

## TOWN OF YAMPA – JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

### WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT UPDATE & WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS – Nothing new to report.

AGENDA ITEMS – Agenda items for the August 2 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk by 4:00 pm, Monday, July 24.

YAMPA HOME SIMPLE – Is a proposed development at 30 Moffat Avenue of 42 residential units ranging in size from 500 to 900 square feet per unit. The preliminary application is available for review at Town Hall. Further information has been requested from the developer so the proposed development is not ready for public hearing. The public will be informed when the application is deemed complete and the public hearing is scheduled.

YAMPA BEAUTIFICATION PLAN – A kickoff meeting for the preparation of the Yampa Beautification Plan (Main/Moffat corridor) is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 9:00 am, Yampa Town Hall. Folks are welcome to attend.

YAMPA-EGERIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Thank you to everyone who made the 15<sup>th</sup> annual “My Hometown” community picnic on July 3 a success. It was fun, fun, fun! The next historical society meeting is Thursday, July 20, 6:30 pm, Yampa Town Hall. The winner of the Flat Tops Wood Panel wall hanging portrait went to Marissa Lombardi of Yampa. Thank you to the Yampa Ranger Station/ U.S. Forest Service for holding the drawing at this year’s community picnic and for donating the wall hanging to our community.

ROCK'N OLDIES CLASSIC CAR SHOW – Thank you to the participants of the 8th annual car show, to Crystal and Kenny McLaughlin for organizing the event and to Mary Lu Meadows for graciously allowing her property to be used once again.

4TH OF JULY – “GRAND OLD FLAG” - Thank you to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee and to all other awesome volunteers and contributors who delivered a fantastic day. Trophies or ribbons went to: Parade Marshals – Bobbie & Jody Vetter; Horse Drawn Carriage – 1<sup>st</sup> – Soroco FFA; Decorated Horse and Rider – 1<sup>st</sup> – Jett & Taylore Schalnus, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Addison, LaRay, & Kashlee Whaley & Kaelley Freidman, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Paul Bonnifield; Classic Car – 1<sup>st</sup> – Dennis Montgomery, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ernie Arnold, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Don Asta; Antique Vehicle – 1<sup>st</sup> – Danny Palmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ron Nielsen, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Don Asta; Street Rod – 1<sup>st</sup> – Charlie Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Terry Arnold, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Oak Creek Police; Best Float – 1<sup>st</sup> – Class of 1997, 2<sup>nd</sup> – South Routt Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Routt County Democrats; Best Group – 1<sup>st</sup> – Dirty Hairy Dog Spa, 2<sup>nd</sup> – South Routt Library District, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Soroco PTO; Miscellaneous – 1<sup>st</sup> – Austin Seewald, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jace Kyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Brielle Pohlen; Best Mini Float – 1<sup>st</sup> – Schell/Rossi families; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Schell Family, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Isabel Medina & Trinity Delto; Adult Costume – 1<sup>st</sup> – Terry Arnold; Decorated Bike – 1<sup>st</sup> – Isabel & Trinity, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lydia Willis, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wyatt Trout; Child Costume 6 and under – 1<sup>st</sup> – August Wolfson, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dayenu Wolfson, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Destiny Keeler; Child Costume 7 and over – 1<sup>st</sup> – Natalie Willis, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kayedence Bruner, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Izz Sanchez; Horse Race – 1<sup>st</sup> – Taylore Schalnus, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jeff Clyncke, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Joe L. Please note: We apologize for any misspelled names.

YAMPA COMMUNITY YARD SALE – Thank you to Terri Northrop for coordinating the community yard sale event.

TOUR DE STEAMBOAT bicycle event is scheduled for July 22, 2017. The Tour will offer four rides, two of which will encompass Yampa. This will provide a fantastic opportunity for visitors to get into the heart of Yampa! Volunteers are needed for the aid station, which is located on the Meadows property just north of Montgomery’s General Merchandise. There are two shifts – 8 am-12 pm and 11:45 am to 3:30 pm. You’ll have the opportunity to meet folks from places both near and far. Please contact Janet or Nora at Town Hall if you wish to volunteer and they will pass your name on to the organizers.

FRIENDS OF CROSSAN’S M & A MARKET – Planning is underway for the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Volunteers are needed for the event. If you are able to help, talk to Janet or Nora at Town Hall and they will pass your name along to the committee. The first floor of the Crossan building is completed. It will be home to a visitor's center, genealogy/local history center, Yampa-Egeria Historical Society displays, Crossan's Market displays, a South Routt Economic Development Council area, Town personnel and more. Grant application has been made 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. Historic Routt County is the fiscal agent for the project. Donations should be made payable to Historic Routt County and Crossan’s should be noted in the *for* line of your check and mailed to P.O. Box 775717, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477. To find out how you can be a part of this project, email [friendsofcrossans@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcrossans@gmail.com).

YAMPA LIBRARY – Visit your Yampa public library where there are lots of books, audios, and DVDs to check out, as well as free use of high speed internet & wireless. There is an adult book club, summer reading program, and story hour during the school year. Hours are as follows: Mon/Tue – 10 AM-5 PM, Wed/Sun Closed, Thu 3-7 PM, Fri – 10 AM-4 PM, Sat 10 AM-2 PM, Summer Reading Program: Tuesdays for ages 5-12 beginning 6/6 from 10:30-11:30 (no program during the week of July 4) Phone: 970-638-4654.

YAMPA MARKETS – Plan now to participate in the Yampa Markets on the following Sundays - July 30, August 27 and September 24 at River Park (southeast side of Moffat Avenue). Watch for posters with times and so on.

## SNIPPETS of HISTORY-ITEMS from JULY 1907, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

July 6.... Without the slightest doubt in the world the Fourth of July celebration in Yampa this week has been the most successful affair of the kind that ever occurred in the county. The weather was perfect, and practically everybody within a radius of 25 miles was here, besides many more from greater distances....The celebration commenced Wednesday evening with a four-act drama at the town hall, splendidly rendered by local talent, followed by dances at the same place and at Carle's hall....The real trouble began Thursday morning at the grove, and about 1000 people enjoyed the exercises. There was music by the band, a beautiful flag drill by a number of young ladies, and patriotic addresses and songs. Immediately after dinner (lunch) the sports commenced with the ladies' exhibition ride, followed by foot races and the first ball game. In the evening, the play was repeated before a packed house. There was a boxing contest and two more dances.... Friday morning was a horse race and a ball game, and in the afternoon more sports, the celebration closing with dances which lasted until an early hour this morning.

-Lou Long requests a correction be made of an error in this paper in the Pioneer Day report. Pinears, the famous bucking horse, did not fall, but threw Clark without trouble.

-A bunch of 2000 yearling steers from Clarendon, Texas passed through town Tuesday morning, bound for the Cary ranch near Hayden. Another 1000 head will follow.

July 13.... Before the snow flies again Yampa will be much nearer Denver than it is today, and the tremendous freight business of Routt county will have changed from the Denver & Rio Grande railroad (note-to Wolcott) to the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific railway, the Moffat road.... The distance from Denver to Yampa by the D.&R.G. is 364 miles (note -via Leadville and Minturn), allowing 45 miles for the stage ride (note -from Wolcott). The distance over the Moffat road by autumn will be 171 miles, of which 30 miles will be by stage (note- from where it will be completed to State Bridge) to Yampa. Yampa mail now comes by the D. & R.G. to Wolcott.

-The ladies of the Episcopal Guild will give an ice cream social at the Monte Christo hotel on Friday evening, July 19. From 7:30 to 9:30. Refreshments 15 cents. All are cordially invited.

-A. Jackson's team caused considerable excitement in town Monday. They were tied to a hitching post at his residence, but started off, taking the post with them. They ran across to Main street, turned onto Moffat ave., then onto Lincoln ave., onto First St., back onto Main St. and into Moffat ave. Again, where they were caught by a man on horseback. Sometimes one horse was down and being dragged, and sometimes the other horse, but all through the wild career the wagon was not overturned.

July 20.... A bunch of about 1500 fine dehorned 2-year-old southern-cattle passed through town Tuesday morning....Fred Hoover of Toponas is seriously sick with quinsy....No ladies toilet complete without Luedke's Marigold Cream....Gordon Goodwin and L. Egholm went on a fishing trip to Sunnyside creek Sunday and met with good success....Mrs. L. W. Smith of Omaha is here on her annual visit, and is having some work done on her desert land claim, west of town.

-W. C. McKee of the Merchant's Publishing co., of Denver, was in Yampa Wed. night. He is on a sightseeing jaunt through this portion of the state on foot, being armed with a big camera, by means of which he will preserve many mementos of his trips. He came through Gore canon (sic), securing many views of the beautiful scenery along the Moffat grade.

July 27.... The government may make trouble for a number of Routt county people who have homesteaded on coal lands and those who have under the desert land laws filed on lands claimed to be arid, which, on examination, are found to be good agricultural lands where crops would grow without irrigation.... The investigation thus far shows that after the plans of the Moffat road were announced there was a mad rush to gobble up Routt county land and all sorts of land frauds were perpetuated. The evidence implicates many prominent men, politicians and several millionaires.... Pending the investigation, no more government land will be opened to settlers.

-The mail stage for Oak Creek leaves Yampa on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, at 1 P.M., and will carry passengers bound for that point.

-Wednesday night was the warmest yet this summer, the thermometer during the night registering a minimum of 53 degrees above zero. Since July 1 there had been no other night above 49, or below 41.... As a result of the warm night, the fireflies were on dress parade in the willows beside the river (note-just east of town), a somewhat unusual sight in Egeria Park. Two young lads, Johnnie Bird and Frank Phillips, who had never seen "lightening bugs" before in their short lives, happened to be over in the Wheeler lane, and when they saw flies hunting for them with lanterns they fled for home in terror. It was their first experience with fireflies-in fact they had never heard of such things before.

-Good showers almost every day for the past two weeks have been of great benefit to the gardens and crops.... M. C. French (note-he was a blacksmith) and family, Orville Dart and Henry Raney returned Monday from Trappers Lake, bringing back plenty of fish for all their friends. They report that the trail is no boulevard.... Perhaps you need a bracer—something that will give you energy, life and ambition. A suggestion-try W. Harper whiskey. Sold by Burnside & Hergott.... Loren Bird is mourning the loss of his dog, a well-trained cattle dog and one of the best behaving dogs in the county. It was shot while in town Sunday and Loren says there will be another chapter to the story.