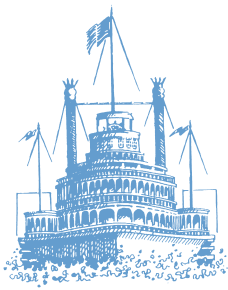


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JOHN F. RUSSELL/STAFF

A mountain bike parked along Lincoln Avenue in Steamboat Springs is covered in heavy snow Monday afternoon. A winter weather advisory is in effect until midnight tonight for Steamboat. For more about the weather, see story on page 3.

Local couple dies in crash

Single-engine plane went down Monday 10 miles from Hayden airport

Tom Ross
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

A Steamboat Springs couple died Monday when their single-engine plane crashed about 10 miles west of the runway at Yampa Valley Regional Airport in Hayden.

Joseph and Suzette Brumleve were found dead at the scene,

the Moffat County Sheriff's Office confirmed late Monday night. The cause of the crash won't be determined until the National Transportation Safety Board completes its investigation. An NTSB investigator is expected to arrive in the area today.

Routt County Search and Rescue personnel discovered the plane, a 1986 Piper PA-

46 Malibu, at about 4:45 p.m. on farmland about 2 1/2 miles northwest of Elkhead Reservoir. The wreckage was close to Moffat County Road 178.

Moffat County Sheriff's Office Lt. K.C. Hume described the topography of the crash site as rolling agricultural land. There was about 6 inches of snow around the wreckage, he said.

The fixed-wing, six-passenger plane was inbound from Hutchinson, Kan., where it departed at 9:13 a.m. Mountain Standard Time. According to FlightAware, a Web-based flight tracking service for commercial and private aircraft, the plane was due to arrive at Yampa Valley Regional Airport

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	2 in.	Total snow†	101 in.
New snow — Summit	2.5 in.	Trails open	154/165
Base — Mid-mountain	37 in.	Lifts open	12/18
Base — Summit	44 in.	Conditions	Packed powder

*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 21 as measured at mid-mountain FOR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit: www.cotrip.org



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