

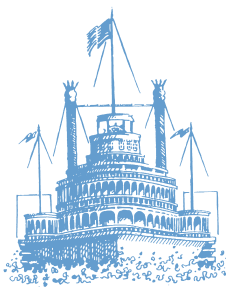
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Lost hiker guided to safety by moonlight

Matt Stensland
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A 23-year-old woman who moved from Minnesota to Steamboat Springs three weeks ago got a crash course in outdoor survival Sunday.



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Amber Paul had ankle surgery five weeks ago and was eager to get back on her feet, when she decided to hike Hahn's Peak, with its summit at 10,839 feet.

"This was supposed to be a hike to get me back into things," Paul said.

She started hiking at 4 p.m. and thought she was going the right way. After hiking for about two hours, the trail she was on ended, and there was no magnificent view similar to the one described in Diane White-Crane's book, "Hiking the 'Boat."

So, Paul started hiking back. "I forgot which 'T' I took and took the one that I thought was going down the mountain," Paul said.

She was only getting more lost, and, at 8 p.m., she said she got worried with night approaching. It was getting cold, she was wearing only shorts and a tank top and she was out of water. Bad cell-phone service made it difficult for her to communicate with her roommate for help, and she decided to call 911 shortly

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Fair fun fills dog days of summer



JOHN F. RUSSELL/STAFF

Elisa Engelken pets her dog Baxter during the showmanship portion of Tuesday's dog show at the Routt County Fair. This year, 13 dogs competed in the show, which included showmanship, obedience and a rally event. The fair continues today with the poultry show, home arts check in and an ice cream social. **Find the full story of the dog show on page 4, the Routt County Fair Schedule on page 12 and view a photo gallery from the dog show at SteamboatToday.com.**

Meeting goes off leash

Residents bark at city officials over enforcement of dog rules

Scott Franz
STEAMBOAT TODAY

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A community meeting about dog issues went off leash Tuesday, when some audience members started barking at city officials

and claiming the city had declared war on dogs.

Some in the audience said the enforcement of the city's leash law has been "unreasonable," and they want to see changes soon.

A few residents also claimed they were feeling hunted by officials

who are charged with enforcing the city's animal ordinances.

It was former Steamboat Springs City Councilwoman Kathy Connell who brought the meeting back on leash and steered it toward a more productive conclusion.

"We cannot ask our police chief not to enforce the laws," she said.

She urged community members who were frustrated by the enforcement of the leash law

See **Dogs**, page 2A

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Free kindergarten underway

2016-17 1st year program offered by Hayden School District

Matt Stensland
STEAMBOAT TODAY

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The Hayden School District is proudly enrolling boys and girls in free, all-day kindergarten.

The school year kicks off Aug. 25 with the school district offering the no-cost kindergarten for the first time.

"We haven't found a way to pay for preschool services, but this is a big step in the right direction," Superintendent Phil Kasper said. "We think it's a big step forward. It's a great investment."

Kasper touted the importance of early childhood education.

"Doing full-day kindergarten makes a big difference," school district board member Tammie Delaney said. "I think that's a wise priority to make."

Funding kindergarten is a

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*Hayden School District
Superintendent*

challenge that many districts face, and it is an issue the Steamboat Springs School District is grappling with.

"It's always been a funding issue with us," Kasper said.

In the past, Hayden's federal tax dollars were managed by the Northwest Colorado Board of Cooperative Educational Services, or BOCES. This year, Hayden decided to administer those tax dollars itself, which

meant \$20,000 additional dollars for the kindergarten program.

"This will pay for about 18 additional boys and girls," Kasper said.

The school district anticipated 33 kindergartners would be enrolled during the fall. Last week, about 30 students had been enrolled.

There will be two classrooms of kindergartners taught by Cortney Richards and Katie Hansen.

"We have some great educators," Kasper said.

Kasper said getting students into the school district early could help parents build loyalty to the schools.

"I think it's a good strategy," Kasper said. "I don't know if that's the primary driver here. I think the driver is providing good services for early childhood education."

Lost hiker covered 16 miles

Search continued from 1A

before 9 p.m.

"I don't even know how the 911 call went through," Paul said.

911 operators luckily were able to get Paul's coordinates from the phone.

Routt County Search and Rescue volunteers were called to help.

Volunteer Russ Sanford said they were lucky to be able to pinpoint Paul's location. In the past, Search and Rescue has not been able to get coordinates from people with T-Mobile service.

Sanford told Paul to turn off the light on her cellphone to conserve power and to walk southwest toward the moon.

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*Routt County Search and Rescue
Volunteer*

cally call 911, so they could get updated coordinates, but she was concerned with Sanford's instructions.

"I was scared when he said, 'Use the moon,'" Paul said.

After hiking a total of 16 miles, Paul found her car right as a Routt County Sheriff's Office deputy pulled up.

"It all worked out really well," Sanford said.

Paul said she was grateful for the help from Search and Rescue and 911 operators.

"They did such a good job calming me down and checking on my coordinates," Paul said.

Corrigan falls behind in fundraising

Tom Ross
STEAMBOAT TODAY

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As of late July, Bob Dapper, the Republican challenger in Routt County Commissioner District 1, had out-raised incumbent Tim Corrigan in campaign funding by more than 3.5 to one, according to information on file at the Colorado Secretary of State's website.

The district comprises mostly South Routt but extends into the southern Steamboat Springs city limits.

As of the end of the most recent campaign finance reporting period, which ran from June 20 to July 23, Dapper had raised a total of \$35,055 since October 2015 and spent \$22,104. That compares to Corrigan, who has raised a total of \$9,569 since Oct. 29 last year, when campaign finance reporting for this election cycle began.

Corrigan had spent \$4,680 and maintained a balance on



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hand of \$5,864 (carrying some monies over from the previous cycle) at the end of July. Dapper had an ending balance of \$12,950.

Lopsided campaign war chests also were a political reality both in a recent county commissioner race and the statehouse race for Assembly District 26 in 2014.

Current Commission Chairwoman Cari Hermacinski, who successfully challenged incumbent Steve Ivancie in the 2014 race for Commissioner District 3, which comprises most of Steamboat Springs, raised \$37,970 through Oct. 26 that year, compared to Ivancie's funds of \$13,710.

The funding gap didn't lead to a landslide. The outcome was unusually tight with

Hermacinski prevailing by 89 votes of 10,125 cast.

In the 2014 race for Colorado House District 26, comprising Routt and Eagle counties, incumbent Diane Mitsch Bush raised \$59,707 compared to \$27,835 for Republican challenger Chuck McConnell. Mitsch Bush won by a comfortable margin.

Dapper has thus far spent the single largest portion of his campaign money — \$7,530 — on advertising with Steamboat Today. His biggest contributors are Bryan and Christina Cressey, of Chicago, Illinois, and Wolf Run Ranch outside Steamboat Springs, which contributed of \$10,000.

The majority of Dapper's contributions thus far were secured in the first reporting period that began Oct. 29.

Corrigan's single biggest campaign contribution through late July was \$1,000 from Carole Milligan. He has spent \$1,020 in advertising with the Valley Voice.

ENDURO

Saturday & Sunday, August 20-21, 2016

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