



Lights Over One Bar Eleven

A geo-magnetic phenomena produced photos galore. The photo contest winner goes to ... Lindsey Wamsley. Thanks to all participants!!

Chatting with the Chief – ORVs, Dog Shelters and Giving Thanks

By Elliott Deins

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The Saratoga Sun sat down with Saratoga Police Department's Chief John Moore Monday morning for the second edition of "Chattin with the Chief." This monthly column will feature questions from *The Sun* – hopefully the public too – covering anything from the best Thanksgiving sides to SPD updates.

How are things going – any change to the status quo with the change of season?

"Everything is going good," Chief Moore answered. "No real status quo changes as we start moving into our busy winter season of snow shoers, skiers and snowmobilers. The Town does a great job of keeping everything plowed. We don't have any real issues with getting around or anything."

With the Holidays

coming around, what are three things you're thankful for?

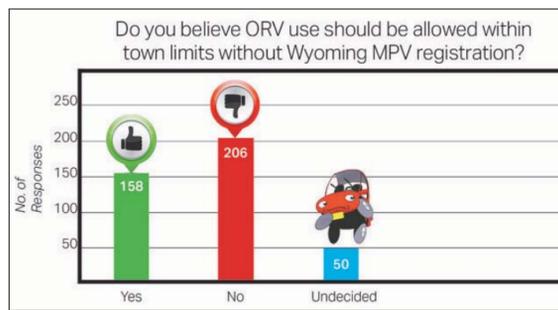
"Trying to think of the stuff you have to say every Thanksgiving when you have to go around the table," Chief pondered. "Family, friends, job and to live in Wyoming."

So, Thanksgiving dinner – you can only pick two sides and a dessert, what's your go to?

"Oh, my sides always have to be mashed potatoes (completely whipped) and probably stuffing. I love stuffing," according to Moore. "I'm not really too big on the dessert, but for Thanksgiving, my favorite is probably sweet potato casserole with marshmallows on top."

What's your favorite Thanksgiving tradition? What do you look most forward to?

"Just everybody getting together and eating. Thanksgiving has always been at our house, but this year it's more spread out because my daughter got



married, so she's doing it with their family and I'm working. But we got some family coming here on Friday."

So how did the off-road vehicle survey go?

"Some of the responses came back a little muddy," Moore said, "they say no to one part but yes to basically the same thing just worded differently."

"Overall, everyone has a positive outlook on ORVs impact on the community," Moore read from the survey. "Next question was on the use of ORVs in town. Out of the 420 responses, there were more that use them monthly to

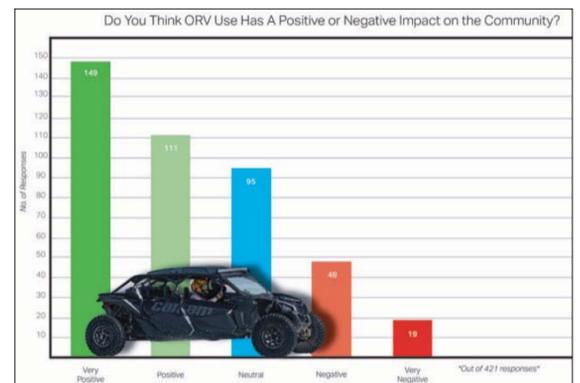
daily than never in town."

"Next was, do you believe multipurpose vehicles within town limits should be allowed without Wyoming MPV registration – 158 said yes, 206 said no and 50 were undecided."

The response for town registration or a state ORV sticker was overwhelmingly toward only an ORV sticker. Stickers can be ordered online or are available at Shively North.

The survey responses supported turning all the town roads into ORV roads, like Encampment, and the implementation of ORV quiet hours at night.

With having to file



and get approval of new ordinances, Chief Moore hopes to implement the changes within two months.

Is there anything else you wanted to say?

"We're working with the Must Love Dogs nonprofit on getting a new shelter built," Moore said. "We've been working with them for a couple months now. We're going to be trying to build a new shelter between the airport and the old baseball fields by the dog park."

"We're looking to double

the size of the shelter and Must Love Dogs has raised \$20,000 so far. It's going to cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000 to get a new one built. It's going to be eight kennels with a large space indoors, with vet checks and just should be a lot better."

"Get a hold of Theresa Ramsey and Must Love Dogs if you're wanting to make any donations to assist. We'll still have our staff that goes to help take care of the dogs, but we'll be looking for volunteers to help."

Happy Thanksgiving!!

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OBITUARIES



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Darwin Lee Perdue

passed at home peacefully after two years of battle cancer. Darwin was a strong man, known to be tough but fair. He was born in Boulder, CO on May 30th, 1964, to Gene and Margaret Perdue. His early life was spent in Lyons, CO. The family spent a summer in SD, relocated to Ten Sleep, WY, then settled in Encampment, WY in 1967. He made this his home and his piece of heaven. His siblings described him as onery, smart, with a laugh like his fathers. Darwin went to work with his father starting at a young age which inspired him to start his full-time life as a logger in the 8th grade. He truly loved his work and never stopped even through the hard times. He even went to the Northwest and logged there for a time which he still reminisced till his last breath.

Only thing Darwin loved more than logging was his kids and grandkids. He was a good man and fierce friend. A legend in the logging industry and a pillar to his family. He will be dearly missed by his loved ones and those who worked for him. Darwin was preceded in death by his parents Gene and Margaret Perdue, his siblings Daryl Perdue and Karen Rakness, and his best friend Doug Talbott. Darwin is survived by his children Chase Perdue (Marie Kroll) and Jordan Albert, grand children: Echo, Kaiyler, Otillia, Sawyer, and Charlie. He is survived by his siblings Mike Perdue, Shelly Larsen, Chrys Perdue, Barbara Craig, Cheryl Perdue, and Mark Perdue. He is also survived by his beloved friends Mara Stanart, Keesha Clay, Dan Christensen, Clint Grove, and Ron Abraham. A memorial service will be held at a future date, current plans being May 30th, 2026 at his place.



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In loving memory of Penny A. Kramer, October 26, 1957, to November 13, 2025

Penny A. Kramer, 68, passed away peacefully on November 13, 2025, with her beloved son by her side. She was born on October 26, 1957, in Longmont, Colorado and later graduated from high school in Arnold, Nebraska in 1975.

Penny proudly joined the United States Navy, where she served her country with honor. After completing her military service in 1982 she moved to Wyoming and discovered her calling in nursing through dedication and compassion and commitment. She became a registered nurse, touching countless lives with her care, strength and gentle heart.

Penny's greatest joy was her son, Tanner Kramer, the light of her life. The bond they shared was extraordinary. Penny and Tanner loved traveling together, especially going on cruises and taking vacations to explore new places. Their adventures created some of the most treasured memories of her life.

She has survived by her son, Tanner Kramer, her brother Jeff Kramer (Tina), her brother Steve Stotts, her niece's Casey Gottfried (Tony), and

Carrie Forsyth (Jake), her nephew Joshua Kramer, her nieces, Jennifer Higgins (Joshua), Kristin Johnston (JT), Kayla Boylan (Sean) and her cousin Mitch Watson (Kelly) along with several other nieces and nephews and cousins who cherished her deeply.

She was preceded in death by her mother Joyce Stotts, and her father Jack Kramer, her brother Johnny Burl Kramer, her grandmother, Hazel Watson and her Aunt Lindy Wyrick, and her Uncle Gary Wyrick.

Penny will be remembered for her generous spirit, her steady strength and her unwavering love for her family. Her legacy lives on in every life she touched.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

May she rest peacefully and be forever remembered with love.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Axel James Patrick



Was born at 7:41 a.m. on November 5th 2025 at Iverson Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs 14 oz and was 18 inches long. He is the son of Seven Patrick and Kiersten Bartlett of Saratoga. His maternal grandparent is Pamela Howe of Newcastle Wyoming. His paternal grandparents are Joanna and Steven Patrick of Saratoga. Great grandparents are Patty and Chuck Bartlett of Newcastle Wyoming, Rhoda Highfill of Hot Springs South Dakota, Mike Davidson of Custer, South Dakota, and Steven Patrick of Saratoga.

Thursday November 27th

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Friday November 28th

Gym Closed

Saturday November 29th

Gym Closed

Sunday November 30th

Gym Closed

Monday December 1st

6:00 to 6:30 am Morning Mash up
7:00 to 8:00 am Spinning
10:00 to 11:00 am Core Basics
11:00 am to 12:00 pm Advanced Core
6:00 pm Recreation Commission Meeting
6:00 - 9:00 pm Open Gym
2:00 pm Story Time @ Saratoga Library
10:00 am - 6:00 pm Saratoga Library Open
11:00 am - 4:00 pm Encampment Library Open

Tuesday December 2nd

10:00 to 11:00 am Senior Balance and Flex
11:00 am to 12:00 pm Advanced Core
6:00 - 9:00 pm Open Gym
11:00 am - 6:00 pm Saratoga Library Open
Noon - 5:00 pm Encampment Library Open

Wednesday December 3rd

6:00 to 6:30 am Morning Mash up
7:00 to 8:00 am Spinning
8:00 to 9:00 am Rise and Shine Yoga
6:00 pm Saratoga Town Council Meeting
6:00 - 9:00 pm Open Gym
11:00 am - 3:00 pm Saratoga Library Open
Noon - 5:00 pm Encampment Library Open

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VALLEY NEWS

Bay Leaves, Leftovers, and an Opera Singer

by *The Secret Chef, Special to The Sun*

I need to start this week's column by saying that I recently shared a recipe with what I thought contained an egregious mistake. I was making my spaghetti sauce earlier in the week, and I thought I would double check my work by using the recipe I gave for my Secret Chef article. I was shocked to discover I had forgotten to include adding bay leaves before cooking in the oven. I was horrified, but then I turned to the Google Machine and did some research into what is apparently a hotly contested issue amongst cooking professionals.

The most reasoned answer I can find is that dried bay leaves (at best) provide a subtle and nuanced flavor to dishes. Most tasters can tell little difference between side-by-side comparisons between dishes made with and without bay leaves. The fact is, most home cooks have a rusty old bag of dried out bay leaves, and kitchen testers agree that using these ingredients have a negligible taste effect. However, they also agree that fresh bay leaves can significantly enhance flavor.

The end result of all this is that I am no longer as horrified about omitting what I once thought was a crucial seasoning. I will leave it to you, dear readers, if you choose to add a rusty old bay leaf or not. For the record, I did add two dried bay leaves to my spaghetti sauce this week and I will probably continue to do so out of habit.

Now, let's have an honest discussion about leftovers. It can be another hot-button issue, and one can have hours of entertainment doing inter-

webs searches about how people feel on the subject. As for me, I plan for leftovers since it makes cooking throughout the week so much easier. If I do a large protein on a Monday, I can utilize that for several meals throughout the week. Coming into Thanksgiving is a perfect time to practice your leftover skillset.

I make a traditional turkey dinner, but I plan ahead by making a larger turkey than needed, and I also prepare extra rolls and gravy. Turkey leftovers are my favorite and I use them in hot open-faced turkey sandwiches and regular old turkey sandwiches on homemade rolls. I also use the turkey bones to boil up a batch of stock that I freeze for use in soups. I also always reserve enough bird to prepare my favorite Thanksgiving leftover meal — Turkey Tetrazzini.

Once again to the Google Machine: 'Turkey Tetrazzini is an American casserole dish named in honor of Italian opera singer Luisa Tetrazzini. Its exact origin is disputed, with popular stories attributing its creation to either the Palace Hotel in San Francisco or the Knickerbocker Hotel in New York City. The first printed recipes appeared around 1908-1910, with the dish initially made with chicken or seafood, later evolving to commonly used turkey, especially with Thanksgiving leftovers.' According to quaintcooking.com, 'no one even knows if Luisa Tetrazzini herself ever even tasted the dish. In her autobiography, the dish is not even mentioned.'

I got this recipe from the Southern Living 5-Star Cookbook, and I made one modification. I use large macaroni instead of spaghetti noodles as I feel it incorporates better with the other

ingredients and it makes it easier to eat. The original recipe also did a fancy pattern with the cheeses and almonds on top to finish the dish. This I omitted simply because I am only cooking for my house and I just want it to taste good—fancy doesn't fill hungry stomachs. This recipe feeds 6 to 8 and I hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your leftovers!

Creamy Chicken Tetrazzini

4 cups diced turkey
1 8-oz. package large macaroni
1 green pepper, diced
1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
1/2 onion, diced
1/4 cup butter, melted
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 cup half-and-half
2 cups (8 oz) shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided
1 10 3/4 oz can cream of mushroom soup
3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
1/4 cup sherry
1 4-oz jar pimiento, drained
1 teaspoon paprika
3/4 cup sliced almonds, toasted
Cook macaroni according to package directions and drain.

In a Dutch oven, saute green pepper, mushrooms, and onion (sprinkled with salt) in butter until tender. Add flour and the next 4 ingredients; stir until smooth. Cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Gradually stir in half-and-half, and cook until thickened, stirring gently.

Add 3/4 cup cheddar cheese, stirring until the cheese melts. Add turkey, mushroom



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soup, 1/2 cup parmesan cheese, sherry, and pimiento. Stir well.

Combine turkey mixture with cooked macaroni, tossing gently until thoroughly combined. Spread mixture into a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Bake uncovered, at 350F, for 20 to 25 minutes or until thoroughly heated.

Combine remaining 3/4 cup Parmesan, remaining cheddar cheese, almonds, and paprika. Stir well. Sprinkle mixture on top of dish and bake for another 5 minutes or until cheese melts.

Saratoga Police Department

November 10, 2025 through November 23, 2025

The Saratoga Police Department had 91 law calls from 11/10/2025 to 11/16/2025. 61 location checks, 10 citizen assists, 2 animal problems, 2 traffic crashes, 5 traffic offense/complaints, 1 found property, 1 lost property, 2 camping violations, 1 suspicious, 1 public relation, 2 911 hangup, and 3 agencies assist.

On 11/10/25 at 9:11 am, a report of an animal at large was made from the Riviera Lodge. It was reported that there were 3 goats on the property and employees had corralled them into the dog run. The Officer arrived on scene and was able to locate the owner, who was then assisted by the Officer on getting the goats back to the proper location.

On 11/10/25 at 9:58 pm, a report of suspicious activity was reported in the 600 block of E Chatterton. It was reported that there were two subjects in the area that the reporting party did not believe should be there. The Officer located the subjects and found that one of the subjects also stores items

on the property in question and was allowed to be there.

On 11/11/25 at 8:08 am, a traffic stop was initiated in the 200 block of W Elm. The driver of the vehicle out of Saratoga was cited for speeding 30 in a 20 MPH School Zone.

On 11/12/25 at 9:17 am, a found wallet was turned into the Saratoga Police Department. The wallet was found at Valley Food. After the owner did not claim it, they brought it to the PD. The owner out of Colorado has not yet been located.

On 11/12/25 at 9:20 pm, a vehicle vs deer crash was reported in the area of S First St and Willow Ave. The Officer responded to the scene and took the crash report. The deer was deceased.

On 11/13/25 at 7:22 pm, Saratoga Police Department was asked to respond south of Town to approximately mile post 22.3 to dispatch a deer that had been struck by a semi-truck.

On 11/13/25 at 7:38 pm, a report of a lost wallet was made to the Officer on duty. The wallet has

not yet been turned in.

On 11/16/25 at 8:21 am, the on duty Officer stopped out with two vehicles in the Hot Pools parking lot that appeared to be camping. One was advised that there was no camping on town property and the other had just arrived shortly before and was not camping.

On 11/16/25 at 7:54 pm, Saratoga Police Department was requested to assist Wyoming Highway Patrol on locating a Hit and Run suspect. The Officer checked the area and the vehicle was not located in Town.

On 11/16/25 at 10:02 pm, Saratoga Police Department was requested to respond to mile marker 24 on WY130 to assist Wyoming Highway Patrol on a vehicle search. The officer assisted during the search to which narcotics were located during the search.

On 11/16/25 at 10:49 pm, Saratoga Police Department was requested to respond to mile marker 16 on WY130 to assist Wyoming Highway Patrol with a vehicle that had a flat tire and needed a jack.

The officer arrived and gave the use of his jack.

The Saratoga Police Department had 84 law calls from 11/17/2025 to 11/23/2025. 56 location checks, 8 citizen assists, 3 animal problems, 2 traffic crashes, 6 traffic offense/complaints, 1 hot pool violations, 1 fraud, 1 suspicious, 1 public relation, 1 threat, 1 harassment, 1 larceny, 1 property destruction, and 1 withheld for open investigation.

On 11/17/25 at 8:52 am, a report of vandalism was made at the Saratoga Elementary School. It was reported that 3 juveniles (2 male and 1 female) were seen climbing and kicking the pole with a bat house on it. The juveniles were then seen leaving the area quickly and the pole was on the ground. Investigation is ongoing.

On 11/17/25 at 9:24 am, a report of fraud was made by a county resident. It was reported that the subject's debit card had been fraudulently used in the 100 block of Constitution Ave. When the Officer contacted the reporting party they were advised that their bank

had called, and it was a banking error.

On 11/18/25 at 4:55 pm, a report of threats was made in the 300 block of N 13th St. The Officer responded to the scene and spoke with the reporting party. It was learned that the threats were between two juveniles from events that had occurred at school. The juveniles were advised to stay away from each other. The School and School Resource Officer were advised of the situation.

On 11/19/25 at 8:46 pm, a traffic stop was initiated at S 1st St and Pine Ave. The driver out of Tennessee was cited for speeding 72 in a posted 40 MPH zone.

On 11/20/25 at 9:10 am, the Saratoga Police Department was asked by the Carbon County Sheriff's Office to respond to the intersection of County Road 514 and County Road 408 for a report of an abandoned trailer in the middle of the roadway. This was related to a previous incident and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

On 11/20/25 at 11:40

am, a subject came to the Saratoga Police Department to report larceny. It was reported that a trailer hitch had been stolen from the receiver of his pick-up in the last 3 weeks.

On 11/20/25 at 6:44 pm, a vehicle vs deer crash was reported on S 1st St around Constitution Ave. The Officer responded and a crash report was taken.

On 11/20/25 at 9:23 pm, a report of a Hot Pool violation was made. It was reported that there were subjects drinking alcohol in the Hot Pools. The Officer responded but was unable to find anyone drinking in the area.

On 11/21/25 at 1:04 pm, a traffic crash was reported in the 100 block of E Bridge Ave. It was reported that two vehicles were backing out at the same time and collided with one another. The Officer responded and a crash report was taken.

On 1/22/25 at 1:39 am, a traffic stop was initiated at N 1st St and Chatterton Ave. The driver out of Rock Springs was cited for speeding 41 in a posted 30 MPH zone.

Carbon County Sheriff's Office Arrest Report

November 8, 2025 through November 20, 2025

November 8

- Alexis Prieto of Rawlins, Wyoming was arrested for child abandonment — 1st offense.
- Joshua Sain of Rock Springs, Wyoming was arrested for DWUS, DUI due to alcohol <.08% — 1st offense within 10 years and no auto insurance — 1st offense.
- Mary Sutton of Rawlins, Wyoming was arrested for

DUI due to a controlled substance, failure to maintain lane of travel and signal required for turning movements.

- Charles Vyvey of Sinclair, Wyoming was arrested for driving while license suspended — 2nd offense.

November 9

- Jeffrey Bennett of Washington DC was arrested on a warrant.

- Arnulfo Chavez of Ramsey, Minnesota was arrested for DWUS.

- Julian Hernandez of Cheyenne, Wyoming was arrested on a warrant, interference with a peace officer, possession of drugs in plant form — 3 oz or less and driver's license required.

- Cheryl Kunkle of Sinclair, Wyoming was arrested for possession of a controlled substance in pill or

capsule form — 3 grams or less, use of or under the influence of drugs, DWUS and possession of drugs in powder/crystalline form — 3 grams or less.

- Franky Romero of Rawlins, Wyoming was arrested for a DUI due to alcohol <.08% — 2nd offense within 10 years and speeding in a vehicle superintendent's zone (1-5 MPH over).

November 10

- Austin Earl of Cheyenne, Wyoming was arrested on a holdover for another agency.

- Tony Hall of Cheyenne, Wyoming was arrested on a warrant.

- Adrian Trujillo of Rawlins, Wyoming was arrested

as a sentenced inmate.

- Thomas Wittmann of Rawlins, Wyoming was arrested for domestic battery — 1st offense.

November 12

- Paul Cruz of Rawlins, Wyoming was arrested for possession of drugs in plant form — 3 oz or less, crim-

OPINION EDITORIAL

Call to Artists for New Mural

Staff Report

The Platte Valley Arts Council is announcing a call to artists to submit proposals by January 30, 2026. The mural will depict the history of the mineral hot springs in Saratoga and will be installed near the Hobo Pool. The chosen artist will have about five months to complete the mural which will be installed by July 4.

PVAC will commission an artist to use different types of metal such as copper, zinc, brass, and steel. Materials will be layered, overlapped or connected to create a relief sculpture with apparent depth and allowed to patina, which will require minimal maintenance.

The finished art piece will be a visual interpretation of the area's rich history and beauty. The installation will be part of the Wyoming 250 celebration. The United States of America will be 250 years old in July, and the entire nation is planning

projects and celebrations to commemorate.

Full details of the call can be found on the PVAC website: <https://www.plattevalleyarts.com/projects-and-fundraisers/call-for-artist-proposals>

For more information, please email Stacy Crimmins at pvacpublicart@yahoo.com.

The Platte Valley Arts Council, Inc. is a non-profit corporation, established in 1993 to promote, encourage, and support all forms of the arts. Operated by a volunteer board of directors, the PVAC sets policies and implements projects and events for the public, students, artists and its members. Our desire is to enrich the quality of life here by recognizing and promoting visual art, musical, theatrical, and dance performances, and literary works throughout the Platte Valley and the communities of Saratoga, Encampment, Riverside and Ryan Park, Wyoming.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Rumor has it that there is a movement to raise funds to build a Boys & Girls Club of Platte Valley, is that right? But, wait...didn't we have a Boys and Girls Club in the past and it didn't work? The answer to these questions is yes, no, and again, no. Yes, there is currently a movement to build a Boys & Girls Club of the Platte Valley here in Saratoga. No, there has never been a Boys & Girls Club in Saratoga. Several years ago, there was a Big Brothers Big Sisters called "The Hub," located where the Dojo currently operates. And finally, no, the Big Brothers Big Sisters program wasn't a lasting program, but it did serve a purpose for a time.

The need for afterschool and summer programs for kids of all ages is still present. A Boys & Girls Club, thoughtfully designed, strategically financed, supported organizationally by Boys & Girls Club of Central Wyoming, and utilized by the entire Valley, would provide a safe place for our youth to gather, and offer programs focused on academic success, good character, citizenship, and healthy life styles. The purpose of this letter is to begin a conversation about what a Boys &

Girls Club is, who the Club serves, and what programs the Club offers.

The Boys & Girls Club of America traces its origins to 1860 in Hartford Connecticut. Four women founded "The Dashway Club," to offer boys a positive place to spend free time, and an opportunity to build character. Over the decades this movement grew, and today, with Clubs in all fifty states, U.S. Territories, and on various military bases, serves millions of young people under the enduring mission, "to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens."

Drawing upon this legacy, Boys & Girls Club of Central Wyoming began in Casper in 1969 when Wilma English joined forces with John Fanto and Charles Hancock to open a Boys Club after recognizing the need for youth services in the community. Today, the organization operates eleven sites across Wyoming in Casper, Mills, Glenrock, Buffalo, Dubois and Riverton and has impacted over 100,000 young people!

A Boys & Girls Club of Platte Valley would be open to all youth within

the boundaries of CCSD#2 (Saratoga, Encampment, Riverside, Hannah, Elk Mountain, Medicine Bow, and Ryan Park) from kindergarten through high school graduation. The hope at this time is to provide transportation for youth living in communities outside of Saratoga/Encampment on no-school Fridays and during the spring and summer breaks.

The programs offered at Boys & Girls Club of Platte Valley would be determined according to the needs of our community. There are a variety of programs to choose from that include tutoring, stem, financial literacy, career exploration, athletic camps, cooking classes, healthy habits, Cowboy Ethics, and many more. As the movement to build a Boys & Girls Club of Platte Valley goes forward, we will share more about the Club in general and what it can offer our community. Why should we build a Boys & Girls Club of Platte Valley? Because the future lives here!

Sincerely,
Daney Tanner and Nick Haderlie
Co-Chairs
Boys & Girls Club of Platte Valley Campaign Committee



Mild Weather for Thanksgiving, Arctic Cold Front Over Weekend

By Staff Report

Relatively mild winter-time temperatures are expected in the Platte Valley during the Holiday with an arctic cold front moving and chance of snow in over the weekend, according to the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration.

There's a high probability of very cold temperatures – dipping into single digits – and accumulating snow fall Friday through Monday with highest chance of snow coming on Sunday. Average weekly tem-

peratures drop significantly compared to last week. Reports show a weekly average high of

34 and average low of 15 – a 10 degree drop for both.

Enjoy a somewhat

warm and sunny Turkey Day before winter comes to town over the weekend.

Forecast Nov. 27 - Dec. 3, 2025					
Day	H/L (F)	Rain %	Wind mph	Moon Phase	
Thu, 27	49/28	0%	5-14, gusts 21	First Quarter	
Fri, 28	46/17	10%	5-17, gusts 28	Waxing gibbous, 56%	
Sat, 29	31/7	10%	1-13, gusts 18	Waxing gibbous, 66%	
Sun, 30	24/9	30%	0-9, gusts 12	Waxing gibbous, 76%	
Mon, 1	31/8	0%	4-7, gusts 14	Waxing gibbous, 85%	
Tue, 2	34/18	0%	7-11, gusts 18	Waxing gibbous, 93%	
Wed, 3	28/14	0%	4-8, gusts 16	Waxing gibbous, 98%	
Month of November					
Avg H	43	Avg L	19	Avg Rain	3 days

Senior Center Menu

THURSDAY & FRIDAY HAPPY THANKSGIVING

MONDAY
Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Squash Blend, Wheat Bread, 1/2 Banana, Milk

TUESDAY
Crab Cakes, Macaroni and Cheese, Mixed Green Salad, Wheat Bread, Sliced Apples, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Chili w/Cheese & Onion, Colleen's Harvest Salad, Cinnamon Roll, Pears, Milk

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THE FAITH PAGE

Living on Purpose: Seeing our reflection in God's eyes

by Dr. William F. Holland, Jr.

We have been discussing the need for Christians to be continuously willing to examine their biased opinions about life and the Bible. Remember the person who boldly declared, "I am what I am, and this is what I will always be?" It's sad to imagine how many individuals actually feel this way about what they believe and who they are. Human nature is stubborn and sneaky. We seldom know people on the inside, as the conscience often views life as a poker game, holding certain cards close so that no one can see them. However, humans fail to comprehend that the way we live exposes what we believe we are hiding. We know what is in the well will come up in the bucket, and being secretive with the

world does not matter near as much as ignoring and being in denial with God.

So, why and how do we refuse to recognize and deal with our weaknesses? Simple; We ignore and deny the conviction of the Holy Spirit's call to step back and see ourselves the way God sees us. Most everyone has a deliberate hatred to change, and one aspect of the agonizing attempt to discover and re-arrange who we really are, is a psychological problem called The Dunning-Kruger effect. It's a cognitive bias in which people become confused and wrongly overestimate their perception, knowledge, or ability in a specific area. This can apply to any subject and is basically a lack of understanding reality along with an inflated attitude of pride, hindering them from

being a reliable and respected source of truth.

It's no surprise that many individuals rate their intelligence, logic, grammar, and personality far above average. According to these studies, those who performed at the lowest levels were convinced they were highly intelligent and believed those around them perceived them as bright and clever. It's thought that confidence is so high on our self-esteem list that people would rather pretend to be smart than risk being embarrassed or labeled mentally inadequate. In other words, the world is not short of people who are know-it-alls about everything, because they are insecure about everything. I Peter 5:5-6 says, "In the same way, you who are younger, submit your-

selves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, as God opposes the proud, but shows favor to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time." Peter references Proverbs 3:34 to show how the choice to be humble is not just about human relationships. God's natural response to pride is to oppose, but His reaction to humility is to reward with grace.

Those who are considered brilliant can also be plagued with this problem, as having intelligence and knowledge is not the same as developing and learning how to be like Jesus. Research attributes this attitude to "metacognition," the inability to honestly analyze one's own thoughts and person-

ality. Those with limited knowledge in a domain suffer a dual burden: Not only do they reach mistaken conclusions and make regrettable errors, but their incompetence robs them of the ability to realize it. Why do people think they know more than they do? They are often driven by a desire for respect and admiration and the need to appear smarter than the people around them. Why do people overestimate their competence? This refers to the difference between what people think they know and what they really know.

I'm reminded of the old saying, "The more I learn, the more I discover I do not know" which is a more modest way of perceiving ourselves and life in general. So what does this have to do with our Christian

life? Everything. If we see ourselves as having no personal faults and that God does not care about our sins, we are living in an illusion that is preventing us from pleasing Him. If we believe we are doing everything right, we disregard our need to repent, and thus are drifting further away from God every day. This twisted thinking is a self-inflicted deception that rejects the responsibility of admitting we are sinners who desperately need God every moment. The Apostle Paul speaks about this in Romans 12:3. "For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of themselves more highly than they ought, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith."

Thanksgiving and Communion

by Priest John — St Eustace Orthodox Church, Encampment, WY

"Whom should I thank?" This is a question of polite acknowledgment. A gift was given and received. Who gave it? Who should be thanked? It is inherent in the structure of giving thanks that thanks must be given to someone. One cannot give thanks to nothing or no one. The act of giving thanks, *eucharist*, is always an act of communion with another.

Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, in the last sermon of his life, said, "Everyone capable of thanksgiving is capable of salvation and eternal joy." We can safely augment that and say as well, that everyone capable of thanksgiving is capable of becoming human – for the fullness of our humanity is found primarily in communion. And the communion of thanksgiving is perhaps communion at its deepest level.

The human being lives by the unending gifts of God. The existence and life of a person, from its very beginning, is the free gift of the Creator. No one could have forced God to give life, and no one has the right to demand the gift of life from God. The continuation of our existence is also a constant gift of God. Every minute, every breath, of this temporary life is a



free gift of God. And humankind's immortality is the immortal, eternal gift of God.

And not only is our life a gift; God has also given us this wonderful creation which surrounds

us. The world is charged with the grandeur of God; with beauty and miracles, sweet smells and tastes, food, the air we breathe, the sunset and sunrise that adorn the ending and beginning of the day, mountains and hills, fruitful trees and cedars, creeping things and feathered fowls, the sea and the strange and beautiful creatures who fill it. All of this, and so many other uncountable things, are all God's dispensation, God's property and work; given to us for our benefit. Truly, we are submerged in the benevolence of God as in an abyss.

It happens that we sometimes fail to be thankful. Yet even then, God is gentle to the ungrateful, because God has no need of mankind's thanks. Why does God seek mankind's thanks if he has no need of it? Why did he seek of Noah, Moses, Abraham, and other of our forefathers that they offer him sacrifices of thanksgiving? Why did Jesus constantly model giving thanks to God? Why did the apostles do the same, commanding all to give thanks to God in all and for all things and at all times? It is out of his endless love for humankind that God seeks that we give him thanks. The gratitude of humanity will not make God greater, more powerful, more glorious, more alive, more abounding, but gratitude will make us all

of those things. Our gratitude will not add anything to God's peace and contentment, but it will add greatly to our peace and contentment. Thanksgiving to God will in no way change God's state and being, but it will change the state and being of a grateful person. God has no need of our gratitude. But he tells us to give thanks. Thanksgiving raises us out of the mud of envy and self-pity, releases us from our bondage, and binds us to God the living and the immortal. Humble thanksgiving and wonder ennobles the thankful.

To stand in wonder before the power, eternal ineffability, and humility of God, is often the only proper posture and response. The soul should marvel before God, enraptured over his preeternal love, astounded at his condescension to us in his assumption of our flesh. Words can often fail us. Most eloquent orators are as mute as fish before the mysteries of God. During this season of Thanksgiving, followed by the anticipation of the incarnation of God, normal language falls short. Instead, it is a time for lights, for tacky decorations, for exuberance, for hyperbole. The whole earth tingles in expectation of its creator. May we be given the grace to let his light shine through us to those around us, in thanksgiving, communion, and wonder.

Church Calendar

<p>Church of Christ 2nd & McCaffrey Ave., Encampment 327-5682</p> <p>Sunday worship - 11 a.m. Bible Study - 10 a.m.</p>	<p>Ride on Faith Ministries 7 mi. S of Saratoga - Cornell Place Les Barkhurst 329-7183</p> <p>Worship Sunday 10 a.m.</p>	<p>St. Barnabas Episcopal Church 106 W. Main, Saratoga The Rev. Dr. Peggy Hotchkiss 329-3060</p> <p>Holy Eucharist Sundays at 9 a.m. Followed by Fellowship Time- Agape House The Journey Labyrinth & Meditation Garden are always open for prayer and meditation</p>	<p>St. James Episcopal Church 812 McCaffrey, Encampment 327-5558</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.</p>
<p>Saratoga Alliance Church 1302 S. River St., Saratoga. 326-8307 Pastor Vince Vannett</p> <p>Main Gathering Time - 10:30am Fellowship & Discipleship Hour - 9:30am</p>	<p>Platte Valley Lutheran Church Pastor Randolph Schnack 326-5449</p> <p>514 S. 1st Street, Saratoga. Sunday school - 9 a.m. Sunday worship - 9 a.m</p>	<p>Christian Community Church 3.5 miles North of Encampment on Hwy 230 Pastor Tom Crowe 307-329-3316</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Saratoga Church Friday: 6:00 pm Tuesday: 6:30 pm 108 West Spring Ave Saratoga, Wyoming 307-329-7240 http://www.saratogachurch.org</p>
<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 9th & Hugus, 307-260-7882 Saratoga. Bishop, Bob Keel</p> <p>Sunday Sacrament - 10 a.m. Primary - 11:15 a.m. Melchizedek and Aaronic Priesthood/Young Women Relief Society and Primary - 11:05 a.m.</p>	<p>First Presbyterian Church 3rd and Bridge, Saratoga. 326-5337 • 326-3163</p> <p>Pastor David Cole Sunday: Adult Bible Study - TBA. Morning Worship - 8:30 a.m. Fellowship time - 9:30 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer Shawl Ministry - 9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women - 1:30 p.m. - 3rd Thursday of the month</p>	<p>Platte Valley Christian Center AG A Full Gospel Church 111 N 7th, Saratoga Pastor Larry McGuire (307) 399-9675</p> <p>Sunday— Class: 10 am/Worship Service 11 am Contact Pastor Shirlene McGuire for info on women's events. Discipleship Group for any issues call for times. Events for all ages will be announced. Email: pastorshirlenemcguire@gmail.com FB Page: Platte Valley Christian Center AG</p>	<p>St. Ann's Catholic Church Father Linh Vu 326-5461 stannwy.org 218 W. Spring, Saratoga</p> <p>Saratoga Masses Sat. Confession 4 p.m. Sat. - 5:30 p.m. Sun - 9 a.m. Sun. - 5:30 p.m. mass Jul/Aug/Sep</p> <p>St. Joseph - Hanna Mass Sunday 11:30</p>
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802 W. Main, Saratoga
Pastor Greg Snell 307-329-3371

Bible Study- 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening prayer meeting - 7 p.m.

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR FILES

December 3, 1925 100 Years Ago

Home Talent Play And Dance Were A Success

One of the largest crowds seen in Saratoga for some months was on hand Thanksgiving night to see the home talent play, "A Wyoming Cowboy," which

was given by the Saratoga Volunteer Fire Department, and to attend the big dance following the show. The local people taking part in the show put forth their best efforts to acting their parts, and the result was

one of the best plays ever given in Saratoga by local talent. Following the show the crowd went to the Firemen's Hall, where the balance of Thursday evening and until well into Friday morning they danced to

the strains of some of the late foxtrots and waltzes, the Novelty Dance Band being the music-makers. At midnight everybody had refreshments, a fine lunch being served in the hall. It is said that the fire boys are

very much pleased with the outcome, having cleared a sizeable amount of money with which to assist in the payment of bills against the new hall.

The department have advertising out and are

making preparations to re-stage the home talent at Encampment, Saturday night, December 5, followed by a dance. Music for the show and dance will be furnished by the Novelty Dance Band.

November 30, 1950 75 Years Ago

Meryle Hansen Invents Appliance That Will Have Widespread Use

Meryle Hansen, former quite well known Saratoga and Ryan Park resident, and his wife are having considerable success with a new type "down-draft control" unit, conceived by Mr. Hansen as result of remarks of some farmer friends who had been having down-draft problems to cope with. The device, which has been well tested, will soon be placed on the market, and wide sale of the unit is being anticipated.

The Hansen family resided in this section for a period of some four or five years, when he was employed during most of the time by R.R. Crow & Co. He is a brother of Mrs. A.W. DeHart of Ryan Park.

About four years ago, Mr. Hansen and his family moved to Ruthton, Minn., where he is now engaged in the operation of a hardware business in the farming area there.

It was through his close association with the farming people in his business there that he learned the need for some sort of adequate draft control, and subsequently tackled the problem. That his efforts have been crowned with considerable success, is revealed in the following story re-printed from the Ruthton newspaper:

Ideas pay dividends for Ruthton people too.

This is a story of the "Scotman Cap" which unlikely will be the name of a device to prevent down-draft in chimneys devel-

oped and in the process of patenting by Meryle Hansen after two years of research and experiment with the good wife, Mrs. Hansen, helping him.

This device looks like an old time Scotsman cap, therefore in all probability it will be given the name of "Scotsman Cap." Throughout this story we will refer to it as "cap."

Meryle got the idea for this invention when several farmers were wondering if something couldn't be made to prevent the downdraft in tank heaters which always blew these heaters out.

Before starting to work on this idea Meryle checked all the models on the market at the time. After building nine different kinds he finally built one that worked under good tests.

For a year the "cap" was placed under the severest tests, not only on tank heaters, but also on all other heating appliances such as gas, oil, and coal furnaces and stoves. After all these tests proved successful, Mr. Hansen applied for a U.S. Patent. The "cap" was tested in various heating laboratories of different manufacturers and another use was found for the device - that of ventilation. Under tests the draft was the same in an 80-mile an hour wind as in a 15-mile an hour wind.

Other excellent features of the "cap" that stood the test were: (1) it eliminates the necessity of the building up the chimney higher than surrounding walls or trees; (2) the same style cap covers all types of heat-

ing appliances; (3) it gives perfect combustion to the fuel in the appliance thus giving more heat from the same amount of fuel; (4) the perfect combustion prevents your chimney from sooting up and thus preventing overheating of the chimney and chimney fires; (5) besides saving fuel it eliminates all down draft, snow or rain from entering chimney, and will not frost up. After 15 to 20 minutes after you start the fire in your appliance, the "cap" starts working - the heat creates a vacuum which in turn creates a draft for the chimney even on days without a wind.

Mr. Hansen is letting the contract to the American Gas Machine Co. of Albert Lea who plan to manufacture this style chimney cap

in all sizes. Depending on material they plan to manufacture them out of a special steel coated with lead, electrically welded into one piece and made to stand all kinds of weather. They plan to give it the name "Scotsman Cap" and to have it on the market by the beginning of this heating season, sometime this fall. Upon its manufacture it will be distributed only through local retail channels like your local hardware and appliance stores. None will be sold by the manufacturer direct to you or will Mr. Hansen handle them direct. The only way that Meryle will have a hand in their distribution is through his retain store, the Home Appliance Store in Ruthton of which he is in partnership with Richard Krall.

November 27, 1975 50 Years Ago

Tigerettes take volleyball title

The aggressive Encampment Tigerettes did just what everyone expected they would do. They won the State Class C volleyball tournament in Casper last

weekend.

The state champs topped a season which shows a record of 19 wins to two losses.

The championship game Saturday night against the Huntley Cardinals

went into three games when Encampment took the first game 15-6 and Huntley won the second 15-13. But Encampment rallied and came back to win the tie-breaker 15-6. High scorers were Martha

Herring with 12 points and Julie Knotwell with 9.

Encampment was pitted against Byron in the first game of the tournament played Friday morning and easily won the two straight sets 15-8 and 15-11, putting

them in the semi-finals. High scorers were Loretta Martin who chalked up 13 points and Liz Felton who made 10.

In fast semi-final play against Tensleep Friday night, Encampment scored

15-4 and 15-10. High scorers were Kim Harrington with 15 points and Loretta Martin with 5.

Coach Leah Pietron said, "The girls are good servers and they're aggressors. They're very talented."

November 29, 2000 25 Years Ago

Rollison chosen as Saratoga recreation director

After months of searching, the Saratoga Town Council decided last Tuesday to keep it local as they chose the town's first full-time recreation director.

And it's hard to get more local than the man the Council chose for the position: Chris "Chilly" Rollison, a graduate of Saratoga High School, a current employee of the town's water plant, and a nearly lifelong resident who can trace his ancestry in this region back to 1844.

But it was during his few years away from the valley, attending college at Black Hills State University in

Spearfish S.D., that Rollison got his real preparation for his new job.

While studying for his bachelor's degree in history and Native American studies, he served as the assistant director of co-educational recreation and sports through the school's student union.

"I was in charge of the gameroom, planned outings - primarily I worked for the outdoors center - putting together a catalog of events we were going to do for each upcoming semester, getting food for events from food service, arranging transportation, supervising equipment, a little bit of everything."

During his last year at

BHSU, Rollison "Really got into the rec sports program. I coordinated stuff with a national program and sent people off on trips for bowlings, darts, pool tournaments, things like that. I organized basketball, flag football, whatever else they were doing."

So Rollison feels well prepared for some of the immediate tasks he will face as Director of Parks and Recreation, his official job title.

"I'm not going to have much of a budget to work with and resources are limited," Rollison acknowledged.

"So as soon as we get things organized and decide how we're going to work,

whether there's going to be a recreation board or just an advisory committee, that sort of thing, I've got to start researching grants and writing them. I've done that before for research projects for classes, so I'm ready for that, but it's going to be a lot of work.

"My job description says I have to make this department self-supporting within four years, though and my goal is to make it self-supporting within two to three years, so I've got a lot of challenges ahead."

"But I'm really excited." Rollison said that he has a number of ideas he wants to pursue immediately.

"I've got a kids' fly fishing clinic in the works for this

spring, for instance," which he has been putting together with local sportsmen and outfitters for several months.

"I'm going to talk to the softball captains right off the bat, too. One problem they've really had recently is no communication. I can take care of that. It will be my job.

"And I've got to sit down with Margaret Dahlke, the director of the Saratoga Municipal Swimming Pool) and whomever we've got doing the parks and find out what they're going to need, talk to the people working on the playgrounds and just see exactly what we can do with what we've got.

"I also really want to start

working on programs that we can take people on, educational stuff. Rawlins has trips where they cruise down to places like the Encampment Museum and Como Bluffs - I'd really like to get that kind of thing going for us.

"I want to do things that will bring the community together," Rollison said.

"What is a community? It's communication and unity. I want to get that kind of sense back, and bring in activities where kids are doing things with older generations."

Rollison also hopes to bring his background in history to bear on his tasks at his new job.

...Sheriff's Office Arrest Report

inal trespass, stalking and property destruction under \$1,000.

- William Kluberspies of Somerset, New Jersey was arrested for possession of drugs in plant form — 3 oz or less, felony possession of drugs, possession of a controlled substance in liquid form — 3/10 gram or less, DUI due to a controlled substance — 1st offense within 10 years and equipment missing a license plate light.
- Malia Qualley of Rawlins, Wyoming was arrested for possession of drugs in plant form — 3 oz or less.

November 13

- David Burgess of Rawlins, Wyoming was arrested for felony manufacturing and delivery of drugs.
- Mark Flint of Sinclair, Wyoming was arrested for possession of drugs in plant form — 3 oz or less and interference with a peace officer.
- Cainen Taylor of Raw-

lins, Wyoming was arrested for a felony attempt and conspiring to commit a drug offense and felony possession of drugs in powder/crystalline form — 3rd+ offense less than 3 grams.

November 14

- Richard Miner of Rawlins, Wyoming was arrested as a sentenced inmate.
- Osman Rios of Aurora, Colorado was arrested for DWUS and vehicle exceeding 75 MPH on the interstate.

November 15

- Joshua Duran of Red Feather Lake, Colorado was arrested for driving while license cancelled/suspended/deemed invalid/revoked if not suspended and for vehicle exceeding 70 MPH on a primary/secondary highway (6+ MPH over).
- Aaron Gant of Minneapolis, Minnesota was arrested on a warrant.
- Kristina Gossman of

Goodyear, Arizona was arrested for felony theft - deprivation of \$1,000 or more of firearm/livestock regardless of value.

- Quinton Hogelin of Burns, Wyoming was arrested for fraud by using another's credit card - under \$1,000 and theft - deprivation under \$1,000.

- Myster Wren of Minneapolis, Minnesota was arrested for speeding, careless driving, driving while license suspended - 2nd offense and felony possession of drugs in plant form - 3rd+ offense.

November 16

- Julius X Velasquez of Aurora, Illinois was arrested for speeding on designated highways, possession of a controlled substance in the form of a hallucinogen and interfering with a public official.

November 18

- Calvin Walterhouse of Nevada City, California was

arrested for possession of drugs in plant form - 3 oz or less.

November 19

- Mark Burress of Rawlins, Wyoming was arrested on a felony possession of drugs in powder/crystalline form > 3 grams - 3rd+ offense.
- Gigi Cole of Rawlins, Wyoming was arrested for a DUI due to alcohol <.08% and for open container of

alcohol/public consumption.

- Tezzra Davis of Rawlins, Wyoming was arrested on a warrant.

November 20

- Tammy Beckermann of Rawlins, Wyoming was arrested for probation/bond revocation.
- Rabindranath Bunsee of Port St. Lucie, Florida was arrested on two counts of commercial vehicle leg-

isolation, one felony count of attempting to commit a felony, reckless abuse of a vulnerable adult, reckless driving, reckless endangerment, felony count of physical injury to a child/child abuse and felony property destruction - \$1,000 or more.

- Stav Derei of Glad, California was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and speeding.

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VALLEY NEWS

Jackets Earned

by Regin Stewart,
Encampment FFA

On November 12th, Encampment FFA hosted their chapter Thanksgiving meeting. They invited all chapter members and their families to attend, while sharing a delicious meal together. During the business session, officers gave updates on the statuses of the greenhouse/woodshop,

past competitions, upcoming conferences, fundraisers, and community service. Recent FFA members received their new earned jackets. To receive a jacket in Encampment FFA members must be in high school, in FFA for two years, compete in an LDE or CDE, or hold an office. Members who received their jackets were Kellan Swanson, Keston Baysinger, Coy Munroe,

Tate Zeller, Isaiah Castillo-Guerrero, and Regin Stewart. The top salesmen were also recognized with Lexi Vorn selling the most in the Junior High and overall, and Coy Munroe selling the most in the high school. The members also voted on a community service over Christmas serving our community. The meeting was well attended with 71

members and guests present. The next meeting is on December 10th.

Encampment FFA would like to say thank you to the Sage Brush Thrift Store for their donation towards FFA jackets. Also a big thank you to the Wyoming FFA Foundation for donating jackets as well. Finally, thank you to all of the community members for their support!



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2025-2026 Encampment FFA Picture

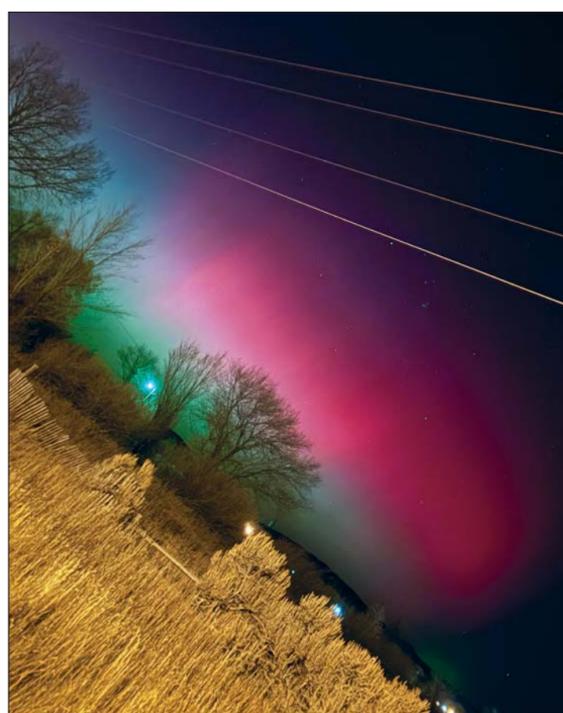
Back Row: Freya Myers, Zeva Adams, Bella Dugger, Coy Munroe, Lexi Vorn, Hoyt McKinney, Jamis McLinskey, Angelo Nielson
Middle Row: Mattison Wagy, Kellan Swanson, Chase Brown, Tate Zeller, Keston Baysinger, Samantha Anderson, McKinley Martin



Aubrey Maughan: Brighter than the Stars



Gayle Cringan: Northern Lights



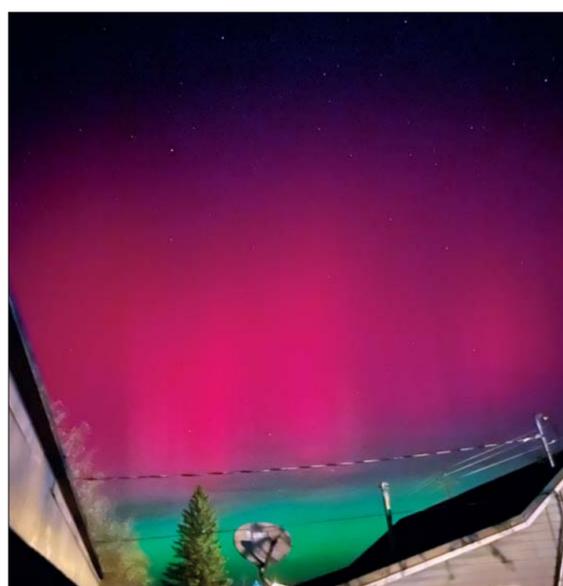
Ciji Bauer: Western Lights

Nature's Showing Off

24 Photos
11 Entrants
1 Glorious Event



Shandiin Talker: Snowy Range



Marissa Rodgers: Breath Taking



June Spencer: Northern Lights/Eastern Sky



Tracy Hayes: Lights Over Old Baldy Club



Jill Weatherd: Fence at Waterfowl Pond North of Town



Kylee Conseen: Mountain View Estates: Where you'll always have a view!



Mandy Cooper: Savery, Wyoming

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2025

Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
27 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> <i>Turkey Trot 5K</i> <i>Riviera Motor Lodge</i> <i>7:30 am Registration</i>	28 <i>Jingle Mingle</i> <i>Shops Open Until 7:00 pm</i>	29/30 <i>Small Business Shopping</i> <i>Shop Locally All Day</i> <i>Kiwanis Gingerbread Contest</i> <i>Saratoga Library - 9:30</i> <i>12:30 Dropoff</i>			

DECEMBER 2025

Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 <i>Gather At the Table</i> <i>Presbyterian Church</i> <i>5 - 6:30 pm</i>	2	3
4	5 <i>Festival of the Trees</i> <i>PVCC @ 5:30 pm</i> <i>WY Wild Sheep Foundation</i> <i>Saratoga Hot Springs Resort</i>	6/7 <i>Sat: Friends of the Old</i> <i>Pen Christmas Bazaar</i> <i>@ Jeffrey Center</i> <i>9 am - 2 pm</i>	8 <i>Encampment K-12</i> <i>Christmas Concert</i> <i>6:30 pm</i>	9 <i>SMHS Concert</i> <i>@ PVCC 6:30 pm</i>	10
11 <i>Saratoga Library</i> <i>C.J. Box Signing</i> <i>Events Begin at 1 pm</i>	12	13/14 <i>Sat: Parade & Winter</i> <i>Wonderland - 5:00 pm</i> <i>Sun: Winter Market @</i> <i>PVCC Gym 12 - 3 pm</i> <i>PVCC Community</i> <i>Choir @ 4 pm</i>	15 <i>Twinkling Lights & Tinsel</i> <i>Tidings Tour - 5 pm SES</i> <i>Encampment Community</i> <i>Concert</i> <i>6 pm - Opera House</i>	16 <i>SES Concert</i> <i>@ PVCC 6:30 pm</i>	17
18	19	20/21	22	23	24
25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	26	27/28	29	30	31



HELP WANTED

We are looking for driven, positive, friendly people to join our team.

We are looking for people in the following departments:

- Deli
- Meat
- Stocker
- Produce
- Grocery
- Checkers

Please inquire within the store for an application. Hours will vary and include weekend shifts. Pay will be based on experience and the department hired for.

All's well for next 'Gather at the Table'

Compiled by Dick Perue — GATT Correspondent

The 'good news' is that health-wise the chief cook and bottle washer have returned to good health, putting "Gather at the Table" free meals and fellowship back on schedule.

Everyone, especially the hungry and lonely, are invited to "Gather at the Table" for a free meal and fellowship Monday evening, Dec. 1st, from 5:00 to 6:30 in the Saratoga Presbyteri-

an Church Fellowship Hall at the corner of Third and Bridge Streets.

No reservations are needed and no restrictions apply. Folks just need to show up for a home cooked meal of Rotini baked spaghetti, rolls with garlic herb butter, sticky buns dessert, all served with a salad and the yummy toppings, plus a beverage

"Gather at the Table" is a non-profit charity extension of the First Presbyterian Church of Saratoga. Its

mission is to provide a welcoming meal to anyone who desires fellowship in and around this community.

Meals are prepared and served buffet style by volunteers once a month in order to "fulfill a physical and spiritual hunger by reflecting the teachings of Jesus Christ with love and openness through serving others," according to a press release from the "Gather at the Table" committee, the event sponsor.

Sports



The cover over Josh Allen's name and number is lifted at War Memorial. Allen is the reigning NFL MVP and the first Poke to have a retired jersey.

Cowboys' Offense Stagnant Against Nevada in Allen's Return

All photos by Elliott Deins

Pokes fall 13-7 to Wolf Pack on reigning NFL MVP's jersey retirement and senior night

By Elliott Deins

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Reigning NFL MVP and Buffalo Bill Superstar Josh Allen's return and senior night was not enough to push the Pokes offense over the goal line in the waning seconds of the game against the University of Nevada Wolfpack on Saturday.

The Cowboys drop to 4-7 and are no longer bowl

eligible after the 13-7 loss to the Wolfpack in the final home game of the season at War Memorial Stadium.

"Blame the head coach because I'm the one that's responsible."

~ Head Coach Jay Sawvel

The 25,650 fans in attendance witnessed

Josh Allen's first return to Laramie in nearly a decade. Allen's jersey was retired during halftime – the first Poke to receive that honor.

With just over two minutes left in the 13-7 ballgame, Wyoming received the ball at their own 18-yard line with a chance to drive down and tie with a touchdown and seal the victory with an extra point. Eighty-one yards and two minutes later, the Poke



Allen autographs a jersey for a young fan before the game.



Allen takes a selfie with fans before the game.

Offense was sitting pretty with goal-to-go on the Wolfpack one-yard line.

Instead of relying on a traditional short-yardage goal line run game – the Pokes play calling resulted in an incomplete pass, caught pass for a four-yard loss and another incomplete pass.

Nevada made the stand, earning the victory against the Pokes.

"We didn't execute (at the end of the game)," Head Coach Jay Sawvel said. "It's frustrating. I don't want any player to turn on each other or be frustrated with each other. If they want someone to blame, blame the head coach because I'm the one that's responsible."

Kaden Anderson led the Pokes through the air with 157 yards on 22-39 attempts and a touchdown to Evan Svoboda.

Senior linebacker Evan Eller made 10 tackles, a career-high three tackles for loss and a forced fumble. He eclipsed 300 total tackles in his career.

"It was super emotional, for sure," Eller said of the game. "It's a tough way to end the game. It's emotional because these were the last few seconds on this field and that's how it ended. It's tough, for sure."

Next, The Cowboys head out west to face Hawai'i in the final game of the season on Saturday night at 9 p.m.

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SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES



Josh Allen holds up his Wyoming jersey during the half time retirement ceremony.



The Wyoming crowd erupts while Allen signs pre-game autographs.



Jackson Holman, 9, makes a sideline catch.



A fan sports a split Cowboys/Bills jersey before the game.



Head Coach Jay Sawvel checks the scoreboard in the fourth quarter.



Michael Fitzgerald, 11, makes a catch in the first quarter.



Kaden Anderson, 12, attempts a pass.

Pokes Fall 13 - 7 Against The Wolfpack

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Johnathan Bush, 66, holds up "4s" for the fourth quarter.



Wyoming crowd reacts to an incompletion call in the fourth quarter.

"If they want someone to blame, blame the head coach because I'm the one that's responsible."

~ Head Coach Jay Sawvel on the end of the game

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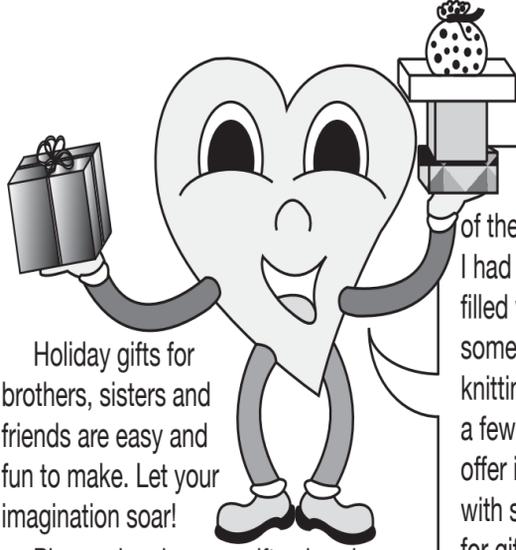
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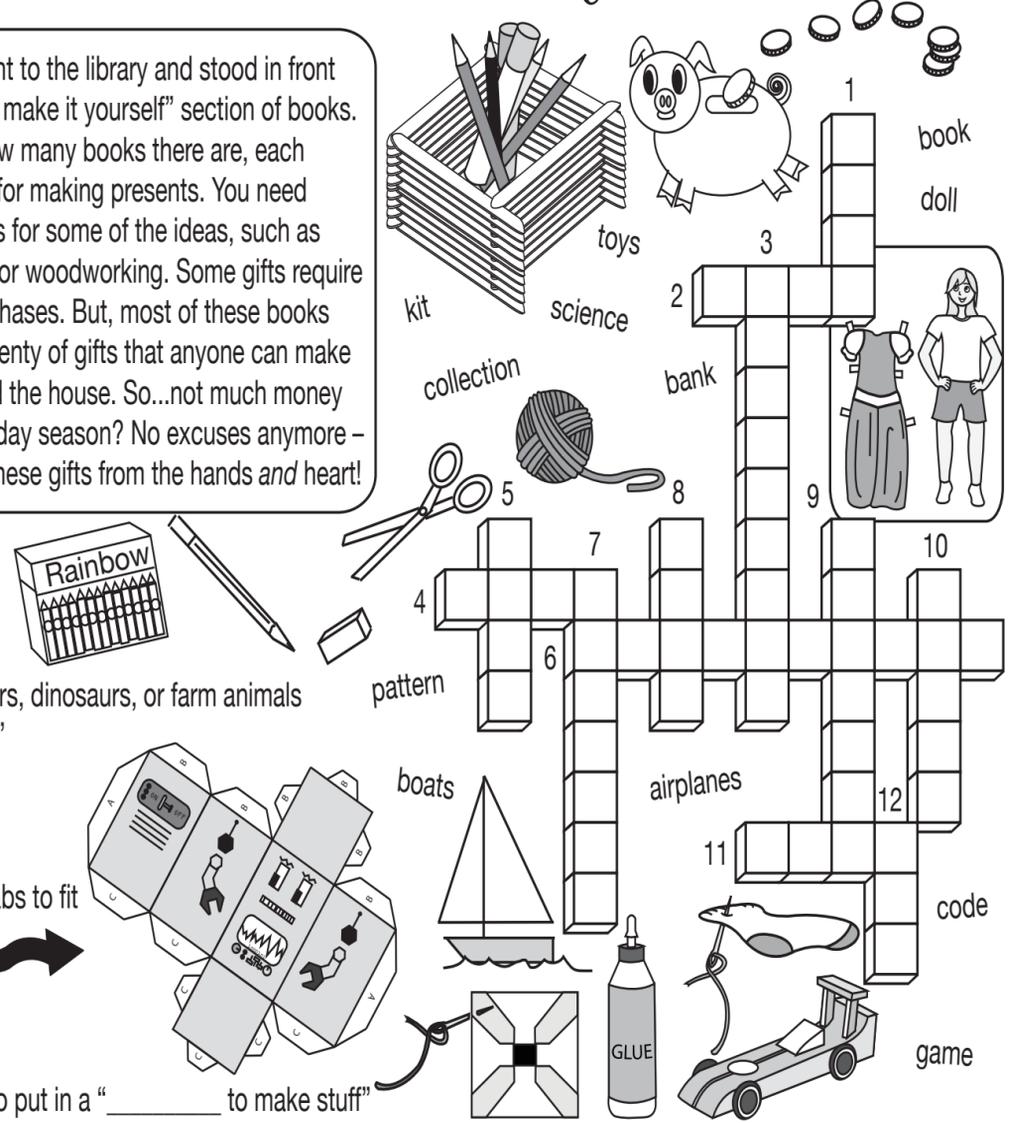
Holiday gifts for brothers, sisters and friends are easy and fun to make. Let your imagination soar!

Plan and make your gifts ahead so you won't get crushed in the holiday rush!

Wow! I went to the library and stood in front of the "do it and make it yourself" section of books. I had no idea how many books there are, each filled with ideas for making presents. You need some basic skills for some of the ideas, such as knitting, sewing or woodworking. Some gifts require a few small purchases. But, most of these books offer ideas for plenty of gifts that anyone can make with stuff around the house. So...not much money for gifts this holiday season? No excuses anymore - get to work on these gifts from the hands *and* heart!

Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

1. write a mystery and create a secret _____ to solve it
2. design and make a board _____
3. cut, fold, decorate a set of paper _____ to fly
4. put together a box or basket with small _____ in it: cars, dinosaurs, or farm animals
5. cut and draw to make a flip _____ of "moving images"
6. start a _____: baseball cards, miniatures, badges
7. make a _____ box: a small magnifying glass, items to study - yarn, leaf, a dust ball, a rock, a flower
8. draw and cut out a paper _____, make clothes with tabs to fit
9. use a ruler or computer to create a simple _____ that can be folded, made into a toy
10. turn milk cartons into paddle _____ that really float
11. make a _____ - be a sport and put a few coins in it
12. gather buttons, old jewelry, ribbons, colored string, etc., to put in a " _____ to make stuff"



Gifts For Family and Friends

Match the activities in each set to the gifts that will be made.

1. printing, painting, coloring
2. measuring, mixing, baking
3. tying ribbons, gluing beads
4. covering with paper, foil separating sections inside
5. making your own pieces to play with on the board

- A. tic-tac-toe, checkers
- B. decorative hangers
- C. wrapping paper
- D. box to hold change, keys, watches
- E. favorite cookies, candy

1. rubber stamping, inking, gluing glitter
2. painting, personalizing, gluing felt to the bottom
3. writing, promising, helping
4. melting, coloring, scenting wax, dipping string
5. drawing 12 seasonal pictures of times with your family, dates, days

- A. brick book ends
- B. candles
- C. calendar
- D. pop-up cards, writing paper
- E. book with coupons that can be "turned in" to get extra help with chores



You can make most of these gifts yourself. But, a few require adult supervision... so ask first!

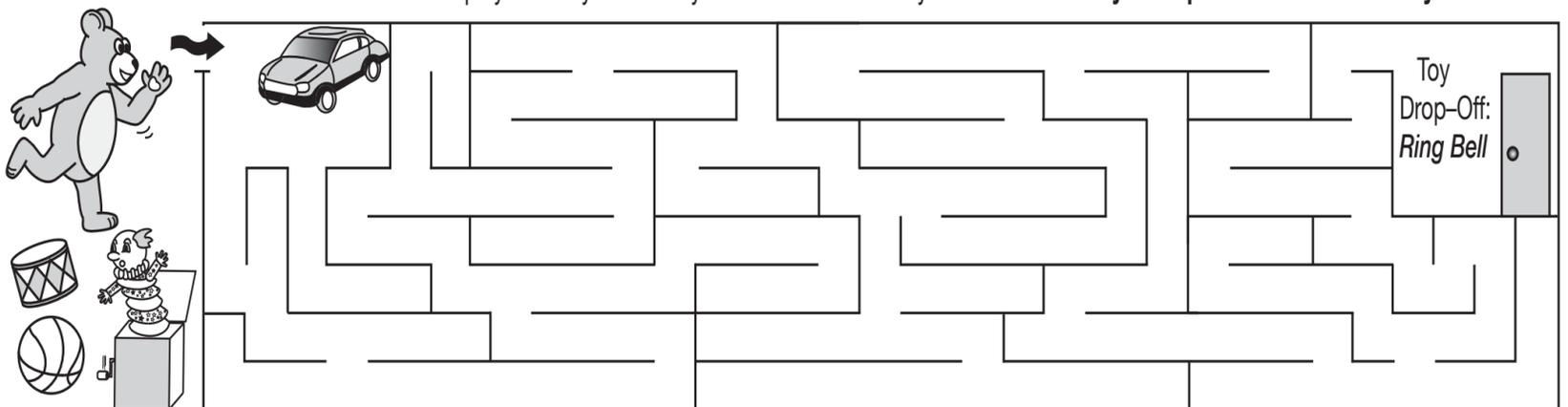


It's always fun to *paint* something. There are so many things that you can decorate! **Fill in the list of items below with letters from the paint palette:**

1. b _ rdh _ use
2. fo _ ts _ ool
3. lu _ ch ba _ s
4. gi _ t w _ ap
5. s _ ir _ s
6. _ _ t s 
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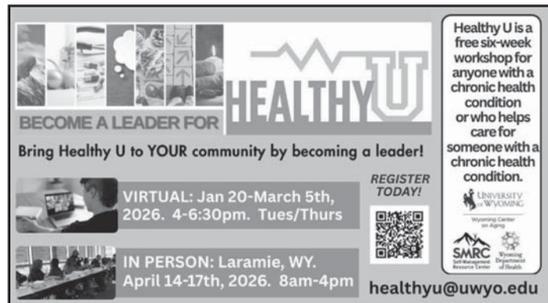
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TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 05, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Saratoga Town Hall, 110 E Spring Ave, Saratoga, WY 82331

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Chuck Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.
Opening Ceremony
Roll Call: Mayor Chuck Davis; Councilman Cooley; Councilman Oxford; Councilman Fluty; Councilman Barkhurst
All members of Council were present
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion to approve agenda for November 5, 2025 with the addition of a variance request at 208 W. Main from Paul Newman made by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Oxford. Motion carried.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2025
Motion to approve meeting minutes from October 15, 2025, made by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Oxford. Motion carried.
APPROVAL OF THE BILLS
Motion to approve all financials for November 5, 2025, made by Councilman Oxford, second by Councilman Cooley. Motion carried.
Deposits - \$236,347.73
Accounts Payable - \$94,747.66
Transmittals - \$23,069.01
Payroll - \$43,121.70
CORRESPONDENCE
Festival of Trees Gala & Auction - December 5, 2025
Ron Kauffman - Letter to Council
Lundy Estate
ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC
Variance at 208 W Saratoga - Paul Newman - Mayor Chuck Davis referred Mr. Newman to the Planning Commission to start the variance application process.
Platte Valley Art Council - Stacy Crimmins - Wyoming 250 Grant Project
Motion to accept MOU with PVAC after the Attorney looks at and have the Mayor sign at that point, made by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Fluty. Motion carried.

Special Events Permit - Brianna Fall - 2026 Summer Farmer's Market
Motion to approve Special Events Permit for the Farmer's Market beginning June 14, 2026, made by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Oxford. Motion carried.
Boys and Girls Club - Nick Haderlie
COUNCIL COMMENTS

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Town Hall
Mountain West - Tower
Police Department
CMMG, Inc - Quote - \$10,969.28 - 300 BLK Rifles and Suppressors
Motion to approve CMMG, Inc. quote in the amount of \$10,969.28 for 7 (seven) rifles, and suppressors made by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Oxford. Motion carried.
Fire Department

Recreation Department

Next meeting is December 1, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers
Gym Membership Key Fob Policy

Department of Public Works

Ordinance 884 - Title 13 - Water - Final Reading
Motion to approve and adopt Ordinance 884 - Title 13 - Water, on the 3rd and final reading, made by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Barkhurst. Motion carried.
Ordinance 885 - Title 13 - Sewer - Final Reading
Motion to approve and adopt Ordinance 885 - Title 13 - Sewer on the 3rd and final reading, made by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Oxford. Motion carried.
Rocky Mtn Sand & Gravel - West Bench Sewer Project - Pay App #1 - \$699,209.98
Motion to approve Pay App #1 from Rocky Mtn Sand and Gravel in the amount of \$699,209.98 for the West Bench Project, made by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Oxford. Motion carried.
Never Forget Park Update
Motion to approve 3 bid packages 1. Concrete, 2. Bathroom and 3. Irrigation and Sod for Never Forget Park, made by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Oxford. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Planning Commission

Next meeting is November 11, 2025 at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers
TAP Grant Agreement
Motion to approve and sign the TAP Grant Agreement, made by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Barkhurst. Motion carried.
Water and Sewer Joint Power Board
Next meeting is November 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the PVCC
Recreation Commission
Next meeting is December 1, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers
Saratoga Airport Advisory Board
Next meeting is November 10, 2025 at 3:30 PM at the Town Hall Council Chambers
South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Board
Next meeting is November 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Saratoga Ambulance Barn
Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2025

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

FURTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:27 PM made by Councilman Cooley, second by Councilman Barkhurst. Motion carried.
THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025 AT 6:00 PM.

-s- Mayor Chuck Davis

-s- Jennifer Anderson, Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Carbon County School District #2 October 2025 Bills List \$500.00 and over

Amazon Capital Services - \$12,816.73; Best Western Fossil Country Inn - \$708.00; Big Bale Company - \$2,110.90; Birdieball - \$549.95; Black Hills Energy - \$6,656.07; Bluum USA, Inc - \$1,855.00; BOCES 5 - \$9,402.49; Bush Wells Sporting Goods - \$644.29; Capital Business Systems Inc - \$7,355.81; Carbon County Sheriff Office - \$40,000.00; Carbon Power & Light Company - \$15,807.74; CEV Multimedia LLC - \$2,750.00; C'Mon Inn - \$660.00; Cobblestone Hotel and Suites - \$2,140.00; Connect Speech Therapy LLC - \$24,842.66; Cowboy Supply House - \$1,346.28; Daktronics Inc - \$43,000.00; Delancey, Talitha - \$850.00; Elder Equipment Leasing Inc - \$1,415.83; Elk Mountain Hotel - \$2,760.00; Elk Mountain Onsite Towing - \$1,412.50; Embassy Suites-Anaheim - \$1,258.60; Equality State Farms - \$1,298.88; Explorelearning Gizmos - \$940.00; Everhome Suites - \$954.00; FCCLA - \$563.00; Fremont Electric Inc - \$3,460.00; Galyon LLC - \$3,500.00; Gillbank, Michael - \$924.00; Gopher - \$1,852.44; Grainger Inc - \$1,687.39; High Plains Power Inc - \$544.28; Holiday Inn-Riverton - \$660.00; Holiday Inn-Rock Springs - \$1,190.00; Hyatt-Salt Lake City - \$3,855.24; Imprest Fund Encampment - \$2,318.40; Imprest Fund Hanna - \$4,593.48; Imprest Fund Saratoga - \$4,248.50; Inn at Lander, The - \$960.00; Janikowski, Josie - \$1,130.50; Johnson, Shannon - \$505.40; Judge Rotenberg Educational Center Inc - \$66,534.68; Long Building Technologies Inc - \$6,541.51; Mc Dowell Enterprises - \$900.00; Melco International LLC - \$2,890.00; Murphy-Hoffman Company, LLC - \$6,869.08; Norco - \$886.53; North Park Propane LLC - \$3,432.00; Northwest Colorado Auto and Truck Parts, Inc - \$1,375.83; Pahaska Teepee Resort - \$756.80; Pederson, Susan - \$700.00; Pepsi - \$2,630.50; Perkins Oil Company - \$5,683.89; Pine Cove Consulting LLC - \$4,622.70; Porter Muirhead Cornia & Howard - \$35,000.00; Put-In-Cups - \$1,414.88; Quality Landscape Inc - \$8,006.00; Quill Corporation - \$1,066.43; Ramsey Solutions - \$814.59; Rocky Mountain Power - \$8,155.55; Sam's Club - \$1,574.64; Saratoga-Platte Valley Chamber of Commerce - \$2,500.00; Scholastic Book Fairs - \$3,586.60; Searle, Ryan - \$600.00; Shamrock Foods Company - \$3,183.96; Shively Hardware - \$16,628.99; Sinclair Oil Corporation - \$1,345.68; SMHS Activity Acct - \$2,414.00; SMHS Hot Lunch - \$763.73; Spirit Halloween - \$613.60; Sunrise Sanitation Service Inc - \$2,212.00; Sweetwater Sound - \$1,200.00; Sysco Food Services - \$22,045.03; Town of Encampment - \$999.50; Town of Hanna - \$654.16; Town of Saratoga - \$1,444.28; Union Telephone Company - \$2,130.71; UPRSWDD Billing - \$892.00; Valley Foods - \$892.54; Walmart - \$1,662.56; WCDA - \$550.00; Wentz, Aaron - \$553.00; World's Finest Chocolate - \$2,081.00; Wrangler - \$809.91; WAEMSP - \$725.00; WYO High School Activities Association - \$985.00; WYO Rents LLC - \$614.80; WYO School Boards Association - \$2,075.00; Wyoming FCCLA - \$585.00

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Town of Saratoga Cash Requirements 11-19-2025

Armstrong Consultants, Inc - \$9,058.90; Carbon Power & Light Inc. - \$14,888.41; Caselle, Inc. - \$1,750.00; Core & Main LP - \$110.00; Core & Main LP - \$824.20; Core & Main LP - \$922.68; Core & Main LP - \$1,978.40; Diamond Maps - \$360.00; Energy Laboratories Inc - \$570.00; Engineering Associates - \$30,088.27; Faris Machinery Company - \$1,106.33; Frontier Uphitting - \$41,535.45; Hach Company - \$51.50; L.N. Curtis & Sons - \$2,340.00; Leslie's Poolmart, Inc - \$2,153.99; Lisa G. Burton - \$175.00; Motorola Solutions, Inc. - \$1,569.20; NAPA Auto Parts Saratoga - \$788.49; Norco Inc - \$44.64; One-Call of Wyoming, Inc. - \$49.35; Platte Valley Foods LLC - \$49.86; Platte Valley Porta Pots, Inc - \$1,200.00; Posey Wagon Portable Toile - \$130.00; Rocky Mountain Sand & Gr - \$699,209.98; Saratoga Jet Center - \$18,040.00; Shively Hardware Co (Town) - \$2,046.12; Stinker Stores, Inc - \$1,063.19; Sundahl, Powers, Kapp & - \$489.50; Sunrise Sanitation Service - \$50.00; The Cowboy Couture - \$207.00; Tiffany Moore - \$337.50; TWEnterprises Critical Pow - \$315.76; US Bank - \$5,699.12; Valley Oil Company - \$82.30; Valley Oil Company - \$29.39; Valley Ready Mix, LLC - \$1,855.00; WEX Fleet Universal - \$2,439.01; Wyoming Retirement System - \$543.75

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF SARATOGA PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION SPECIAL USE PERMIT COMMERCIAL KITCHEN

In pursuant to Wyoming Code; notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town of Saratoga Planning and Zoning Commission.

Purpose: The Town of Saratoga Planning and Zoning Commission has received an application for a special use permit in RD7200 from Ha Pham. The petitioner is requesting she be allowed to use a portion of her home as a commercial kitchen to prepare handmade foods, egg rolls, wantons and the like, under her Ha Egg Rolls. All food will be prepared under local, state and federal regulations. No on-site sales or additional public traffic is being proposed at this time. There are also no changes to the exterior of the property. The goal is to operate a safe, state approved workspace for making and packaging goods for sale through approved retail channels such as the farmers' market. The property is 1712 S. River St. in Saratoga, WY 82331. A copy of the application can be reviewed at Saratoga Town Hall located at the address listed below.

The Town of Saratoga Planning Commission will conduct a hearing on this proposal at;
Time: 5:30pm
Date: Dec 9th, 2025
Where: Town Hall (Council Chambers)
110 E. Spring Ave.
Saratoga, WY 82331

This is an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposal. Written comments may be mailed to:
Saratoga Planning Department
P.O. Box 486
Saratoga, Wyoming 82331

Written comments must be received prior to the public hearing. For questions or information please contact the Saratoga Planning Department at the mailing address above or call 307-447-2882.

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF SARATOGA PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Saratoga will have three (3) vacancies on the Saratoga Planning Commission at the end of the calendar year. Said vacancies consist of one (1) two-year term and two (2) three-year terms.

Letters of Interest from qualified individuals are requested as soon as possible.

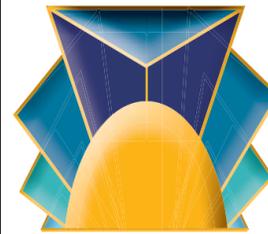
Letters may be submitted by email to clerk@saratogawyo.org, by mail to Town of Saratoga, P.O. Box 486, Saratoga, WY 82331, or delivered in person to Saratoga Town Hall during regular business hours. DATED this 18th day of November, 2025.
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Town of Saratoga Manual Checks 11-19-2025

Accounts Payable	\$965,827.26
Transmittals	\$45,930.37
Payroll	\$41,511.98

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INSURANCE INFORMATION TO KNOW: MEDICARE & HEALTHCARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment for Medicare began October 15, 2025 and will run until December 7, 2025. The Department of Insurance (DOI) would like to take this opportunity to discuss things you may want to consider heading into this enrollment period.

Each year, Medicare health and drug plans can be reviewed. Individuals should verify that their current plan still meets their needs for 2026. Individuals should receive materials from their plans like "Evidence of Coverage (EOC) or Annual Notice of Change (ANOC). These documents will notify individuals of any changes to their plan. People can find Medicare plan information or compare plans at Medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Individuals can also reach out to the Wyoming State Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) by calling 1-800-856-4398 or wyoming seniors.com/services/wyoming-state-health-insurance-information-program. People can also find information regarding Wyoming SHIP at doi.wyo.gov/consumers.

Effective June 4, 2025, Wyoming Insurance regulation Chapter 35 amended the "Guaranteed Issue Period" to include a Birthday Rule for Medicare Supplement policy holders.

The additional guarantee issue period starts on the insured's birthday and ends 63 days thereafter. The insured can select a different plan/carrier as long as the plan has similar or less coverage than the replaced policy, utilizing the guarantee issue status. Birthday rule plan options can be found on a chart under the consumer section of the DOI website, in the section marked Medicare and SHIIP.

These tips will help you navigate the Medicare annual open enrollment and Medicare Advantage open enrollment:

- 1. Don't give into pressure.** You do not have to make a decision after a single phone call or website visit. Take your time.
 - a. Ask anyone calling you for their full name and contact information, company license information or a copy of the plan.
 - b. Medicare and Social Security will never contact you by phone to offer a health plan.
 - c. You do not need to provide your Social Se-

curity number, bank account, Medicare number, or credit card before you can see plan details or receive a quote for legitimate plans.

- 2. Do your research before you commit**
 - a. Visit Medicare.gov to learn more about what each part of Medicare covers and the difference between Medicare, Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) Medicare Advantage and Medicaid.
 - b. Contact the DOI to ask any questions or ensure an agent or company is licensed to provide plans in Wyoming.
 - c. Keep in mind, not all of the plan benefits you hear about on TV or see on the internet may be offered or be available in your area.
 - d. Read the fine print and take the time to enter your providers, facilities and prescriptions in Medicare.gov to ensure they are covered.
- 3. Be cautious when online**
 - a. Beware of clicking on random internet ads or pop-ups. The first website that pops up under your search might not be the correct website. Make sure the Medicare website has .gov at the end.
 - b. Use caution and avoid responding to unsolicited messages, texts or emails.
 - c. For more cybersecurity tips you can visit ready.gov/cybersecurity

You can enroll in a health insurance plan through the federal health insurance Marketplace at HealthCare.gov from November 1, 2025, through January 15, 2026.

If you do not have health care coverage (major medical) and aren't eligible for Medicare, Medicaid, the children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or other coverage source, you may be eligible for coverage through the Marketplace.

Marketplace plans must cover essential health benefits (EHB), including prescription drugs, emergency services, hospitalization, laboratory services, mental health and substance use disorder services and cannot deny coverage for pre-existing conditions.

It's important for consumers to know where to find coverage, there are a lot of websites mimicking HealthCare.gov that DO NOT offer qualified health insurance.

Double check, especially when using a



search engine.

Do you already have a Marketplace plan?
If you currently have a Marketplace plan, review your information to make sure it is accurate. You should update your application if you have had any income or household changes. You may qualify for different financial assistance or find another plan that better suits your needs.

What should you look for when enrolling in a Marketplace plan?
You should receive a notice if your plan is no longer available in 2026. Even if a plan is con-

tinuing, you should confirm that the providers and hospitals you use are still in the plan's network.

Not all products are health insurance.
During this time of enrollment, keep in mind that all products are not health insurance. For instance Health Care Sharing Ministries (HCSM) do not have to comply with consumer protections of the Federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), like covering treatment for pre-existing conditions or capping out-of-pocket costs. In addition HCSM, are not regulated by the State of Wyoming.

This public service announcement is presented and paid for by the insurance companies licensed to do business in Wyoming in cooperation with the Wyoming Insurance Department. For more information on the state's insurance companies, including financial information, visit the Insurance Department website's "Company Financial Information" section.



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VALLEY NEWS

All photos by Elliott Deins



Elizabeth Ellis ties a fly.



TU members practice fly-tying with the Snowy Range brewers last week.

Trout Unlimited Hosts Fly Tying

By Elliott Deins

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Wyoming Trout Unlimited hosted a fly-tying event at the Snowy Mountain Brewery last week.

Attendees learned about the art of tying a fly, opportunities for volunteering, upcoming TU chapter leadership elections and participated in a raffle for TU swag.

“We’re all here because we love trout,” Wyoming TU State Coordinator Ian McCreary said. “But we’re all here because we like clean water. Part of the reason I don’t want to ever leave Wyoming is because we sit on one of the best fisheries in the state. It’s one of the most unique fisheries on the planet because it’s all freestone. Whatever snow we get determines how much water we have for the entire summer.”

There are five roles in the Platte Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one at large member.

If any roles are of interest, reach out to McCreary or attend the next meeting at 6 p.m., Dec. 10 at the Snowy Mountain Brewery.

The Ties, Taps and Community event on Dec. 10 will also feature an informational talk on the Seminole Pump Project.



Ian McCreary, Wyoming TU coordinator, speaks during the event.



Project manager Austin Quynn speaks during the event.

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This holiday season may your days be cozy, your hearts be full, and your hats be beautifully Western. Celebrate with us at the Palomino Hat Bar for the Jingle Mingle and enjoy our shop small Saturday event in true Saratoga style.

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Book signing event with book author C. J. Box
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