



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

Fuel Stop.....	\$3.38
West Kum N Go.....	\$3.34
7-Eleven.....	\$3.32
Western Petro.....	\$3.49
Bob's Conoco.....	\$3.54
Hilltop Sinclair.....	\$3.39
Anglers Kum N Go.....	\$3.34
Ski Haus.....	\$3.49
Mount Werner Sinclair.....	\$3.34
Shell.....	\$3.38
Shop & Hop.....	\$3.43
State Average.....	\$3.30
National Average.....	\$3.24



MATT STENSLAND/STAFF

Steamboat Springs resident Yves Patty talks his son Wylie through a shot at the Routt County Rifle Club on Saturday, which was the first day of elk rifle season.

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Talking tax credits

Many businesses in valley eligible for incentives

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SPORTS

Cannon grabs 2nd

Steamboat Springs rider lands on podium at 24 Hours of Moab

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CORRECTIONS

Steamboat Springs High School junior Lorin Paley is using cooking oil to make biodiesel fuel for a school project. She is not turning french fries into fuel, as was stated incorrectly in a headline on page 6A of Sunday's *Steamboat Pilot & Today*.

Black Mountain Tavern employee Becky Ayers was misidentified in a photo caption on page 7A of Sunday's *Steamboat Pilot & Today*.

Hunting bucks trends

Despite a struggling economy, people are lining up for 2008 elk rifle season

Joel Reichenberger
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Steamboat Lake Outfitters' outfitting director Russ Lambert said he's hopeful the last several weeks of commotion on Wall Street won't ripple into his section of the world any time soon — but his confidence wasn't based on the outcomes of elk hunting.

"This is about the most expensive meat you can get your hands on," he said with a

laugh, quickly adding up all the costs an out-of-stater pays for a trip to Colorado's mountains for a shot at a bull.

Lambert, along with the rest of Steamboat Springs' hunting community, had his eyes trained on the market last week. The outfitter was curious whether, or when, the effects might be felt in his business. As the biggest day of his season loomed — elk rifle season opened at first light Saturday — he said there's too much about the elk experience to have him worried more about

Elk rifle seasons

- First season: through Wednesday
- Second season: Friday to Oct. 26
- Third Season: Nov. 1 to 7
- Fourth season: Nov. 12 to 16

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"I'm encouraged by the phone calls we've been getting," Lambert said, pointing out that his guides already are booked solid through 2008 and filling up for 2009. "A lot of the guys who sit in an office all year-round love to come out to get

themselves in the right frame of mind again. It's therapeutic for them sometimes, and if it means selling a bunch of junk they have in the garage, well, they still want to do it."

The conclusion was the same across Routt County.

"We've been very busy. The turnout seems to be really good, and we're seeing a lot of people from out of state," said Doug Person, who was selling ammunition Thursday at Elk River

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LOTTO

Saturday night's Cash 5 numbers: 1-9-11-22-24
Drawings are held Monday through Saturday.

WEATHER

Sunshine and patchy clouds.
High of 48.
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