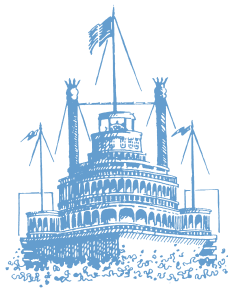


MONDAY

JANUARY 19, 2009

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO

VOL. 21, No. 16



STEAMBOAT TODAY

ROUTT COUNTY'S DAILY NEWSPAPER

FREE

www.steamboatpilot.com

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

Fuel Stop	\$1.71
West Kum N Go	\$1.67
7-Eleven	\$1.70
Western Petro	\$1.83
Bob's Conoco	\$1.82
Hilltop Sinclair	\$1.79
Anglers Kum N Go	\$1.67
Ski Haus	\$1.79
Mount Werner Sinclair	\$1.71
Shell	\$1.79
Shop & Hop	\$1.71
State Average	\$1.62
National Average	\$1.84



FILE PHOTO

Wayne Kakela talks at his Strawberry Park ranch this summer. The longtime Steamboat resident, known for his commitment to the arts, died Jan. 10 from heart problems.

Unending interests

From art to ranching, Kakela remembered for his love of all things

Margaret Hair
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

To Wayne Kakela, everybody was allowed in.

"He was known. Not in the way, say, the president of the bank would be known. But known by more strata in society than anybody else I can think of," said John Whittum, a fellow Strawberry Park resident and longtime friend of Kakela's. "He had no limita-

tions in his acquaintances."

Wayne Kakela was a rancher, sculptor, river runner, designer, swimmer, filmmaker, skier, father, friend, reader and motorcyclist. He was a broad thinker who had a broad approach to life.

Kakela died of natural causes on Jan. 10. He was 73.

Among his community contributions, Kakela was the ditch rider for the Soda Creek Ditch in Strawberry Park, crafted the flock of metal sheep at the

A community memorial

Wayne Kakela's family invites the community to join in a celebration of his life at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 6 in The Lowell Whiteman School gymnasium. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to one of the institutions Wayne loved: Dartmouth College Fund, in memory

of Wayne Kakela, Dartmouth College, 6066 Development Office, Hanover, NH 03755; The Lowell Whiteman School, 42605 RGR 36, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487; Old Town Hot Springs, Attn. Pat Carney, P.O. Box 771211, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477.

Stock Bridge Transit Center, baled about 50 tons of hay every spring and spent years on the board of directors for The Lowell Whiteman School.

In the late 1960s, he and

his wife, Linda, opened their Strawberry Park barn as a ski lodge, teaming with Mount Werner to offer travelers a place

See **Kakela**, page 4

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS



Skiing '80s style

8th annual event raises about \$6K for Advocates group

Page 6

SPORTS

Cardinals win NFC

Page 23

Correction

A headline on page 3 of the Jan. 3, 2009, *Steamboat Today* incorrectly stated that the fight that led to Richard Lopez's death occurred in a bar. No physical altercation took place in the bar. For more, see page 3 of today's paper.

INDEX

Briefs	10	Horoscope	28
Classifieds	30	Nation	17
Colorado	16	Sports	23
Comics	28	ViewPoints	8
Crossword	29	Weather	39
Happenings	7	World	18

SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area			
New snow — Mid-mountain*	0 in.	Total snow†	198 in.
New snow — Summit	0 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	52 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	63 in.	Conditions	Packed 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

Alerts via text or e-mail.

www.SteamboatPilot.com