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QUOTE

“Human Potential Running is not looking to bring 10,000 people to these events. We will limit the participants to 300. This is to limit the effect on other users of the trails.”

—John Lacroix
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Guffey Charter School sees increase in enrollment

Students preparing for ribbon cutting ceremony

By Flip Boettcher

Correspondent

Pam Moore, Guffey Charter School administrator, reported that there were 34 students enrolled so far this year, which is more than in the last few years. Jennifer Hartman, teaching kindergarten through second grades, has 10 students; Lynda MacDonald, teach-

ing third through fifth grades, has 14 students; and Hillevi Peterson-Hirsch, teaching sixth through eighth, has 10 students.

Community celebration

The school will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the successful completion of its broadband project, bringing modern high-speed Internet to the school and

surrounding areas. The program will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Guffey School's third, fourth and fifth graders will present the story of the project, after which guests will be invited to walk or drive to the site of the internet pole and solar powered shed, located behind the school, for the ribbon cutting ceremony. A chili luncheon will follow back at the school.

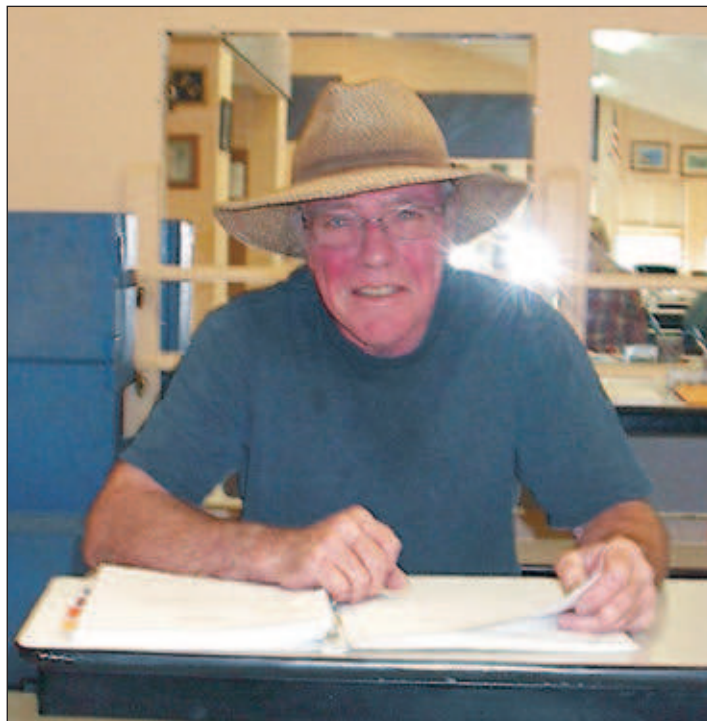
Moore said that during the children's presentation they will be talking about not only the story of how the Internet pole came to be, but how they gained a living lab in the process.

The pole is powered by solar power, which the school is maintaining.

“They will be learning about alternative energy,” Moore said. “There is a solar powered shed at the site so the kids will feel like they are doing something scientific when they go out into the ‘field.’”

There will also be critter cams installed so the students can monitor the wildlife that roams the 20 acres of property the pole and shed sit on.

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DOWN TO BUSINESS

Guffey Community Charter School president of the board, Frank Ruvo, addresses attendees. (Photo by Flip Boettcher/The Flume)

Looking for Bigfoot

Some locals convinced the truth is out there

Walter L. Newton

Correspondent

It's dark and cold. The glow of the campfire reflects off the trees which stood like silent sentinels over the three tents. Staring into the woods, I hear a branch snap and the ground cover rustles. Could it be?

I'm on an investigative assignment to find Bigfoot.

Jim Myers of Bailey and Tony Lombardo of Morrison have taken me to an isolated location southeast of Bailey looking for a sasquatch, more popularly known as Bigfoot.

Both men are members of Sasquatch Investigations of the Rockies, an



KNOCK, KNOCK, IS ANYBODY THERE?

Jim Myers uses a “knocker” against a tree. Bigfoot researchers claim that at times a bigfoot will respond back by smacking a tree in a similar manner. (Photo by Walter L. Newton/The Flume)

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Park County 2013 delinquent property taxes due by Oct. 15 to prevent lien sales

Yearly auction opens to bidders Oct. 1, auction takes place on Oct. 18

By Walter L. Newton

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For the second year in a row, the Park County delinquent tax lien sale will be online at www.parktaxsale.com. The bidding starts on Oct. 1 and the actual auction is Oct. 18 at 8 a.m.

The county holds these sales once a year, usually in October. The upcoming sale will cover property that has delinquent taxes for 2013.

Property owners with delinquent taxes have until 5:30 p.m. Oct. 15 to pay the taxes in full and prevent the sale of the lien.

Bidders must register at the auction website before Oct. 18 and must be 18 years of age or older. If the opening bid is higher than the amount of the lien, the overage amount is a premium. If the property is redeemed before the auction, the premium amount is not returned to the bidder.

After the auction, property owners have three years to redeem the lien from the auction winner by paying all the back taxes, premiums and interest.

During that time period the lien owner is responsible for yearly taxes on the property.

If the property is redeemed by the owner before the end of the three year period, the purchaser of the lien is paid back for their winning bid plus 10 percent per year interest.

If the lien is not redeemed in three years, the lien owner can apply for a deed to take ownership of the property.

Auctions like this primarily attract investors who are looking to make a return on their winning bids or acquire a piece of property at deeply discounted prices.

The deeding process takes about six to nine months. The property owner can still redeem the property up until the time the deed is issued.

Bidders must sign up at the auction site and provide an identification number (tax ID, Social Security number or employer identification number).

The bidder must also complete a W-9 form on the website and complete an ACH authorization form so they can make an automatic payment on winning bids.

Bidders receive all documents and financial materials automatically from the website after winning a bid.

The county and bidders save time and money using an online bidding system and it streamlines the auction process for all involved.

