

## TOWN OF YAMPA – FEBRUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

**REMINDER: NEW HOURS AT YAMPA POST OFFICE** – Beginning Monday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the new reduced hours at the Post Office will be 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Saturday hours will remain the same, 8:30-10:30. Please plan accordingly when needing postal services and keep in mind the importance of supporting the local post office as we all adjust to the new hours.

**SWEETHEART BINGO** – The American Legion is hosting Sweetheart Bingo on Saturday, February 14, 2015, Yampa Ladies Aid Hall. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Join the love of your life for an inexpensive night of entertainment and socializing. Bingo is fun, with or without a sweetheart, so come one and all to play. The American Legion appreciates everyone's support!

### **WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS & ADD'L WATER STORAGE TANK UPDATE**

The plans and specifications for the water treatment plant improvements and additional water storage tank have been approved by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The advertisement for bids for the construction of the plant improvements and water storage tank has been published. The bids will be publicly opened at the office of the engineer, Civil Design Consultants, in Steamboat Springs on Friday, February 27, 2015, at 11:00 am. Additional funding for the final design and construction of the pre-treatment building and a portion of the transmission line has been awarded to the Town as well.

### **WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

The grant application to fund the preliminary engineering report (PER) for the wastewater system improvements was not approved. Other funding sources are being explored for that project.

**TOWN HALL CLOSED** – Town Hall and Public Works will be closed on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> for President's Day.

**SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLAN** – With the assistance of the Colorado Rural Water Association (CRWA), the Town of Yampa is developing a Source Water Protection Plan. The Town values a clean, high quality, drinking water supply and will work with many interested individuals, organizations, businesses, etc. to protect this resource. The first stakeholders' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 7:00 pm, Yampa Town Hall, 56 Lincoln Street, Yampa. The meeting is open to anyone interested in attending. CRWA receives funding from the United States Department of Agriculture and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to help small rural communities such as Yampa with source water protection. CRWA's Source Water Specialist, Colleen Williams, will coordinate and facilitate the process of developing the plan.

**AGENDA ITEMS**- Agenda items for the March 4 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 pm, Monday, February 23.

**MARIJUANA REGULATIONS** – At the February 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Town Board, Ordinance No. 2015-01 was passed. The ordinance amends Title 17 of the Municipal Code regarding the regulation of marijuana cultivation for personal and medical use in residential structures and lots. Complete copies of the Ordinance are available and can be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk, at Town Hall, 56 Lincoln Street in Yampa.

**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. We recommend that you bring cash payments in during open hours so you can get a receipt.

**ICE RINK** – Please accept the Town's apologies that the ice rink was not available for use this winter.

**YAMPA-EGERIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (YEHS)** – The Groundhog Dinner was again a big success. Thanks to all the good people who came to eat and the volunteers that helped prepare and serve the dinner. The next YEHS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, Yampa Town Hall.

**FRIENDS OF CROSSAN'S M & A MARKET (FOC)** – [friendsofcrossans@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcrossans@gmail.com) - In February, the Friends of Crossan's Committee will return to meeting twice a month. The February meetings will be Wednesdays, February 11, 8:00 am and February 25, 7:00 am, both at Yampa Town Hall. Please join in as planning gets serious for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fund raising auction. Crossan's has been awarded a State Historic Fund grant and FOC looks forward to working with the Town of Yampa to present the project to the Department of Local Affairs in March for a funding request. Your help on the rehabilitation and reuse of this historic structure is much appreciated as this is **not** a Town funded project. Grants, fund raisers and private donations are critical to the completion of this project.

## SNIPPETS OF HISTORY-ITEMS FROM FEBRUARY, 1915, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

Fri., Feb. 5....Mrs. Geo. E. Canant entertained the Missionary Society on Friday of last week. There was a good attendance of members and a number of invited guests....The members are planning a social to be held in the near future.

-Sheriff Chivington is returning the guns that were taken in charge of by federal authorities during the (miners) strike at Oak Creek.

-The Yarmony spur of the Moffat Road at Yarmony creek between McCoy and State Bridge has been completed for the benefit of the miners of the Red Gore camp and neighboring ranchers. The new station will be known as Copper, taking the name from the fact that a number of copper mines are being developed at that point.

-School Notes....A vote of the High School decided in favor of a dance and box supper this evening for the benefit of the basket ball organization....A course in Typewriting started Monday. A large class enrolled.

-From the Editor-The bill providing for the protection of fish in Colorado streams should become a law.

-Local News....Chris Mohr has been having a slight attack of blood poisoning in one of his arms....William Bird is again in charge of the Bird sawmill, having taken it back from Mr. Fowler....Sixteen inches of snow fell last week at Crosho Lake. The Bartholomew Lumber company has broken a snow road from their mill across the lake....Fred Parker has completed a new barn on his residence property in town. Mr. Parker bought this property a short time ago and has already greatly improved it....The Moffat road will make a special rate to Steamboat and Hot Sulphur for the ski tournaments that will be held at these towns this month.

FRI., Feb. 12....The Moffat railroad seems to be run by children who have not ever passed the nursing bottle stage....It takes from two to five days for them to take a car of props (note-a timber product milled locally, not sure what they were used for....mining?) from Yampa to Oak Creek, a distance of ten miles, and anywhere within a week to get it on the proper sidetrack after reaching their destination. This has become so burdensome to the producers that they are hauling them by team.

-The Woodmen of the World are making splendid arrangements for their grand annual ball on Monday evening at the Masonic hall. Supper will be served at the Moffat Avenue restaurant....Good music has been provided. The grand march will take place promptly at 9: o'clock, when the dance programs will be given out. Be sure and be there promptly.

-John Lender, one of the old time trappers in the Burns country, caught a fine large wolf last week....measuring nearly eight feet.

-Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Laughlin entertained a party of young people at dinner at their ranch home....In the evening the entire party.... went to Oak Creek in a double seated sleigh and enjoyed the ride and "movies" at the mining town....

Fri., Feb. 19....A disastrous fire occurred at the Bartholomew Lumber company's mill near Crosho lake early Saturday morning at about 5:30, which threatened to destroy the entire plant and lumber yard....Fortunately there were about fifteen men at the company's property....and a good supply of water....The main mill building, which was a 40x100 feet frame structure, was burned to the ground although some of the machinery was not a total loss....The lumber yards, with about 100,000 feet of lumber, were saved. About 10,000 feet of lumber that was near the buildings was burned....will rebuild...which will take about six weeks. In the meantime the men will be kept at work in the timber getting out logs and hauling them to the mill.

-The date of the lecture to be given by Dr. Miller on "The Mysteries of Hypnotism" has been postponed on account of the basket ball boys and girls going to Steamboat and Hayden.

-Farmers' Institute Here Next Week. Will be the biggest event of the year. State agricultural Professors will address different session on topics of interest and value to all....will be held at Yampa hall on next Wednesday evening with a morning and afternoon session on Thursday....Cow Judging Demonstration, Crops and Methods of High Altitude Farming, Poultry Raising, Conservation in the Home, Dairying and Hog Raising, Soils, Fruit Growing in Northwest Colorado, Talk to School Girls at School House, Cooking Demonstration (Reducing the Meat Bill).

-Final arrangements have been made for the Grand Masquerade Ball which will be given next Monday at the Masonic hall. It is the intention to make this the event of the year....Tickets are selling for \$7.50 per couple, which includes supper at the Royal Hotel.

Fri., Feb. 26....Farmers' Institute meeting was a success in every way. All sessions were well attended. The Professors from the State Agricultural College made a lasting impression and will undoubtedly prove of great value to our ranchers....

-Feb, 21, 1865, and Feb. 21, 1890, are two dates in the life of Frisbie Dewey Hutchinson, Yampa pioneer and patriot, from which he records time. On that day in 1865 he signed a prisoner of war parole at Willmington, N. C., having been taken prisoner with his entire regiment of Union soldiers, at Spotsylvania Court House in Virginia, May 12, 1864. He, with the others, was confined at Andersonville prison and at Florence, Ga., until the time of signing the parole....On Feb., 1890, Mr. Hutchinson landed in Egeria Park, at the Montgomery ranch, which adjoins the present town of Yampa (note-was located due south, now on east side of county rd. 6D). At that time Yampa consisted of the Van Camp place, the Arnold blacksmith shop, and the Hernage General store. He immediately located a piece of government land, which is his present ranch and home....A native of New York, he was born June 22, 1844....