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CORRECTION

Kelsey Samuelson led the Soroco High School girls basketball team in scoring this season. The team's leading scorer was misidentified in a story on page 20 of Thursday's *Steamboat Today*.

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Powder Divas employee Hilary Thissen straightens sale items in the window of the SkiTime Square business. The store is scheduled to close for the season Sunday but is offering plenty of good deals to customers during the final days of the season.

So long, Ski Time Square

Retail area heads into final ski season weekend with sales

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

It's the end of the line for Ski Time Square.

Businesses are moving into the final weekend of their final ski season in the shopping and dining spot at the base of the Steamboat Ski Area. The Atria Group and Washington, D.C.-based Cafritz Interests will demolish the square this summer to redevelop the area.

Some businesses plan to close for good after the last push, and others will hang on for a few more weeks.

"My sales are going to continue until the end of April or until I run out of things to sell," said Bill Auer, who owns the Wine Rack. He is joining retailers, including Powder Divas, Steamboat Trading Co. and Powder Pursuits, in a massive sale today through Sunday.

Business owners expressed mixed feelings about turning

out the lights one last time. Many face uncertain futures.

"It's kind of like being in limbo," said Auer, who has run the Wine Rack for 15 years. "It's partly frustrating and partly a relief because it's over. There's no more waiting."

The land's redevelopers had considered delaying demolition for part of the square to give some businesses one more season. That possibility was ruled out because of sprinkler system concerns, Atria Group officials

said last month.

Auer said he wasn't sure whether he would try to reopen elsewhere or get a spot in the incoming development. His liquor license is for the Ski Time Square area, he said, which would make relocation tricky.

Tugboat Grill & Pub has a lease through August and appears to be the last hold-out. Saturday is the restaurant's final day of ski season, and it is

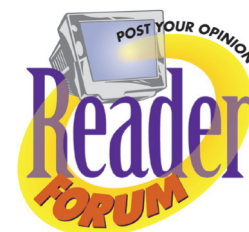
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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	4 in.	Total snow†	486 in.
New snow — Summit	4 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	80 in.	Lifts open	12/18
Base — Summit	107 in.	Conditions	Packed powder

*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 18 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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