

## GOOD FOR YOU



Ten local students, sponsored by Conifer Rotary, recently returned from Rotary Leadership Camp, shared their experiences with their families and Rotarians.

Powerful, exciting, insightful, new forever friends are some of the words students used to describe their experiences. RYLA and YRYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) are leadership training programs sponsored by Rotary International. Designed to promote, encourage and reward outstanding young people, the all-expense paid camps attract young men and women from Colorado, Wyoming

and western Nebraska to gather and share ideas about becoming better leaders.

Students took a few minutes to share their most memorable experiences. Some shared thoughts from the problem solving games, zip lines and challenge course. Students agreed that during that week they developed a new, strong focus on accepting diversity and suspending judgments of others.

The parents and families also noted changes in their children — that they were open, more interested in understanding others and settled disagreements without raising their voices.

**AMONG THE CONIFER** area students attending RYLA are, from left, back row: Conifer High School students Phoebe McKeon and Nicole Renaud, and Platte Canyon High School students Jady Mattson, Drew Heineman, Jackson Seidler and Sydney Mammoser; front row West Jefferson Middle School student Alix Stielow, Fitzsimmons Middle School students Elijah Dimon-Ainscough and WJMS student Steven Burtis.

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**PLAYING ON THE LILY PAD CYMBALS** are Brendan Fries, Shayleigh Staehlin and Brynley Staehlin.

Thanks to a grant from the **Rotary Club of Evergreen**, there is a new instrument in Stagecoach Park in Evergreen. Lily pad cymbals have been added to the other instruments that make up the Musical Park, which was originally installed with a \$30,000 Rotary grant in 2014. The park continues to be popular with children of all ages.

Kay LaMontagne-Treworgy, whose idea it was to bring the Musical Park to Evergreen, was again responsible for seeking an additional \$3,000 grant to add the new instrument. The Rotary Music Park is one of several legacy projects that the Evergreen Rotary Club has funded as a gift to the Evergreen community.

## HAPPENINGS

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Turkey Creek Road, Marshdale. This is a Halloween BOogie Bash with a costume contest. Something Underground and Wendy Woo will perform. For more information and tickets, which are \$20, visit [www.ryla.org](http://www.ryla.org)

303-396-5975 or e-mail [info@coniferhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@coniferhistoricalsociety.org).

**3v3 Live Soccer Tour**

The annual 3v3 Live Soccer Tour Rocky Mountain Spookout will be Sunday, Oct. 28, at Bergen Valley Elementary School and the adjacent Graham Field. For tournament fees and registration information,

where residents can gather resources to help them prepare for the Nov. 6 election. Residents may also drop off their completed ballot in the 24-hour ballot drop boxes outside of Evergreen Library.

**Mountain Area Non-Profit Expo**

Mountain Area Non-Profit Expo presented by Genesee Pub and BBQ will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

**Seminar on water**

The Conifer Area Council will sponsor a seminar on water from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 3, at West Jefferson Middle School, 9449 Barnes Ave., Conifer. The seminar will help members of the community understand where their water comes from, where it goes after they have used it, and how it is managed by local and state agencies. For more information,