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VALLEY STRONG-ER



Photo by Liz Wood

Sawyer Brown played to a packed house Sunday night at the Platte Valley Community Center. The Valley Strong fundraiser, sponsored by Brush Creek Ranch raised nearly \$300,000 for various non-profit entities in the Platte Valley. Most of the money was raised for the Corbett Medical Foundation, which is the foundation that funds state-of-the-art equipment at the Platte Valley Medical Center.

Fire ignites in the Sierra Madres, one injured

By Erik Gantt

The Holroyd fire is burning approximately two miles north of the Wyoming-Colorado state line and 15 miles southwest of Encampment.

As of Tuesday morning, Aaron Voos, the public affairs officer with Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, said the fire is less than one acre in size. As

the result of overnight efforts on Monday, the blaze is fully contained. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

One firefighter from the Parks Ranger District was injured during the initial attack, when a fire-weakened tree fell on him.

He was airlifted to Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and

later released. The firefighter has returned to his duty-station in Walden, Colo. and is expected to make a full recovery.

Crews from the Brush Creek-Hayden and Parks Ranger Districts have responded to the fire and have the use of one engine and a Type III helicopter.

By Monday night, the crews had completed a fire line around

the entire perimeter and continued to battle the fire with water.

The still smoking and smoldering fire is mostly burning large, dead timber as the finer ground fuels are still wet and green.

Smoke seen recently in the Valley is the result of fires in the Washington, Oregon and Idaho, not the Holroyd fire.

According to the interagency InciWeb incident information system there are no other wildfires in Wyoming, Utah, or Colorado right now.

As the fire danger increases this year, Platte Valley residents should review their wildland fire preparedness. For more information on wildland fire safety, go to www.wildlandfirersg.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 21-24, 1-3 p.m.

Lego Mechanics

Business Wing & Great Hall

July 23, 6:00 p.m.

**Candidate Forum:
Carbon County Offices**

Great Hall

July 29, 6:30 p.m.

Saratoga Mayoral Candidate Forum

Great Hall

July 30, 6:30 p.m.

Saratoga Town Council Candidate Forum

Great Hall

For more information, please visit our web site at www.pvcenter.org, click on calendar of events or call 326-7822.

OBITUARIES

Norma Jean Wright

Norma Jean Wright, 88, of Encampment, passed away July 14, 2014 at Deseret Health and Rehab in Saratoga with her son by her bedside.

Norma was born to John Lester and Cynthia Gilliland on Feb. 23, 1926 in Chanute, Kan. She was married in 1943 to Delbert E. Fulps. They were blessed with two sons, Dale and Terry. Delbert passed away in 1959. She later married James Wright, they were divorced in 1965.

In 1963, Norma started her nursing career and in 1966 earned her license to be an L.P.N. nurse. She worked in nursing until retiring in 1988.

Over the years she was always remembered as a loving mother and friend to many. She loved her pets and the outdoors



and was an avid football and baseball fan. She especially enjoyed crocheting, knitting, reading her books and spending time with her family.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert Fulps; her parents, John and Cynthia Gilliland; her sister, Doris Bloom; and an infant brother.

She is survived by her sons, Dale (Darlene) Fulps, of Rock Springs, and Terry Fulps, of Encampment; grandchildren, Donna (John) Brunner, of Wheatland, Deanna (Woody) Nobles, of Ocala, Fla. and Delbert (Shelly) Fulps, of Rock Springs; great-grandchildren, Reuben Brunner, of Wheatland, Cherie (Josh) Rinker, of Wheatland, Cheyenne and Dillon Fulps, of Rock Springs, and Robbie Nobles, of Ocala Fla.; sister-in-law, Shirley Solomon, of Chanute, Kan.; cousin, Virginia (Ed) Cahoj, of Bolivar, Mo.; and many nieces and nephews.

A family service will be held at later date.

Tributes and condolences may be offered online at www.carboncountyfuneralhome.com

Wayne B. Woodward

Wayne, B. (Woody) Woodward, 84, of Boca Raton, Fla., passed away July 16, 2014.

Born in Bluffton, Ind., to Erma and Forrest Woodward. He was a graduate of University of Dayton School of Engineering. He served in the U.S. Air Force in Cheyenne, Wyo. He was employed by Wyoming Highway Division as a professional engineer. He left his position at the Highway Division to start Woodward Engineering, Inc. He relocated the business to

Deerfield Beach, Fla., until his retirement.

He was civic minded and very active in Deerfield Beach politics, serving as City Commissioner, a member of the Rotary Club and the Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce. He was the Civil Engineer for the Deer Creek Development.

Survived by his wife Barbara Anne Woodward, sons Wayne B. Woodward, Jr. (Julie) and William Forrest Woodward (Teresa) and daughter Pamela

Sue Vallejo (Gabriel). He is also survived by nine grandchildren, sister Guiney McClain, sister-in-law Doris Woodward. He was preceded in death by brother Forrest (Frosty) Woodward and sister Wava Swartz. A viewing was held July 20 at Kraeer-Becher Funeral Home in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Burial will be in Ossian, Ind. Donations may be made in his memory to First Presbyterian Church of Saratoga PO Box 116 Saratoga, WY 82331.

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JULY 29, 6:30 P.M.

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TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

JULY 30, 6:30 P.M.

Platte Valley Community Center

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Photo by Liz Wood

EDUCATION

CCSD#2 approves budget

Superintendent impressed with new Hanna School

By Mike Dunn

The Carbon County School District No. 2 (CCSD#2) board of trustees approved their budget for the 2014/2015 fiscal year.

The proposed General Fund budget for the 2014/2015 year was set at \$17,380,000. The budget is a \$90,000 decrease from the 2013/2014 fiscal year.

Sally Wells, business manager at CCSD#2, said in a report CCSD#2 is financially healthy. Despite the decreased revenue of \$1,026,286.79 from fiscal year 2014 to 2013, expenses at CCSD#2 also decreased by \$398,856.55. The decreased expenses created a reduction in the General Fund balance carryover in 2015 fiscal year. The district is up seven

students this year, according to the report. However, while attendance levels have increased in some schools, levels decreased in others.

In other news, Hanna Elementary is well on its way to opening its doors for the 2014-2015 school year.

New CCSD#2 superintendent, Jim Copeland, said he visited the site of the new elementary during the first part of July. After discussions with the site superintendent, Copeland said he is excited about the new school.

"It's very impressive, I think it is going to add a lot of excitement and pride to the community. It's always exciting to build a new school," Copeland said. "I'm very impressed with the people involved. The site superintendent said the

crews that were working on it were some of the best he's worked with."

One of the features at the new school Copeland was impressed with was the mural depicting Hanna's history. He added the school has already made great progress and should be open soon.

As far as the fate of the old Hanna elementary building is concerned, the town of Hanna has requested CCSD#2 donate the land from the old elementary school. Copeland said they are still looking at all of the options.

"We are just going to make sure we don't lose money in the deal," Copeland said.

The next CCSD#2 school board meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Aug. 18 at the CCSD#2 Central Office.

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New superintendent reflects on first weeks

By Mike Dunn

The Carbon County School District No. 2 (CCSD#2) school board meeting had a fresh face at the table, as new Superintendent Jim Copeland joined the CCSD#2 team.

Between moving and learning the district, it has been a hectic few weeks for Copeland, who started working on July 1. However, he said he is excited to take the reins at CCSD#2.

"It's been great just getting to know the community," he said.

Copeland has spent his first weeks receiving a crash-course Wyoming finance systems from CCSD#2 business manager Sally Wells in preparation for the new budget. He has also spent time planning professional development

Coming from rural Fleming, Colo., Copeland said it is still going to be an adjustment moving to CCSD#2. Having to be familiar the six separate communities is a challenge he is ready to take on.

"One of my big goals in the coming year is to be visible in all of the schools and all of the



communities on a regular basis, not just stay in one spot," Copeland said. "I think that is very effective as far as the district is made up."

Copeland has been in contact with all of the administrators in the district, and has slowly been meeting with many of the teachers in the district.

On the first day, Copeland toured the newly constructed Hanna Elementary School. As a new superintendent, he is very excited to have a brand-new school in his district and very impressed with the work

that has been done on it.

"I think it is going to add a lot of excitement to that community," Copeland said about Hanna.

Copeland praised the newly-formed BOCES program at the school district. He said he would like to utilize the program to not only help students advancement in the district, but also as a way to get the community involved as well.

Copeland's long-term goal for CCSD#2 is to continue, and build upon, the tradition of academic excellence already within the district. After meeting with personnel and reviewing the resources the district has available, Copeland feels CCSD#2 has the ability to become greater than it already is.

"I just want people to think of us as the top school district, or one of the top school districts in the state," he said.

Copeland closed on his Saratoga home on July 12 and said he and his family are excited to be a part of the community.

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11am-? - Amista the Psychic

11am-? - Chainsaw Artist
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2pm-5pm - Rides
5:30pm - Dinner
6pm - 3 on 3 Basketball
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VIEWS OF THE SUN

Jacked up on Blackhall Road

When I was 15 years old, my sister pressured me to take the driver's permit examination with her. My sister, who is one year younger than me, couldn't wait to drive. I had friends who drove or I took the bus, so I really didn't care. Living in a city without a driver's license is a lot easier than in rural Wyoming.

My dad, who did a lot of mechanical work in his spare time, thought it would be a good idea to teach my sister and I how to change the oil and rotate tires before we learned how to drive.

That lesson has come in handy more than once. I have had to change tires on almost every car I have ever owned and taught my sons how to change tires when they had a flat.

Sunday, that lesson came in handy, once again. It has been about nine years since I have had to change a tire. I was on my way to Blackhall Ranch when my rear passenger tire started to lose air. My GMC Terrain has one of the fancy computers that tells me when I have a problem with my tires and I watched the monitor as the air went from 32 pounds of pressure to 28, to 26, then 20. I quickly looked ahead and found a flat spot on the road to park the car. By this time I was on the ranch road.

When I checked the tire, I was shocked to see a big piece of rusted steel sticking out the sidewall of my tire.

"Great," I thought to myself. "No one is here to help, or will be."

I opened the hatchback and moved all the stuff in the back of my Terrain in to the back seat so I could get to the "donut" spare tire. In the past, I have found it easy to remove the donut, but this time it took a little maneuvering to get it free.



From the Hip

By Liz Wood

When I took the jack and its parts out of the hatchback, I could not for the life of me figure out what the hook was for.

I have used a lot of jacks; most of them have been the old handyman type, where you ratchet a lever to lift of the car. This was not what I was used to. I loosened the lugnuts on the wheel, and tried to figure out how to use this ridiculous jack. It wasn't long before I pulled out the owner's manual to read how to use the jack.

"Oh, so that is what the hook is for," I said to myself. This was a screw-up jack, literally and figuratively.

After figuring out how to wind the jack, and as the car started to lift, I realized I had the jack in the wrong place and had to unscrew it. By this time, two cars had driven around me. I was blocking the road, so they had to drive around me.

No worries, I have never been

a very good damsel in distress. I continued to wind up the jack. Soon a third truck passed by, but this one stopped. I recognized the voice immediately. Jennifer Maskell was talking to someone on the phone finishing up a conversation as she approached me.

She was as shocked as I was when she saw the steel protruding from my tire. She offered to give me a break from jack twisting. I had been struggling for half an hour and was very willing to give her a chance at the jack. She started to twist it and was amazed at how difficult it was. She started laughing. "I am sorry Liz, I am not much help." I had already figured out how to use the jack, so I took back over twirling the tire iron onto the hook that was in the eye of jack.

As the back of the Terrain started to lift, Jennifer would check the tire to see if it would come off, until finally we got the wheel high enough off the ground. Jennifer threw the bad tire in the back of my vehicle as I put the donut on and started tightening the lug nuts.

We had a good laugh over changing the tire, and what could have been a huge chore turned into a fun adventure.

As I was changing the tire several things went through my mind.

- The person who invents a jack should be required to use it before putting it on the market.
- I was thinking "Where was Tom Grainger?" About four years ago, he changed a tire

for me in downtown Saratoga in the pouring rain.

- I was thankful dad had taught me how to change a tire.
- I was also thankful that he was not the one who had tightened the lug nuts. My dad was referred to as our pet guerrilla because of his strength in his younger days. We had a few instances when it took an impact wrench to remove nuts he had

tightened by hand

- I was grateful this didn't happen the week before when I was driving up to Blackhall lookout.

The tire was ruined, but I felt good as I headed up to the ranch to learn more about Chris Irwin, the horse trainer. I was proud of myself for changing the tire and I was happy that someone like Jennifer stopped to help and made the adventure fun.

Get informed

Tonight, the first of three candidate forums begin. All will be at the Platte Valley Community Center. The county candidate forum is at 6 p.m. tonight. On July 29 at 6 p.m., the Saratoga mayoral candidates will present their platforms. The Saratoga council candidates have their say on July 30 at 6 p.m.

The Valley Service Organization hosts these forums during election years and they are invaluable for voters.

This is an opportunity for you to weigh the candidate's positions, past performances and future promises against newcomer's ideas and platforms. This should aid you in deciding who you feel will represent you best.

These forums can help us find out what the candidates

are thinking and why incumbents have done certain things. It is also a great way to find out if there are solutions and if fingers are being pointed unjustifiably.

Saratoga Sun Editorial

It is a responsible idea to go and listen to the candidates at these forums and a benefit to view them with an open mind.

A good follow up is to read the *Saratoga Sun's* Primary Section coming Aug. 13.

We sincerely hope you will take advantage of these sources of information to help make an educated decision when you head to the primaries Aug. 19.


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WEATHER

National Weather Service

Wednesday A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest in the morning.

Wednesday Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.

Thursday Night Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

Friday Sunny, with a

high near 84.

Friday Night Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

Saturday Sunny, with a high near 83.

Saturday Night Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

Sunday Sunny, with a high near 82.

Sunday Night Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

Monday Sunny, with a high near 79.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grateful for the support

Dear Editor,
We would like to take this means to thank all of the people involved in the river rescue on June 26th. We didn't get the names of everyone, but we are

so grateful for all of the help and support and comfort we were offered. Many different organizations were involved and we hope this thank you reaches everyone. We feel very blessed and grate-

ful. Thank you one and all.
Sherri Kaisler,
Jo Anderson,
Rick Anderson,
Laramie, WY

It was Virginia Parker

Editor,
Last week's letter about the Good Samaritan helping the exhausted bicyclist was wonderful and I knew immediately who this was. It is her nature, she helps people and animals all the time and has for years. She is the ultimate volunteer and is a

certified EMT and serves on the ambulance crew. This Valley is built on volunteers that help each other and community projects like 4H, fire departments, search and rescue, Jamboree, and many more activities and events. Virginia Parker is a dedicated

community person and helping others is her way in life. She is the Director of the Saratoga Museum where they have over 60 volunteers, of all ages, telling the story of this valley by serving each other.
John D Farr
Riverside, Wyo.

POLICE REPORT

From July 14, 2014 to July 20, 2014, the Saratoga Police Department responded to 104 calls including the following classifications:

Agency assistance (3); alarm (2); ambulance (5); bar check (13); business checks (22); citizen assist (7); civil assist (1); civil standby (2); destruction of property (1); disturbance (1); dog at large (3); barking dog complaint (1); lost dog (1); fingerprints (4); fire (1); Green River Violation (1); hot pool check (14); larceny (1); lockout (3); lost property (1); loud noise complaint (1);

missing property (1); house watch (2); record check (2); runaway juvenile (1); traffic complaint (1); traffic stop (2); utility problem (1); VIN serial number inspection (6).

A total of 40 homes are currently on our House Watch program and one person is on the Home Alone program.

Warnings, citations and arrests:

July 15
Greg Cooksey, of Saratoga, was given a warning for unlawful burning.

July 16
Lane Moreland, of Saratoga, was given a warning for Dog at Large.

Lana Percival, of Gillette, was given a verbal warning for failure to stop at stop sign.

Dennis Holden, of Saratoga, was given a citation of operating a vehicle with no registration and careless driving.

July 17
Andrew Hytrek, of Saratoga, was given a warning for Barking Dog.

Brian Elkins, of Saratoga, was given a warning for No Tail Lights.

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VALLEY NEWS

Town postpones franchise fee

Fee will be up for review again in two years

By Mike Dunn

Carbon Power and Light (CP&L) will not have to pay a franchise fee to the town of Saratoga.

At the July 15 town council meeting Saratoga Mayor John Zeiger asked for an amendment to eliminate the 4 percent fee in the proposed franchise fee agreement. Instead, Zeiger proposed the franchise agreement would go forward with the stipulation of review in 2016.

The CP&L franchise fee has received an enormous amount of backlash from Saratoga residents and business owners. The fee would have charged the co-operative power company, which provides electricity to most of the Platte Valley, a 4 percent fee to use town utilities.

When the franchise fee was first proposed at the May 6 council meeting, CP&L general manager Chuck Larsen explained the fee charged by the town of Saratoga would have to be passed on to the customers. The fee would have increased the monthly bill for the average customer anywhere between \$2.80 to \$7.01 a month.

After hearing comments and concerns from the public, Zeiger said he was swayed by Saratoga Forest Management owner Gary Ervin. Zeiger had reportedly called Ervin on July 11 to ask how the franchise fee would economically impact to the sawmill. Ervin told the mayor it would not put his company out of business, but the fee would have stunted the sawmill's development on several projects.

Zeiger was also in discussions with CCSD#2 Superintendent Jim Copeland asking how it

would impact the school district budget.

It was after those conversations Zeiger decided the increased power fees would be too much for local businesses.

The proposed amendment will not entirely dismiss the franchise fee.

"In two years, whoever is sitting on the council can revisit the franchise fee ... and see where they want to go from there," Zeiger said.

Other town council members supported the amendments to the agreement as well. Councilwoman Judy Welton said this was not the right time to impose more fees on business owners in Saratoga.

"I heartily agree [with Zeiger], and I think that this is a good decision," Welton said.

Councilman Mike McWain, who voted against drafting the franchise fee agreement, responded to the elimination of the fee by saying "I love it".

Councilman Steve Wilcoxson had defended the franchise fee on numerous occasions. Even though he still believes the franchise fee is still the most viable option for generating revenue, he said he had to follow the people's wishes.

"I support the franchise fee, but as an elected official, I have to put the people I represent in front of my own opinion."

The amendment was passed unanimously by the council.

Larsen thanked the council for their decision.

"On behalf of our member-owners of the co-operative, we thank you for that change," Larsen said.

Several residents who have been adamantly against the franchise fee applauded the mayor and council for their decision. One of those residents was Leon Hetherington, who said the elected officials were "living up to oath" they took when they assumed office.

Business owner Chris Shannon commended the town council for their decision as well. Shannon recommended the place to fix budget shortfalls, is to cut spending.

While eliminating the franchise fee frees residents of increased electricity bills, there is still a large hole in the budget left to be filled.

In the 2014/2015 fiscal budget, the town of Saratoga budgeted for \$299,600.00 in revenue to come from franchise fees. This is more than a quarter-million dollar increase from last year's revenues.

In the days following the franchise fee agreement decision, Zeiger said he had met with the department heads to start cutting budgets.

Though an exact number has yet to be released, Zeiger said budget cuts had been successful thus far, and every department had made significant cuts.

A budget amendment will be proposed at a later meeting, Zeiger said.

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

WHAT's coming to the Valley

By Mike Dunn

The WHAT Fest returns to the Platte Valley this weekend.

The annual concert is now in its third year being held in Riverside. The intimate setting near the river is an ideal location.

"We always look for a more isolated venue for the festival," Adam Bender, one of the organizers of WHAT Fest said.

This year's lineup will feature 37 regional and national performing artists on two out-

door and one indoor intimate acoustic stage again this year.

The organizers are expecting crowds to reach anywhere between 1,000 and 1,200 for the festival.

Bender said this year's lineup includes bands performing everything from reggae to blues.

"We are having a little more Americana and bluegrass in the lineup this year," Bender said.

Some local favorites making their way back to the

south part of the Platte Valley include J Shogren and Shanghai'd and The Patti Fiasco.

On July 25, performances will be will start at 3 p.m. at the at the Bear Trap Cafe and Bar.

Shows on July 26 will begin at noon at the 1 p.m. at the Bear Trap.

Margaret Weber, owner of the Bear Trap, said no animals or outside alcohol will be allowed this year. "We want a fun and safe environment for everyone."

Storer scholarship aims to aid success

By Erik Gantt

The George B. Storer Foundation provided funding for four University of Wyoming (UW) College of Education students to participate in the Teton Science School's (TSS) Carbon 2 Science Summer School. The Storer Foundation has partnered with TSS for five years to support learning about local environments and economies, specifically based on hands-on experiences.

With tears in her eyes, Storer scholar Rhonda Kraus said "Personally, I got so much more out of this than the Storer Foundation could ever get." She is a cancer survivor and appreciates the opportunity she was provided, given what it took her to get here.

Kraus was one of three UW undergraduate students, including Randi Prosenick and Joe Ahlstrom along with graduate student Gina Graziano who participated in the Carbon County School District No. 2 (CCSD#2) program.

Kraus learned of the Storer grant from a friend who was a Storer Scholar last year and participated in the CCSD#2

program and thought it was advantageous for her program. Kraus is in her last year at UW and hopes to get a kindergarten through second grade position in the Natrona County area. She is not a Wyoming native and has learned an immense amount about the state and its resources through the program.

According to Kraus "The kids are so naturally intuitive to science. In classrooms today, so many times, you hear the teachers say they don't have time for science in the younger grades, but that's when we need to capture them."

Ahlstrom hopes to take the place-based education aspect of TSS into his teaching career and give kids a different, outdoor-focused perspective on education while fulfilling the standards of a traditional education. He noted that the school he plans to teach at already works with the TSS program. Stand-out moments for Ahlstrom included the fishing portions of the week and hunting for agates and petrified wood. "Fishing ... is more

than just education, I hope those kids gained an experience ...it's about having a personal, fun activity, or something recreational and that's where kids start to learn more and have an appreciation for the outdoors," said Ahlstrom.

The Storer Foundation works in conjunction with the TSS Teacher Learning Center (TLC) to support place-based education teacher workshops held at the TSS Jackson campus, and the one-week CCSD#2 summer science program.

The Foundation supports projects that demonstrate the following strategies: improving teacher quality, facilitating the sharing of best practices and using place as an integrating context for learning.

Kathleen Doffermyre, Program Officer for the Storer Foundation, said, "We think that in a state that has natural resources like Wyoming it makes no sense for students to be learning about the rainforest, they should be learning about their own backyard. It's more compelling and you can do more hands on if you are learning in your place." That's



Photo by Erik Gantt

Storer Scholar Joe Ahlstrom teaches CCSD#2 students about fishing before they start casting at a pond on Cedar Creek Ranch.

not to say the rainforest isn't important, but students in Wyoming should learn about where they live first.

Also important to the Storer Foundation is giving back to the state by supporting local programs like the Summer Science School in Saratoga. "We love the

Saratoga Valley," said Doffermyre.

The undergraduate students received a \$2,500 stipend and Graziano was given a \$3,000 stipend. Lodging and food expenses for the TLC training program and the week in Saratoga were provided by TSS.



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A young marksman lines up his shot at the 2013 Sierra Madre Muzzleloaders Mountain Man Rendezvous. Saratoga Sun File Photo

Big bucks for black powder

By Erik Gantt

The Sierra Madre Muzzleloaders Mountain Man Rendezvous this weekend will feature bigger prizes thanks to a Carbon County Visitors' Council grant.

Because of the additional funding there will be awards for the top three contestants in all of the events, with a total cash prize of almost \$3,000. The first prize in many of the events has been raised to \$300, as well as a prize for the person wearing the best period costume.

Adults and children can participate in a variety of rifle and pistol shooting, knife throwing, fire starting and fire pan throwing. The Rendezvous will take place in Encampment starting Friday afternoon, with events all day Saturday and Sunday morning.

Joe Morrison of Saratoga said the Sierra Muzzleloaders have been together since 1984, and he has been with the club for 14 years. Morrison is very excited about the additional prizes and the kid's knife throwing events. "We really do this for the kids," Morrison said.

Other family-oriented activities at the rendezvous are old-time kids games and crafts, a treasure hunt, and folks trading period goods and crafts. There will even be a candy cannon fired several times a day.

For more information on the event visit the Saratoga Platte Valley Chamber of Commerce website.

Measures taken to prevent disease in bighorn sheep

By Erik Gantt

Wyoming Game and Fish Wildlife Biologist Will Schultz and Game Warden Biff Burton were forced to euthanize a bighorn ram in the Sierra Madre mountains on July 9.

The Forest Service contacted Game and Fish about the bighorn ram, which was seen mingling with a herd of domestic sheep on Forest lands near Haggerty Creek.

Schultz said it should be clear the euthanization has nothing to do with herd management in the Sierra Madre's and the Biodiversity Conservation Alliance lawsuit against the US Forest Service for special protection of Bighorn in the Sierra Madre range.

The Game and Fish department has a protocol for dealing with bighorn sheep that are co-mingling with domestic sheep herds.

According to department policy, "if possible, the bighorn sheep should be live captured and transported to the Department's Tom Thorne/Beth Williams Wildlife Research Center at Sybille. Any live bighorn sheep taken to Sybille shall not be released back into the wild. If the bighorn sheep cannot be live-captured, that bighorn sheep shall be lethally removed and, if possible, transported to Sybille or the EGFD wildlife disease lab in Laramie."

"There are diseases or bacteria in domestic sheep that they seem to have a resistance to that our wild sheep in North America do not have. They did not evolve with the same (resistance) as the European sheep breeds," said Schultz.

There is strong evidence linking sheep die off, generally pneumonia from bacteria, to contact between wild and domestic sheep. The concern of disease transmission among sheep is state-wide.

The Encampment River herd of bighorn is around 30 to 40 sheep, and there are also sheep in the Douglas Creek area and near the state line around six-mile.

It is unclear where the ram that had to be put down was from. Schultz said "There is documentation of younger rams traveling hundreds of miles."

This kind of incident only happens about once a year, but Game and Fish staff are sent on three to four calls a year to investigate the interaction of bighorns and domestic sheep.

McAlister celebrates 90 years

By Liz Wood

Peg McAlister said her goal was to live to 90, and she will be happy with whatever comes after that.

Peg said staying physically and mentally active is what keeps her going. She turned 90 years old Monday, and Sunday her friends at the Saratoga Presbyterian Church had a reception for her.

Peg likes to be involved. She said she has had a lot of difficulties, but also a lot of fun. "Faith in God can get you through the low times and remembering lots of good times."

Peg worked in the newspaper industry in California and saw a lot of changes in her 30-year career. She did not work as a reporter, but started by answering the phones and taking dictation over the phone from reporters in the field. She then eventually became the editor's secretary.

"When I started at the newspaper, we were using manual typewriters. When I retired, we were starting on the first computers," Peg said.

"No day was ever the same," Peg said, "you never knew what was going to come out [working at a newspaper]," Peg said.

Peg grew up and attended college in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She graduated from Coe College with a degree in elementary education.

Peg went to college during World War II, which meant there were no men in college, as many of them had gone off to war. One of her homecoming games during that period was a women's field hockey game, Peg said.

Her senior year, the men returned from war and started attending college. "That was a wild, fun time. So different from my first three years," Peg said.

"The one good thing about those first three years, there wasn't anything to do, so you studied," Peg said.

Peg's husband had been a Marine, and she met him the year she graduated. He had just returned from the war. They were married near campus and the college put up a Quonset hut village for all the returning soldiers and families. "We had no money ... but I think it was the most fun I had ever had," Peg said.

"We were all in the same boat, we were all young," Peg said. They lived in the Quonset huts rent free and could go to all the college activities at no charge. "It was a very fun, social time. We were all equal," Peg said. "We didn't



Photo by Liz Wood

Peg McAlister turned 90 on Monday. She is active in the food pantry and at church. She said staying active keeps her going.

think anything about (not having any money), we walked everywhere or use the city bus," Peg recalled.

For two years, Peg and her husband lived in the Quonset huts. Before moving to the campus, they had an apartment with a Murphy bed for about two months. Peg described the Quonset huts as having two living spaces, each with two bedrooms.

Victor's jobs moved them all over the Midwest, including Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois. Victor was training to be a manager at a five and dime store. During their time in St. Louis, she worked as a teacher.

Victor didn't like the harsh winters, so they moved to California. He found work and eventually Peg and the children followed. Peg said after living so close to her parents in Cedar Rapids, it was hard to leave her mother behind.

"My mother was so upset," Peg said.

She retired in 1992, and moved to Saratoga. She and her husband, Victor, fell in love with Saratoga when they came to visit their son Doug.

Her son Dennis still lives in California, as well as her daughter Darcy Robson. Another daughter, Debra Rumble, is moving from Alaska to Arizona.

Peg has nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Peg volunteers at the Platte Valley Food Pantry. She remembers when the food pantry was started in various churches in the Valley as people would contact the churches for help. Peg began volunteering through the Presbyterian Church and when people needed help, she would meet them at the church.

"We didn't have a big storage area, so it was mostly dry food," Peg said. The ministers of the churches got together

with the Food Bank of the Rockies and it developed into the Platte Valley Food Pantry.

Peg said she and Pastor Gene Smith, of the Platte Valley Christian Center, were trying to figure out how long the Platte Valley Food Pantry has been operating.

Peg said she doesn't have any set hours at the pantry, and now because of her poor eyesight, she can't drive. The pantry is open three times a month and volunteers, including Peg, run the pantry once a month. She explained people can call for help and volunteers will open the pantry.

Peg used to meet people who couldn't come when the food pantry was open, but now she is no longer able to do that.

One year ago, Peg had a stroke in her eye, which caused optic nerve damage. There is no treatment. She was told by her eye doctor, Beverly Nott, her eyes should not get any worse, but that she would no longer be able to drive. Peg is still trying to get used to not getting in the car and driving where she wants to go.

Peg said she can still see blue sky, white clouds and the snow in the winter. She was able to watch a couple of fawn deer play in her yard after the interview.

"I am very grateful that I live in Wyoming," Peg said. She explained the state of Wyoming has a program that provides reading machines and books on tape.

Sadly, Victor died four years after they retired to Saratoga. They had been married 49 years, six months.

"This community is a blessing," Peg said. "I am so glad I am living here. I like people. I have not met a person that has not been a very nice person."

Peg said her church has helped her get through the tough times.

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Carbon County School District No. 2 elementary students learn about their surroundings during Teton Science School Camp.



Photo by Erik Gantt
Caleb Lee and another student fish on the North Platte River at Veterans Island Thursday.



Photo by Liz Wood
Piper Kinder, of Hanna, Elementary shows off the petrified wood she discovered during the geology portion of camp on Friday.

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CCSD#2 students get their hands dirty learning about climate factors

By Erik Gantt

The Teton Science Schools (TSS) brought their Summer Science School to Carbon County School District No.2 (CCSD#2) last week.

The five-day program was focused on weather and climate, and it took the children to several places in the Platte River Valley. Working with a host of local experts, teachers from Saratoga Elementary School, Storer Scholars from the University of Wyoming (UW), and TSS faculty-led studies that included:

- Local community dynamics
- Measuring weather events
- The concept of climate and how it affects human and natural communities
- Pine beetle effects, pika habitat, and glaciers in the Snowy Range
- Macroinvertebrate and fish health in local streams, ponds and rivers
- Use of compasses, wind gauges, and water testing equipment
- Geology, archaeology, and

history

Kate Bodey is part of the faculty at the Teacher Learning Center at Teton Science Schools in Jackson. Bodey said the Summer Science School is part of a collaboration with CCSD#2 has been going on for four years, and they hope to continue it in the future.

Teachers Annette Kelley and LeAnn Uhling of Saratoga Elementary along with Principal Dave Rangitsch worked in concert with the TSS staff and UW pre-teachers to bring the kindergarten through sixth grade students a full week of place-based education.

Place-based education is one form of experiential learning where the curriculum is focused on the students local community and environment. The concept is meant to engage students at younger ages and develop a thirst for learning that can be expanded over the years.

Rangitsch said "It is exciting to get (the students) out and about, looking at being a good citizen and getting out where we live instead of playing the Nintendo. Being



Photo by Liz Wood
Archaeologist and Saratoga Sun reporter Erik Gantt shows students bison bones from the Casper Site at the Saratoga Museum Friday.



Photo by Erik Gantt
Hanna Leigh, right, TSS Instructor, and Annette Kelley, Saratoga Elementary teacher, help the younger students decide where to build their pirate fort.

Photo by Erik Gantt
Encampment teacher Brenda Morgan, left, and Storer Scholar Gina Graziano, center, lead CCSD#2 students through the Saratoga lumber mill.



Photo by Erik Gantt
Hanna Leigh, TSS, looks on as the students present their findings to family and teachers.



a good steward of the land ... Not only are the kids finding the petrified wood they are picking up cans and throwing them away as we go." Rangitsch added, "We're seeing how ... learning can be fun; other than just the book type of learning. Life-long learning. Real-life learning."

As part of the week-long program Carbon County elementary age students visited Saratoga Lake and Mirror Lake to investigate climate and aquatic species issues. At the Brush Creek Visitor's Information Center and the Saratoga Mill students discussed the effects of pine beetles. At locations on Cedar Creek Ranch and the Encampment River fishing and water quality studies were conducted. At a private ranch and the Saratoga Mu-

seum the children learned about history, archaeology, and geology.

The information gathered and conclusions to the studies were presented to parents and faculty on Friday afternoon.

Around 100 people also participated in a family cookout at Saratoga Lake and Mark Jones played guitar and sang for the crowd.

As often happens with short term scientific studies many of the results were inconclusive, but it appears that Cedar

Creek may be a healthier environment for fish and macroinvertebrates than the Encampment River. The younger students, dressed in their best pirate bandanas, also showed that the perfect place for a pirate fort on Veteran's Island is on the west side near a stand of willows.

"We're seeing how... learning can be fun; other than just the book type of learning. Life-long learning. Real-life learning."

—Dave Rangitsch, Principal, Saratoga Elementary

Photo by Liz Wood
Joseph Bates holds a piece of petrified wood with beetle bore holes. Rod Laird, former science teacher and local geology expert, said this particular piece is millions of years old.






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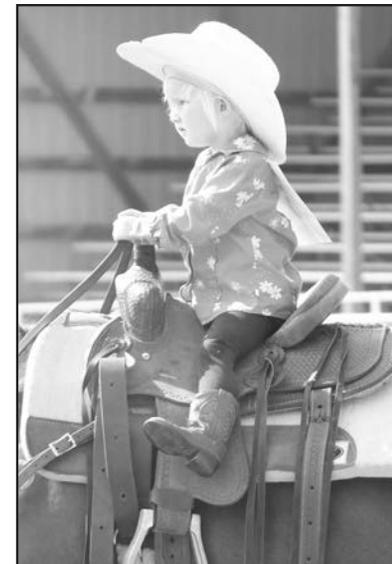
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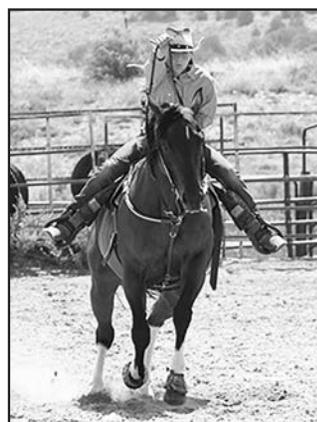
Anniston Jean raises her hat to cool off between events.



Hayden Suttee sittin' tough on his horse while he waits for his next event at the Encampment Lions Club youth horse show.



Mesa Suttee can't reach the stirrups, but remains focused during the western pleasure riding event.



After putting spurs to her horse, Ayla Eiishinen races to the finish line in the keyhole event.



Suzann Page turns her horse on a dime in the keyhole event.



John Rice brings his pony home during the PeeWee barrel race.

Photos by Erik Gantt

Kids 'hoof it up' in Encampment

Barrels, poles, keyhole and little kids on big horses at the Encampment Lions Club Horse show

By Erik Gantt

The 2014 Encampment/Riverside Lions Club Youth Horse Show was held at the Lions Club Arena in Encampment on Saturday. Children and adults

alike enjoyed the stiff competition from the 26 entrants.

Girls, who made up 80 percent of the competitors, won both the overall Hi-point in the show and took nine of 13

top spots in the five age classes. Aubrey Berger, of Saratoga, won the overall Hi-Point buckle.

Lanae McDonald, an equestrian team coach and equine studies

instructor at Laramie County Community College, was the guest judge of the days events.

At three years old, Mesa Suttee was the youngest competitor and she swept the non-existent com-

petition in the Lead Line class. Even at her tender age, this was not Mesa's first competition, she contended in another show earlier this year.

2014 Encampment/Riverside Lions Club Youth Horse Show Results

HI POINT

Overall

Aubrey Berger

Senior

1st, Bailey Miller
2nd, Amy Olson
3rd, Suzann Page

Intermediate

1st, Aubrey Berger
2nd, Riley Little
3rd, Sami Moon

Junior

1st, Sidney Englert
2nd, Rowdy Alameda
3rd, Layne Englert

PeeWee

1st, John Rice
2nd, Ryley Alameda
3rd, Kannon Gilbert

Lead Line

1st, Mesa Suttee

WESTERN PLEASURE RIDING

Senior

1st, Suzann Page
2nd, Bailey Miller
3rd, Amy Olson

Intermediate

1st, Alamar Rice
2nd, Quirt Rice
3rd, Kamry Knotwell

Junior

1st, Sidney Englert
2nd, Rowdy Alameda
3rd, Isabella Danford

PeeWee

1st, John Rice
2nd, Kannon Gilbert
3rd, Ryley Alameda

Lead Line

1st, Mesa Suttee

REINING

Senior

1st, Bailey Miller
2nd, Amy Olson
3rd, Suzann Page

Intermediate

1st, Aubrey Berger
2nd, Quirt Rice
3rd, Sami Moon

Junior

1st, Sidney Englert
2nd, Layne Englert
3rd, Rowdy Alameda

POLE BENDING

Senior

1st, Bailey Miller
2nd, Suzann Page
3rd, Amy Olson

Intermediate

1st, Riley Little
2nd, Aubrey Berger

3rd, Kamry Knotwell

Junior

1st, Sidney Englert
2nd, Rowdy Alameda
3rd, Layne Englert

BARRELS

Senior

1st, Amy Olson
2nd, Suzann Page
3rd, Bailey Miller

Intermediate

1st, Aubrey Berger
2nd, Riley Little
3rd, Mychaela Jackman

Junior

1st, Rowdy Alameda
2nd, Layne Englert
3rd, Savannah Suttee

PeeWee

1st, John Rice
2nd, Ryley Alameda

3rd, Kannon Gilbert

Lead Line

1st, Mesa Suttee

KEYHOLE

Senior

1st, Bailey Miller
2nd, Amy Olson

Intermediate

1st, Aubrey Berger
2nd, Mychaela Jackman
3rd, Sami Moon

Junior

1st, Sidney Englert
2nd, Rowdy Alameda
3rd, Anniston Jeannerett

PeeWee

1st, Ryley Alameda
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Photo by Liz Wood

Chris Irwin works with Shinook, a horse owned by Tina Carroll, Saturday at the Buck Springs Arena. Irwin explained horses understand body language. He said people should always be aware of their own body and how the horse is responding when training horses.

Learning horse

Irwin teaches pain-free training for owners and their horses

By Liz Wood

Chris Irwin spent 14 years working with wild mustangs in Nevada to learn how they communicate with people.

Saturday, he came to Saratoga and the Platte Valley for the first time to share his knowledge.

Irwin had not worked with horses until he was 19 years old. Irwin said he was a disillusioned 19-year-old when he ran away to find the truth about himself.

As fate would have it, he said, he was looking for work when he found day work at the race tracks in Seattle, Wash.

When he saw the horses, every cell in his body turned on, the hair stuck up on the back of his neck and he knew this was what he wanted to do.

He started out mucking stalls, but soon discovered the violent way the horses were being treated. Irwin said, "I was appalled by the violence in the horse industry."

For the first 10 years, Irwin said he learned what not to do. "I did what the trainers told me to do, and it was so aggressive and violent," Irwin said.

"I couldn't get past the contradiction that this is the sport we get into because we love the horses," Irwin said.

Every discipline he went into he saw people beating their horses. "I was determined not to," Irwin said.

Irwin prayed and asked to find another way to train horses.

When he was 23, he moved

to near Reno, Nev., and began working with wild horses. Irwin chose to work with as many wild mustangs as he could. He said he had it in his head: if he was going to learn about horses, he was going to learn about untouched wild mustangs instead of domestic horses.

"(The domestic horses) were already messed up," Irwin said. "They had been exposed to people since the day before they were born."

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"Don't do what a lot of other trainers do because it is aggressive and the horses resent it."

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According to Irwin, he just experimented. "Asking me about how I learned about horses is like asking a child how he learned how to walk and talk."

"You don't remember the process. I immersed myself in the horses and that is all I was interested in," Irwin said.

It was a lot about learning about what not to do, Irwin said. "Don't do what a lot of other trainers do because it is aggressive and the horses

resent it."

Part of the process, Irwin explained, was going into so many different disciplines to learn about the process of the horse industry.

After working with the horses, Irwin discovered his body started to work with the horses instead of against them. What he teaches in his clinics is what the left brain analyzed what his body learned how to do.

Irwin said that he has had several psychologists tell him he has symptoms of autism spectrum disorder. "It's very similar to Temple Grandin and the cows, I just know. It's very intuitive."

A student once told Irwin the ways he teaches people to be with horses is how Irwin wants people to be with him.

Irwin pointed out an interesting concept stating that after the clinic on Sunday people will see things they didn't see before between people and horses. He works on developing awareness.

"We have such an agenda of what we want do with the horse, we don't see it," Irwin said.

In his clinic Saturday, Irwin worked with Tina Carroll's horse, Shinook. It was the first time he had met the horse, but within an hour the horse was reading Irwin's body language.

Sunday and Monday, Irwin worked with individual horses and owners. More time was spent correcting the participants than the horses.

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Coy Munroe, left, Sammi Addison and Cheryl Munroe examine their Dutch oven cooked food just before the judges come through.



Tate Zeller, of Encampment, takes a hard turn around the bucket in the stick horse races

Photos by
Mike Dunn



Al "Doc" Mehl, of Boulder Colo., sings a song about his four-legged friend in his song "Stupid Dog."



Billie Helwick whips up some homemade whipped cream at the Dutch Oven Cookoff.



Bill Heinny and Andrea Tishlers, of Ventura, Calif., serve their seafood gumbo to Bill and Carole Peck, of Northamptonshire, England. The Pecks flew from across the pond to be at the Cowboy Gathering. When asked if there was anything like the gathering in England, Bill said "No, there is not a whole lot of Cowboys in England."



Blue Robertson, of Loveland, was dressed in full cowboy regalia for the Grand Encampment Cowboy Gathering.

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Staddle up

Brush Creek's Staddle summer camp provides more than fun for Chicago youths

By Mike Dunn

The campers at Staddle Camp looked at a tangled mess of ropes and wires high up in the trees of Brush Creek Ranch. Wood planks were suspended only by ropes, 30 feet above the ground; which dangled back and forth from the gentle breeze off the Medicine Bow Mountains.

"What? There is no way we are climbing that," one of the campers said.

"What if we fall?" asked another.

They are going to climb that— this is the high-ropes course, one of the camp counselors explained. The harnesses would catch them if they slipped.

Even after it was explained the carabiner could hold the weight of a small car, it did little to calm the nerves of the campers, who could not take their eyes off the towering high-ropes course.

The campers had gone through an extremely selective program and traveled more than 1,100 miles from Chicago to be at Staddle Camp. They are some of Chicago's best and brightest — living in the Windy City's toughest neighborhoods. And even for them, the ropes course put fear and anxiety into the hearts of the middle school students.

Among campers nervously awaiting their turn up the high ropes course was Cortez Holmes.

Cortez is a soft-spoken pre-teen with high ambitions. He's a soon-to-be seventh-grade student at Visitation Catholic School in Chicago.

When Cortez grows up, he wants to be a photographer. But his dream is to play in the NBA — after all, basketball is his favorite sport, referring to himself as an avid Miami Heat and Chicago Bulls fan.

Making it to the NBA takes practice, and Cortez knows this. But he doesn't get to go outside and shoot hoops as much as he wants to. Why not? Cortez, paused and looked down at the ground, responded with a simple answer.

"We live in a bad area," he said.

Cortez lives in West Englewood, a neighborhood in Chicago's west side. West Englewood is an area plagued with drugs, gang-violence and a dwindling economy.

West Englewood has a 34.7 percent unemployment rate, 32.3 percent of households live below the poverty level and

30.3 percent of residents do not have a high school diploma. It has the seventh highest rate for violent crimes in Chicago neighborhoods, with 65.7 murders per 100,000 people.

But Cortez refuses to let his surroundings hurt his academics.

He's been an honor-roll student since fifth grade. He is at Visitation on several academic scholarships.

Cortez almost had the highest grades in his class last year. But to his disappointment, he finished with "only a 3.8 GPA".

"Next year, I'm going to try to get a 4.0," he said. "It will take a lot of work, but I think I can do it."

Into the wild

They come from different neighborhoods and different backgrounds, but Cortez's story is not unique to the campers at Staddle Camp. Growing up in Chicago's most treacherous neighborhoods, the campers are the most elite students and young leaders in Chicago.

The goal of Staddle camp is to help these kids reach their highest leadership and academic potential by stepping out of their comfort zone.

Beth White, and her husband Bruce, are the owners of White Lodging, a lodging management company which is expected to manage 186 hotels by the end of 2015. When the White's first purchased Brush Creek Ranch, their vision was to do something charitable with

the ranch. Four years ago, the Whites decided to team up with the Big Shoulders Fund, a Catholic non-profit organization which provides assistance to Chicago's neediest areas.

"We thought coming from Chicago ... this would be a

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great place to combine with Big Shoulders to do some academic things, science oriented things and some of the leadership things," Bruce said.

Since the first Staddle Camp, attendance at each camp, and the number of camps held every summer have increased annually.

Because the entire experience is paid for by donors, only the top applicants are selected to go to Staddle Camp at Brush Creek. The process is extensive; it includes an application process and a lengthy essay. After review, applicants are chosen by the Big Shoulders Fund based upon academic excellence and leadership po-

tential.

No more than five kids from each eligible school are selected into the program.

"It was really hard," Cortez said about the process of getting into Staddle Camp. "It was a lot of writing."

The students who make it to Staddle Camp have undergone a very tough selection process.

"All of them are just really great kids," Beth said. "And that's what we want here, just good kids."

Before they make the trip to the Rocky Mountain West, the campers go through four mandatory science-based field trips in Chicago. They visit the planetarium and study star constellations. They take water samples and test for water quality. They learn about wild animals they may encounter in the forest.

But a trip to a museum is nothing compared to seeing the real thing.

Campers are introduced to ranching life by Brush Creek staff, they study plants found in Wyoming. As they take courses at Staddle Camp, they relate them back to their hometown. They are asked, "is this something that can be found in Chicago?"

When he first arrived at Staddle Camp, Cortez said it was like a new world. At first, he couldn't sleep because he was "scared of the bears". But Wyoming is beautiful, he said. There were no noises from a bustling city. Cortez saw

pronghorn, which populate the Platte Valley, for the first time.

And the water at Brush Creek? "Way cleaner than the water [in Chicago]," Cortez said. "That's for sure."

Learning the ropes

One by one, the campers slowly made their way across the high ropes course. Some of the campers breezed through the many obstacles — laughing and smiling their way towards the final zip-line.

Others struggled, eyes filled with tears and sweat, they took more than one hour to get through the course.

Nonetheless, wherever one turned, there was a camp counselor cheering them on, encouraging them not to quit.

"Just a little bit further, you are doing great," a counselor told a camper struggling across the course.

Of all the counselors at Staddle Camp, one stands out from the rest.

Literally. Wearing a large vibrant pink and yellow floral over-shirt, large aviators sunglasses and a backwards hat, lead Staddle Camp counselor Stephanie Woodruff's voice carries through the woods, assuring them the ropes course is not as scary as it looks.

Why the vibrant shirt? "It's ropes course day," she said. "I always wear this shirt on ropes course day."

Woodruff is a recent graduate of University of Colorado Boulder, and has her degree in education. She loves working with kids. She loves the outdoors—growing up camping in the mountains of Colorado.

Naturally, spending her summer as a Brush Creek counselor was a perfect fit.

Though this is her first year as a counselor at Staddle Camp, her favorite part of the week is the day they get into camp. Woodruff has been to Chicago before, her parents are originally from there. She said it is no secret that life in the Rocky Mountains is different than the streets of Chicago.

"The way of life that people here live, it just comes natural to us," she said. "But you have some of these kids just have no idea."

The first days, the counselors had to explain to the campers the proper way to use a sleeping bag to stay warm and the importance of keeping food out of the tent.



Photo by Mike Dunn

Cortez Holmes, left, receives a Band-aid from camp counselor Stephanie Woodruff after he cut his hand during activities. As a quiet honor-roll student from Chicago's west-side, Holmes came out of his shell as he spent time at Staddle Camp.

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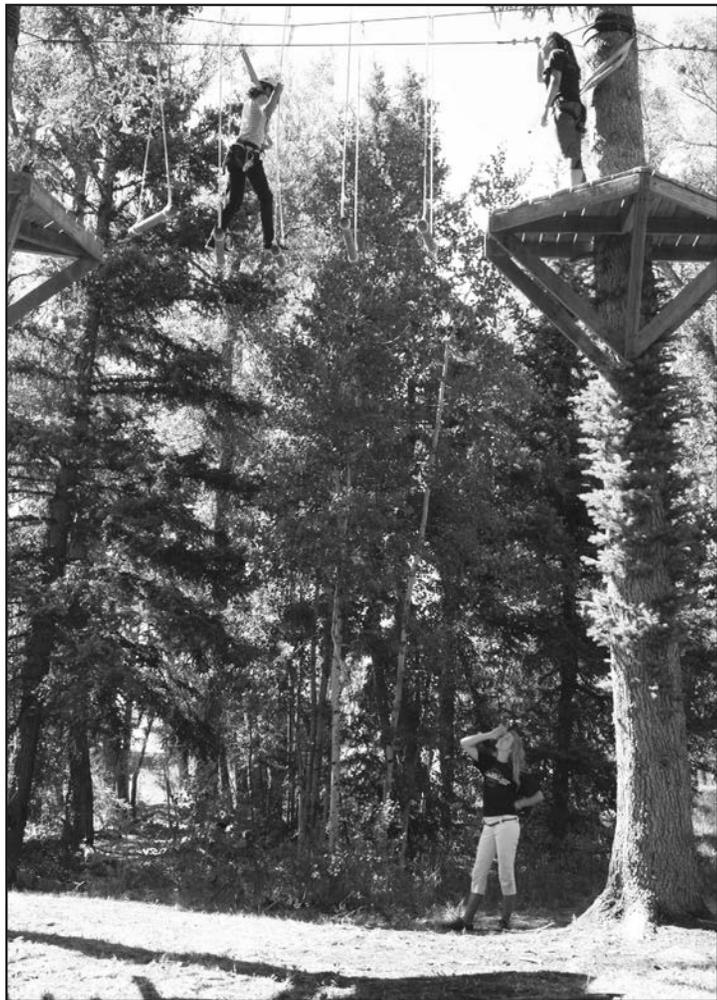


Photo by Mike Dunn

A camper makes her way across the daunting high-ropes course at Staddle Camp at Brush Creek Ranch

And, no, “the germs from the marshmallow stick won’t make you sick,” Woodruff recalled explaining to one of the campers.

But as the week progresses, so do the campers. Woodruff said takes enjoyment watching the campers come out of their shell.

Like Cortez, most of the campers are the quiet kids in otherwise rowdy classes. Being around kids like him made Cortez open up and try new things.

Cortez’s defining moment in camp came at the beginning of the week. He was quietly kicking around the soccer ball by himself. He only had a few classmates with him at Staddle Camp, but other than that, he knew no one at the camp.

“So I went up to him and asked him if he wanted to play,” Woodruff said.

Cortez said no. He plays basketball, not soccer.

But a funny thing happened as the week continued. Kicking the soccer ball by himself turned into kicking the ball around with other campers.

Eventually, he was playing goalie in a full soccer match, when a fellow camper kicked a ball towards the goal.

“My face got in a fight with a soccer ball—the soccer ball won,” Cortez said while laughing.

Though he left with a self-described “nasty” bloody nose, Cortez said he loves playing

soccer.

“Now, we can’t get him off the field,” Woodruff said.

For Woodruff, there are few things more rewarding than watching the campers progress.

“You just see these kids open up so much,” Woodruff said.

They come in shy, distant, even a little scared. But when they leave the camp, they go from the quiet, smart kid in the back of the class, to a potential leader in the community.

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**“Just jump.
Don’t think
about it, just
do it!”**

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“It just puts in perspective of what we are doing out here,” Woodruff said. “Because for me, it’s kids’ camp. It’s fun. I get excited over it and it’s awesome. But to them, it’s a lot more than that.”

Making the leap

As they passed the swinging planks, walked the high-wire and jumped from board to board, the high-ropes course ended with a zip-line, approximately 50-yards long. All the campers have to do is jump off

the platform, and they would slide down swifts speeds into the woods.

But even those who braved the first parts of the high ropes course could not shrug off the fear of seeing the ground 30 feet below.

The counselors told them to count to three and just jump, but that is easier said than done.

“No, just push me, ok?” a frightened camper asked his camp counselor. But this was something they had to do for themselves. They would have to overcome their fears to reach the ground again.

After a deep breath, the camper jumped as he let out a loud yell that echoed throughout the forest.

As the camper reached the end of the zip-line, he ran back to the group nervously waiting for their turn on the high-ropes course, his once frightened face beamed with pure joy.

“How was it,” the scared camper was asked.

Without hesitation, he yelled back “So much fun!” He then looked at a fellow camper above him, ready to take the leap off into platform and on to the zip-line.

“Just jump. Don’t think about it, just do it!”

At the end of the week, the campers and counselors sit down by the fire. Instead of campfire songs and roasting marshmallows as they usually do, they talk. What fears did they overcome? What will they take back with them?

Mid-way through the week, Cortez already knew the answers to those questions.

Cortez learned a lot while in Wyoming. He learned how to be a leader and an abundance of science facts. He learned about wildlife and not to “leave food out for the bears”.

Most importantly, he learned to leap out of his comfort zone.

These campers have the smarts. They have overcome adversity and beat the odds. They have seen a new way of life; seen the world through a fresh lens.

And they will take the leadership and academic skills they learned at Staddle Camp back home, to make a better world for themselves and their communities.

Who knows? Years from now, Cortez may be leading the Chicago Bulls to an NBA championship. Maybe he will be a world-renowned photographer.

But there is little doubt the soft-spoken boy from West Englewood, Chicago, along with all the other campers at Staddle Camp, are going to be leaders for positive change in this world.

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VALLEY STRONG, SAWYER BROWN



Mark Miller, Sawyer Brown's lead singer, kept the audience entertained with his dance moves and jokes. At one point he asked what the elevation was in Saratoga. When the audience responded 7,000 feet; he said, "Wow, it feels like 7200."



Bass guitarist Jim Scholten adds a little soul to the concert Sunday night.

By Liz Wood

Twenty-one non-profit organizations benefited from the concert put on by Brush Creek Ranch's Valley Strong Sunday night.

With varying levels of donations, community members opened their checkbooks and tapped their toes to old-time favorites and new songs by Sawyer Brown.

Michael Williams, chief operating officer for Brush Creek Ranch, told the audience of 400 plus people that they fundraiser had made nearly \$300,000.

While donations are still coming in for the Corbett Medical Foundation, unofficial reports estimate that around \$250,000 was raised for the

foundation that supports the Platte Valley Medical Clinic with state-of-the-art equipment.

The other 19 non-profit organizations garnered a total of \$13,650.00.

People who attended the concert made the checks to the organization of their choice. The proceeds of five tickets, for a total of \$250, were donated for Saratoga Middle High School physical education teacher Burt Willford. Willford is battling cancer.

The Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust (WSGLT) made the top dollar - \$2,150. One \$500 ticket, two \$200 tickets and 33 \$50 tickets were bought in the name of WSGLT.

Saratoga Lions Club garnered \$1,950; Big Brothers Big Sisters got \$1,600; Platte Valley Community Center earned \$1,450 and the Corbett Medical Foundation brought in

\$1,350 with ticket sales, which brought the total to \$15,000.

Other ticket sales went to Saratoga Rodeo Club, \$850; Ryan Park Volunteer Fire Department, \$750; Platte Valley Trout Unlimited, \$700; Xi Beta Delta, \$600; Saratoga Museum, \$550; Wyoming Cutting Horse, \$500; Bevo 4-H Club, \$500; Upper Platte Valley Search & Rescue, \$450; Grand Encampment Museum, \$400; Toga Productions, \$400; Saratoga Fire Department, \$250; Voices of the Valley, \$100; Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts, \$100 and Valley Service Organization, \$100.

"I think it's fantastic that the community came together to support Valley Strong and a fun night with Sawyer Brown. By doing this they ensure the local organizations raise as much funds as possible based on their individual efforts," Williams said.



Drummer Joe Smyth keeps the band on the right beat.



Gregg "Hobie" Hubbard plays the melodica at the Valley Strong concert Sunday night.



The Sawyer Brown Band had the audience on their feet toward the end of the concert.

Photos by
Liz Wood

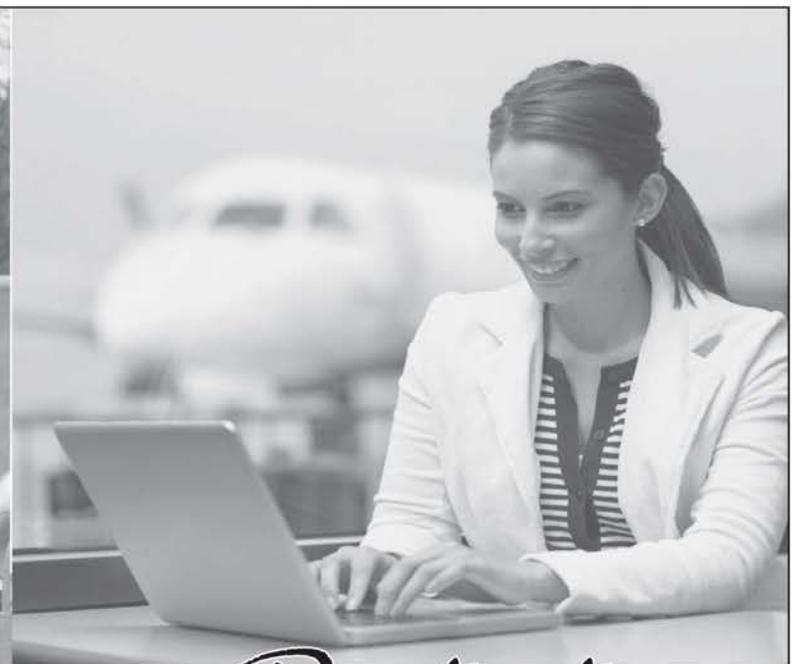
RAISE NEARLY \$300,000



Shayne Hill and Gregg "Hobie" Hubbard feel the groove while playing at the Community Center.



A packed house at the community center claps to Sawyer Brown's well-known songs.



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Protect Your Trip

Summertime and travel is in full gear! Commissioner Hirsig reminds us of the three important reasons to consider travel insurance coverage now and throughout the year: 1) For peace of mind; 2) For protection against the unexpected; and 3) To protect your trip investment.

Travel insurance can protect against loss of non-refundable travel costs, such as airfare, hotel and tour expenses. Other types of travel insurance offer protections against losses due to medical emergencies, damage to personal property and even a death which can occur away from home on vacation.

Not all travel insurance policies are the same. Before you buy travel insurance, check refund policies on prepaid expenses. Most refund policies require advance notice, very few offer any refund if you cancel at the last minute. If you buy travel insurance, be sure to review the policy with your trusted travel agent. Be especially aware of the list of covered reasons for canceling your trip.

Here are a few suggested thoughts when considering the differing travel policies:

- 1) Are there restrictions regarding pre-existing health conditions and age limits?
- 2) Be aware cruises and tours may offer cancellation waivers, these are not insurance policies.
- 3) Will your trip be covered if there are hurricanes or other natural disasters?
- 4) What happens if you miss your connecting flights?
- 5) What do you do if you have a travel delay, baggage delay or baggage loss? Baggage loss may include reimbursement for lost, stolen or damaged personal items. This usually doesn't cover personal items that may be lost or damaged by an airline.

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Democrats admit worth, plan to develop Snowy Range, freak hay accident and forest roads

100 years ago
July 23, 1914

Even Democrats admit his worth

My good friend H.S. Ridgely is the ideal republican candidate for governor. He represents in his personality all those republican sentiments which have maintained in the republican ranks in this state for a quarter of a century. He honestly believes that the Republican Party is more than half divine. He has no respect for any manner of side issue which will tend to swerve the party out of the established channels. He regards a progressive republican as a sort of washed democrat.

75 years ago
July 20, 1939

Tri-county committee to develop range is planned

Plans for a tri-county committee devoted to developing the Snowy Range were disclosed yesterday by E.L. (V) Knight, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

According to tentative plans the committee would seek to develop the Range as a summer and winter playground.

50 years ago
July 23, 1964

Work starts on two roads in forest

Construction on two improved roads in the Encampment district of the Medicine Bow National Forest has been started, according to Charles Simon, ranger.

The Six Mile Gap road begins at Highway 230 four miles north of the state line and runs near the North Platte river. The Blackhall road begins at Highway 230 near Riverside and runs to Billy Creek Saddle, seven miles south. Both roads are expected to be completed this fall.

25 years ago
July 26, 1969

Encampment man killed in freak haying accident

Longtime Encampment resident Karl Rutschman was killed in a freak haying accident July 19 when a part separated from a baling machine and struck him in the back, according to Carbon County Sheriff Don Sherrod.

Sherrod said Rutschman was haying a field on his ranch approximately two miles east of Encampment. A large piece of flywheel separated from the bailer, flew forward and struck him in the back, the Sheriff said.

His wife, Darlene, went looking for him at about 8:30 p.m. and found him. He was pro-

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 - 8 a.m., Water Aerobics, Saratoga Municipal Pool
 - 8 a.m.-9 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., Yoga Session, Saratoga Library
 - 9 a.m., Low Impact Fitness, Saratoga Fitness multipurpose room
 - 9:30 a.m., Prayer Shawl Knitters, Presbyterian Fellowship Hall
 - 9 a.m.-3 p.m., British Soccer Camp, Saratoga Soccer Field
 - 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 Volleyball, Saratoga Fitness gym
 - 7 p.m., Saratoga Volunteer Fire Dept. Training Meeting, Firehouse
 - 7 p.m., Rebekah's, Odd Fellows Hall
 - 7-9 p.m., Men's Open Gym, Saratoga Fitness gym
 - 7:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Saratoga Senior Center
- Thursday, July 24, 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 a.m.-3 p.m., British Soccer Camp, Saratoga Soccer Field
 - 9:15 a.m., Tai Chi, Saratoga Fitness gym
 - 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saratoga Branch Library
 - Noon, Valley Service Organization Meeting, Saratoga Resort & Spa
 - 5:30-7:30 p.m., Family History Center at LDS Church, 950 Hugus
 - 6 p.m., Water Aerobics, Saratoga Municipal Pool
 - 7 p.m., Beginning Yoga, Saratoga Fitness gym
 - 7 p.m., Knitting Group, Saratoga Library
 - 7 p.m., ALANON, Building next to St. Barnabas Church
 - 7 p.m., Cycling Class, Saratoga Fitness cycling room

- 7:30-10 p.m., Co-ed Volleyball, PVCC
- Friday, July 25, 2014**
- 6 a.m., Cycling Class, Saratoga Fitness cycling room
 - 8 a.m., Water Aerobics, Saratoga Municipal Pool
 - 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Weight Room, 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.-noon, British Soccer Camp, Saratoga Soccer Field
 - 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saratoga Branch Library
 - 5:45-6:45 p.m., Yoga Session, Saratoga Library
 - 7:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Saratoga Senior Center
- Saturday, July 26, 2014**
- 9-Noon, Weight Room Open, Saratoga Fitness
 - 9-Noon, Open Gym, Saratoga Fitness
 - 10-11:30 a.m., Platte Valley Food Pantry, 116 E. Bridge, Rm. E
 - 7-9 p.m., Astronomy for Everyone, Saratoga Library
- Sunday, July 27, 2014**
- 9 a.m., Narcotics Anonymous, Saratoga Senior Center
 - 5-8 p.m., Weight Room Open, Saratoga Fitness
 - 5-8 p.m., Dodge Ball, Saratoga Fitness Gym
- Monday, July 28, 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., Low Impact Fitness, Saratoga Fitness multipurpose room
 - 9 a.m., Yoga Session, Saratoga Library
 - 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saratoga Branch Library
 - 5:30 p.m., PV Arts Council meeting, PVCC
 - 5:45-6:45 p.m., Yoga Session, Saratoga Library
 - 6 p.m., Water Aerobics, Saratoga Municipal Pool
 - 6 p.m., AA Meeting, Saratoga Senior Center
 - 7 p.m., OddFellows, OddFellows Hall
- Tuesday, July 29, 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 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
 - 7 p.m., Cycling Class, Saratoga Fitness cycling room
- Did you know Farm Bureau helps protect what matters most?**
- Encampment/Riverside Community Events**
- Wednesday, July 23, 2014**
- 1-6 p.m., Encampment Library
 - 4 p.m., Story Time, Encampment/Riverside Branch Library
 - 4:30 p.m., Beading Group, Enc./Riv. Branch Library
 - 7 p.m., Encampment Planning Commission, Town Hall
- Thursday, July 24, 2014**
- 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Encampment Library
 - 7:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Encampment Library
- Friday, July 25, 2014
- Noon, Whatfest, Bear Trap Bar and Cafe
 - 3 p.m., Sierra Madre Muzzleloaders, Grand Encampment Museum
- Saturday, July 26, 2014**
- 8:30 a.m., Sierra Madre Muzzleloaders, Grand Encampment Museum
 - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Living History Day, Grand Encampment Museum
- Sunday, July 27, 2014**
- 8:30 a.m., Sierra Madre Muzzleloaders, Grand Encampment Museum
- 7:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Encampment Library
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- 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Encampment Library

Jam session Tuesday

There were five here for bingo Tuesday. Two-dollar winners were Grace Johnston, Berneil McCord, Pat Faust and Deanna Miller. Deanna Miller won the \$4 blackout.

There were three tables for Duplicate Bridge on Monday. High winners were John and Marianne Blue. Second high went to Mary Sjoden and Vivien Campbell.

I now have the forms for the elderly and disabled tax returns, so stop by and get one or call and I will help you fill them out and get them sent back. You have until Aug. 31 to get the forms in. Qualifications are you have to be at least 65, if you are single you can make up to \$17,500 per year. Married couple can make up to \$28,500.

We all enjoyed Marty Perue's cousins Viola Roth and Kathy Santy. They were here for a couple of days. Dick Perue took them around and gave them tours of different places they remember from when they were here before. We are looking forward to there return.

There were 19 people here to enjoy the music on Tuesday evening. Our next jam session will be at 6 p.m., July 29. Come see the people who have a lot of fun listening as well as the performers having fun entertaining us. You will not be disappointed.



Saratoga Senior Center

By Sue Howe

We had a word search contest. Karlene Sjoden won a meal ticket for having her name drawn. We will be doing this again.

We had our birthday dinner Friday. Those having birthdays this month are, John Collamer, Peg McAlister, Myrtle Roybal, Janet Lasco, Betty Eaton, Dick Ament, Vivien Campbell, Doris Ledbetter, Connie McGuire and Verlin Miller. John Collamer won the birthday tree. Teense was here for our entertainment. He is such a good sport and does a great job for us as well as everyone that asks. We love you Teense.

We want to send our thoughts and prayers to Millie Anderson who got some bad medical news. We miss you and are thinking of you.

Also, we want to send our get well wishes to Dan Runner. He will be having more surgery and we wish him a speedy recovery.

We received word this week that Philis Guy has passed away. She is Jean Guy's mom and she came to eat with us for a while when she was here. We are so sorry for your loss.

Residents celebrate birthdays

At Deseret Health and Rehab, residents enjoyed many activities throughout the week. The Activity Department offers a wide variety of activities each week to meet the residents' interests, as well as the physical, mental and psychological well-being of each resident.

Games throughout the week provided fun and laughter. On Sunday afternoon, six residents played Dominoes. On Monday afternoon, four residents played Yahtzee. On Tuesday morning, five residents played Dominoes. On Wednesday afternoon, 13 residents played Bingo, and on Friday afternoon, 13 residents played Bingo. Kenny Hoagland and Dora Martin won Four Corners. Merle Starr and Carol Higby won Blackouts. Our Bingo helpers were Lila Worden, Gloria Rakness, and Dawna Erickson. On Saturday afternoon, residents played Blackjack.

During the evenings, residents watched the Turner Classic Movies. On Sunday morn-

ing, five residents watched the VCR movie, "Donovan's Reef". On Saturday morning, residents watched the DVD movie, "K-9".



Deseret Health & Rehab

By Tom Mansfield

On Sunday afternoon, Pastor Gene Smith of the Platte Valley Christian Center led our church service. Doris Davis played religious music on the keyboard.

On Wednesday morning, Lynda Healey, Georgia Schroer, Kathy McMorrow, and Jan-

ice Kerpan gave Hair Care to 16 residents and Nail Care to 12 residents.

On Thursday afternoon, the Relief Society hosted the monthly birthday party for eight residents with cup cakes and ice cream. We celebrated the birthday of Shirley Hanson.

On Friday for Lunch Out at the Saratoga Senior Center, four residents had roast beef and birthday cake.

On Saturday afternoon, residents enjoyed ice cream sandwiches.

The Activities program relies on the assistance of volunteers to enhance the lives of residents. If interested in being a volunteer, please call Tom Mansfield, Activity Director, at 326-8212.



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Tax Refund for Elderly & Disabled

Everyday bills and other expenses can sure add up throughout the year. Many older and disabled Wyoming residents could use a little extra financial help. The Tax Refund for Elderly & Disabled Program provides an allowance to help cover sales and use taxes, property taxes, utility and energy costs that qualified residents paid last year.

- ✓ A qualified single person could receive up to \$800.
- ✓ A qualified married couple could receive up to \$900.
- ✓ Refund amounts may be lower, based on income.
- ✓ To be eligible, applicants must be age 65 or over, or be totally (100%) disabled and age 18 or over with an income last year of less than \$17,500 for single persons or \$28,500 for married persons.
- ✓ Applications are needed each year and must be postmarked by the last working day in August.
- ✓ Applicants who have submitted the required documentation will begin receiving checks on or before December 20, if their application has been approved.
- ✓ Eligibility is determined by the Wyoming Department of Health.

Local senior centers around Wyoming have applications and more information about the refund program. You can also go online <www.health.wyo.gov> or call the numbers below.

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Saratoga Senior Services
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Carbon County Senior Centers
Wednesday- Ham/Potato, zucchini, muffin, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding, chilled milk.
Thursday- Oven chicken, mash. pot/gravy, broccoli, wheat roll, peaches, chilled milk.
Friday- Baked fish, wild rice blend, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, apricots, raisin bar, chilled milk.
Monday- Pork roast, sweet potato, cauliflower, wheat bread, strawberries, chilled milk.
Tuesday- Beef tips/gravy w/mushrooms, noodles, asparagus, wheat roll, plum whip, chilled milk.

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July birthdays



Left to right, Janet Lasco, John Collamer and Betty Eaton celebrate July birthdays.



LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL HELD JULY 1, 2014, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE SARATOGA TOWN HALL

Mayor John Zeiger called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present were Councilman Mike McWain, Councilman Steve Wilcoxson and Councilwoman Susan Howe. Councilwoman Judy Welton was absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve the agenda with the change of Correspondence to be replaced by an Executive Session. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilwoman Howe made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2014 meeting as presented. Councilman McWain seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Mayor Zeiger read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$113,243.28; Payroll and FICA for 6/30/14 in the amount of \$82,735.70; and manual checks in the amount of \$231.33, for a total of \$195,978.98.

Councilman McWain made a motion to pay the Prairie Dog Electric bill in the amount of \$295.25.

Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried. Councilwoman Howe declared a conflict and abstained.

Councilwoman Howe made a motion to pay the remaining bills in the amount of \$195,683.73. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to go into executive session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss matters of litigation in accordance with W.S. 16-4-405(a) (ii) and (iii). Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Town Attorney Richard Rideout was asked to attend the executive session.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:28 p.m. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Howe made a motion to seal the minutes from the executive session. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Zeiger reported there was no action taken.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: Town Attorney Richard Rideout addressed the council and not compromising any discussion that was had in executive session he gave a brief summary of the litigation with Randy Stevens.

The current status of the litigation

is that the three separate pending actions have been consolidated for trial that is currently set for mid August of this year before Judge Waldrip. The three actions in summary were the following: the initial one that was commenced by the town against Mr. Stevens back in 2009 with the construction of a retaining wall that violated the town ordinances; that piece of litigation resulted because of mediation in the consent decree that was entered into in June of 2010, subsequently confirmed by the court in an order in March of 2011. Subsequent to that, the agreement of the parties, unfortunately the construction was not able to be completed because of an impediment to the grading of the alleyway and grading of the property, specifically a container that was placed adjacent to the alleyway on Mr. Stevens' property that precluded, for safety reasons, any further grading of the property along that line. At one point in time, as the council was aware, the town ended up going back to court to force an action. There was an agreement with Mr. Stevens on how to resolve that issue by the town agreeing to build a ramp and then move the container to a location close to the end of his property to the west. Unfortunately that agreed upon location turned out to be WYDOT property and the town was not able to complete that relocation. The container remains where it is currently and the dirt ramp that the town installed has been removed and for all intense and purposes at this point it is fair to say that particular action and the understanding that was codified in the consent decree is at a standstill.

Subsequent to that Mr. Stevens filed two separate law suits; one on behalf of the trust; and one on behalf of Quality Landscape, entities that he is principal in, claiming that the town has trespassed, has committed a nuisance and is negligent in the performance of their obligations under the consent decree, that the town has inversely condemned his property and also that the town has taken his property without due compensation, and a breach of contract, all as a result of the activities the town took pursuant to the consent decree. Those were the cases that were consolidated; the original suit that was initiated by the town to enforce the zoning ordinances has been stayed pending resolution of the other two cases.

Throughout this period of time we have endeavored, in the direction of the town, to discuss with Mr. Stevens trying to work out a resolution, not only on the original action, but the two that have subsequently commenced. The town will endeavor, in good faith, pursuant to the direction of the Mayor and Council, to negotiate with Mr. Stevens in an effort to resolve this issue as expeditiously and as economically as possible. This has been a considerable imposition on the town's finances and he (Attorney Richard Rideout) has been trying to limit the costs imposed by our obligations. It would be helpful to have some cooperation from the other side and if we can do that then perhaps we can get this resolved. Mr. Rideout and Mayor Zeiger asked if there were any questions, and being none Mr. Rideout was

thanked for presenting the update on the litigation.

Chamber Director Stacy Crimmins addressed the council and reviewed the Special Event Application submitted for the Steinley Cup Festival planned for August 16, 2014 at Kathy Glode Park from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The application included all appropriate attachments and signatures.

Councilman McWain made a motion to approve the Chamber's Special Event Application for the Steinley Cup Festival planned for August 16, 2014 at Kathy Glode Park. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Special Event Applications to be submitted by Chris Shannon will be brought back at the next council meeting to allow Mr. Shannon additional time to get the appropriate signatures on the applications.

Fire Department: No report

Police Department: No report

Recreation Department: Director Burton reviewed the upcoming events:

Spike Volleyball – July 9th and 10th at the high school with twenty-six currently registered

Kids Art Camp – July 14th thru 16th

Adult Pottery Class – July 14th
British Soccer Camp – July 21st thru the 25th

The second round of swim classes start July 7th with approximately twenty signed up at this time

Department of Public Works

Street Department: No Report

Water & Sewer: No Report

Weed and Pest: No Report

Hot Pool: No Report

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Mayor Zeiger reported that the two letters of interest and one additional letter expected were set aside until the next meeting to give the airport a chance to review and discuss the letters of interest.

Clerk Suzie Cox presented reimbursement requests for the new Taxiway /Taxi Lane project at the Saratoga Airport. Request #1 for grant # 3-56-0026-23 is a request for reimbursement for federal funds in the amount of \$36,164.00 and will require permission for the Mayor to sign; Request #1 SAA-O5B Grant 3091 is for reimbursement for state funds in the amount of \$2,410.00 which will require permission for the Mayor to sign. The town's portion of the project will be \$1,608.50 and also attached is the Sage Engineering summary of work performed and billing in the amount of \$38,574.00 for preliminary design work, design and bidding, and the Construction Contract Administration on the Taxiway/Taxilane Project. Also included is the Certificate of State Grant-In-Aid that will require permission for the Mayor to sign.

Mayor Zeiger read each reimbursement for Council action.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve Request #1 for grant # 3-56-0026-23 for federal funds in the amount of \$36,164.00 will permission for the Mayor to sign. Councilman McWain seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve Request #1 SAA-O5B Grant 3091 for state funds in the amount of \$2,410.00 will permission for the Mayor to sign. Councilman McWain seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Wilcoxson apologized for missing the Airport Board meeting because of medical issues that made it impossible for him to attend.

The next meeting of the airport board is scheduled for July 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Saratoga Town Hall.

Community Center Joint Powers Board: The next meeting of the Community Center Joint Powers Board will be held Monday, July 21, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: The next meeting of the water and sewer joint powers board will be Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Encampment.

Medical Board: No report

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission's next meeting will be Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission: The next meeting will be Monday, July 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Community Garden Board: Christy Smith, expressing the Board's appreciation, thanked the town crews for finishing the greenhouse.

Ms. Smith addressed the council with an update on the activities at the community garden and presented the council with a financial report for their review, which included an in-kind donation table that will be revised and updated, and a progress report for the \$6,000 grant from the Department of Agriculture. The Progress Report and Request for Reimbursement will require a letter to be signed by the Mayor and approved by the council before it can be submitted. Christy Smith indicated that she will draft the letter for the Mayor's signature and will bring it back to the council for approval and permission to submit.

The Council thanked the Garden Board for their efforts and encouraged them to proceed.

South Central Emergency Medical Services: No report

Items from the Public: Mayor Zeiger reported that a letter was received from Richard Hodges and the Mayor asked Mr. Hodges if he would like the letter read in its entirety to which Mr. Hodges indicated that it was not necessary to do so.

Mr. Hodges explained the letter questioned the town's stand on bicyclist camping in town parks or undeveloped public property. With the only camping allowed at the Saratoga Lake Campground, he believes it is unfair to expect bicyclists to ride an additional two miles to the lake for camping. He would like to see the town permit camping at the hot pool Good Times Park or anywhere else that is undeveloped public property. However, he believes that the hot pool area is better because they have access to the pool and showers and restrooms. Discussion followed and the ordinance was reviewed and it was noted that the ordinance might well have to be amended to allow this activity.

Councilman Wilcoxson addressed the council with his concerns about the hot pool Good Times Park area being used as a campground because he believes that the city parks are being provided for visitors and family enjoyment and not for camping and the many issues that type of activity might bring to the community. Chamber Director Stacy Crimmins indicated that she and others have been having ad hoc meetings to discuss that issue wanting to come up with suggestions to take to the town council. After some discussion it was noted that these suggestions would take careful consideration. Mr. Hodges then apologized for comments he had made during previous council meetings and assured the council that he did not mean to offend anyone. No decision was made and the council thanked Mr. Hodges for his letter and comments.

Councilman McWain stated that reviewing the ordinance he believes that the council would not have to change the ordinance but that they could give permission to any of the churches if they would provide camping on their property for travelers.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman McWain made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on July 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

/s/ Mayor John Zeiger
ATTEST: /s/ Suzie Cox, Clerk

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TOWN

STATE

CCSD#2

Tuesday, July 15, 2014
Manual Checks and Liabilities
June 2014 Liabilities

Child support services 7/14/14	\$96.46
Child support services 7/14/14	\$134.77
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$36,880.53
Wyoming Retirement	\$13,452.28
NCPERS Group Life	\$32.00
Deferred Compensation	\$480.00
AFLAC Insurance	\$1,116.87
Unemployed Workers Comp	\$10,999.39
Unemployed Workers Comp-Community Center	\$911.09
Manual Checks Total	\$64,103.39

Accounts Payable:	\$151,876.81
Manual Checks	\$64,103.39
Total	\$215,980.20

Payroll for 7/14/2014	\$55,704.46
FICA for above payroll	\$13,271.61
Total	\$284,956.27

Prairie Dog Electric	\$174.92
Total	\$284,781.35

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Town of Saratoga
Cash Requirements Report
July 15, 2014

California Contractor Supplies	\$167.40
Carbon County Sheriff's Office	\$240.00
Carbon Power & Light, Inc.	\$18,538.48
Caselle Inc.	\$565.00
Caterpillar Financial Services	\$1,563.09
Concrete Stabilization	\$65,880.00
Energy Laboratories, Inc	\$105.00
Hach Company	\$212.07
Hi-Tech Auto	\$955.67
In the Swim-Cortz, Inc.	\$11.36
J H Kaspar Oil Co.	\$4,617.04
Macpherson, Kelly & Thompson	\$3,309.41
MPM Corp	\$910.00
Perue Printing	\$225.41
Prairie Dog Electric, LLC	\$174.92
Richard Rideout, P.C. Attorney	\$1,898.39
Sage Civil Engineering	\$40,182.50

Saratoga Auto Parts	\$420.89
Saratoga CC J P B	\$300.00
Saratoga Do it Best Lumber	\$338.44
Saratoga Feed and Grain	\$77.13
Shively Hardware	\$3,821.46
Union Telephone Co.	\$2,337.76
Vaisala Inc.	\$1,899.75
Valley Foods	\$394.12
Valley Oil Company	\$1,096.19
Van's Wholesale LLC	\$351.87
W G Dale Electric Co.	\$923.00
Wyo Department of Employment	\$335.46
Xerox	\$25.00

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FINDINGS OF
NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TO ALL INTERESTED
GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES
AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As required by guidelines for the Wyoming State Environmental Review Process, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has performed an environmental review on the proposed State Revolving Fund (SRF) supported action below:

Project: 2014 Wastewater Outfall Transmission Line & Pump Station, Saratoga, Wyoming

Location: Carbon County, Wyoming
 Total Cost/SRF share: \$1,070,000/\$ 716,900

The proposed project will consist of constructing a wastewater effluent pump station and transmission line (force main) from the outlet of the Saratoga wastewater lagoons o the North Platte River. The project is a result of WYPDES requirements to provide sufficient dilution to meet ammonia discharge limits.

The Town of Saratoga, Carbon County, Impact Joint Powers Board (TSCCIJPB) intends to use funds from the Wyoming Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund administered by the Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments. The TSCCIJPB will present the preliminary design of the proposed project and discuss the estimated costs of the improvements. Based on current estimates, the TSCCIJPB plans to borrow \$716,900 from the Wyoming Clean Water State

Revolving Loan Fund. Increased user fees will repay the loan. The average rate increase is estimated to be \$7.20 per month per user to repay this \$716,900 loan, which has terms of 2.5% and 20 years.

No significant adverse environmental impacts will occur due to the project. The proposed project will not adversely affect wetlands, prime agricultural lands, threatened or endangered species habitat, historical sites, or sites with environmentally sensitive characteristics. The primary impacts of the project will be short-term and construction related. For sage grouse habitat protection, no construction will be allowed from March 1 to June 30.

The review process did not indicate significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, DEQ has made a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). DEQ has taken this action on the basis of a review of the environmental assessment document and other supporting data, which are on file at the DEQ Casper Field Office. The public may review these documents upon request.

Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted for DEQ consideration. Address all questions and comments to Kevin Frank, SRF Project Engineer, DEQ Casper Field Office, 152 North Durbin Street, Casper, WY 82601, Tel. (307)473-3471, FAX (307)473-3458, email: kevin.frank@wyo.gov. After evaluating comments received, DEQ will make a final decision; however, DEQ will take no administrative action for at least 30 days after publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.

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WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION
LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID

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/

default.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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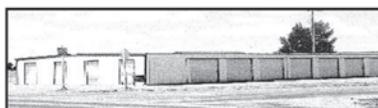
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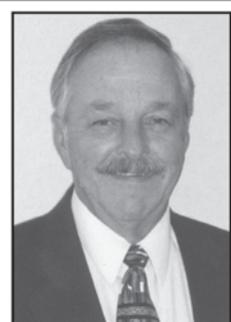
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Thank you.
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Thanks for reading the Sun!

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fence construction. The fence will be a 3-wire wildlife friendly fence built to BLM specifications with approximately 1,700 feet of top post-rail. All new material will be provided.
Prospective bidders must contact Joe Parsons at the SER Conservation District (307-326-8156, leave a message if no answer) for more information. The mandato-

ry pre-bid site inspection will be held on Friday August 1st with an alternative date TBD.
Bids must be mailed or hand delivered to: SER Conservation District, PO Box 633, 101 Cypress Street, Saratoga, WY 82331. All bids must be sealed and be received by 4:00 pm on or before Friday August 8th. Bids will be opened after that time and the successful

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CROSSWORD

THEME: (*Themed Clue)
MOVIE VILLIANS

ACROSS

1. Shrub or tree especially common in Africa
6. *"Toy Story" child antagonist
9. "That was close!"
13. ___-__-la
14. *He confronted Jafar in Disney's "Alladin"
15. This one should beware
16. Asteraceae flower
17. Presidential election month
18. State indirectly
19. *Cuckoo's nest guardian
21. Open-mouthed
23. Fa follower
24. December stone
25. Fitting

28. Embarkation location
30. *"The Exorcist" possessor
35. Brooding
37. Last word in radio transmission
39. Flax plant fabric
40. Calcium oxide
41. *He's evil in "the Jungle Book"
43. Penpoints
44. Hipbone-related
46. Like the White Rabbit
47. ___ Crawley, The Countess of Grantham
48. The enlightened one
50. Post-deductions amount
52. "Uh-uh"
53. To a remarkable degree, in U.K.
55. ___ or decaf
57. Right-hand page
59. *"Seven" sadist
63. Floorboard sound
65. ___ Beta Kappa
67. Spacious
68. Ancient
69. Bro or sis
70. Amnion, pl.
71. "___ all work out"
72. *All about her
73. Egg holders

5. Drive-in employee
6. Sometimes used for timing
7. U.N. labor agency
8. Parlor piece
9. Shoe option
10. Sensational promotion
11. Moray ___
12. Kind of humor
15. With two axes
20. Poet T.S.
22. To swindle or cheat
24. Kitchen herb
25. Wing it
26. WWI French soldier
27. Abnormally distended, especially by fluids
29. *Funny and a Dr.
31. Dietary mineral
32. "For better or worse"?
33. Camouflaged equine
34. Take back what one said
36. Decode letters
38. Network of nerves
42. Old but in
45. *No ordinary doll
49. Aardvark's meal morsel
51. Ali Khamenei's capital
54. Bush thicket
56. Lawn ornament
57. Bona fide
58. *Voice of Darth Vader, James ___ Jones
59. Be compatible
60. Cheadle and Rickles
61. Bypass
62. Unfledged or nestling hawk
63. Fraternity letter

64. Process of decay

66. It destroys helper T cells

CROSSWORD

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DOWN

1. "The first ___ I see to-night"
2. "Major" animal
3. *He played a sociopath in "The Talented Mr. Ripley"
4. Smart ____, pl.

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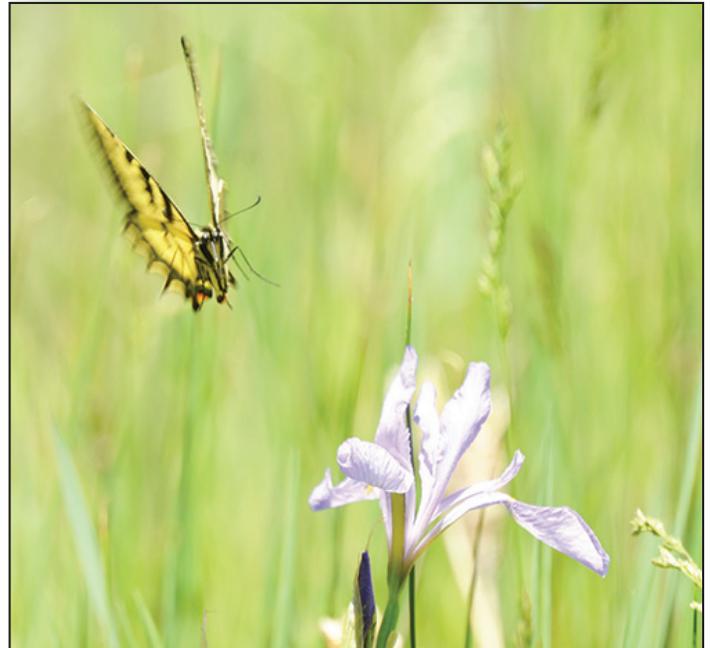
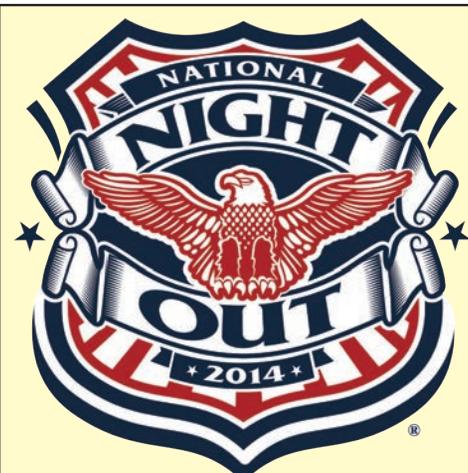


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A Tiger Swallowtail butterfly prepares to land on a wild iris at Treasure Island.



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