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Steamboat Springs Teen Council – March Teen Of The Month

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO-Members of the Steamboat Springs Teen Council have selected River Fox-Welch as Teen of the Month for March, 2017. River has been chosen for this honor because he is an outstanding teen in our community and embodies the following values of Teen Council:

- Demonstrates that teens are valuable community assets
- Acts as a leader and/or a positive role model amongst his peers
- Committed to community service



River Fox-Welch is not your typical senior at the Steamboat Springs High School. One of many places you may see Fox-Welch is on the tennis courts or enjoying some time on the river. Fox-Welch has played on the varsity tennis team the past three years. Aside from tennis, River is an active member in the fly fishing club as well as a Wyldlife Leader. Although, River enjoys being active outdoors, he has been a participant in the National Honor Society for the past 3 years. River is proud of the sexual assault campaign, “Not OK,” which he helped start.

One of River's greatest accomplishments in life is being asked to introduce the US ambassador of Iceland at a global student leadership conference in Reykjavik, Iceland. He prides himself in his global experiences and ability to connect with others. After explaining his experiences in Iceland, he quickly added that he is also an unbelievable Monopoly champion, keep up the good work River!

River is motivated by his drive to be prepared after high school. He hopes to give back to his community in giving opportunities to others that he had himself. Fox-Welch hopes to attend college and has currently applied to 18 schools. Wow! In 10 years, River sees himself pursuing a career that he is passionate about and the idea of starting his own business has already crossed his mind.

When asking River if he had any role models, he quickly responded with Ernest Hemingway. "Every man's life ends the same way. It is only the details of how he lived and how he died that distinguish one man from another." He is inspired by this quote and has a desire to live an exciting life that distinguishes from others. He also looks up to his parents, Keith and Dianne, who have shown him love, compassion and support.

River is excited for the path ahead and challenges he will overcome along the way. Some hobbies he enjoys are skiing, photography, traveling, surfing, scuba diving, and let's not forget Monopoly!

As a final question, we asked River why it's important for teens to be valued in the community, "I think it's important for teens to be recognized in our community because it shows them that they are on the right track in life and, ideally, motivates them to continue down that path."

Congratulations River! River will be awarded with a \$25 Chamber Gift Certificate and will be featured in the Steamboat Today newspaper.

About the Steamboat Springs Teen Council: The SSTC, in its 10th consecutive year, works to increase positive leadership development, involve teens in the community at large, and provide substance free and alternative activities for youth. The program is sponsored by the City of Steamboat Springs and Grand Futures Prevention Coalition. The SSTC is funded through a grant from Routt County United Way and the Craig-Scheckman Family Foundation.

To learn more about the SSTC, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/ssteencouncil>

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