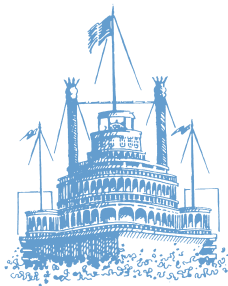


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Gas prices
Cost of a gallon of regular unleaded fuel on Sunday

Fuel Stop	\$3.63
West Kum N Go	\$3.59
7-Eleven	\$3.48
Western Petro	\$3.63
Bob's Conoco	\$3.69
Hilltop Sinclair	\$3.69
Anglers Kum N Go	\$3.59
Ski Haus	\$3.69
Mount Werner Sinclair	\$3.59
Shell	\$3.73
Shop & Hop	\$3.69
State Average	\$3.61
National Average	\$3.70

Fox trot



JOHN F. RUSSELL/STAFF

A fox runs across a field near Twentymile Road on Thursday morning while making its way to the Yampa River.

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Take a swing

Golfers take advantage of spring weather on recently opened range

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CORRECTIONS

David Moulton is secretary of the Routt County Democratic Party, not Lynn Abbott, as was incorrectly reported in a page 1 story of Sunday's *Steamboat Pilot & Today*. Joanne Erickson's name was misspelled in a photo with that story.

Looking down the road

City Council sets priorities, focuses on long-term vision at Saturday retreat

Brandon Gee
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

At a Saturday morning retreat with city department heads, the Steamboat Springs City Council rearticulated the issues at the top of its priority list.

Five particular priorities were identified: implementing the city's West of Steamboat Springs Area Plan, economic sustainability, livability, the city's own financial sustainability and maintaining public infrastructure.

One of the first questions asked by City Council President

Loui Antonucci pertained to the proposed Steamboat 700 development west of city limits.

"Is annexation a goal," Antonucci asked, "or is that just something we know we're going to have to deal with?"

Answers varied.

"I really think it's going to keep Steamboat common," Councilman Scott Myller said. "I think it's a good thing, and I want it to get done."

Others were less committed and said they only want to effect the annexation if it is done correctly.

"I do think Steamboat should

grow," Councilman Jon Quinn said. "I'm less convinced that it has to be Steamboat 700 in particular."

The council ultimately settled on implementation of the WSSAP, not annexation of Steamboat 700, as its priority. The WSSAP is the city's guide to growth in the west Steamboat area. It calls for dense, walkable development that reduces the need for off-site automobile trips and boosts the city's housing stock, including affordable housing.

The plan also calls for the impacts of development in

the plan area to be mitigated. Officials have previously said that means Steamboat 700 should at least be revenue-neutral, but Planning Director Tom Leeson presented a broader view Saturday for reviewing the development.

"There's value to other things besides cash flow," said Leeson, citing public benefits such as open space. "It's going to be very difficult to quantify some of that value."

If the city strictly requires Steamboat 700 to be revenue-

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LOTTO



Saturday night's Cash 5 numbers:
8-14-18-24-32
Drawings are held Monday through Saturday.

WEATHER



Night storms with snow. High of 58

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