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Yuma County Employees Newsletter

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Road & Bridge Sees Leadership Changes

Road & Bridge has recently experienced some changes in its leadership structure. Effective March 13, Fleet Foreman Sean Malay was promoted to Assistant Road & Bridge Supervisor. Also joining the team is new Road & Bridge Supervisor Tom Andersen. Tom and Sean have already begun assessing and prioritizing the department and look forward to working together to strengthen the Road & Bridge team and ensure the successful maintenance of the Yuma County road system.

New Fairgrounds Use Policies

In an attempt to ensure that the Yuma County Fairgrounds are available to everyone and are used in a safe and responsible manner, the Board of County Commissioners recently adopted amendments to the Fairgrounds Use policy including changes to scheduling requirements for groups of 12 or more, competitive events, and use of horse racing equipment. The Yuma County Sheriff's Office will be working in conjunction with the Commissioners Office to ensure that the fairgrounds policies are being followed and that all members of the public have safe access to this great recreation resource.

Policy updates can be found on the Yuma County website at <http://yumacounty.net/county-fair/fairgrounds-use-information/>.

2019 Q4 and 2020 Q1

New Employees

Leigh Baldwin, Sheriff's Office

Trace Combs, Sheriff's Office

Justin Gilstrap, Road & Bridge

Heather Howard, Assessor's Office

Will Janisch, Sheriff's Office

Victor Morales Apodaca, Road & Bridge

Robin Newton, Human Services

Dan Overturf, Sheriff's Office

Abel Perez, Road & Bridge

Nate Reinick, Human Services

Monica White, Clerk's Office

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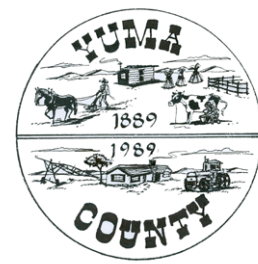
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Property Tax Deadline Approaches

April 15 is most generally the tax deadline that springs to mind, but it's not the only April deadline for tax payments. April 30 is the deadline for full year property tax payments at the Yuma County Treasurer's Office. Payments can be made at the Treasurer's Office or online through the Treasurer's website at <http://yumacounty.net/treasurer/>.

Due to the recent public health crisis, the State is working on solutions for individuals who may have anticipated making a full year payment in April but are now finding themselves without the financial means. Keep an eye on the Treasurer's website for updates on payment topics.



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Commissioners At Work on Oil & Gas Regulations

After the 2019 passage of updated legislation related to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's objective, various state agencies undertook rulemaking processes to put the legislation into practice. Changes are centered around the overall COGCC mission change from fostering the oil and gas industry to regulating it.

Among the most recent rulemakings to be finalized were those enacted by the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission in December. These rules are designed to regulate oil and gas impact on air quality but, in the opinion of several rural counties, do not take into account the varying environments in which oil and gas are produced.

In March, Yuma County joined 14 other rural counties who represent 45% of active oil and gas wells in Colorado in filing a lawsuit against the Air Quality Control Commission in an attempt to bring the rural voice to the conversation. More information will be published through the local papers as it becomes available.

Both Parties Host County Assemblies

Despite the challenges with social distancing orders, both the Yuma County Republican Party and the Yuma County Democratic Party were able to host County Assemblies in March with some concessions to allow remote attendance and/or voting. Each party nominated candidates for the two County Commissioner seats up for election in November.

The Republican Party nominated incumbent Commissioner Robin Wiley for District 3 as well as candidates Chris Wood and Scott Weaver for District 2. The Democratic Party nominated incumbent Dean Wingfield for District 2 as well as candidate Dave Blach for District 3. Also running are unaffiliated candidates Betsy Blecha and Mindy Womble for District 2 and Phil Riggleman for District 3.

Beef Barn Expansion Makes Progress

The expansion of the beef barn at the Yuma County Fairgrounds is nearing completion. The project includes a cement floor, new wash racks, new bathrooms and a partially enclosed livestock show area designed to centralize show area and improve the exhibitor experience. The project is primarily funded through GOCO grant dollars and money raised by the Ag Innovation group.

Dates to Remember:

- 4-1 Timesheets Due
- 4-7 Pay Day
- 4-9, 4-23 Payables Deadlines
- 4-16 BOCC Meeting
- 4-30 BOCC Meeting

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