

TOWN OF YAMPA – JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

WATER & SEWER CHANGES COMING IN FEBRUARY – The Town Board is working on several changes to the water & sewer ordinance, which should be ready for consideration at the February town board meeting. Rates have to increase to keep up with the cost of doing business. Details will be outlined in the February newsletter after they are finalized and the vote taken in February.

AGENDA ITEMS – Agenda items for the February 1 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 pm, Monday, January 23.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! - We have many volunteers to thank for their assistance with the town's Christmas celebration: Robert Anderson, Brian Ashley & Cindy Ashley, Spencer Ashley, Eric Berry, Larry & Barb Bond, Scott & Tammy Delto, Jeff Drust, Tom & Eloise Estes, Nicholas Estes, Michael French, Eric Glomboske, Mike Lewis, Cindia Montgomery, Grace Olinger, Kate Olinger, Raylene & Rod Olinger, Jo & Ryan Parker, Makinley Parker, Peyton Parker, Nora Phillips, Janet Ray, Sabrina Ray, Zach Reynen, Greg Samuelson, and Betsy Zimmerman. Donations or other type of assistance: Montgomery's General Merchandise reduced the amount the Town owed them for the Christmas goody bags' contents. Dick & Kay Palmer continue to give a portion of the Zirkel Wireless lease to the Town for the Christmas celebration. Yampa Fire Department assists by delivering Santa and the goody bags to the Town tree and taking bags to senior citizens, shut-ins and town board after the visit at the Town tree. The music Christmas Eve at the tree was exceptional this year. The lighting contest winners were: 1ST – Thorne (Ken) Clark Family 240 W 4th St, 2nd – Walker Montgomery Family - 423 Roselawn Ave, 3rd – Gary & Carol Burkholder - 570 Terhune Avenue, 4th – Dominic Medina Family – 310 Terhune Ave. Note: we had 18 votes cast +1 arrived in the mail too late to count. Maura Karow won the Christmas Ham. Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you to everyone who decorated and/or put up lights. Seeing the colorful lights makes us all winners. Apologies if any volunteers were missed that should have been thanked as we really couldn't do it without you!

FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PANCAKE SUPPER – The Yampa Fire Department thanks everyone who supported the Pancake Supper!

SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN – The Shop Local campaign was once again a success. Thank you to the Town of Oak Creek for taking the lead to sponsor this event. In addition, thank you to all sponsors, to businesses that donated prizes and to the people who entered the contest.

HOLIDAY – The Town Hall and Public Works Department will be closed Monday, January 16 for the Martin Luther King Day holiday.

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 – Plan now to attend **THE GROUNDHOG DAY DINNER ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017**. Watch for posters for dinner details.

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.

Colorado Northwestern Community College – Has community education classes for winter 2017. These classes are right here in South Routt that the community can take at an affordable price. Classes include Exercise Classes, Youth Classes and Academic Classes. Look for posters with all the details. To register or get more information on any class, please email or call Angie Baker at: angie.baker@cnc.edu or 970-260-6257.

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 January, 1907, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

NOTE; for some reason there seem to have been no Yampa Leaders published in 1917 and only four issues printed in 1918. Not sure why; WW1? There were also major problems associated with the Denver and Salt Lake railroad (Moffat Road)-lots of political backlash due to the curtailing of passenger service from seven days a week to three days a week which, incidentally, reduced mail delivery to three days a week, a major concern to the citizens of Routt and Moffat counties. It also represented a significant blow to the economies of both counties who had worked long and hard to promote the advantages of relocating and investing in North West Colorado. The railroad itself cited economics as the bottom line-running freight trains made more money than hauling mail, cattle, people and local consumables. Maybe neither of the above was responsible-stay tuned.

Jan., 5, 1907....DEVELOPMENT of ROUTT. The Rocky Mountain News, in its New Year's statistical edition, publishes the following, under the heading "Development of the Empire of Routt;" giving to this county more space and attention than to any other county in the state with the exception of Denver.

-Jerome C. Lewis, manager of the Weaver and Lewis Saloon on Moffat Avenue, died Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Labelle Riley, with whom he boarded. Death was the result of pneumonia, which attacked him the previous Friday. Mr. Lewis was born in Ohio August 14, 1854....Deceased had the friendship and respect of all who knew him, and his many friends sincerely regret his untimely demise.

-At Vernal, Utah, eggs are selling at 60 cents a dozen, and scarce at that. Yampa people think 40 cents, the price prevailing here, is bad enough.

-Yampa News Items....Sleighting was postponed until an unusually late date in Yampa, the ground having been almost bare until New Year's Day. About four inches of the beautiful fell Tuesday afternoon, and it is fair sledding around town, although there are so many places where wagons are better than the stages are still using wheels....A cold snap came Wednesday, the temperature falling to 6 below in the early evening....No lady's toilet complete without Luedke's Marigold Cream...Miss Aline Luedke, who has been spending the holidays with her parents in Yampa, will return to Leadville Monday to resume her studies at school there....Ad: "At Luedke's Drugstore you can get the best 5 cent cigars. We have the following brands singly, by the hundred or the thousand; Lilian Russel, Little Tom, Henry George, Cuban Buds, Cinco, Crema and other brands equally good."

Fri., Jan. 12, 1907....Fritz Arendt of Toponas, was in Yampa Wednesday for the first time in several months....Bob Nesbitt is now dispensing liquid refreshments at Wally Weaver's....Mrs. W. E. Wheeler is reported ill with the pleurisy....Fred A. Kipp, clerk at the Bell Mercantile Company, is laid up with the rheumatism this week....Good bread, fresh daily, at the Palace Bakery and Short Order Restaurant. Buy tickets and get 12 loaves for \$1.00.

-The stork visited the Yampa Hospital Saturday morning and presented a fine young lady to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Laughlin. Both mother and daughter are getting along nicely, and Ben, well, he has a smile that won't come off.

-T. P. Lindsey and wife, who have so successfully conducted the Royal Hotel, have decided, owing to the ill health of Mrs. Lindsey, to move to their ranch (note-located up River Road) on the 15th of this month. Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of Morrison creek, who are experienced in the hotel business will take charge.

-The Meeker Herald remarks that people of the community of Yampa have a great deal to be thankful for (if they only knew it)—not the least of which is plenty of cheap high quality coal. While middle and eastern Colorado communities are freezing for lack of fuel, we have coal to "burn"—pardon the irresistible pun; in fact an abundance of everything for the comfort of the "inner and outer man." And the same condition exists in Routt County where there is more and better coal than anywhere else in America.

Fri., Jan. 19th, 1907....The town of Huggins, ten miles north of Yampa (note-was located in the area just north of the South Routt Bible Church on Hwy 131 between Pburg and Oak Creek), has become convinced that it should no longer be in the infantile class and proposes to lay aside its swaddling clothes Feb. 12 at an election which will be held in the room at the rear of Bacchus' drug store in Huggins, to determine whether the town shall be recognized as among the incorporated towns of Routt county.

-Ad: If the quality drops when the price drops, does the price go down? No shoddy stuff in our store but quality stuff at prices lower than we sold them before. Why? Because we do not wish to carry our goods until they go out of style. The goods we are selling at reduced prices are now strictly in style, and you have yet nearly all winter to wear them. Do not these reductions not attract you, when you know they are sure-enough reductions? Our cut prices will last only a few days longer. We have put a lot of new goods into the sale and they are going fast. Come soon if you want some of these bargains.

Respectfully, BUCK and SON Mercantile

-Walter Moore, the genial dispenser of liquid refreshments at the Antlers, will leave for the outside tomorrow for a month's recreation and rest.

Fri., Jan. 26, 1907....The tax warrant of Routt County for the year 1906, upon which taxes have just become payable, shows the county to be in magnificent shape, the increase in valuation over the previous year being \$127,620. When it is considered that Routt County has not yet a single mile of railroad property, and that the development of her wonderfully rich resources has not been even commenced, the showing is remarkable....The present year will probably witness the completion of the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific railway as far as Yampa....

-A splendid chicken dinner will be served at the Royal Hotel Sunday, at the regular price, 35 cents. All guests will be served without delay, as the shortage of chairs which caused inconvenience last Sunday has been remedied.

-Ex-Sherriff Edward Bell, president of the Bell Mercantile company, (note- He and partners built what is now known as Crossan Merc. in Yampa. They operated a store out of that new building for a year or two before relocating to Oak Creek.) arrived from Cripple Creek Thursday night, having come in to attend the annual meeting of the company.

-Wednesday night's stage from Wolcott met with an accident between Wolcott and McCoy, the wagon being overturned and badly wrecked. One of the passengers, Miss Veda Emrich of Hayden, was quite badly bruised. Another passenger, an aged gentleman, telescoped (??) a case of honey, which put his hair, his beard and his clothes in a sweet and juicy condition.