

# 40 NORTH

## Yuma County Employees Newsletter

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### Child Support Awareness Month

At the July 31 Board of County Commissioners meeting, Joyce Brown of the Department of Human Services provided an educational presentation on Child Support Awareness Month, held every August since President Clinton's Proclamation 6814 in 1995. Brown highlighted the Proclamation's quote that "providing for our children is one of humanity's worthiest and most fundamental endeavors. Children are the best part of ourselves—the sum of our past and the promise of our future." Brown noted that she could not find a more apt description of the importance of caring for our children and we couldn't agree more.

## County Fair is August 3rd—7th

The 2019 Yuma County Fair begins Saturday, August 3 at the fairgrounds in Yuma. As always, PRCA rodeos will be held Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday night and a concert, this year featuring Eric Paslay, will be held Tuesday night. Employees are encouraged to use the County Fair Day holiday on Tuesday, August 6 to enjoy fair activities with their family and friends. Tickets for the PRCA rodeos and the concert can be obtained ahead of time online through the County website or on-site during fair.

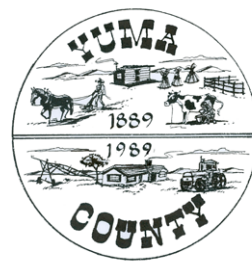
Additional public events include horse races, a draft horse pull, tractor pull, carnival, and parade. Show exhibit events featuring the efforts of our county youth are scheduled throughout the week including Commissioner Wingfield's favorite bucket calf show which is scheduled for Monday, August 5.

Fair schedules are posted throughout town and information is available at the Fair Office and Extension Office.



### CCOERA Retirement Changes to CRA

The Colorado County Officials and Employees Retirement Association, or CCOERA as we all know it, is officially undergoing a rebrand this summer with a new name and logo. This summer, employees will start seeing their retirement information coming to them from Colorado Retirement Association or CRA. Marketing materials will look different than we are used to seeing as a new logo is rolled out. Please be aware of this change so that you don't inadvertently disregard important information about your retirement account. This change is in name and logo only and does not impact your retirement account, plan selection, or account rep. If you have questions about the change or would like to verify the legitimacy of correspondence you are unsure of, stop by the Finance and Administration Office for assistance.



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## Yuma County Jail Brings Inmates Back

After an arduous year including turnover, administration change, multiple team members in FTO, and the installation of a new control panel, Sgt. Joe Wells and the Yuma County Jail Staff brought inmates back from boarding in the Washington County Jail the week of July 8.

The return of inmates significantly decreases expense to the County and returns the jail to it's fully functioning status. Initial estimates expected the return of inmates to take close to a year, but the July 8 return brought them back six months to the day from Sgt. Wells initiating a plan of action. Congratulations and thank you to the Yuma County Jail staff for all of your hard work.

## Time Sheet Timelines Are Crucial

Recently, changes in payroll processing were implemented to improve the timeliness in processing of payroll and to create more ease of access to information for employees when it comes to leave balance availability and overtime issuance. As with any project, the effort is a team venture that relies upon timeliness and accuracy from everyone in the work stream.



my boss: [whispering into my coffin]  
"you haven't submitted your timesheet"

In order for pay to be issued effectively and efficiently, employees need to submit timesheets as quickly as possible following the end of a pay period. Supervisor-approved timesheets are due to the Finance Office by 9:00 am the next business day following the

end of a pay period. This allows time for processing in the Finance Office and time to make all necessary banking notifications, which are due two days before pay day.

The Finance and Administration Office wants to thank every employee for your patience during the transition and your diligence in submitting information timely for processing.

## Financial Transparency Increases

### Dates to Remember:

- 8-1 Payroll deadline
- 8-3 to 8-7 Fair
- 8-6 Yuma County Fair Day — County Offices Closed
- 8-7 Pay Date
- 8-7 Mid-Month Payables Deadline
- 8-14 BOCC Meeting
- 8-21 End -of-Month Payable Deadline
- 8-30 BOCC Meeting

As part of the transition to a new accounting software in the Finance Office, Yuma County Department Heads and Elected Officials now have access to their own financial reports and expenditures. This read-only access increases the availability of information for every functional area in the County and allows each department to real-time track their expenditures and manage their budgets more effectively. The Administration Office is available for any questions or training necessary to ensure full effective use of this great new tool.

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