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Lithia vandalized

Historic structures surrounding spring damaged for second time

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SPORTS



Regional rivalry

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Fall moon



LARRY PIERCE/COURTESY

A luminous moon highlights the spreading colors of oncoming fall Wednesday morning near the bike trail at Fetcher Pond.

Use-tax vote a struggle

Quinn, Magill have changes of heart on city collection of up to \$4.6M

Brandon Gee
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

The overturning of a controversial ordinance at this week's Steamboat Springs City Council meeting hinged on late-breaking changes of heart

by two councilmen.

Councilman Jon Quinn voted in favor of the ordinance on first reading two weeks ago and expressed continued support late last week. Councilman Walter Magill, who missed the first vote, said Saturday that he intended to vote in favor

of the ordinance on its second and final reading. Both changed their minds, and the ordinance, which would have prevented city accountants from reconciling building use-tax deposits on building permits issued prior to March 10, narrowly failed on a 4-3 vote

Tuesday night.

Reconciliations have been a provision of the Steamboat Springs Municipal Code since 1991 but never have been enforced. With the addition of a use-tax auditor to its staff

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LOTTO



Wednesday night's Powerball numbers: 12-23-26-32-44 20, 3
Lotto numbers: 23-24-28-34-41-42
Cash 5 numbers: 3-10-18-30-31

WEATHER



A stray afternoon storm. High of 73.
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