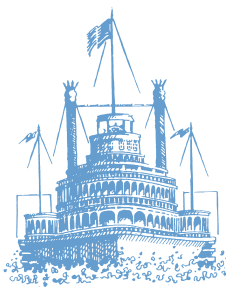


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Hunters rescued on Mount Werner

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Route County Search and Rescue volunteers got to put a recent ropes training session to the test Saturday when a pair of bow hunters found themselves trapped on the cliffs atop Mount Werner.

Two rescuers with headlamps rappelled down the cliffs in the dark to get to the bow hunters and used the ropes to hoist them to safety.

The hunters were uninjured. "They weren't injured, but they were feeling helpless when they were stuck on those cliffs," volunteer Kristia Check-Hill said. "They couldn't go up, down or sideways."

The mission, which started about 7:20 p.m., continued into the early hours of Sunday morning.

Volunteers used ATVs to get to and from the rescue scene.

Check-Hill said the last rescuers dropped off their gear in town after 2 a.m.

And it was cold. Rescuers could see their breath at the top of the mountain.

The hunters got stuck on cliffs near the No Name Chutes, and they were brought down to the ski run known as First Chance.

"How and why they got where they were, I don't know," Check-Hill said.

The identities of the two hunters weren't immediately

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Running from summer



SCOTT FRANZ/STAFF

Runner Michael Fisher is framed against a patch of trees that are beginning to sport fall colors near Rita Valentine Park on Monday.

Sniffing out solutions

Group seeks ways to make city more dog friendly

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Dog advocates in Steamboat Springs will gather in Citizens Hall today to start sniffing out some possibilities to make the city more dog friendly.

Kathy Connell, who is serving as a leader and spokeswoman for the dog working group, said Monday that 38

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Kathy Connell

Dog working group spokeswoman

residents had offered to help the city come up with policy changes or infrastructure, such as new dog parks, which would make the city a better

place to have a dog.

Connell also said she's already noticed some positive changes.

"They used to be doing some pretty heavy patrolling to try to catch dogs everywhere," Connell said about the city's animal control officers. "They appear to have backed off of that. They don't police some of these neighborhoods like they used to."

Connell said the work-

ing group will look into both short-term and long-term solutions.

"We want to get everything on the table and make sure no idea gets missed," she said.

At the kickoff meeting, a pair of dog advocates will present some survey data they have collected from residents about changes they would like to see made to the city's

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CORRECTION

The final Steamboat Springs Farmers Market of the summer will be Saturday, Sept. 17, not Sept. 24, as reported in Friday's Explore Steamboat.

RIVER REPORT

Yampa River flow Monday

Noon	82 cfs
10 p.m.	81 cfs
Average for this date	119 cfs
Highest for this date	431 cfs, 2014
Lowest for this date	30 cfs, 1934

Streamflow reported in cubic feet per second at the Fifth Street Bridge as provided by the U.S. Geological Survey.

WEATHER



Mostly sunny.
High of 80.
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Connell: Group to seek short-term changes

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dog policies.

Most residents who responded to the survey indicated they wanted to see a voice sight control program established so that dog owners could take a course and have more places to take their dogs off leash.

Connell said the voice sight program would likely be a focus of the new working group.

She added the group will seek some changes in the short term, such as getting some slack from the city about allowing dogs off leash in local bodies of water.

She said it isn't safe for dogs or humans for a dog to be on leash on the river or in a pond.

The dog meeting starts at 5 p.m. today in Citizens Hall.

"We all want Steamboat to be Dog Town USA, and I am confident that we can achieve



SCOTT FRANZ/STAFF

Dogs play in Rita Valentine Park on Monday.

this through communication, compromise and respect for all sides," she wrote in an email inviting dog advocates to the meeting.

Hunters' identities not immediately known

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available Monday.

Check-Hill said the hunters were friends and were from out of town.

The rescue came only a few

weeks after Search and Rescue volunteers practiced rescuing people with ropes on the cliffs near Fish Creek Falls.

"It was awesome we had it all so fresh in our minds and to be able to use that training

so quickly," Check-Hill said. "We got to do a little bit of everything on this mission."

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