

SLICE 16

Snapshot of some of 2016's top stories in the Saratoga Sun



MARCH CHAMPS

Thatcher Spiering took the 152 lb. weight class championship at the state tournament in March of 2016.



The CCSD#2 speech team brought home the state championship sweepstakes trophy in March.



APRIL -MAY

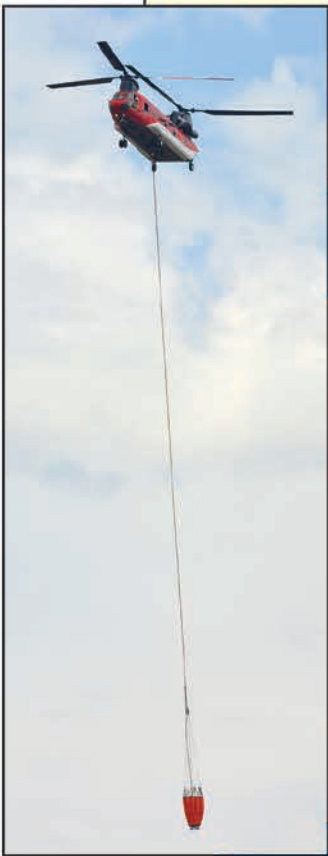
'Boardom' ends at sawmill

The Saratoga Sun reported in April that the Saratoga Forest Management sawmill would be reopening after a January fire shuttered the facility. The Sun also reported when the mill finally reopened in mid May.

JUNE-JULY

Budget binding books

In June our top story was the county's budget cut battle with the Carbon County Library System. Variations and details of this story, including library closures and personnel reshuffling, ran through July and culminated in the hiring of a new library director.



Sandbags are flying

The Saratoga Sun reported on many river flooding issues including flood concerns expressed in January and flood preparations taken throughout the early months of the year. The photo at right shows Wyoming Air National Guardsmen aiding in May sandbagging efforts.



Fires, fires, fires

Late July saw the start of the Beaver Creek Fire 24 miles north of Walden, Colo. In August the Broadway fire "took the stage" east of the Hog Park Reservoir. In September the Snake Fire in the Sierra Madres rattled firefighters. All of these fires continued into September and the Saratoga Sun covered everything from fire updates, preventative measures, a profile of life at a fire camp and equipment being used (like the helicopter at left) to a tension-filled fire meeting and a smoke-filled Valley.



GEM celebrates 50th

The Grand Encampment Museum held their 50th anniversary party in early August. Time capsules were opened (photo above), the Encampment choir sang and a wine and cheese reception was held. Adding to the ceremonies were a C.J. Box book signing, treks to the Ferris Haggerty Mine and an All-Class reunion at the Encampment School with live music from different decades.

JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER



First place run

Reid Schroeder, an Encampment Freshman, took first at state finals in October.



HALLOWEEN BLAZE

Halloween night saw this structure fire become a nightmare just off Elm Street.

DECEMBER



Festival breaks records

In December the 14th Annual Festival of Trees Gala and Auction broke several records including those for attendance, items to auction, and total dollars raised.



NOVEMBER

Win streak, 3rd place

The Encampment Lady Tigers won an impressive 23 matches in a row to start the 2016 season. Though they stumbled slightly at the state tournament, the South Valley Girls managed to pick up third place in the State 1A competition in November. Seen at left, the team sings the School fight song after their tourney loss to county rival, Baggs