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David Taylor places 1st at International Quilt Association's annual show

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## Play date with powder



LARRY PIERCE/COURTESY

Steamboat Olympian Nelson Carmichael enjoys nearly a foot of fresh Champagne Powder snow at the Steamboat Ski Area on Friday. The resort will open top-to-bottom terrain today, catapulting to nearly 800 acres, 55 trails and five lifts. **For the story, see page 3.**

# Colleges strapped for cash

### Sinking economy depleting scholarship funds, boosting tuition for students

**Zach Fridell**  
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Gayle Dudley says there is always a way to pay for your education.

As Steamboat Springs High School's college and career counselor, Dudley wants to make it clear that despite a sinking economy and rising tuition costs, students can find a way to pay for a college education if they start looking now.

To assist parents and students beginning the search, Dudley is hosting a college finance seminar at the high school at 7 p.m. Monday.

The event comes at a grim time for many students and their families.

This year, the average annual in-state tuition for four-year colleges in Colorado increased 8.9 percent, from \$5,435 in 2007-08 to \$5,916 in 2008-09.

Colleges also have been hard-hit by the economic collapse.

Colorado State University lost \$18 million from July to November, according to *The Fort Collins Coloradoan*. The Associated Press reports Harvard University lost \$8 billion during the same period.

Increasing tuition at private and four-year public universities also is leading some students to press colleges for more aid, Dudley said.

"I think what's going to be

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#### If you go

**What:** College financial aid seminar and panel led by Gayle Dudley  
**Where:** Steamboat Springs High School

**When:** 7 p.m. Monday  
**Who:** All interested parents and students

**Panel members include:** Megan Cave, from CollegeInvest; Brooke Koenig, a financial aid officer for University of Colorado at Colorado Springs; and Mary Edwards, from the office of financial aid at Colorado Mountain College's Alpine Campus.

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## SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

### Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	11 in.	Total snow†	62.25 in.
New snow — Summit	9.5 in.	Trails open	34/165
Base — Mid-mountain	32 in.	Lifts open	4/18
Base — Summit	42 in.	Conditions	Powder

\*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 21 as measured at mid-mountain FOR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit: [www.cotrip.org](http://www.cotrip.org)

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