

TOWN OF YAMPA – FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

WATER & SEWER ORDINANCE CHANGES COMING – Due to the extensive updates being proposed to the water/sewer ordinance, including increases in the water and sewer rates, it is taking longer than anticipated to get it drafted. Consideration of the updates did not take place at the February 1 town board meeting as reported in the January newsletter. Work is continuing on the ordinance and when the draft is available for review, the public will be informed.

AGENDA ITEMS – Agenda items for the March 1 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 pm, Tuesday, February 21.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU – Yampa Valley Electric Association was inadvertently left off of the Christmas thank you list in the January newsletter. YVEA has donated the prize money for the lighting contest for decades and I apologize for leaving them off the thank you list.

HOLIDAY – The Town Hall and Public Works Department will be closed Monday, February 20 for the President's Day holiday.

FRIENDS OF CROSSAN'S M & A MARKET – Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 am, Yampa Town Hall. You are welcome to join in as planning is underway for the 4th annual Call of the Wild Auction, once again featuring an outdoor acoustic concert with **Todd Park Mohr** (of Big Head Todd and the Monsters) on Saturday, July 29, 2017. Although the building is wrapped up like a present right now, work both inside and outside is progressing. The first floor is anticipated to be ready for occupancy in the next couple of months. For those new to the project, the first floor will be home to a visitor's center, genealogy/local history center, Yampa-Egeria Historical Society displays, Crossan's Market displays, and the list goes on. Grant funding will be sought soon to complete the second floor, which will be home to town offices and a meeting room. Your monetary assistance and volunteer help on the rehabilitation and reuse of this historic structure is much appreciated as this is **not** a Town funded project. To find out how you can be a part of this project, email friendsofcrossans@gmail.com. Volunteers will be needed long after the rehabilitation work is complete to help with ongoing first floor operations.

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT UPDATE – Substantial completion has occurred at both the Water Treatment Facility and Water Storage Tank. A punch line of items remains to be completed when weather permits. 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. However, the Town has temporarily suspended efforts on the design documents for the water transmission main segment pending confirmation of the terms of an easement with the property owner. Also, proposed changes to the grant funding statement of work to include improvements to the water treatment facility may shift funding away from the transmission line. 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 entire 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 preliminary engineering report for the improvements is being prepared.

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 need to 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.

YAMPA-EGERIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Thank you from the historical society for making the Groundhog Day Dinner a big success.

2017 Cen\$ible Energy Rebates Open January 1 - The Cen\$ible Energy rebate program provides cash rebates for energy-saving LED lights, four types of Energy Star-certified appliances, programmable thermostats, energy audits and post-audit air sealing. Rebates are available for Yampa Valley Electric Association members to improve energy efficiency in their homes or small businesses. This popular and beneficial program will open again on Jan. 1, 2017. Save your receipts and fill out a form online for rebates. Please visit www.CensibleEnergy.org for full details. For questions, email suzie@yvsc.org. A list of other energy efficiency resources is available at www.yvsc.org/programs/energy-programs/energy-efficiency.

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 to reserve your 20 minute session. Come to one, come to all!

SNIPPETS of HISTORY, Items of Interest from February, 1914, YAMPA LEADER Newspapers

Fri. Feb. 6...Local Pioneer Passes Away-Last Monday morning, one of the best known men of Routt county died at his home in Yampa. Mr. Gibbs had been in failing health for over a year...The physicians gave no hope for his recovery...conscious up to the last moment, he passed on to the great reward with his family and friends about him...Thomas B. Gibbs was born in Dade county, Missouri, Jan. 5, 1842. He came to Routt county in 1883 locating on a ranch 2 miles south of Yampa (note: the large white two story house on east side of #131 near Finger Rock. Until recently there was a big log barn located there which was torn down by the present owners) where he lived until about five years ago when he moved to Yampa. He was a Civil War veteran, having enlisted in the Fourteenth Missouri Company and later becoming a member of the Eighth regiment Company L. When he first came to Colorado he was located at Colorado Springs, Leadville and Florissant til moving to Routt county. By his industry and ability he accumulated considerable property and by his kindly, Christian character and honest purpose had made every man his friend. None knew him but to love him and for 30 years he has helped every enterprise for the up-building of Yampa...He was married to Miss Margaret Bird, on Nov. 20, 1866, who survives him.

-After reading the Glenwood Springs School Notes, we came to think that Yampa "ain't so worse". Every student including the teachers in the Glenwood High School must have the mumps. Swell indeed! We Yampaites should worry, however. No place or school like Yampa for the best of health. (?)

-MASK BALL-Yampa Hall, Friday Eve'g, Feb. 20- Supper at the Hotel Grand- Dance Tickets \$1.00, Spectators admission 25 cents. Order your costumes at once from Mrs. Jerry Reams.

-“REST FOR THE SOLE”, Kirkendall's New Idea Electric Welt and Cushion Sole Shoes. THE BLUE FRONT SHOE SHOP, Yampa

Fri., Feb. 13...About 10 o'clock this a.m. word was received that William J. Hernage had shot himself. Deceased was still in bed at the Hernage ranch near town when a shot was heard by Mr. and Mrs. Mohr, who live on the ranch...Deceased was 26 years of age and unmarried. For the past year he has not been exactly right, having spells of melancholy and imagined everyone was against him...he is the only member of the Hernage family now living in Yampa, the rest of the family having moved to California.

-Last Sunday afternoon the Sibald home was the scene of a merry party when Miss Sibald entertained her music pupils at a marshmallow treat.

-Last week J. T. Roup and son, Bruce, purchased all the cattle of the estate of John F. Williams, also a fine span of large gray mares and a large quantity of hay. We understand it was a cash deal and represented over \$2,000.

-As Others See Them...The taxpayer's league, at Steamboat, has kindly consented, according to news dispatches, to remain quiet so long as peace reigns at Oak Creek. Get the point—consented. Now the thing we would like to have explained is this, whence derives one league of taxpayers, more than another, the right to start anything, except by legal process, and wherein is the “consent” of ANY body of citizens to keep the peace necessary?

-News From Burns...J. P. Gates was out to Wolcott to attend the wedding of his son, Clark...Miss Jessie McGlochlin was out to Wolcott to attend her sister, Grace McGlochlin's, wedding to Clark Gates...Clark Gates and wife arrived last week from State Bridge, where they were snow bound for a few days.

-Fri., Feb 20...Dr. Henry A. Miller, the dentist from Sulphur Springs, who spent several days in Yampa last week, was so pleased with the business outlook that he decided to come again. He will be at the Hotel Grand from the 22nd to the 25th inclusive prepared to do first class dental work. The Doctor is a fine gentleman, a splendid dentist and has already made many friends among us.

-Owing to the popular epidemics of la grippe and measles the attendance at school has fallen off considerably.

-The Parcel Post Office, like all Republican measures, is providing a great benefit to the people.

-W. E. Wheeler has been filling the ice houses this past week. Walter Cock is doing the strong arm act with the saw at the lake. (Note: Eagle Rock area.)

-Lee Decker spent several days this week with his mother in Yampa. He has charge of a bunch of cattle being fed above Kremmling this winter.

-The town of Yampa started right by owning their own water system. Only out-of-date places like Denver permit themselves to be buncoed by a Water Corporation.

-The businessmen of Yampa who have ice houses are busy harvesting their annual crops. The ice is about 24 inches thick and of an excellent quality.

-Tex Evans rode Ranger last Sunday and says he is the worst bucking horse he has yet ridden. Ranger belongs to Albert Bird and is about as bad as they make them.

Fri., Feb. 27...Among the honored pioneers of Routt county there are few men better known than William Warren Carle, more familiarly known as Judge Carle. The Judge is a native of New York State, having been born in Owego, Tioga county in that state on Sept. 28, 1835, there being twelve children in the Carle family. His father was a cabinet maker and a prosperous farmer. When 17 years of age he entered Kalamazoo College (Mich.), and after leaving college he taught school until he became a resident of Colorado...When he first came to Colorado he was located at Gregor, Gilpin county, having driven overland by way of Atchinson and the Smokey Hill route with a wagon train of supplies and provisions which he traded for Gilpin county mining property. The trip across the plains took them six months and was accompanied by many hardships and privations, but the Judge was made of the right stuff and would not turn back once he started on his way...In 1861 he and his brother traded their mining property for Boulder ranch lands and for the next four years they engaged in ranching. In 1865 he got the gold fever and we find him at Virginia City camp in Montana where he made a good strike. In 1868 he returned to Michigan and for the next ten years he engaged in the wholesale and retail furniture business where he accumulated considerable money, but Colorado had gotten into his blood and he could not stay away from the mountains, and in 1878, having dispensed of his Michigan business, he located in Montezuma, Summit county. In 1880 he moved to the Yampa area, taking up a homestead which is now a part of the Neiman ranch. In 1901 he moved to Yampa and opened a store and was also postmaster at the time...Mr. Carle was married in Oct. 1870, to Miss Lucy E. Pierson and they have two children living, Mrs Chas. Neiman, who resides with her husband and family on a ranch near Yampa, and Mrs. Benjamin J. Rice, who resides at Montezuma...the Judge has ever been the counselor and friend of his neighbors and during the 25 years he acted as Justice of the Peace it is said that he adjusted more neighborhood disputes without cost to either side than was ever tried in court. He is still hale and hearty and ever ready with a joke or a kind word. Benevolent to the extreme he has aided every worthy enterprise and has never been known to fail when the hand of charity was needed in aid of a distressed or suffering neighbor.