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Redevelopment rubble



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Rubble covered in snow and remnants of a concrete foundation are all that remained Friday of the Thunderhead Lodge in SkiTime Square, which is undergoing redevelopment by The Atira Group.

Rates cause concern

Businesses' water costs to increase if council approves measure

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Steamboat Springs' commercial water and wastewater rates are likely to increase along with residential rates.

The Steamboat Springs City Council approved a first reading last week of a measure that would increase rates for users of

city water service. Commercial rates will increase 50 percent if the council approves the change after a second reading Nov. 18, Public Works Director Philo Shelton said.

Business owners said the possible increase was a source of concern.

Bob Rundell owns Big O Tires, Fuel Stop, and Grease Monkey and its accompanying

car wash. Higher water rates could lead to higher prices at the car wash, he said.

"We haven't increased the cost for probably three years," Rundell said. "That was due to an increase in soap prices. Those have been fairly stable; now, the other option's going up."


Car wash costs essentially depend on soap and water costs,

he said. "The ingredients are pretty simple," Rundell said.

Higher water fees also could hit restaurants hard, Azteca Taqueria owner Jim Ruggiero said.

"That's certainly a concern, especially for a restaurant, a place that uses a lot of water,"

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Gas prices

Cost of a gallon of regular unleaded fuel on Sunday

Fuel Stop.....	\$2.53
West Kum N Go.....	\$2.49
7-Eleven.....	\$2.44
Western Petro.....	\$2.51
Bob's Conoco.....	\$2.54
Hilltop Sinclair.....	\$2.49
Anglers Kum N Go.....	\$2.49
Ski Haus.....	\$2.44
Mount Werner Sinclair.....	\$2.44
Shell.....	\$2.54
Shop & Hop.....	\$2.44
State Average.....	\$2.25
National Average.....	\$2.26

AGING WELL



Helping hands

VNA Companion Care eases burdens, helps clients stay independent

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SPORTS



Season is coming

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LOTTO



Saturday night's Cash 5 numbers: 1-10-19-21-30
Drawings are held Monday through Saturday.

WEATHER



A bit of snow.
High of 45.
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