



The HUDSON CONNECTION

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See you at Town Hall
on December 7th
6:00 p.m.



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Hudson Marks 125 Years Since First Settlement

125 years! 2012 marks the 125th anniversary of the recognized founding of Hudson, a little rail stop with big plans. Twenty-five years ago the community celebrated its centennial with events being described in a replica edition of the *Hudson Headlight*, the historic town newspaper.

Another important date is coming up soon. 2014 will mark the centennial of the Town's incorporation as a Colorado municipality. Planning for that event will start soon.

(Reprinted from the August 12, 1987 Hudson Headlight, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the original town plat.)

Hudson started out as a water stop

In 1882 the Burlington and Missouri Railroad completed a line from Denver to Eckley, Colo. Passenger service began on June 26, 1882. Hudson began as a water stop along this line.

The purpose of the stop was to provide the steam locomotives of the day with water and coal.

Nothing existed at the present site of Hudson until the Burlington built a section house and depot in 1883.

Hudson was actually founded on Nov. 2, 1887. John W. Lapp purchased some land from the owner of the union Pacific Railroad, Jay Gould, and on that date he platted approximately 1,360 lots in an area west of the railroad tracks and north of the depot.

see *125 Years*, p.5

Veterans Memorial and Fishing Pond Dedicated

Approximately 200 people enjoyed the cool but sunny dedication of the Hudson Veterans Memorial on Veterans Day, November 11th. The event also included a ribbon cutting to commemorate the official opening of the Hudson Fishing Pond.

Trustee Ray Patch opened the event, followed by singing of the

National Anthem by Deputy Ib Meyer of the Weld County Sheriff's office. Rev. David King of Hudson's James Memorial Methodist Church did an invocation. The Sheriff's color guard presented the colors. Trustee Barb Baker read stories of four Hudson residents who

were killed in action: Hubert Gordon; Jeffrey Benjamin; Robert Schneider; and Mauro Martinez. Pam Shad-



see *Dedication*, p.4



A DAY TO REMEMBER

Veterans Day, November 11, 2012



About 200 people came out to honor veterans at the dedication of the Hudson Veterans Memorial on Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11, 2012



Town Trustee and Vietnam Veteran Ray Patch introduced the program



Laura Winters directed the Hudson Academy of Arts & Sciences choir as they sang *God Bless America*



Deputy Ib Meyer sang the National Anthem and the color guard from the Weld Sheriff's office presented the colors



Town Trustee Barb Baker told stories of four Hudson citizens who died in the service of our country.



Joe Aspey, a Vietnam Veteran, played taps.



Following the memorial dedication, Mayor Pontius and others who were involved in the fishing pond project cut a ceremonial ribbon to commemorate the opening of the pond to the public.

BREAD CRUMB CONTINUES TO SERVE HUDSON

The Bread Crumb Food Bank is a new food bank serving the residents of Hudson. As many have come to learn, the organization works “solely on volunteers and donations, with the passion to serve the people by providing for their needs and feeding the community”. On average, the Bread Crumb serves 50 customers with 175 family members each week.

The Bread Crumb currently provides bakery items only although they have expanded their offerings into clothing items of various sizes. However, beginning Monday, December 3rd, the Weld Food Bank will be bringing their new Mobile Food Pantry to Hudson to join forces with the Bread Crumb. The new refrigerated truck, made possible by a \$125,000 grant from Kraft Foods, will bring items such as dairy, meats and vegetables to our low income residents,



As the Bread Crumb Food Bank's operation expands and they service more people, they too find themselves in need of more items such as gently used or new clothing, new toiletries, monetary contribution, folding tables, refrigerators, and freezers. If you are interested in donating, please call the Bread Crumb at 720-281-6368 or email them at thebreadcrumbfoodbank@gmail.com. If you are interested in volunteering go to their website at www.thebreadcrumbfoodbank.com and fill out the online form.

The Bread Crumb is open every Monday from 9am to 2pm at the Hudson Fire Protection District Station #2 next to Hudson Memorial Park.

SANTA CLAUS CONFIRMS VISIT TO HUDSON

Staff members at Hudson Town Hall have confirmed that Santa Claus will be visiting Hudson during the annual Town Hall Christmas Lighting Celebration on Friday, December 7, 2012 at 6:00 pm. Sources from the North Pole have also indicated that Santa will be accompanied by one of his elves during his visit.

Children are encouraged to bring their moms and dads to the holiday lighting celebration which begins at 6pm in front of Town Hall. To kick off the event, Laura Winters and children from the Hudson Academy of Arts & Sciences Chorus will perform Christmas melodies. Feel free to sing along! Next



on the list of activities will be the official Town Hall lighting as Santa, Mayor Pontius, the Board of Trustees, and Town Staff throw the light switch which will illuminate our Town Hall.



Following the official lighting of Town Hall, everyone is invited in to a warm and toasty Town Hall to enjoy cookies and refreshments. During that time, children will be able to visit with Santa

and his elf. We look forward to seeing you here!

2013 BUDGET TO BE CONSIDERED AT DECEMBER 5th MEETING

After four months of work, the budget for 2013 is ready for final adoption by the Board of Trustees.

The annual budget is an annual plan for how the town will receive and use its financial resources. The Board uses input received from citizens in the annual survey and from other sources to provide projects and programs that best meet community needs.

Highlights of the proposed budget include:

- Funds are budgeted for a new public works maintenance shop. The Town is looking for a site.
- Addition of a utility worker position and upgrade of the parks worker to full time.
- Funds are budgeted for several small water and wastewater improvement projects.

- Funds for a study of the old clay sewer lines in town that would recommend a replacement program.
- Matching funds for a grant to replace playground equipment at the park. (project dependent on receiving funding from Great Outdoors Colorado.
- Funds for the proposed realignment of the I-76 frontage road north of Highway 52. (project dependent upon receipt of grant funding)
- Funds for a fishing pier

or shoreline deck, shoreline riprap, and additional trees at the fishing pond.

- Funds for warranty repairs on the paving project. (Exact amount dependent upon settlement with the contractor's insurance)
- Funds for preliminary planning for a town hall/library site.

Copies of the budget are available for inspection at town hall and at the library. The final budget will be posted on the website.

DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

TOWN APPROVES AGREEMENT WITH ANADARKO PETROLEUM

On November 7th the Board of Trustees approved a “memorandum of understanding” with Anadarko Petroleum (Kerr McGee Oil & Gas On-shore, LLP) regarding plans for oil and gas drilling near Hudson. Anadarko proposes to drill 25 wells on land outside of, but near the Town limits. These wells will be in addition to the cluster of eight well “use by special review” (USR) permits within the Town that were approved last August for a site north of the correctional facility.

The Town has a permitting process for oil and gas wells proposed to be drilled within the town limits, but has no such authority for wells in unincorporated Weld County, even when those wells are close to Town. And within town our ability to regulate wells is limited by the State. The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission is charged with administering well permits statewide.

Concerns with the wells as proposed, the Town was primarily concerned with the impacts on traffic congestion and safety near the I-76 interchange, and with

impact of heavy truck traffic on town streets. Under the Town’s USR permit, Anadarko was required to conduct an engineering evaluation of the town streets that they would be using, primarily Oak Street and other streets in the area north and west of I-76. The “before and after” engineering study will identify any damage to town streets, and Anadarko agreed to repair any such damage. They will also provide and maintain additional surfacing on any gravel roads that they will be using.

With the proposal for the 25 additional wells outside of Town, Anadarko has agreed to route all of its traffic related to drilling and completion of all the wells along a network of temporary roads from the north, eliminating most or all of this traffic from Highway 52 near I-76. They will also include the wells outside of town in the agreement for road maintenance since they will still be using town streets in the vicinity of Sparboe Farms and the correctional facility.

The Town of Hudson’s Planning Commission and Town Planner, Roy Fronczyk, have prepared a Draft of an Update to the Comprehensive Plan for the Town. We would like your opinion and reaction to the direction of the long range future of the community. The Draft report is available for review at Town Hall and at the Hudson Public Library. The report can also be viewed online on the town’s website at www.hudsoncolorado.org. Just click on “2012 Comprehensive Plan Update Draft” link found on



the homepage. The Planning Commission will be accepting any comments you wish to provide pertaining to the vision for the future of the town at their regularly scheduled December 12, 2012 and January 9, 2013 meetings. The meetings start at 7:00 P.M. and are held at Town Hall. You may also provide a written comment directly to Town Hall or via email: [in-fo@hudsoncolorado.org](mailto:info@hudsoncolorado.org). Your views on the future of the community are important so please provide us with your ideas and opinions.

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dock from Senator Udall’s office read a letter from the Senator. The Hudson Academy of Arts & Sciences choir lead the group in singing *God Bless America*. The dedication concluded with Joe Aspey playing Taps.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the event and with building the Memorial. It is one way in which the community honors our veterans.

Following the Memorial dedication, Mayor Pontius conducted a brief rib-

bon cutting ceremony for the Hudson Fishing Pond. The 1.5 acre pond was recently completed and from all reports people have been catching fish. The pond is stocked by the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife.

There was a reception at Fire Station #2 following the event.

The Memorial and the pond will give us a place for many future events and celebrations.

Thanks to everyone who helped make these projects successful!

On Sept. 21, 1889, the Hudson City Land and Improvement Company filed a plat with the county which set boundaries for almost 3,000 additional lots. Their original purpose was speculation and promotion of the area.

In fact, the Hudson Land and Improvement Company, in an effort to promote interest in the town, placed an article in the "Colorado Exchange Journal" for Dec. 29, 1888.

The article called Hudson a booming young city full of promise and enterprise. It claimed Hudson was planning a 16-acre park, which included streets 60 feet wide and large development plots for houses.

The Hudson Land Improvement Company never achieved their goal of building a park, although they did make some money from their original investment.

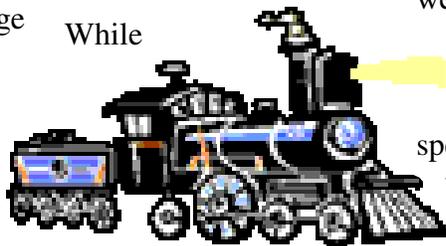
THE RAILROAD had a profound effect on Hudson. Without it, Hudson itself may never have been incorporated into a town. Fewer people would have known about the area and there would not have been any need for a town.

The railroad also helped

the town survive after it got started because it hauled in all the staples which were so vital for the early settlers. These included such significant items as lumber for houses, coal for fuel, and many other products vital for cooking.

Both freight and passenger trains came through Hudson at a time when railroads provided the most convenient travel across the plains for settlers and visitors alike.

While



Hudson was being settled, many people rode the trains out from Denver and surveyed the land to decide if it would be a desirable investment for them. In fact, many land speculators would ride an early train out from Denver and catch an incoming train for the ride home.

THE NEXT large town on the rail line east of Hudson was Fort Morgan. Many people were glad to get off at Hudson, if for no other reason than to stretch their legs.

After people did buy land around Hudson, many of them shipped their belongings by box-

car to the depot at the town site.

In the years after the railroad had thoroughly established itself across the plains, it developed a train called the Burlington Zephyr. It was advertised as being able to travel from Chicago to Denver in 12 hours. Of course, as people heard of this alleged monster, they lined the tracks with great expectation.

The people of Hudson were no exception. They lined the tracks and were amazed by the silver bullet which sped onward toward Denver.

IN 1907, Albert M. Kearns, a Hudson resident and owner of a real estate agency, replatted the town giving it the street pattern and street names it has today.

The first concerted effort at agricultural and community development took place during the period. Water was a scarce commodity in the area until the Henrylyn Irrigation District, formed in 1907, completed the construction of a canal system from the South Platte River in 1913.

On April 2, 1914, town residents voted to incorporate and they elected the first mayor and board of trustees. The vote for incorporation was 71 in favor and only 2 against.

News from the Library

Terri Redden, Library Director

The holidays are quickly approaching. Now is the perfect time to reflect on our blessings. All of us wish to thank our patrons, we appreciate you.

December 1st we'll be in Keenesburg at "A Step Back in Time" from 2pm to 5pm, reading stories and doing crafts. Please stop by and say hello.

Starting December 3rd, 2012 the library will have a BOOK SALE. If you've never visited us before, now is the perfect time. We have boxes of books and videos. And how convenient, just in time for your Christmas shopping.

Over the holidays we'll be showing kid-friendly movies. (but please, do not send your children under 10 unaccompanied by an adult or guardian)

The Hudson Library Board and Staff would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas!

Make a New Year's resolution to get a library card if you don't have one, it will be a good start for your year.

Hudson Public Library
555 Main St.
303-536-4550
Hours :
M,T,Th,F :10:00 am – 6:00 pm
W 10:00am – 7:00 pm
Sat. 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sun closed

WASTEWATER LAGOON CLOSURE PROGRESSING

It's not much of a topic for the dinner table discussion, but the Town is excited to report that the closure and reclamation of the old sewer lagoons is progressing nicely. All of the biosolids (you can imagine what that is) have been removed and the stockpiled soil on site will be used to fill at least a portion of the open ponds.

Once reclaimed, the site will be available for commercial development. It will also be

the location of the southern end of the proposed realignment of the I-76 frontage road. The Town has been working with CDOT and with Weld County for the past four years



to alleviate some of the congestion at the I-76 interchange by realigning the frontage road intersection on the north side of Highway 52 farther to the west, separating it from the I-76 exit ramp. The Town is applying for grant funds to help with that project.



- Marc Sirios has joined the Town staff as a utility operator. He will be working with the utility crew on water and wastewater operations. Welcome aboard, Marc!
- Dawn Moore has been re-appointed to the Housing Authority Board. Thanks Dawn!

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

On Saturday, December 1st, the S.E. Weld County Chamber of Commerce and Genesis Electronics Recycling, Inc. are holding a one day e-waste recycling event from 9am-1pm on the north side of the Hudson Academy of Arts & Sciences building, 300 Beech Street. Most electronics can be recycled for *FREE*. For a list of those items requiring a small recycling fee go to the town website at www.hudsoncolorado.org.

SBDC... HELPING GROW YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

Are you thinking about starting a new small business in the New Year? Maybe you are an entrepreneur that already owns a small business and are trying to grow your business operation. Then you need the services of the Northeast East Central Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC). The SBDC offers business consulting and training that maximizes the economic potential of emerging and existing entrepreneurs within the

Northeast – East Central region of Colorado. By contacting the SBDC, you can receive confidential individualized business counseling at no charge. You will meet with a business counselor who understands your situation and can devise an action plan to progress your company. Areas of counseling can include but are not limited to: business plan development; marketing strategy; registration and licensing; start-up and financing preparation.

While the SBDC cannot eliminate risk, they work to minimize risk and maximize your business potential.

The SBDC has office hours at the Hudson Public Library and Keenesburg / Lochbuie Town Halls. To schedule your free counseling session(s), contact our SBDC Business Counselor Jesse Esparza at 720-837-0416 or via email at jacii1@msn.com. To learn more about the Northeast East Central Colorado SBDC, visit their website at www.neeccosbdc.org.

**TOWN HALL
WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 24-25
and
DEC. 31– JAN. 1
IN OBSERVANCE OF
THE CHRISTMAS AND
NEW YEAR'S DAY
HOLIDAYS**

2-1-1 GETS YOU CONNECTED

If you are not familiar with the 2-1-1 service made available by the United Way, it is an easy to remember phone number that connects callers in need to more than 1,600 available health and human service programs, government agencies, and community organizations. Although the United Way 2-1-1 service is **NOT** a crisis line, it does deliver confidential comprehensive information and referral services, free of charge to the caller, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



In addition to assisting social workers, case managers, church leaders, employers, teachers, health professionals and others with assistance for their clients, members, and students, 2-1-1 can provide individual callers with information on various resources including: after school / child care programs; disability services; employment services; financial counseling and foreclosure prevention; housing assistance; utility and weatherization assistance; transportation assistance; information and programs for senior citizens and veterans; information about prescription drug assistance and discounts; companion animal spay and neuter services; and a host of other community services. Dialing 2-1-1 can also connect people to volunteer opportunities.



or click to
search
for
Services
Online

For those with an internet connection, the 2-1-1 list of resources and services is also available by going to www.unitedway-weld.org. Remember, no matter what kind of help you need, the United Way's 2-1-1 service brings people and services together.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

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CONTEST IS UNDERWAY

It's that time of the year when Hudson residents have the chance to show off their exterior holiday decorating skills as the Town of Hudson hosts the Annual Christmas Lighting Contest. The contest is similar to our Yard of the Month recognition program. However, instead of judging your front yard landscaping skills our panel of judges will be searching for residential yards that exhibit exceptional holiday displays.



Judges will begin their search for the top four residential homes beginning the week of Monday, December 10th and conclude on Friday, December

14th. In order to compete, yard displays must remain lighted during the evening of that week. Only exterior decorations will be judged.

Winners will be contacted the week of December 17th. The winning addresses will be published in the January - February edition of the Hudson Connection Newsletter.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER THE TOWN OF HUDSON

Has Elevated Levels of Total Trihalomethanes

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received over the last year show that our system exceeds the maximum contaminant level (MCL), for total trihalomethanes. The MCL for total trihalomethanes is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The running annual average level of total trihalomethanes over the last year was 0.103 mg/L.

What does this mean? What should I do?

You may want to use an alternative drinking water supply (e.g., bottled). If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing total trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done?

Total trihalomethanes are byproducts of drinking water disinfection. The Town of Hudson is working with KBN Engineering, Inc. to correct the issue. The town staff is flushing hydrants and adjusting water tank levels.

We anticipate resolving the problem within 45 days. For more information, please contact the Town of Hudson Utility Director, Hunter Fobare at 303-944-6295 or Town of Hudson, P.O. Box 351, Hudson, Colorado 80642.

This notice is being sent to you by the Town of Hudson Colorado Public Water System ID# CO0162359.

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**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT THE
TOWN HALL AT 303-536-9311.**

REMEMBER... Town Board meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month are open to the public. Agendas are posted in the Town Hall window and at the Post Office.

**Visit the Town's web site for more up-to-date news about what's going on:
www.hudsoncolorado.org**



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