—gone by."

-Fri., Dec. 15....Jimmie Cole chaperoned a party of girls on a skating trip Friday night. They didn't find much skating but got lots of fresh air and had a lot of fun....J. G. Terhune took advantage of the good walking weather after the Monday storm and walked to the ranch....The Camp Fire Girls entertainment to be given Thursday at the Yampa Hall is said to be one of the best things of the kind ever presented in Yampa.

-High School Notes....We should be excused from school on days like these, the snow in the streets being so drifted it is almost impossible to wade through them....Our science is so very simple that a few of the students seem to get it without half trying....Girls shouldn't be made to study about machinery, all the students in the physics class being girls.

-The ladies of the Congregational church are arranging for a Christmas tree at the church on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. A fine program by the little folks will be presented, also an abundance of Christmas cheer.

Fri., Dec. 22....On Fri. evening a number of men of Yampa and vicinity met to organize a club for men, possibly envious of the good record established by the Ladies Aid. The club hopes to solve some of the problems connected with the social and intellectual development of the community, to provide quarters for the meetings of the Camp Fire Girls, to give the boys a place to blow off steam and to bring the men together at least once a week for a good time. The next meeting will be held at the parsonage Fri. evening. Remember, no women allowed.

-The Oak Creek Toboggan Club has been organized to encourage all healthy outdoor sports....John Lough took some winter wheat from the craw of a wild goose in British Columbia and planted it on his ranch. He now has enough for six acres of very fine grain.

-McCoy News....Everyone around McCoy are now feeding all their cattle....There will be a big time at Copper Spur Christmas...Fine sleighing at McCoy....The Yarmony school teacher has gone to Denver for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Groh, Frank Groh and George Brown were at Chas. McCoy's place for dinner Sunday.

Fri., Dec. 29....Old Santa made his first appearance at the Congregational church Sunday evening where a fine program had been arranged by the children, with a big tree from which Santa distributed presents to the little ones. A Christmas ball was given at the Masonic hall on Christmas night, where a large number of the younger set had a delightful time. The special Christmas pictures at The Colonial came late but were here in time for the evening show.

-The Grand Hotel was the scene of the largest Christmas gathering where the management had prepared a most complete menu of good things, to which over fifty were seated.

-Mr. and Mrs. Max Ewing gave their first Christmas dinner, having as guests, E. W. Ewing, Mrs. Alice McFarland and family and Rev. T. B. Smith and wife.

-The reception of the Onondaga camp [Camp Fire Girls] in their presentation of the play, Any Girl, at the Yampa hall Thursday should encourage the young ladies to further dramatic effort.

-A box social and entertainment was given last Friday evening by Mrs. May Bird and her pupils at the Watson Creek school house at which a most enjoyable time was had. Several sleigh loads of young people went out from Yampa.