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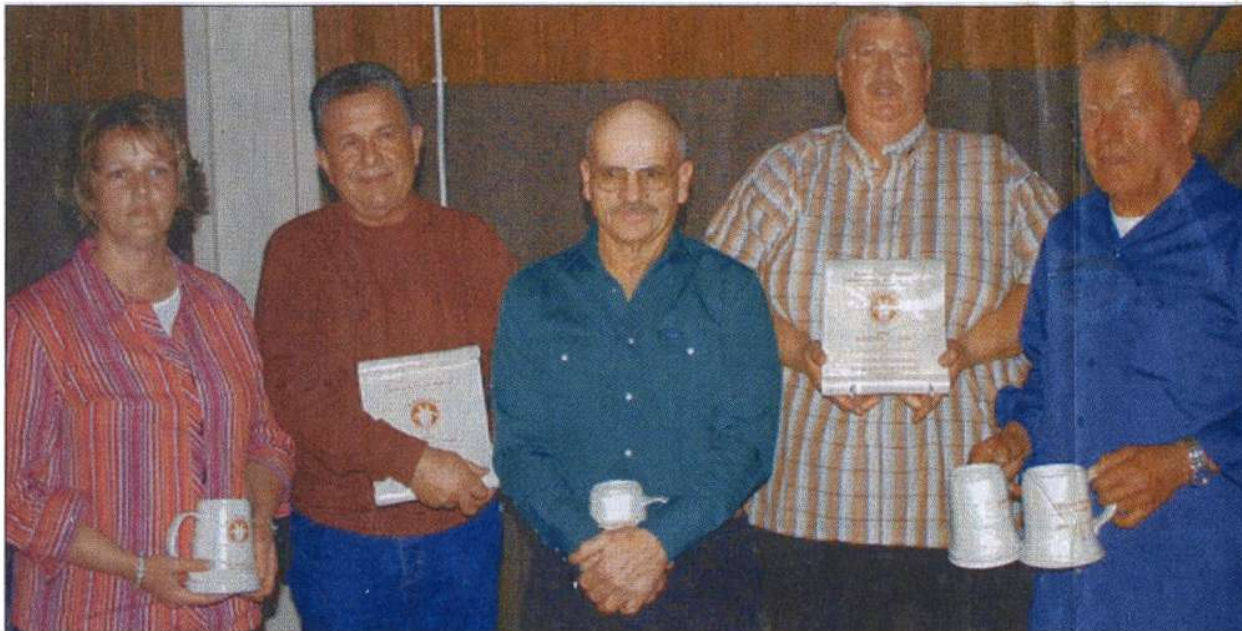
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Home of Walter "Fuzz" & Roberta Cook

Medinas earn "Business of the Year" honor



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Receiving awards from the Rangely Chamber of Commerce were Crystal Ducey (receiving the award for her father, Bill Kenney), Danny Medina, Bill Hume, Sam Tolley and Jerry LeBleu Sr. More than 200 people attended the annual event.

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RANGELY — The annual Crab Crack, sponsored by the Rangely Chamber of Commerce, was a great success this year. More than 200 people enjoyed an all-you-can-eat crab dinner Feb. 3, at Colorado Northwestern Community College in the Weiss Center banquet room.

With white tablecloths and romantic lighting the room had the feel of a high-priced restaurant with the friendly people of a small town.

Peggy Rector organized the event and said, "I couldn't do it without the help of Becky Dubbert and Denise Wade."

Wine was available for sale by the bottle and was supplied by Elks Lodge #1907. Kim Filener sang and told funny stories to entertain the crowd. After the mountains of crab were gone, chamber president Beck Hahn presented

awards.

Danny and Sandy Medina received the "Business of the Year" award for their improvements made to the Budget Host, Adora Inn and Subway, as well as their contributions to the youth of the community.

Alliance Energy owner Sam Tolley was awarded the "Industry of the Year" award for his contribution throughout the Rangely community. For their days of hard work preparing meat for the free Septemberfest barbecue, Bill Hume, Bill Kenney, Jerry LeBleu Sr. and Jeff LeBleu received the award for "Volunteers of the Year."

At the end of the evening, staff members of the *Spartan Times*, the CNCC newspaper, were auctioned off for several hours of labor. They were able to earn more than \$4,000 to be used by the college newspaper to send members to the National Collegiate Newspaper Conference in Portland, Ore.