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## ROYAL GORGE PARK



Photos by Carie Canterbury / Daily Record

Cañon City High School students Dominic Webb and Cody Evans plant a seedling Wednesday at the Royal Gorge Park. Below: Cañon City High School students Kayden Peasley and Richard Justin Ballard, instructor Carrie Trimble and Cañon City Area Fire Protection District firefighter John Fear add water to newly planted seedlings Wednesday at the Royal Gorge Park.

# LET IT GROW

*CCHS students plant 1,185  
seedlings in burned areas*

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**M**ore than 100 Cañon City High School students spent part of their last full day of school Wednesday planting 1,185 seedlings in the burned area of the Royal Gorge Park.

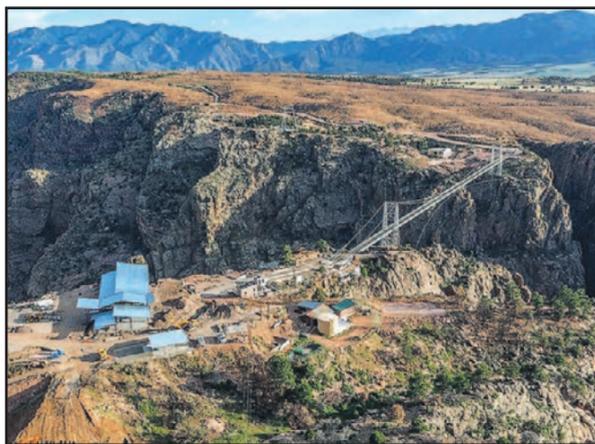
Crews aerially dropped about 25,000 pounds of native grass and wild flower seed Feb. 11 over a portion of the burn area and trees in about 1,450 acres of land were hydroaxed and

turned to mulch. Since then, the goal is to plant about 5,000 pinon pine seedlings.

In addition to planting trees Wednesday, the CCHS science and math students, and members of the school's environmental club, hand-seeded about 10 acres of land.

Carrie Trimble, CCHS science teacher and club sponsor,

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An aerial view of the new visitors center at the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park taken earlier this month.

## Construction at park continues

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Construction at the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park steadily is progressing, but recent snow, rain and mud have set the estimated re-opening date from about mid-August to now late August.

However, when the gates do open to the public, there will be plenty to do and see.

The June 11, 2013, Royal Gorge Fire caused immediate evacuation at the park, and it has been closed to the public since. The fire destroyed about 3,000 acres, including most of the park's features and structures.

General Manager and Vice President Mike Bandera

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## Suspect/ victim ID'd in shooting

*Officer-involved  
shooting occurred  
at Pathfinder Park*

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Wednesday, the Fremont County District Attorney's Office released the name of the Fremont County Sheriff's Office deputy and the suspect/victim involved in Tuesday evening's officer-involved shooting at Pathfinder Regional Park.

The officer involved is sheriff's deputy/Combined Investigative Response Team Det. Michael Miller and the suspect/victim has been identified as Michael Alan Stringer, 23, of Cañon City.

According to a press release

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## District Court

# Man to be formally charged June 11

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A man arrested Monday after leading law enforcement on a nearly three-hour pursuit had his advisement hearing Wednesday in the Fremont County Courthouse.

According to a press release

issued by the Fremont County Sheriff's Office, **Justin Trent Rien**, 25, was wanted on felony assault/parole violation from the Department of Corrections and a traffic warrant out of the Colorado State Patrol.

Rien was arrested on charges of eluding, trespass and criminal mischief, according to the release.

Rien is being held in the Fremont County Detention Center on a \$10,000 cash/surety bond on the

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Justin Rien

## CCPD Citizens Police Academy

# Citizens Police Academy graduates 19 residents

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For three hours once a week, for the last eight weeks, 19 residents have been learning the ins-and-outs of the Cañon City Police Department.

They earned their diplomas Wednesday as the 2014 graduates of the CCPD Citizens Police

Academy.

"(The purpose) is to keep the citizens informed on what their local police department does, who their local police department is and how their local police department functions," CCPD Crime Prevention Coordinator Jen O'Connor said.

O'Connor said the 19 graduates include two spouses of current offi-

cers, two senior volunteers, two CCPD new-hires and a mix of victim advocates and interested residents.

"It was a wonderful citizens police academy," CCPD Chief Paul Schultz said. "They were a great group of people. We're excited that we were able to host it."

O'Connor said at each class ses-

sion, there were one to four different presenters, depending on the topic and subject matter.

"All the different units presented," she said.

Some of the topics covered during the eight weeks include traffic law, officer safety, investigations, report writing, victim advocacy, crime scene processing, hostage

negotiation and "things that go boom."

"We learned something new every single class," Janice Gentile, one of the students, said. "I would recommend it to everybody."

Gentile said her favorite part, of the course as a whole, was that the students got a personal relation-

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