

TOWN OF YAMPA – MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

WATER USAGE GALLONS CHANGE IN MAY – Beginning in May, the gallons of water allowed at the base rate of \$32.00 per month, is 15,000. Any usage over the 15,000 gallons will be billed at the metered rate of \$1.65 per thousand gallons or increments thereof. The May usage will be displayed on your June bill. The April usage only allows 5,000 gallons and April usage is shown on the statement that is included with this newsletter. Out of town rates are 1½ times the in town rate.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS & ADD'L WATER STORAGE TANK UPDATE – The Town and Civil Design Consultants continue working on reducing the cost of the projects and finding supplemental funding. This must occur before the bid can be awarded.

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.

SUMP PUMPS – A reminder that sump pumps cannot be hooked up to discharge into the sewer system. When they discharge into the system, they elevate flows and cause additional infiltration, which in turn causes additional sewer treatment. This practice can add substantially to our overall cost of operation. When a violation is discovered, the property owner is allowed the opportunity to alleviate the practice, if they do not voluntarily do so, the regulations allow for substantial penalties.

DITCH SAFETY AND OTHER ISSUES – Within the town limits of the Town of Yampa, there are two ditches, the Bird and the Nickell. Both ditches predate the Town and have rights that precede the rights of property owners. If you own a property that has one of the ditches running through it, please know that you should seek the permission of the ditch owners before doing any building, landscaping, etc., over or around the ditch. Safety of children is a big concern. There are times that the ditches can run a lot of water and no one wants the tragedy of a drowning. Please remember that a small amount of water can be a hazard for very young children. If you have questions on the ditches, please call town hall and they can put you in touch with the appropriate ditch people.

DUST ABATEMENT – The application of the magnesium chloride for dust abatement purposes is scheduled for late May or early June. The 2015 schedule of streets to receive the application is: Moffat Avenue, Rich Avenue, Terhune Avenue, First and Second streets between Main Street and Rich Avenue, and all streets between Terhune Avenue and Roselawn Avenue.

RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC – Thank you to Dr. John and Peggy Colburn for their assistance with the rabies vaccination clinic, along with Jeannine Jones and Sheridan Myer. An additional thank you to town employees, Eric Berry, Nora Phillips and Janet Ray for their work with the clinic. Please remember that if you did not bring your dog or cat to the clinic, you need to bring your dog or cat's proof of rabies vaccination to town hall and get a town license. The cost is low, \$2.00 spayed or neutered and \$5.00 if not spayed or neutered. Much less expensive than a visit to municipal court for not having your dog or cat licensed.

HIGHWAY CLEAN UP – In conjunction with Routt County's annual highway clean-up day Saturday, May 16, volunteers can help clean the highway between town limits north to the Willow Cabins. We will meet at Yampa Town Hall, at 8:30 am. Safety vests and trash bags will be provided. Please wear sturdy shoes and long pants. We encourage you to bring a day pack with a water bottle, sunscreen, and work gloves. Questions may be directed to town hall at 638-4511.

BURN PERMIT – A burn permit should be obtained before undertaking any burning in the Town of Yampa. A burn permit is a requirement of the fire department. Because Eric Berry, the Public Works Superintendent, is on the fire department, the department allows the burn permit applications to be available at town hall and Eric is allowed to sign off on them.

STREET MAINTENANCE – Please watch for the town's motor grader when street maintenance is being done. **IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO PLAY IN OR NEAR THE STREET WHEN THE GRADER IS IN USE.** Also, if you see the grader at work on a street and you can take an alternate route to your destination, please do so. It makes the operator's job much easier. We understand that this is not always possible.

4TH OF JULY IS ON ITS WAY! - This year's parade will honor the Royal Hotel with the parade theme "Unforgettable Memories of Yampa". **All volunteers are needed and welcomed.** The next planning meeting is Thursday, May 28, 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 committee has been asked to consider having a dance between horse polo and fireworks. Some agree that this is a good idea, but we don't have enough volunteers at this time to plan or supervise the dance. If there is an interested organization in sponsoring a dance or if there are individuals willing to assist, please contact Janet Ray or Tammy Delto as soon as possible.

AGENDA ITEMS- Agenda items for the June 3 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 pm, Friday, May 22.

SCHOOL'S OUT! - Just a reminder that school is out for the summer on May 22. Please use extra care in driving and watch out for the little people!

TOWN HALL CLOSED – MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015, in observance of Memorial Day.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING – Oversight!! When the paragraph in the April newsletter regarding the Community Outreach Meeting was written, Kum & Go was left out of the thank you list. Their assistance with the pizza was important and much appreciated.

YAMPA-EGERIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21st, 6:30 pm, Yampa Town Hall.

FRIENDS OF CROSSAN'S M & A MARKET – friendsofcrossans@gmail.com. May meetings are Wednesdays, May 13, 8:00 am and May 27, 7:00 am, both at Yampa Town Hall. Please join in as planning is underway for the 2nd annual fund raising auction. Funding requests to private foundations to round out the financial piece of the project have been submitted. Your help on the rehabilitation and reuse of this historic structure is much appreciated as this is **not** a Town funded project.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE – Plan now! The Yampa Community Yard Sale will be Saturday, June 13, 2015.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLAN – There will be no Source Water Protection Plan meeting in May. Ms. Colleen Williams, a Source Water Specialist with Colorado Rural Water Association is preparing a draft plan for review. The next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2015.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN – Do you have a child starting Kindergarten at South Routt Elementary next fall? If he or she is not enrolled in the South Routt Early Learning Center, please contact Cheryl Sullivan, Soroco Elementary, 970-638-4558 or csullivan@southrouttk12.org. Children must be 5 years old before October 1st to start Kindergarten.

ROUTT COUNTY PIONEER PICNIC – Sunday, June 7th, 1:00 p.m., Masonic Hall, 49 W. First Street, Yampa, Colorado. Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish (salad or dessert), visit with neighbors & friends, enjoy music and entertainment, visit the Yampa museum and/or take a historic tour of Yampa at 3:00 pm, (weather permitting). Questions? Call 970-736-8245. The picnic has been held since 1904 – 111 years of tradition!

SNIPPETS of HISTORY-ITEMS FROM MAY, 1915, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

Fri., May 7....The members of the senior class of the Yampa high school were delightfully entertained at a class breakfast by Mrs. G. W. Hoffman and Mrs. C. V. Brown at the Brown's residence Saturday morning....A four course breakfast was served. The centerpiece was a large doll dressed in cap and gown and dainty place cards graced each plate at the board. The eight members of the class were seated and Miss Lottie Starkey assisted the hostesses in serving.

-Eighth Grade....Class Yell: "1-9-1-5, this eighth grade class is still alive"....Class Motto: "At the foothills-climbing"....Class Colors-Green and Gold. Class Flower....Chrysanthemum. The class play, "The Corner of the Campus," will be given at the Yampa Hall, Tuesday....Admission 25 cents and 35 cents. Ruth Lewis comes in from the ranch every week to practice the play and takes an active part.

-Frank Benton, Jr., Captured-Frank Benton, Jr., who escaped from a road gang working in Boulder county has been captured in Wyoming and taken back to Canon City (Note-he was arrested in July, 1914, for stealing 14 horses and three mules from Burns Hole. He took them single handedly up over the Flat Tops to the White River, around through Hamilton and on to Steamboat where he disposed of them. He was supposed to have left the county by way of North Park, presumably crossing Buffalo Pass.) He was sentenced from Routt County for stealing horses and the papers for his release on parole had been made out. He will now be obliged to serve out his full sentence of two years.

-Franz Chapman has purchased two acres of land adjoining his property and will improve the place. He has already commenced fencing and has lumber on the ground for a new barn 18X40', two stories high. He is also building new chicken houses and will fence the place with chicken wire, giving him one of the finest chicken lots in town.

Fri., May 14....Work on Gore Road to be Commenced Next Week: Several automobiles make trip to top of range; Gore Pass has been open for team and horse-back travel since May 1! A party of Oak Creek and Yampa men went up to the top of Gore Range, by automobile, yesterday. The object of the trip was to look over the road and see what work will be required to put it in good shape for automobile travel. It is anticipated there will be a heavy tourist business this year into the county and the Gore road offers the only direct route between Kremmling and the towns in the southern part of Routt County for tourists coming from either Denver, Colorado Springs or Pueblo.

-Frisbie Hutchinson has this week sold his ranch to Robert Bird. This place was taken up by Mr. Hutchinson as a homestead and pre-emption (note-homesteaded in 1895 on the banks of the Yampa River) and contains 360 acres. There is an abundance of water for irrigation, the ranch having rights in the Roaring Fork ditch and the Hutchinson ditch. It has substantial ranch buildings and is fenced with a considerable portion under irrigation. We understand the consideration was four thousand dollars. Mr. Bird is one of the well-known cattlemen of Yampa and will use the place for stockraising (sic).

-Another victim of the automobile speed crate was added to the list Wednesday afternoon when an unknown man driving an automobile at a 50 mile rate scared the horse being driven by Mrs. Walter Kier. The accident occurred as Mrs. Kier and her two small children were returning from a visit at the Wolbury ranch. When nearing the Crouner ranch (note-between Toponas and Yampa on what is now the back road between the two towns) when an automobile came tearing down the road, and with the usual manner of the speed maniac, attempted to pass the carriage without turning from the road. The horse shied and in doing so overturned the buggy throwing the occupants violently to the ground. The children were not injured but Mrs. Kier suffered a fracture of two bones near the ankle....Later the man driving the car was placed under arrest at Steamboat.

Fri., May 21....Eighth Grade class play next Tuesday, "The Corner of the Campus...The following characters will be presented: Ruth Day (a college student)-Erma Lindsay; Charles Steel (Ruth's friend)-Clarence Scribner; Everet Wardal (deceitful friend)-George Outland; Hiram Flayman (a country rube)-Reid William; Mrs. Flayman (Hiram's mother;-Virginia Godfrey; Erellna (a colored maid)-Ruth Lewis.

-Mother's Day was appropriately observed at the Rockhill school (note-also known as the Hunt Creek school.)....The playlet "The Doctor's Busy Day" brought many laughs. Little Howard Rockhill made an exceptionally efficient Doctor and we would not be surprised to see him develop into a real M.D.

-For thirteen years this May The Yampa Leader has been published at Yampa....It is our ambition to make The Leader of greater value during the coming year than ever before, and with your cooperation we feel sure of accomplishing this desire. Let us continue to show the public that Yampa is still on the map and that this is the best place on Earth.

-Local News....Miss Ruth Brady was the guest of Miss Ruth Lewis at her home on Five Pine mesa over Sunday. Miss Brady rode her burro and claims to have ridden something less than a hundred miles....Charles Vertress returned Sunday from Sulphur Springs, where he had been spending several days taking the baths....We are in receipt of the Hoklas automobile road map of western Colorado and part of Utah which shows all the roads in a very clear manner....Preston King, the pioneer surveyor, was in town yesterday with Mark Choate and W. C. Rockhill on business connected with the Crosho Lake water project.

Fri., May 28....The Yampa people, 20 in all, who went down to the track meet, reached Hayden Thursday evening and were most cordially received and cared for. A spirit of hospitality pervaded the entire visit.

-Another shipment of horses went out Wednesday morning for Denver. Mr. McCormick has been gathering horses for the war market, and took a fine bunch this trip.

-The play given by the eighth grade Tuesday evening was a distinct success in every way. A large audience greeted the children and gave them hearty applause throughout.

-Martin Osborn, who has been away for the past two years, returned first of the week and will make his home here. Martin says he has not found any place that is better than Yampa....Miss Grosbeck, our popular telephone manager, is taking a few days vacation at Hayden and Steamboat.

-From Burns....Campers are coming in....Fish season is in. Get applications for hunting and fishing at the post office....Everybody is turning out his cattle....Jack Skaggs left for Kentucky last week....Albert Norman went to McCoy last week on business....Arthur Horn was a caller at Norman's last week.