

SPOKE TALK



Season of change

This morning, the alarm went off early. I brewed coffee and took the steaming mug with me for a few tentative steps outside the front door. The dawn air has a bite this time of year — change is coming.



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I mostly love fall and enjoy the seasonal shift. I'm a child of winter, so the dropping mercury is something I tend to welcome. This year, however, I have the overwhelming sensation of things grinding to a halt — the screech of dusty disc brakes punctuated by the stuttering rub of tires on rock.

It's only been a few months since I took over as executive director of Routt County Riders. When I stepped into the role, the summer season was already in full swing, dirt flying on new trail projects, maps and jerseys going out to bike shops, plans in place for road races and bike safety classes.

Routt County Riders has undergone quite the evolution over the past decades. In speaking with folks who were around for its conceiving years, it started as low-key meetups over Chinese food where people got together to talk bikes. The main objective was to have fun and to promote cycling between community members who loved it in all its forms.

Colorado, and certainly Steamboat Springs, has since experienced a massive period of growth where the infrastructure in place feels less than adequate to cope with the influx of humans. The number of spandex-clad riders pouring out onto county highway corridors in the name of a workout has put a strained pressure on the relationship between the road bikers and the ranchers and commuters who struggle to pass them en route to work.

This dynamic is similarly tough when considering the rise in popularity of mountain biking. Unless you've been living under a rock up Fish Creek Canyon, you can't possibly have missed the impassioned debate this year between those in favor of expanded mountain bike trails and those who would rather keep our forests wheel-free.

There is no shortage of passion in this community, that much we can say without qualification. People love this valley and have vastly different opinions about how we should pave its future path. There are families who have been here for decades whose voice matters. There are also transplants to town who are familiar with

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PHIL BRIDGERS, LIVE TO PLAY/COURTESY

"This Mountain Life" is one of nine films that will be shown in Steamboat Springs on Oct. 9, as part of the Banff Mountain Film Festival Tour.

Film festival arrives

Tour to feature climbing, biking, exploration movies

Shelby Reardon
Steamboat Pilot & Today

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS — Biking, climbing, exploring, mountain.

Not only are these things that Steamboat Springs residents love, but things that will be featured in the Banff Mountain Film Festival, which will come to Steamboat on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

After the fall festival in Banff, Alberta, the Banff Film Festival World Tour kicks off. For the first time since 2014, the tour is bringing mountain-centered movies to the Albright Auditorium at Colorado Mountain College Steamboat Springs.

The event, sponsored by Alpine Bank, will show nine films ranging from two minutes to 39 minutes and will have an intermission after the first four films. Doors open at 6 p.m. with films beginning at 7 p.m.

Attendees will explore different parts of the world with breathtaking videography of gorgeous landscapes. They'll see people push themselves to the edge in the name of adventure.

"These are ordinary people doing extraordinary things, and it's incredibly inspiring," event coordinator Phil Bridgers said of the films. "When you see these films, it's just normal people. It's not these high-dollar, mass production stunt man stuff. It's normal people going out and doing stuff."

Steamboat is the last stop of the 2019 installment, as the new movies for the 2020 tour will appear at the film festival in Banff



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from Oct. 26 to Nov. 3. Along the tour, the festival usually stays two, sometimes three nights in one town to show all the films, but Steamboat will be a one-night event.

If at least 200 people attend this year's event, Live to Play, the event host and sponsor, may bring the Banff Mountain Film Festival Tour to Steamboat once more, but for two nights only.

The night will open up on a "high-adrenaline" short film about a 12-year-old who skis some epic lines down awesome mountain faces. Then the audience will be treated to a film about a group of people supporting beavers in the name of climate change.

Following a film about a Native American tribe and race horsing, viewers will witness the longest film of the night, "This Mountain Life."

Over 39 minutes, "This Mountain Life" tells the story of a mother-daughter team traversing the mountains of British Columbia and Alaska in the winter.

IF YOU GO

What: Banff Mountain Film Festival
When: 7 p.m., Oct. 9
Where: Colorado Mountain College Steamboat Springs, Albright Auditorium, 1275 Crawford Ave.
Tickets: \$22 at brownpapertickets.com/ event

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS FILM PROGRAM

- "Far Out – Kai Jones"
- "The Beaver Believers: Meet Sherri Tippie"
- "Fast Horse"
- "This Mountain Life"
- "For the Love of Mary"
- "The Moment"
- "Reel Rock 12: Break on Through"
- "Choices"
- "The Frenchy"

"It's an epic movie," Bridgers said. "Most of it is self shot. They had a film crew fly in a few times."

Following a short break, "For the Love of Mary" will bring the audience back into the adventurous spirit as they learn about a 96-year-old man who runs up Mount Washington in New Hampshire every year.

"He's won his age category every year since he was 70," Bridgers said.

After a pair of mountain biking films and a climbing film, the program will conclude with a 13-minute film called, "The Frenchy."

"It's kind of that feel-good movie," Bridgers said. "The guy just loves life beyond belief."

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managed recreation and the responsible promotion of tourism in booming western locales such as this.

This upcoming season of change will be an important one for Routt County Riders as we look to our future and decide how we can improve our local engagement, increase impact and invest more time and

energy creating a united cycling community.

Please reach out to me at laraine@routtcountyriders.org if you'd ever like to grab a coffee, or a quick midday ride here in town, and talk about what cycling advocacy means to you — or what it should mean to us.

Routt County Riders also has upcoming events to finish out our fall season, visit routtcountyriders.org/ events to join in. We have

highway roadside clean-up days, bicycle-friendly driver courses, our final volunteer trail work day of the season and a cycling mini film fest at Chief Theater. We'd love to have you alongside us.

And I'll finish by quoting our illustrious Board President Kyle Pietras, "Can we go ride bikes now?!"

Laraine Martin is the executive director of Routt County Riders.

Sailors soccer routed by Battle Mountain

Chris Freud
Vail Daily

EDWARDS — Slow start or a patient one? How about languid?

Battle Mountain soccer overcame either a slow first half or patient one, leading Steamboat Springs just 1-0 at the half on Tuesday before a second-half barrage led the Huskies to a 5-0 rout of the Sailors.

Classifying the type of start an 8-0 team has is one of those privileges an 8-0 team may have, but the Huskies are getting into heady territory.

"I think it was patience," Huskies coach David Cope said. "The boys showed patience and Steamboat had a game plan to keep spaces crowded, to sit back. We had so much of the ball. There wasn't any worry. There were times I thought we could have played faster. We were languid, ohh, good word. In the second half, we accelerated the play."

As Cope rightly noted, the visiting Sailors packed it in defensively to clog passing lanes. As the season progresses, teams will probably show different defensive looks to try to slow down the Huskies offensively. Goals will be harder to earn.

After the Tuesday's game,



CHRIS DILLMANN/VAI DAILY

Battle Mountain's Trevino Twiss scores a goal against Steamboat Tuesday in Edwards. The Sailors moved to 1-4 on the season.

Steamboat is 1-4.

EXPECTATIONS

Cope believed the Huskies will drop out of the No. 1 spot after Tuesday's game because everything is in motion throughout the state. That said, he's OK with his team doing a little RPI watching.

Battle Mountain had the ball for most of the first half. The Huskies, with the exception of Castillo, just couldn't pot more than one.

That Steamboat stymied the Huskies as long as it did was something that made Sailors coach Rob Bohlmann happy.

"Most important for our group, we wanted to come in organized and with a

plan to where win, lose or draw, we walked away feeling success, and that's how our group feels," said Bohlmann whose team hosts Summit County on Thursday.

Kevin Chavez, who assisted on Castillo's goal in the first half, got the Huskies going in the second half. Chavez's shot caromed off the crossbar and Trevino Twiss hopped on the rebound for a 2-0 lead.

Dani Barajas and Wyatt Hall then struck on laser finishes. Seeing Barajas out and about gladdened Huskies fans. The senior has been dealing with a left-ankle injury of late.

Joey Leonardo capped it for Battle Mountain.

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