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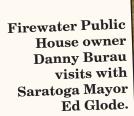
Dinner for 210

A record-breaking 210 people attended the Saratoga/Platte Valley Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner at the Platte Valley community Center Thursday.



Guest speaker C.J. Box drew several laughs during the evening. One story featured a librarian who was hesitant to promote Box's books about a gay Mormon. When it was explained to her later that Box's Joe Pickett series center around a game warden, the abashed librarian said she would never live it down in the tight-knit library community.







Wyoming
District 47
Representative
Jerry Paxton
visits with
author C. J.
Box as Laurie
Box and Judy
Hamel talk



Far left, Melissa Copeland, standing, talks with Larry and LeAnn Uhling.

Left, Hotel Wolf owner Doug Campell, standing, visits with Koyoty Sports owners Warden Patzer and Kathleen Cervin.

HAVING FUN MUGGING_FOR_THE_CAMERA

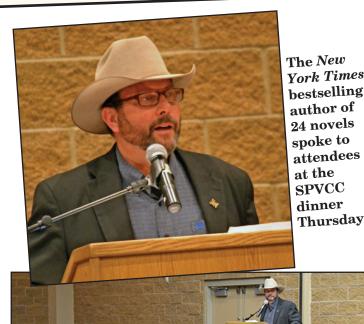


Valley
Legacy
Foundation
table was
a bunch of
cutups.
From left,
Debby
and Chris
D'Amico,
Lila
Kovocny,
Sandy and
Teense
Willford.

The Platte

Not everyone who posed made a silly face. Here Sarah Chatfield and Kassie Westring make quite a fetching duo.





Thursday.

Box replies to a question posed by Kathleen Martin during the question and answer portion of the guest speaker's talk.

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R.G. Raymer

Jezria Collins, representing the Bank of Commerce, and George Haigh, of **Battle Mountain** Solutions, lead a group getting their supper.



Construction owner Randy Raymer jokes with Country Store owner Kathleen Martin as they make their way down the food line.



A group of ladies make their way through the serving line Thursday.

Photos by Keith McLendon **Steve Deorio** cuts up some prime rib for his son, David Anthony.



The Saratoga Resort and Spa table settles in to dinner as others begin to make their way back to tables.



The crowd rises to recognize the work and efforts of Saratoga/Platte Valley **Chamber Director Stacy Crimmins.**

AND THE WINNERS WERE:





Kassey Westring, left, accepts the Volunteer of the Year award from Cheena Parsons.



From left, John Blumenthal presents the Organization of the Year award to Mother Mountain Anglers represented by Josh Craig and Jacob Munson.

Danyel Chitwood presents Danny Burau the Emerging Business of the Year award for **Firewater** Public House.



From left, Jim Copeland presents Scott and Michelle McIlvaine the **New Business** of the Year award for Scott & Michelle, LLC.

Business of the Year winner Marie Christen, of Sweet Marie's Bakeshop, is joined by husband **Tyler** Christen and presenter Christy Smith.

