



# Valley News

## Grumpy all year long

The Grumpy Italian eatery celebrates its first year in business

By Joshua Wood

When the Grumpy Italian Eatery first opened at 113 W. Bridge Ave. in Saratoga, owner Steve Deorio knew that to make his business last he would have to carve out a spot for himself in a community that sported multiple restaurants. One of the things he knew he could do was focus on consistency.

"When we started off, our business plan consisted of one word and that was consistency. Consistency with our hours, consistency with our service and consistency with our food," said Deorio. "A year later, things are going great. We enjoy it. We feel it's a privilege to be able to serve people within this community and beyond with really good, home cooked, truly authentic Italian food."

Originally starting out with pizzas, the Grumpy Italian has extended into sandwiches and pasta. And every dish is homemade. Additionally, Deorio aims to use as much as he can while wasting as little as possible.

"We started off with a line of pizzas; all our pizzas, the dough is homemade, the sauce is homemade, the meatballs are homemade. We went into sandwiches and, basically, everything that we do is connected. We carry out three bags of trash every day. I don't believe in wasting food, I cook like everybody is coming to my dining room for dinner," Deorio said.

Not only does he cook like people are coming to his dining room, but he treats the front of the house the same way. A sign at the register reads "No Wi-Fi. Talk to each other."

"We don't have Wi-Fi in this business. We have it for strictly our business use, but it was important that I did not have it here so you cannot get on your phone, you cannot sit there and ignore the person you're with and I deliberately sit people together if they like it," said Deorio. "It gives an opportunity as we, as Saratogans, to approach the tourists as a friendly area and, as neighbors and friends, it gives us a chance to catch up. As a kid, I used to sit down and watch my dad mingle with his friends. I couldn't wait to get to that age and just to listen to the

stories and tell the stories and that's what this place is about: the way it used to be."

The other thing Deorio knew was branding and, shortly after opening their doors, the Grumpy Italian introduced a line of shirts that bore puns such as "Olives Matter" and "Let's Legalize Marinara," phrases that cause those glancing at it to take a second look.

"They're on the racy side, much like this whole place," Deorio said.

The merchandise, however, goes beyond punny shirts and includes hats and coffee mugs with the Grumpy Italian logo — an Italian chef with a sour look on his face and his hands brought up in the gesture of "Are you kidding me?"

"We just like to keep it interesting because this is my last big hurrah (sic) in life and I'm going to make it as fun as I possibly can," added Deorio.

Judging from the Grumpy Italian's Facebook page, customers are having fun just as much as Deorio. Deorio's wife, Eden, manages the social media for the business and posts very regularly, often with photos of customers enjoying the food or picking out a shirt or hat to wear. Those photos are later printed off and placed on the walls of the eatery.

"That was my wife's idea," said Deorio. "We like to do it because we have a theme of New York here. Even though I grew up in Denver, I'm a big fan of back east. I like the pizza, I like the presentation of the people, I like the hustle and bustle of the city. All the eyes and all the people that we've taken pictures with, it's like a crowd as you're walking down the streets of New York and they're all happy. That is a check and balance to each and every one of us to make sure that we're doing our job right."

Right now, "every one of us" means just Deorio, his wife and his sister, LeAnn Uhling. While he works the kitchen, Eden and LeAnn work the front of the house.

"We've had, really, some great employees and we appreciate all the hard work that they did," Deorio said, "but at the same time, we also know that we need to be here on a daily basis. We



Photo by Steven Deorio

Eden and Steve Deorio take a moment out of their busy day to pose for a photo.

need to know that we're going to work on a daily basis and that's why Eden and I decided, during the winter months, to take the reins into our own hands and do it ourselves."

Because the Deorios are doing it on their own during the winter months means that, for nearly two months, the doors of the Grumpy Italian will be closed effective Dec. 15. Eden, who is originally from the Philippines, will be returning to her home country along with Deorio and their son, David-Anthony. According to Deorio, though, he will

reopen, for pizzas only, the weekend of the Ice Fishing Derby and will officially reopen on Feb. 1 once Eden returns to the Valley.

When the Grumpy Italian returns in 2019, customers should expect few changes. The no Wi-Fi rules will still be enforced, the Deorios will still greet people with smiles and the punny shirts will still be on the rack. The changes people can expect will be two-for-one spaghetti dinners on Tuesday, which has already begun to roll out, and further use of the "I'm a Grumpy senior" and "I'm a Grumpy student" discount cards.

"When I was a kid my dad had a business down in Denver and, to this day, the sign still stands there. The one thing I used to look at every day when I worked ... 'Where pride and workmanship still exist.' Even though this isn't really a work, it's a craft because each one of our pizzas are handcrafted, we believe in that in our heart, that this is a place where pride and workmanship still exist," said Deorio. "So I'm going to continue that slogan that my dad put in 60-some years ago and continue it out here."



## Public Notices

### PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider the following case file on **Tuesday, December 18th, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Carbon County Courthouse, Commissioners' Room, located at 415 West Pine Street, Rawlins, Wyoming.**

**C.U. Case #2018-14:** Conditional Use Permit to construct the TransWest Express Transmission Project. The Transmission Project will transmit the electricity generated at the Chokecherry Sierra Madre Wind Energy Facility. The project is a high voltage transmission system that will extend across four states and will include approximately 730 miles of transmission line and 3 terminals located in Wyoming, Utah, and

Nevada. The system will be capable of transmitting 3,000 megawatts (MW) of electric energy and crosses approximately 55 miles through Carbon County, Wyoming. The project includes a planned interconnection with an existing 230kV line that will provide the ability to feed energy into the Wyoming grid as demand arises.

**Project/Site Name:** TransWest Express Transmission Project

**Petitioner:** TransWest Express, LLC

**General Site Location:** The Project begins south of Rawlins and will proceed west to the Sweetwater County line and then south generally along the Carbon and Sweetwater County line where it will enter Colorado.

Copies of the application can be reviewed at the Carbon County Library (main branch) located at 215 West Buffalo Street in Rawlins, Wyoming or at the Carbon County Planning and Development Department located at the Carbon Building, 215 West Buffalo Street, Suite 336, Rawlins, Wyoming.

In addition, the Applicant's CUP Application may be reviewed or downloaded at the following web address: <http://www.transwestexpress.net/CUP-Application/>

For additional information, please call the Carbon County Planning and Development Department at (307) 328-2651. Please submit written comments to: Carbon County Planning and Development Department, Carbon Building, 215 West Buffalo Street,

Suite 336, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301.

-s-TransWest Express, LLC (Applicant)

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Saratoga Planning Commission at the monthly meeting at 5:30 P.M. on December 11, 2018 at Town Hall will hear a request for a Variance (18.72) from Jon Nelson, 202 W. Main. The Variance will allow Mr. Nelson to replace an existing garage in his side yard. This will not allow conformance to the side yard offsets. Protests, concerns and questions, if any, may be voiced at this meeting.

If you have any questions, please call the Town Hall at 307-326-8335.

Dan Ferrin  
Zoning Officer  
Town of Saratoga

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Town of Saratoga Manual Checks	
Garnishment	290.42
Child Support Services	134.77
Total	425.19
Payroll for 11/13/2018	41,675.19
FICA for above payroll	9,789.72
Accounts Payable	54,255.44
Manual Checks	425.19
Total	106,145.54
Shively Hardware	316.30

Total 105,829.24

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### Town of Saratoga Cash Requirements

Saratoga Do	25.38
It Best Lumber	
Carbon County Sheriff's Office	60.00
Carbon Power & Light, Inc	13,229.16
Caselle, Inc	850.00
CNA Surety	250.00
Energy Laboratories, Inc	329.00
Herold Iron Works	93.00
JH Kaspar Oil	1,634.74
ACM L.L.P.	18,000.00
MPM Corp	920.00
One Call of Wyoming	81.75

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# Saratoga Sun Classifieds

Classified ads are \$8 for the first 15 words, 20 cents per word after the first 15. Classbox ads are \$8 per column inch. Classified ads must be pre-paid or may be billed to established accounts. • Deadline for submission is Monday at noon. Call Amanda at 326-8311 or email [sunads@union-tel.com](mailto:sunads@union-tel.com) to place a classified ad.

**FOR RENT**

**• Rental @ 416 W Bridge, Saratoga**  
**• 2 bedroom/1 bath apartments**  
*All-inclusive rent package*  
*\*ask about short-term lease availability with new home construction*

Call Kathy at (307) 326-5019  
 Get more information at: [www.WyomingToughBuiltHomes.com](http://www.WyomingToughBuiltHomes.com)

**APARTMENT FOR RENT**

Saratoga 1 Bedroom, 1 large utility room, new kitchen floor, freshly painted, bright and sunny! \$600/mo. \$600 deposit. No Pets. Call Tonia at 307-321-0756.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**INVERSION TABLE**

Holiday gift like new!

Inversion table for back issues.

**\$75**

Call Connie at 307-326-5831 or 307-329-8047

**HELP WANTED**

The Town of Medicine Bow is looking to hire a full time Maintenance Operator. Duties include: performs a variety of semi-skilled and skilled work. Essential job functions and duties include, but are not limited to: maintenance of town buildings, grounds, streets, performs weed and pest control duties, solid waste collection and obtains current CDL, snow removal, installation, operation, and maintenance and repair of the Town's water/waste water systems and obtains the licenses for such, works under the supervision of the Public Works Director and performs other duties as necessary. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. To apply please call or visit Town Hall 307-379-2225 or email [medbowtown@gmail.com](mailto:medbowtown@gmail.com) for an application.

**HELP WANTED**

Big Brothers Big Sisters is now hiring a part time youth worker for our summer and after-school programming. Must enjoy working with kids and be available afternoons and evenings.

Rendezvous Lodge needs servers/light housekeeping for the winter season. Good wages. Call 307-326-8998 and ask for Dale.

**FOR RENT**

3 Bed, 2 bath mobile home. Professionally cleaned, move in ready. All appliances included. 2 storage sheds on 9 lots. One block from school, 408 McCaffrey, Encampment. House is on the market. First, last and deposit. \$900/mo. Call 307-455-3932.

**STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS**

**Notice**

KNOW WHAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS UP TO! For all kinds of important information in public notices printed in Wyoming's newspapers, visit: [www.wyopublicnotices.com](http://www.wyopublicnotices.com) or [www.publicnoticeads.com/wy](http://www.publicnoticeads.com/wy). Government meetings, spending, bids and more!

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**HELP WANTED**

**Need a few extra bucks!?**  
**Saratoga Hot Springs Resort** is looking for extra **HOUSEKEEPING staff members.**  
**Flexible Scheduling, Shifts Start @ 8:45am**  
**Come see if your schedule can work with ours!**  
**\*Food/Beverage Serving Staff, Bartender**  
**\*Front Desk Clerk Full/PT**

For questions or applications call or stop by the resort 601 Pic Pike Rd. • 307-326-5261

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**No place like home for the holidays?**

**Plan ahead. Buckle up. Avoid distractions. Get there safely.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Sun ads SELL!**

**OFFICE SPACE**

Office space at 112 East Bridge. Heat, air conditioning, furnished. 326-5621.

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

Call Deep Sweep, Inc. for professional business and residential cleaning. Bonded & Insured. Call 307-326-8207.

**LOCAL EVENTS**

**Support Your Museum Christmas Sale**

**Items 20-50% OFF**

**Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 • Noon-4pm**

307-326-5511  
 104 Constitution Ave., Saratoga

**LOCAL EVENTS**

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Perue Printing	236.00
Platte Valley Comm. Center	4,872.39
Shively Hardware	316.30
Valley Oil Co.	423.78
BCN	134.34
Wyoming Retirement System	525.00
KTGA/KBDY	30.00
Bigfoot 99	
Wyoming Machinery Co.	36.76
CenturyLINK	.13
Quality Lawn Care	6,000.00
Pine Cove Consulting LLC	4,474.46
Susan Lane	150.00
Sweet Marie's Bake Shop LLC	273.75
North Fork Engineering LLC	660.00
Kylie M. Ebersole P.C.	542.50
Mike's Lock & Key	107.00
Grand Total	54,255.44

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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE SARATOGA TOWN HALL**

Mayor Ed Glode called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were Mayor Glode, Councilman Will Faust, Councilman Steve Wilcoxson and Councilman Richard Raymer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2018 meeting as presented. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:** Treasurer Samuel Flohr read the following bills for

approval: Accounts Payable: \$70,217.66; Payroll and FICA for 10/30/18 in the amount of \$58,631.72; and manual checks with October Liabilities in the amount of \$52,763.20, for a total of \$181,612.58.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$181,612.58. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** The council discussed the projects for the proposed Specific Purpose Tax; it was noted that the projects discussed during many meetings included the following: Water projects, sewer projects, street projects, recreation projects, Tyler Picket Park, and emergency services.

Councilman Faust made a motion to hire an engineering firm to put the numbers together for a more specific proposal to be presented to the Council of Governments at their meeting on Friday. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

**Town Hall:** Mayor Glode reported that the public hearing for the liquor license renewals was held prior to the council meeting with no public comments being noted. Mayor Glode noted that all applications for renewal had been completed, publication requirements were met and all fees paid.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the Limited Retail (Club) Liquor License renewal for the American Legion. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried. Councilman Wilcoxson declared a conflict and abstained.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the Bar & Grill Liquor License renewal for Bella's Bistro. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License renewal for Duke's Bar and Grill. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the Restaurant Liquor License renewal for Hugs & Co. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the Bar & Grill Liquor License renewal for Firewater Public House. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License renewal for the International Resort Properties [Saratoga Inn Resort]. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the Microbrewery Permit renewal for the International Resort Properties /Snowy Mountain Brewery. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried. Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License renewal for Valley Liquor. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License renewal for the Rustic Bar. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the Retail Liquor License renewal for the Wolf Hotel. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

Mayor Glode indicated that Kim Hytrek had expressed an interest to be appointed to the CCSD#2 Recreation Board.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve the appointment of Kim Hytrek to the CCSD#2 Recreation Board. Councilman Wil-

coxson seconded and the motion carried.

Fire Department: No Report

Police Department: Chief Bifano reported that three applications have been received for the part-time dispatcher position and five applications have been received for the officer position. The applications will be reviewed and interviews will be scheduled.

**Department of Public Works:** DPW Director Jon Winter's written report covered the following:

**Streets:** Request for permission to purchase new tires for the Loader at a cost of approximately \$4,000 from Shively Hardware

Discussion followed and it was noted that the cost should come from the sale of the millings because the excessive wear on the tires was a result of loading the millings.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the purchase of loader tires at a cost of approximately \$4,000. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried. Mayor Glode declared a conflict and abstained

The overlay of millings to 13th Street has been completed

However, is unlikely that they will get the seal coat on the landfill road or 13th Street done this fall due to the colder weather conditions

**Water and Sewer:** Request for permission to purchase four new tires for the sewer truck at a cost of approximately \$800 from Shively Hardware

Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the purchase of Loader tires at a cost of approximately \$800. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried. Mayor Glode declared a conflict and abstained

Sewer camera is in Denver for repair of electrical issues

Repaired water main break on South River

**REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Airport Board:** The next Airport Board meeting is on November 14, 2018

**HealthCare:** Councilman Faust reported on the following:

Dr. Kaiser has moved from the clinic and the Termination of Lease has been signed by Dr. Kaiser

The clinic has reopened with a Nurse Practitioner, Susan Foley, and clinic staff

There are issues with missing equipment, replacement of software, recalibrating and recertification of remaining equipment

The public meeting at the community center scheduled for November 7th at 5:30 will introduce the County Corbett Medical Foundation's Sub Group for the new health sustainability project and clinic re-staffing. The group will answer questions and provide information about health care issues.

The council discussed a list of missing items that were removed from the clinic following Dr. Kaiser's departure.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to send a certified letter to Dr. Kaiser listing the missing items belonging to the Town of Saratoga, with a request that they be returned to the Town of Saratoga. Councilman Faust seconded and the motion carried.

**Joint Powers Boards**

**Community Center Joint Powers Board:** The next meeting of the Community Center Joint Powers Board will be held on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 4:30

p.m.  
**Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board:** Councilman Raymer reported that the JPB reviewed the following:  
 Discussed JPB's general fund budget including the WyoStar accounts for water and sewer  
 Dennis Tschacher (AMC Auditor) presented the financial audit review  
 Reviewed water and sewer charges for the Old Baldy Club  
 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**Landfill Board:** The next Landfill Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. November 7, 2018 in Encampment.

**Planning Commission:** Planning Commission Chairman Jon Nelson reported that he will be addressing the County MOU and Old Baldy Club issues with County Planner Sid Fox and the new General Manager of the OBC on Thursday.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on November 13, 2018.

**Adjournment:** Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Faust made a motion to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on November 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

Ed J Glode, Mayor  
 Suzie Cox, Clerk

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