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Stranded hunter rescued on Rabbit Ears Pass

Matt Stensland
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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS — A man's trusty horse was not so trusty when it ran away with all his gear Wednesday night.

Routt County Search and Rescue members were contacted about the incident at about 8:15 p.m.

The 50-year-old California man was hunting on Rabbit Ears Pass.

Incident Commander Darrel Levingston said the man had dismounted his horse while hiking.

"When he looked back up, the horse was gone," Levingston said.

When the horse returned to camp without the hunter, the hunter's uncle went to get help.

Levingston said the hunter had all the supplies and survival gear that he needed to spend in the woods.

"He went out prepared," Levingston said. "Just everything was on the horse."

Without his horse, the hunter no longer had a light source, and the clothes he was wearing were not warm enough.

"He might not have made it through the night the way he was dressed," Levingston said.

Temperatures were around freezing at higher elevations Wednesday night.

The hunter did have his cell phone, and rescuers were able to determine his exact GPS location when he called 911.

Levingston was able to talk with the hunter over the phone.

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BEWARE THE CHAMBER



JOHN F. RUSSELL/STAFF

Those who venture into Colorado Mountain College's Allbright Family Auditorium at 1275 Crawford Ave. this weekend will find plenty of scary characters waiting to jump out at them during the 19th annual *Screamboat: Chamber of Horrors*. The haunted event, which is a fundraiser for CMC's SKY Club, will be open from 6 to 10 p.m. today, Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$15 for the general public and \$10 for children 12 and younger and CMC students. Read more on page 19.

Dog lovers fetch treat

Co-inventor of Gatorade donates estate sale proceeds

Scott Franz
Steamboat Today

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS — The Yampa River Botanic Park and dog advocates who are trying to build canine-related improvements at Rita Valentine Park just got some big fundraising help from a

famous doctor who is hailed as a real-life Doctor Dolittle by his friends.

Dana Shires, a nephrologist who helped invent the Gatorade sports drink in the 1960s, recently sold his second home at Sidney Peak Ranch in Steamboat Springs and decided to donate proceeds of the estate sale at the property to the Botanic Park and Steamboat Digs Dogs.

Heidi Grogan, Shire's assistant, said the sale raised \$60,000 for the two organizations.

Grogan said Shires is a big animal lover who still owns several dogs.

"He is a very philanthropic man," Grogan said. "He loved Steamboat. He wanted to leave a legacy in the place he has loved for years."

Shires bought the ranch in the early 2000s with his wife, Debra.

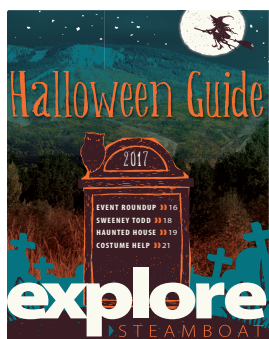
Items sold at the estate sale included Shires' Lexus SUV, snowmobiles, ATVs, oriental rugs and furniture.

"We asked him 'do you want anything?' He said, 'I want the money to stay in Steamboat,'" Grogan said.

Grogan flew to Steamboat from Tampa,

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EXPLORE STEAMBOAT



Check out the spooky events happening across Routt County this weekend and through Tuesday

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GROWING FRESH



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Florida, to attend the estate sale, which was put together by Steamboat Digs Dogs president and local real estate agent Kathy Connell.

“At least half of Steamboat was there,” Grogan joked.

With the \$30,000 donation Steamboat Digs Dogs

will get from the estate sale, the group now has raised more than \$90,000 toward improvements at Rita Valentine Park.

“We’re all very excited about it,” Steamboat Digs Dogs Vice-President Ulrich Salzgeber said of the donation from Shires.

Shires, 84, was part of a team of researchers that helped create Gatorade at the University of Florida

RESCUE
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Aftern looking at a map, Livingston determined the hunter was going to have to navigate a creek, rough terrain and a marsh to get back to the camp.

Livingston told the man to stay put, but to try and stay warm by moving around.

There were 11 people who showed up for the


rescue mission, and they hiked in. In some areas, there was 15 inches of snow.

They reached the hunter two hours after leaving Steamboat Springs.

He was located one and a half miles from U.S. Highway 40 along the Hogan Park Trail.

Livingston said the hunter was extremely cold but otherwise fine.

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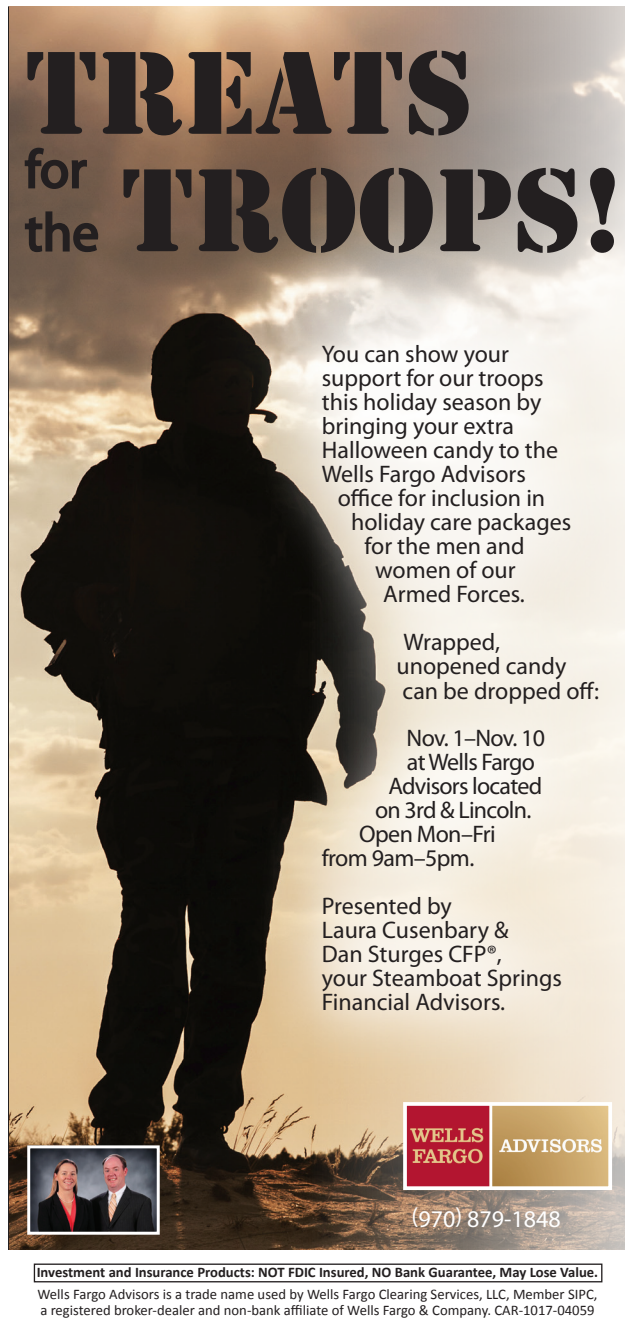
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