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Yuma County Employees Newsletter

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Extension Focuses on Seniors in Celebration of Graduation Month

In honor of May's traditional role as graduation month, the Extension Office will be having a little fun with their bulletin board theme. This month's board will include senior pictures of several County employees as well as a challenge to identify as many as possible. Stop by just outside of the courthouse elevator lobby and see how many you can correctly identify.

Jail Nearing Return of Local Inmates

The hard work and diligence of the Yuma County Jail staff and Sergeant Joe Wells over the last several months is paying off. Sergeant Wells has made several exceptional hires since the swearing-in of Sheriff Todd Combs and our long-term core staff have stuck through some very trying times to maintain operations and train the new hires. Additionally, Sergeant Wells will be overseeing the crucial instillation of an updated control panel over the next several weeks with the return of Yuma County inmates anticipated by the end of June.

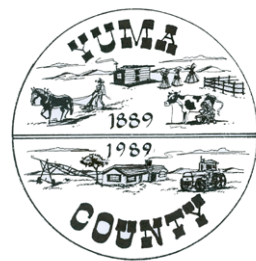
The June deadline for return of inmates was an aggressive goal set by Sergeant Wells early in the year and we are proud of the Jail staff for putting in the work that it took to accomplish it. If you see one of our Detentions Deputies around, please make sure to thank them for what they do.



Sick Bank Board Vacancy

The Sick Bank Board recently sent out a memo calling for applications to fill a vacancy on the Board. Members of the Sick Bank Board are eligible to inquire and an election will be held following the receipt of interest.

The Sick Bank Board is responsible for overseeing administration of the Sick Bank including approving usage of hours by members and is an excellent way to get involved in the administration of policy. If you have questions or are not sure if you're eligible, stop by or call the Finance and Administration Office and we'll be happy to help.



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County Facilities Set to Go Live on Broadband

After a long preparation and testing period, Yuma County government offices are set to go live on our broadband fiber connection this month. County IT contractor Teryx will be transitioning the various Wray facilities to broadband connections beginning May 1. Teryx reports speeds are testing exceptionally well and they anticipate the Yuma County Courthouse to be live on the new connection within the first week of May.

The broadband installation project has been heavily invested in by Yuma County in partnership with the City of Wray and is a long-anticipated gain for County operations. Not only is the connection anticipated to save in the cost of provision of internet connectivity to County offices, it should also give an efficiency boost as we strive to modernize our processes and do more with less.

Beef Barn Expansion Gains Traction

The Board of County Commissioners are in the process of planning the construction of an expansion to the beef barn at the Yuma County Fairgrounds. The expansion comes at the request of local community members organized as the non-profit organization known as Ag Innovation. The Ag Innovation team has held several fundraisers around the county and was awarded \$350,000 in grant funds from Great Outdoors Colorado (better known as GOCO) for the project, thus limiting the project to little or no County funding.

Recent efforts have included several decisions related to structure and planning with next steps including the receipt and selection of bids from contractors. The expansion will include updated pen space for hogs, sheep, and goats as well as new livestock wash racks and new public restrooms.

While the Ag Innovation group had originally hoped for completion in time for Yuma County Fair 2019, a slightly slower pace was determined to be necessary. Efforts will continue with construction potentially starting yet this year and continuing into next.

Dates to Remember:

- 5-8 to 5-10, Clerk's Office Closed for Training
- 5-8, 5-22 Payables Deadlines
- 5-14 BOCC Meeting
- 5-20 Payroll Deadline
- 5-27 Memorial Day—County Offices Closed
- 5-31 BOCC Meeting

Road & Bridge Compliance Seeing Updates

Road and Bridge recently added a Compliance Specialist position to review and update department procedures, policies, and protocols. Among various other duties, Jessica Mitchell is reviewing utility locate practices in light of recent legislative changes, assessing road impact fees, reviewing and updating permit applications, and working toward the standardization of processes for the completion of Road & Bridge tasks. Jessica's position focuses on increasing efficiency and safety while moving work product toward a set of standard operating procedures for the department.

Have an idea for content? Information that needs shared? Email to administrator@co.yuma.co.us for inclusion in next month's newsletter.