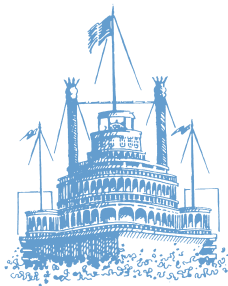


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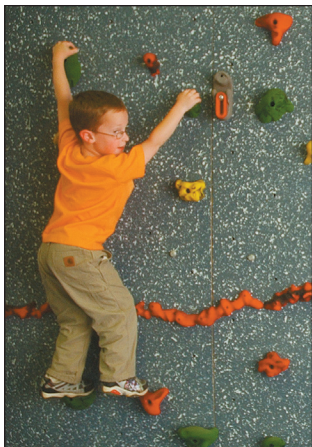
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## CORRECTIONS

An article on page 3 of Thursday's *Steamboat Today* incorrectly stated the rate at which departing Oak Creek police officers will be paid for future court appearances. They will be reimbursed \$25 an hour, plus mileage, according to the conditions of their resignations.

Steamboat Springs High School senior volleyball player Kacey Bull's name was misspelled on page 39 of Friday's *Steamboat Today*.

## Reeling it in



JOHN F. RUSSELL/STAFF

**Steamboat Springs' Joe Dover** pulls in a pass in the second quarter of Friday night's football game against the Eagle Valley Devils at Gardner Field. The catch set up a touchdown a few minutes later that gave the Sailors the lead. Steamboat won the game, 35-14. **For more on the game, see page 13.**

# City slashes project budget

### Antonucci: Finances on a 'collision course'

**Brandon Gee**  
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

#### STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

The city of Steamboat Springs plans to hack its 2009 budget for capital projects by nearly half, and Finance Director Lisa Rolan is predicting an even tougher situation in 2010.

The city originally budgeted \$15.4 million for General Fund capital improvements in 2009. After the city's management team met four times with instructions to slash all but the most imperative projects, the Steamboat Springs City Council agreed last week on a plan that would cut General Fund capital expenditures to \$7.9 million in 2009.

Even with the cuts, the city will reduce its Capital Improvements Plan reserves to \$4.6 million in 2009. There was \$14 million in the capital reserve fund at the end of 2007.

"I do not agree with that low a reserve in your CIP," said Rolan, who urged council members to save at least \$7 million. "The concern I have is, a lot of the projects we're starting in 2009 continue in 2010, 2011 and beyond, and we have to come up with those dollars. (Next year) is going to be harder."

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