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Steamboat Springs High School boys basketball player Charles Wood goes up for a layup during the second half of Steamboat's game Tuesday night against rival Moffat County at Kelly Meek Gymnasium. The Sailors won, 44-32. See the story on page 23.

Job losses broad-based

Unemployment affects middle-class workers, social services

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Architects, accountants, managers and other middle-class workers are increasingly swelling Routt County's unemployment and social services

lines, as figures released Tuesday put Colorado's jobless rate at more than 6 percent.

Statewide, unemployment increased from 5.8 percent in November to 6.1 percent — a five-year high — in December. Routt County's unemployment actually decreased 0.5

percentage points in December to 3.9, but experts attributed that to typical ski season gains in seasonal employment. Applications for food stamps, home heating assistance and unemployment are on the rise in the county.

Routt was one of 23 Colorado

counties that saw a decrease in unemployment, which Joe Winter, a senior economist with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, attributed to "a natural consequence of economic cycles" related

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

Table with 4 columns: Snow type, Location, Amount, and Conditions. Includes rows for New snow (Mid-mountain, Summit), Base (Mid-mountain, Summit), Total snow, Trails open, Lifts open, and Conditions.

*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

