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Nancy Hettinger: Methamphetamine awareness needed in Moffat County

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I have been involved with Communities Overcoming Meth Abuse since Annette Dunkley, Buddy Grinstead and Dave Derosé formed the organization.

Their hope was to try to inform and educate our community about just how meth and its abuse and misuse affect Craig and Moffat County.

For the last few years, I have been a member of COMA's education committee and what an experience it has been.

My goal as a member is to try to reach our youths on just how deadly this drug is and can be. When the slogan "Not Even Once" is used, believe me that's just what it means!

Being employed in law enforcement has made me more aware of just how meth can destroy people's lives. It touches our community in so many ways.

Children who are raised in a home where meth is used really don't know any different. They come and visit mom or dad in jail on visiting day and can tell you stories that would shock most people.

That is why it is so important to try to educate kids before they are hooked themselves or decide to try meth for the first time.

Kids today are so much more informed via the Internet and TV that we have to do all we can to try to reach them and save the next generation.

COMA's mission statement is: To provide a proactive approach in methamphetamine identification, education, rehabilitation and eradication in our community.

Education of our youths is of the utmost importance.

Please take time to get involved in our effort. Tom and Helen Knez and Dan and Stacey Severson, and all those who supported the Yahoo Golf Tourney are good examples.

Feel free to join Grand Futures, the Boy & Girls Club of Craig, COMA and the Colorado Meth Project for our Meth Awareness Week from Oct. 26 through 29, and see what our kids have done.