

# 2014: What a year

The Sun staff picks the top ten stories of the year



## Grand Ol' Gal of the Valley turns 120

Jan. 1

Opening to the public in January 1894, the Hotel Wolf in Saratoga celebrated its 120th anniversary with a party.

*"The Campbell family said they were proud of the hotel and the work they have done to make it a success since they took over operations on April Fool's Day, 1977."*

## CCSD#2 hires Copeland as superintendent

March 19



Replacing the retired Bob Gates, Jim Copeland from Fleming, Colo. was hired as the new superintendent of schools for Carbon County School District No. 2.

*"On the night of March 13, the CCSD#2 Board of Trustees took action and offered Jim Copeland a two-year contract."*

CCSD#2 Board Chairman Diana Berger said that the board was very pleased with all of the finalists. However, she said that Copeland was selected because he shared a similar vision with the board. *"We just felt like he was the right fit," Berger said.*

## Controversy at SCWEMS special meeting

August 6

At a July 31 meeting of the South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Service (SCWEMS) Joint Powers board a heated discussion led to accusations of wrongdoing in the practice of providing additional pay for on-call hours for Saratoga SCWEMS volunteers. Bill Dahlke eventually tendered his resignation as Saratoga representative to the JPB and Ambulance Director.



## PCW 'breezes' through permit hearing

Aug. 13

In August, Power Company of Wyoming (PCW) received approval from the Industrial Siting Council for the construction of the Chokecherry Sierra Madre Wind farm south of Rawlins. The construction and operation of the wind farm is expected to create 114 jobs and generate millions of dollars in tax revenue for the county and state.

## Walkway project takes first step

Oct. 15



After four years of delays, the town of Saratoga set the pedestrian bridge spanning from Veterans Island to an inlet near the hot pool. A ramp leading up to the bridge, as well as

an additional small bridge which will span over Spring Creek from the hot pool to the inlet, will be constructed at a later time.

*"While the setting of the bridge required patience from town crews and residents, the exceedingly complex procedure was completed with minimal setbacks."*

*The bridge arrived in two pieces in Saratoga on two semi-truck trailers on the evening of Oct. 8. Both pieces weighed a combined 58,000 pounds and spans 150 feet."*



## Waterlogged: A tale of two communities

May 14

The Platte Valley was fighting water problems from above and below as an early May storm brought between 12 to 19 inches of snow to Encampment. The same day, town of Saratoga crews were frantically working to repair a busted water main which flooded the better part of two blocks.

*"Springtime in Wyoming can create havoc on towns — and Sunday was no exception. In Encampment and Riverside a snowstorm dumped anywhere from 12 inches to 19 inches of snow and left downed trees and snowy roads throughout the two communities."*



## New faces at Town Hall

Nov. 12

Richard Raymer and Will Faust were elected to the Saratoga Town Council while Ed Glode beat Don Sherrod in the Saratoga mayoral race in the general election.

*"It was Ed Glode who ended up taking 53.77 percent of the 703 votes cast in Saratoga. Glode beat Sherrod by a margin of 137 votes."*

*"I am elated, I am excited" Glode said after the results were announced. "I look forward to doing the job."*

## North Platte River flooding

May 28 — June 6

High snowpack and heavy rainstorms brought the North Platte River through town to record heights during the last week in May and first week in June. The height of operations, nearly 250 people were on the ground to toss an estimated 80,000 sandbags along the river.

*"As the river starts to recede under flood stage, Saratoga and Carbon County communities survived its second 100-year flood in four years this past week, despite water levels hitting record highs on the North Platte."*



## Elder comes to Community Center

March 5

Joe Elder took over as the executive director of the Platte Valley Community Center in March.

*"I just think [the community center] is a fantastic asset that the town has. There are so many utilizations and potentials for it," Elder said.*

## 12 Years of DKRW June 25

DKRW Advanced Fuels LLC began their quest to build a coal-to-liquefaction plant near Elk Mountain in 2002. In March of 2014 DKRW informed the Industrial Siting Council that they terminated their contract with Sinopec, the Chinese company that was in charge of the engineering, procurement and construction plan. DRKW and their subsidiary, Medicine Bow Fuel and Power LLC say they intend to continue with the project.

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