



2019 Budget Narrative

A summary follows of events and project from 2018 and a look at plans for 2019.

The mill levy money and grants from MAHFAB are the main income sources for YEHS and is much appreciated.

2018 was a year of great change and progress. We began by establishing a major presence in the newly renovated Crossan Market. We installed an exhibit titled "HOME ON THE RANGE-A WOMAN'S LIFE in EARLY YAMPA-EGERIA PARK REGION" featuring photos of homesteads and some of the women who inhabited them and raised their families in them. We featured many homely every-day items that supported daily life, i.e. things associated with cooking, laundry, clothing both every-day and social pursuits, etc. At the 110+ year old museum building we have presented a whole new look featuring a man's perspective to "HOME ON THE RANGE". Thanks to the many generous people who contributed countless items to both exhibits, including incredible photos and tack loaned by the Rossi family.

We have made available, in a secure environment, a plethora of research materials. We have obtained two computers from Routt County to make research available to the public and for museum purposes such as digitizing our extensive photo, slide and negative collections.

YEHS obtained a MAHFAB grant for \$10,000 and matched that grant with an additional \$10,000 of YEHS funds to assist financially in installing the man lift (elevator) from the first floor to the second floor at Crossan's. Although the second floor is not as historically significant as the first floor, the building in its entirety reflects the history of Yampa and the market was a huge piece of that history. This grant will close out in 2019.

The Town of Yampa and YEHS received assistance from Nancy Kramer, Northwest Colorado Cultural Heritage Program, in obtaining a grant to prepare an Interpretive Brief for the first floor of the Crossan Market. In addition to the brief itself, panels depicting the early days of procuring supplies for travel were made and are on display. Jackie Noble of Noble Erickson Inc. prepared the brief. This project ties together the historical aspects of the market's past and the visitor and economic development center housed on the first floor as the building begins its next life phase.

We contributed to the Crossan Market Grand Opening event in September.

We hosted a large Sherrod family reunion attended by 30 or 40 family members associated with early Egeria Park and Crossan Market. Other families having reunions in the area also enjoyed special tours.

We installed blinds in the museum replacing curtains purchased at a yard sale nearly twenty years ago.

We assisted in the Town of Yampa's annual Christmas celebration and Santa visit.

Membership – Membership forms were made available at the museum, Crossans, through the Town of Yampa newsletter and at all special events and proved to be a successful endeavor. YEHS did not collect dues until nonprofit status was achieved so with 2018-2019 being the first time collecting dues, the 2019 budget worksheet lists them separate from donations.

Fundraising – The Groundhog Day Dinner and the “Hometown Picnic” on July 3rd continue to be the main fundraising events.

Special events in 2018:

Randi Samuelson Brown held a book talk / book signing / informational talk.

YEHS and the Oak Creek / Phippsburg Historical Society hosted “Rags to Rugs” a heritage arts workshop that was well attended and deemed a great first joint effort we hope to continue.

New in 2019, YEHS will join forces with the American Legion and the Legion will host Bingo immediately following the Groundhog Day Dinner that is traditionally held February 2nd. The Groundhog Day Dinner was a staple of the Ladies Aid Society. The historic “Hometown Picnic” on July 3rd will be continued as well.

Digitization project – the items necessary for the digitization project have been purchased and YEHS is ready to start the process of inventorying and digitizing the society's collection. Nita Naugle of Tracks and Trails Museum and a member of YEHS has volunteered to train those persons wanting to learn how to do the work.