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## ROTARY CLUB

# Fund will benefit Eastern Colorado

By Callie Jones  
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Cornerstone campaign seeking to raise funds for director, office

America is in the midst of the greatest transfer of wealth in its history, with over \$41 trillion expected to pass from one generation to the next between now and 2050. Much of this wealth will come from rural areas such as eastern Colorado, with most transferring to children who have moved away and likely won't return.

"We know that many land assets, farms, mineral rights, water rights, are

being bought up and purchased by outside interests, so we are literally bleeding wealth from this area," Cindy Horner told the Rotary Club Wednesday during a presentation on a new Eastern Colorado Community Fund (ECCF) that she and a group of concerned citizens have created in hopes of keeping some of that wealth in the community.

Along with children leaving, there is the issue that

many existing public and private foundations have difficulty finding the unique people it takes to serve as foundation directors, if they even have the money to pay for one. Also, private foundations' wealth is dwindling because they are required by law to give away 5 percent of their total assets every year and in recent years many haven't made 5 percent, so they must dip into their corpus.

The solution to this — or at least a partial solution — is to form a community foundation, according to Horner. These foundations inspire and facilitate philanthropy; provide a means to pool investment resources, so services aren't duplicated; are a central area that provides all the services needed to manage funds and keep track of donors and consider the IRS requirements and audit

requirements each year; and provide a simple and fast means to give back to one's community.

Additionally, when you give money to a public foundation versus a private you derive greater tax benefits; public foundations have no 5 percent distribution law every year; and unlike private foundations they have no public reporting requirements.

"If you set up a plan in a

public foundation you can remain completely anonymous. There is no public record of your fund, of the amount of money in your fund or of the amount of money that you distribute each year," Horner said.

About two and a half years ago Horner and 15 other business people came together to establish a community foundation in eastern Colorado. They applied for and received 501(c)3 status, wrote bylaws, created a

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## RE-1 VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Hillary Hykin reads from the book "Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig," by Kate DiCamillo, during RE-1 Valley School District's summer school program at Ayres Elementary Wednesday. Approximately 121 kindergarten through fourth graders are participating in the three-week program which ends today.

## HEALTH CARE COST

# Local doctor: 'Transparency' is necessary

Pollock: AMA partly to blame for culture of secrecy

By Jeff Rice  
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When Dr. Phillip Pollock, a retired Sterling chiropractor, attended a meeting about the proposed state constitutional amendment to make Colorado a single-payer health insurance provider, he probably didn't intend to drop any bombshells. In fact, Pollock and

his wife Vickie sat in the back of the room and said very little at first.

But when other people at the meeting began assigning blame, Phil Pollock couldn't let it pass without making a professional observation. The problem of skyrocketing health care costs and consequent rise in health insurance costs, Pollock said, lies at least partially on the shoulders of the American Medical Association.

In the interest of full disclosure, Dr. Pollock has never been a member of the

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# Summer school improves literacy

121 students participating in 3-week literacy program

By Callie Jones  
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It may be summer vacation, but some students are still getting an opportunity to learn. For the past three weeks RE-1 Valley School District has been offering a summer school program at Ayres Elementary for kindergarten through fourth grade students.

This is the third year in a row the district has received a grant from the state to offer a developmental summer school program. All English Language Learner students were invited to participate in this year's program, which has an Olympics theme and a focus on literacy.

There are approximately 121 students with varying reading abilities attending the program, which is held in the mornings Monday through Friday. The students are split up into



Along with reading, students also practiced writing skills at RE-1 Valley School District's literacy summer school.

small groups amongst 22 different teachers.

They spend the day working on their reading

and writing skills. At the beginning of each day, as students enjoy a snack, the teachers read one

chapter from a children's book. For Hillary Hykin's class on Wednesday it was

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## 2016 ELECTION

# How to decode this fall's ballot

Progressive 15 holds seminar on 2016 ballot initiatives

By Stephanie Alderton  
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Northeastern Colorado voters have a lot of important decisions coming up this fall, and Progressive 15 is working to inform those voters.

The lobby organization, which represents the 15 counties of northeastern Colorado, held a "lunch and learn" program on Wednesday focusing on several ballot items Coloradans will vote on this November. Speakers from both sides of

the political aisle gave presentations in favor of, or against, each item, focusing on how it could affect the people of the plains. The ballot issues they discussed would affect how the Colorado constitution is changed, the state health insurance program, how Coloradans' votes are counted in federal elections, oil and gas projects and the minimum wage.

"This is what I would classify as a 'boring, but very important' issue," Barry Gore, the Progressive 15 board chair, said during his introduction to the first speaker, who talked about the "Raise the Bar" initiative.

That description could

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