

## TOWN OF YAMPA – FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT UPDATE – The Town of Yampa is pleased to report that the additional filtration is in place at the water treatment facility as of the end of January. The construction of the water storage tank is scheduled for this summer. Also planned is the construction of a pre-treatment facility at the water treatment plant and replacing a small amount of the transmission line to town. In addition, the access road to the water treatment facility will be relocated so as to be less intrusive to the Palmer ranch operations. The Town continues to appreciate the Palmers' cooperation through the construction at the water treatment facility. At some point in the future, when funding becomes available, the remaining transmission line to town will be replaced which should alleviate the numerous breaks in the line that the Town has experienced for so many years.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS – The Town recently received word that provisional approval of funding has been awarded to the Town for needed improvements at the wastewater facility. This funding is to complete the preliminary engineering report for the improvements.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION – TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016 - The regular election of the Town of Yampa is still scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2016. The Mayor and three trustee positions are up for election. Nomination petitions were due to the Town Clerk by 4:00 pm Monday, January 25, 2016. Tom Yackey turned in a petition for Mayor and Brian Ashley and Jeff Drust turned in petitions for trustee. On Thursday, February 4, Michael French turned in an affidavit to be a write-in candidate, which gives the Town a full board; however, there is still time to become a write-in candidate and if there are other residents who believe they would like to hold municipal office, they may complete a write-in candidate affidavit. The write-in candidate affidavit is due by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. If write-in candidates turn in affidavits, a polling place election will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. If there are not more candidates than offices to be filled by the March 15 deadline for write-ins, the election will be canceled. To hold a municipal office, you must be a registered elector eighteen (18) years of age or older on the date of the election and have resided within the town limits of the Town of Yampa for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election.

Residents eligible to vote may register to vote up to and including election day. Persons must be citizens of the United States and at least eighteen (18) years of age. In order to register and vote in the municipal election, you must have been a resident of the state for twenty-two (22) days prior to the date of the election and a resident of the municipality at the time you register. If you have moved to Yampa since the last election, or are just unsure if you are registered to vote, please check with the Town Clerk. You may register at the Yampa Town Clerk's office or at the Routt County Clerk's office in Steamboat Springs or online at the Colorado Secretary of State's website. Applications for absentee ballots are available now through Friday, April 1, 2016. The application may be requested orally or in writing. The application may also be in the form of a letter. April 1, 2016 is the last day to vote via walk-in absentee ballot.

TOWN HALL CLOSED – Town Hall and Public Works will be closed on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> for President's Day.

AGENDA ITEMS- Agenda items for the March 2 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 pm, Monday, February 22.

YAMPA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - The Yampa Fire Protection District would like to wish Dan Allen well in his retirement from the district. Dan volunteered for 22 years and 13 as chief. We are thankful for his service to the community.

BINGO – The American Legion is hosting Bingo on Saturday, February 13, 2016, Yampa Ladies Aid Hall. Doors open at 7:00 pm. The American Legion appreciates everyone's support!

FRIENDS OF CROSSAN'S M & A MARKET – Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7:00 am, Yampa Town Hall. You are welcome to join in as planning gets seriously underway for the annual fund raising auction, which will be Saturday, July 30, 2016. To find out how you can be a part of this project, email [friendsofcrossans@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcrossans@gmail.com). The contract between Historic Routt County and State Historic Fund is fully executed so work can once again get underway on the market. Your help on the rehabilitation and reuse of this historic structure is much appreciated as this is **not** a Town funded project

YAMPA-EGERIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY – The next meeting is Thursday, February 18, 6:30 pm, Yampa Town Hall. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the GROUNDHOG DAY DINNER. 92 people made the event a huge success!

SOUTH ROUTT ELEMENTARY - If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten at South Routt Elementary next fall and he/she is not enrolled in the South Routt Early Learning Center please either call Cheryl Sullivan at the elementary school (638-4558) or email [csullivan@southrouttk12.org](mailto:csullivan@southrouttk12.org). In order to start kindergarten children must be 5 years old before October 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you.

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>.

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

Fri., Feb. 4....SCHOOL NEWS reported by Auto Swim. Advanced arithmetic, an entirely new subject, has been introduced into the course. A large number are taking the new subject, as it promises to be useful....A dry spell threatened the other day when the water froze up, but it soon thawed out....Two writing desks are almost finished by the manual training boys.

-From Dunkley....Sadie Dunkley called on Mrs. R. C. Dunkley Sunday....Miss Ethel and Viola Dunkley spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ed Kagle and family....Poor roads and bad weather interfered with the success of the Literary event last Friday evening....There was a large attendance at the Sunday School last Sunday, fifty-five in all.

-E. W. Ewing of the Stockman's bank made a business trip to Oak Creek last week. We understand he found it dry....A ten pound baby arrived at the Koeppen home Wednesday evening....There will be a dance at the Masonic Hall next Friday night....Some wise man from New York is now contracting for all the rabbits in Moffat county. They have just discovered that rabbit is a rare dish.

-“The Lion and the Mouse”, a great six-reel drama, at the Colonial Sunday, Feb. 6, Admission 10 and 25 cents.

Fri., Feb. 11....Another Yampa ranch owned by a non-resident has been sold this week and the new owner is already making plans to put in 100 acres of wheat the coming season. This place is known as the McCauley ranch on the Five Pine Mesa and consists of 160 acres of fine agricultural lands with full water rights in the Stillwater ditch and Gardner Park reservoir. Frank Ferguson is the purchaser....is one of the best informed ranch land men in Colorado....

-SCHOOL...We have had some corking good basketball workouts this week...Kremmling is scheduled for next Wednesday.

-Frank Funk is now distributing cats to his various friends. He failed to say from whence came the crop....J. L. Williams has converted the post office into a factory and is making one thousand, more or less, chicken coops for the spring hatch.

-At the meeting of the town board last Wednesday evening instructions were given to the law relative to boys frequenting the pool halls was strictly enforced.

Fri., Feb. 18....Remember the Fireman's Annual Ball and Banquet that takes place March 17. Dance tickets with banquet coupons, \$1.50, banquet tickets for two, 50 cents....There will be moving pictures while you eat at the fireman's banquet. Get your tickets early.

-The Big War at the Colonial. The Hearst newspapers, in conjunction with the Selig Company, will present authentic pictures of the European War in five reels, graphically portraying the capture of Brussels, the destruction of the historic city of Louvain, the bombardment of Rheims, Russians on their invasion of East Prussia, scenes from the famous prison camps, the battle of Lubbeek, and the retreat from Antwerp. These pictures were taken on the battlefield and have been procured by the W. O. W. (Woodmen of the World lodge) at considerable expense and will be shown here for the first time in this part of the state on Tuesday, Feb. 22 afternoon and evening.

-Social Activity Increases With the Snow. Mrs. J. G. Terhune entertained at duplicate whist last Saturday afternoon...Dainty invitations were sent out for a Dinner Party at the “Retreat” on Lincoln's birthday. At 6 o'clock the party sat down to a delicious four-course dinner, cooked and served by two of the teachers. Just which two we are forbidden to disclose, as the school board fears if the truth were known, some greedy bachelor might deprive us of a teacher before spring....After the picture show last Saturday evening a number gathered at the Grand for music and cards....Miss Ellen Grosback, our popular telephone manager, entertained a party of young girls at a “slumber party” at the exchange Sat. night....

-Miss Brooks and her ski pupil know more about the art of skiing since making a trip to the Wheeler ranch last week. Also more about the ditches, streams and fences encountered on the way.

Fri., Feb. 25....The first sheep to be brot (sic) to Yampa for feeding purposes have arrived and were taken up the river by Marcus Hight and James Alfred. For the past year there has been considerable interest taken in the sheep question by our local ranchers and this experiment will be closely watched by the old time cattle ranchers.

-SCHOOL NOTES by Auto Swim. The class which has been studying English Literature has taken up the study of insects to complete the course....MURDER! Prepare yourself for a thrilling, blood curdling tale of unavoidable murder. Murder is more refined at the hands of the gentler sex and accordingly our girls team handed the Oak Creek girls a neat little drubbing by the score of 19 to 2. The 2, my readers, was made by Edith Dunkley of the Yampa team, when she took pity on her opponents and scored for them. Leila Lansing played with the visitors to make their team complete....This was really awful and I hate to tell it

-Good crowds have been turning out the last few shows and many are planning on seeing the whole of the “Broken Coin”. It is a thirty-reel drama and is counted as a good one....The war pictures were the best along that line that Yampa has ever had. Large crowds were present both afternoon and evening....Henry Kawin had a birthday (the real kind) Monday with nothing but cigars in sight.

-The Yampa High School will present something a little different in the way of entertainment in the mock trial, known as “the Great Plummer Breach of Promise Case.”....The parts are well taken and no effort has been spared in the preparation of the play....