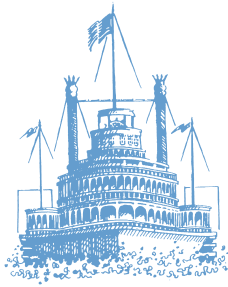


SATURDAY

APRIL 12, 2008

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO

VOL. 20, No. 89



STEAMBOAT TODAY

ROUTT COUNTY'S DAILY NEWSPAPER

FREE

www.steamboatpilot.com

HAYDEN



Hayden plans sale

Dead cars will be towed for free as part of May 3 cleanup

Page 4

SPORTS



A tough loss

Page 21

CORRECTION

Nicholas Pederson, 9, portrayed Civil War general Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson at a Thursday event in Hayden. Nicholas' character was misidentified in a story on Page 5 of Friday's *Steamboat Today*.



BRIAN RAY/STAFF

Brooke Cape works to restock the shelves in the beer cooler at Southside Liquors in Steamboat Springs on Friday afternoon. Local businesses are less than thrilled about legislation allowing Sunday sales that Gov. Bill Ritter is schedule to sign Monday.

Sunday liquor sales likely

Ritter set to approve measure; local businesses less than thrilled

Blythe Terrell
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Sunday liquor sales are almost a certainty.

Gov. Bill Ritter is scheduled to sign legislation Monday allowing alcohol sales at retail stores starting in July, according to a news release. The reaction among Steamboat Springs retailers was lukewarm, though most stores said if the law is

enacted, they plan to be open that seventh day.

"It went just fine without being open on Sundays," said Ted Heid, who owns Southside Liquors. "I thought, 'What a business to be in; I have football Sunday off.' ... Now, they took that away from me."

Heid said he saw the measure, state Senate Bill 82, as a promotion of corporate interests. He said he thinks grocery stores will use it as an argument

in trying to persuade the state to allow them to sell wine and beer with higher alcohol content.

"It's a bad deal," Heid said. "We know where our government is from. They're all corporate."

As it stands, only grocery and convenience stores can sell alcohol on Sundays. They can sell beer that is 3.2 percent alcohol.

A spokesman for a grocery

and convenience store trade group said the measure harms his industry. Sean Duffy of the Rocky Mountain Food Industry Association called the bill flawed and said it would have unintended consequences.

"This will, in essence, prohibit and eliminate beer convenience stores all over Colorado," Duffy said.

If full-strength beer is avail-

See **Liquor**, page 11

INDEX

- Business20
- Classifieds31
- Colorado15
- Comics29
- Crossword29
- Happenings7
- Horoscope30
- Nation18
- Sports21
- Television28
- ViewPoints8
- World48

LOTTO



Friday night's Cash 5 numbers: 3-5-14-17-26
Drawings are held Monday through Saturday.

WEATHER



Mostly cloudy and milder. High of 45.
Page 2



READER FORUM

Share your insights and opinions on current events and issues of local importance through the *Steamboat Pilot & Today* READER FORUM. Just log on and go to: www.steamboatpilot.com