Garfield County School of Innovation

October 5, 2026



Glenwood Springs Aviation Expo Sponsored by Rocky Mountain Aero Group Soars!

Thank you to the President of the Rocky Mountain Aero Group Ebenezer Henry and his Team for their awesome Aviation Expo Sunday, October 4, at the Glenwood Springs Airpark!



The Young Eagles gave free flights to young aviation enthusiasts and hundreds of people participated in the festivities including the Garfield County School of Innovation, who sponsored a booth for students to build their own paper airplanes to see which model would fly the farthest.

Thank you to Amy Helm, Airport Manager at KGWS Sumers Airpark (formerly known as **Glenwood Springs Municipal Airport**) and Eric Strautman who serves as Board President of the nonprofit managing KGWS Sumers Airpark, for making the event a soaring success!







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EPIC Educational Pathways to Innovative Careers Brings Aviation Simulation to Life



The The Career and Tech (CTE) Department at Colorado River BOCES, also known as EPIC (Educational Pathways to Innovative Careers), brought its state-of-the-art aviation simulator to the Expo. The simulator offers a world-class aviation experience and supports workforce needs with job-ready skills for high school students and adults through CTE programming, professional development, work-based learning, and distance learning. EPIC's goal is to help generations break away from the cycle of low-paying hourly jobs and to collaborate with member school districts on their CTE pathway goals and priorities. Read about their work at **https://pathwaycenter.org/.**

Garfield County School of Innovation will build on this excellent resource to add more aviation, culinary arts, and tourism management CTE options for ALL students in the Valley. A full-blown restaurant at our Rifle Airport Campus will provide student-run catering and restaurant management opportunities for all students.

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Young Entrepreneurs Tanner and Luca Bring Cotton Candy Business to the Aviation Expo

Thank you to young entrepreneurs and business owners Tanner and Luca of Little Bros. Cotton Candy, who sold their product at the Aviation Expo. The brothers ran their own booth, took orders, and served fluffy cones in Orange, Blue Raspberry, Silly Nilly, Birthday Cake, Cherry, and Strawberry. Small cones were $2 and large were $3.

They are exactly the kind of students Garfield County School of Innovation wants its entrepreneurship curriculum to encourage: young people who start a real business, show up for the community, and learn by doing. Paper-airplane contest winners redeemed their tickets at the Little Bros. booth. Book them for your next event at **https://littlebroscottoncandy.odoo.com/home**.



Congratulations to Charlie Halliwell, of Glenwood Springs, winner of the Star Wars Millennium Falcon Model Door Prize.



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Every Monday evening from now until the Garfield County Re-2 Board of Education votes on the charter in December 2026, GCSI will send the Board a progress report on our Letters of Intent to Enroll. If you have not already done so, please sign a Letter of Intent at the link below and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. GCSI is accepting Letters of Intent for students in grades K–12. Those signatures show parent, student, and community interest in the new school, which is planned to open with grades 6–9 in Fall 2027.

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K–14 Grades Served

Career and Tech Labs (CTE)

2 Dual Diploma Pathways

Concurrent Enrollment



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