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## Yuma County Employees Newsletter

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### New Livestock Agent Arrives

The Yuma County Extension Office welcomes a new face in June of 2019 with Livestock Extension Agent Travis Taylor joining the team. Travis has spent several years serving as an Extension Agent in Lincoln County and brings with him a great deal of knowledge and experience.

Travis is a welcome resource for area livestock producers of all sizes and we look forward to working with him as he provides support to such a vital component of our local community and economy. Welcome, Travis!

### Human Services Effectiveness Recognized

Yuma County Department of Human Services stays very busy serving those in Yuma County. As part of the checks and balances with the state programs there are many performance goals set by the state within Human Services. Recently, the Human Services Eligibility Unit has been recognized for distinguished performance and timeliness filing in the following areas: New of Adult Financial Applications, Redeterminations of Adult Financial Services, New Colorado Works Applications, New Food Assistance Applications, and Expedited Food Assistance Applications, Food Assistance Claim Rate. Child Support was recognized for exceeding the Percent of Child Support Collected and the Percent of Cases with Arrears Payment. The Child Welfare Unit was recognized for distinguished performance for Safety and Well Being with timeliness of Initial Response to New Reports, Initial Response to Abuse Neglect Assessments, Assessment Closure and Children who Re-enter Care within 12 months.

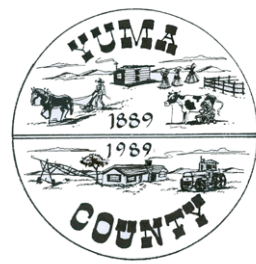
To add to the before-mentioned awards, the Department is proud to congratulate Joyce Brown, IV-D Administrator, for achieving *all* of the calendar year 2018 Child Support Goals. Joyce is a one-man unit and takes care of all of the Child Support cases for Yuma County. The goals exceeded include an above percentage in Paternity Establishment, Percentage of Child Support Cases with an Order, Percentage of Current Support Paid, and a Percentage of Arrears Cases with Payment Toward Arrears for an entire calendar year! This accomplishment has positively impacted 262 families in the Yuma County caseload. Joyce will be receiving an award to celebrate this accomplishment at an upcoming State IV-D Administrator Conference.

The entire Department works tirelessly to meet and exceed the expectations set by the state, all the while serving the many faces in Yuma County. We are proud to serve in so many ways.

### Yuma County Fair Planning Gains Steam

The 2019 Yuma County Fair is rapidly approaching and the selection and contracting of an artist for the Tuesday evening concert is always an early focus. This year's concert will feature Eric Paslay, a country artist who has long been a successful songwriter in the industry. Additional fair activities will include the PRCA rodeos on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening, the parade, draft horse pull, tractor pull, carnival, and of course, numerous local kids and residents showcasing a wide variety of fair exhibits.

As always, Yuma County employees will receive a paid holiday on the Tuesday of fair week, August 6 this year, to enjoy the fair. Tickets for the concert and rodeos are available for purchase at the Yuma County Commissioner's Office or online at [yumacounty.net/county-fair](http://yumacounty.net/county-fair) as of June 3 and at the fairgrounds during fair activities. For a detailed schedule, a look at the 2019 Fair Book, or any additional fair information, visit the County Fair webpage. We hope to see everyone at the fair!



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## Economic Development Director Hired

Yuma County Economic Development has hired a new director, local Phil Riggelman. After a very competitive application process, Phil started with YCEDC in May after a local career including being General Manager at Bonanza Ford and Executive Director at the WRAC. Phil has jumped right in to the local housing needs assessment project that Yuma County Economic Development is partnering with Phillips County Economic Development on. We welcome Phil into the folds of Yuma County Government and will be excited to see what he can do to serve the Economic Development mission of creating and maintaining a healthy local economy.

## New Sheriff's Office Patch Designed

*The Yuma County Sheriff's Office will be wearing a new patch in the near future. Recently, Sheriff Todd Combs has had a new patch designed for the agency to put his team's brand on the organization and give them a new flavor for their future.*



*The new patch features the traditional Sheriff's star, with an American flag and a symbol of law enforcement solidarity and brotherhood, the Thin Blue Line. The patch pays homage to our rural roots and the long history of the agency as well as ensuring differentiation between our Yuma County Colorado Sheriff's Office and the Yuma County Arizona Sheriff's Office. The patch is ready for production and should be making its way onto uniforms and various other agency items in the near future.*

## Flex Spending Account Sign-up Deadline

The fiscal year for flexible spending accounts, also known as Section 125 Cafeteria Plans, runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year. Enrollment for next year's participation is due to the County Finance Office no later than June 28.

Flexible spending accounts allow employees to save for medical and/or child care expenses on a pre-tax basis. If you have ongoing medical or childcare expenses and think a Section 125 plan might be a valuable benefit for you, stop by the Finance & Administration Office for more information before June 28.

### Dates to Remember:

- 6-3 Fair Tickets on Sale
- 6-11 to 6-13, County Auditors On Site
- 6-10, 6-19 Payables Deadlines
- 6-14 BOCC Meeting
- 6-17 Payroll Deadline
- 6-25 to 6-26 Treasurer's Office Closed
- 6-28 BOCC Meeting
- 6-28 Section 125 Enrollment Deadline

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