

TOWN OF YAMPA – SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

WATER USAGE GALLONS CHANGE IN SEPTEMBER – In September, the gallons of water allowed at the base rate of \$32.00 per month, goes back to 5,000. Any usage over the 5,000 gallons will be billed at the metered rate of \$1.65 per thousand gallons or increments thereof. The September usage will be displayed on your October bill. The August usage allows 15,000 gallons and August usage is shown on the statement that is included with this newsletter.

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS & WATER STORAGE TANK UPDATE – Duckels Construction, Inc. has begun work.

CHIMNEY CLEANING BRUSHES – The Yampa Fire Department has a chimney cleaning brush available for residents to use. The brush is kept at Montgomery's General Merchandise; phone 638-4531, if you wish to use it. The Department requires a \$10 deposit, which is returned when the brush is returned to Montgomery's General Merchandise.

2016 BUDGET – The Town of Yampa's budget process is underway. Citizen input is welcome. Watch for notices at town hall and the post office for budget workshops.

FLAT TOPS SCENIC AND HISTORIC BYWAY – On Wednesday, September 16th, an assessment of “Wayshowing” (signage and other navigational tools for the traveler from the travelers' point of view) will be conducted for the Flat Tops Scenic and Historic Byway. The assessment is being done to provide the byway working group with recommendations that could enhance directional signage to key sites and attractions, and to evaluate the inventory of interpretive signage along the route. The assessment team will begin in Yampa and end in Meeker. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 3:00 PM, AT YAMPA TOWN HALL, AN INFORMAL GATHERING WILL BE HELD TO KICK OFF THE ASSESSMENT. THIS WILL BE YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND GREET THE FOLKS DOING THE ASSESSMENT AND TO PASS ALONG YOUR IDEAS AND COMMENTS. WE WILL EVALUATE THE BYWAY SIGNAGE IN AND AROUND YAMPA SO PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT EVENT. Can't attend? Put your thoughts in writing and leave at town hall prior to the event.

YAMPA MARKET – Join South Routt community members for music and wild west entertainment, great food and market finds, and a celebration of Yampa Valley heritage on September 19, 10 am to 3 pm at Wasingers, Antlers west lot and Montgomery's south parking lot, in Yampa. For more information, contact Michelle Mahosky at 819-5533 or yampahomegrown@gmail.com.

AGENDA ITEMS- Agenda items for the October 7 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk by 4:00 pm, Monday, September 28.

FRIENDS OF CROSSAN'S M & A MARKET – friendsofcrossans@gmail.com. Don't be alarmed by the inactivity at Crossan's. It has taken longer than anticipated to mesh the available funding and scope of work for this phase of the project. The inactivity should be a thing of the past in a few weeks. 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 is the point of contact for events happening in South Routt to put on the EDC's website calendar; her email address is: rktoponas@hughes.net. The South Routt Economic Development Council (SREDC) website is <http://www.southrouttedc.com/Home.aspx>.

FLOWER BARREL THANK YOU'S – Thank you to the following who assisted with the “town” flower barrels this summer: Eric Berry, Teri Lynch, Ken & Cindia Montgomery, Nora Phillips, Janet Ray, Cindy Wren, Michele Yackey, and Yampa Library personnel. These folks purchased, planted and/or maintained flower barrels this summer. An additional thank you to the Friends of Gateway Yampa beautification committee for the flower barrels and other work you did this summer. We won't name individuals, as we don't know who all is on that committee, but your efforts sure made a difference in brightening up the town.

TOWN HALL CLOSED – Yampa Town Hall will be closed Monday, October 12 for Columbus Day.

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, but we ask that you bring cash payments in during open hours so we can give you a receipt.

PERMITS – Please remember you need permits for several different endeavors. A burn permit is a requirement of the fire department. Because Public Works Superintendent Eric Berry 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. Permits are needed for building projects, fences, utility work and so on. **Please check with town staff before you begin a project.**

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 use the non-traveled portion of the street for snow storage come 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.

SNIPPETS of HISTORY_ITEMS of INTEREST from SEPTEMBER, 1915, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

Fri., Sept. 3....COPPER SPUR MINE BUSY. They have reached the 400-foot level of the shaft and the ore is getting better as they go down. There are five veins leading from the main vein and it is estimated that they have enough ore in sight at the present time to keep them working for the next four years. A 50-ton car will be shipped to Denver next week. (Note-Copper Spur is located south of McCoy.)

-Mr. and Mrs. John Knipschild and daughter and Miss Lou Horine of Norborn, Mo. Have been visiting their cousin Frank Blue the past week. As part of their entertainment, Mr. and Mrs. Blue took the entire party on a camping, fishing and sight-seeing trip to Trappers lake and while there had the good fortune to get sight of a large bunch of mountain sheep. They pronounced the Trappers lake trip the most beautiful they had taken while visiting Colorado.

-Louis Wyman, a member of the State Highway Commission, spent last Sunday at Yampa, coming from the lower part of the county with County Commissioner Reid, where they had been inspecting some of the county roads around Hayden and Steamboat. Mr. Reid took Mr. Wyman by automobile over the Gore road, going up to the county line, and on the return trip from Toponas down to the county line at McCoy....Mr. Wyman said he would be pleased to make a favorable report of the Routt county roads and the work that has been done here.

Fri., Sept 10....SPECIAL TRAIN EVERYDAY FROM YAMPA TO THE ROUTT COUNTY FAIR. SPECIAL TRAIN EVERYDAY FROM YAMPA TO THE ROUTT COUNTY FAIR. Leaves Yampa at seven o'clock in the morning; Fare for round trip only \$3.30. All Aboard! If you don't catch the grand SPECIAL TRAIN you will miss the BIG SHOW. Fair warning to you.....leaving Hayden at seven o'clock in the evening.

-Robert and James Phillips have purchased the Van Camp livery business, including teams, saddle horses, livery rigs, bus line and automobiles. They will also continue carrying Yampa mail and meet all trains with the Grand Hotel bus. The business will be continued at the old location, the boys having taken a lease on the Van Camp barns. The garage will be under the personal charge of Robert Phillips, who is an expert mechanic....I. J. Van Camp is a Yampa pioneer, having located here in 1884, and for the past ten years has been engaged in the livery business. He ran the Yampa-Dunkley stage line for three and a half years and for a number of years has the local mail contract. For six years he had charge of the stage barn for the Yampa-Wolcott stage line and is one of the oldest liverymen in the state, having been engaged in that business at Leadville before locating at Yampa.... The Phillips boys are also well known here, having lived with their parents who have a ranch a short distance south of town....Mr. Van Camp will devote his time to his ranch, which he has been greatly improving the past two years.

Fri., Sept. 17....The season at Trappers lake is about over. Scott Teague coming down Monday with his last party. The party had been out several weeks and had a fine time, both at the lake and on many side trips. It returned by way of Shingle peak and Derby lakes, winding up its outing with a bear hunt.

-Mr. and Mrs. Bockfinger have been entertaining a large party of relatives and friends at their ranch home near Trappers the past week....Alva Jones of Hayden has been in Yampa the past week purchasing horses...Herb Moore will begin threshing season tomorrow at the Bennie Laughlin ranch....The stork called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cook early Sunday and left a fine 10-pound boy. Mother and baby are doing nicely and Orville is about the happiest man on the mountain.

-Exports of horses from the United States during ten months of the European war....brought into this country \$65,000,000 as compared with less than \$1,000,000 the previous year....but there isn't a farmer in the United States who sold horses for shipment to Europe who is fooling himself as to the reason for the unusual market for horses

-ADS...Scott Teague-Horseshoeing and Wagon Work. First Shop East of Van Camp's Barn, U. G. Bird and Scott Teague....Tin Shop, All Kinds of Sheet Metal and Tin Work. Orders Promptly Filled-George F. Koeppen (note- George was also the under taker.)...YAMPA DRUG COMPANY-Drugs, Medicines, Prescriptions-Toilet and Rubber Goods. L. R. Crichton, Mgr....The Antlers Pool Hall, C. T. Vertrees, Prop....

-Mr. and Mrs. Bockfinger and house party were guests at the Clarence Bemis ranch Tuesday of last week....Dr. Cole and family spent last week at their cabin on the Stillwaters. Bert Cole and wife accompanied them, and on Sunday I. J. Van Camp and wife, F. W. Ewing and Mrs. Alice McFarland, H. E. Jones of Denver and R. W. Brown and J. J. Mathews of Oskaloosa, Ia., had fish dinner with the Cole party. Fishing on the Upper part of the Yampa river has been very good the past week.

Fri., Sept. 24....Lancaster School; Unique Entertainment-One of the most unique and charming school entertainments ever given in District No. 20 (note- about three miles southwest of Yampa on the Stillwater reservoir road.) was that which the "Jolly Literary Society" presented last Friday afternoon. The last number was a patriotic exercise by the "Color Guard" of the school. About fifteen students took part in this and each carried out his part with the greatest success.

-The interior decorations of the Woodman Hall are being rushed to completion and within the last two weeks Charles Simon will open a first-class movie show in the building. A four-horse power gasoline engine will be installed to generate the electric power used to operate the picture machine and the mechanical harp which are now here.

-Last Sunday Fred Reifenstahl started for Phippsburg with two loads of hogs. When crossing Wheeler's ditch just south of town Fred claims he was hailed by someone who spoke German and on looking he discovered the prow of a submarine of the U-9 (?-print is illegible) type sticking up in the middle of the ditch. The team also heard the hail and bolted. By the time Fred had headed the team into the fence and ran back to investigate the craft had disappeared.