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Aspen residents Walt Madden and Bert Myrin exchange wedding vows recently before the Rev. Ginny Wilder in Wilmington, Del. Myrin said he tried to find a state that allowed same-sex marriages for out-of-state residents but that also didn't place heavy burdens or restrictions on couples if they wanted to divorce. There were only a few states that fit the bill, and one was Delaware.

Ruling awaited on gay marriage

Aspenites go to Delaware to tie the knot

Editor's note: "Bringing It Home" runs weekends in The Aspen Times and focuses on state, national or international issues that have ties to or impacts on the Roaring Fork Valley.

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With respect to the uncertainty surrounding the same-sex marriage ban in Colorado, Pitkin County Clerk and Recorder Janice K. Vos Caudill said she will do what the other 63 county clerks are doing.

Which means this: She will wait for a high-court ruling that decides the issue one way or another.

In recent weeks, clerks in three Colorado counties where marriage licenses were being issued to same-sex couples have been ordered to bring such

activity to a halt. The Colorado Supreme Court reportedly has said it plans to hear arguments in the matter, but exactly when it will take up the issue is not known.

"We've complied with the laws," Vos Caudill said. "We've issued same-sex-civil-union licenses accordingly. While Boulder, Denver and Pueblo (county clerks) were issuing marriage licenses, other counties were not."

Since May 2013, Colorado has allowed civil unions for same-sex couples. Marriage licenses are taboo because of the ban approved by state voters in 2006.

The county clerks in Boulder, Denver and Pueblo were issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples — about 350, according to news reports — in response to a June 25 ruling by the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals that said Utah's gay-marriage ban was unconstitutional. Colorado is one of six states within the 10th Circuit federal court district.

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POLITICAL SPIN



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From left, WE-cycle founder Mirte Mallory, Gov. John Hickenlooper and Aspen Mayor Steve Skadron celebrate Colorado Bike Share Day with a ride around Aspen on Friday using WE-cycle bikes.

Snowmass ice-age dig site is back open to the public

Nonprofit can now take tours to Ziegler Reservoir

Jill Beathard
The Aspen Times

Guided tours are now available on the same grounds that mammoths and mastodons trod tens of thousands of years ago.

The Ziegler family has given Snowmass Discovery permission to lead guided hikes to the reservoir on their property, where thousands of ice-age fossils were uncovered three years ago.

Tom Cardamone, executive director of Snowmass Discovery, has lots of ideas as to the educational amenities the nonprofit could create around the dig. Consultants are currently conducting a feasibility study to make recommendations regarding those



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The nonprofit organization Snowmass Discovery can now lead tours to Ziegler Reservoir, the site of a 2010-11 fossil dig in Snowmass Village. It is the first time the public has been allowed to access the site since then.

amenities, the results of which are expected later this summer.

Whatever he learns from that study, Cardamone said he and the consultants agree that a visit to the dig site is at the heart of

the experience. Just a couple of weeks ago, the Ziegler family signed an agreement allowing Cardamone and a few named

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