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## Riding with the WSRRA



Photo by Erik Gantt

**Justin Quint scores a 70 during the saddle-bronc competition at the Platte River Rodeo Friday. This year, the Western States Ranch Rodeo Association (WSRRA) competed in the rodeo. In WSRRA saddle bronc, riders can have a saddlehorn and can use both hands, according to announcer Chuck Larsen.**

## Town lawsuit goes into new year

By Mike Dunn

At the July 1 Saratoga town council meeting, Richard Rideout, an attorney representing the town Saratoga, announced the three pending actions between the town and Saratoga resident Randy Stevens have been consolidated for trial.

Stevens said in an interview Monday the trial had been moved to January of 2015, in hopes of the town of Saratoga and Stevens coming to an agreement before the court hearing.

The legal battle between the two parties has been ongoing for more than a half-decade. It pertains to a retaining wall built by Stevens in 2008 on the north and east side of the property. The wall was constructed adjacent to the Hugus ditch near the intersection of Maple Avenue and South River street. The property just to the south was once owned by the town of Saratoga, and leased by the United States Department of Agriculture. It is now owned by the conservation district.

Initial legal action was taken by the town of Saratoga as a result of the retaining wall, which Rideout said, "violated town ordinances." Subsequently, the town filed a claim with the district court on Nov. 11, 2009.

It was reported in the June 13, 2012 edition of the *Saratoga Sun* that according to court documents, engineer for the town of Saratoga Chuck Bartlett said he was worried the retaining wall could collapse. Stevens had submitted two site plans in the winter of 2009, but both were considered inadequate because they did not state the use of the property.

In August of 2009, the town and Stevens had come to an agreement: Stevens would remove part of the wall and soil to ensure the integrity of the retaining wall, while the

town agreed to allow part of the wall on town property and allow street access to it. The container on the property was blocking construction of the alleyway.

In January of 2013, the town of Saratoga announced the two parties had settled on a tentative deal which would require Stevens to empty the container and having the town remove the container out of the way so it can finish work on the alley north of Stevens' property.

In the January 9, 2013 edition of the *Saratoga Sun*, Saratoga Mayor John Zeiger said the agreement did not include the town removing the sheer piling wall, whereas Stevens claimed the agreement did include the removal of the wall.

According to a document drawn up by James Salisbury, Stevens' attorney, the Jan. 4 agreement said the town of Saratoga must construct and install, at its expense, an access ramp to the Stevens' storage container within 45 days from the entry of the order. Within 15 days upon completion of the access ramp, Stevens was to remove all personal property from the storage container at his own expense. Within 45 days of notification of the removal of personal items from the container, the town was to remove and relocate the storage container to lots nine and 10.

Because an agreement could not be reached, both Stevens and the town went back to court on May 8, 2013. At that hearing, Judge Waldrip Carbon County District Court, reprimanded both the town of Saratoga and Stevens. According to the May 15, 2013 edition of the *Saratoga Sun*, Waldrip said during the hearing, "You people really must love to pay

## The impacts of mosquito spraying

By Erik Gantt

A program of spraying is intended to quell the mosquito population, provide relief from those biting buggers, and hopefully prevent cases of West Nile disease around the Valley.

However, the Platte Valley is a natural ecosystem where every creature fulfills a role, and trying to manipulate that ecosystem can have negative consequences, right?

Maybe not.

And what about health hazards to humans? The answer seems to be that there is no need to worry. The greatest exposure to the insecticides seems to come from household items and

simple measures can be used to prevent harmful doses.

According to a 2010 article in the peer-reviewed journal "Nature", eliminating mosquitoes from the world may only be of benefit to humans and may have little lasting consequence to other species such as birds, bats, frogs, fish, spiders and flowers. In her article, Janet Fang said "With many options on the menu, it seems that most insect-eaters would not go hungry in a mosquito-free world. There is not enough evidence of ecosystem disruption here to give the eradicators pause for thought."

There are no known species of plant or animal which feeds solely on mosquitoes, and studies have shown while there may be an initial decline in some populations after the removal of mosquitoes, the gap in the diet would be replaced eventually.

From a human perspective Daniel Strickman, the Program Leader for Medical and Urban Entomology at the US Department of Agriculture says "The ecological effect of eliminating harmful mosquitoes is that you have more people. That's the consequence."

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## VALLEY NEWS

### Planning board on the fence

By Mike Dunn

Fence heights in front yards became a major issue of discussion at the July 8 Saratoga Planning Commission meeting.

A debate which started at the April meeting, planning commission members have been discussing setting limits to fence height in front yards. Some concerns brought up were high fence with low visibility would restrict the view of a driver pulling into the roadway and could result in car wrecks.

According to town of Saratoga engineer Chuck Bartlett, the current fencing ordinance states any front yard fence over 42 inches must have 50 percent visibility. Any fence higher than eight feet requires a special building permit.

The problem with 42 inches, Bartlett said, was most building materials only come in 36 or 48 inch heights.

The ordinance proposed at the July 8 meeting would call for a 48-inch height in the front yard, with a minimum

50 percent visibility in fencing higher than four feet.

However, several members of the board were concerned the proposed fencing would not keep deer out of residents' yards. Board members were unsure how high fencing would have to be to prevent deer from jumping into yards.

Chairman Rory Grubb, who owns two homes within Saratoga, said the planning commission needs to consider different neighborhoods.

"What I would want for one house is completely different than what I would want for another house," he said.

After deliberation, planning commission members came to a consensus to ask for public feedback. The ordinance was drafted for later discussion.

Board members also discussed the roles of the planning commission with the master plan.

After receiving a \$49,000 community development block grant which will go towards hiring a consultant to draft a master plan design, the town

of Saratoga will be assembling a steering committee consisting of several town residents.

After discussions with Mayor John Zeiger, Cooksey said Zeiger's intention was to place one member of the board on the steering committee. Board members appeared to want Grubb to be the planning commission representative on the steering committee due to him being a planning commission member for more than 10 years. However, no final selection has been made.

The planning commission is starting to thin out, as Rod Weinman officially submitted his letter of resignation.

Weinman's letter stated he had not been able to attend planning commission meetings due to time conflicts with his job.

Weinman is the second planning commission member to resign in as many months, as Bob Thrasher resigned in June.

The next planning commission meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 12 at Saratoga Town Hall.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Class of 94 to reunite

Staff Report

The class of 1994 is hosting its 20-year class reunion this weekend. Carl Beach said the class will meet for drinks at the Saratoga Resort & Spa

at 7 p.m. Friday. Alumni of Saratoga High School from other years are invited to attend Friday night.

On Saturday, the class will meet at 10 a.m., at Kathy

Glode Park for a barbecue and tour Saratoga Middle/High School at 2 p.m.

At 6 p.m., the class will meet at the Hotel Wolf for dinner.

### Legion to retire flag

Staff Report

The American Legion Post No. 54 is dedicating the Khe Sanh West to the east of Lollypops, July 26, Deb Clark, American Legion adjutant, said.

The ceremony will begin at 1 p.m., and is followed by a flag retirement ceremony. Clark said citizens who would like to have

their American flag retired at the ceremony can bring the flags to the ceremony or drop them off at the American Legion Post Home.

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your lawyers and you are acting like school children."

After the hearing, the agreement enforced by the court states the town of Saratoga must construct a ramp in order to remove a storage container on Stevens' property and later return the container. Additionally, the order states the town must complete reconstruction of the alleyway.

The ramp had been constructed by the town of Saratoga, however, the alleyway had not been completed.

Rideout said the agreed upon location to move the container was on property owned by the Wyoming Department of Transportation, and the town was not able to complete the ramp way. Stevens said in a July 8 interview after the town of Saratoga had constructed a pad for the relocation, the town was notified that the pad was not on Stevens' property.

"My contention is we never agreed to relocate that container any place other than the site development plan, the approved site development plan by the town of Saratoga to its

location to where it is useable, which is on the west-end of the property, on the southwest corner, against the sheer pile wall," Stevens said.

Stevens added the town said there was too much dirt to be moved, and Stevens offered to remove the dirt. He said he offered to rebuild the ramp and relocate the container to the approved site development plan.

The town of Saratoga officials said a third party was contacted to move the container to the agreed upon location.

The container remains where it is today, and ramp was removed by Stevens. "I think at this point, it's fair to say that that particular action and the understanding that was codified in the consent decree is at a standstill," Rideout said.

Additionally, Rideout said the Stevens has filed two different lawsuits; one on behalf of the trust and one on behalf of the Quality Landscaping entities, claiming that the town has trespassed, committed a nuisance, was negligent in the

performance of their obligations under the consent decree.

Rideout said Stevens' lawsuit states the town has inversely condemned Stevens' property, the town has taken his property without due compensation and that the town is in a breach of contract.

"All as a result of the activity that we undertook pursuant to the consent decree," Rideout said.

Stevens said he gave the town a global settlement proposal in February as per the town's request. In the last week of June, Stevens said, the town responded by saying the settlement cannot go forward, as relocation of the container has to be settled first.

Stevens said he and his lawyer told the town they would move the container, if the town would indemnify Stevens from the liability of the stability of the retaining wall. Stevens said he received no response from the town.

In a July 14 interview, Zeiger said he was referring comments to the attorney due to pending litigation.

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### Stantec reports on river flow

By Mike Dunn

Town of Saratoga engineer Chuck Bartlett clarified the Stantec report posted on the town's website was not the complete report. Bartlett said the report only covered geomorphology, and there would be a full report

available Friday.

There will be a meeting public on the preliminary findings during the first part of August.

An exact meeting time and date has not been set, Bartlett said.

### Like pie? Give blood

Staff Report

Saratoga's next blood drive with United Blood Services is on Tuesday, July 22 from noon to 5:30 pm at St. Ann's Parish Hall. The drive is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and will include a slice of fresh, home baked pie for all donors.

Summertime activities are no fun if someone you love is in the hospital and there is no blood on the shelf. Here, in the southern part of Wyoming, it takes 500 people a week to donate blood to serve the 14 area hospitals. One out of every three people will need blood during their lives but only one in 20 people regularly give blood.

This drive is especially important because it is being held during the summer. According to Jim Larscheid, blood drive co-

ordinator, participation drops off slightly at summer blood drives because donors are on vacation or are involved in all the fun summer activities everyone enjoys.

"The demand for blood is constant, even in the summer months, and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients" said Larscheid. "It's important that people remember to take some time off out of their busy schedules to donate during the summer to help maintain a safe and plentiful supply of blood for our community."

Blood donors truly are heroes, because their one donation can help as many as four patients. "Giving blood is one of the most important, rewarding and compassionate things a person can do," explained Larscheid. "The blood donation is simple, there is

little, if any, pain and it provides the 'gift of life' that only human beings can give to one another."

Blood donors are reminded to eat well 30-45 minutes prior to their donation, drink plenty of water during the day to keep themselves hydrated, limit their-caffeine intake, bring a list of their medications and places and times you have traveled outside of the U.S. and bring a photo ID.

Donors may also complete the Health History Questionnaire on the day of the drive by going to <http://www.unitedbloodservices.org>. Print out the ticket and bring it with them to the blood drive.

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The spring cleaning shuffle

Spring cleaning has come late for me this year. I normally try to do this during the appointed time of year, but if you recall spring this year was a rainy and extremely windy one.

ceilings of my house. This means that during the winter and spring months I have already been moving everything out of one room and into another to put the wood up.

Retro Blog By Keith McLendon

I know that some folks have managed to be on top of the spring cleaning thing because of the abundance of garage sales we have already had. Garage and yard sales, I would think, are a pretty good indicator of the whole spring cleanup in general.

When I get around to the pre-summer flushout I like to throw everything outside so I can get to all the floors and walls.

It also helps to beat out rugs and soft furniture outside so you don't fill your home with dust.

While doing this I have had several people stop and ask if I was having a garage sale.

Maybe one of these years I'll just sit there and let it turn into one.

I could probably stand to get rid of some junk (Good junk though - when I get around to the sale, stop on by!).

But wait, there's more! I'm ready to deal!

Sorry, I got in sale mode. The other problem I have run into with the cleanup this year is that I have been remodeling my home a bit.

I put up blue-stain beetle kill on almost all of the walls and

When that was done and the wood was sealed I moved it all back - along with the furnishings from the next room.

Living in a house you are remodeling is not half as fun as you might think.

So the main part of the wood is up. It has all had two coats of sealer (short a room and a half).

Until very recently a miter saw perched on my dining room table amidst little scraps of beetle kill wood and varioid tools all seemingly held together by the sawdust that was pretty much everywhere.

Kind of like a crazy craftsman's zen garden.

Okay, I just said that to try to make it sound better. I didn't even fool me.

But now I have to clean. Now I have a deadline. Why? The parents are coming.

And they are riding with my brother and niece.

Crap. Don't get me wrong, I am happy to see my mother and stepfather and I have been griping for what seems like forever that my brother has not visited Saratoga in the over 21 years I have lived here.

What bothers me is that now I have to prioritize.

The back back room where dwelth trim, furniture, odds, ends and other mysterious ephemera ... will not be clean in time.

The living room, bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom I can get to.

Oh, the bathroom. Scrubbing. Whoopee!

I've decided it's okay to just clean really well the areas that will get used for this visit.

Why? I have been in the bosom of my parent's garage.

I have experienced my niece's bathroom.

I still have to clean though. Get out the steel wool! Bring on the toothbrushes! Find that neat circular brush

adapted for my cordless drill! As I write this, I have six days to get it done.

That gives me four nights after work and a weekend.

Maybe. It would probably help to get even more motivated.

To that end I have invited some people over to either visit with or meet the family.

That should amp up my cleaning panic.

They will be here as this hits the newsstands. Maybe you'll get to meet them.

They are nice people (despite the fact they raised or grew up with me).

After they leave I will take a day or two ...

... and then start cleaning the garage/shop of all the stuff I will have just shoved in there.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Angel of mercy

Editor: A few days ago I was riding into your area. The day was nice when we left Walden, but as we bicycled along the weather began to fade into gloom. My friend was about a mile ahead of me. A stronger cyclist, she usually gets to our destination 30 minutes before I do. As the wind howled, the dust flew and then the rain started, I realized I wasn't going to bicycle any further. By then, I was still at least 3 miles from town. I was pushing my bike along the highway, looking for a flat spot to get off on. I was also becoming very scared. Here I was in a strange place, with only one person I knew and she was probably already in Saratoga. I tried my cell phone in hopes that she could send someone to help, but to no avail.

I finally found a place to pull off the road. A small gravel patch that was level. I was leaning on my bike, in the depths of despair, when a vehicle pulled up. I looked up and there was a blue pickup with a lady looking out the window. She smiled and said, "You doin' OK?" I nearly wept. All I could get out was "No, I don't think I can make it to Saratoga." Without another word, she was out of the truck, helping me take the bags off my bike and carefully placing it in the back of her truck. She then helped me load my bags in her truck, helped me inside and off we went.

She introduced herself, but I was so upset I don't remember her name. We visited a little about where I had come from, how long I'd been on the road, and where I was destined. She said she was heading home to

Encampment. I commented on the weather and she very kindly warned me to keep an eye on the weather and the time of day as these storms are common in the afternoon.

We pulled up to the Wolf where my friend and I were going to stay the night. She unloaded my bags, helped with my bike, and was gone.

I don't know who she was, but I hope she reads this. She was an angel of mercy to me.

To you, nice blonde lady with a smile that reminded me of sunshine, you have my deepest, heartfelt thanks.

I will be on the road for at least another month, but I love your little town and will come back to visit again.

Sincerely, Michelle Jackson St. Louis, Mo.

Citizen asks for frugality

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

70 years ago I watched the first Power Plant construction occur across from my home on West Bridge Street. The Town Fathers invited and welcomed the non-profit Co-Operative Company composed of the citizens of Saratoga to invest and construct this power plant so we would have dependable electric lights and power and retire the candles and coal-oil Kerosene

lanterns. By intent & implication, if not actually documented in old Town government minutes, this locally owned Co-Operative was invited to and granted the right to use the Town's public rights of way for its utility poles and lines at no cost or fees in exchange for its agreement to construct and provide badly needed electric services to the Town residences who agreed to pay the actual costs for their electricity used. Honor this contract of 70 years duration.

Now, this present non-thrifty Town Mayor and majority of Town Council members with the encouragement and recommendation of its Town Attorney wants to slap on a huge Franchise Fee "new tax" on all citizens and businesses who reside and invest in this community for using the Town's rights of way which was agreed to without such fees 70 years ago. The

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VALLEY NEWS

Sawyer Brown band is ready for Saratoga

By Erik Gantt

Sawyer Brown, an award-winning and chart-topping country band, will play at the Platte Valley Community Center on Sunday, July 20. The show will be this year's Valley Strong benefit concert presented by Brush Creek Ranch and the proceeds will go to over 20 local non-profit organizations.

The concert is nearly sold out, and both ticket sales as well as interest in non-profits has increased since last year's concert.

"We appreciate the community's support and are encouraged by the ticket sales, as they are selling quickly," stated Jan Grabow, Director of Marketing for Brush Creek Ranch. "There are still tickets available to support your selection of over 20 organizations, and join together for a great evening of

entertainment." Gregg "Hobie" Hubbard, keyboard player, and band member since the beginning says they are "Looking forward to getting here and having a good time. When folks know the money is going to a good cause they come out to support it and have a good time."

Sawyer Brown has been making records for 30 years and has been together for 34-years. The current lineup includes Mark Miller with lead vocals, Shayne Hill on guitar and background vocals, Hubbard on keyboard, Jim Scholten on bass, and Joe Smyth playing drums and percussion.

When they play on Sunday, they will cover their fan favorites from the entire 34 year span of the band. "You want to hear the music that you know," said

Hubbard. They will probably play a couple of tunes from the new album "Travelin' Man."

As far as his musical influences go, Hubbard says he listens to a little bit of everything. On the tour bus it is rare to have music playing, instead, the band prefers to watch sports on ESPN.

From the beginning, Sawyer Brown didn't feel like they needed to fit in a box and conform to industry expectations. They wanted to make music in their own style.

"Walk Out of the Rain" is their newest single and Hubbard just found out it has reached No. 1 on British chart Hotdisc Top 40. Currently the band is getting songs together for a new album which they will likely cut in a studio in Franklin, Tenn., their home base outside of Nashville.

Riverside battles mosquitoes

By Erik Gantt

The Riverside Town Council met Thursday night and discussed the numerous problems they have been having with mosquito spraying and fogging this year as well as other important topics.

"If it wasn't for bad luck, we wouldn't have any luck at all," said Town Clerk Jana Cook about mosquito control efforts this year. The fogger truck has been experiencing mechanical difficulties and there have been issues with both fueling of the plane

and being able to fly on days without too much wind.

Lengthy discussion about the public nature of streets and alleys in town dominated the discussion.

There was debate over whether the town is responsible for keep the alley ways open in case of emergency such as downed power lines. The consensus of the discussion is the town is not required to keep the access open, but it is their responsibility to do so for public safety.

Roy Barber was reappointed a member at large for

South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services (SCWEMS) board.

Food for 150 people is being ordered for Riverside Party Day on Aug. 23. The band for this year's festivities is Davis and Mavrick. Resolution 2014-4 supporting the SCWEMS board grant to procure four new cardiac monitors for the area served by the joint powers board was passed.

The next town council meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Aug. 14 at Riverside Town Hall.

Council approves liquor license

By Erik Gantt

At the Town of Encampment council meeting Thursday night, the big news was the approval of a retail liquor license for D's Bar and Grill. The license was approved and the town should have a new eatery and drinking establishment soon.

Gary White expressed concern over the need for himself and others that have to use treated water to maintain their lawns, trees and gardens. His property sits too high to utilize the Encampment ditch, but he

doesn't want to see the ditch shut down because people are complaining untreated water is flowing through their property. Mayor Greg Salisbury stated that the town has a plan to redirect water and maintain use of the ditch that should satisfy all parties.

Linda Sander asked for the town to draft a letter releasing liability for the trust set up to clean up her property after a structure fire. The council refused to sign a release of liability until the removal of debris

is completed. Participation in a new fire protection district was discussed.

There are potential benefits the town would have access to training, new equipment and additional personnel, but there may also be additional costs.

The town will have to wait and see what proposed mill levy taxes look like and what support there is for the idea.

The next town council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Aug. 14, at the Encampment Town Hall.

Cowboys round up in Encampment

By Mike Dunn

Encampment will once again host Cowboys and Cowgirls from all over the West with the Grand Encampment Cowboy Gathering (GECB) this weekend.

Now in its 12th year, audiences will be treated to a mixture of cowboy culture, including Dutch-oven cooking, a stick-horse rodeo and cowboy music and poetry. "There will be music continuously going throughout the day," Steve Moulton, president of the GECB outfit, said.

The events begin Friday with an open mic at 7 p.m. on July 18 at Grand View Park. This event will include a variety of poetry and music from regional and local artists.

A Dutch-oven cook off will take place on July 19. Registration for the event begins at 7 a.m., and judging will take place at 11 a.m. The cook off will be held at Grand View Park.

Kids of all ages will be able to participate in the stick-horse rodeo, beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. The Grand Encampment Museum will host historic building tours all day Saturday, as well.

Saturday night, the All-star cowboy poetry and music show will kick off at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Grand Encampment Op-

era House. Cowboy Music and poetry will be performed by some of the biggest names in cowboy music and poetry.

Among those performing are R.W. Hampton, a singer/songwriter from New Mexico who has released 12 albums and has been named the Male Vocalist of the Year three times by the Academy of Western Artists. He has been granted the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009 by the American Cowboy Culture Awards. In 2011, he was named to the Western Music Association's Hall of Fame.

Audiences will also hear the musical stylings of Trinity Seely. Living on a ranch in Martin's Cove, Wyo., Seely has been recognized for incorporating traditional western music with her unique perspective of ranch life.

"She's a girl who really talks the talk and walks the walk," Moulton said. "She's really coming into her own musical-ly."

Poet Robert Dennis will be reciting his poems at the GECB Gathering. The South Dakota cowboy poet has been a featured performer at the National Cowboy Gathering three times, and will once

again make an appearance in the Platte Valley.

Representing the Platte Valley, Cowboy poet Chuck Larsen will once again be reciting his poetry in Encampment. Larsen will also be the emcee for the event.

"We are always excited to have Chuck as our emcee," Moulton said. "He is an excellent poet and has good material."

Because tickets are selling fast, Moulton said anyone can sit in the park and listen to the performances at the all-star cowboy poetry and music show for free.

Following all events on Friday and Saturday will be an informal music and poetry jam session at Grand View Park. All are welcome to participate in the event.

Sunday will include a Chuck-wagon breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m., and Cowboy Church at 10 a.m. The church services will be conducted by Ken and Becky Kreusel, and R.W. Hampton will also help with the church services.

The event is organized by ranchers, musicians, poets and writers living in the Platte Valley to help preserve and promote the ranching way of life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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right of way is "Public Property" and we, as Co-owners, are the Public citizens of Saratoga. Just because other private for-profit companies agree to and are charged a Franchise Fee "new tax"

on our struggling citizens and businesses. Or, pass a new ordinance that makes every voting administration member pay out of their personal pocket every dollar spent "over budget" for anything they vote for that is not a "necessity".

Or, as a compromise to your Franchise Fee proposal, put this on the agenda for the citizens to vote on whether or not to pay the Town this 4% plus proposed new cost to feed the Mosquitos on the bridge to nowhere or the portable recreation bleachers to watch Town events such as Ice fishing & swimming and pay a couple more town employees for this privilege or the other over budget frivolous expenditures.

Your Oath of Office included the duty to prudently manage the income and expenditures of the Town, band not overspend or squander it's income on personal

whims, pet projects, litigations, possible personal vendettas and other non-essential costly items.

Whether you are re-elected or not, your decision tonight will be remembered for years to come. Most of you are personal acquaintances and friends and I know you devote lots of precious hours out of your live to perform your Civic duties that you got elected to do with little compensation or thanks. You each do deserve serious recognition and thanks for what amounts to hard work doing the town's business.

My above comments are meant to just remind you of your elected duties to be frugal and fair to your constituents and to remind you that Saratoga made an absolute commitment 70 years ago to allow free access to its rights of way for the citizen's electric Co-op to service each home with essential electricity at cost and no profit.

Sincerely, Leon R. Hetherington Saratoga Editor's note: this letter was edited for length.

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**PEOPLE OF THE PLATTE**

**Ken Olson selected as GECG Outfit's 2014 Carbon County Pioneer**

**By Dick Perue**

Saratoga area native and life-long rancher Ken Olson has been selected as this year's Grand Encampment Cowboy Gathering (GECB) Outfit Carbon County Pioneer.

He will be honored during intermission of the Cowboy Poetry and Music show Saturday night in the Grand Encampment Opera House. The event begins in Encampment this weekend.

Ken was born Dec. 2, 1932 on the 4 Bar ranch (now owned by the Kerbs family) west of Saratoga and lived there with his parents, Swan and Margaret Olson and younger sister Elva, for several years.

As a young man, Olson attended school in Saratoga and graduated from Platte Valley High School in 1950, the same year his parents purchased the Pick Ranch on the Upper North Platte River, seven miles north of town.

While in school he was a member of the glee club. He played the fiddle most of his life and still sings in the Presbyterian Church choir. He also played his fiddle with several local bands.

As a youngster he attended Sunday School at the Presbyterian Church and is now a member of that congregation. Ken attends Bible study and worship service at that church and has been both an elder and deacon, serves on various committees, sings in the choir and provides treats for the fellowship following worship.

Ken joined the Army in 1953 and served as a fire control mechanic in Korea during that conflict. Cpl Olson was honorably discharged in 1955 and returned to the family ranch.

He married a Rawlins girl, Mary Eley, in 1960 and the couple had two children, Pam (now Bartlett), of Saratoga, and Dan, who died in 2006.

Mary suffered from MS for many years and Ken faithfully took care of her until her death in 2000. Many folks remember Ken taking Mary to church and around town or visiting her in the nursing home.

Ken and Mary were active in many community groups including the Eastern Star of which they were Worthy Matron and Patron. He is a 60-year member of the local Masonic Lodge, belonged to the American Legion Post, served on the Saratoga Historical & Cultural Association (Saratoga Museum) board of directors, is a reliable ranch historian who is willing to share



Photo by Mike Dunn  
**Ken Olson stands by the saddle he made in 1970. He rode in it for 35 years. Olson was selected as the GECG Carbon County Pioneer this year.**



Photo courtesy of Ken Olson  
**Ken Olson, when he was a young rancher, riding the range at the Pick Ranch on a horse called "X", circa 1952.**

his vast knowledge of the area as a tour guide for valley historical treks, a well-traveled individual, and a tireless cowboy.

In his own way, Ken also helps many other folks and organizations with his time and anonymous donations.

The local rancher learned to bake and cook from his grandmother, mother and wife. A skill which came in handy when he had to cook for Mary and the kids.

Friends love it when he takes his homemade yeast coffee cakes to various functions. He enjoys making biscuits for his breakfast each day and at various times provides a big pot of ham and black-eyed peas for dinner guests. He says he has a real sweet tooth and loves to share his cooking with everyone.

Ranching has been almost his whole life. He can remember driving a tractor at an early age and haying with a team of horses. As a youngster he helped his dad with horses, cattle, dairy cows, chickens, turkeys, sheep, and haying, which, he says, came in handy when he was operating his own ranch.

took an extended trip to Sweden to visit grandparents and relatives. He has many pictures and fond memories of that time.

When they returned to Saratoga, they operated the Cedar Creek Ranch for nine years. In the fall of 1950 Swan and Margaret Olson purchased the Pick Ranch and moved their family there. It was home to Ken until 2006 when he sold the property to the TA Ranch.

In a recent interview, Ken says he decided to sell the ranch in 2006 after the death of his son, Dan. He has since purchased a house in Saratoga where he lives.

An article by Anne Wickstrom in the Saratoga Presbyterian Church newsletter notes, "Ken Olson is a tall man, but he is soft-spoken, gentle, and a little shy. He has worked hard all his life. He now lives by himself, cooks for himself and continues to be independent. Despite some bodily aches and pains, he never wants to complain and is thankful for his many blessings. He also does not want to brag about himself. He is a caring, wonderful man whom I look up to for inspiration and wisdom."

**Cancer in the Platte Valley**  
Part Three: The club none of us wanted to be in

**By Mike Dunn**

*Editor's note: This is the last in a series of stories about Michelle McWain. She is a wife, a mother, a Carbon County School District No. 2 employee and a breast cancer survivor.*

Michelle's McWain's hair was gone. Her breasts had been removed. She had lost 30 pounds.

Breast cancer took many things from Michelle. But for everything she lost, she gained even more.

When Michelle was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2012, her life had instantly changed. She spent days driving back and forth from treatments; fighting the illness caused by chemotherapy.

She was fighting for her life—but never once did she think she was fighting alone.

In a small, tight-knit community like Saratoga, it does not take long for news to spread. After she was diagnosed, support from community members and friends flooded her mailbox with cards of support.

"People you don't know come out of the woodwork to help you out," Michelle said.

It was wonderful, she said. Just the number of people who came up to her, the cards she got in the mail saying they were praying for her, the flowers people sent; all of it was overwhelming.

To this day, she keeps a binder filled with cards which wish her a speedy recovery.

A kind word made Michelle feel better than any medicine could.

Yet, there was specific group of people who made her feel at ease: cancer survivors.

Michelle was approached by several people who survived cancer. Sharing their experiences and struggles gave Michelle comfort through her difficult times.

Michelle was not part of an organized group, but she and other survivors bonded through a common experience. They knew what it was like to endure chemotherapy, to lose their hair, to lose part of their body.

"When you have cancer, what ever type of cancer it may be, we are kind of in a club that none of us wanted to be in," Michelle said.

That club extends much further than the Platte Valley,

and there are always people available to lend a hand.

One of those people extending a hand to cancer survivors is Deborah Bassett.

Bassett works for Wyoming Cancer Resource Services (WCRS), a non-profit group out of Evanston, Wyo. that aims to link cancer survivors up with programs and information. WCRS's goal is to educate the the general public, support all those with cancer and help those with cancer survive.

There is nothing more powerful than information, Bassett believes. Information can prevent cancer, it can save the lives of those with cancer.

Though she covers five different counties, her mission is to get information out to even the most rural communities in Wyoming.

But the doctor was sure. "Today I am cancer free," Michelle said, while knocking on a wood table.

Michelle's cancer could still come back, but after five years, there is little chance it will metastasize. To this day, she goes in every three months to get checked.

Instead of counting down the chemotherapy treatments she had left as she once did, Michelle now counts the visits to the doctor she has left; three months at a time until she hits that five year mark.

"Every time I go in, I am one step close to survival," she said.

Over the months, her hair grew back, her breast have been reconstructed. Michelle is once again healthy and back to feeling normal.

But Michelle's fight with cancer left an impression on her that will last a life-time.

After cancer, her personality changed with her priorities. She did not care as much about a clean house or a precise job. Not everything had to be in its place anymore.

There were more important things to worry about

"My kids are important, my family is important," she said. "The little things in life: stopping and smelling the flowers, looking at a sunrise. Just the little things you take for granted every single day."

Michelle had gone through hell and back. If it had not been for her friends encouraging her to get through a few more chemotherapy treatments, or her family driving her to and from her doctor's appointment, she might not have made it.

Through her story, Michelle wishes to help those who may be at risk. The key to cancer prevention is to be proactive—get checked before it is too late.

Getting checked saved Michelle's life. It might save yours. "Get the tests that you need to catch these things," Michelle said. "If something doesn't feel right in your body, get it checked right away."

Cancer was not easy for Michelle, nor is it easy on anyone. But there is light at the end of the tunnel, Michelle said, and don't ever give up.

"To those fighting, keep fighting ... you can't give up."

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Rae Morgan, with the Western Rodeo Association, left, Terri Hinkle and Andi Ward of the Platte River Rodeo Association pose with bull rider Stuart Domingue after presenting him with a check and the Vaun Savage buckle.

## Winning bull rider plans to return for Saratoga Bullfest

By Liz Wood

Stuart Domingue was the only bull rider who managed eight seconds and a score of 74 among the nine bull riders who competed at the Platte River Rodeo.

Domingue, of Casper, won the Vaun Savage buckle at this past week's rodeo for his bull ride and has been bull riding since he was 12 years old.

"It's something that kind of grabbed a hold of me," Domingue said of his bull riding career. He started with

the Western Junior Rodeo Association. In 2011 he joined the Professional Bull Riders. He joined the Western Rodeo Association in 2012.

Domingue bull rides 30 to 50 times a year competitively in rodeos from California to Tennessee.

This is the first year he has won the Vaun Savage buckle and credited his successful ride to the bull. He said the contractor who provided the bulls this year is well-known for his bulls in the WRA and every now and

then he throws in a "campaign" bull. Domingue drew that bull Friday night.

"You never know what those young bulls are going to do," Dominique said.

The bulls were in a spinning mood Friday night and dumped several bull riders, including Saratoga's own Spencer Lee. Lee, who is Domingue's roommate.

Domingue rides next in Torrington on Aug. 1, but plans to compete in the Saratoga Bullfest Aug. 2.

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## A horse of a different color

Staff Report

Chris Irwin, internationally renowned horseman and best selling author, will be presenting a free public demonstration of his innovative approach to horsemanship at Buck Springs Arena starting at 9 a.m. on July 19, followed by a clinic at Blackhall Mountain Ranch in Encampment on July 20 and 21.

The demonstration and clinic will focus on natural horsemanship and the emerging industry

of horses being worked with in therapeutic and personal coaching programs.

It was while discovering how to work with and transform the primal and volatile nature of "wild Mustangs" into 18 calm and collected U.S. National Champions in riding and driving competitions that first showed Irwin his greatest insights into learning how to learn.

Irwin has been developing

a method for learning how to read a horse's body language so that a person can "hear how they feel about being handled and ridden." Irwin believes that such a relationship is not second nature as horses are naturally prey animals and humans are predators. According to his website "We can't expect horses to understand our language, but if we care enough, we can learn to understand and speak theirs."

## Pedaling through Carbon County



Photo by Erik Gantt

Timothy Williamson and his dog are biking across the United States.

By Erik Gantt

Since crossing the Wyoming state line, there has been a "Head wind right from the start," said Timothy Williamson. No surprise to Wyoming residents. It has taken him six days to pedal his 100 plus pounds of bicycle, gear, and dog to Walcott, and he hopes to make it out of Wyoming in

another week or so.

It's a long journey for Williamson who left Florida in late April and hopes to arrive in Spokane, Wash., in September, making his way with his dog Milo.

Williamson used to be a long-distance truck driver until he had a stroke a couple of years ago. Since then, the now 58-year

old, has been trying to find work but is finding that while he is too young to retire many people think he is too old to start a new career. His bicycle trip across the country is giving him new faith in humanity.

Traveling across the United States on a bike has been a dream of Williamson's since he was a child and this trip has taught him his "wants are a whole lot less than I thought they were."

Williamson went through a divorce before moving to Florida, and he had his stroke the first day he was in the Jacksonville Beach area.

He used to live in Spokane and decided that it was time to make a new start there. So, he packed up his few belongings and loaded them into his homemade saddle bags, reusable Wal-Mart bags, put a dog bed in the basket on his handle bars for Milo and set out across the country. He has almost no money, and has had to rely on the kindness of strangers.

After Williamson's tent was destroyed in a Kansas storm, a kind Wal-mart employee told

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--- SATURDAY, JULY 26TH ---

- 7am - 5K Run
- 8am - Breakfast by the Hanna FFA
- 10am - Parade
- 11am - 3pm - Fair
- 11am - ? - Amista the Psychic

11am - ? - Chainsaw Artist

- Noon - Native American Dancers
- 2pm - 5pm - Rides
- 5:30pm - Dinner
- 6pm - 3 on 3 Basketball
- 7pm - 11pm Dance featuring Youthineyes

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- 10am - Co-Ed Horseshoes
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# Proving they're tough enough ♦♦♦



Brady Love scores a 73 on Moon Beam for a first place finish in the Saddle Bronc competition Sunday night.



Ridge Knotwell guides the steer for Jake Keller to get a chance to rope his heels.



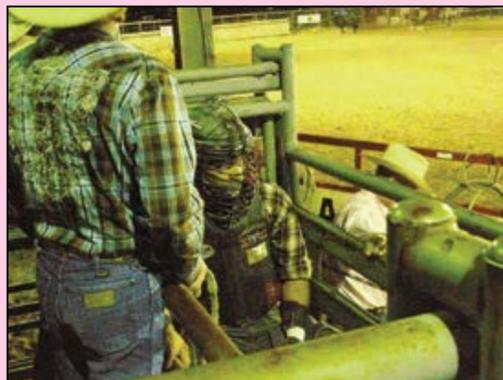
Racers grab for their footwear Saturday night during the boot race.



Boot racers discuss their strategies before the race Friday night.



Neacy Berger cartwheels off a sheep during the Mutton Bustin' event Saturday night.



Travis Weber gets ready to ride his bull Saturday night.

The bull took his aggression out on Weber. A video of the ride can be seen at [www.saratogasun.com](http://www.saratogasun.com).

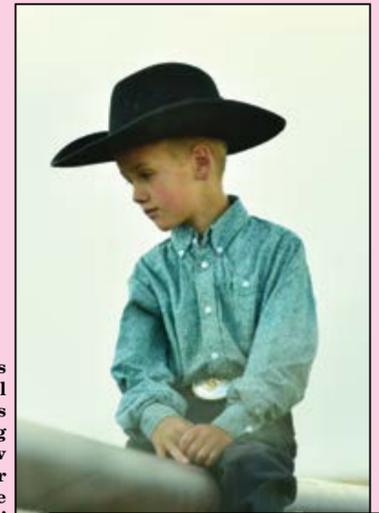


Bailey Miller comes around the third barrel in the Ladies Barrel Racing competition Friday night. Miller had a time of 19.067 seconds.



Riley Krassin's bull-doggin' skills earned him a first place finish with a time of 8.33 seconds Saturday night at the Platte River Rodeo.

Kanean Roberts sits on the rail at Buck Springs Arena wearing his shiny new belt buckle after winning the Mutton Bustin' Friday night.

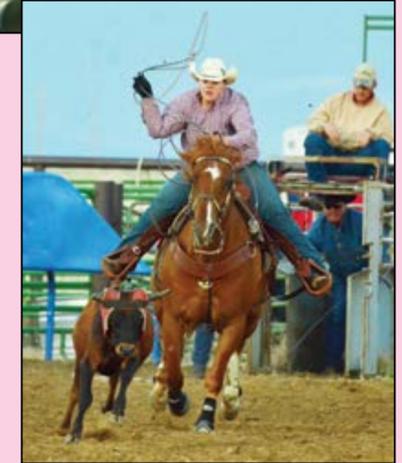


# ♦♦♦ to wear pink! ♦♦♦

The Platte River Rodeo Association uses its annual rodeo to increase breast cancer awareness.



Nine-year-old Savannah Suttee guides her horse around in the barrel races.



Konnar Knotwell gets ready to rope her steer Friday night. She competed with her brothers Ridge and Try Knotwell.



A bullfighter sports the breast cancer awareness ribbon on his face.



The "super moon" lights the way for Sarah Keller Saturday night during the Barrel Races. Keller had a time of 18.25 seconds.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AND MEETING**  
 The Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation District will hold its regularly monthly meeting on Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM at the district office located at 101 Cypress Avenue, Saratoga, Wyoming. The purpose of the meeting will be to hold the public budget hearing and conduct general business.

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<b>Revenues:</b>	
Mill Levy	249,000
Interest Income	1,040
Seedling Trees/Projects	2,100
Tire Tank Sales	8,000
State Funding/Projects	30,824
Rental Income	54,504
Grants	181,150
Total Revenue	526,618
Cash Reserves	271,929
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Payroll	210,000
Employee Benefits	40,000
Program Expenses/Range Ecologist	229,556
Bldg. Maintenance/Repairs	34,000
Dues and Subscriptions	14,800
Convention	6,000
Equipment	14,000
Telephone	4,800
CD Purchase	40,000
Professional Fees	10,200
Postage	600
Office, Shop & Field Supplies	7,800
Utilities	9,600
Advertising	3,500
Community Education	9,600
Vehicle/Equipment Repairs	8,000
Fuel	6,000
Insurance	9,600
Seminar/Travel	7,000
Program Seedlings	2,000
Tire Tanks	12,000
Taxes	1,700
Self-funded projects	12,000
Election Expenses	4,000
Total Expenses	696,756
Net Cash Available	-170,138
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>124,380</b>

**EDUCATION**

**LET'S GET DIGITAL!**



Photo courtesy of University of Wyoming

Nina Ford of Saratoga works on her project in a robotics class during the recent Summer High School Institute at the University of Wyoming. She was among more than 80 sophomores from 50 Wyoming school districts attending the annual institute that allows the students to explore their intellectual, social and creative interests. Aaron Kerbs of Saratoga also attended the institute.

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The Wyoming Department of Transportation will receive sealed bids in the Office of the Procurement Services Manager, 5300 Bishop Blvd., Building No. 6189, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82009-3340, until 11:00 A.M., Mountain Time on July 31, 2014, at which time they will be publicly opened and read for the FURNISHING OF ALL LABOR, TOOLS, MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES REQUIRED FOR FELLING AND REMOVING HAZARDOUS TREES ON WYOMING HIGHWAY 70, IN CARBON COUNTY. All interested contractors are urged to visit the job-site and inspect the required work, as well as conditions affecting the work prior to bidding this job. Appointments to inspect the jobsite can be made by contacting Kit Westbrook, District Maintenance Technician, Laramie, Wyoming at Telephone No. (307) 745-2123, at or Cell No. (307) 760-7217. No additional payments will be allowed for work required and not included in the bid price due to the Contractor's failure to make job-site inspection. Bid forms and further information may be obtained, without charge, by going to <http://www.publicpurchase.com>, logging in and clicking on Bid No. 14-296DA. You must be registered with Public Purchase to log in and view bids. If you are not registered, click on the "free registration" button and follow the registration instructions. The registration process takes up to 24 hours, so signing up right away is recommended.

BY: Hans F. Hehr, CPPB  
 Procurement Services Manager

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**Carbon County School District No. 2 and the Wyoming School Facilities Department Notice to Industrial Hygiene Companies Request for Proposals**

Notice is hereby given that Carbon County School District No. 2 and the Wyoming School Facilities Department has issued a Request for Proposal ("RFP") from firms/individuals for professional services in connection with Hanna Elementary School Asbestos and Hazardous Materials Abatement ("the Project").

The RFP materials, the contract documents, and other important information will be available for download by visiting the SFD website: [http://www.wyoming.gov/loc/03302010\\_1/Pages/download.aspx](http://www.wyoming.gov/loc/03302010_1/Pages/download.aspx)

**Steps**  
 • **Step One** – Click on the "Projects" link and choose "Upcoming Projects" from the drop-down menu.  
 • **Step Two** – Under Hanna Elementary School, select "Click Here to Learn More."  
 • **Step Three** – Select the link under "Download Procurement Documents."  
 • **Step Four** – Choose Hanna Elementary School Asbestos and

Hazardous Materials Abatement under the Technical Services tab on the left side of the page.  
 • **Step Five** – Click "Download Project PDF" and enter information.

All submitted request for proposals shall be sealed and must be received at the Carbon County School District No. 2, P.O. Box 1530, Saratoga, WY 82331, at 2:00PM on August 21, 2014. Request for proposals may be delivered in person, via United States mail or parcel service; request for proposals will not be received by facsimile transmission, e-mail, or any other electronic or telephonic means. Only such request for proposals that have been received by Carbon County School District No. 2 Administrative Offices, at the address, time and date listed above will be considered.

Carbon County School District No. 2 reserves the right to reject any and all request for proposals received that are not deemed to be in the best interests of the school district. The school district further reserves the right to cancel or amend the RFP materials and Contract Documents at any time and will notify all persons requesting proposal documents accordingly.

Tonya Bartholomew, Clerk  
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**SARATOGA SUN • SARATOGA SUN**

**CCSD#2 students graduate from UW**

**Staff report**

The University of Wyoming accorded degrees upon 8 students from Carbon County School District No. 2 at the completion of the 2014 spring semester. Degrees were awarded to:

**Encampment**  
 Danial C. Barkhurst - Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering  
 Christina Elise Pantle - Bachelor of Arts

**Medicine Bow**  
 Trevor W. Strauch - Bachelor of Science

**Saratoga**  
 Thomas S. Bokelman - Bachelor of Arts  
 Russell Devon Burton - Bachelor of Science  
 Maegen Ruth Fields - Bachelor of Arts  
 Heidi L. Lehr - Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering

**Walcott**  
 Mindy N. Nickelson - Bachelor of Social Work

**Bright side of the moon**



Photo by Liz Wood

The Platte Valley saw the "super moon" Saturday night. A super moon happens when a new moon or a full moon is closest to Earth, creating an illusion which makes the moon look larger.

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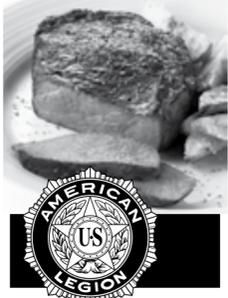
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# BUDDING ARTISTS



Photos by Pam Kraft  
Lucy Kafer, of Denver, Colo., works on her glitter art during the Blackhawk Gallery Art Show on July 5. The Platte Valley Arts Council hosted a children's art work shop at the art show.



Miciah Pantle, of Encampment, helps Sloane Snyder, of Fort Collins, Colo., with her art piece during the Platte Valley Arts Council's art workshop for children. In addition to Arts Council board members Leslie McLinskey, Stacy Crimmins, Jerry Wood and Pam Kraft, five students, who are volunteering as a part of their goals to win Congressional Medals, helped the children with their projects. "They did an awesome job," Kraft said of the student volunteers. These students assisting were Micaiah Pantle, Keegan and Ashlyn Johnson, Noelle Peterson, and Randa Sorenson.

Two adult volunteers, Chad Philweber and Krissy Whitacre also assisted at the children's art work shop.

**Pedaling through,** continued from page 11

him to go back to the camping section and get what he needed while she watched Milo the dog. When Williamson returned, the Wal-Mart employee arranged for an exchange of his broken tent allowing him a free replacement of his only shelter. In another instance, Williamson got to talking with a woman while taking a rest stop to drink some water. After asking him to wait around for a minute she returned with a key to a motel room and told him the restaurant across the street would be serving him breakfast. Williamson believes there is still a basic good in the people of the world.

If you are traveling west and see a man with a dog in the handle bar basket, stop and say hello. Williamson said the donations people have given him don't just come in the form of money, food, or a place to sleep, but some of the best donations he's had are conversations.

## VSO to host candidate forums

**Staff Report**

The Valley Service Organization (VSO) has scheduled three pre-primary election candidate forums in Saratoga.

Three forums were scheduled because of the number of candidates running in the Aug. 19, 2014 primaries, according to Sue Jones, VSO chairman for the event.

On July 23 at 6 p.m., The Carbon County candidates include those who are running for sheriff, incumbent Jerry Colson and challenger Jared Frakes; clerk of district court include incumbent Deborah Olson and challenger Mara Sanger; county commission candidates are incumbents John Johnson and Leo Chapman and their challengers are Terry Weickum, Robert Davis, Ron Iversen and Matt Feldmann. The county clerk—Gwynn Bartlett, county treasurer—Cindy Baldwin, county assessor—Cheryl Ross, and county attorney—Cal Rerucha are all running unopposed.

On July 29 at 6:30 p.m. Saratoga mayoral candidates include incumbent John Zeiger and challengers E.J. Glode, Lynda Healey, Glee Johnson and Don Sherrod.

On July 30 at 6:30 p.m. – Saratoga town council candidates include incumbent Steve Wilcoxson and challengers Chris Duke, Will Faust, Dave Jeffers, Richard Raymer and Joshua Wood.

Two council seats are up for election, and the top four candidates from the primary will go forward in the general election.

The format for each event will include each candidate presenting a brief summary of his or her platform followed by a question and answer period, Jones said.

All of the candidate forums will be held at the Platte Valley Community Center.

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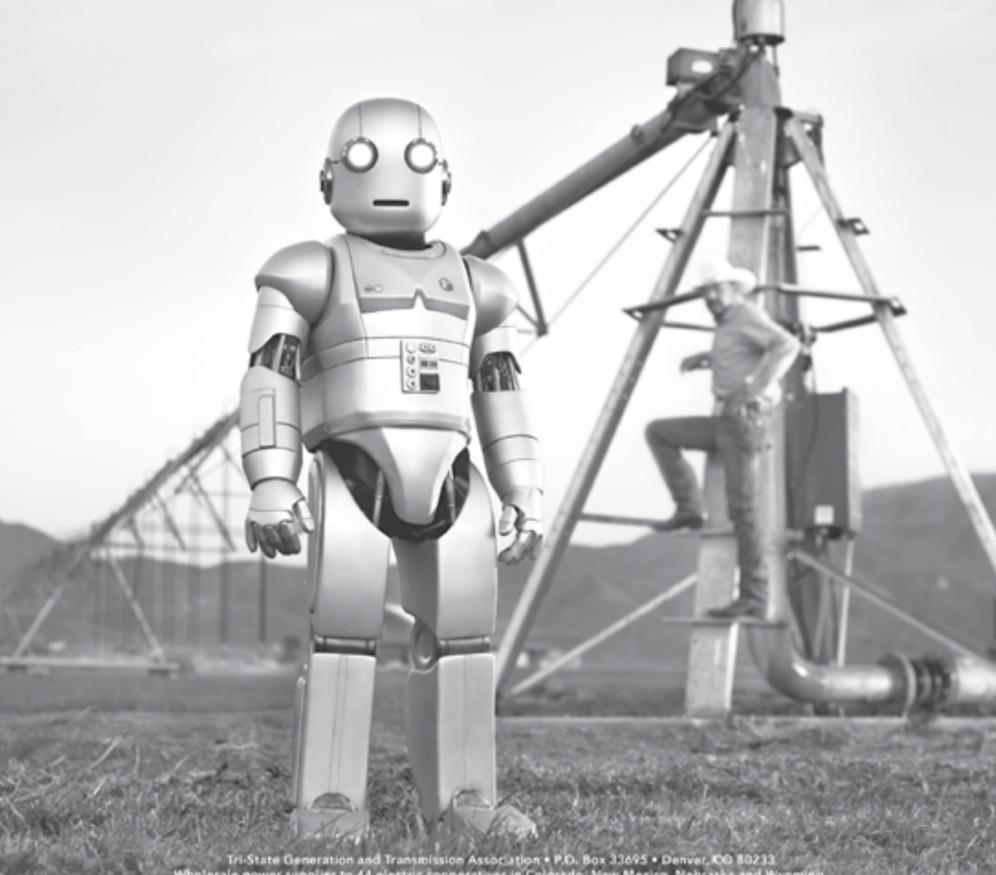
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REFLECTIONS FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT HERALD

Big merger will include Rudefeha

Reprint of this story from the July 18, 1902 issue of The Grand Encampment Herald brought to you courtesy of Grandma's Cabin, Encampment, Wyoming.

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BIG MERGER WILL INCLUDE RUDEFEHA Ferris-Haggarty Copper

Mining Company Options the Mine

The North American Copper Co. has secured an option on the Ferris-Haggarty mine. The option was dated July 15

1902, and will expire August 15. Charles P. Clemmons represented the Ferris-Haggarty Copper Mining Company and Willis George Emerson represented the North American

Copper Company in the negotiations.

The securing of the option means practically that the mine is bought, and added to the several interests of the camp recently merged into one concern under the head of the North American Company. The enterprises included are the Boston-Wyoming Smelter, Power & Light Co., the Southern Wyoming Tramway Co., the Grand Encampment Townsite Co., the "Copper" State Bank, the Kurtz-Chatterton Copper Mining Co., the Frambach Water Works Company, the Emerson Electric Light Co., and last but not least the Ferris-Haggarty Copper Mining Company,

As has been previously stated in the Herald, John W. Carey, president of the Mine & Smelter Supply Co., of Denver, is interested in the big merger, and he is now in conference with his local superintendent, B. C. Riblet, concerning the improvements planned for the immediate future. These improvements will include the enlarging of the smelter to 500 tons daily capacity, the building of a concentrator, and the addition of a converter, and the construction of a 1000-horse power electric plant. The power for this plant will doubtless be generated from the south fork of the Encampment River.

W. C. Henry, who is a stockholder in the big company and who was present in Denver during the recent negotiations for the Ferris-Haggarty mine, states that work on the improvements as noted above will be commenced at once, and pushed to completion with all possible speed.

Thad Kyner, time keeper for the tramway, finds his duties constantly increasing, as the camps are getting more numerous and the trip longer. The trip now requires two days, Kyner making a Paul Revere ride up to Rudefeha one day and a Phil Sheridan sprint back to the smelter the following day, and so on. Two-hundred thirty-four men are now employed.

The rebuilding of the road to Bridger Peak and the Ferris-Haggarty mine is now completed and is as good a mountain road as has ever been built. A new camp has been built on the Continental

Center to host board

Coffee Drinkers were Laura Rettelle, Connie Beckham, Patty Herring, La Dawn Vorn, Jo Bennett, Arleigh Simmons, Ellie Behrmann, Dodey Brown, Karen Dibern.

Sagebrush Senior Center

By Ronda Krouch

Quilters were Nancy Lynch, Sandy Miller, Jo Roberson, Lila Walby, Betty Merrill, and Vonda Wieburg

We had a great turnout for Breakfast at noon on Saturday.

Wednesday we will be hosting the Carbon County Senior Services Inc. Board Meeting at 10 a.m..

This Friday is birthday/anniversary evening meal there will be no entertainment because of the town activities

that night. Here are the Trivia clues, 1- What was the cheapest way to turn a bicycle into a motorcycle ? 2 - Jimmy Durante said what at the end of every show? 3 -What was one thing the Lone Ranger and Roy Rogers would never do?

I hope everyone is having as great of a summer as we are down here in Encampment and Riverside.

Science students see saws



Photo by Erik Gantt

The Teton Science School program took a tour of the Saratoga Forest Management sawmill Tuesday as a part of their five-day educational program.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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8 a.m., Water Aerobics, Saratoga Municipal Pool
8 a.m., Yoga, Saratoga Fitness gym
8 a.m.-6 p.m., Children's activities at The Hub, 106 W. Bridge
8 a.m.-9 p.m., Weight Room Open, Saratoga Fitness
9 a.m., Yoga Session, Saratoga Library
9 a.m., Low Impact Fitness, Saratoga Fitness multipurpose room
9-11 a.m., Kid's Art Camp, Saratoga Fitness gym
9:30 a.m., Prayer Shawl Knitters, Presbyterian Fellowship Hall
11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saratoga Branch Library
1:30 p.m., Overeaters Anonymous, PV Lutheran Church, 326-5917
4:30 p.m., Cycling Class, Saratoga Fitness cycling room
5:30-6:30 p.m., Middle School Girls VB, Saratoga Fitness gym
5:30-7:30 p.m., Family History Center at LDS Church, 950 Hugus
5:45-6:45 p.m., Yoga Session, Saratoga Library
6 p.m., Board of Trustees of Carbon County School Dist. #2, Central Office
7 p.m., Saratoga Volunteer Fire Dept. Training Meeting, Firehouse
7-9 p.m., Men's Open Gym, Saratoga Fitness gym
7:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Saratoga Senior Center

Thursday, July 17, 2014

- 8 a.m., Cycling Class, Saratoga Fitness cycling room
8 a.m.-6 p.m., Children's activities at The Hub, 106 W. Bridge
8 a.m.-9 p.m., Weight Room Open, Saratoga Fitness
9:15 a.m., Tai Chi, Saratoga Fitness gym
11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saratoga Branch Library
6 p.m., Water Aerobics, Saratoga Municipal Pool
7 p.m., Knitting Group, Saratoga Library
7 p.m., Beginning Yoga, Saratoga Fitness gym
7 p.m., ALANON, Building next to St. Barnabas Church
7:30-10 p.m., Co-ed Volleyball, Saratoga Fitness Gym

Friday, July 18, 2014

- 6 a.m.-4 p.m., Weight Room, Saratoga Fitness
8 a.m., Water Aerobics, Saratoga Municipal Pool
8 a.m.-11 a.m., Vet Rep. Workforce Svcs., PVCC
8 a.m.-6 p.m., Children's activities at The Hub, 106 W. Bridge
9 a.m., Low Impact Fitness, Saratoga Fitness multipurpose room
11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saratoga Branch Library
Noon, Platte Valley Community Readiness Team, PVCC
1-3 p.m., Make Your Own Cheese, Saratoga Library
5:45-6:45 p.m., Yoga Session, Saratoga Library
7:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Saratoga Senior Center

Saturday, July 19, 2014

- 9 a.m.-Noon, Weight Room Open, Saratoga Fitness
9 a.m.-Noon, Open Gym, Saratoga Fitness Gym
9 a.m.-4 p.m., Chris Irwin Horse Clinic, Buck Springs Arena

Email saratogasun@union-tel.com with events for the community calendar.

Sunday, July 20, 2014

- 9 a.m., Narcotics Anonymous, Saratoga Senior Center
4 p.m., Saratoga's Finest 4-H, Saratoga Library
5-8 p.m., Weight Room Open, Saratoga Fitness
5-8 p.m., Dodge Ball, Saratoga Fitness Gym

Monday, July 21, 2014

- 6 a.m., Cycling Class, Saratoga Fitness cycling room
8 a.m., Water Aerobics, Saratoga Municipal Pool
8 a.m.-6 p.m., Children's activities at The Hub, 106 W. Bridge
8 a.m.-9 p.m., Weight Room Open, Saratoga Fitness
9 a.m., Yoga Session, Saratoga Library
9 a.m.-3 p.m., British Soccer Camp, Soccer field
11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saratoga Branch Library
4:30 p.m., Cycling, Saratoga Fitness cycling room
4:30 p.m., PVCC Joint Powers Board, PVCC
5:45-6:45 p.m., Yoga Session, Saratoga Library
6 p.m., AA Meeting, Saratoga Senior Center
6:30 p.m., Executive Committee Meeting, American Legion Post
7 p.m., ALANON, location varies, call 326-8668
7 p.m., Odd Fellows, Odd Fellows Hall
7-9 p.m., Men's Open Gym, Saratoga Fitness gym

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

- 8 a.m., Cycling Class, Saratoga Fitness cycling room
8 a.m.-5 p.m., Weight room open, Saratoga Fitness
8 a.m.-6 p.m., Children's activities at The Hub, 106 W. Bridge
9 a.m., Low Impact Fitness, Saratoga Fitness multipurpose room
9 a.m.-3 p.m., British Soccer Camp, Soccer field
9:15 a.m., Tai Chi, Saratoga Fitness gym
For information on ALANON, call 326-8405 or 326-8723
11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saratoga Branch Library
6 p.m., Water Aerobics, Saratoga Municipal Pool
6:30 p.m., Airport Board meeting, Saratoga Town Hall

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Encampment/Riverside Community Events

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

- 1-6 p.m., Encampment Library
4 p.m., Story Time, Encampment/Riverside Branch Library
4-6 p.m., Science of the Small, Encampment Library
4:30 p.m., Beading Group, Enc./Riv. Branch Library
7 p.m., Encampment Planning Commission, Town Hall

Thursday, July 17, 2014

- 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Encampment Library
7-9 p.m., Book Discussion, Encampment Library
7:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Encampment Library

Friday, July 18, 2014

- 7-8:30 p.m., Open Mic Cowboy Poetry & Music, Grand View Park
8:30 p.m. Campfire Music, Grand View Park

Saturday, July 19, 2014

- 7-11 a.m., Dutch Oven Cookoff, judging at 11, Grand View Park
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lions Club Lunch, Grand View Park
Noon-3:30 p.m., Western Entertainers Roundup, Grand View Park
6:30 p.m., Cowboy Country & Music Show, Grand Enc. Opera House
7:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Encampment Library

Sunday, July 20, 2014

- 7-9 a.m., Cowboy Breakfast, Grand View Park
10 a.m., Cowboy Church, Grand View Park
9 a.m.-4 p.m., Chris Irwin Horse Clinic at Blackhall Ranch

Monday, July 21, 2014

- 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Encampment Library
9 a.m.-4 p.m., Chris Irwin Horse Clinic at Blackhall Ranch
1 p.m., Knitting group, Enc./Riv. Branch Library

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

- 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Encampment Library
2-4 p.m., Make Your Own Cheese, Encampment Library

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Divide, northwest of Battle, and at Archer's saw mill about two miles from the mine. The wagon road up Cow Creek canyon past the Blackfoot tunnel site connects the saw mill camp with the old road which has been improved and rebuilt for several miles leading into the canyon.

The work of clearing the right-of-way has been finished, and the course of the tram is free from obstructions of any nature. The right-of-way is one hundred feet wide, and in some places had to be cut through heavy timber and down timber.

The big boiler and engine for the first transfer station have been installed, and the machinery for the second station is being set up. The fourth section of the tramway from Cow Creek to the mine will contain two spans of cable two thousand feet in length. Prospective passengers over the aerial line will please bear in mind the fact that the exhilaration which will be caused by the acceleration during this particular portion of the trip will give you a new and tight tension of the nerves of which you have little dreamed while riding in the chaise or the auto. The loop-de-loop at the Pan-Am will be but mild in comparison.

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- 1. Raccoon's cousin
6. Western tribesman
9. Rigatoni relative
13. Deposit the ashes
14. Computer simulation
15. Courted
16. In-place, legally speaking
17. Common Market initials
18. Repetitions
19. "Should old acquaintance be forgot and never brought \_\_\_\_\_"
21. Swellings
23. "The day my Mama socked it to the Harper Valley \_\_\_\_\_"
24. "Confined
25. Financing acronym
28. "Back in the U.S., back in the U.S., back in the \_\_\_\_\_"

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- 30. Tree of Life to ancient Egyptians
35. They will inherit the earth?
37. "The O'Jays, "Ship \_\_\_\_\_"
39. You can be fined for hitting these in NYC
40. Vigor
41. Specific site
43. Warsaw Pact opponent
44. "The Raven" author
46. "It was rare, I was there, I remember it all too \_\_\_\_\_"
47. "\_\_\_\_\_ the nights are better"
48. Small stream
50. Scorch
52. Bard's "before"
53. Oration station
55. Hawaiian Mauna
57. "Good times never seemed \_\_\_\_\_"
60. "Where \_\_\_\_\_ is heard a discouraging word..."
63. Vessel pointed at both ends
64. "You ain't seen nothing \_\_\_\_\_"
66. Musical duo Hall & \_\_\_\_\_
68. Makes eyes at
69. Caustic chemical
70. Anti-elderly
71. "Father Christmas... Don't mess around with those silly \_\_\_\_\_"
72. "\_\_\_\_\_ it be"
73. Tooth trouble

DOWN

- 1. Belarus + Russia + Ukraine, originally
2. "Get down \_\_\_\_\_"

- 3. Camera setting
4. Donald or Ivanka
5. Unmoved
6. Hand-me-down
7. "I keep the ends out for the \_\_\_\_\_ that binds. Because you're mine..."
8. Mike holder
9. Camera feature
10. Bit
11. Found in a caddie's pocket
12. Dog tags, e.g.
15. "How sweet the sound that saved a \_\_\_\_\_ like me..."
20. Like Fran Drescher's voice
22. Chain letters
24. A particular course of action
25. "Oh beautiful for spacious skies, for \_\_\_\_\_ waves of grain..."
26. Hidden or placed on watch
27. Monarch's duration
29. "One for the money, two for the \_\_\_\_\_"
31. Top notch
32. Hunger for
33. Lay to rest
34. "I hope some day you'll join us, and the world will be \_\_\_\_\_"
36. Riddle without solution
38. Christmas season
42. Satisfy, as in thirst
45. Does over again
49. \_\_\_\_\_ Tsu
51. Load again
54. Tennyson poem, e.g.
56. "Haste makes waste," e.g.

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Impacts of mosquito,

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What about the unintended consequence of killing other insects or even reptilian or avian species with the use of insecticides? The town of Saratoga has contracted the use of both larvicides, chemicals designed to kill mosquito larvae, and adulticides to kill mosquitoes in their flying form. The chemicals being used are the larvicide VectoBac 12as and the adulticide Biomist 3+15 ULV. The active ingredient in VectoBac is Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis (Bti), a bacteria which is a naturally occurring in certain soils. Bti is only toxic to insects that have specific receptor sites in their stomachs and is only known to kill certain primitive flies, particularly mosquitoes, black flies, and some midges. Bti has been shown to reduce populations of stone flies and May flies after three or more years of use, but this does not seem to have affected the overall number of insects or birds and reptiles in an area. The active ingredient in Biomist is permethrin, a synthetic pyrethroid. According to the US Fish and Wildlife, there have

been very few studies on the non-target effects of adulticides like permethrin, but preliminary evidence suggests some fish species and aquatic invertebrates may be harmed by the insecticide. Permethrin has been shown to be extremely toxic to bees if they come into contact with the chemical during spraying or up to a day later. This can affect the pollination of plants in sprayed area. The jury is still out, but if applied properly to kill mosquitoes the damage to the environment from the use of permethrin seems to be minimal. Chuck Bartlett, engineer for the town of Saratoga, said the town used to use Scourge insecticide, but has used the less harmful Biomist for at least the last three years. The larvicides and adulticides are applied by a mixture of aerial spring with planes, truck mounted foggers, and weed sprayers in areas with small ponds or other bodies of standing water. Based on the available data, the insecticides being used seem

The average daily intake of permethrin in U.S. for a 154-pound adult is 1,000 times less than the acceptable level. ~ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

In a report on the toxicology of pyrethrins and pyrethroids written for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services the dangers of the pesticide seem to be extremely limited. The report shows that the chemicals breakdown quickly in the natu-

ral environment lasting only up to two weeks after application. Furthermore, since the pyrethroids bond to soils they do not leach into groundwater and have not been seen in high levels in drinking water except in areas near toxic waste sites. The most common ways for humans to ingest permethrin are through inhalation and absorption through the skin. Most exposure comes through the use of insecticide sprays, aerosol bombs, pet shampoos, and lice treatments. Exposure has also been shown to occur after eating fruits, vegetables, and grains sprayed with insecticides. Even with the use of these products and foods, according to the study, the average daily intake of permethrin in U.S. for a 154-pound adult is 1,000 times less than the acceptable level before harmful effects occur as determined by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Signs of toxic levels of perme-

thrin include tremors, writhing, and salivation. The chemical most notably affects the nervous system and if symptoms occur medical help should be sought immediately. Various studies have found no link between permethrin and statistically significant increases, in either adults or children, in cancer, developmental effects, or reproductive effects. Children can be more susceptible to infestation of permethrin because they tend to have more contact with soil and dirt. Although, no noticeable harmful effects to children from conception the age of 18 have been shown in any studies. Preventative measures for avoiding ingestion of insecticides include keeping your windows closed during spraying or fogging, turning off air conditioners and swamp coolers, using household insecticides and pet shampoos according to the manufacturer's instructions, and washing areas that come in to contact with household pesticides. In short, don't follow the fogger around on your bike and stay inside if the aerial spraying plane is passing over your house.



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Ryan Malone, left, and Tate Stinson finished their high school football careers on a high note in June. The two played on the Wyoming team in the Six-man Shootout against Nebraska. Both boys saw action during the shootout which features top football players in the state.

## Panthers end high school career on a high note

By Mike Dunn

The Six-man Shootout was a close game — for the first 15 seconds.

“[Team Nebraska] threw a pass over my head and scored on the first play,” former Saratoga High School football player Tate Stinson said.

But after the opening scoring drive by Nebraska, Stinson and Ryan Malone went on to lead Team Wyoming to a 68-26 win over Team Nebraska in the third annual Six-man Shootout.

Out of 18 available roster spots, both Malone and Stinson were selected by Team Wyoming head coach Matthew Jensen, from Meeteetse High School.

Roy Tompkins, of Hanna-Elk Mountain, joined Stinson and Malone on Wyoming's roster.

Once the boys were selected, they spent a week with Wyoming coaches and players learning plays and practicing.

“We all kind of knew each other already, and we got along really well,” Malone said about his teammates.

Stinson added it was a fun experience to finally play with several players they had competed against during the regular season.

The Six-man Shootout is an exhibition game between the best six-man senior football players in Wyoming and Ne-

braska's best six-man players.

Every year, the game's location alternates between Nebraska and Wyoming. This year's game was played in Kearney, Neb.

Wyoming is now 3-0 in the yearly competition.

Malone played middle linebacker during the six-man shootout. He said he made several tackles throughout the game.

Stinson played wide receiver and corner during the game. After the first drive, Stinson proceeded to score on a 43-yard run in the second quarter and an 11-yard reception in the fourth.

Playing with some of the top players in the state Malone said the big reason for their success was their teammates, saying “there was just so much talent on this team.”

Stinson and Malone's high school football career came to a close this weekend, but both are planning on playing football in college. Even though it has its separate rules and playing style, both Stinson and Malone don't anticipate the transition from six-man to 11-man football to be extremely difficult, as they both played 11-man in 2012.

Both Stinson and Malone said they are looking forward to their opportunities with football in the future.

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