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Steamboat boys tennis team splits games

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Tracing steps of Pilot pioneers

I had the opportunity on Friday to represent the Steamboat Pilot & Today while speaking to the noon lunch bunch at the Tread of Pioneers Museum during the lunch-time series otherwise known as the Brown Bag Lecture Series.



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STEAMBOAT TODAY

In case you haven't attended one of the speeches by Routt County residents or people with long ties to Northwest Colorado during the past couple of summers, I would urge you to make a point of attending in summer 2013.

As a result of my research for Friday's lunch, I have a new, old book to recommend to you written by one of the earliest publishers of the newspaper.

My talk dealt with the founding of the Steamboat Pilot by James Hoyle in 1885 and moved on to Charles Leckenby, who represents three generations of stewardship by the Leckenby family that followed. I also touched on the current owners, the Simons family, of Lawrence, Kan., whose family-owned newspaper has a marvelous history of its own.

Finally, I flashed forward to 2012 and spoke about the future of community newspapers in an era of rapidly changing information technology.

When I think of the family members of true Routt County pioneers who have presented at the museum, I'm made aware of what an honor it was to speak for the newspaper and its historic roots.

During my research for the talk, I had a chance to revisit for the first time in many years an indispensable volume of local history, "The Tread of Pioneers," written in 1945 by Charles Leckenby and published by the Pilot. The museum first opened in 1959, so if you're thinking that the title of Leckenby's book inspired the naming of the museum, hold that thought. We just might get to it on another occasion.

There are three copies of Charlie Leckenby's book on the shelves of the Bud Werner Memorial Library, and let's be clear, just one slim chapter is devoted to the history of the newspaper. Leckenby, who played a major role in the creation of the Moffat Tunnel and the arrival of the railroad service to Steamboat, had many interests.

A sampling of the chapters in the book, which takes in all of Northwest Colorado, includes: "The Great Diamond Swindle," "Two Forgotten Graves" (they are on the island in the Yampa River just west of

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Man found dead in plane crash

Sheep herder discovered site in rural Routt County

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The Routt County Sheriff's Office was investigating a plane crash Saturday and the death of the plane's only occupant.

The crash was discovered at about noon by a sheep herder about three miles north of the Camilletti Ranch house, which is at the end of Routt County Road 48 near Milner.

Undersheriff Ray Birch



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wrote in an email that the crashed plane is a single engine Piper and that it was being flown by a male.

Routt County Coroner Rob Ryg wants to make sure all of the family members are notified before releasing the man is identified.

The man's name should be available Sunday morning.

Birch added that the man was not from the area.

Birch said it is not known when the plane crashed. He said that the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board has been notified and that NTSB investigators were expected to arrive at the crash Saturday evening.

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Biking the Boat



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Riders head out from the Gondola Transit Center on Saturday for a five-mile ride during the Biking the Boat Charity Ride presented by Steamboat Adaptive Recreational Sports and Routt County Riders. Riders participated in 26-, 46- and 55-mile rides as well as the five mile all-abilities ride. About 130 participated with proceeds benefiting recreation programs for people with disabilities.

Speaker discusses investigation

Hannah Giles emphasizes truth, justice at Freedom Conference in Steamboat

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Freedom Conference attendees on Saturday got to hear what drove Hannah Giles to investigate corruption at an agency that was supposed to be advocating for low-income families.

Giles was a 20-year-old aspiring journalist who had landed an internship in the Washington, D.C., area during summer 2009. While out for a jog, she ran past the housing barracks for the The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, or ACORN.

"It hit me," Giles said. "I could do an investigation. They're right here."

She said she had written investigative pieces that were critical of ACORN and its political ties during college, but the articles did not change the national perception of the organization.

By the time Giles had finished her jog and returned to her apartment, she said she had formulated a plan to investigate ACORN.

She joined with James O'Keefe, who along with Giles is generally described as a conservative activist. Together, at a cost of \$1,500, they produced a number of undercover videos that drew national controversy and led to the organization's downfall. One of the videos was shown at the beginning of Giles' speech Saturday. It showed O'Keefe, posing



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Hannah Giles, of the American Phoenix Foundation, speaks Saturday during the Freedom Conference at The Steamboat Grand.

as a pimp, and Giles posing as a prostitute. An ACORN employee was offering them advice on how to avoid paying taxes on their prostitution ring.

ACORN lost its government and private funding and declared bankruptcy in 2009.

Today, Giles helps lead investigations for the American Phoenix Foundation. According to its website, the goal of the foundation is to "recruit and train select young poten-

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Former director questions his firing

Housing Authority terminates Krawzoff

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On July 12, George Krawzoff was told he was fired as executive director of the Yampa Valley Housing Authority. Krawzoff said he was stunned and has been left grasping at answers to the reason for his falling out of favor.

The Housing Authority board looked like it was moving on without him and searching for a replacement. But on Aug. 9, the board did a double-take, making a motion to terminate Krawzoff and pay him up until that date.

In the almost monthlong period between July 12 and Aug. 9, and in the weeks since, Krawzoff has sought answers about why he was terminated within a few months of being hired. He's read a statement to the Steamboat Springs City Council detailing issues he said he found in the Housing Authority's financials, and he filed a whistle-blower complaint with the federal government.

The board, for its part, has had a series of meetings and executive sessions related to Krawzoff's departure, including seeking advice from its attorney before firing him for a second time, in open session, at its Aug. 9 meeting.

Krawzoff had been in the executive director position for a little less than three months, joining in April after former executive director Mary Alice Page-Allen, who had been a part of the Housing Authority since its inception, left to become the town administrator of Oak Creek.

As a new employee, Krawzoff was in an initial review period and was expecting a performance review at the end of

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RIVER REPORT

Yampa River flow Saturday

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| Noon | 102 cfs |
| 10 p.m. | 102 cfs |
| Average for this date | 123 cfs |
| Highest for this date | 375 cfs, 1984 |
| Lowest for this date | 38 cfs, 1940 |

Streamflow reported in cubic feet per second at Fifth Street.

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