

## **Jennifer Struckmeyer progressing slowly**

Written by Brenda Johnson Brandt

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Progress continues slowly for burn victim Jennifer Struckmeyer as she recuperates from injuries sustained in the March 18 Heartstrong Fire in Yuma County.

Her husband Del reported Monday, April 2 that Jennifer had surgery last Tuesday and Thursday. Surgeons finished skin grafting Thursday on her foot, hip, arms and hands. She was scheduled to have the grafts unbandaged Tuesday, April 3 to determine the success.

Del said Jennifer is being weaned off the ventilator. Sunday she breathed for 45 minutes on her own, and Monday she breathed for two and a half hours on her own. They're pleased with that progress.

He said they could be in the North Colorado Medical Center burn unit another couple of weeks and then two weeks in rehab, but they're really not sure of timelines at this point.

Del continues to thank friends, neighbors, family and the whole community for the support, care and help they've shown. "There have been so many acts of kindness in so many ways," said Del with sincere appreciation.

Jennifer's address remains the same for at least another couple of weeks:

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