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Remembering former Routt County Sheriff Gary Wall

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS — Every afternoon Jenny Wall would call her husband, Gary, on her way home from work.

"He would answer, 'Is this the love of my life? Is this my sweetheart?'" Jenny



Wall

Wall said. "Now, there is no one to call and tell that I am on my way home, and that hurts. He was a great partner and a very interesting man. The impact he had on people was stunning."

On July 14, the former Routt County sheriff, who was 76, collapsed at his home. Jenny ran to a neighbor's house for help, and they called the North Routt ambulance. He was transported to Yampa Valley Medical Center then he was flown to Denver on July 15. His family decided to take him off of life support, and Gary Wall died at 2 a.m. Monday, July 16.

Jenny said her husband suffered a brain hemorrhage, and doctors believe Gary was suffering from a condition where proteins build up on the walls of the arteries in the brain increasing the risk for a hemorrhage.

Jenny said the symptoms started showing up just before Wall lost his re-election bid in 2010, but that the condition can't be fully diagnosed without an autopsy.

Gary's family said he was a competitive distance runner for more than 40 years, an accomplished sailor, skier and horseman, a gardener, talented chef and a mechanic. Family members also described Gary as a passionate advocate for people's individual and constitutional rights, a political junkie and a science nerd.

Jenny said she has decided to donate Gary's body to science, something she thinks her husband of 10 years would

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ROUND AND ROUND WE GO



JOHN F. RUSSELL/STAFF

Construction on a new roundabout at Mount Werner Circle and Ski Time Square Drive is proceeding as planned. Construction has closed Mount Werner Circle in front of the Steamboat Grand, meaning drivers must travel clockwise around Mount Werner Circle to assess Ski Time Square Drive and counterclockwise to access Gondola Square Transit Center. Work is set to be completed by Sept. 12.

3 rescues in 24 hours

Routt County search teams inundated with calls during busy weekend

Eleanor C. Hasenbeck
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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS — Routt County Search and Rescue received three calls within 24 hours this weekend.

"It's taxing on the team because, obviously, we're a small team," said Search and Rescue volunteer Delbert Bostock, who served as incident commander on two of the recent rescues. "But we've had it before, and we'll have it again, and we always make it work."

At 2:07 p.m. Saturday, Search and

Rescue were called to an all-terrain vehicle crash in the hills south of Stagecoach Reservoir. A man was working with his back turned to the ATV when the vehicle started moving and rolled over him, said Oak Creek Fire Protection District Captain Roger Moore.

EMS arrived at the scene before Search and Rescue, and volunteers were called off, Bostock said.

The 52-year-old Eagle man was transported to Denver Health via helicopter to be treated for multi-system trauma, Moore said.

Two hikers became disoriented Saturday afternoon near Bears Ears and spent most of the night walking to find the trail, Bostock said. At 5:08 a.m. the next morning, the hikers called Search and Rescue.

Search and Rescue located the man, woman and their dog. The 34-year-old Texas woman was exhausted and dealing with existing medical conditions. Volunteers carried her out on a stretcher to her vehicle, a distance of about a mile, Bostock said.

The man and the dog were able to hike out.

While responding to the first call, Search and Rescue received a second call at 1:04 p.m. A mountain biker was riding solo and crashed on the Flash of Gold trail on Buffalo Pass.

The 40-year-old man had an injured knee as well as scrapes and bruises, Bostock said. The man was carried out on a

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THE RECORD

Police, fire and ambulance calls — some minor calls omitted

Sunday, July 22

12:05 a.m. Steamboat Springs Police Department officers were called to a report of a suspicious person at a restaurant in the 1800 block of Ski Time Square Drive.
1:47 a.m. Officers were called to a report of a disturbance near the intersection of

Spring Hill Road and Anglers Drive.
2:19 a.m. Officers were called to a report of a suspicious person near a business in the 100 block of 10th Street.
8:52 a.m. Officers were called to a report of a suspicious incident near the 2000 block of Walton Creek Road.

11:19 a.m. Officers were called to a report of a theft that occurred at a restaurant in the 600 block of Yampa Street.
7:34 p.m. Officers were called to a report of a suspicious person at a residential complex in the 300 block of Lincoln Avenue.

CRIME STOPPERS

Call Routt County Crime Stoppers at 970-870-6226 with information about any unsolved crimes. You will remain anonymous and could earn a cash reward.

11:11 p.m. Officers were called to a report of a suspicious vehicle at Whistler Park.

RESCUE

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stretcher for about 350 yards before he was transported by ATV to Dry Lake Campground.

At the campground, volunteers met a West Routt Fire Protection District ambulance, which was stationed in Steamboat due to a high volume of calls in the area. The man was transported to UC Health Yampa Valley Medical Center.

Bostock said the couple that found the injured man was in a bit of

trouble themselves.

"They were out of food, out of water and lost. And somewhere in the mix of the mission as well, another couple was found that was out of food, out of water and were disoriented," Bostock said.

"Make sure and take a map of where you're going and plenty of water, because it's so hot and so dry now," Bostock advised. "Everyone gets dehydrated, and when you get dehydrated, you get a little bit disoriented, and you might not make the best decisions."



DAN GILCHRIST/COURTESY

Routt County Search and Rescue volunteers head to rescue a hiker near Bears Ears at the western edge of Routt County.

WILDFIRES

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blaze burned less than an acre. Both fires threatened homes before they were contained.

A storm that moved through the area Sunday brought cloud cover and lower temperatures but dropped only 0.02 inches of rain in Steamboat, according to the National

Weather Service.

"Even with the recent rain, conditions remain very dry, and incidents can escalate quickly," Fire Chief Mel Stewart was quoted as saying in a news release.

"Fortunately, with the cooperation of our fire partners in West Routt, North Routt, Oak Creek and the BLM, we were able to jump on the wildfires quickly and keep them from growing."

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