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A ball floats on a pond Thursday afternoon outside the Doerr-Hosier Center at Aspen Meadows.

Teen cited with arson in brush fire

John Stroud
Glenwood Springs Post-Independent

GLENWOOD SPRINGS — A 17-year-old boy from Glenwood Springs faces a charge of fourth-degree arson after allegedly setting off a brush fire with a sparkler along the Roaring Fork River below the Glenwood Park subdivision Wednesday evening.

The fire started around 6 p.m. and rapidly spread up the hillside toward several houses

along Valley View Road before firefighters were able to get it under control. No structures were damaged and no one was injured in the blaze, which burned about 2 acres.

Two juveniles were initially implicated in the incident, but only one was cited, Glenwood Springs Police Chief Terry Wilson said.

"From what I understand, several people saw them in the area trying to 'put the fire out,' Wilson said.

They were then escorted up the hill on the trail to where a police officer was waiting. Police ultimately determined that only one of the youths was to blame, Wilson said.

In addition to the arson charge, the juvenile also was cited with being in possession of alcohol and an illegal weapon.

"He apparently was carrying a switchblade of some sort,"



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Basalt town horticulturist/arborist Lisa DiNardo shows kids the proper way to plant flowers Saturday. The kids helped fill planters at the 7-Eleven bridge.

Basalt's bridge work fosters community

Old 7-Eleven bridge being transformed into attractive park

Scott Condon
The Aspen Times

Basalt is transforming a dilapidated old bridge along a busy pedestrian and cycling corridor into a pocket park.

About 80 town residents turned out Saturday for a volunteer work session coordinated by Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers. They helped build planters

and benches on the old 7-Eleven Bridge across the Roaring Fork River.

The bridge was taken out of commission for vehicles in the 1990s when Midland Avenue was extended with a new bridge. Boulders block vehicular access, but the bridge provides a direct route between businesses on the Basalt Bypass and downtown. Nevertheless, the bridge is a victim of neglect. The concrete deck is crumbling in spots, and it had an unattractive guardrail on one side and a chain-link fence on the other.

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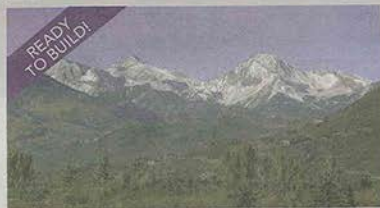
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