

## TOWN OF YAMPA – JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS & ADD'L WATER STORAGE TANK UPDATE – The Town was able to secure the supplemental funding needed to move forward with the water treatment facility and water storage tank improvements. The Town has awarded both projects to Duckels Construction, Inc. Duckels has 10 calendar days from receipt of the notice of award to execute the agreement and furnish the required contractor's performance bond, payment bond and certificates of insurance. The Town is working through the permitting process for both projects and the acquisition of the water storage tank property.

WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – The Town is working with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for an extension on the compliance time schedule and continuing to look for funding to prepare the Preliminary Engineering Report.

YAMPA YARD SALES – Saturday, June 13. Check out the sales beginning at 9:00 am. Maps are available at the Yampa Post Office, Little Beaver's Liquor Store and Montgomery's General Merchandise.

FLAG DISPOSAL- The American Legion Post 189 will hold a flag disposal ceremony on June 14. Anyone with unserviceable flags may drop them at Yampa Town Hall or Toponas Country General Store during business hours for proper disposal.

YAMPA CLEAN UP DAY- Saturday, June 20. Look for posters around town with details.

AGENDA ITEMS- Agenda items for the July 1 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 pm, Monday, June 22.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLAN – The next Source Water Protection Plan meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2015, 7:00 pm, Yampa Town Hall.. A draft plan is available for review.

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME – Kudos to all of the people at the South Routt School District, interested parents, and other community members who's vision and hard work made the expanded services at the South Routt Learning Center possible. Welcome to Tamara Bereznak and staff.

FRIENDS OF CROSSAN'S M & A MARKET – [friendsofcrossans@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcrossans@gmail.com). June meetings are Wednesdays, June 10 and June 24, 7:00 am, Yampa Town Hall. Please join in the fun of planning for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Call of the Wild auction. We are happy to announce that the Town of Yampa has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from El Pomar for the building rehabilitation. Buy a burrito, or several, and other delicious treats at the Crossan stand during the Yampa yard sales on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Your help on the rehabilitation and reuse of this historic structure is much appreciated as this is **not** a Town funded project.

SOUTH ROUTT EDC – Debbie Curtis says “We're trying to drum up business for South Routt, so I will be the point of contact for events happening in South Routt to put on the calendar; my email address is: [rdtoponas@hughes.net](mailto:rdtoponas@hughes.net). The South Routt Economic Development Council (SREDC) has a website that you might be interested in looking at: <http://www.southrouttedc.com/Home.aspx> as well.”

The next SREDC meeting is Monday, June 22, 2015, Flat Tops Ranch Supply.

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED JULY 3, 2015 – Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> being on Saturday, Town Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

JULY 3RD - "MY HOMETOWN" PICNIC – Music, Food and Fun! All are coming your way at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual event. The last July 3<sup>rd</sup> planning meeting of the YAMPA-EGERIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY will be Thursday, June 18, 6:30 pm, Yampa Town Hall. We could use some volunteers as we are stretched a bit thin. We are seeking volunteers to have the museum open this summer as well.

4TH OF JULY ALMOST HERE! - This year's parade will honor the Royal Hotel with the parade theme “Unforgettable Memories of Yampa”. All volunteers are needed and welcome. The last planning meeting before the 4<sup>th</sup> is Thursday, June 25, 2015, 7:00 pm, Yampa Town Hall. **If anyone would be willing to announce the parade, please contact Janet Ray at Town Hall or Tom Yackey, Committee President.** The fliers will be out soon giving you all the details of the celebration. Bring your old brooms to town hall rather than throwing them away so they can be used for cowboy polo.

PROPERTY CLEAN UP – Please be a responsible owner or renter and make sure your property is presentable as we want to put on our best face for the upcoming July 3 and 4 events. Keeping grass and weeds mowed goes a long way toward a good looking property.

HIGHWAY CLEAN UP – MAY 16, 2015 - Thank you to the following highway clean up volunteers: Brian Ashley, Eric Berry, Gary Burkholder, Jeff Drust, Michael French, Noreen Moore, Jim Price, Tillie Price, Janet Ray, Richard Sutton, and Tom Yackey. 14 or so bags of trash were picked up.

ROUTT COUNTY UNITED WAY - We are looking for individuals that have remained independent, living on their own but could use some help from time to time. These older folks might need yard work, windows washed, a room cleaned, or some other project that they are either physically or financially unable to get the project accomplished. United Way is looking for these kinds of situations where potentially we could set up a relationship where quarterly a volunteer(s) would help these folks. It's important that we are helping people that cannot help themselves. Please call Routt County United Way at 970-879-5605 if you or someone you know could use this type of assistance and talk over potential projects.

## SNIPPETS of HISTORY-ITEMS FROM JUNE, 1915, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

Fri., June 4....The forest department has established a camp on the Rabbit Ear road and by the middle of the month will have a full crew at work, commencing on the Routt county side and continuing on over the pass into Grand county. The road will be completed this year.

-Mark Choate became one of the heaviest landowners in this part of the county when he purchased the D. W. Whipple ranch and part of the J. W. Whipple ranch. This property joins the Choate ranch, which is about five miles below Yampa, and is a splendid tract of bottom land with good water rights out of the Yampa river. Mr. Choate owns one of the finest ranches in the valley, of about one thousand acres.

-The Yampa High School last Friday evening graduates the largest class in its history. Eight young people received diplomas....The stage was prettily decorated with the class colors, maroon and black, and with plants and flowers, made a very pretty background for the exercise of the evening.

-Yampa wins opening ball Game at Hayden; Steamboat Springs 6----Yampa 8....other scores; Hayden 17----Craig 0, Harris (note, the town, no longer in existence, on the Yampa river at the base of Mt. Harris on highway 40) 13----Oak Creek 7. A special train was loaded with enthusiastic Yampaites who accompanied the local team.

-Local News-L. L. Wilson has abandoned the broncs and taken up with a Maxwell car....U. G. Bird has a Buff Orpington hen that is determined to break all egg records. Her latest stunt was a 7 ¾ inch egg....Miss Pearl Reed is spending a portion of her vacation at the home ranch near Toponas and Miss Clark is visiting in Steamboat. Both of these popular teachers will leave in a short time for California, where they will take in the big exposition. Miss Reed plans on returning by way of the Panama Canal and Miss Clark will spend the winter with her sister in California....Miss Emma Lindsay has gone to her father's ranch for the summer.

Fri., June 11....Yampa River Clear and Lakes nearly all open....Fine Trout Fishing. The recent rains kept back the fishing, but during the week as the weather cleared up many good catches have been reported. The spawn distributed two years ago is now just a nice size and Phillips creek, Watson creek and the three branches of Hunt creek all seem to be well stocked with the speckled beauties, and they run from 9 to 15 inches in length.

-The Routt county road crew under the supervision of Charles Fields is now working on the Gore road. It has already repaired all the bridges and filled in the washouts on this side of the top of the range and will continue the work on down to Toponas. The Grand county crew is working on this side of the Gore and it is expected that the Gore road will be open for travel soon.

-Jim Ewing is now prepared to catch all of the fish in the river. His new pole is a wonder and we understand the subscription to the world-renowned magazine, which was thrown in with the pole, was a leading inducement.

-The Chaffee sawmill above Pinnacle resumed work this week with Tom Webb as head sawyer. The mill cuts 10,000 feet of lumber a day and is running with a full crew. A number of improvements have been made at the mill this year, including a building 16x80 for storage purposes.

-Fri., June 18....Stockgrowers Have Banquet....Prominent Cattlemen to be Present. Meeting is in the afternoon to discuss stock business with banquet in the evening at the Grand Hotel.

-While plowing Wednesday at the Stephenson ranch up the river, Bob Bird was kicked in the face by one of the horses and for a time was rendered unconscious. Although he was struck by both the frightened horse's feet in the face and on the shoulder, no bones were broken and it is thought he will be all right in a few days.

-The pleasant days have caused the camping fever to break out and many are already planning an outing trip. Scott Teague and family and Clark La Fon and wife left the first of the week for the Stillwater country and while there Teague will make his first trip of the season to Trappers lake. It is reported there is still some snow on the trail, but it will be open to the lake much earlier than usual.

-Yampa hospitality is such a well-known quality that comment is hardly necessary, but it will not be deemed out of place to most highly commend the ladies of the Congregational church for the spirit they are showing in giving free dinner tomorrow and Sunday.

-The Missionary Society fed 82 people Saturday and 170 Sunday at the Royal Hotel.

-Fri., June 25....Burns School's Closing Entertainment; The union entertainment given by the Burns schools at the Upper Burns schoolhouse last Friday evening was a splendid success. Miss Quinlin and Miss Kennedy, the teachers, were highly commended for the good work of the children. This entertainment marks the closing of the schools for this term.

-Local News....Charles F. Murray took a horseback ride to the John Murray ranch first of the week. Charles so seldom takes a vacation that it is worthy of mention....Zeb Stevens successfully rode a bad horse last Sunday at Oak Creek....Mrs. James Nelson and grandson are at Crosho lake, where they will spend the summer with Mrs. Nelson's daughter, Mrs. Douglas....Chicken dinner next Sunday at the popular Moffat Avenue Restaurant....Paul Busch and two of the Bird boys were in Allen Basin on a fishing trip first of the week....Tom Cassidy was selling Bear River cigars in Yampa Tuesday....Wright Hoffman is said to have caught something less than a thousand fish at Rock creek this week.

-B. M. Perry and sister were at Crosho lake and the Bartholomew sawmill last Friday looking over the ground and selecting locations for summer homes. This is in the White River forest and under the reserve regulations and the land can be leased for a term of years. It is expected that about fifty people will take advantage of this leasing privilege to obtain summer houses in this locality this year.

-A party of Yampa men are all worked up over a gold find near the foot of the Flattops. We shall look for a big rush before another week. (Rush home for grub).