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Yuma County Employees Newsletter

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Road & Bridge to Continue Work at Beecher Island Road

Due to noteworthy efficiency, last summer's work on the Beecher Island Road came in more than \$100,000 under budget. Recent approval by DOLA to retain the coverage to extend improvements within the same area have the Yuma County Road & Bridge Department preparing for another major project set to begin at the end of this month.



Sheriff's Office Implements K9 Program

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office recently introduced the flagship members of its new K9 unit; a Bloodhound and a Weimaraner. The dogs are currently being matched with handlers and given names. A training process running an estimated 6-8 weeks will precede their introduction as regular members of the Sheriff's Office work force.

The goal of the K9 unit is to provide local resources for narcotics detection and tracking with little, if any, tax-payer funding. The Sheriff's Office reports an outpouring of support already received from community partners.

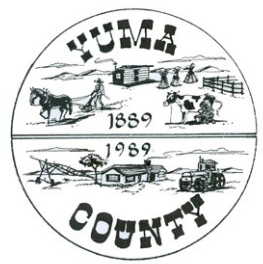


“ If we want to change things, we must first change ourselves. If we want to play—if we want to change the world—we must first show up on the field to score. ”

— PAUL RUSESABAGINA

Facelift for Yuma County Website Underway

The Yuma County website is undergoing major changes to bring forward a more modern presentation and improve functionality to support online fair ticket sales and increase access to information for citizens and employees both, among other goals. The new website should be unveiled by the end of April.



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OneOK Installing Natural Gas Pipeline

OneOK, Inc. of Tulsa, OK has begun preparatory work for the installation of the Elk Creek natural gas pipeline, planned to run from eastern Montana to Bushton, Kansas. Initial estimates show approximately 45 miles of the pipeline running through Yuma County. Interested parties should watch local news sources for updates and landowner meetings or can contact the Administration Office.

<http://ir.oneok.com/news-and-events/press-releases/2018/01-04-2018-210907006>

2018 Service Anniversaries

- Mike Fonte, 30 Years*
- Carrie Sharp, 30 Years*
- Clinton Metzler, 15 Years*
- Don Brophy, 10 years*
- Allan Davisson, 10 years*
- Sgt. Travis Dinsmore, 10 years*
- Larry Barnett, 5 years*
- Dpt. Robert Covill, 5 years*
- Amanda Holloway, 5 years*
- Richard Hunter, 5 years*
- Matt Martin, 5 years*
- Cpl. Rhett Morris, 5 years*
- Gary Stone, 5 years*
- Sgt. Joe Wells, 5 Years*

Air Ambulance Insurance Provided

Beginning in January 2018, Yuma County insurance coverage for emergency transportation changed from AirMed Care Network to MASA. This plan comes to employees as a fully paid benefit for themselves and all members of their household. The switch comes with the additional benefit of ground transportation coverage in emergencies and when being transferred to a higher level of care, as well as coverage for transport regardless of which emergency transport company provides the service. Employees also have the option to buy up to Platinum membership through payroll deduct. Employees should have received policy cards and information in early March. Anyone with questions or in need of clarification is encouraged to contact the Finance and Administration Office for assistance.

Building Security Discussions Continue

Elected Officials and Department Heads continue discussions around building security topics including the protection order recently granted to Yuma County and consideration of a possible single-entry point for the courthouse. Employees with questions on building security should contact their supervisor for more information.

Dates to Remember:

- 3-8, 3-20 Payables Deadlines
- 3-14 Employee Harassment Training Session
- 3-16 BOCC Meeting
- 3-19 Payroll Deadline
- 3-21 Employee Harassment Training Session
- 3-21 Supervisor Drug & Alcohol Training
- 3-30 BOCC Meeting

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