Grace Hatheway makes an attempt at a bouldering route at Colorado Rocky Mountain School.

\* Max Moore moves himself off the crash pads to start the route.

Sam Campbell grips the holds and pulls himself up within reach of the next hold.







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Top Row: Grace Hatheway, Lucie Sachova, Wyatt Smith, Hunter Campbell, Lance Knutson, and Max Moore Bottom Row: Sophia McCrackin, Sam Campball, Keaton Sheppard, Marian Blanks, and Mr. Long Not Pictured: Emma Purvis and Olivia Lindsey

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up, yup." When athletes reach the top, they let out a cry of joy and smack the climbing wall. Climbing requires a great amount of technique that climbers obtain through trying new moves as they maneuver across routes. For the last 3 years, the Delta County Climbing Team has grown in size and experience that has helped them to place higher against larger schools.

Four Cedaredge athletes traveled to Übergrippen in Denver to compete in state on February 23rd. Marian Blanks and Olivia Lindsay competed at the Varsity level, and Sophia McCrackin and Lance Knutson competed at the JV level. They challenged their minds and tried new, challenging routes.

This year, three girls from Cedaredge, Abby Williams, Alaiha Hoffbauer, and Emma Purvis, swam on the Delta County Swim Team. Emma Purvis states, "Swimming is hard, and at times I feel like giving up, but strength helps me overcome this and perform my best." Swimming not only takes drive, but also a love for the sport.

The team started off their season hosting a home meet at Bill Heddles Recreation Center. To finish off their season, they competed at CMU where the swimmers beat their personal records.

Abby shared, "I have grown and learned so much since starting to swim. I have made friends, pushed my mental and physical strength, and overall became the best swimmer I could be." Having the opportunity to compete with peers from across the county created a diverse and hard working group of athletes who strive to be the best competitors they can.

