

TOWN OF YAMPA – SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

ROUTT COUNTY UNITED WAY PRESCHOOL SURVEY – On behalf of Routt County United Way, if the preschool survey is included with your newsletter and pertains to you, please complete it or give to a family that may not have received one. The survey may be returned to Yampa Town Hall or mailed directly back to United Way. Requested return date for the surveys is October 10. Thank you.

WATER METER READING – Water meters will be read on September 30. Please help public works staff by having your dog indoors or otherwise secured on that day so as to avoid dog bites. Thank you for your help.

WATER USAGE GALLONS CHANGE – 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 AND WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS – Work continues to be on schedule for both the Water Treatment Facilities improvements and the Water Storage Tank installation, with the project being around 80% complete. The next phase of the project includes construction of a pre-treatment facility, replacement of a portion of the transmission line and relocation of the access road and will continue into 2017. For the wastewater treatment facility improvements, the planning and design for the construction of the improvements is in early stages.

AGENDA ITEMS – Agenda items for the October 5 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 pm, Mon, September 26.

TOWN HALL CLOSED – Yampa Town Hall will be closed Monday, October 10 for Columbus Day.

YAMPA MARKETS – The last Yampa Market will be Sunday, September 25, starting at 10 am and running until 3 pm at River Park (southeast side of Moffat Avenue). Thank you to the South Routt Economic Development Council and Friends of Gateway Yampa for presenting the markets.

YAMPA PUBLIC LIBRARY – 113 Main Street, 638-4654; hours are: Monday & Tuesday 10AM to 5PM; Wednesday Closed; Thursday 3-7PM; Friday 10 AM to 4 PM, and Saturday 10AM to 2PM.

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.

2017 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 or bring your ideas to staff at the town hall.

FLOWER BARREL THANK YOUS – 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.

WATER & SEWER PAYMENTS - Payments made by check or money order - are welcome in the night drop on the Lincoln Street side of Town Hall. It is best to bring cash payments in during open hours so we can give you a receipt. Exact cash for what is due or having the entire amount credited to your account is required as we do not keep cash on hand. Town hall hours are 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

SOROCO PRESCHOOL – continues to accept registration for enrollment. Soroco Preschool is a high- quality, full day, year round program of care and education for your young child. They accept all potty trained 2 ½ through 5 year olds during the school year. The Preschool is Colorado Shines Level IV Rated, and the teaching staff is skilled, nurturing, and excited to help your child with their Math, Language/Literacy, Social/Emotional, Cognitive, and Physical areas of development and exploration. The daily rate is \$40/day for operating hours of 7:00 am – 6:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. Not currently open on Fridays. No minimum days/week are required for enrollment. There are several opportunities to accommodate family financial need. For additional information, a facility tour, and registration packet, please stop by the preschool (little red schoolhouse on the Elementary school field in Yampa), or call the Director, Tamara at 970-638-1065.

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.

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: rdtponas@hughes.net. The South Routt Economic Development Council (SREDC) website is <http://www.southrouttedc.com/Home.aspx>.

SNIPPETS of HISTORY-ITEMS of INTEREST from SEPTEMBER, 1916, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

Fri., Sept. 1....Sam Himes came down from Trappers Lake Tuesday with a party of tourists and brot (sic) with him one of the largest native trouts ever caught in the lakes of this part of the state. The trout weighed fully eight pounds and was caught with a common trout fly and line. It took nearly a half hour to land the big fellow and the first time he was picked up in a landing net he went clear thru it. Mr. Himes is going to have his prize mounted for his dining room.

-W. S. Primly and J. I. Sloan, two very wealthy men from Chicago (??), and Mrs. L. M. Wainwright, of Memphis, Tenn and Miss Nan Seals of Yampa, made up a party that Scott Teague took to Trappers Lake from Yampa last Saturday, returning Tuesday. They caught all the fish the law allows and say they will be back another season.

-Milner-Steamboat road continues to be open for discussion....We are not familiar with the disputed points, but have always been mildly curious to know why the road was not completed along the line of the original survey several years ago....Get together men, we will never have too many good roads.

Fri., Sept. 8....What was undoubtedly the finest event ever given in Yampa occurred last night at the Grand Hotel (note- was located on what is now an empty lot next to the Antlers), when Max Ewing was tendered a banquet by his many friends in honor of his coming marriage to Miss Murea Louise Smith, eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Smith...The party sat down to the banquet table at 9:30 and a flashlight picture was taken. The table was beautifully decorated with American Beauty roses, Carnations, white and purple Asters, Snapdragons, Sweet peas, Smilax and Ferns in profusion. The meal was faultlessly served in five courses....music was furnished by the Fender orchestra....Menu was as follows- Cream Tomatoe(sic) Soup, Ripe Olives, Pickles, Celery, Roast Turkey with Dressing, Cold Boiled Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced tomatoes, French Peas, Cream Cheese, Salted Wafers, Ice Cream, Cake, Fizz Water, Cigars.

-A large sheep corral is being built near the headwaters of the Yampa River. The Forest Service is cooperating with the sheep men this summer in building this counting and cutting corral. A large force of men is at work.

-Ad; Our fruits and vegetables are the best on the market. This week, Rocky Ford melons, pears, peaches, grape, green corn, sweet potatoes and all things good to eat. Bryce Mer. Co. 14tf....There is on display and for sale at The Leader office some furniture made by the boys of the Yampa school manual training class. There are two elegant parlor desks, book rack and shelves. Come in and see them.

Fri., Sept. 15....The Ladies Aid meeting yesterday was largely attended, fully sixty people were present....The social committee reported a little over \$10 from the last social, which sum was voted toward the minister's salary. Another social will be held a week from Saturday....Four new members were added which brings the membership to seventy-five.

-The Antlers barber shop and pool hall has been leased for a term of two years by the Phillips Brothers, who have already taken charge. In addition to the pool tables already in use a new special billiard table has been purchased and will be here in a few days. The stock of candies, cigars and tobacco will be enlarged and complete line carried.

-The many patrons of the Colonial are regretting the approaching conclusion of the "Broken Coin," but hope manager Simon will put on another serial soon.

Fri., Sept. 22....Peter Simon, who has spent the summer on the McFarland ranch, had his first car ride Wednesday. He was walking to Yampa from the ranch when Will Crowner picked him up and brot him to town in his Maxwell. Mr. Simon is 70 years old and has lived here for 35 years. He has seen the different cars come to town but never had opportunity to ride in one. This little story adds fame to the now famous Crowner Maxwell.

-The potatoes displayed in The Leader window were raised on the Clarence Bemis ranch and in the garden of the Grand Hotel. The turnips came from the Jerry Reams ranch. We have had several messes of the Bemis potatoes which were raised at an altitude of about 8,000 feet and they are hard to beat.

-The committee appointed last week at the preliminary meeting of the Parent-Teachers association to outline a plan for a permanent organization are ready to report and the committee preparing a special program have decided to call the meeting for next Fri, evening. All parents and friends of the school are invited.

Fri., Sept. 29....The first ceremonial meeting of the season was held by the Camp Fire Girls at the home of Mrs. E. H. Godfrey. The winter work was outlined and the ladies to have charge of the different crafts were selected.

-Twenty five thousand persons are expected to be in attendance at Grand Junction's Wild West show and aeroplane flying exhibitions, according to figures just given out by those in charge of the big entertainment. The dates are Oct. 4, 5 and 6. Special rates on the railroad have been secured.

-The Steamboat Pilot says that the ski course is to be improved and predicts a 200 foot record breaking jump at the next carnival. The boys of Yampa are already talking about a ski course for Yampa and hope to get up a good team to compete at the annual ski carnival next year.