

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.

GETTING SOME VISITING DONE

Firewater Public House owner Danny Burau visits with Saratoga Mayor Ed Glode.



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



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



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



The New York Times bestselling author of 24 novels spoke to attendees at the SPVCC dinner Thursday.

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



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

FOOD WAS SERVED

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

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



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:



Julie Evans and Kathleen Martin
accept the honorary lifetime
chamber membership for their
father, Valle Evans, who could
not attend Thursday's dinner.



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.

