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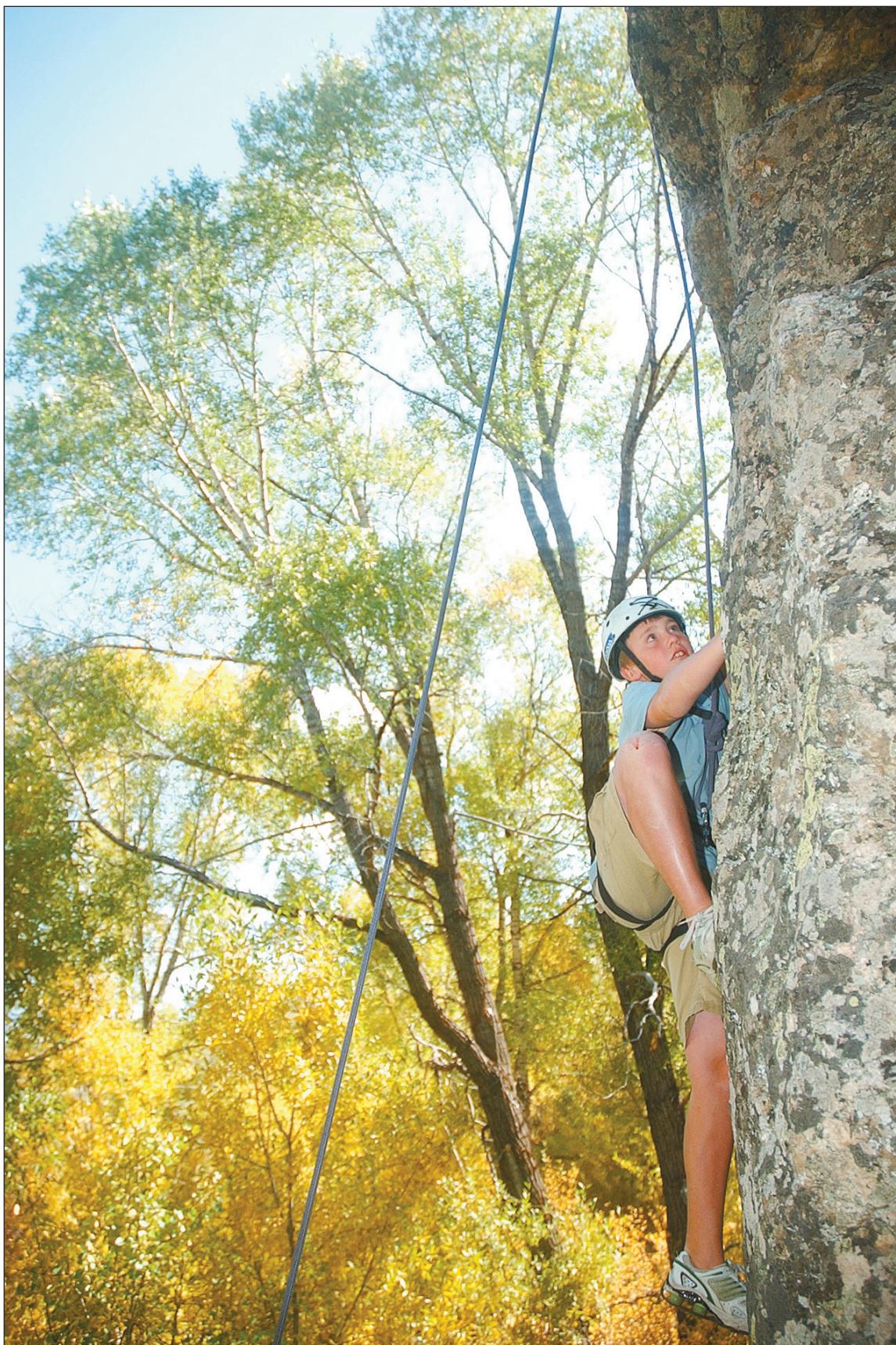
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## Rock climbing for school



MATT STENSLAND/STAFF

**Sixth-grader Danny LaPointe climbs** a rock face Friday surrounded by fall aspens in Butcherknife Canyon. Danny was climbing with Steamboat Springs Middle School classmates from science teacher Matt Tredway's class.

## 'Boat ranked No. 8

Copper Mountain, Winter Park in SKI magazine's top 25

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The Steamboat Ski Area is caught in a Catch-22 with SKI readers, whose opinions rated the resort No. 8 in the magazine's annual rankings.

Readers expressed frustration with the resort's "aging base area" and the pervasive construction under way to address that problem.

"If it were a day resort or a throwback mountain, Steamboat's aging base area — which one reader describes as being 'stuck in a 1970s time warp' — might be tolerated," SKI's October issue reads, citing feedback from its annual Reader Resort Survey. "But the resort's relative isolation in northern Colorado, while keeping it crowd-free, makes it dependent on destination travelers, who want more than great snow and small-town character.

"Still, some readers complain that 'construction everywhere makes for vacation chaos,' and that during renovations 'the base village doesn't have much to offer,'" the magazine continues later. "A stop-gap remedy is 'great bus service' that whisks guests away from the men in hardhats to Steamboat's 'quaint, positive and homey downtown,' where

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### Gas prices

Cost of a gallon of regular unleaded fuel on Sunday

Fuel Stop.....	\$3.93
West Kum N Go.....	\$3.99
7-Eleven.....	\$3.95
Western Petro.....	\$3.93
Bob's Conoco.....	\$3.99
Hilltop Sinclair.....	\$3.99
Anglers Kum N Go.....	\$3.99
Ski Haus.....	\$3.99
Mount Werner Sinclair.....	\$3.98
Shell.....	\$3.99
Shop & Hop.....	\$3.99
<b>State Average.....</b>	<b>\$3.68</b>
<b>National Average.....</b>	<b>\$3.75</b>

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## Barn dance raises funds

Barbecue, dance held in memory of local philanthropist who died

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### LOTTO



**Saturday night's Cash 5 numbers:**  
8-9-17-21-26  
Drawings are held Monday through Saturday.

### WEATHER



Breezy and partly cloudy. High of 66.  
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