

TOWN OF YAMPA – MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER

WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS & ADD'L WATER STORAGE TANK UPDATE – The advertisement for bids for the construction of the plant improvements and water storage tank has been published. The bids were to be opened on Friday, February 27, 2015; however, the bid opening was extended to Friday, March 6, 2015. More on this in the April newsletter.

WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – Nothing new to report this month.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLAN – With the assistance of the Colorado Rural Water Association (CRWA), the Town of Yampa is developing a Source Water Protection Plan. The Town values a clean, high quality, drinking water supply and will work with many interested individuals, organizations, businesses, etc. to protect this resource. **The second stakeholders' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 7:00 pm, Yampa Town Hall, 56 Lincoln Street, Yampa.** The meeting is open to anyone interested in attending. CRWA receives funding from the United States Department of Agriculture and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to help small rural communities such as Yampa with source water protection. CRWA's Source Water Specialist, Colleen Williams, is coordinating and facilitating the process of developing the plan.

NO PARKING CONSIDERATION – At the April 1 town board meeting, the board will consider implementing no parking on the west side of Lincoln (along the east side of Yampa Bible Church). When the Royal Hotel was in business and vehicles parked on both sides of Lincoln Street through that area, it made for a difficult driving situation at best and sometimes a dangerous one (especially during the winter months). If you have an opinion, pro or con, on this issue, share it at the meeting or give written comments to the town clerk prior to the meeting.

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

WATER & SEWER PAYMENTS - Cash payments are welcome, but please bring exact cash for what is due or have the entire amount credited to the account; we do not keep cash on hand. Payments made by check or money order are welcome in the night drop on the Lincoln Street side of Town Hall. We recommend that you bring cash payments in during open hours so you can get a receipt. Also, if your phone # appears on the left hand side of your statement underneath your name and mailing address and it is correct, you do not need to write it in on the right side of your statement. If no phone number appears there, please give it to us. Thanks!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING – What do you want to see in Yampa's future? For anyone interested in the future of Yampa, you are invited to attend a meeting Thursday, March 12, 2015, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Yampa Ladies Aid Hall. Pizza will be served! Guest Speakers – Tracy Barnett, Main Street Steamboat Springs, Carl Steidtmann, Chief Economist, Jane Blackstone, Economic Development for Chamber Resort Association. Questions? Noreen Moore – 846-1760 or Donna Corrigan – 846-8454.

SOUTH ROUTT LIBRARY BOARD is taking applications for substitutes. Please stop by your local library and fill out an application.

PENNY'S DINER- Saturday, March 14th, from 11:30-1:00 pm Penny's Diner is serving a customer appreciation luncheon; stop by for fish and chips or a cheeseburger on them! Penny's Diner thanks you for all your support!

BINGO – The American Legion is hosting Bingo on Saturday, March 14, 2015, Yampa Ladies Aid Hall. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Perhaps you will experience the “Luck o' the Irish” and win BIG! The American Legion appreciates everyone's support!

YAMPA-EGERIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (YEHS) – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th, 6:30 pm, Yampa Town Hall.

FRIENDS OF CROSSAN'S M & A MARKET (FOC) – friendsofcrossans@gmail.com- March meetings are Wednesdays, March 11, 8:00 am and March 25, 7:00 am, both at Yampa Town Hall. Please join in as planning gets serious for the 2nd annual fund raising auction. Crossan's has been awarded a State Historic Fund grant and FOC looks forward to working with the Town of Yampa to present the project to the Department of Local Affairs on March 17th for a funding request. WISH US LUCK! FOC has begun submitting funding requests to private foundations to round out the financial piece of the project. Your help on the rehabilitation and reuse of this historic structure is much appreciated as this is **not** a Town funded project.

4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE – Let the planning begin! The 2015 organizational meeting of the 4th of July Committee will be Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 pm, Yampa Town Hall.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE – Plan ahead! Terri Northrop has informed us that the Yampa Community Yard Sale will be Saturday, June 13, 2015.

SNIPPETS OF HISTORY-ITEMS FROM MARCH, 1915, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

Fri., Mar. 5....The special meeting of the Yampa Town Board last Monday evening was attended by every member of the board and every enthusiastic rancher and citizen....the evening was devoted to the matter of good roads in the southern part of Routt county....a general discussion was had relative to what had already been done....and the advantages to be derived from the proposed improvement of the Gore Range road....The Gore Range road is of most vital importance to Routt county and the improvement of this most important highway should no longer be neglected. If it is put in good shape for automobile parties, who now go west by way of Leadville or Wyoming, will then pass through Routt county.

-On next Saturday evening there will be a stunt social at Masonic Hall, given by the Sunday school. There will be a short program of a humorous nature, followed by a number of games, contests and general fun. The high school students are taking part in the program as well and the stunts promise to be very entertaining. The very attractive feature will be the delicious refreshments. You can't afford to miss "The Human Pipe Organ" and the "Mike and Pat Dialog." Admission free. A silver offering will be taken.

-The school was honored by three visitors last Friday; Earl Crowner, Charles Keene and Dwain Hoffman. It was universally agreed that the mission was some girl friends.

-McCoy; The Copper King Mine and Produce Co., are well under way, employing fifteen men and several teams excavating for their mill.

Fri., Mar. 12....One of the most enterprising business men of Yampa is arranging to establish a cream shipping station at Yampa and if present plans are carried out the necessary tanks and outfit will be installed within a few days.

-There will be a "Hard Times" dance given at the Masonic Hall Wednesday evening and it promises to become one of the leading events of the season. Prizes will be given for the best "hard times" costume of either lady or gentleman. There is considerable interest being manifested and a large crowd is anticipated.

-Finger Rock Lodge No. 130, Independent Order of Oddfellows, entertained their members, wives, sweethearts and friends at their lodge room last evening. The evening was spent with songs, speaking games and card playing and closed with a good old time basket lunch....No. 130 is one of the older organizations of Yampa and during the past winter has been gaining in membership.

-Owing to the rigid quarantine being carried out in Steamboat against scarlet fever, the basket ball boys of that town were unable to meet the local team last week.

Fri., Mar., 19....The oldest road in Routt county is to be again put in first-class shape; will be a direct route through Yampa to Denver....the old Gore road is to be again open for travel and work on the road will commence about May first. A new survey is to be made on the east side....The road has already been surveyed on the west side and only a short distance will be changed from the old route.

-Tuesday night Franz Chapman received two roosters and five hens which are probably the best bred chickens in Routt county. They are the brown Leghorn variety and are from the original parent stock....He has not yet made up his mind as to the price he will charge for a settling of eggs, but it will probably run up into the dollars.

-Last Sunday Lee Russell rode the famous horse called "Sam," owned by Harley Phillips. Those who saw the contest said it was a good ride and that Lee accomplished the feat in a very clean manner. It was the first time the horse was ever rode (sic).

-A few days ago U. G. Bird showed us about 100 pictures that we think is undoubtedly the most interesting and valuable collection of pictures in the county. They were taken over twenty years ago and show hunting parties in this section of the country....show large parties with great quantities of elk and other large game. In the pictures were seen several local men, either as guides or hunters; U. G. Bird, Frank Bird, Lon Wilson, A. H. Buckingham and H. J. Hernage, and tourists from Denver and St. Joseph, Mo.

-Fri., Mar. 26....The term at the Crosho school will be extended another month at the request of the scholars.

-Miss Pearl Reed was hostess at a jolly house party last Saturday and Sunday at her father's ranch at Toponas. Those who went out from town were Misses Reed and Terrila Clark, Messrs Earl Crowner, and James Cole.

-The team of Bennie Laughlin created considerable excitement one day this week when they ran away and demolished the sled to which they were hitched. Mr. Laughlin and daughter escaped injury by jumping from the sled.

-The White Rose Society will render the following program next Sunday night; Debate-"Resolved. That the United States should provide for and operate a Merchant Marine." Affirmative-Miss Anna Hopf. Negative-Edward Burgess. Vocal solo-Emma Lindsey. Piano solo-Helen Arnold.