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CHEERS: A rogue Chainless Race took place on Kebler Pass Road Friday, June 24. While not sanctioned, the ride itself was socially distanced because Old Lives Matter. For more photos see page 31. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

New state law impacting the area policing agencies

Local departments already following some regs, figuring out others

[BY MARK REAMAN]

The Colorado legislature recently passed a new law dealing with local policing protocols that was signed by Governor Polis and is now being put into place by local law enforcement agencies. The new legislation is expected to impact individual police officers as well as local municipalities. Crested Butte town attorney Barbara Green gave the Town Council a heads up on the issue at the June 15 meeting, and the town, along with other law enforcement agencies in the area, is analyzing the new rules.

"The legislation passed will increase the criminal liability and the civil liability for peace officers and municipalities," Green said. "It is very serious and imposes a lot of requirements on police departments across Colorado."

Crested Butte town manager Dara MacDonald said CB law enforcement officials have been "diving deep into understanding the new legislation and what the impacts will be for our marshals. Fortunately we have a tremendous crew in place already, but there will be more procedures and processes for them to implement."

A summary of the impacts of Senate Bill 217 from the Colorado Municipal League indicates there will be expanded criminal and civil liability for peace officers as the new law "narrows the circumstances in which peace officers are justified when resorting to the use of deadly force in general..."

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Businesses adapt to the new Elk Avenue

Bikes an issue, public property helping most private businesses

[BY MARK REAMAN]

We are heading into the heart of the summer season and after two weeks, it appears the reconfigured Elk Avenue will not be going anywhere for a while.

Due to public health order regulations that require social distancing and limited capacity in restaurants, bars and retail establishments, the Crested Butte Town Council this spring approved a plan allowing local businesses to use public property this summer. The idea was to give them more space to serve customers under the restrictions of the coronavirus crisis.

During an afternoon stroll through the reconfigured downtown with restaurant tables in the street and some retail merchandise showcased on the pavers, most business owners say they generally are adapting to the new look of downtown Crested Butte. Some like it more than others.

It will surprise no one that Secret Stash and Bonez restaurant owner Kyleena Falzone loves the new reconfiguration.

"I think it is incredible," she said while polishing silverware outside on Monday afternoon. "I am seeing a lot of people coming to town who don't want to go inside to

eat. They prefer being outside where they feel safe, so the fact the town is allowing this for everyone is great. It's working."

The Stash, located at the corner of Third and Elk, jumped into the experiment with energy on day one as Falzone set up new tables, umbrellas and accouterments hours after the town made the reconfiguration official on June 16. "I feel like it gives people the space they want to feel safe," she emphasized. "I do wish the evening curfew was 10 p.m. instead of 9 since we can't really seat someone outside after 8:15. It's still light then, so people still want to be outside at that time."

A block away, Eric Roemer of the Wooden Nickel is not so fired up about the new reconfiguration. "I'm sure it is benefiting a few businesses, but overall for me I think it cheapens the look of town," he said. "It also seems like a free-for-all where no one is doing what they are supposed to be doing when it comes to social distancing. It seems pretty crowded out there at times."

Roemer said because of the limited space in front of the Nickel he would be allowed only two or three tables at most. Plus, there are some steps leading from the restaurant to the sidewalk so he figured, "Carrying glasses and food out there is an accident waiting to happen. I just chose not to do it under the circumstances we have."

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Local business reminded to follow public health orders

Local bar issued first written warning on Tuesday

[BY MARK REAMAN]

With what is expected to be a busy Fourth of July holiday weekend in the valley, there is concern that additional crowds on top of a perceived slowdown in following public health orders meant to stop the spread of COVID-19 could end up harming the population and taking the county into a higher risk level with more restrictions.

The perception, if not the reality, of crowds not adequately social distancing, especially in local drinking establishments, has some people voicing concern and placing metaphorical bets on when a new shutdown might be imposed in the county. Crested Butte mayor Jim Schmidt noted the gathering following the Chainless Race on June 26 looked like a scene out of Florida spring break. "If we assemble with no concern in large groups like the aftermath of the Chainless on Friday; if we don't ask others to mask up; we will have to go back to a much more restrictive phase," he wrote in a letter to the public.

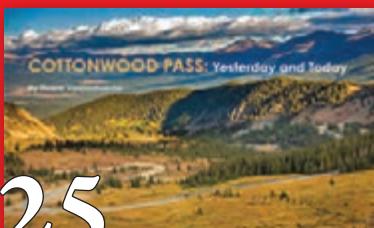
North Valley Gunnison County commissioner Roland Mason expressed similar concerns in a letter to the public. "The alarming outbreaks in areas where many of our visitors live is a serious indicator that infected people will be traveling to Gunnison County this summer," he wrote. "For our economy to continue to stay open and move forward, we need to renew our efforts to support the current health orders..."

Crested Butte planner Mel Yemma this week emailed local businesses that are utilizing public property to remind them that if things get out of hand, individual businesses could be cited and the county could be forced to clamp down on business activity with tighter restrictions.

Town staff has been doing "courtesy walks" to make sure businesses are adhering to the public health orders with the reconfigured Elk Avenue. "The courtesy walks culminated last Friday when town staff, the Town Marshal and the County Health Department walked the corridor together," Yemma informed the businesses. "While there were minor tweaks to be made, the majority of the corridor is working well... The July Fourth weekend is upon us. We cannot let down our guard and risk another shutdown of our economy."

While taking a positive approach to the reminder, Yemma also made it clear businesses are responsible for staying in compliance with public health orders.

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Cottonwood Pass



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Coburn sets record

[Overheard]

"Summer: When you go from seeing wild animals in the night scope to campers passed out beside their tents."

—Irwin Resident



PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

We get what we deserve

Cause and effect.
Karma.

I didn't see it but it sounds like the unofficial after-party of the unofficial Chainless Race last Friday apparently felt like a street party in Rio during Carnival. I'm both sorry and glad I missed it.

Normally, for the Fourth of July issue I would write about the patriotism of peaceful protest, of the importance of voting or the wisdom and courage of the country's founding fathers. All important topics but in 2020, things are not normal. No, we are living in interesting times and watching the ramifications of a deadly pandemic. That is simply not normal.

I don't know about you but I'm getting a little tired of the "interesting" in these times. As I was walking around Elk Avenue this week it was obvious that many business owners are walking the edge. Being ordered to close their doors in the middle of March when spring breakers flood here to ski and spend money hamstrung our economy. If that pesky COVID-19 would have swept through the valley a few weeks later, the local economy might not have even noticed the virus. After all, that period of time from the end of March, through most of May is called "off-season" for a reason.

But the virus had no such manners and we got clobbered both economically and health-wise. Six of our friends and neighbors died from the virus. That woke us up. Several of our friends and neighbors caught a bad case of the bug and to this day are struggling with debilitating after-effects that have hobbled their healthy selves, without a timeline for complete recovery. That is scary.

Today we struggle with how to deal with the coronavirus that for the most part appears to be taking a nap. It may be napping but it is still there, as evidenced by a few positive test results that weren't around a month ago. Meanwhile, tons of people are suddenly feeling symptoms and getting tested. Many might be having a hard time breathing because of allergies. Others might have a cough because of a summer cold. Everyone is watching as places that opened up before us, Texas and Florida for example, are dealing with a major resurgence of the virus. That probably adds to stress for many people here.

As the valley fills with visitors, striking the balance between stoking the economy and keeping our "at-risk" population safe is a tricky tightrope. County healthcare officials are doing a really good job of walking that tightrope. Keeping a close eye on numbers, the healthcare officials have worked to prepare for a real resurgence. They know how to expand hospital beds if needed. They developed a color-coded "Coronameter" to keep people informed of how close we are to being in the danger zone. At the same time they are supporting things like allowing a significant number of people outside (right now at 175 but asking the state for 250). There has no doubt been some action that would be done differently in hindsight (let's not go to the infamous postcard) but for the most part, Gunnison County has been at the forefront of a successful mitigation of the COVID-19 crisis.

Which leads us to cause and effect; action and consequence; controlling destiny; karma.

Weather Report

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SNOW	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

—Mark Reaman

WORLD NEWS

WORLD

First planetary core discovered

Scientists have now seen "inside" a planet, according to a study published this week in the British journal Nature. This is the first discovery of an intact exposed core of a planet around a star. The star and the planetary core, known as TOI-849b, are some 730 light-years away from Earth. The star is similar to our sun and the core is about the same size as Neptune. TOI-849b is an extremely unusual exoplanet in the so-called "Neptune Desert" region. An exoplanet is one that orbits stars other than our sun. "It's a first, telling us that planets like this exist and can be found," said David Armstrong, a physicist at the University of Warwick. —information compiled from USA Today

Boy, 10, sets Guinness World Record with fast math

A 10-year-old elementary school student in Long Eaton, England set a Guinness World Record for solving multiplication and division problems in one minute. Nadub Gill, a student at Longmoor Primary School, spent some of his COVID-19 lockdown time practicing math on the Times Table Rock Stars app, ending up setting a Guinness World Record. Gill answered 196 multiplication and division questions in one minute, averaging more than three answers per second, beating about 700 other young students who attempted the new record created by Guinness in partnership with the app. —information compiled from UPI

NATION

NASA crowdsources new ideas for astronaut space toilets, offers \$20G
NASA on Thursday launched a crowdsourcing campaign of offering \$20,000 to the person who comes up with the best design for space toilets ahead of the agency's 2024 flight to the moon. While space toilets are already in use at the International Space Station, they are specifically designed for microgravity, meaning people and objects appear to be weightless. But a mission to the moon would require a special design for the shuttle's toilets to work in lunar gravity, which is approximately one-sixth of Earth's gravity. —information compiled from Fox News

STATE

Ski resort industry frets over Trump's ban on immigrant worker visas
The ski resort industry, reeling from early closures in March, suffered another major blow this week when President Trump extended a ban on visas for immigrant workers through the end of the year. The resort industry has spent years relying on visa workers, many of them college students from the southern hemisphere who spend several months at resorts teaching skiing. "Tourism is the hardest hit business sector from COVID-19. Throw in the fact that rural communities have been hit hard by the pandemic and our ability to open back up come November and December is really going to be strained if we don't have a labor force to help us," said Dave Byrd of the National Ski Areas Association. "If you are an HR director at a ski area, you are panicking right now." —information compiled from the Colorado Sun

Wildlife officials say possible wolf sightings picking up in Aspen region
The Glenwood Springs office of Colorado Parks and Wildlife has received five reports of wolf sightings in the region so far this spring and summer. CPW area wildlife manager Matt Yamashita said the wolf sightings reported this year to the Glenwood Springs office include one at the Eagle-Routt county line, the western side of Lake County, the Vail area and the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness. —information compiled from the Aspen Times

—compiled by Mark Reaman and Kay Nettles

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We all encounter stumps in life. Precautions pay dividends

Mark:

Happy your mountain bike mishap was not serious. Sadly, mine ended badly. Normally I fly along oblivious to peril. Don't crash much—but when I do!

Last week after high-lining the berms on Frequency and clearing the tabletops on Teaser I thought I'd check out Boulder Mason, not the most difficult of trails. Well, all it takes is a moment of inattention. I hit the rock chute (y'all know the one) a little too fast and off line—found a little wheelstopper rock and wham! OTB. Hit hard on a rock. Miserable night in swollen pain, then a trip to the hospital. Patella broke in three places. Eight

weeks no bending, no weight-bearing. So the day before Solstice I lost my summer. No 401, no Teocalli, no Doctors, other than an ortho!

My point is precautions pay dividends. I should have noticed the rock. My fault. I should have padded up. My fault again. We all encounter stumps in life. Best to take reasonable precautions. Consider a mask as padding up. Protecting yourself and others from the stumps of life. Yeah, they may be cumbersome and seem unnecessary but it only takes one moment, one stump, to ruin your or another's summer! Wear a mask people!

Bryce Miller

Happy holiday to the community

To our community and family:

Happy Fourth of July with all its celebration, solemnity as we reflect the cost of our freedom, and gratitude for the amazing country we have created and enjoy. We are so happy and grateful for the family of residents and businesses who make this place a generational icon of what "hometown" should be...grateful to the homeowners of all seasons who bring life, love and passion into this valley every year... grateful to the visitors to this incredible valley who stumble upon this place and leave a piece of their heart here when they leave. All add to our amazing tapestry of history,

present, and future.

We are your neighbors, businesses, and extended family with love and respect for every single vital piece and part of this community which make it so unique and vital to preserve.

Enjoy this wonderful week of celebration, time with family, and reflection on this great country, the United States Of America: Of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Sincerely,

Beth Wyman and our Facebook Group "Save Gunnison's summer and businesses"

Fourth of July ★ PASSPORT

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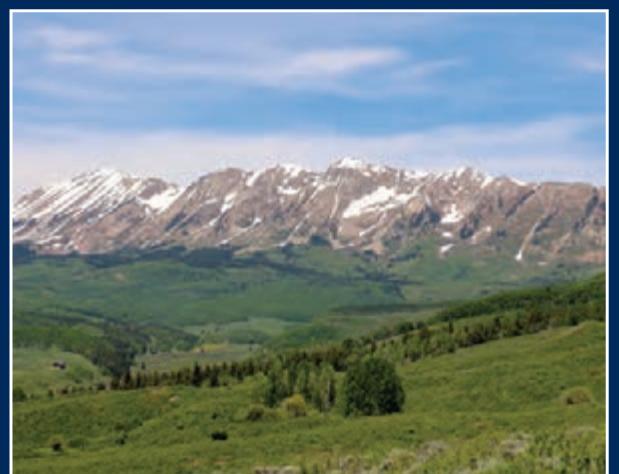
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GRASS RELAX: A man found some fresh air and shade on the grass along the sidewalk in front of Tin Cup Pasty. Grass can apparently chill you out. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

Historic preservation at the GAC

Historic Preservation work is under way at the Gunnison Arts Center. The current exterior preservation project includes the repair and repainting of the historic exterior trim, repointing of the historic mortar around the exterior stone, as well as the repair of the one historic stucco exterior wall. This is the second phase in a five-phase preservation plan to keep this historic gem standing for many years to come.

LET'S PLAY IT SAFE!

**You don't go riding
without a helmet.**

**For now, let's not
go out in public
without a mask!**



Another outbreak of the virus could reverse the gains we've made — which would be devastating to those wanting to get back to work.

Our county and our state have been more aggressive in reopening plans than others. Let's make it work!



MASKS ON EMPLOYEES ARE MANDATORY, BUT HERE'S A SIMPLE TRUTH:

- YOUR MASK HELPS PROTECT ME FROM YOU
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Masks are a simple courtesy.

**PEOPLE FROM AROUND OUR STATE AND COUNTRY ARE READY TO TRAVEL TO OUR
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*A message from
the Tourism and
Prosperity Partnership*

Public Health director applauds community and says stay the course

Dear Editor:

I'm grateful to the residents of Gunnison County for a most impressive community response to the COVID-19 crisis. Sixteen weeks ago, the first case of COVID-19 was identified in Gunnison County. The weeks that followed were extraordinary on many levels. The crisis has impacted our county in so many ways and all of us have been touched. Yet, there have been incredible examples of community spirit that has inspired, amazed and energized me. I've seen amazing generosity of individuals and establishments toward fellow community members and their business competitors. I've watched brilliant individuals come forward and donate their time and minds toward the countywide response. I've heard of numerous acts of kindness and support for our community. I've witnessed incredible leadership at a tremendous time of uncertainty. I've been awed at the work that has been accomplished by a diverse and dedicated team at Incident Command. I've been moved by the detailed and consider-

ate planning by businesses and community organizations. I've benefited from kindness, support, notes and other acts that have humbled me and made me tear in emotion. I've truly seen the very best that could be imagined during a crisis.

As the summer warms our valley, I think about the future and what lies ahead. I know we have a long road before us that no one really wants to travel. COVID-19 is here with us for our journey. Finding ways on this path that support ourselves and others will be a key to our continued community success. At times, we tire of being on this road, and many of us are worried. Sometimes when we are tired or worried, it can come out sideways in our actions or words. The more we can lend a hand to help, or a kind word, offer of support or bring a warm smile or a moment of understanding, the more we can thrive as a community on this unavoidable journey.

The best approach we have is continuing to employ our collective prevention public health measures including hand

washing, physical (social) distancing, face coverings, fresh air ventilation (especially in small and/or crowded indoor spaces), cleaning/disinfecting, symptom monitoring, reporting symptoms and self-isolating, testing and protecting vulnerable individuals and their families. All of these measures have some limits, none of them are 100 percent effective, but it is the collective efforts that will make the greatest impact in reducing risks.

We have to remain vigilant, attend to the data and indicators to know what the risk is locally as well as around the state, nation and globe. In the end it's all the community rowing together! The entire county working in one direction for the good of the entire county has immeasurable power. Applaud all efforts toward the common collective good! The spirit of the valley shines because of so many individuals who have given at a time when it's not always the easy choice! I applaud each of them and hope they provide a model for all of us to follow.

In Health,
Joni Reynolds, RN/CNS, MSN,
Gunnison County Public Health
Director, Health & Human Services Director

Mayor says citizens need to lead by example

Dear Friends:

Fear.

This is not an easy letter to write, nor one I thought I would ever have to write.

FDR said after Pearl Harbor that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.

Fear of the unknown can be paralyzing. But what I have is fear of the known. COVID-19 is still around and it is still deadly. It is affecting more and more younger people, as those in the "at-risk ages" are being more cautious. Twenty-six young people, mostly high schoolers, tested positive in Basalt last week. Their summer conditioning programs for the high school were canceled, restaurants and other businesses were temporarily closed as a result.

Crested Butte and Gunnison County acted early and were ahead of the curve in closing restaurants and bars and reducing group size. Some thought it was too much and hurting business. But look what is happening in Texas, Florida, Arizona and other states. The virus is spiking because everything has opened. They are now going back, closing beaches and bars.

I am afraid that if we, the citizens of the valley, don't continue to distance and wear facemasks; if we assemble with no concern in large groups like the aftermath of the Chainless on Friday; if we don't ask others to mask up, we will have to go back to a much more restrictive phase. This is about the economic well-being of our town and county. I cannot emphasize

that more. The more COVID cases, the more things get shut down. It's as simple as that.

We must lead by example. Wear a mask. Keep your distance. Make it easy and mandatory for your customers to do the same. Bars are tough. Everyone wants to mingle and be with a big group. But if the bar exceeds the limits established by public health orders, it can get shut down.

Respect others, and not just people but the businesses. They need everyone's help to keep open.

I am fearful of the visitors who are coming in from states and cities where COVID cases are soaring. We must show them how to act in Crested Butte. I'm just as fearful of the young invincibles we have in town. You could be asymptomatic. It just takes one to spread the virus. Again I refer to Basalt. Wear a mask, social distance.

I know we like to party and gather like at the Chainless. I love the spontaneity of Crested Butte. But we have to be spontaneous with care.

This letter won't be read by many who need to read it. But don't be afraid to spread the message. Lead by example. Keep our businesses and our town open.

I have already lost too many friends and have many more who are still suffering. We can stop the spread and keep our businesses open. It's up to each and every one of us.

Sincerely,
Jim Schmidt, Mayor
Crested Butte



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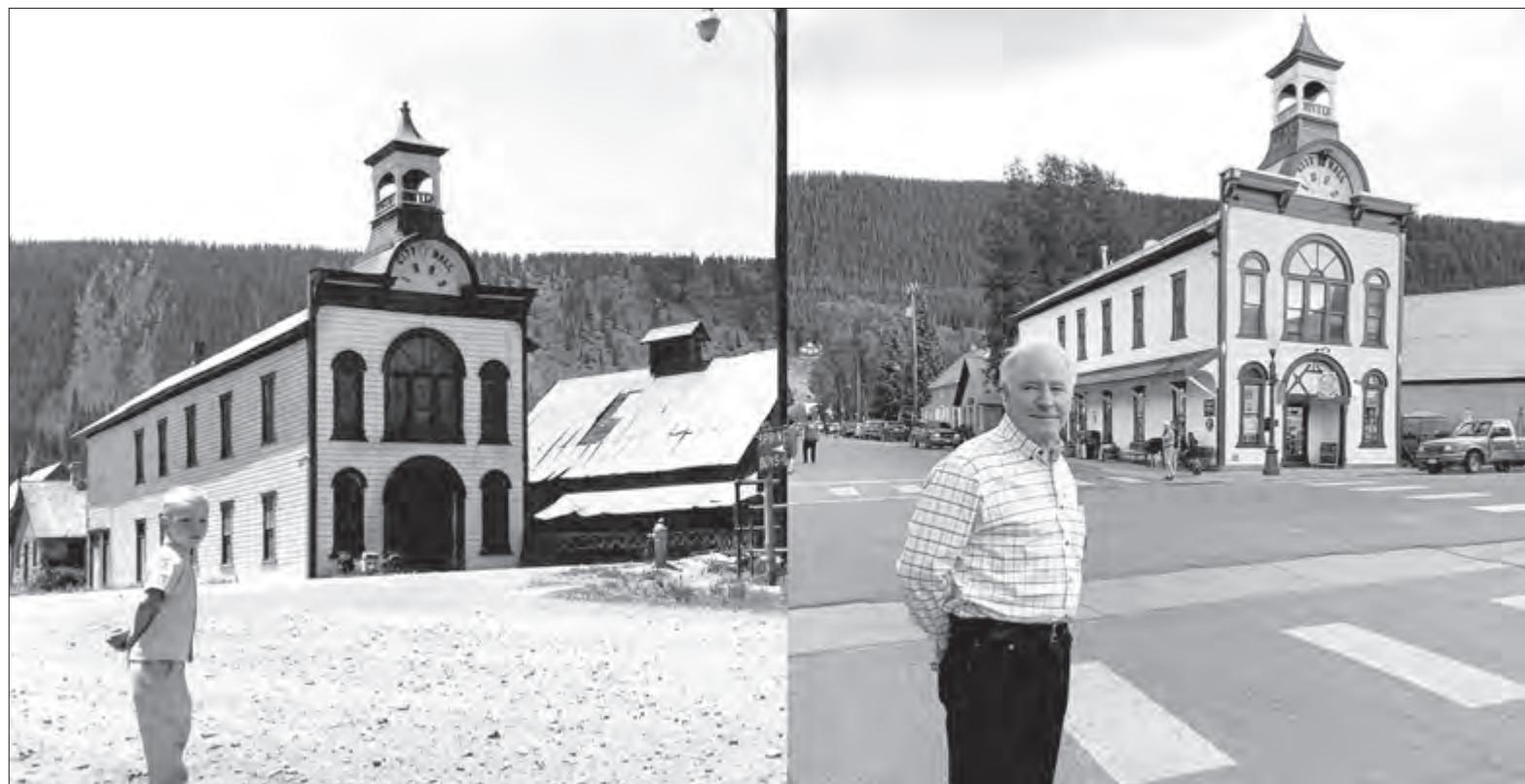
Good Morning:

Our first visit to Crested Butte was in July of 1959. I've attached a photo that my uncle took of me standing near Second and Elk that summer. In July 60 years later, my son took a similar photo of me in approximately the same location as the 1959 photo.

Having been born and raised in Colorado, we visited, skied and stayed in Crested Butte countless times and at least every year since that '59 photo. I have an original copy of the first brochure for the ski area produced by Crested Butte, Ltd. when it was located in what became Izzy's before that structure was moved back from Elk onto the alley behind the post office and Brick Oven. That was the home office for Dick Eflin and Fred Rice when they started the ski area. Now my wife and I own our home near Crested Butte and land also nearby.

We've owned the land for 17 years and the home near Crested Butte for nine years. We're both Colorado natives, having grown up in long-time ranching families who arrived in Colorado in the mid-1800s. Crested Butte sure has changed over the past 60—now 61 years—since we first visited. But, change is inevitable...

Doug Haack



SNAPSHOT IN TIME: Doug Haack posed for a photo at the intersection of Second and Elk first in 1959 and again 60 years later. Any changes?

COURTESY PHOTOS

Dear Editor:

A week ago Tuesday morning, I had a fairly bad road-bike crash just north of the Gas Café. Just goofing around, I sprinted to catch up with the free bus in order to draft a bit as it went by (still in the bike lane, of course). My rear skewer, although very tight, suddenly shifted forward, driving the rear tire into the left chain stay. This caused the bike to lurch right

Cyclist appreciative of help after crash

while I was shifting my upper body weight to the right as well. I launched headfirst into the only object within dozens of yards (a now bent-over road marker). I hit it helmet first, dead center. The impact was violent and I remember waking up to someone asking if they should dial 911. Long story short, within minutes the EMT team arrived, assessed my condition, loaded me into the ambulance and we headed

to GVH. From the time of the impact to arriving at the hospital took maybe 45 minutes at the most.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to the motorist(s) that stopped so quickly, the entire Crested Butte Emergency team on site and behind the scenes, the EMT and driver of the ambulance for their quick work, the staff at GVH and any others I didn't see or know about.

Thankfully there was no paralysis, but my C7 vertebrae was broken, and my T3 vertebra suffered a "burst fracture," meaning it basically exploded from the inside out. Two days in the hospital and many weeks of recovery are ahead, but thanks to everyone, at least I have the opportunity to recover.

Thank you all again!

Tony Martin, Crested Butte

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"Policing for revenue" shortchanges public safety

Mark:

Amidst the justifiable concern over the death of George Floyd and other Americans, action which was suggested in the north end of the valley a while ago has thankfully been ignored but adds to current tensions between many police departments and a community. If I recall correctly a Crested Butte councilwoman suggested police issue tickets to generate revenue. That concept did not get traction here and was strongly rejected. It should be stressed and added

to Gov. Polis's reforms.

Policing for revenue has to be one of the most destructive ways to affect the police/community relationship. Several commentators have pointed that out; and that Ferguson, Mo. averaged 44 percent of municipal revenue from tickets and related fees. Several academics, pundits and fellow travelers have pointed out that many of the incidents which have resulted in deaths started out as police interacting with individuals who are committing relatively minor

offenses but which carry fines and require a court appearance, at least to contest the charge. For people at the bottom of the economy it is more than just inconvenient.

That policy has been cited as one of the primary causes of dissatisfaction in the community. Policing for the purpose of raising revenue is a stupid idea. It shortchanges public safety and should not be allowed in Colorado. Take that idea to Denver.

Peter Caloger

Lesser known COVID-19 risks and dangers

Dear Editor:

My colleagues and I have written previous letters to the editor about the life-threatening danger of a COVID-19 infection and the importance of a strong proactive approach to the problem. Here I want to add details about some of the more subtle but nevertheless disturbing and life-disrupting aspects of the disease in people who do not have a life-threatening illness.

Those who have had prolonged respiratory illness and are on ventilators don't magically jump out of bed once they are off the ventilator. They have serious recovery issues and are often so weak they cannot sit up by themselves. They require months of rehabilitation due to breathing problems and muscle weakness.

Because COVID-19 infection can cause blood clots throughout the body, heart attacks and strokes can occur, causing permanent disability, even in young people. In addition, the virus can directly infect and damage the brain, leaving behind permanent injuries, much like traumatic brain injuries, and cause fatigue, dizziness, loss of concentration and focus, incoordination, memory loss and reduced cognitive capacity.

Others may not need hospitalization or intense medical care but will be sick for weeks and months. For example, Rudy Gobert, center for the Minnesota Timberwolves and the first NBA player to be infected in March leading to closure of the NBA season, just reported this week that he is still feeling effects of the infection.

The emotional effects of the illness are also an important consideration that most people don't consider. Fear of illness, worries about family members, constriction of lifestyle and financial

struggles all can wear people down. Debilitating stress, anxiety and depression often ensue, much like post-traumatic stress disorder.

Consequently, some young and previously healthy people will be sick enough and for long enough that they will have to miss long periods of work and their income while they recover, due to any or all of the effects discussed above.

Data modeling confirms the risk of a new outbreak, so we urge county officials to be more proactive in their response to the pandemic in Gunnison County, especially considering the influx of potentially infected tourists coming to enjoy the beauty of our county. We have previously recommended required mask-wearing (not a political issue) and I note that on page 7 of last week's *Crested Butte News* is the letter "What does the science say about masks and coronavirus?" signed by 18 PhDs and two MS folks and supporting mask wearing. We have also recommended testing of tourists with a single temperature and a health questionnaire when they check into their hotels or other vacation rentals.

In addition, we feel strongly that the county needs to be far more transparent on all aspects of the pandemic. This includes eliminating delays in data reporting, providing more details about test availability and turnaround time of test results, releasing information about contact tracing including numbers of people being contacted and the results, and keeping people better informed about the dangers of the COVID-19 virus as this letter attempts to do.

Laird Cagan, M.D.; Bob Goettge, Ph.D.; Dale Stahl, Ph.D.; Mary Poole, M.D.

How to ward off a second wave

Dear Editor:

Gunnison County Public Health (GCPH) did an amazing job responding to the initial wave of COVID-19 and driving new infections and public carriers to almost zero. Fortunately, this occurred during our spring shoulder season, so the economic impact, while substantial, was much less than it could have been had the first wave hit earlier. But now we are in the summer tourist season, facing the real possibility of a second wave like we're seeing in Arizona, Florida and Texas.

Unfortunately, we are not doing enough to ward off a second wave. Despite our county mandate to wear masks (the most cost-effective strategy available), a walk down Elk Ave. reveals that compliance is insufficient. Further, testing is still being reserved for the clearly symptomatic, and test results are back to taking five to seven days, which severely reduces the effectiveness of contact tracing.

While all employers are currently required to screen employees every day or shift, they are not required to report

potential infections immediately to GCPH. Consequently, testing and contact tracing is not initiated, thereby foregoing a major way to significantly slow down new infections. Not only should employers be required to screen employees and report daily, in addition those employees with symptoms should be required to either submit to testing or self-quarantine for 14 days. Faced with the devastating cost of a mid-summer lockdown, the cost of these requirements is trivial, so employers should be happy to comply.

We also need to confront the reality that many tourists are bringing COVID-19 with them. Even with tourism at only half of a normal summer, if only 2 percent are COVID-19 carriers, there will be at least 30 more infectious carriers in the public domain every day, infecting others and driving the resurgence. To counter this force, hotels, B&Bs, VRBOs and campgrounds should have the same requirement regarding their guests as we propose employers have regarding their employees: i.e., screening for symptoms and

daily reporting to GCVH who should then require these guests so identified to (i) submit to testing, (ii) self-quarantine for 14 days or (iii) return home.

We strongly recommend these strategies, based not only on common sense but also on epidemiology modeling specific for Gunnison County. That model has tracked Gunnison County data from March 1 through May 30 and predicts going to risk level Orange, with GVH capacity exceeded as early as mid-July if these recommendations are not implemented.

(P.S. "Orange" mandates group size less than 10 people, high-risk business and recreational activities prohibited, restaurants limited to take-out only, retail curbside only, in-state travel restricted and schools online.)

In the interest of business and health, please urge GCPH to implement these recommendations.

Dale Stahl, Emeritus Professor of Economics, University of Texas, Austin; Full-time resident of Crested Butte

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Holden's response on masks and the coronavirus

Dear Editor:

My most recent letter to the *Crested Butte News* has attracted some highly credentialed respondents who reacted to my discussion of the recent health order mandating masks. The point of my article was not to examine the scientific basis of wearing masks but rather to question the quality of governance in Gunnison County.

The mask mandate was announced without consultation and claimed to be based on the evidence contained in eight scientific articles that were listed in the health order. I pointed out that five of these articles, letters really, did not even mention masks, something which I suggested undermined the credibility of those writing the order. Since the debate regarding the pros and cons of mask wearing has unfortunately become highly politicized, introducing the order in this way has engendered a significant amount of anger, particularly when it was again accompanied by the threat of substantial fines and jail time. There are much better ways of introducing controversial policies. This is what my column was about; the replies ignored what

I said and focused on what I did not say.

I want to emphasize that I am not against mask wearing for those who want to do so and that what I wrote in my column had nothing to do with the pros and cons of the issue. Nevertheless, the reply suggests that the "science" on the issue is settled. It is not! Just as with the estimates of epidemiologists regarding COVID-19 spread and deaths, there is a significant amount of variation in the findings of scientists on the efficacy of mask wearing. The agency that has done the most research on the subject is the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, or NIOSH. Their findings do not support the protective effects of masks. Ironically, they are part of the CDC. The articles cited as corroborating universal mask wearing have significant statistical issues that require their conclusions to be treated with great caution.

Furthermore, there is wide variation in the approach to mask wearing in other countries. Some require it, but most do not mandate mask wearing. And some countries that have been most successful in reducing the spread of

COVID-19 ignore masks. For example, *The New Yorker* magazine interviewed the director of health for Iceland, one of the countries in the world that has been most successful in containing the spread of the virus. When asked about mask wearing, she said that it was "not even part of the public conversation." Similarly, other countries that have successfully coped with containing COVID-19, such as Australia, give the broad advice that if you are healthy, you will not benefit from wearing a mask, which matches the advice of the World Health Organization.

In addition, there is a view that there are no costs to mask wearing. This is not the case. An article in the *British Medical Journal* (May 21, 2020) lists numerous negative side effects of mask wearing. Nevertheless, I believe firmly that people who wish to wear masks should do so, but that it should not be mandated, particularly through a high-handed health order that cites spurious references, which almost guarantees rejection and anger, both of which are far too prevalent in these troubled times.

Paul Holden

Commissioner says we all benefit by staying vigilant

Dear Gunnison County:

I write this in response to emails and calls I have received around the county's most recent requirement to wear masks. I am in full support of the mask mandate. As a community, it is important that we use every tool available to keep the positive COVID case numbers down, which in turn allows our hospital to manage those who need care and our businesses to stay open and operating. In addition, requiring masks sends a strong and positive message to our visitors, letting them know we are taking every precaution to be a safe place to visit, which ultimately keeps our economy moving in a positive direction.

Joni Reynolds and her team have done an exceptional job of walking a fine line between public safety and economic recovery. They tightened restrictions earlier than most other counties in Colorado, which lead to a significant reduction in positive infections and ultimately saved lives. With the release of the 10th Public Health Order, they have listened to the business community and subsequently asked the state for variances to allow us to reopen more widely, safely. The variances were sent out to the state on

June 10, and we still await a response.

The alarming outbreaks in areas where many of our visitors live is a serious indicator that infected people will be traveling to Gunnison County this summer. For our economy to continue to stay open and move forward, we need to renew our efforts to support the current health orders and each other—and wearing masks is central to supporting this effort. We are all in this together. Our success relies upon each of us collectively doing our part to slow the spread of the virus by maintaining a community atmosphere that supports the five current best known practices in slowing the spread of COVID-19: social distancing, ventilation, wearing masks, hand washing and regular cleaning of high-touch surface areas—so that we can all benefit from an open and vibrant economy. Let's all continue to work together to help our businesses stay open, help our at-risk community stay safer and help our lives regain stability.

Sincerely,
 Roland Mason, Gunnison County Commissioner

Scanlon responds to Chaney's response about Republicans

Dear Editor:

Ten handy, all purpose, debating points when discussing politics with Republicans. Use one, or use them all.

1) The Democrats who voted against the Civil Rights legislation in the 1960s were all racist Southern Democrats who switched to the Republican Party after 1968. This was fully embraced by the GOP during Nixon's presidential campaign of that year and afterwards became known as "The Southern Strategy"—a rather chilling and innocuous term for using racism and fear to get votes.

2) Yes, big cities tend to be Democratic strongholds. They are large urban areas with multicultural, multinational populations and industries, government offices, universities, etc. In other words, they resemble much of the rest of the world. Yes, unfortunately there is crime.

3) The Republican Party in its present incarnation will likely

never win the popular vote in a national election for the foreseeable future. This explains their enthusiasm for the Electoral College, voter suppression and gerrymandering.

4) The Republicans were indeed the "Party of Lincoln"—170 years ago. Please delineate the common thread between Abraham Lincoln and the Republican party of today.

5) There is no yardstick or standard of measure to judge whether the Great Society was a "total failure," or if programs like the Voting Rights Act, Medicaid, Head Start, etc. actually helped to alleviate the suffering of our most vulnerable citizens. That was certainly LBJ's intention. Of course, if you prefer that Black people pay poll taxes or should be denied access to restaurants and movie theaters, I suppose you could disagree.

6) (Important) Just because I don't wear an American flag t-shirt (made in China) does not mean I love this country any less than someone who does. Strong relationships of any kind require empathy, maintenance and critical skills, as well as love. Anyone who has been married more than a few years knows this.

7) I am in my sixties now, and I have observed that no matter who is in charge, my taxes have gone up—income taxes, property taxes, sales taxes, etc. The same is not true for the one-percenters. Why? And why does balancing the budget only become an issue when the Democrats are in the White House? And why is it that the only presidents who have succeeded (or come close) to balancing the budget were Democrats? Hmm.

8) Obama has been out of office for over three years.

9) Donald Trump.
 10) Donald Trump.

Regards,
 Russell Scanlon, Mt. Crested Butte



BLACK & NOT RIGHT NOW BALL: The Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum's annual block party, the Black & White Ball, hit the Internet on Sunday, June 28. Some members showed off what they were wearing for the virtual event before it started. Raffle tickets are still available through July 31 at 6 p.m. Visit crestedbuttemuseum.com and enter to win a townie bike from the Alpineer, a week's stay at a Moloka'i, Hawaii Time-Share, a 10-14 day time-share stay with VI Resorts or a \$500 cash prize. Winners of raffle prizes will be announced July 31 at a special event. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

The fall and rise of social contracts

Dear Editor:

Today, perhaps more so than ever before, our thoughts, words and actions hold the power to inspire change. Thus it remains critical that we properly contextualize current events rather than immediately dismiss them as nonsense. Recently, community members wrote to express their thoughts on the protests surrounding George Floyd's death. In the letter "Race Relations and Respect," Jane Chaney condemns the protests surrounding George Floyd's death. I argue that Chaney's letter is a desperate, subconscious attempt to defend her place in White society's social contracts. Attacking the protestors' morality is an oft-repeated tactic throughout history. Indeed, Chaney's letter is a predictable and clichéd response to current events. There is no "correct way" to protest since it is the system that is protested. By dissecting Chaney's arguments and illuminating their fallacies, I hope to illustrate how Chaney's words themselves are products of systemic racism. Finally, unlike Chaney, I present recommendations for how our community can create positive change in light of these events.

The fall: Our society stands upon a two-way social contract: the government serves the people and the people respect the authority of the government. If the government fails to meet the needs of the people, the contract is void and broken. How can anyone possibly honor a broken contract? In the case of George Floyd, government authority failed the people, breaking the contract. Now consider the frustration from feeling that going on a jog is too big a risk, feeling shattered after seeing friends and neighbors terrorized and shot—why wouldn't riots result? Please note that I do not advocate for violence but rather seek to help readers view it as a sequela of systemic racism.

Chaney asks how looting helps minority communities. The act of looting, itself, does

not. I completely agree with Chaney on this point. For centuries, police looted Black bodies to the great detriment of the communities those bodies once breathed life into. Sadly, Chaney doesn't appear concerned with this form of looting.

Chaney claims that Black on Black violence in Chicago "doesn't fit the narrative of 'systemic racism.'" However, one need only take a small step back to see that this claim is false. According to the *Chicago Tribune*, poorer neighborhoods are more likely to experience violence than wealthier neighborhoods. Since many schools are funded with property taxes (one of the most prominent forms of systemic racism), better schools exist in wealthier neighborhoods, whose students can go on to receive higher-paying jobs in safe neighborhoods, while the opposite may be true for those who started off in poorer neighborhoods. Contrary to the fabled "American Dream," the rich get richer and the poor stay poor. This is the American Disease.

Chaney asks why Obama didn't quell systemic racism. However, Chaney's argument also states that citizens shouldn't blame the POTUS for violence, but rather local governors. By this logic, the POTUS should not receive blame for failing to dismantle systemic racism. While I disagree with several of Obama's decisions, his being elected was itself a step towards dismantling systemic racism. However, the act must ultimately come from the collective work of many individuals and we cannot wait for a president of any party to take action.

Chaney's letter often appears to question the very existence of systemic racism in America. Conveniently for readers, Chaney's letter itself epitomizes systemic racism in this country: it presents an unwillingness to listen to the voices that White society drowns out.

While Chaney calls for unity, her letter has the opposite

effect. Chaney writes: "I'm not making this political. They are." There is perhaps no more divisive a term than "they." These four letters have done more harm than racial slurs, police brutality and fallacious statistics combined. If Chaney actually wants to unite people, then let's talk about "us."

The rise: The failure of old social contracts presents the opportunity to create new ones. While Chaney fails to suggest any concrete plan, our community can still take action.

I believe many police officers deserve respect, but placing them into positions of power and providing guns can cause corruption. Consider the reflections of Dr. Zimbardo, creator of the Stanford Prison Experiment: "The line between good and evil is permeable and almost anyone can be induced to cross it when pressured by situational forces."

Solutions for the next generation of policing exist. In Whitehorse, Canada, public safety officers recently replaced police as the de facto peacekeepers. Patriotic citizens designed the duties of the officers to meet their needs rather than drawing from outdated models. Crime rates dropped. A commander from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said, "There is no doubt they're effective."

There are also financial avenues. In honor of Chaney, I intend to donate my stimulus check, which The Donald so generously provided, to bail funds. In addition, I doubt Chaney could object to anyone supporting education in low-income areas.

Now is the time to design the future of Crested Butte. Tucked away in the mountains, we live all but removed from the rest of society. This is a chance to emerge, to create a community built on a foundation of trust and to serve as a model for the rest of the country.

Regards,
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Checking Chaney's arguments

Dear Editor:

In order to better understand how misinformation can spread, it is helpful to clarify the difference between correlation and causation. Correlation implies a relationship between two things. Correlation is shown when one variable increases while the other either increases or decreases. However, correlation does not implicitly provide evidence of causation. Other information is necessary to show that one variable influences another variable. Correlation without causation is just coincidence. The use of correlation to promote misinformation obscures the truth, distracts from the pursuit of solutions and creates divisiveness that is eroding our democracy.

In recent letters to the editor, Jane Chaney has attempted to politicize failing criminal justice systems and race issues using misinformation. She authored a letter to the *Crested Butte News* on June 12, 2020 in which she refers to the Democratic Party stating, "I am not making this political. They are." She continued to support this argument in the June 26, 2020 paper by stating, "the states, cities and localities experiencing the most difficult racial issues... are with very little exception run by Democrats." The suggestion that hundreds of years of racism can be attributed to one political party is false. The current state of racial tensions in the U.S. is attributable to all White people, regardless of their political party.

The letter also stated, "It's a fact, not politics, that Antifa, Black Lives Matter and the Occupy groups all grew out of the eight years of the Obama administration."

The hashtag Black Lives Matter started gaining traction on social media following the acquittal of George Zimmerman. Zimmerman shot and killed Trayvon Martin, an unarmed 17-year-old Black American, on February 26, 2012. It may be argued that this was the start of the Black Lives Matter movement. However, racial injustice has existed throughout the history of the U.S., and racial justice movements, such as the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement, existed long before this murder. To suggest that the Black Lives Matter movement grew out of the Obama administration is false. Systemic racism began long before Obama became president. White people just haven't re-

ally cared about it enough to do anything. Thus, the "fact" that the Black Lives Matter grew out of the Obama administration is a misguided attempt to attribute correlation to causation. Further, the murder of Trayvon occurred in Florida, which has been held by Republicans for over 20 years. Therefore, the suggestion that the locations experiencing racial issues are mostly run by Democrats is also patently false.

The letter also asked, "What have those entities (referring to Antifa, Black Lives Matter and Occupy groups) done to improve the lives of Black Americans?"

In the time since the Black Lives Matter hashtag was established in 2012 there have been several inroads to dismantling White Supremacy and racism in America. Media portraying slavery and racism has been changed. For example, HBO is providing context to *Gone with the Wind* and the TV show *Cops* has been removed from broadcast. Police processes such as chokeholds and the use of rubber bullets and tear gas are being banned in many departments. Police conduct is being investigated, officers who have been able to move between departments, despite egregious actions, are being removed.

Here in Colorado, Governor Polis signed a police accountability bill on June 19, 2020. Statues and institutions that bear names of slave owners and symbols of racism are being removed.

The Confederate flag has been banned from NASCAR. These inroads to racial justice have occurred in the past few months, with a Republican in the White House. Again, correlation, not causation. There may, however, be an argument that the divisiveness the president breeds, and the education and awareness provided by these movements, has compelled White people to no longer remain apathetic.

Chaney's letter continues by highlighting current Republican values of individual rights and freedoms, smaller government, lower taxes and states rights. It then presents the historical Republican support for African Americans during the Lincoln era. It is interesting to make these points simultaneously. It is true that the Republican Party under the Lincoln administration did lead the Union to triumph in the American Civil War to abolish slavery. However, according to most historians, the Republican

Party shift in ideologies towards conservatism began around 1912. Democrat William Jennings Bryan is cited as blurring party lines by emphasizing the government's role in ensuring social justice through expansions of federal power as the start of this transition. By the 1930s the Republican Party shifted away from Lincoln-era platforms of social justice and federal power. It was during this time the ideologies of the Republican and Democrat parties essentially flip-flopped. The values and ideology of the current Republican Party are in direct contrast to the Lincoln era Republican Party values. While it is true that Democrats were aligned with atrocities like the KKK, this was prior to the ideological shift in the government parties. Thus, the suggestion that the plight of social injustice is wholly attributable to the Democratic Party is obfuscation. If the letter's point was that Republicans support racial justice, no evidence was provided that they have contributed in any meaningful way to this endeavor since the Civil War, which ended 155 years ago. In the words of Janet Jackson, "What have you done for me lately?"

Civil liberty and racial justice are political topics because we are a democracy governed by laws and the U.S. government is held almost entirely by two political parties. But, civil liberties are basic human rights first and racial justice needs to be assured to provide basic human rights. The first sentence of the U.S. Declaration of Independence contains "All men are created equal." A superior version from the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights states, "All human beings are born free and equal." The argument that civil unrest is a direct consequence of the political party in power is asinine; all parties are at fault. To argue who is more to blame is pedantic. Our time and energy needs to be directed to creating solutions. Until we assure that the guiding principles of our country are upheld, our democracy is failing. The continuation of misinformation, obfuscation and lies is detrimental to our democracy. It is imperative that we actively work against those who seek to undermine our democracy.

Sincerely,
Amy Honan

Tri-State is moving too slowly to decarbonize our electricity

Dear Editor:

In the Gunnison Valley, we consider ourselves environmentally sensitive, having an eye toward minimizing our consumption of energy and materials. But, because our electricity is generated largely by burning coal, when we turn on our electric clothes dryer, we emit 1.7 times more carbon dioxide than the U.S. average, and 3.5 times more than if we were to dry our clothes in California. But this does not have to be the case. There are steps we can take to encourage Tri-State and the Gunnison County Electrical Association (GCEA) to move towards greener electricity production.

The Gunnison valley's electrical supply largely comes to us by way of GCEA, which purchases power through a long-term contract with Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association. (The town of Gunnison has a different, cleaner supplier.)

In 2018, the most recent year for which there is publicly available data, Tri-State generated electricity through a mix of resources consisting of about 70 percent coal, 5 percent natural gas and 25 percent renewable energy. Because our electrical energy supply is largely coal-based, we contribute to outsized greenhouse gas emissions. The emissions from Tri-State operations put us on par with other bastions of fossil energy, including China, India and Saudi Arabia, and far behind several other states in the U.S.

Many other countries are rapidly moving towards decarbonization of their energy sources, and an "electrify everything" strategy to help to reduce emissions and address climate change. This strategy relies on a low-emissions grid. Tri-State's reliance on coal for electricity generation, however, defeats this strategy in the Gunnison Valley.

As an example of how Tri-State negatively impacts our ability to pursue an "electrify everything" strategy, consider the case of the electrification of our personal transportation using battery electric vehicles (EVs). Because EVs recharged in the Gunnison valley are effectively refueling with [about] 70 percent coal, charging a typical EV here produces lifetime emissions that are only slightly better than a gasoline-fueled car and are substantially greater than a hybrid. But this is not true everywhere. Charging the same EV on the average U.S. electrical grid produces about half the lifetime emissions, and these emissions are further reduced in states like California and Washington that rely on low-carbon, high-renewable electrical energy supplies. The emissions for operating an EV on 100 percent renewables are the best-case scenario and are expected to improve with time as battery manufacturing processes mature.

Tri-State is unfair to local residents who are eager to adopt new technologies

to "electrify everything" and reduce their carbon footprint. And it means that the Gunnison Valley is being left behind. Do we want to accept that living here results in a higher carbon footprint relative to most of the rest of the developed world, or do we want to address our emissions and reduce the cost of our electricity?

Tri-State's recently published "Responsible Energy Plan" is a move in the right direction, but the plan does not move far enough or fast enough. By 2025 Tri-State will have retired some coal plants including one of the units in Craig, Colo., and will have added 1 gigawatt of renewable power. By 2030, Tri-State plans to shutter the last of their Colorado coal plants; however, the plan continues to rely on the large Tri-State coal-fired generation facilities in Wyoming and Arizona. Tri-State's "Responsible Energy Plan" will still rely on too much coal and produce too many emissions post-2030. Under this plan, we will not keep up with neighboring regions, other states and other

nations in decarbonizing our energy supply to address climate change and to reduce our future costs of electricity.

What can we do if we desire to move ahead quickly towards dramatic reductions in our CO₂ emissions with decarbonized electricity?

First, contact members of the GCEA board (www.gcea.coop/board-directors). They live here too, they share our values and they are one of our conduits to communicate our desires to Tri-State. The GCEA board needs to hear from you. Ask them to fully investigate Tri-State's recent allowance for up to 50 percent self-supply of clean energy. Second, show your personal interest in reducing our emissions by participating in GCEA's Green Power program and get on the waiting list for GCEA's solar garden projects. Engage with advocacy groups such as GVC3, the Gunnison Valley Climate Crisis Coalition (knorgard@gmail.com). Third, look for announcements (soon) for public input to the upcoming annual Tri-State "Electric Resource Plan," a report Tri-State submits annually to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. This plan lays out Tri-State's future roadmap to address issues related to electrical resource needs and requirements. Public comments are encouraged, and Tri-State and the Colorado Public Utility Commission need to know that Tri-State customers want to move farther and much faster towards reducing emissions. Let's not wait until 2030 or even 2025.

The Gunnison valley is perceived to be "green." Let's walk the talk.

All of the data upon which this letter draws are from publicly available sources at the EPA, the DOE and Tri-State's Annual Report and Renewable Energy Plan.

Kevin Ott, Crested Butte

Pondering Trump's future

Dear Editor:

The polls look bad for Donald Trump and he knows it. Trump said to Sean Hannity last week that Joe Biden is "gonna be your president because some people don't love me, maybe."

Elections are still four months away, and much can happen before, and in, November.

Can the Russians alter the election results? Maybe—but what happens to Trump if, even with Russian help, he is not reelected? He might receive, as Nixon did, a Presidential pardon for any and all federal crimes; but he could apparently be prosecuted, without possibility of pardon, at the state level.

Trump's best chance for remaining a free man is to flee to a country that has no extradition treaty with the United States. He might not like living in, say, Equatorial Guinea, but there

are dozens of other possibilities, including Russia.

One possible problem is his finances. For all we know, Trump has massive debts. Putin might not want him if he could not pay his way. Trump's value to Putin is simply as a force tearing America apart; if Trump is no longer in a position to do that, he's worthless for the Russians.

Another problem: If Trump went into exile, what members of his family and entourage would go with him? Those left behind might well face prosecution, and they might try to stop him from abandoning them.

At a guess, a Trump family member may already be investigating possibilities.

Peter Bridges

Barkley not exactly a strong supporter of Republican Party

Dear Mark:

This letter is in response to Jane Chaney who last week quoted athlete/celebrity Charles Barkley, using his (very old) quote to support her political position.

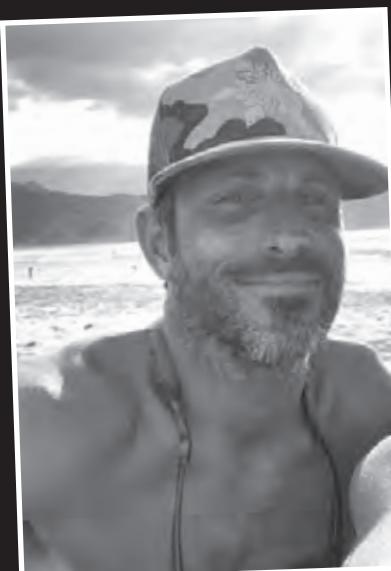
If Jane had done her homework she would have discovered, that while identifying himself as a Republican during his playing days, he actually left the Republican Party in 2006. He issued the following statement: "I was a Republican until they lost their minds." Not a very strong endorsement of the Republican Party.

I seem to remember seeing Barkley on TV making that statement but my recollection doesn't matter. As Casey Stengel, longtime manager of the New York Yankees, used to say to reporters, "You can look it up."

Harvey Castro

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MOUNTAIN mischief

BY THE MT. CRESTED BUTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

a horse trailer that was turning into a driveway.

A Denver man was ticketed for speeding on Highway 135.

6/22/2020, An unattended death was suspected when two camper/hikers reported finding human bones next to a camp stove buried in snow in the Buck Basin area. After a 14-mile hike originating at Horse Ranch Park, officers fortunately discovered the remains to be that of a deer.

6/23/2020, A dog bit a biker near the upper parking area for the Judd Falls trail. No charges were pressed at the request of the victim.

6/25/2020, A case of indecent exposure was reported and is currently under investigation.

6/26/2020, A Salt Lake City man was ticketed for going 55 mph in a 35 mph zone on the highway.

Officers were called to the Riverland subdivision for the report of an assault. Reportedly, an ongoing dispute between two business owners over a possible insect infestation on their crops erupted into a brawl to the ground with two men sustaining injuries.

Officers were called to the Riverbend neighborhood for the report of a party shouting obscenities. The situation was calmed down and the party causing the disturbance went inside.

6/27/2020, A vehicle speeding past the cemetery was stopped. The driver from Denver was found to be intoxicated. He was charged with DUI and a sober driver collected him and took him home.

An additional 95 calls for service were made to the Mt. Crested Butte Police Department during this period.

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BY CRESTED BUTTE'S FINEST

was provided to Mt. Crested Butte police with a DUI arrest.

A report was taken for a vehicle that had been backed into a parked and unoccupied motorcycle.

6/24/2020, A ticket was issued to a trailer left in the roadway.

6/25/2020, A Crested Butte man was cited for urinating in public. Use a restroom. There are plenty of open public ones all over town.

6/26/2020, Two vehicles were ticketed for being parked in a 10-minute parking zone on Elk for more than 10 minutes, while a third vehicle received a ticket for being illegally parked at the fire department.

6/27/2020, A Pennsylvania driver was cited after he failed to stop at the stop sign at 6th and Gothic Avenue.

A Chevy driver received a ticket for being parked in the roadway and too close to an intersection.

6/28/2020, A Crested Buttian was placed under arrest for violating a court order by consuming alcohol.

SHERIFF'S stories

BY THE GUNNISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

6/23/2020, Courthouse deputies informed a subject his license was cancelled/denied as the subject was headed to see the clerks about an unpaid ticket from a year ago.

North end deputies responded to investigate a fire that the Carbondale Fire Department had put out in Marble.

6/24/2020, Deputies responded southwest of Gunnison for the report of a boat missing from its slip and moved to another.

6/25/2020, North end deputies took a report in Somerset for a stolen pistol. This case is under investigation.

6/27/2020, Deputies assisted the Colorado State Patrol southwest of Gunnison with a

single-vehicle accident.

Deputies assisted the Colorado State Patrol southwest of Gunnison for a motorcycle crash.

Deputies assisted the Gunnison Police Department in Gunnison for the report of an assault.

6/28/2020, Deputies took a report of a found gun northwest of Gunnison.

Deputies responded northwest of Gunnison for the report of a party with a gunshot wound to the leg.

6/29/2020, Deputies responded northwest of Gunnison to take a report of a stolen wallet with cash in it.

Deputies assisted the Gunnison Police Department in Gunnison for a possible burglary in progress.



NAVAJO NATION COVID RELIEF: A group of local drivers and community members met at the Four-way Stop parking lot with their fully loaded vehicles and trailers, to say a prayer and smudge the area before heading off to deliver donated items to the Navajo Nation last week. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

More people getting tested but number of positives not climbing

Are allergies affecting people?

[BY MARK REAMAN]

Gunnison County has seen an increase in the number of people getting tested over the last week for COVID-19 but the test results coming back continue to be trending on the negative side. According to county public information officer Andrew Sandstrom, it's a good thing that more people who are experiencing symptoms are getting tested.

"Having people call in and having them go through the testing process is a positive thing," Sandstrom said. "It helps us monitor the overall situation in the county. Unfortunately it feels like the results are taking longer than we would like to get back. Instead of 24 to 48 hours, we are seeing it take 72 hours or more. It's on the longer end."

Over last weekend, there were more than 80 pending tests with 121 total positives reported for the county since the coronavirus crisis began. That caught the attention of much of the public. By Tuesday evening, the numbers indicated just 25 pending tests and 123 total positives.

"There has been a sudden uptick in the number of people wanting to get tested," said Sand-

strom. "We're not sure of the reasons. It could be that it is allergy season and people are feeling similar symptoms, things like a drippy nose or having some difficulty breathing. It could be the number of new people coming to the county to visit. It could be that people are hearing so much about the spikes in nearby states that they want to be safe. Seeing so many of the tests come back negative is a good thing."

Sandstrom explained that results are counted for people in the county but in a circumstance that for example happened last weekend when a tourist with symptoms took a test but left for home before the result which turned out positive came back, his case was not counted as a positive in the county.

Like everyone, the Incident Command Team is hearing about concerns about the lack of social distancing at times throughout the county. "As we have relaxed the restrictions it is still important to follow the health orders and guidelines. Stay socially distanced. Wear a face covering. Wash your hands," advised Sandstrom. "We are definitely getting more reports of people not being in compliance. When we hear a complaint we pass it along to law enforcement and HHS, who checks it out. Their first action is

to educate the people who might be violating the orders."

The county is now trying to upgrade its website so it has more current information and is easier for the public to use. A new business information dashboard has been added and work is being done to upgrade the look of the data available to make it simple to track results. "We are trying to get more live data into the dashboard," explained Sandstrom.

The call-in line is operating live Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon on weekdays, and Sandstrom said the voice-mail and emails connected to the line are monitored frequently.

Meanwhile, Colorado Governor Jared Polis on Tuesday declared that bars and nightclubs would be ordered to close once again to in-person service after two weeks of slight upticks in coronavirus cases in Colorado and large spikes in two neighboring states. He said that change would begin within 48 hours but did not specify exactly when the establishments would have to close.

Sandstrom said the county is looking at how the state changes would impact the county but noted that because most "bars" in Crested Butte and Gunnison provide food, they would probably not be forced to close.

BRIEFS mt. crested butte

BY KENDRA WALKER

DDA appointment

The Town Council appointed Chris Hensley to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board, after receiving his application for a board position. "I'm delighted to see him submit his name. I think he'll be an excellent member of that board," said Mt. Crested Butte mayor Janet Farmer.

There is one remaining board position available, and town encourages citizens to apply for the open seat. Eligible applicants for the DDA board must own property within the DDA, lease property within the DDA or serve on a board of directors of a property owner or business within the DDA.

Extending business space in Mountaineer Square?

Council discussed potential ideas for helping Mt. Crested Butte businesses expand their square

footage in Mountaineer Square this summer to better socially distance customers.

"The problem with Mountaineer Square is it's all fire lines," town clerk Tiffany O'Connell told council. Most of the restaurants already have patio space and wouldn't be able to extend their outdoor space without pressing into a fire lane or the road. "We don't have any public areas to put them in," she said, but suggested town speak with Crested Butte Mountain Resort about opening up the Red Lady stage area or tent by the Adventure Park to accommodate more shared space.

Council also considered open container options around the base area. O'Connell has contacted all the restaurant owners in town and said some are interested in expanding their premises and some are interested in a possible public consumption area. She has also reached out to CBMR, before any decisions are made.

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Second homeowners organize PAC to have voice in local politics

Raising \$ for permanent organization

[BY MARK REAMAN]

A new group comprised of second homeowners and local businesses have formally organized a Political Action Committee (PAC) with the intention of making their voice heard by the various elected government boards in the valley, including the county commission and town councils.

The GV2H (Gunnison Valley Second Homeowners) PAC has been registered with the state and organizer/administrator Jim Moran said the goal is "to help make the Gunnison Valley a place that is governed well for all; not just for some. Non-resident property owners are no less committed to this community than any other group and would like a seat at the table when it comes to policy making."

In an email response to several questions submitted by the *Crested Butte News*, Moran indicated the group is in the early stages of coming together and in the process of choosing an eight-member board. It appears that decisions by public health officials since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis last March and reactions from elected officials to concerns voiced by people led to the formation of the new group.

"The recently established PAC has the growing support of hundreds of second homeowners, local residents and business owners," Moran said. "There are more than 4,385 non-resident property owners who have no voice, yet pay a significant portion of the

residential property taxes and sales taxes in Gunnison County. Those same taxpayers, some of whom were here isolated in their homes, received the postcard from the county telling them they were not welcome to use their property or the resources that their taxes help support, under penalty of a \$5,000 fine and up to 18 months in prison. Additionally, there are business and commercial property owners paying commercial property taxes and collecting local sales taxes who also have no voice in the jurisdictions where their businesses pay taxes because they don't (or can't afford to) live where they work. Those same business taxpayers have undergone untold economic damage at the hands of policies made against their will by unelected public officials. What GV2H PAC hopes to achieve is to be a voice of unity and fairness of governance where all constituents do not have a voice."

The group has sent out mail invitations to the 4,385 people who own property in the county but do not reside here to contribute to the PAC. Similar invitations are expected to go out to local business owners in the near future. Moran said while the group is less than five weeks old, it expects to top \$100,000 in donations by this weekend.

Moran said he does not know what the ultimate cost is to run an effective PAC but the "GV2H PAC would like to raise enough funds over time, to establish a full-fledged organization capable of representation of our interests in all venues on a permanent basis. One of the primary lessons learned



ST. MARY'S GARAGE: Crested Butte's free thrift store, St. Mary's Garage is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for shoppers and donations. St. Mary's is well stocked, so stop on by and see if they have anything you may need. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

during this spring's rapid series of public orders and amendments is that without a permanent organization established, it is very difficult to keep up with, or have an effective voice in the ever-evolving regulations impacting our constituents. Effective advocacy simply cannot be done issue by issue.

"We would expect our involvement would work no differently than that of any other subset of the tax-paying population," Moran continued. "As an example, when I spoke with Roland Mason regarding the ICELab industry sub-groups, he suggested that it might be appropriate for second homeowners to be included and have their own subgroup. Unfortunately, that never happened. Our preferred mechanism for involvement is 1) to engage as the issues are being decided, 2) have a voice in those issues that impact us and 3) to participate in the electoral process by independently supporting the election of candidates who take our interests

seriously and independently opposing the election of those who don't."

When asked if the intent of the PAC was to pay lawyers to keep an eye on elected boards, Moran said that would not be the first step but could be part of the equation. "GV2H PAC expects our collective voice to be given the same attention (no more; no less) as other constituents in the ordinary process," he said. "When elected officials ignore the peoples' voice as happened this spring, individual citizens or classes of citizens often seek legal recourse. Legal recourse is potentially a part of the process but a last resort; not a starting point."

As to the charge that the group has suggested second homeowners stop donating to local non-profits and instead contribute to the advocacy group, Moran said he and the official PAC organization "have never held such a ridiculous position. We want a united community and the non-profit world is one of the BEST examples of the productive collaboration between residents and non-residents," he wrote. "Anyone who is concerned about charitable donations drying up because of divisiveness created by county officials should support the PAC. The PAC is designed to unify people in this county and hold elected officials accountable

when they alienate a particular constituency."

Moran said members of the new PAC felt they had no choice but to organize, given the circumstances that occurred this spring. "We would love nothing more than to continue to be productive participants in this community, celebrating life with friends, buying homes, starting businesses and donating to the charities that move our collective hearts and carry our collective voices," he said. "If there is division in this community, the responsibility lies clearly with elected officials who cannot reasonably expect anyone to productively participate while being ordered to leave their homes.

"We would like to see representative government for all constituents," Moran concluded. "When elected officials consider themselves to be 'advisors' [paraphrasing county commissioner Jonathan Houck] to unelected county employees as opposed to representatives of the people, elected officials have it backwards. These officials should be accountable to those who elect them; not to an established bureaucracy."

The next step for the PAC is to officially seat a board that would be split between four local business owners and four non-resident property owners.

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Crested Butte South Farmers Market on Thursdays starting July 2

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Various local vendors will be selling fruits, veggies and other food items, prepared food and to-go meals. Other categories may include arts and crafts, libations and music.

The site of the market is next to the bus stop parking area in Red Mountain Park. The market is accessible for pedestrians, bicyclists, bus riders or by vehicle; the park provides several designated parking areas for ample parking. Customers and vendors will have access to Sunset Hall, which has two public restrooms. There is also a full-service kitchen in Sunset Hall, which will be available for food vendor use. The market will be set up following the guidelines provided by Health and Human Services. For more information about the market or becoming a vendor, contact call 349-1162 or go to www.cbsouth.net.



ELK AVE ACTIVIST: Over the past few weeks, Paul Levine has been standing at the corner of Third Street and Elk Avenue holding up a sign reading, "Defund the Police" to help promote change in the system.

PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

State law impacts local policing

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The summary states that a peace officer can be charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor if he or she fails to intervene or fails to report when a fellow officer engages in excessive force. The summary states that police will be sanctioned if they fail to activate or tamper with body cameras.

There are new regulations dealing with areas such as training, protest and demonstrations, profiling individuals, documentation and reporting requirements including the documentation of demographics.

Gunnison County sheriff John Gallowich said his department is already abiding by some of the new regulations and preparing to follow others.

"On June 19 Governor Polis signed the bill concerning measures to enhance law enforcement integrity," Gallowich wrote in an email. "This legislation will require that all Peace Officers wear body worn cameras, which must be activated during any interaction with the public initiated by the Peace Officer for the purpose of enforcing the law or investigating possible violations of the law. This does not include undercover operations. While law enforcement agencies have until July 1 of 2023 to equip their Peace Officers with body worn cameras, the Gunnison County Sheriffs Office purchased body worn cameras prior to the recent incidents that encouraged this legislation."

Crested Butte chief marshal Mike Reily said he and his counterparts in the region are indeed looking at the new law and imple-

menting what they are able to immediately while figuring out what else they will be required to do. His department is also already wearing body cams. "Elements of the body worn camera [BWC] sections of the law are not required until 2023 but we are ahead of that curve having just implemented our BWC program this year," he said.

"There wasn't much time to digest the contents of the bill before it became law so all Colorado law enforcement are trying to sort through the contents of the legislation," Reily explained. "In the last week I have had meetings with the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police [CACP], the Seventh Judicial District Area Law Enforcement Executives [ALEE], the District Attorney's Office and several meetings involving Gunnison County area law enforcement to work through the myriad of sections which are in the legislation."

Reily said the elements of the law that went into effect last Friday were immediately addressed with the Crested Butte officers and put into effect by directive. Those include things like documentation of additional demographic data for investigative contacts and activating body cams.

As for the use of force, Reily said there is a ban on "chokeholds," which now includes vascular restraints. New force and deadly force limitations are in place, records management of the use of force is being recorded and there is now "a duty to intervene placed on officers if excessive force is being used." As far as policing protests and demonstrations, there are "restrictions on circumstances

in which 'kinetic impact projectiles,' tear gas and pepper spray may be deployed by law enforcement agencies and individual officers..."

According to Reily, Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) is working to provide use of force training by the September 1 deadline. "We will be working with experts from CIRSA—our insurance provider—the town's attorneys, CACP, Colorado POST and other legal professionals to refine our policy and procedures to make sure we conform to all legislation and best practices," he said.

"Law enforcement will also be required to obtain additional information regarding our contacts with the public while investigating any violation of the law or while conducting investigations. This will generate additional paperwork and reporting," added Gallowich. "There is also a section of this legislation which sets guidelines describing the duty to report use of force by peace officers and the duty to intervene. Most agencies currently have a use of force report. Under the new legislation there will be mandated guidelines to follow in reporting the use of force by a peace officer."

Reily said he is not yet clear on the liability now incurred by officers and municipalities under the new regulations, and is seeking clarification through the insurance company for the town. "But yes, there is additional liability on both officers and the town," he said.

Gallowich said too that as a result of this legislation more liability could be placed on both the peace officer and the employer.

ECO tip of the week

BY SOPHIA TRUEX, SUMMER INTERN, SUSTAINABLE CRESTED BUTTE

Shifting into Summer

As we shift into summer, it is important to remember to keep our town and green spaces clean and healthy. As the days are getting warmer and outdoor activities are ramping up, there are more opportunities for waste and litter to be left outside. Making sure your waste is disposed of properly is key to a happy and healthy environment, especially when out in the wilderness.

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Local businesses under health orders

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Businesses that don't comply will be first given a written warning. Crested Butte chief marshal Mike Reily said a written warning was provided to Kochevar's on Tuesday, June 30. "Up to now, most everyone has been given some sort of 'education' as that has been our go-to activity," said Reily.

"The second violation will result in the business losing the use of its public outdoor seating for the following weekend, while a third violation will cause the town to revoke the outdoor seating permit for the business with the removal of the barriers and tables for the summer," explained Yemma. "Note that a violation of public health orders may also constitute a violation of a

liquor license of the establishment for failure to comply with state, county and/or local conditions and requirements for serving alcohol. Such violations could trigger the liquor license revocation process."

Yemma made it clear the town wants to help businesses succeed during a hard time, given the coronavirus crisis. "The town's goal for the Elk Avenue one-way, and all of the outdoor expansion permits is to help everyone succeed in a time of social distancing and limited retail capacity for business, bars and restaurants," Yemma concluded. "Businesses have largely done an outstanding job of decorating and utilizing these spaces and we hope it is helping your bottom line."

Crested Butte Museum webinar with Duane Vandenbusche

Join Dr. Duane Vandenbusche for a Gunnison Country Webinar Series every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. starting July 2. The 14-part series is sponsored by the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum.

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FOREST QUEEN TOUCH UP: The Forest Queen Building at the corner of Second Street and Elk Avenue was seen getting a touch up just in time for the busy summer months. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

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BY POLLY OBEROSLER

Born of Lincoln

My grandfather was a Civil War baby, born in 1864 amid the near-daily chaos and death. Before he was born, he had close family killed at the Battle of Shiloh, where there were nearly 24,000 dead and wounded, leaving families without fathers, sons, uncles and grandsons. Other battles in Kentucky and Tennessee drew his family members; their graves remain today on lonely small hillsides in the south of that state.

On my visit to Kentucky, the disheveled and lopsided headstones that told a story of the times struck me. The earth swallowing the bodies of so many in an attempt to save the union or not. In graves with moss-covered granite headstones, weathered and looking so tired, rest the soldiers who were barely men. The old family church is there that went through a post-war restoration just like the country. It seemed so bright white compared to the sad, tilted headstones telling of my family long gone.

What must those families have endured? The 1918 flu pandemic barely edges out the 625,000 (2 percent of the population then) killed in the Civil War that no one really wanted.

The Civil War participants and their families, being untouched by past conflicts, thought the Civil War would be a one-day outing where men stood in lines and fired at one another. Following Fort Sumter, a cannon bombardment, women and children attended the battle of Bull Run, bringing picnic boxes, buggies and blankets and they watched in horror as one soldier after another fell like so many dominos. The fields were littered with bodies.

This country had barely gotten on its feet when the Civil War broke out 100 years after the colonists had enough of King George III and his attempt to rule them from England. The colonies split at first on whether to break from the king, some enjoying the com-

fort of the Mother Country in case of trouble. Thomas Paine, a person who today would be a respected blogger, convinced the colonies to tear away from England in his pamphlet "Common Sense." It strikes me that he felt the need to instill "common sense" among the capable people of that era.

My family member, also named Thomas, witnessed the birth of this nation. He came to this country from Ireland around 1700 according to records and landed on the eastern side of Chesapeake Bay in what is now Talbot County, Maryland. It is likely he worked in the gristmills there for he lived at 100 mill. One of Thomas's grandsons was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Passing "muster" in 1777. The whole prospect of being a soldier in that war is incredible to think of. The cold and damp of the East Coast and Potomac River along with wet black powder and a one-shot chance at survival is incredible to think of.

George Washington, the Continental armies' general and first president of this young country, came out of that war with a cool head and a nose for how to proceed.

He had the integrity from the beginning to support this new nation. He was involved with the framing documents when it became apparent they had to cut ties with England. As president, he helped usher in trade treaties with a few countries and upon his retiring, he asked this new country to remain a nation of high standards. Perhaps he used parts of his long, cold nights on the Potomac listening to the voices of his men, their aspirations, successes and their failures. Maybe their strong-willed lives shaped his thinking going forward. Certainly knowing the cost of their independence made him realize it was worth hanging onto. Worth the attention of every American to ensure the survival of the fledgling country.

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I think it is important to reflect on our country, what made it successful and ponder on its failings. Lincoln could not stop the war between the states, but he tried. Many lives have been lost for the cause of this union and many more will be lost. They must not be lost to vanity, or for money of a few. We Americans owe it to our predecessors and our dead to carry on together and to find common solutions out of each battle like soldiers in the field. It is easy to start a war, but mighty hard to end one. Of

this we know.

I am proud of my own family history of our place in "can do" America, where the integrity of persons matters wholly from top to bottom. There are times we all fail, but the willingness to admit mistakes and strive to make it right matters most. Lincoln had the humility to do that, as did George Washington. Two serious leaders, capable of leading in serious times. They understood the gravity of taking the reins with integrity and strength of character in times of moral failure and societal delusion. Quietly, they won.



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BIG LOVE: Bluebird Real Estate started showing their love for the health care workers and the community by placing a big flag with a blue heart in front of their offices on Elk Avenue. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

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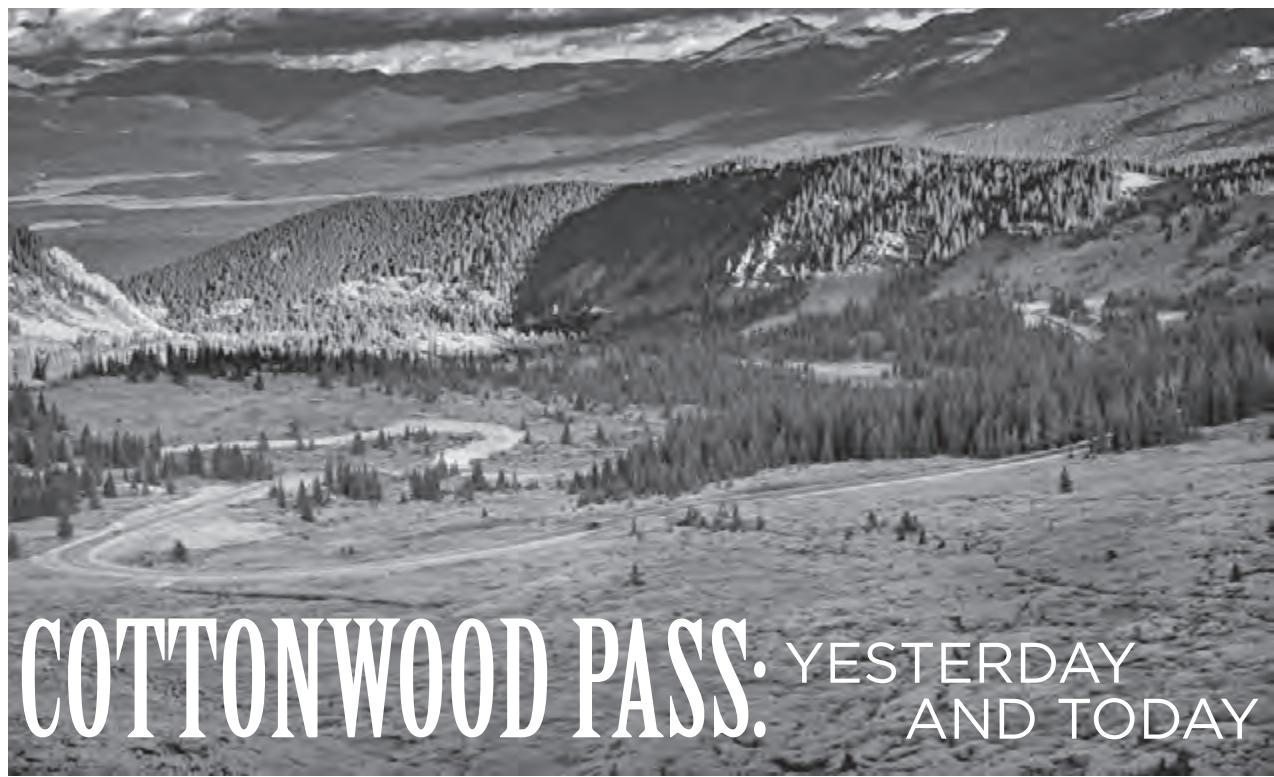
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COTTONWOOD PASS: YESTERDAY AND TODAY

[BY DUANE VANDENBUSCHE]

Dave Wood was tired. In 1877, the great freighter of Western Colorado and his 50-man crew had built the first rough road into Taylor Park and Gunnison County, one year after Colorado became a state.

Trails existed from the Arkansas River on the Eastern Slope to Taylor Park on the Western Slope, but this was the first road one could take a wagon over. One could make it with mules pulling the wagons. The road allowed men to follow others like Jim Taylor and Fred Lottis, who had come to Taylor Park over Lake Pass at the north end of the park in the early 1860s. Dave Wood named the pass Cottonwood for the many trees of the same name that dotted the area.

He went on to become the greatest freighter Western Colorado ever had, carrying supplies into mining camps and hauling ore out with burros or mule-drawn wagons. Once, on Cottonwood Pass road, a young woman met him and his wagons and asked, "Have you been in these parts long?" Wood eyed her with contemptuous disdain and replied, "Madam, I hauled these mountains in here."

The Cottonwood Pass road was fearsome. It ascended 4,218 feet from Buena Vista to 12,126 feet on top of the pass. Then it descended nearly 14 miles into Taylor Park, dropping 2,618 feet.

Dave Wood's road down the west side of the pass ran straight with no switchbacks and was very steep. It took four mules straining to pull a loaded

wagon up the pass and, going down, drivers had to be on the brake constantly. Cottonwood Pass in the early years was open, usually mid-June to late October. Mud and snow kept the road closed for more than half of the year.

Cottonwood Pass brought many miners into Taylor Park in the late 1870s and 1880s and there the road split, one ran north over Taylor Pass into the booming silver camp of Aspen, and the other ran over Cumberland Pass to Pitkin and the Gunnison Country. Miners came from California Gulch (later Leadville), Granite and Buena Vista, a trip that took several days.

When the mining boom came to an end in the 1890s, the Cottonwood Pass road deteriorated with practically no traffic—it was just an old wagon road with enough room for the width of two wheels of a wagon. The U.S. Forest Service owned much of the land around Cottonwood Pass, and in 1956 decided to harvest timber on the west side of the Divide. The plan was to take timber over the pass down the east side to a railroad connection at Buena Vista. However, the road on the west side was terrible with no gravel—just dirt and rocks.

Engineer Mo Barz of the Forest Service was put in charge of laying out the new road. Barz, with two college students as sides, spent two summers on the layout and used ribbon flagging. Barz used an eye level gauge on the new route which ran north of the old road on the upper seven miles.

Ernie Nesbitt of Gunnison was then put in charge of following the ribbon flagged survey. Nesbitt and 12 Western State College students took two years to complete the work. They put in 59,136 wooden construction stakes, 18 inches high and pounded six inches into the ground to mark the road. They were 50 feet apart and covered 13.9 miles to the top of the pass. As Nesbitt put it: "That's a hell of a lot of pounding."

Work on the road began in 1958 with separate crews working from the top and bottom of the pass. The road was finished the following year and in September of 1959 a grand opening was held on top of the pass.

When completed, the road had the least grade (4%) of any road over the Continental Divide. For the first time, vehicles could cross the pass.

By 2017, the federal government and Gunnison County decided it was time to pave the west side of Cottonwood Pass. The government would pay \$23.7 million and the county \$1.184 million. The new road would be safer and, with no magnesium chloride used and better water control, it would be good for the environment. The 18.1 miles from Buena Vista to the top of the pass was already paved and a repaving was done in 2019.

The United Construction Company began work with a 100-person crew on the 13.9 miles down the west side to Taylor Park in 2017. Workers dealt with a big snow winter of 2018-

19, clay under the roadbed and water everywhere. Road base and asphalt adding up to 75,000 and 40,000 tons were spread on the road.

The pavement is 24 feet wide (the old road was 14 feet) with six feet of non-pavement on each side of the road. To handle water, 162 culverts and 30 curves were put in, along with two viewpoints that were built at the 5-mile and 12-mile marks on the road. Because some switchbacks were taken out, the distance of the road from the top of the pass to Taylor Park was reduced from 13.9 miles to 12.5 miles. The steepest grade on the road is 9 percent on a short section near the top.

Fifty-four people, including Ernie Nesbitt, were at the grand opening on top of the pass on September 7, 2019, and

three days later the road opened. Traffic over the pass, which averaged 1,144 vehicles a day in 2015, was expected to increase by about 300 a day.

Today, Cottonwood Pass is unique. It is traditionally open from Memorial Day to November 1 and is one of the most beautiful and spectacular passes in the United States. In addition, it is the highest paved pass over the Continental Divide in the nation at 12,126 feet, beating Independence Pass by 31 feet.

There it stands—Cottonwood Pass—a giant among giants.

Duane Vandenbusche, a professor of history at Western Colorado University in Gunnison since 1962, is the author of several books on the Gunnison Country and Western Colorado.

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STOR Corps hiring seasonal staff for public lands stewardship

Program runs July through October

[BY KATHERINE NETTLES]

The idea of a new seasonal land stewardship program in the valley has taken flight, and the Gunnison County Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (STOR) committee, the National Forest Foundation (NFF) and Gunnison County have launched a "STOR Corps" with a two-fold purpose: creating economic opportunity for locals while making a positive impact on local trails. The "job-creation" program seeks to hire 10 full-time crewmembers for the summer.

The field season will start on July 13 and end in early October. Crewmembers will work on sustainable recreation and environmental stewardship projects on public lands throughout the Gunnison Valley.

According to Joe Lavorini, Gunnison County stewardship coordinator for the NFF, the pro-

gram is based in part off the Civilian Conservation Corps model that was successful in the last century. Specific tasks will include user-outreach and education, monitoring and restoration.

The program is hiring two crew leaders, eight crewmembers and one volunteer coordinator. Wages will be "well above minimum wage," according to Lavorini. Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis, and local residents who apply will receive priority consideration. To apply, submit a cover letter and resume to Joe Lavorini at javorini@national-forests.org

"The economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has caused hardship for many. This jobs-creation program will employ locals to be stewards of the community," said Lavorini.

"We are lucky to live in a place that is surrounded by public lands, but we need to be proactive to conserve these treasured landscapes. The STOR Corps will assist our land management agencies in

caring for the places that define the lifestyle of the Gunnison Valley," he said.

The program will be managed jointly by the NFF and Gunnison County. Although the STOR Corps is independent of other community non-profit organizations, Lavorini says, "We anticipate collaborating with local groups like the Crested Butte Conservation Corps and Gunnison Trails, among others."

Gunnison County Community and Economic Development director Cathie Pagano estimated that the cost of the program would be \$140,000 to cover 12 weeks of work with 10 paid crewmembers.

The Gunnison County Tourism and Prosperity Partnership (TAPP) has agreed to contribute \$5,000 to the program, the STOR committee has agreed to contribute \$20,000 from its GOCO grant programming funds, Gunnison County commissioners have committed 45,000 in CARES funds, and the NFF will provide a match of \$70,000.

GVH reports just under \$1 million in total losses for the year thanks to COVID

"It was better than we expected"

[BY KATHERINE NETTLES]

In a quarterly update to the Gunnison County commissioners, Gunnison Valley Hospital CEO Rob Santilli and hospital board member Don Haver briefly reviewed the hospital's overall losses and its takeaways from the coronavirus response. They also reviewed some positive changes coming to the hospital's emergency department.

Mark VanderVeer, the hospital's chief financial officer, said the hospital has lost about \$915,000 in revenue to date, after CARES relief funds were factored in. GVH lost about \$1.5 million in revenue in April and about \$2.1 million in a span of two months during the initial COVID-19 outbreak.

"This right now seems to be our biggest impact from COVID," VanderVeer said. "As dismal as it looks, it was better than we expected because we saw revenue come in around 49 percent when we were concerned it might be more like 40 percent."

VanderVeer said there was never a concern that the hospital would not be able to continue operations.

"Many times when you go through a situation like this, you learn more about yourself, the people around you and the people in your organization," said Santilli.

The hospital system reported it has received \$9.8 million in CARES relief fund and related grants. These funds are to offset lost revenue, COVID expenses and payroll costs related to March through June 2020.

"May has about 79 percent of projected revenue and June is around 90 percent. So, much better," said VanderVeer. "We had projected as low as 50 percent for both those months."

GVH representatives also reported that the 2019 audit of financials went well and no "clean-up" was required. Santilli said they were compared to all of the auditor's (CLA) critical care facilities and placed in their top 35 Colorado hospitals. "We are running in the top 10 percent of the gold standard," he said.

Commissioner Jonathan Houck cited the "Great work and stability the hospital has brought to the community."

Santilli in turn said it is all a result of many different things, such as retooling the former senior center to create a sort of senior services campus. Also, he credited capitalizing on services such as physicians and specialists, and adding a pediatrician.

Emergency department physician Gary Whitt will start full-time at the hospital on July 1, bringing the count to four full-time emergency department physicians at the Level 4 certified trauma center. "That is somewhat of a change that will really guide and direct change in the future," said Santilli.



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Gunnison-CB air service looks at additional seats this summer

"The burden is going to be on us to fill those seats"

[BY KATHERINE NETTLES]

There are several unknowns about Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional airport (GUC) flight schedules and consumer demand this summer, but United is bumping up its flights in July from Denver to Gunnison and bringing in larger aircraft due to shuffling its aircraft inventory elsewhere. August remains a wildcard, and so is winter—but there is already talk of winter flight airline contracts as well.

David Clayton, citizen representative to the Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority's Air Command Committee, spoke of mostly chaos and confusion among those in the airline industry in an air command update at the June 5 RTA meeting.

"The word in the aviation industry, I think, is 'confusion' right now. Things are changing on a minute by minute basis, as far as what airlines want to fly and what kind of load factor they've got," Clayton said.

RTA airline consultant Bill Tomcich said that despite uncertainty, GUC tracks favorably on reliability and that might carry over to consumer demand.

"Gunnison airport hasn't seen a single flight cancellation since mid-April, ever since all the airlines reduced their schedules. Once the final first quarter numbers come together, I think it will be interesting to compare some reliability numbers of the Gunnison airport to other mountain airports throughout the mountain west. I think you'll see that Gunnison actually tracks rather favorably in terms of overall reliability. And I think that will be a number that is worth promoting, to generate more confidence in air travel," Tomcich said.

Tomcich relayed that confidence in air travel is the number one focus of all the airlines, and said airlines are branding their cleanliness programs in an attempt to restore confidence in

air travel.

"Once they overcome that burden, then we might see a lot more demand. I think everyone agrees there's a lot of pent-up demand for travel across the entire industry," he said.

Tomcich added that United Airlines has been very flexible at adding capacity when they are short. He said in June, the Houston to Denver flight was sold out and United immediately added additional aircraft along that route within a matter of days.

While United has removed its direct Houston to Gunnison flights and removed its third Saturday flight, its Denver to Gunnison flights are being upgraded from a 50 passenger express jet to one with 70 passenger seats as the airline shifts its 50-seat aircraft to other uses. The net effect is going to be an overall flight increase.

The July schedule, running July 6 to August 2, will change to twice a day service out of Denver with the 70-passenger airplanes. Tomcich pointed out that going from 15 flights per week at 50 seats to 14 flights at 70 seats would actually increase the seats by 30 percent.

"We're going to have more seats than any other mountain community," predicted RTA airline consultant Kent Myers. Overall, Myers said the change will be minimal. "If you look at the numbers, it's only a 20 percent decrease in the seats that we had last year if you take the core summer service. We are a little short on seats at the end of June because we are kind of stuck with the schedule that we had with three days a week. But starting with July 6, we will ramp it up and we basically have 140 seats inbound versus 176 seats inbound last year. So it's kind of a challenge for us. There may be some other hiccups," said Myers, referring to a national jobs report from the day before showing increased losses.

"Right now I feel very fortunate for Gunnison and Crested

Butte. Here we are with the available seats. What we don't know is if [United Airlines is] going to continue that service into August.

"I think it's a terrific schedule. It looks like we have enough seats, I just hope we don't have too many," concluded Myers.

"I share Kent's concern," said Tomcich. "We are going to have quite a few seats, quite a lot more seats in Gunnison relative to other mountain communities. So the burden is going to be on us to fill those seats."

"What they do beyond August 2, it's really a month to month basis as the airlines continue to monitor demand," concluded Tomcich.

American Airlines announced it was going to take a more bullish approach, Tomcich said, taking a 55 percent reduction from what had been published previously. United is going to a 75 percent reduction, up from the 90 percent reduction they have had in place for May and June.

Tomcich also reported that a surge in passengers to mountain towns has been surprising people, particularly in Aspen. He also said the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) reported its biggest day of passengers since COVID started.

"People are starting to fly again," Tomcich said. "There are a lot of encouraging signs out there, and I think the capacity for the GUC is well poised to meet that demand should it come to fruition here, particularly in the month of July."

And the board concluded that it's not too early to start thinking about winter flights, despite the uncertainty in the market. The RTA board discussed signing contracts with airlines for 2020/2021 air service.

"Over half of our passengers in winter come in from Dallas, so we really want to preserve that flight," noted Truex.

The board authorized chairperson Janet Farmer to sign contracts with airlines for winter air service at a cost of up to \$750,000.

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LONG LAKE LEISURING: A man and his dog know where to go when it gets hot as they recently enjoyed the warm weather to swim and lounge at Long Lake. Summer is on! PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

GREENER pastures

BY CASSIE PENCE

Be a good visitor: Five summer sustainability tips

Has anyone else felt cooped up?

But hooray! Summer is here! And we are in the mountains! We are so lucky! We want to play, and get after it! We want to make this COVID virus eat our mountain bike dust!

But before you go out to play, before you frolic in the wildflowers and drink beer, I need to know: How will you make a positive impact on this little town? How will you keep this little slice of wild paradise, well, wild?

In lieu of telling you to bring your reusable coffee cup and your own take-out container (because we just can't do that this summer), here are some other ways you can be sustainable this summer. Here are five tips on how to be a good visitor (and a good local) so this place remains wild and beautiful for years to come. That's why we are here, right? To experience all that is wild and beautiful. That's why I'm here.

1. Slow down in nature: Most of the time, I am zooming over single track. I am pumping Lizzo through my headphones on a trail run. I am hiking and chatting like crazy to catch up with girlfriends. But when we do slow down to be mindful in nature—connecting with it through our senses of sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch—something magical happens. Kids do this all the time. Take them on the Story-Walk, a deconstructed picture book that page by page lines the wide path of the Lower Loop. Brought to you by the Crested Butte Land Trust, the book prompts you to slow down and touch the trees, listen to birds and watch bugs. The kids will show you how to do it.

Or, you can take a Forest Bath with Tammie Slack. Slack

guides the Japanese practice, which literally invites you to experience the forest through the five senses with a series of invitations or prompts, like "Use your body radar to find a tree that is calling you and tell it your story" or "See how many ways you can cover a rock with your body." End the ceremony with a wild crafted tea picnic.

Forest Bathing and the StoryWalk are two ways to intentionally slow down and experience nature in a whole new way. Science says slowing down in nature reduces blood pressure. It reduces cortisol levels, the body's stress hormone. It increases vigor. It improves your sense of well-being. It increases focus, and it's huge for depression.

2. Read the signs—Protect the herons: Signs, signs, everywhere signs. Read them and you might learn something, like how to be a good steward of this land we are all sharing. I want to point out my favorite sign around here. There's a big sign, in a big truck, on Slate River Road that says: "Our CB Community Asks Please Don't Scare the Herons. Don't Float by the Nests Thru July 15."

This sign is asking people not to float Slate River through July 15 to give the Great Blue Herons space during their sensitive nesting period. In response to an increase in floaters on the Slate, 18 stakeholders including land managers like the Crested Butte Land Trust, local businesses and guiding outfitters, paddling enthusiasts and private homeowners got together and determined that the Slate River, some of the most productive wetlands in the state of Colorado, is worth protecting, especially during the Great Blue Heron nesting period, and came up with this "voluntary no float period."

They hope you abide. Because the Slate River is teeming with wildlife—birds, most notably the Great Blue Herons, but also bald and golden eagles,

owls and small songbirds and of course, there are trout, frogs, salamanders, muskrat and a variety of flora. And then there are the moose, elk, bear, bobcats and mountain lions that depend on this river, too.

One of my other favorite signs in town: "Hippies Use the Side Door Masks" at the Gasser.

3. Eat local: My favorite way to be sustainable in summer is eat local. I challenge you to go to the Farmers Market (Saturday in Gunnison, Sunday in Crested Butte South) and buy everything you need to make a farm-to-table dinner. The bread, the meat, eggs, cheese, vegetables and fruit for a pie (or just buy a pie from Mountain Oven Bakery), it's all there. Support your local (or vacation spot) farmer, and experience a sense of place through your taste buds. I guarantee it will be the best meal of the year.

4. No trace camping: Van, after van, after van, after van, after camper, after RZR—there're a lot of us using the front country. That's why it's so important when you are car camping to try to find a camping spot that's already established. Don't drive off into the wildflowers (making Ian Billick's head spin) to make your own, new campsite. No, that's bad. Look for an already established campsite—a spot that's already beat in or maybe even has a fire ring, although you should really break those fire rings down to "leave no trace." And please, once you find a campsite, find the nearest bathroom. Or bring your own "groover" bag to poop in and carry your solid waste out of the front and the backcountry. Finally, before you leave your campsite, look around. Any micro-trash hiding in that fire ring you were just about to break down? Tiny bits of foil from your energy bar wrapper, or a beer cap? Well, don't you see it? Pick it up.

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Updated Mt. CB community housing guidelines in the works

Inclusionary zoning exemption change

[BY KENDRA WALKER]

As affordable housing continues to be a high priority for Mt. Crested Butte, with recent initiatives including the voter-approved 2.9 percent excise lodging tax to help fund community housing projects, and the new affordable housing Homestead subdivision under construction this summer, Mt. Crested Butte has also been working to update its Community Housing Guidelines.

Town staff and the Town Council have been collaborating with housing consultant Willa Williford and Jennifer Kermode of the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority over the past year to help update the guidelines. Last updated in 2009, a finalized draft will be reviewed by council on July 21 for consideration, with an accompanying public hearing. Mt. Crested Butte's goal of the update is to more accurately align the language with the town code and make the document more user-friendly and easier to understand for developers, residents and town administrators.

While most changes are minor and intended to raise the quality standards of the com-

munity housing requirements for the town and the community, Mt. Crested Butte community development director Carlos Velado said there is one change to note.

A significant change to the community housing regulations is the removal of the inclusionary zoning fee exemption for the development of new single-family units on residential lots that were platted as of January 31, 2003. The proposed update would now apply the fee to all new residential development, but will exempt new single family homes less than 2,700 square feet (excluding the first 600 square feet of garage space).

Velado explained that the inclusionary zoning rate in town applies to all new residential developments, where 15 percent of the units must be affordable housing units. However, in the case of a single-family home, a payment in lieu fee can be applied instead, taking a 15 percent fractional cost from a formula based on the local affordability gap, which is updated annually based on the previous year's real estate sales and calculated area median incomes (AMI).

"That's no small fee," said Velado. "Adding to the cost of a new build is significant."

So with the proposed changes up for review on July 21, that 15 percent inclusionary zoning

fee will apply only to all new single-family developments greater than 2,700 square feet, exempting any that are under 2,700 square feet. It would not apply to home additions or single-family homes in subdivisions where a community housing agreement is already in place, such as Prospect or Wildhorse.

The intention behind the new exemption, Velado said, is to prevent pricing out the more local homebuilders. "We ran some analysis of our permits for locals who have built homes here and the largest house size was 2,700 square feet. The thought process is to help allow locals who make a local working wage still be able to build a house without having that extra fee attached to it."

Velado shared Mt. Crested Butte building data from 2015 to 2019; of 20 eligible new construction permits for single-family homes, 11 had an excess gross residential floor area of 2,700 square feet and would have been subject to the new proposed requirements.

Council will review the proposed community housing guideline changes on July 21, along with a public hearing for public feedback. The drafted changes can be viewed by contacting the Mt. Crested Butte Community Development Department at (970) 349-6632.

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5. Wash your hands and wear a mask: If we want to keep hanging out like this, on Elk, in the parks and on the trails—and eventually be back dancing to '80s music on a July Fourth parade float—we need to continue to take precautions. Does anyone else miss live music? Yeah, we need to kick this virus in the butt cheeks, as my seven-year-old son might say. So respect Gunnison County Health and respect your elders—continue to social distance, wear a mask and wash your hands.

Local freelance writer Cassie Pence is passionate about living a natural, sustainable lifestyle. This column Greener Pastures is raising awareness about

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Local businesses adapt to the new Elk Avenue

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Jamie Timmons of McGill's serves breakfast and lunch from his Elk Avenue location. He said the additional space allowed by the town is helping a lot. "With the tables inside spaced for social distancing, our capacity was shrunk significantly," he explained. "Having the outside seating gives us the option for another 16 to 20 people and that makes a big difference. We are probably around 90 percent capacity with those extra seats. Considering the alternatives, this is a big help for us. From my perspective, I think it puts out a good vibe for town."

Scott Pfister of retail stores Pooh's Corner and Pfister's Handworks says he is still evaluating the new reconfiguration. "I'm all for it if it works," he said. "It's still getting worked out and people are still getting

used to it. Crested Butte is a quaint National Historic District so I was a little wary but we are rolling with it. I do feel there are some safety issues, especially with the bikes and skateboards that are going the wrong way. And I think it unfortunately divided some Elk Avenue business people.

"As for the customers I talk to, some like it and others are confused," Pfister continued. "I want it to work for everyone and am willing to keep giving it a go. There has been some business strength in June and hopefully that continues. We are still staying tuned."

Lisa Cramton of Chopwood Mercantile, located in the 100 block of Elk Avenue, is watching to see how it all works as well. "For the most part it seems people like being outside," she said. "It doesn't affect us as much.



McGill's outdoor seating. PHOTOS BY NOLAN BLUNCK

We're not putting merchandise outside because of the dust and cottonwoods. But overall it's great and we love to see people enjoying it."

Cramton said she and her partner, Travis Underwood, agree the issue of bikes using a crowded Elk Avenue or the sidewalk is somewhat dangerous. But they have noticed more locals parking in the official lots instead of taking up valuable space on the main street, which is a good thing. "It is funny to watch people try to parallel park on the left side of the street," noted Travis. "That throws a lot of people." On a side note, once the county mask mandate went into play, they said they sold several hundred buffs for people to wear and now can't find anymore on the market to sell.

Timmons also brought up the safety aspect of bikes going the wrong way down Elk. "Someone could get popped

pretty good going the wrong way. That's the nature of town but people need to be careful."

Molly Eldridge of Coldwell Banker Mountain Properties said her Elk Avenue real estate office hasn't been impacted much. "Parking on Elk is never guaranteed and that's probably the biggest difference. But looking at it right now there are plenty of places to park," she said Monday. "We've had some walk-in traffic and to me the vibe doesn't feel that different from a typical summer because there are still cars. It would be really different if vehicles weren't allowed. We had such a mild spring that it feels like we're well into summer but it is actually just starting. I just hope it is good for the restaurants and they can handle the volume as it gets busier."

Timmons said while McGill's is not doing the numbers it did last year, he is still feeding a good amount of people. "Last year on this date we did 295 plates. Today we did 225. So while not perfect it is working for us. There is only so much we can do with it and we are trying as much as we can," he said.

Falzone said she too is doing what she can and embracing the new opportunity. She has helped other businesses decorate their outdoor space and recommends other local businesses to customers. "Between the Stash and Bonez we spent about \$15,000 on the beautiful new outside tables and setups. You have to spend money to make money," she said. "I haven't heard one negative thing from the customers. They love it. My projection is that we will recoup the loss we suffered when we had to close in March and be even for the year compared to 2019 by the end of the summer. I am really appreciative that the town is giving us the opportunity."



Kyleena Falzone of the Stash.

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Celebrate Independence Day?

I have never been more grateful to be a country mouse, where the protests across our major urban centers come to me via my computer screen versus my smashed front window. We have had our protests here. First, from those thinking public health orders of social distancing and masking wrong-headed. Then, over George Floyd's treatment by the Minneapolis police. Peaceful protests, both. Reassuring to me that neighbors in our little valley remain mostly thoughtful.

I am also grateful for police. Twice in my life I found myself really wishing a cop was close at hand, and, magically, a cop appeared. Riots aside, violent crime has been rising in New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles. The urban poor, law abiding or not, are most often the victims of violent crime. Trayvon Martin's mom recently said she didn't want less policing, she wanted more.

I am also grateful for the privileges in my life. I grew up in a home with both my mom and my dad. Through college, I did not know a friend whose parents weren't together. My parents prized education and sacrificed to send me to Catholic school. My dad prized reading and our home was full of books. I am grateful for my *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* paper

route manager Andy Gmter, who allowed me to begin my paper route at the age of nine, one year younger than the rules allowed. I can still hear the engine of his Dodge Dart as Mr. Gmter cruised the quiet streets of early morning Pittsburgh, checking up on me. All papers had to be delivered by 6:30 a.m.

When I enlisted in the Marines no eyebrows were raised. The Marines were a good group, not a bad group. Everyone I knew understood that, LBJ's betrayal of our forces in Vietnam aside.

My wife, Robin, and I celebrate 42 years of marriage this week. We were going to have a party for our 40th, but I was recovering from cancer surgery, that cancer now gone thanks to American ingenuity and inventiveness. Robin and I are both flawed people but that has not stopped our love. America is a flawed country but I cannot find it in me to despise America instead of loving it.

The idea of hating America is one that escapes me. The persecutions we see in academia, in particular, disturb me. Antifa masquerades as the opposite of what it is. What we see is not so far from Chairman Mao's Cultural Revolution.

Theodore Dalrymple, writing for the *New Criterion* in 2004, helps me understand today. "The social significance of an idea is not necessarily proportional to its truth, its coherence, or even its comprehensibility." Dalrymple then goes on to quote Norman

Cohn, a British historian: "It is a great mistake to suppose that the only writers who matter are those whom the educated in their saner moments can take seriously. There exists a subterranean world where pathological fantasies disguised as ideas are churned out by crooks and half-educated fanatics for the benefit of the ignorant and superstitious."

Some good has come of all this. NASCAR bans the Confederate flag. Mississippi takes the Confederate symbols off its flag. Confederate statuary is being rethought. As a daughter noted, Germany has no statues of Rommel, as fine a fighting general as he was.

But the destruction of statues honoring Washington and Jefferson, who, as it has been said, are honored not because of their racism but in spite of it? Lincoln and Grant? Churchill, who awoke the world to the dangers posed by real fascism? Raoul Wallenberg, who saved so many Jews in World War II? Abigail Adams, a fierce anti-slavery advocate? Gandhi? The Glory monument in Boston, honoring African Americans who fought in the Civil War?

I welcome national debate, but not national destruction. We have the power to change our Constitution and have in the past. Until we change it again, let it stand.

God Bless America.

You can always reach me at john@nortonglobal.com.

BRIEFS gunnison county

Internet sales make an impact

Unincorporated sales have been up significantly for the first half of the year, and it's likely due to online shopping.

In a quarterly finance update this spring, county finance director Linda Nienhueser noted the impact of Internet sales in the one percent county sales tax revenue. Between November and December 2019, Internet sales brought in

about \$45,000 in new sales tax. "It's ramping up and this is the first year that we've noticed that," she said. In 2019 Internet sales tax totaled \$15,000.

In April 2020 they represented \$3.7 million in sales, as commissioner Roland Mason pointed out.

"It's a 79.58 percent difference, this year to date," added commissioner John Messner. Nienhueser said there is also a bump now due to an audit on lodging.

Nienhueser suggested they start categorizing it separately go-

ing forward, to which the commissioners agreed. There are four codes specifically defined as Internet sales industry codes which online businesses can categorize themselves for this purpose when reporting sales and some vendors choose one of those codes but others may choose a more generic code, such as apparel.

Houck confirmed that the full sales tax revenue stays in Gunnison County in such cases since the large online retailers do not have a brick and mortar location.

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MANAGEMENT

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For more information about identifying, preventing and managing noxious weeds, and to access the Mt. Crested Butte Weed Management Plan. Please visit the town's website www.mtcrestedbuttecolorado.us



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Any application not received by 5pm will not be considered.

Postmark date does not count.

If you have any questions please call Tiffany at Town Hall at 349-6632 or email her at toconnell@mtcrestedbuttecolorado.us.




GOTHIC ROAD REDO: The top of Gothic Road in Mt. Crested Butte will be under construction with detours and lane closures for most of the summer. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

Local transit ridership is rising

Mtn Express/RTA ridership increasing

[BY KENDRA WALKER]

It sure is nice to see those colorful Mountain Express buses cruising throughout town again, after the bus service's hiatus this spring due to COVID-19. The buses are currently running a 20-minute summer schedule and keeping a 14-passenger limit at any given time, and Mountain Express managing director Chris Larsen says everything is going fairly well so far.

This spring, Mountain Express installed plexiglass partitions for the drivers, currently requires all passengers to wear face masks and allows onboarding and deboarding only at the door entrance closer to the back of the buses. "The drivers are happy with all the precautions we've taken to protect them from the virus," said Larsen.

Ridership is down about 60 percent compared to last year, but mostly due to the limited passengers per trip requirement, said Larsen. The buses are averaging two passengers per trip compared to six passengers per trip last June. So far, the evenings are typically when people have to be turned away from a "full" bus; however, "the passengers have been very understanding about the 14 passenger limit," said Larsen. While Mountain Express doesn't keep track of the passengers using each stop, he's noticed the Four-way Stop busier during the day and the Old Town Hall stop busier at night.

And Mountain Express anticipates more demand as the summer continues and more visitors come to

town, running extra buses for the Fourth of July holiday weekend. From Friday, July 3 to Sunday, July 5, buses will run every 10 minutes from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with 20-minute service before and after those times. "If weekends continue to stay busy we may have to provide similar service," said Larsen.

Mountain Express also added an extra stop along Elk Avenue in conjunction with the Elk Avenue reconfiguration, which is working out okay so far, said Larsen. "We are hoping that this new stop is making it easier for passengers to enjoy their experience while shopping and dining in town. However, we are having issues with bikes traveling in the wrong direction."

Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority (RTA) executive director Scott Truex said the RTA bus ridership has increased quite a bit since last month. "We averaged 212 passengers per day over the past seven days," he said this week, which is up from 70 per day in May and only 40 per day in April. However, the RTA has not gotten back to "normal" numbers, Truex said, as the bus service was carrying about 304 people per day this time last year.

The buses are currently limiting the number of passengers to 24 at any given time, and drivers have not had to refuse any passengers since that number increased to 24, said Truex.

"We are fortunate to be able to run the 13-trip schedule for this summer and we plan to run it through the fall as well," explained Truex. "At this point, we are not planning to add any additional service, but that might change if we start having more demand and we start having to leave folks at the stops."

Mt. Crested Butte STR license revised

*Elevation, Grand Lodge and
Nordic Inn exempt*

[BY KENDRA WALKER]

The Mt. Crested Butte Town Council approved a change to the town's short-term rental (STR) license program during the May 5 meeting, revising regulations, so that the Elevation Hotel, Grand Lodge and Nordic Inn do not need a short-term rental license.

Back in January, many Grand Lodge residents had concerns about the license and the inspection fee associated with it. The Elevation Hotel and Grand Lodge are condominium properties, but both properties' Homeowners Condominium Declaration requires that all units must be rented on a short-term basis and have annual safety inspections. The Nordic Inn's zoning requires that the units be rented on a short-term basis as well.

Therefore, town staff has determined that the three properties

should be exempt from all other Mt. Crested Butte condominiums and single-family homes that otherwise require an STR license in order to short-term-rent their properties.

"The original goal was to figure out how we could do one license for the Elevation and one for the Grand Lodge, but looking at how we could administer that, we kept running into hurdles with the one license concept," said town attorney Kathleen Foggo. "There was a host of issues that made administering and enforcing a one license process nearly impossible to do in a legal simple manner, which is why we came back to how these units are really administered and the safety requirements and evaluations done there on an annual basis."

One of council's previous concerns had been the potential for inconsistencies with the inspection of units, but community development director Carlos Velado assured

council that the annual inspections on those properties are routinely and properly communicated with town. This includes annual inspections by the fire district and by the state of sprinkler and fire systems, smoke alarms, boiler systems and elevators.

The STR license fee is \$200 per unit to cover all necessary inspection, administrative and regulation costs, which will be reviewed by staff and council at the end of the year and adjusted up or down as needed.

Town clerk Tiffany O'Connell noted that some Grand Lodge owners and the Nordic Inn had already applied and paid the STR license fee, and town will be issuing refunds.

Town has received more than 385 short-term rental license applications so far, and applications are due by August 31. According to previous years' pillow tax licenses, O'Connell says about 200-250 people still need to apply by August 31.

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How to explain June snowstorms in a time of rapidly rising temperatures



A storm that dropped up to a foot of snow in Colorado's mountains on June 8 and June 9 this year was unexceptional. But how can snowstorms occur in June when temperatures in Colorado have been rising significantly in recent decades?

The short answer is that weather remains variable. The climate—the accumulation of weather over longer periods—has been warming, but not so much as to drown out the noise of short-term variability. On any given day, short-term variability will trump broader trends.

June snowstorms are part of that short-term variability.

Records taken at Aspen, Breckenridge and Climax—the mine between Leadville and Copper Mountain—all show frequent snow during June for the last 70 to 90 years.

June snow is not weird—yet. But in coming decades, it may be.

"I think there's a strong likelihood we will be measuring some decline in late-season snowfalls in the next 30 years," says Peter Goble, a climatologist with the Colorado Climate Center.

Temperatures have been rising across Colorado for the last 30 years, an average 2° F, but more so in some areas—western Colorado and particularly southwestern Colorado—than others.

It can still get cold—and record-breaking cold at that. But for every one new record low temperature in Colorado, there are three record high temperatures set, says Goble.

Along the Continental Divide north of Denver, the story is similar to that of ski towns on the Western Slope.

"Yes, June snows have become an endangered species at the 8,000- to 9,000-foot elevation level in the northern Front Range," said Klaus Wolter, a former long-time staff member of the Earth System Research Laboratory at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The same can be said about September snows, which were much more common as recently as the 1990s, he adds.

Wolter, who lives at around 9,000 feet near the old mining town of Ward, west of Boulder, said that it's striking how big snow events have petered out in recent decades. But they still occur, as witnessed by the foot of snow that fell recently near Red Feather Lakes, northwest of Fort Collins.

And, to add a couple more wrinkles, the precipitation west of Boulder and Fort Collins might look very different west of the Continental Divide. He also points out that May temperatures have actually dropped 3° Fahrenheit at Ward in the last three decades. None of this is simple.

"As we have all just had a crash-course in how science works with COVID-19 (and I am sure we will learn plenty more about it than we ever wanted over the next few months), climate change has similar issues where what is considered firm ground at any given point may be a bit shaky after all."

Firm is the effect on river runoff of warming springs such as this one.

The winter produced an "average+ snowpack," as former general manager of the Colorado River Water Conservation District Eric Kuhn described it in a mid-April tweet. By then, the predicted inflow of the Colorado River into Lake Powell for April to June had declined to 75 percent of average.

Since then, the spring splash-splash into Powell, the second-biggest reservoir in the Colorado River Basin, has diminished even more, to just 57 percent of average, according to a report issued June 10 by the Western Water Assessment.

Looking back to mid-winter, there were higher expectations.

Who purloined the precipitation? It was likely a result of above-average temperatures.

Nearly all of Colorado and Utah had temperatures two to four degrees above normal, and some places in western and southern Colorado had temperatures up to six degrees above normal, the report said.

Colorado had average high temperatures in May that ranked among the top 10 highest for the month since 1895, as did Utah.

This is part of a well-defined warming trend in Crested Butte, Gunnison, Aspen and other locations in the Colorado River headwaters. The shift is documented on a website sponsored by the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies. It's called the Forest Health Index. There you can study temperature, precipitation and other data for those river basins in Colorado that are at least one-third covered by trees. That's most of them.

In the East and Taylor river area of Gunnison County (think Crested Butte to Almont), for example, the average temperature has bobbed up and down year by year since 1980, but there's been a general rise. Think about the gentle slopes of Snodgrass, where the ski area expansion was planned a decade ago, and not the top 500 feet of Mt. Crested Butte.

Still, that's a breathtaking change when compared with climatic shifts of the past. And this year looks to reinforce that trend. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in June predicted a very hot summer, maybe even a record year for heat. It said Colorado and other western states should expect above-average temperatures for July, August and September.

It's part of a trend, notes the *New York Times*: "Each decade since the 1960s has been warmer than the one before, and the five hottest years occurred in the second half of the last decade."

Globally, May was tied with 2016 for the hottest May on record, with average land and sea temperatures that were 0.95° C, or 1.71° F, above the average dating back more than a century. The five hottest Julys have occurred in the last five years, and nine of the 10 hottest have occurred since 2005.

But back in the Rocky Mountains, the trends in average peak streamflow are less clear. Precipitation also has giant ups and downs without a remarkable trend. Again, Crested Butte is not all that different from Aspen, Vail or Steamboat Springs.

The basins also have charts for frost-free days. This jumps around, too, but the trend is clearly toward a longer growing season, almost dramatically so—roughly double or a little more.

Adam McCurdy, director of forest and climate for

the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies, says the numbers come from a combination of satellite, radar and station data to reflect the general state of the river basin. The Roaring Fork data, for example, does not reflect precisely the temperatures and precipitation in downtown Aspen. They're a more general look at the Roaring Fork Valley.

Taking stock of the Colorado River Basin more broadly, scientists have been producing studies that detect a growing role of warming temperatures in the decreased river flows.

Jonathan Overpeck and Bradley Udall several years ago issued a study that found roughly half of the decreased flows in the Colorado in the 21st century were due to higher temperatures. The water was being taken up by increased evaporation but also transpiration by plants. In other words, what fell as snow and rain was returning to the atmosphere.

In a paper published in May in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, the two climate scientists—Overpeck from the University of Michigan and Udall from Colorado State University—dissect what is going on.

"It makes sense that longer growing seasons enabled by warming temperatures mean more total evapo-transpiration, drier soils and reduced river flows," they say.

What about increased precipitation? After all, a warming atmosphere can hold more precipitation, about 7 percent per 1° C increase (1.8° F).

Outside the American Southwest, some areas have been getting more rain and snow. That unevenness holds true even within Colorado. The Durango area has been getting distinctly drier. Precipitation in the Denver-Greeley area, in contrast hasn't changed all that much.

Overpeck and Udall would have us think of the Dust Bowl, a time during the 1930s on the Great Plains of both hot temperatures and drought. Recent "flash droughts" on the High Plains in 2012 and 2017 highlight how extreme spring and summer temperatures can speed the onset, and worsen the impact, of dry spells and droughts.

Now, it's fire season, too. Gunnison County this year found itself in "exceptional drought" in May, while the Aspen area was still in moderate drought. In this particular case, Aspen was happy to let its smaller sibling resort south of the Elk Range to have the superlative.

Allen Best produces an e-magazine called Big Pivots, which focuses on climate change, energy and water in Colorado and beyond. To join the Big Pivots mailing list go to <https://bigpivots.com/>.



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IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776

A Declaration

BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
IN GENERAL CONGRESS ASSEMBLED

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. --

Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his assent to laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his governors to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved representative houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the legislative powers, incapable of annihilation, have returned to the people at large for their exercise; the state remaining in the meantime exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these states; for that purpose obstructing the laws for naturalization of foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migration hither, and raising the conditions of new appropriations of lands.

He has obstructed the administration of justice, by refusing his assent to laws for establishing judiciary powers.

He has made judges dependent on his will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies without the consent of our legislature.

He has affected to render the military independent of and superior to civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation:

- For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:
- For protecting them, by mock trial, from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these states:
- For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world:
- For imposing taxes on us without our consent:
- For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury:
- For transporting us beyond seas to be tried for pretended offenses:
- For abolishing the free system of English laws in a neighboring province, establishing therein an arbitrary government, and enlarging its boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule in these colonies:
- For taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our governments:
- For suspending our own legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated government here, by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burned our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow citizens taken captive on the high seas to bear arms against their country, to become the executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian savages, whose known rule of warfare, is undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms: our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have we been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends.

We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by the authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these united colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

BRIEFS crested butte south

BY KATHERINE NETTLES

Board of directors seats increase to seven, election August 9

The board of directors has increased its size to seven members as allowed in the by-laws of Crested Butte South. This year five seats are up for the next election. Directors serve for two-year terms. Nominations were due by June 30 and the election will be held August 9.

Farmers Market kicks off Thursday, July 2

The Shop Fresh Thursdays Farmers Market kicks off this week at Red Mountain Park next to the bus stop. The market will be held weekly on Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. through October 1. Produce is coming from Caldera Farms and Gunnison Gardens, and there will also be grab-and-go dinners from local restaurants and caterers available. For more information about the market or to become a vendor, call (970) 349-1162 or e-mail info@cbsouth.net

Time to plant

The community gardens at Red Mountain Park are accepting applications for the season. There are medium- and large-sized plots available and each plot has an irrigation system. Medium plots are approximately 4 feet by 8 feet and cost \$30; large plots are approximately 6 feet x 10 feet and cost \$40. Applications are available online at <https://crestedbuttesouth.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Community-Garden-application-2020.pdf>.

Anyone interested in renting a garden plot can submit an application along with the rental fee to the P.O.A. office. Plot assignments will be on a first-come basis, with receipt of application and rental fee.

Complimentary composting

Free composting of food scraps for Crested Butte South residents is available throughout the summer season. The composting bins are supplied free of charge. Contact Sue Wallace at (970) 901-6851 if interested and she will set up a brief tutorial for what can and cannot be composted. Hint: You can compost more than you think.

Weed season sprayer program open

Noxious weed sprayers are available for checkout at the property owners' association office at 61 Teocalli Road. Due to high demand, the sprayers must be returned within 48 hours of checkout. The sprayer is a mix of Milestone and Cool Power herbicides proven to be effective on many troublesome noxious weeds common to both mountain and sub-alpine zones. Directions and information are provided at the time of sprayer checkout.



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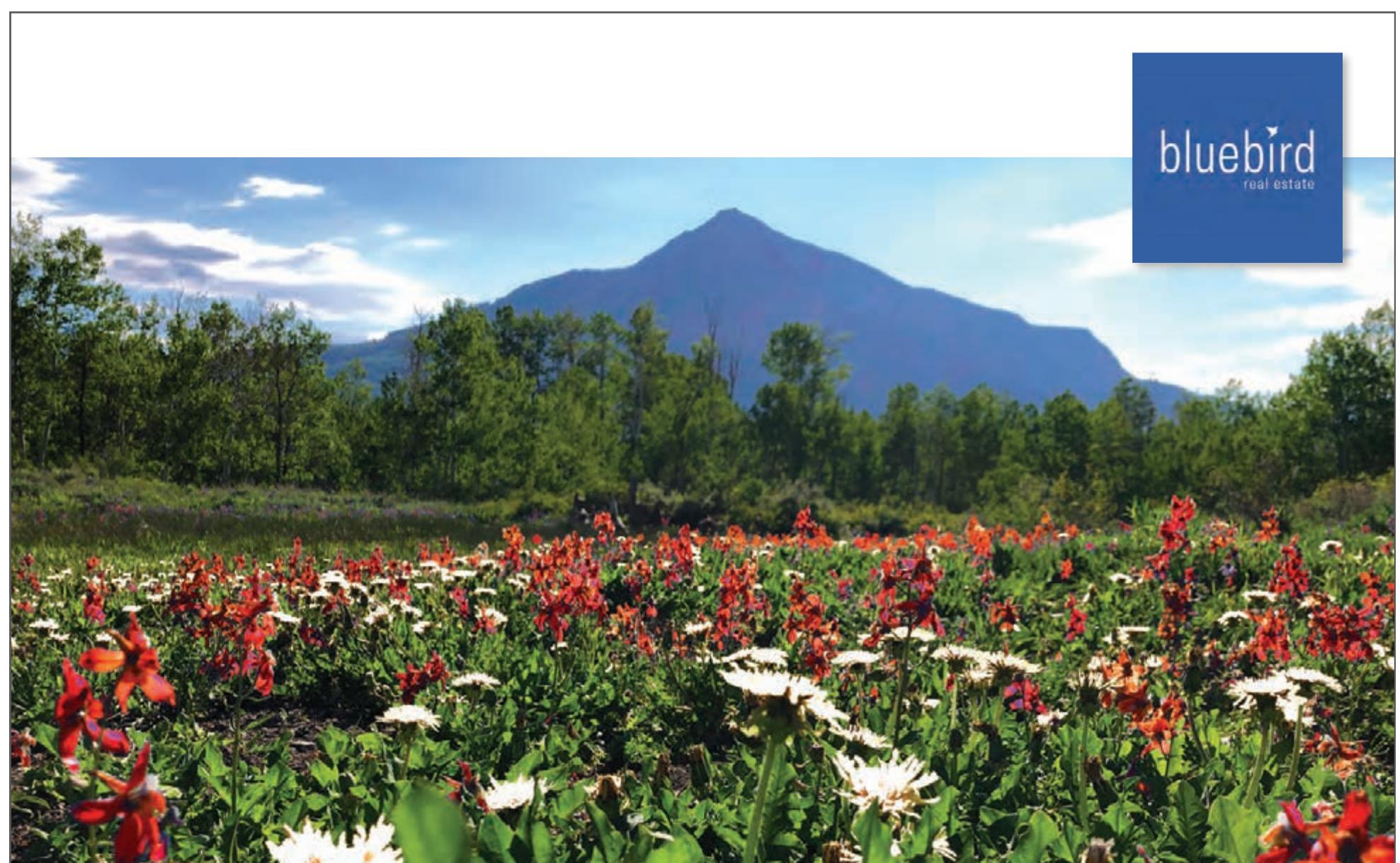
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On behalf of the Mountain Roots Food Project team and the Gunnison Valley Community, we would like to thank all of the participating restaurants, volunteers, and each and every donor. Because of you, the Supper Program has provided healthy, nourishing meals to help people facing challenges due to COVID-19. This program provided meals throughout the valley for 11 weeks starting April 14 through the end of June. Together, we have served 2,060 two or four person meals to over 167 households. We are humbled and inspired by the generosity that has come from people who are connected to our community. It's amazing to see what can be accomplished when we work together.

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County's primary election was smooth

County Republicans supported Tipton. Dems line up behind Hickenlooper

[BY MARK REAMAN]

Even with 5,323 ballots cast in Gunnison County, Tuesday's primary election came off smoothly according to Gunnison County elections director Diane Folowell. Having ballot drop boxes in both Crested Butte and Gunnison allowed voters to cast their ballots for several weeks and she said that made counting the votes easy on Tuesday. "It was a good dry run for the upcoming November election which we expect will be very busy," she said.

County Democrats followed the state trend and chose former governor John Hickenlooper to run for U.S. Senate against incumbent Cory Gardner. Statewide, Hickenlooper received about 60 percent of the vote while in Gunnison County he tallied 57 percent to 43 percent for Andrew Romanoff.

In one of Colorado's biggest upsets, incumbent Republican congressman Scott Tipton who represents Gunnison County was defeated by more conservative challenger Lauren Boebert. Gunnison County Republicans however favored Tipton 980 votes to 778. Boebert will run against Democrat Diane Mitsch Bush this fall.

Locally, Dave Taylor received enough write-in votes to make the November ballot as a Republican candidate for District 1 county commissioner. He'll run against a candidate selected by the Democratic Party to replace John Messner who resigned. And Jonathan Houck will run as a Democrat in District 2. His potential challenger is Trudy Vader who is collecting signatures to make the ballot.

Results are unofficial but Folowell emphasized she was pleased at how the election came off with new voting protocols and a newly purchased ballot sorting machine.

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Diane Folowell
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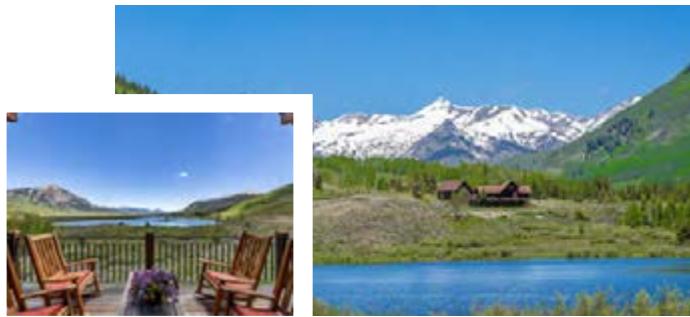
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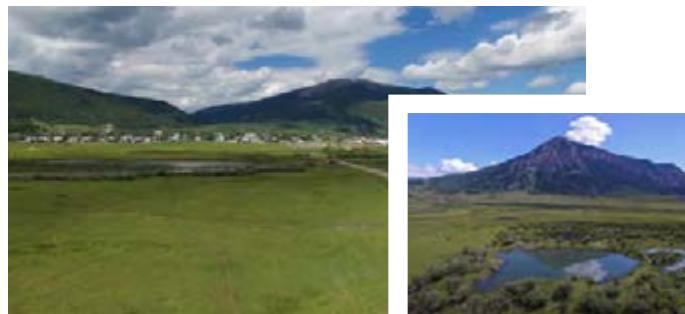


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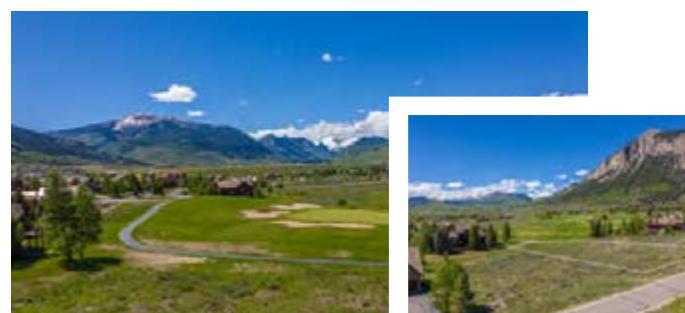
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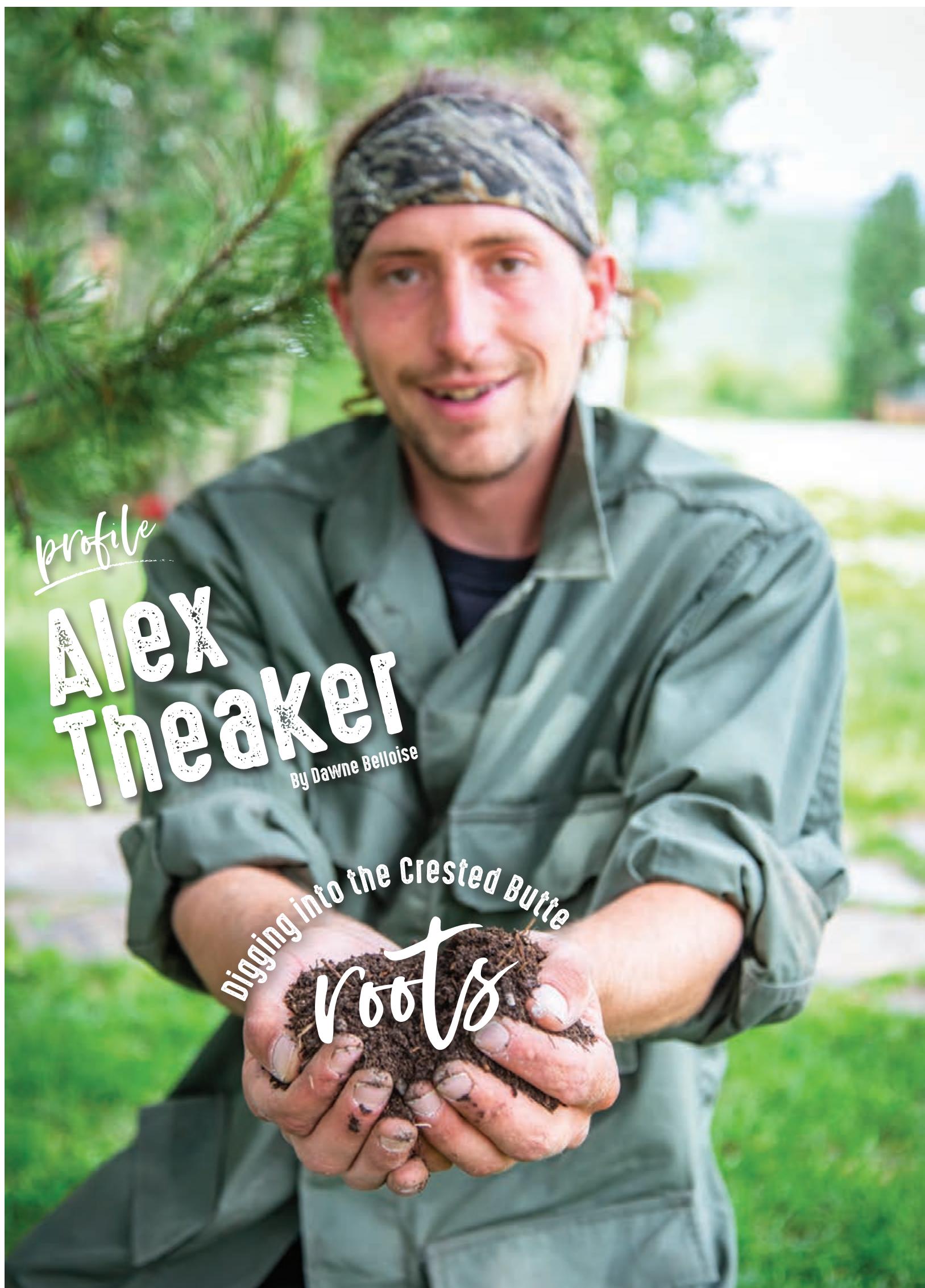


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He sits in the garden, looking as natural as the flowers he's surrounded by. Alex Theaker speaks as passionately about sustainable agriculture and naturally enhancing the soil with microbes as one would about a powder day or an epic bike ride. He's a Crested Butte native son, born and raised here by his parents, Mert Theaker and the much loved, late Diane Theaker, known to locals as Diner.

"I loved growing up here," Alex smiles. "We played outdoors all day. It was great being outside with your friends and back then it was so laid back. We'd make forts and ride our bikes around. I grew up skateboarding. The park was built just after I started but there used to be a vertical ramp on Bellevue," he says of living the life of a Crested Butte child. Alex started working at an early age, picking up trash for the town when he was in fourth grade, working as a dishwasher at the Slogar a bit later and in high school he got into landscaping and helping on construction sites as a laborer.

Alex confesses that he wasn't in love with the institution of high school but he adds, "As far as growing up here and the experience of it, I feel fortunate." He finished his required credits a semester early and spent the rest of his senior year on the slopes doing what he had always wanted to do—snowboarding every day. It was then that he met his wife to-be, Tori Walls, who was a freshman enrolled at Western Colorado University (WCU). For a while, he was an electrician apprentice but when the recession of 2008 hit, worked dried up. Luckily, it was a great snow year for snowboarding. Alex graduated from Crested Butte Community School in 2009 and says, "I had no clue as to what I wanted to do after graduation but I knew I wasn't passionate enough about any one thing to go to school for it."

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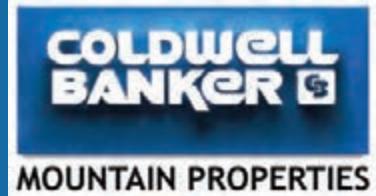
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ALLEY WAY AROUND TOWN: The views from an alley adjacent to Elk Avenue always provide a new perspective. PHOTO BY ROBBY LLOYD

Mountain Express July 4 weekend schedule change

Please note the following change to the Mountain Express schedule from Friday, July 3 through Sunday, July 5:

The Town Shuttle will run every 10 minutes from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Town Shuttle will run on regular 20-minute summer service before (7:35 a.m. to 10 a.m.) and after (8 p.m. to midnight).

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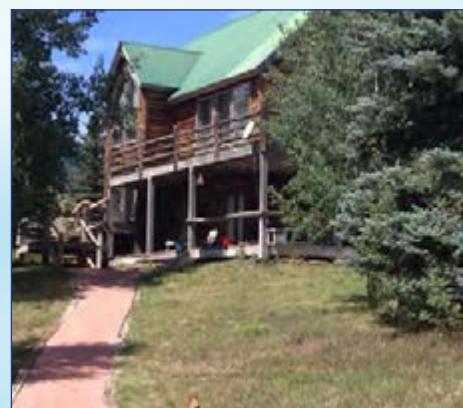
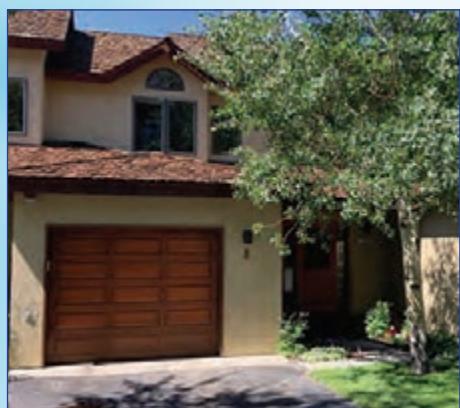


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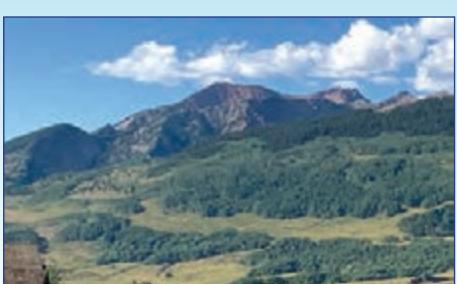
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Independence Day is this Saturday and it will be different this year in both ends of the valley. There will be fireworks in Gunnison and a "walking parade" will be held in CB.

The Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce says it is excited to celebrate and while it won't be hosting the traditional parade, the Chamber still intends to provide a great experience to guests through the 4th of July Passport Program.

The program will entail a self-guided walking parade where visitors can enjoy holiday specials along the way. Pick up your passport at the Visitors Center through July 8.

Participants will receive stamps in their passport for:

- Locating highlighted destinations throughout the walking parade
- Partaking in holiday specials

Passports returned to the Visitors Center with three or more stamps will receive a prize.

The Walking Parade is a self-guided trip down Elk Avenue to view decorated storefronts. Similar to a scavenger hunt, passport participants will be asked to find locations/items at our Elk Avenue businesses and stamps will be awarded by the businesses. Everyone will be invited to vote on:

1. Best 4th of July Decor
2. Most Creative
3. Best Representation of a Traditional Crested Butte 4th of July Float

Meanwhile, there are no fireworks in Crested Butte or Mt. Crested Butte this year. But the city of Gunnison is holding an evening display just after dusk with fireworks scheduled to be shot off at 9:30. The local parks will be closed to viewing so given COVID restrictions, the idea is to stay in your car (or sit on the hood) and enjoy the celebratory colors in the night sky while socially distanced. Gunnison is also presenting live music featuring the Floodgate Operators playing on a flatbed truck cruising the streets of Gunnison between 7:30 and 9 p.m.



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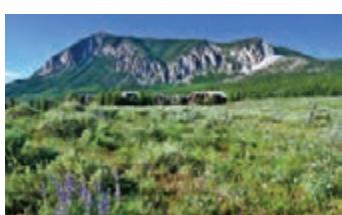
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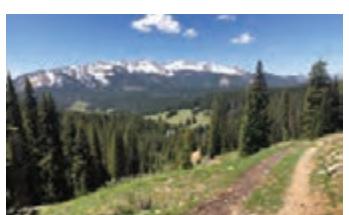
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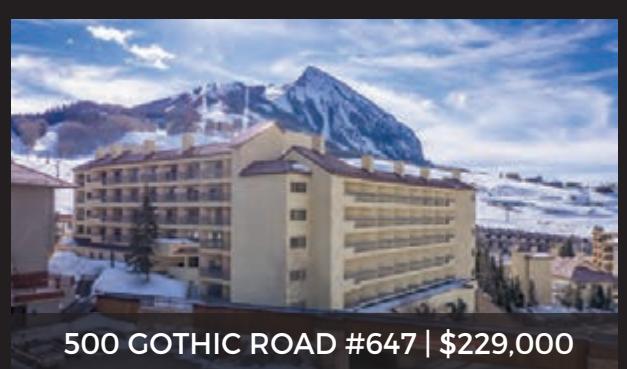
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New gallery opens for Gunnison Valley artists

Explore the newest gallery in town featuring artists from up the valley and down. The "Artists of Gunnison Valley" is located at 315 N. Main St. in Gunnison, next to Miller Furniture.

An opening reception will be held Friday, July 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. in conjunction with the Gunnison Art Center's Watercolor Society show at 102 S. Main St.

Featured artists include Bob Abric, Patricia Amlin, Elinda Card, Roz Cook, Susan Crawford, Karen Hill, Jackie Kingsbury, Bouda Konseimo, Lucille Lucas, Chris Miller, Cheryl Pettigrew, Debby Phelps, Paul Sauter and Karen Wolfe.

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PART 1: GROWING DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

[BY DAWNE BELLOUISE]

(Editor's Note: Taking a page from America's war history, the valley is seeing a rise in people deciding to grow their own food as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Dawne takes a look at the history and the current situation in a two-part series.)

"Growing your own food is like printing your own money."
—Ron Finley

Taking a page from America's war history, the valley is seeing an increase in people deciding to grow their own food as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

As World War I raged (1914 to 1918), food shortages throughout Europe grew, with farmers off to fight the war. Back home in the United States, civilians were encouraged to plant "war gardens" in any available space, from schoolyards and parks to rooftops, backyards and vacant lots. To enable the troops abroad to receive full rations of foods, American families were barraged with garden propaganda, mostly via posters and word of mouth through various women's clubs, to "sow the seeds of victory."

Organized by Charles Lathrop Pack, the National War Garden Commission offered pamphlets to novice gardeners with information and instructions for planting, fertilizing, harvesting and preserving their newly planted fruits and vegetables. The Federal Bureau of Education also began the U.S. School Garden Army, "enlisting" children as "soldiers of the soil" and teaching them gardening skills. These efforts allowed more food to be exported to our European allies as well.

By 1917, three million new gardens had been successfully planted with more than five million in 1918. The combined harvest of those home gardens resulted in a windfall 1.45 million quarts of canned fruits and vegetables. After the war and the food campaign had ended, many saw the benefits of having their own fresh produce and continued to maintain their gardens, which were now referred to as "victory gardens."

When food rationing was introduced in 1942 during World War II, victory gardens began springing up in numbers once again. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt even utilized the White House lawn to plant a vegetable garden. The most popular, easily grown and most efficient vegetables were beans, beets, cabbage, carrots, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, peas, tomatoes, turnips, squash and Swiss chard. Novice "farmers" were encouraged to keep journals on seed germination, insect infestation and control and crop diseases to better understand how to maximize their future gardens.

At the start of the war in 1942, 15 million families had planted gardens and by the Allies' victory in 1945, an additional five million had joined the ranks of soil soldiers producing eight million tons of produce, an equivalent of 40 percent of the total fruit and vegetables consumed in the United States.

Today, America is at war with a different sort of enemy—COVID-19, the coronavirus. From the time the United States was finally put on alert and lockdown with the entire world in quarantine from the pandemic, meats, produce, canned goods and even paper products like toilet paper were flying off the shelves, creating a shortage of these items across the country. With workers in food and meat production companies contracting the virus, as well as truckers who were transporting product, people panicked and hoarded.

The reality of empty shelves of produce and meat at the supermarket brought people back to the concept of growing

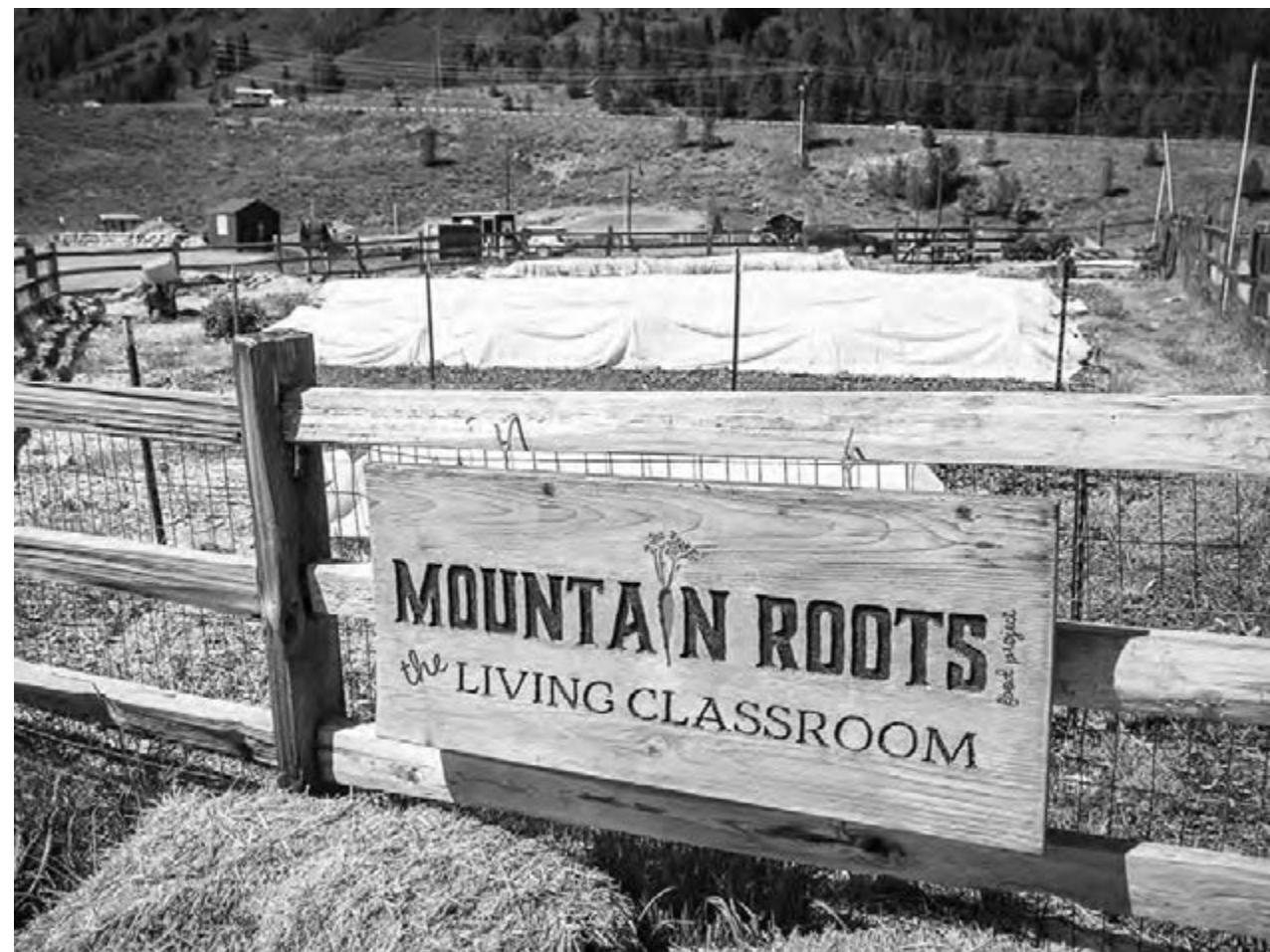


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their own essential food, and even raising their own meat and eggs with sales of chicks rising. People turned to the Internet for gardening instruction and with the onset of spring, and with many out of employment, front and backyard food gardens began popping up and expanding.

Here in the Gunnison Valley, high-altitude gardening has always been perceived as a challenge, with shorter than a 60-day growing season. Locals have begun constructing their own greenhouses, which can extend the season to year-round. In Crested Butte, the old-timers taught us not to plant outdoors before Father's Day, as a late frost was usually certain, with Gunnison enjoying a longer season with seeds in the ground by Memorial Day. Most gardens in both Gunnison and the north end of the valley can produce through mid-October, uncovered.

In 2010, a group of people who wanted to disprove the myth that you couldn't grow ample food in the Gunnison Valley formed and started an urban garden in a vacant Crested Butte lot on Elk Avenue. The group named themselves Mountain Roots Food Project and they encouraged volunteers to come join in growing and harvesting and by the end of the season, locals were the recipients of the free abundant produce.

Executive director of the Mountain Roots Project Holly Conn says of the non-profit's expansion, "After jumping from empty lot to empty lot, we realized two things: we couldn't feed the valley on small donated spaces and we needed a permanent home," as they were losing their garden plots to new construction on those once-vacant spaces. They entered into a partnership with the Coldharbour Institute to establish approximately an acre of sustainable agricultural production eight miles east of Gunnison, for demonstration and education of sustainable growing.

"A lot of people in our valley want to grow food but don't know how or they don't think it's possible. What we're trying to do is model and teach that it is possible," Conn explains. "Our community has the opportunity to produce food on both an individual scale and a community scale." Individuals who have the space can create their own home gardens, on their patios or in containers, or they can convert their front and backyards into a garden with raised beds. "The theory of the victory gardens during war time was that you could raise your own food," Conn says and quotes the famous guerrilla gardener Ron Finley, who said, "Growing your own food is like printing your own money."

Conn notes that Gunnison Valley residents are experiencing financial setbacks from COVID-19, "and anything we can do to offset our food budget helps. Also, the coronavirus has put into question the sources of our food, how we get that food, and how much we trust the sources. We've all seen supply chain interruption, when you go to buy carrots and there aren't any."

Feeling that the virus showed us that the global supply chain is vulnerable, Conn says, "And we know that localizing our food sources builds confidence and creates trust when you know the source of your food. It also cuts down on carbon emissions, you support the local economy in an environmentally responsible way and it's worth paying a little bit more for that. When you grow your own garden, you take the cost out of the equation for many of those foods—seeds are cheap, or free if you collect your own."

Mountain Roots has been experiencing more locals becoming proactive in creating their food gardens as a result of the pandemic but also they see an increase in the need for support. "We've been talking to people about what's been

holding them back in growing a garden," and what they've discovered is that novice gardeners simply don't know where to start and need guidance. Others have gardening experience but haven't grown in this climate, and a third group doesn't have garden space. Mountain Roots is addressing all those issues.

"We launched a Victory Garden Revival for Gunnison Valley with three ways that people can get involved," Conn continues. First, if you are utilizing your home as a gardening space, register your garden with the Mountain Roots Victory Garden Revival on their website and not only will they put you on their map but you'll receive some really cool swag.

"We have power when we work together," Conn emphasizes, and there's a vast network of expert gardeners who will help with questions or problems for individual gardeners.

The registration is free and gardeners get a yard sign, organic seeds and a retro design Victory Garden Revival t-shirt, plus a weekly support visit from Mountain Roots staff member Sean Kohler, the Victory Garden Revivalist. Every garden registrant receives a \$25 credit to spend on their online local food growers, which keeps dollars circulating in the local economy. The group also posts a weekly blog with answers to questions and problems from bugs to fungus on vegetables to frost alerts. "We want the gardens to be successful so in the support network, everybody can help each other," Conn says.

Mountain Roots can also help those without a garden space. Any inspired would-be gardener, or someone who wants to try it out before committing fully to their own garden, can participate in the community gardens. In Crested Butte, the gardens are located at the southeast corner of the Community School and in Gunnison at the Gunnison Community School, the Cottonwood Community Garden at 12th and Gothic, the Giving Garden at the City Park and Bill's Park at 14th and Georgia. "All those gardens are a new way of looking at community gardening that we think is strong and powerful. In a traditional community garden, everyone rents their own plot, plants their own and they get a small yield. We've revised the community garden in what we call the 'common ground.'"

Conn explains that the community gardeners together cultivate the entire garden space, collectively working on 50-foot rows, which quadruples the yield because more can be planted. This also reduces the input, so it doesn't take as many people to cultivate the space, as a bonus.

Conn says, "It creates a fast and real bond with the other gardeners between people of all walks of life, because we're finding common ground." At harvest, they divvy up the food and Conn says there is never a shortage.

Lastly, Mountain Roots has a plan and contact for full-service food gardens for those who are too busy—they can hire out their gardening, just as a lot of part-time residents will hire landscapers to make their yards beautiful with flowers. Former staff member Sierra Fairfield-Smith has started her own edible garden business, Sol Food Gardens, that builds and maintains a food garden on your property, with 4 percent of her profits given to the Victory Garden Revival effort. Conn feels that's another bonus, "so we can produce more free food for people in need."

For more information on Mountain Roots, or how to start your garden, register your home garden for the Victory Garden Revival or how to get involved, visit the Mountain Roots website at mountainrootsfoodproject.org.

BENCHTALK

Happy Birthday America!

This is normally one of the busiest weekends of the year for Crested Butte and Gunnison as people flock to the valley to escape the heat of other places and celebrate an Independence Day holiday. All signs point a busy weekend coming up despite the coronavirus, and the heat factor is perfect with temps expected to hang in the 70s during the day and 40s at night. Doesn't get much better. As for the Fourth there is no parade, no water fight and no live music but Gunnison is planning on a fireworks show. Pick up a Chamber Passport at the Crested Butte Visitor's Center to keep busy in the towns or just get out and explore nature in a pretty beautiful place.

Stay Aware

And you are fortunate to be in a place that is relatively open compared to a lot of other resort communities in America. To stay that way everyone has to help. That means practicing social distancing and not crowding up. Stay six feet away from other people. Wear a mask when going inside a business or in a crowded outdoor area

like Elk Avenue. Wash your hands a lot and don't sneeze on anyone. We're lucky to have outdoor seating for most of the restaurants and we want to keep this place open and operating but it takes everyone's help whether you live here or are visiting. Thanks.

Alpenglow at Home this Monday

While the normal Monday evening Alpenglow concerts aren't being held this year because of the coronavirus outbreak, the Crested Butte Center for the Arts and KBUT are collaborating for virtual event on Monday, July 6. KBUT will broadcast a special Alpenglow show featuring bands from Alpenglow's 25-year history. Tune-in and turn-up the specially curated jams in your home, car, backyard, bathtub, or wherever. Host a socially distanced backyard picnic with Alpenglow-in-a-Box kits if you want to capture the old feel. Participating businesses include Montana Distillers, Thrive Yoga, Colorado Real Soap Co., Irwin Beer, and more. Alpenglow-in-a-Box prices vary. Go to crestedbuttearts.org for details.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Cristina Huegi, Gilles Huegi and their dogs Guido and Loki recently welcomed their first human baby, June Snow Huegi, to the family on June 9, 2020. Congratulations! COURTESY PHOTO

CAMEOS WHAT IS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE NEW ONE-WAY ELK AVENUE?



I like the idea of people using it to walk around rather than drive.
Grace Swansinger



Chaotic
Ali Shaw



Crested Vegas Strip! Just give me a cocktail and call it good.
Courtney Burton

St. Mary's Garage is open in Crested Butte

St. Mary's Garage, Crested Butte's free store whose motto is "Caring through Sharing," is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for shoppers and donations. Please wear your masks; space is limited to two shoppers at a time. St. Mary's is well stocked so come by and see if they have anything you need.

Birthdays:

July 2- Jackie Ingham, Glo Cunningham, Anne Campbell, William Johnson, Monica Arias, Caitlin de Compiegne
July 3- Nathan Bilow, Sandy Shea



JJ THE HORSE TURNS 19! Donner Tevis threw a birthday party for JJ on Wednesday, May 27. Talk of the Town owner, Mary Boddington (right) attended to celebrate her favorite horse. COURTESY PHOTO



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Sara and Jason Hogan welcomed their first child, Lawrence "Wren" Emerson Hogan, into the world on Saturday, June 6, 2020. Congratulations! COURTESY PHOTO



It's all up hill
Skater Jeff



It's a fun energy to see people walking instead of driving.
Taylor Hartsfield

Majestic Theatre

QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

Guess the movie quote!

If you can identify what movie the following quotation is from, email jill@crestedbuttenews.com and win a free movie pass from the Majestic Theater. One winner per week.

"A rich, hairless Russian guy with a huge dingle-dong came between us."

Marty McGrane won the movie quote printed in the March 13 issue. "Yeah, it's St. Paddy's Day...everyone's Irish tonight. Why don't you just pull up a stool and have a drink with us." It was from the movie *The Boondock Saints*.



IT'S SO CLEAN IN CB SOUTH: Residents of Crested Butte South took a day last month to clean up the winter trash and dog poop. That is paying dividends today. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

Marmot Library Network and Libby app keeps local readers in the loop

Local libraries have long embraced the digital age and are continually adding innovations to service the members of their community and support local authors. As evidence of this, patrons of Marmot Library Network, including the Crested Butte and Gunnison libraries, can access a wide selection of popular digital e-books and audiobooks for free, now including more than 150 titles from Colorado authors.

This special Colorado Authors Spotlight digital collection features a growing list of novels in a variety of genres written by authors around the state. With a library card, members of the Crested Butte and Gunnison communities can borrow from this digital collection on the library website or by downloading Libby, the award-winning one-tap reading app from OverDrive.

"We're delighted that, thanks to the helpful curation team at OverDrive, we are able to offer a collection of Colorado authors' materials for our patrons to enjoy in digital formats," said Liz vonTauffkirchen, media hub manager and chair of the Marmot eContent Committee. "This is particularly important and helpful under the current circumstances. Our digital offerings are more important than ever before, as the physical libraries are closed and we're negotiating the confusing logistics of cleaning and making physical materials available again. In the meantime, I say to

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Oh Be Joyful Church in-person services have returned

Oh Be Joyful Church has resumed in-person services following safety guidelines from the county. Sunday service times throughout the summer can be found at ohbejoyfulchurch.org.

In an effort to keep the community safe, the church asks that you RSVP by visiting ohbejoyfulchurch.org/rsvp to let them know you plan on joining them on Sunday mornings.

For those who may not yet feel comfortable gathering in person, services stream and are archived to both the Oh Be Joyful website and their Facebook page (facebook.com/objchurch).

The church is located at 625 Maroon Avenue just a block away from the Four-way Stop in Crested Butte. For more information, visit the website, call (970) 349-6237 or email home@ohbejoyfulchurch.org.

Check out the Pioneer Museum in Gunnison

The Gunnison Pioneer Museum at 803 W. Tomichi Avenue is open for the 2020 season with the operating schedule Fridays through Mondays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Tuesday through Thursday. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$3 for children between 7 and 12, and free for those under age 6.

The Pioneer Museum has been called "the Smithsonian of Colorado" by previous guests, and its collections include millions of historic items from the earliest days of inhabitation in the western United States. With more than 30 buildings full of exhibits, ranging from the

shackles worn by Alferd Packer, the cannibal, during his stay in the Gunnison jail, to one of the most famous narrow gauge train engines in the country, Baldwin #268 2-8-0, better known as Cinder Ella.

Some guests come just to peruse the thousands of original local historic newspapers published in the mining boom days in nearly every town and camp, most long forgotten now, or view the nearly 100 wonderfully restored antique vehicles in the Andy Mallet Car Museum. Two beautiful old schoolhouses, the Sargent Railroad Depot, an 1876 Post Office, and the

Red Dairy Barn are just a few of the historic buildings on the Museum grounds. Native American artifacts, dinosaur fossils, vintage fashion, children's toys and dolls, farm machinery, ranching displays, a military museum and so much more are on display for everyone to enjoy.

Museum guests will be required to wear face masks and adhere to any other current required health and safety guidelines while visiting. Check out the Gunnison Pioneer Museum Facebook page, or email info@gunnisonpioneer museum.com, for updated information.

UCC Community Assistance Fund

The Union Congregational Church has a fund for anyone experiencing deep need in our community. They know that some people are receiving support amongst us, but some are not. If you are one of those people, please call the UCC.

Call either pastor to request support or to donate. Reach Rev. Tim at (970) 209-9306, or Rev. Kelly Jo at (970) 209-1613.

Some of the funds are being used to support local immigrants in the valley, but the UCC does have the capacity to assist others. And, if you are in a position to donate to this fund, let them know that as well.

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Alex Theaker

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Alex was shoveling snow in winter and in summer landscaping with Holt Loeffler in 2009. Tori was working at the Tobacconist but when she became sick and they discovered the cause was massive black mold under the carpet in their rented condo, they packed up and moved to Tori's hometown, Wilmington, Delaware. "We really didn't have anywhere to go," Alex recalls. "It was the middle of winter and a bad time to find a place in Crested Butte."

He had never lived anywhere other than Crested Butte and Wilmington was an exciting change but also a complete culture shock. "There's a lot of crime and poverty, the sides of America you wouldn't see in Crested Butte. I was working on wealthy estates, landscaping with Tori's uncle. There are a lot of corporations headquartered there and there's a lot of money." He notes that the socio-culture was especially contrasted just driving 10 minutes out of the city. "These people have more than you can imagine," he said. The couple would house-sit for one of their landscaping clients. "One of the perks was to stay at their mansion with all its toys. They'd leave us food and wine. We're pretty simple so it was nice to



get away from the city and see all the stars in the night sky."

After four years of living the city life, in autumn 2013 Alex and Tori decided it was time to head back to the mountains. "We were ready for a change. I started working construction and property management for other people," he said of his homecoming. Those jobs led to his acquiring his own accounts for management and the following year, he and Tori formed their own partnership, The Maintenance Company, LLC, a full-service property maintenance business that encompasses everything from cleaning, landscaping and snow removal to full kitchen and bath remodels.

Last year in March 2019, while shoveling snow at one of his management properties, over five feet of heavy wet snow sitting atop an ice sheet slid off the second story roof above where Alex was working. He had heard it break loose and he ran, but the force of the slab pushed him into the walkway, completely burying him. "I was conscious for a while and did all the avalanche survival techniques," he says. He tried to make an air tunnel but the snow kept falling in on him, "so I just had to lay there." He was buried for two and a half hours. When he didn't show up to pick up his wife, who was shoveling at another property, she called his parents. His dad saw the slide and Alex's shovel and started digging immediately. They uncovered him under six feet of snow. "I came to in the hospital. It was a very close call. I was far gone when they got to me," he says. "I didn't think I was going to survive. I had made peace with my death."

But now Alex embraces life, and gardening has been one avenue for that.

Alex's favorite aspect of his business is the soil nutrient program, which is based on an ancient Korean natural farming technique. "Master Cho came up with the method based on a natural, sustainable farming method. At its center is cultivating indigenous microorganisms, or IMO's, and building healthy soil for your gardening and lawn care. We're starting to get into the farming aspect, working with Mountain Roots Food Project, teaching



them about the methods we've been learning. Just recently we came across a natural, organic pesticide and fungicide, one you can make at home, created by the son of Master Cho. What we're focusing on is the soil nutrients and its health. Our goal is to work with other companies and organizations, whether it's to teach people to do it themselves or to give them the ingredients to have their people apply or to have us come in to do the work for them. It's meant to be a really accessible, low-cost system," he explains, relating that healthy soil is an overlooked aspect and solution in the environmental issues that we're facing.

"The microorganisms can clean toxic soil. The IMO's are raised in wheat bran. It's part of the process of culturing them and growing them to be strong and diverse—if you collect microbes in a drought, it'll help your plants in drought conditions and the same thing goes for collecting them during a frost. If you get microbes when it's cold out, it'll help your plants with frost tolerance."

Alex feels that nature has a lot of answers for us, noting, "We can harness the power of nature to make a real change in the world and our personal lives."

Alex and Tori recently bought 40 acres just outside of Gunnison, where they want to build a sustainable farm to raise food for themselves and, they hope, for others in need. Alex points out that during this pandemic, we've witnessed the food chain supply quickly break down.

Alex sums up, "Being self-sustainable is one of my ultimate goals, being able to build a community where we rely on each other instead of the big system and things we rely on now. The way everything is set up, if that breaks down we're not going to have food, gas and everything we currently rely on, especially here in the place we live. It's a perfect warning and the reason we need to reexamine the direction we're heading as a society. Start simplifying things and looking to nature, especially here—we're kind of like at the end of the road. I want to bring back the roots of the community I grew up in."

COMMUNITY calendar

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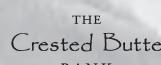
THURSDAY 2

- 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Chalk Walk: create a piece of artwork on the sidewalks surrounding the new Center for the Arts building.
- noon-6 p.m. Crested Butte Library open for window-side service.
- 4-5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Garage open for shoppers and donations.
- 4-7 p.m. CB South Farmers Market in Red Mountain Park next to bus stop.
- 5-6 p.m. Oh Be Joyful/Gunnison Food Pantry Food Bank at 625 Maroon Ave. 970-349-6237. (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

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- 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Chalk Walk: create a piece of artwork on the sidewalks surrounding the new Center for the Arts building.
- 4 p.m. Tyler Hansen plays in the Princess Wine Bar Outdoor Garden, facebook.com/tylerhansenmusic.
- 5-8 p.m. Opening reception at Artists of Gunnison Valley at 315 N. Main St. Gunnison
- 5-8 p.m. Main Gallery Opening: Colorado Watercolor Society "A Splash of Colorado" in the Gunnison Arts Center Main Gallery. (runs thru July 31)
- 5-8 p.m. Upper Gallery Opening: Abra Karbin "99 Days Until Childbirth" in the Gunnison Arts Center Upper Gallery.
- 5-8 p.m. Music on the Courtyard: Len Trujillo in the Gunnison Arts Center Courtyard.

SATURDAY 4

Happy Fourth of July!

- There is no traditional parade this year, but grab your 4th of July Passport (your guide to a self-guided walking parade & holiday specials) at cbchamber.com, 349-6438.
- 46th annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast Safer at Home. Purchase your Pancake Breakfast Kits at www.cbfreemsvolunteers.com, proceeds benefit CB Fire & EMS Fallen Firefighter Fund.
- 3 p.m. Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum's Walking Tour, meet in front of the museum.
- 7:30-9:30 p.m. The Floodgate Operators Live Music Cruise with Drive-in Music stop at the Gunnison high school parking lot at roughly 8:15 p.m. Look at route on Gunnison Parks & Recreation Facebook page.
- 9:30 p.m. Enjoy the Gunnison Fireworks from your own home, Jorgensen & Legion Parks will be closed.

SUNDAY 5

- 9 a.m. Oh Be Joyful Worship Service at 625 Maroon Ave., RSVP to reserve a spot at

ohbejoyfulchurch.org/rsvp.

- 9-10 a.m. CB Farmers Market Senior Shopping Hour on the 100 block of Elk Ave.
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. CB Farmers Market on the 100 block of Elk.

MONDAY 6

- noon-6 p.m. Crested Butte Library open for window-side service.
- 3-6 p.m. CB Wellness Community Clinic, cb-wellness.com.
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. Mud Makers Clay Camps (ages 6-9) at the Gunnison Arts Center. (runs thru July 10)
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. Mud Makers Clay Camps (ages 10-15) at the Gunnison Arts Center. (runs thru July 10)
- 4:30-6 p.m. Free Gunnison Farmers Market for those in need at 513 South Main St. and at Bill's Park.
- 6 p.m. Mondays with the Mt. CB Mayor Virtual Style, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88469037149>.
- 6-8 p.m. Alpenglow at Home: KBUT features bands from Alpenglow's 25-year history.

TUESDAY 7

- noon-6 p.m. Crested Butte Library open for window-side service.
- 4-5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Garage open for shoppers and donations.
- 4:30 p.m. Secret Stash and Mountain Roots Project Free Farmers Market in Totem Pole Park for those still in need.
- 4:30-6 p.m. Free CB South Farmers Market for those in need at the Bus Stop in CB South.

WEDNESDAY 8

- 4 p.m. RMBL's Live Lab Chat: Plant Pathogens & Climate Change with Ian Miller, rmbi.org/public-events/
- 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sew Your Own Bento Bag with instructor Kate Harrington at the Center for the Arts.

EARTH muffin memos

Claiming Colonialism

I am a ninth-generation American, tracing one of the branches of my family tree that ultimately rooted itself in the land of southern Arkansas where I grew up.

While my paternal surname is "Murfee," my mother's patriarchally traced lineage dates back to a William and Elenor Murphy, the "originals" who immigrated from Ireland in the early 1700s. At the time both Presbyterians and Catholics were persecuted by a dominating English Anglican government that had overtaken Ireland and undermined the people of those particular faiths with such acts as taking away their private land and barring them from holding public office.

Poverty was rampant. The first wave of Irish immigrants to the new America began. William and Elenor left Ireland seeking religious freedom. They landed in Spotsylvania County, Virginia near the first permanent English settlement of Jamestown, established only a hundred years previous.

The second William Murphy, the "original's" son, became an itinerant Baptist preacher, moving with the border of the frontier as it pushed incessantly west. He purchased acreage in southern Missouri in 1800 from a Spanish land grant, before it was even a part of the growing United States.

As subsequent sons and their wives—Richard Murphy and Susanna West, followed by George West Murphy and Elizabeth Clardy—made their way south to the alternatively swampy and pine-forested earth that has enveloped my family for six generations, they followed the line of American policy pushing and pushing and pushing Native Americans out of their home lands. As soon as that land opened up, my people moved in. When the Caddo of northern Louisiana and southern Arkansas were finally extracted from the fertile agricultural land between the Red and Ouachita Rivers in the early 1800s, my family migrated down, and has been there ever since.

Members of my family have thus been present for the American Revolutionary War of 1776, the Louisiana Purchase of 1803, the subsequent Indian Removal Act of 1830. They've been present for the vast majority of the hundreds of broken treaties made with the Native Americans of this continent.

From what I can tell, my family was never directly involved in the eradication of native people from their homelands. They weren't politicians or soldiers or government-hired explorers. They had a simple need—that of land to build a home. But that seemingly innocuous desire was the driving force behind all the policy and war, especially when backed by a burgeoning country's stockpile



COURTESY PHOTO

ing of power resulting from the possession of land and all of its subsequent trading rights, new material goods and resources, and therefore—money.

I come from a long line of very kind and tender-hearted people on both sides. They were preachers, teachers, farmers and healers. They were apparently also adventurous and bold and strong to even conceptualize what they accomplished. I'm sure at times they were terrified.

It is so easy to distance—to think of pioneers, and Indian wars, and the extraction of native people from their home—as something that happened in a very faraway place. It is so easy to say "That wasn't me," that was some distant person, in some distant past. It is so easy to not claim responsibility when your hands are not visibly soiled with the deed.

We don't want to admit fault. We don't want to air the dirty laundry of our ancestors. We don't want to own any part of that very rotten part of our history—one built on genocide, forced acculturation and prejudice. The one with tendrils of greed and a feeling of being threatened that left us so blind, we absolutely forgot all sense of humanity.

While my ancestors might not have had a direct hand in the near annihilation of native people, did they stand on the sidelines and say nothing? Were racial slurs present behind the closed doors of their homes? Did they pressure those in charge to get rid of the Indians to make way for themselves?

I hope not. I hope they were kind and compassionate. I hope they were a friend to those in need, as I see current members of my family standing. But in truth I do not know. Culture is a mighty powerful blind when pulled so tight.

If we are to look seven generations forward and consider how our actions might impact those who follow us, we must also look seven generations back, claim the actions or inactions of our ancestors, and

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SPORTS BARREL

SOFTBALL SEASON SLATED TO START ON JULY 14

"WE'RE INTO SOMETHING OVER NOTHING"

[BY THAN ACUFF]

If we just stop testing people, then we won't have any cases of COVID. Good call.

I ignored the variety of skin issues growing on my body and am now in the second round of highly toxic chemo cream application on my face, causing it to fall off, have had a number of procedures to remove various stages of skin cancer the past 10 years and have a colonoscopy this Friday.

Ignorance truly is bliss, until your face falls off and you have a camera up your ass.

Can we just get some semblance of normalcy these days?

Softball has always offered some semblance of normalcy in our community every summer since back in the day, like way back in the day. Now, it sounds like we might, just might, get to play some softball

this summer. Ah, that sweet relief of softball three evenings of the week.

During the past two months, town of Crested Butte recreation supervisor Joey Carpenter has been diligently working on a plan A, plan B and perhaps even a plan C, depending on when and what he hears from the county and state.

Well, as of Monday, things appear to be in order as the state has granted permission for outdoor gatherings of up to 175 people, with some caveats.

"I still don't know details of this new 175 thing, it's a little unclear," says Carpenter. "We're saying there's a chance—no guarantees."

Nevertheless, Carpenter will start getting the ball rolling on Plan A. It will be a six-weeks-long season that will include both the Tuesday/Thursday league and the Wednesday league.

As a result, Carpenter is taking registrations from teams to get everyone signed up and will hold off on charging money until things



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are a go for sure, with the season slated to start Tuesday, July 14. Based on casual conversations Carpenter has had regarding the interest in softball, he expects both leagues to be fairly robust despite the late start and shortened season.

"I'm nearly certain we will have eight teams for the Tuesday/Thursday league and five or six for the Wednesday league," says Carpenter.

But it's going to take a village to put on a softball season. While the Parks and Recreation crew can keep the grass cut, other duties will fall into the hands of the players themselves.

"We're going to need a lot of volunteers from the teams because we don't have the staff to do things like striping the fields," says Carpenter.

Additional responsibility will fall on the players to follow COVID protocols. While Carpenter has yet to decide what to do about keeping the equipment as COVID-free as possible, whatever is decided will have to be followed diligently by the players and teams. For example, he is considering the idea of having balls specific to each team's use. That is, when the Talk of the Town is in the field, their game balls will



be used and then when the Psycho Rocks take the field, they switch to the Psycho Rocks game balls.

"I'm still trying to figure things like that out but rules will need to be followed and, in an ideal world, there will be no cross-contact," says Carpenter. "We're into something over nothing."

Once Carpenter has teams

registered, he will hold a captains' meeting to lay out the COVID protocols in place and gauge the reality of whether teams can follow through with those protocols.

"I want to give people an opportunity to play softball, but I don't want to be responsible for an outbreak in Crested Butte," says Carpenter.



trailQuest

LEADERBOARD TOP 20

PLACE	NAME	MILES	PLACE	NAME	MILES
#1	KATE MORGAN	523	#11	TYSON HAUSDOERFFER	377
#2	SARAH KEENE	521	#12	NICK COUTS	367
#3	JULIA UHLENDORF	496	#13	MARTIN CATMUR	362
#4	JANAE PRITCHETT	486	#14	JOHN BEVER	358
#5	TOM RUNCIE	468	#15	CARRIE WEINBERG	357
#6	CRAIG MEIER	461	#16	ROCKY KIMBALL	356
#7	SCOTT MILLER	453	#17	ERIC THORSON	349
#8	KEVIN KRILL	420	#18	CLAY JUTTE	342
#9	TARA TAFI	383	#19	BRADY HARPER	335
#10	J WILLY	380	#20	SETH TUCKER	328

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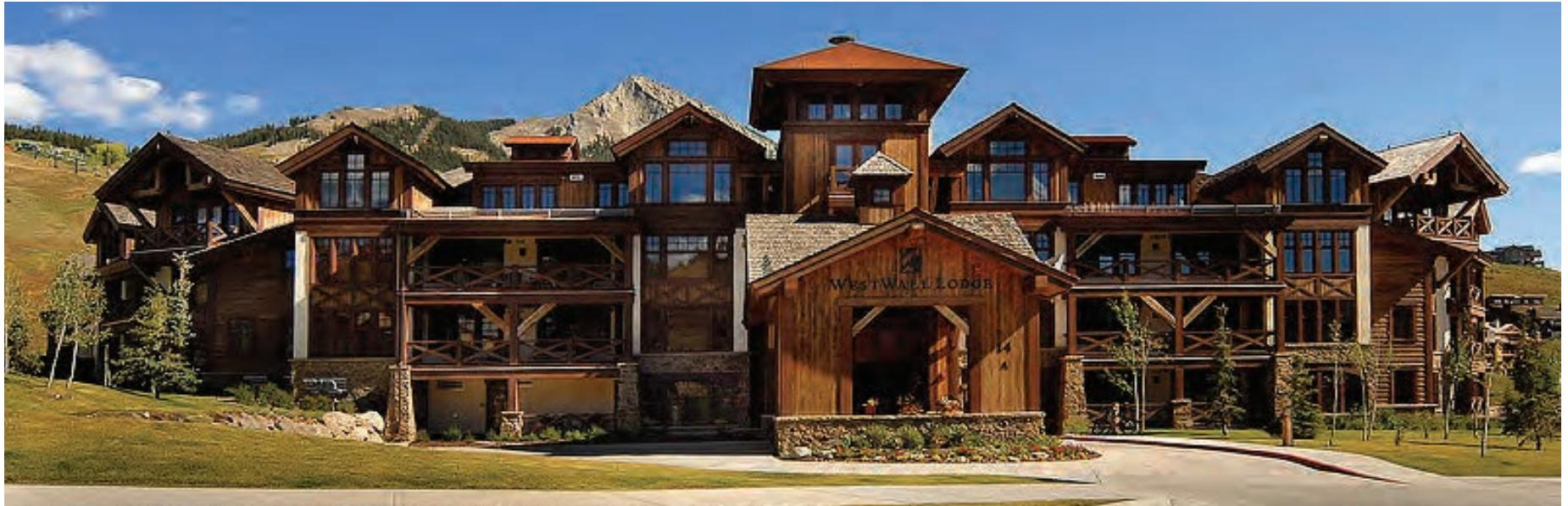
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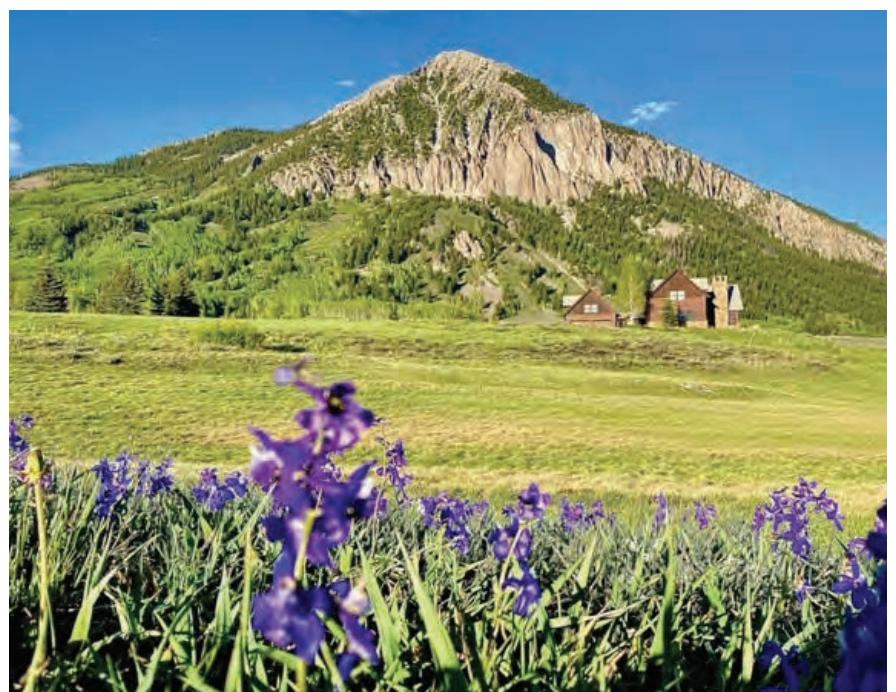
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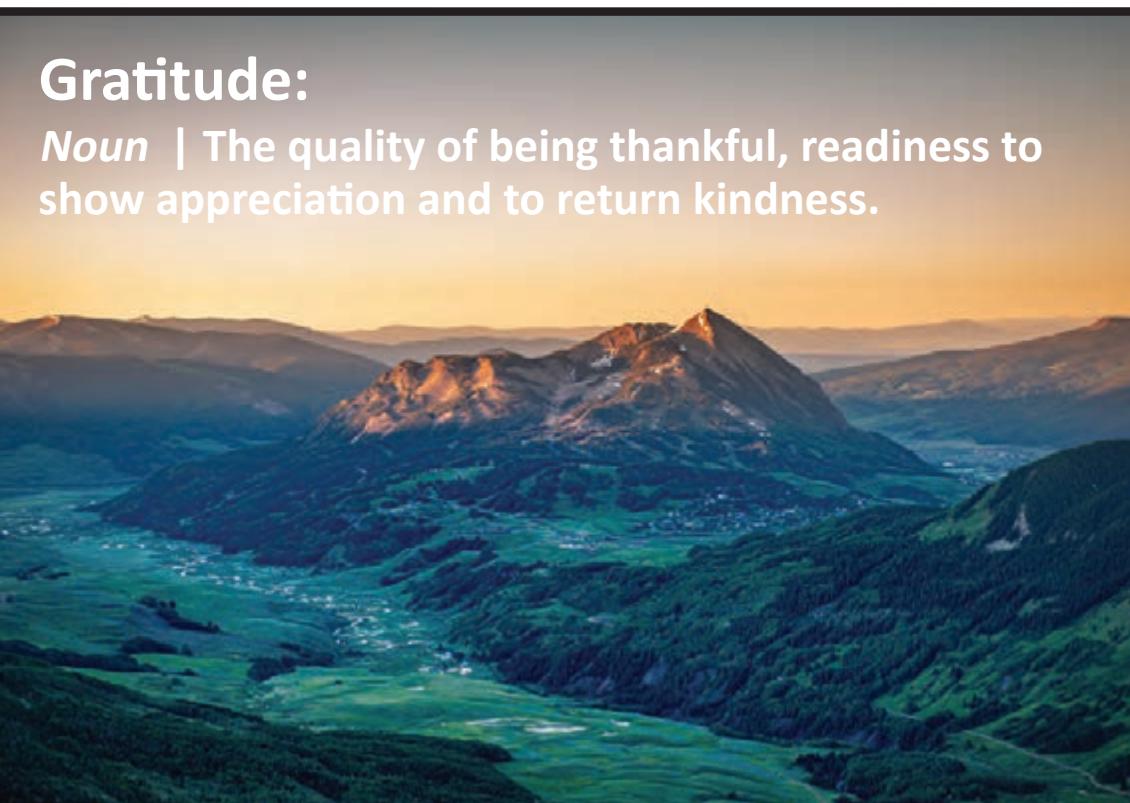


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TRAILQuest update

BY JOHN NORTON

The top five of the top 20 in Trailquest are a bit stalled and not picking up many new miles. Kate Morgan has four unique miles this season. Sarah Keene has three. Julia Uhlendorf has one. Janae Pritchett has no new mileage. Tom Runcie, rounding out the top five, has put on 14 new unique miles.

The last 250 miles are a lot harder than the first 250 miles!

There are some gamers out there, though, with lots of new unique mileage in June. Miles Morris leads the bunch with 118 unique miles. Ian Mullens with 101. Dylan Wood and J Dalbeey have 73 and 72 miles, respectively. Sarah Stubbe logs in with 69 miles.

Miles is now ranked in the mid-60s in the overall game.

Are you visiting the valley and riding, running or hiking?

Download the cbgtrails app and the Terraquest app, and get playing! The apps track your mileage on our trails and there are plenty of prizes for mileage challenges. There are more than 750 singletrack miles open to mountain biking in the valley, and countless more for hikers and runners in one of our surrounding five wilderness areas that are not available to bikers.

Join Trailquest. It's free and it's fun and cbgtrails has the best and most current maps of the entire Gunnison Valley. Get going!

You can always reach me at john@nortonglobal.com.

Colorado State Wildlife Areas: New rules and what they mean for all Coloradans

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission recently adopted a rule change, requiring all visitors 18 or older to possess a valid hunting or fishing license to access any State Wildlife Area or State Trust Land leased by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. This new rule is in effect as of July 1, 2020. There are several such areas in Gunnison County, including the Almont Triangle, along the Taylor River at the base of the reservoir and the Roaring Judy Fish Hatchery.

"Colorado Parks and Wildlife manages over 350 State Wildlife Areas and holds leases on nearly 240 State Trust Lands in Colorado, which are funded through the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses," said southeast regional manager Brett Ackerman. "The purpose of these properties is to conserve and improve wildlife habitat, and provide access to wildlife-related recreation like hunting and fishing that are a deep part of Colorado's conservation legacy."

Because these properties have always been open to the public, not just to the hunters and anglers that purchased them and pay for their maintenance, many people visit these properties and use them as they would any other public land. As Colorado's population—and desire for outdoor recreation—has continued to grow, a significant increase in traffic to these SWAs and STLs has disrupted wildlife, the habitat the areas were acquired to protect and the hunters and anglers whose contributions were critical to acquiring these properties.

Because funding for these properties is specifically generated by hunting and fishing license sales and the resulting federal match, requested options such as "hiking licenses" or "conservation permits" would not allow for the maintenance and management needed. Any funding from one of these conceptual licenses or permits would reduce the federal grant dollar for dollar and thus fail to

increase CPW's ability to protect and manage the properties.

"This new rule change will help our agency begin to address some of the unintended uses we're seeing at many of our State Wildlife Areas and State Trust Lands," said CPW director Dan Prenzlow. "We have seen so much more non-wildlife-related use of these properties that we need to bring it back to the intended use—conservation and protection of wildlife and their habitat."

"We do anticipate some confusion based on how the properties are funded, and the high amount of unintended use over time in these areas. We plan to spend a good amount of time educating the public on this change," said Ackerman. "But in its simplest form, it is just as any other user-funded access works. You cannot use a fishing license to enter a state park, because the park is not purchased and developed specifically for fishing. Similarly, you cannot use a park pass to enter lands that are intended for the sole purpose of wildlife conservation, because a park pass is designed to pay for parks." State law requires that the agency keep these funding sources separated.

CPW is a user-funded agency and, unlike most government agencies, receives very little money from the general fund. The new rule requires all users to contribute to the source of funding that makes the acquisition and maintenance of these properties possible. But the activities that interfere with wildlife-related uses or that negatively impact wildlife habitat don't become acceptable just because an individual possesses a hunting or fishing license. Each SWA and STL is unique and only certain activities are compatible with each property.

Many questions on the new rule are answered through the State Wildlife Area Frequently Asked Questions document. Visit cpw.state.co.us for additional information on agency projects and funding.

Emma Coburn sets state record in mile

Raises money for Sachs Foundation

[BY THAN ACUFF]

While COVID-19 has sidelined many athletic pursuits the past two months, it has done little to slow down Emma Coburn, her husband, Joe Bosshard, and their running team, Team Boss. So much so that Coburn just finished up a training block setting the new state record for women in the mile, posting a time of 4:32.7 while raising \$30,000 for a Colorado non-profit.

Once Team Boss got past the initial shock of a season of races cancelled, Coburn and Bosshard rallied their team to arguably the best training area in the nation, the Gunnison Valley. The team spent the past five weeks here running in and around the valley as they searched for any potential races for Emma and their athletes.

"We got lots of running in Crested Butte and Gunnison," says Coburn. "Each one of us was working on amplifying strength and focused on getting well-rounded, excellent training."

Still, there remained the need for competition to keep the athletes focused, but the search for any semblance of competition proved fruitless.

"Joe was looking for race opportunities for us and it just wasn't working out," says Coburn.

That's when Team Boss took matters into their own hands and partnered with Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction to host a race in an attempt to break the state record in the mile for both men and women.

"We were looking for a good option at attempting to break the Colorado mile record," says Coburn.

Colorado Mesa University was putting the finishing touches on a brand new track facility and Team Boss and the university got together to put on a race on Saturday, June 27. But, Coburn and Bosshard wanted to do more than just host a race and break a record.

"We could have gone down the route of just having a DIY race and time trial but we wanted our race to feel bigger and more important," explains Coburn.

That's when they came up with the idea to turn it into a

fundraising event as well, and after some research, they landed on the Sachs Foundation of Colorado Springs. The primary mission of the Sachs Foundation is to provide educational opportunities to Black and African American residents of Colorado who meet certain academic and financial criteria.

"It just felt like the right course, given what has been going on recently," says Coburn. "Giving locally and in the state of Colorado has always been important to me."

With the track completed the day before the race date and all attendees following COVID-19 protocols, six women and one pacer lined up for a shot at the record. Ultimately, Team Boss athlete Cory McGee edged out in front of the pack at the 1,000-meter mark and maintained her lead with 600 meters remaining stepping up the pace but Coburn matched her stride, eventually stepping out in front in the final 100 meters to take the win and set the new state record time for women in the mile of 4:32.7.

Four men from Team Boss also took a shot at the men's record, with Morgan McDonald coming close but falling just shy despite a 55-second final lap.

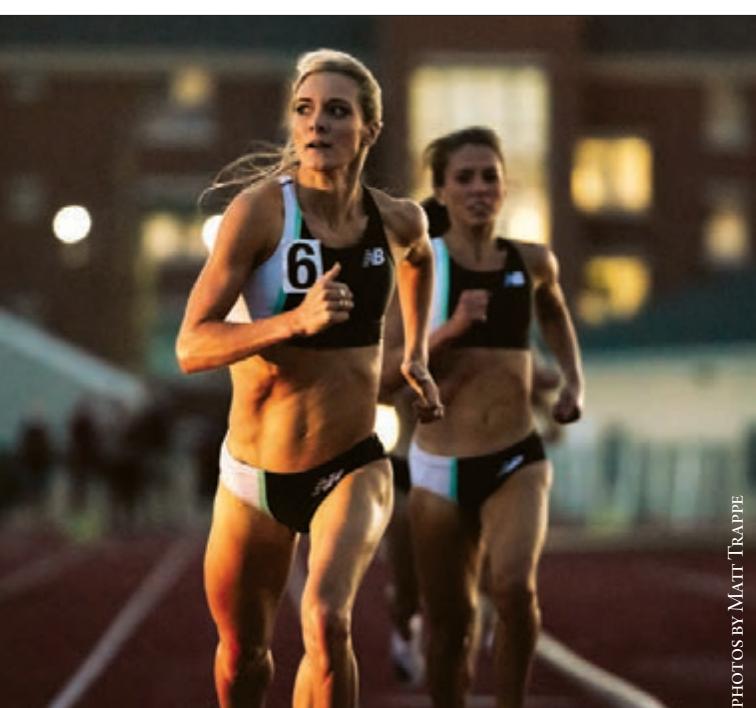
But the biggest win was the total money raised for the Sachs Foundation as the runners shattered that mark as well. Team Boss set an initial goal to raise \$20,000 but ended up bringing in \$30,134 in donations.

Training continues for the athletes now through July and August with the team back in Boulder and Coburn and Bosshard staying here in Crested Butte. Meanwhile, the search for more races continues.

"It's really hard finding venues that will help host a race," says Coburn. "We hope to race two or three more times this summer before we call it a season."

As for the Olympics, that also remains in flux. Currently, the Summer Olympic Games scheduled for the end of July 2020 are postponed to the end of July 2021 and that's what Coburn is planning on.

"Everything for us is full steam ahead like it will happen in 2021," says Coburn. "My hope is that in July 2021 I will be in Tokyo racing. If it can't happen then, the games will be cancelled and that will be a big heartbreak."

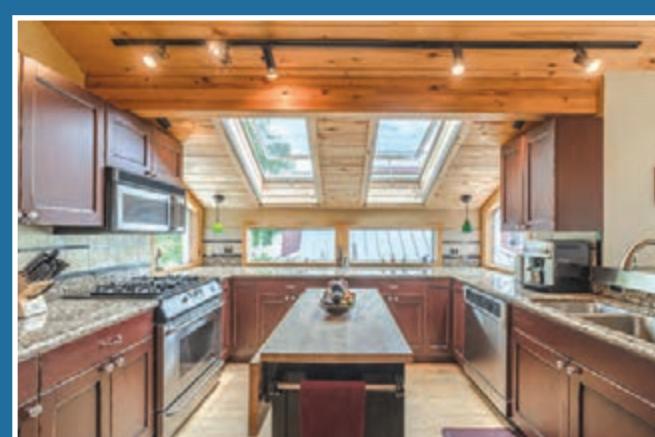


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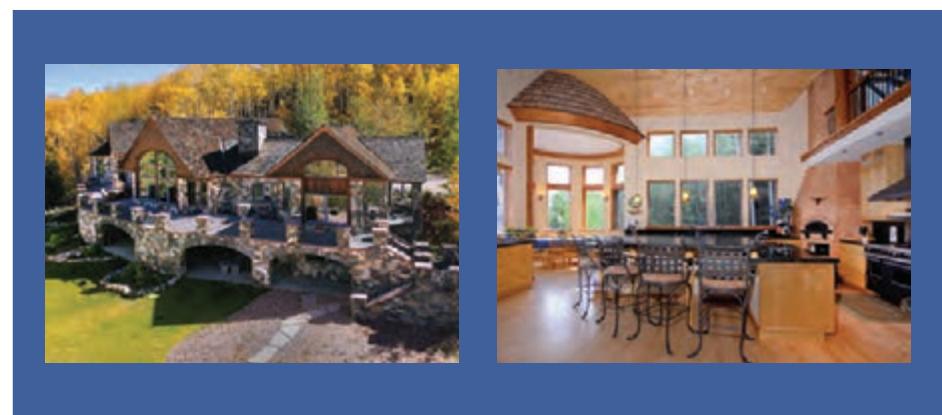
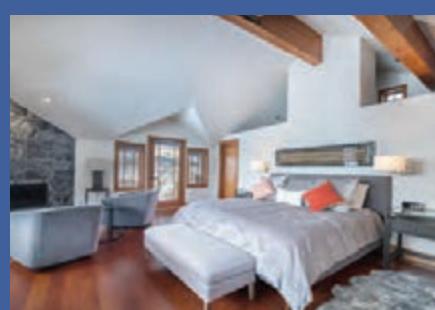
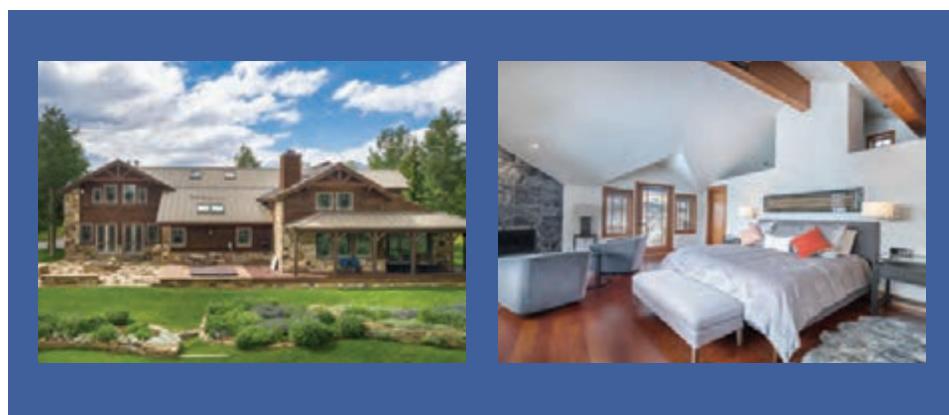
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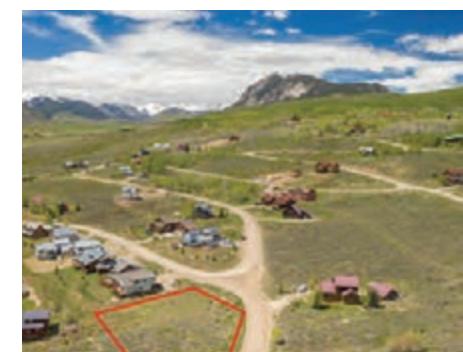
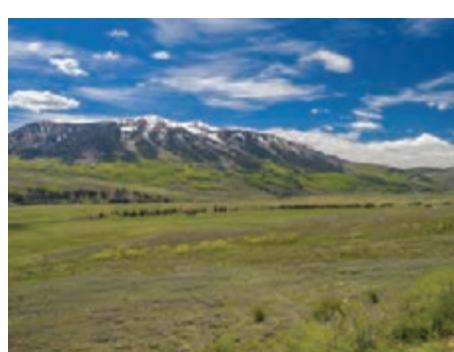
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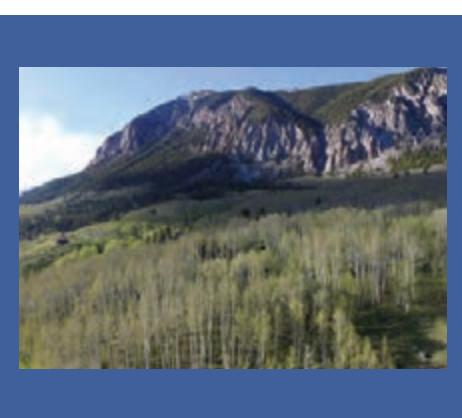
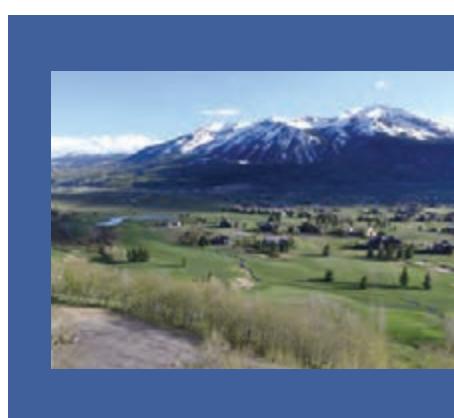
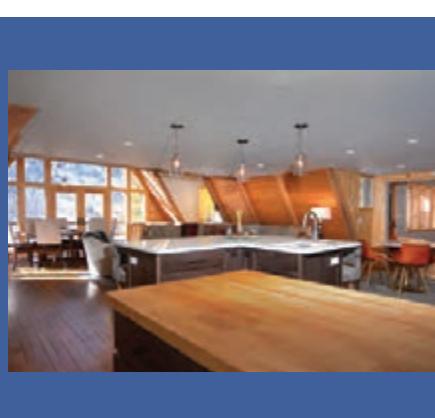
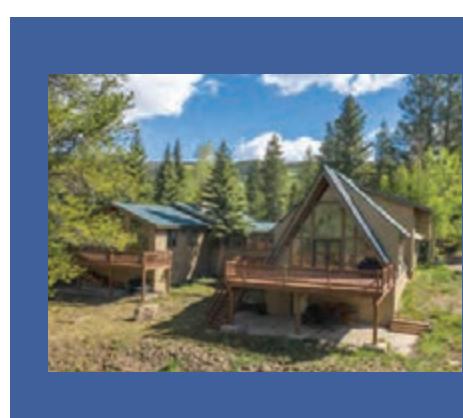


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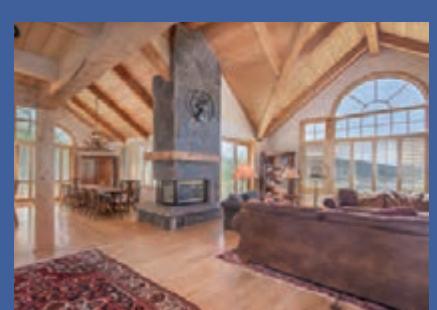
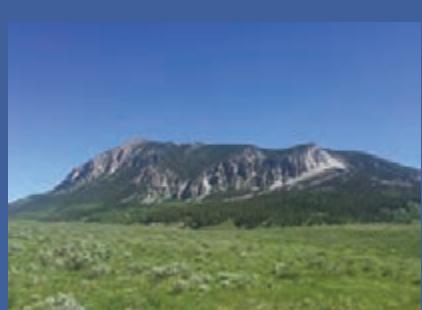
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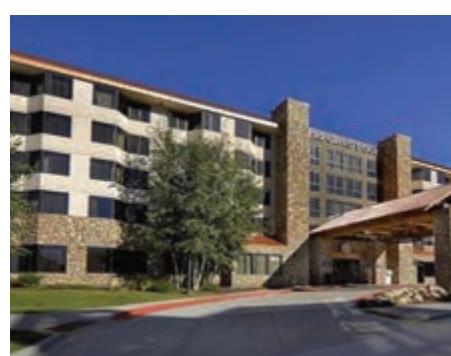
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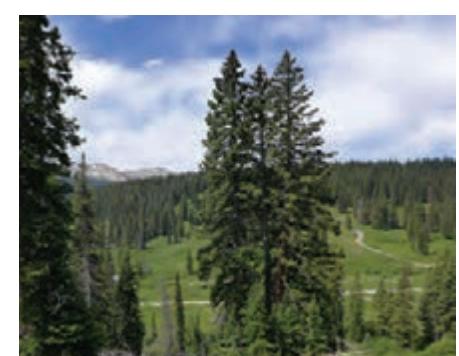
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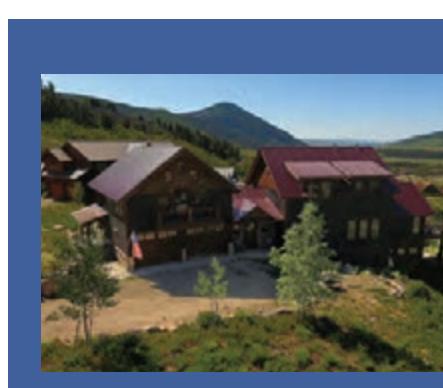
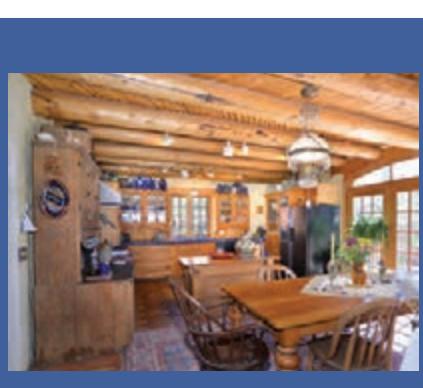
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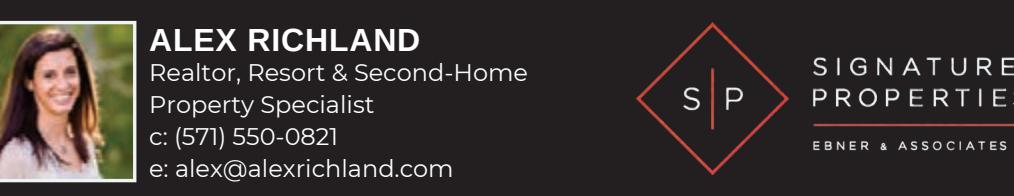
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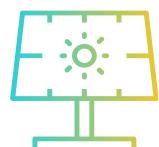
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BY JEFFERY DELANEY, CB WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL
The Colorful Pallet of Paintbrush

Almost 40 years ago when I moved to the Rockies as a young geologist, I was struck by a stunning wildflower. This plant, the Wyoming Paintbrush, *Castilleja linariifolia*, is found throughout the West from foothills to montane life zones including the upper Gunnison Valley. Its Native American-related lore has always been intriguing to me. Its colorful brush-like bracts were said to be paintbrushes discarded by a young Native American child and transformed into these unique and striking flowers.

Surprisingly, the bracts are the colorful component of the paintbrush, not its flower. Bracts are leaf-like structures that surround the inconspicuous flower of this and other members of the genus *Castilleja*. The actual flowers are greenish tubes, and are pollinated by hummingbirds, whose lengthy tongues can obtain the nectar in the deep, narrow flowers. Hummingbirds and paintbrush are thought to have co-evolved and this has resulted in their predominantly red color, which attracts the birds to their high-energy nectar. The yellowish paintbrush species are pollinated by long-tongued moths and butterflies. Local species of *Castilleja* range from orange to red, rose to fuchsia, and shades of yellow, all hues on the warm side of the color spectrum.

Paintbrush are hemi-parasitic, meaning they don't make enough nutrients on their own. All members of their family are parasitic to some degree. Because they need that extra boost, they send their roots out to rob nutrients from the roots of other plants such as sage, grasses and lupine.

Paintbrush can be found in all of the life zones of the upper Gunnison Valley, from relatively dry sage steppes to marshy alpine life zones. There are six species in the upper Gunnison Valley. Most paintbrush species hybridize with each other, which complicates things and makes positive identification quite difficult. Hybridization can result in other bract pigments. Some of the colors I have spotted in hybrids range from purple to lavender.

Other species that can be found in the Gunnison Valley include Desert Paintbrush, *Castilleja chromosa*, found from Almont south. Scarlet Paintbrush, *Castilleja miniata*, is found in montane to lower subalpine life zones in aspen groves or meadows. Light yellow Sulfur Paintbrush, *Castilleja sulfururea*, is found in foothills to about 10,000 feet in moist meadows or along streams. Its close cousin, Western Paintbrush, *Castilleja occidentalis*, can be found above 10,000 feet. Hot pink Rosy Paintbrush, *Castilleja rhexiifolia* is found in subalpine to alpine.



Wyoming Paintbrush

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GRAVITY works

BY DENIS B. HALL

Recalibrate

When the ski area abruptly shut down in March, when ignorance was pervasive and terror flared with every breath, I heard a common question:

"Have you ever seen anything like this?"

"Oh, hell no!" could be my only answer. I hadn't. No one had.

Back then, my greatest—personal, selfish—shock came from shutting down the ski area. That changed my reality at the time like nothing else. And then my friends started getting sick and dying. That was a new reality. Now I'm living in a different world, one in which this Fourth of July will be anything but normal.

We keep talking about "getting back to normal." That old health/economic/political normal won't happen again, and I figure that's a good thing. Edward Abbey said, "Society is like a stew. If you don't keep it stirred up, you get a lot of scum on top." The old normal was a comfortable complacency, which ignored festering, decades-old discontent. That normal was bound to change.

Instead, I use the words "resolve" and "resolution." When this mess resolves we will adjust to something new and different. We know how to die with this virus; now we must learn how to live with it. Resolution will again allow our social imperatives, albeit under different parameters and with different protocols. This disease and its broader consequences will not magically disappear. We will need to recalibrate.

Optimists keep saying, "This is the paradigm shift we've hoped for since the Age of Aquarius fell flat." I remind them that paradigms can shift both ways. There is no guarantee that new resolution will be all unicorn farts and rainbows. It could well manifest as fascism and social unrest, a result more consistent with our history of slavery and genocide.

We are at the very beginning of an as yet unknown resolution. I remember wishing some kind of catastrophe would take down what I consider evil and corrupt leadership. I don't know what I had in mind, but never did I consider a global pandemic to do the job. Well, this is what that looks like.

For years I've heard, "We're screwing up the planet because there are just too many people." If you put a bunch of rats in a cage and let them breed, ultimately

disease culls the population—just before they start eating each other. This is what that looks like.

Under the thumb of burgeoning fascism and historic malfeasance, we wonder why we the people are not out in the streets demonstrating against that old normal. Now we are in the streets and it matters not which faction is making the statement. This is what that looks like.

On this Fourth of July we need to recalibrate what "we the people" look like. From what I've seen, it isn't pretty. I remember social unrest during the 1960s and 1970s, but don't remember the same vitriol and hatred I am seeing today. It's not just out there in the macrocosm either; polarization and hatred have percolated right down to the microcosm here at the head of the draw.

We will recalibrate our nation's celebration of independence this year because the pandemic inhibits social gathering. In the long run, we must recalibrate our social and political institutions to encompass a greater degree of diversity with freedom and justice for all. Is that a radical recalibration? It shouldn't be.

Despite my 70 years on this ball of rock, I still have plenty of my own work to do. For years, I touted the mantra "patience, tolerance, kindness." I was sniffing unicorn farts and burping rainbows. I need to recalibrate my empathy meter. In the meantime, I will exercise my new mantra: common sense, personal responsibility and situational awareness.

While patriotism has never been my strong suit, I do realize how good at least we white people have it under the Stars and Stripes. I'm grateful, but I won't be humping any flags this Fourth of July. I need to recalibrate my patriotism meter.

Not long ago my faith in human nature was dashed against the rocks of foul politics and corruption, which aren't serving us well. A significant population thinks that's just fine—but I don't. I keep trying to find a modern COVID analogue to Rosie the Riveter. I need to recalibrate my human love and respect meter.

They tell me when I'm feeling unsure, insecure, scared, conflicted, frustrated, confused or angry to take a few conscious deep breaths. Take them. Breathing is important. I taste the wind with grateful joy.

Have as happy a Fourth of July as you possibly can!

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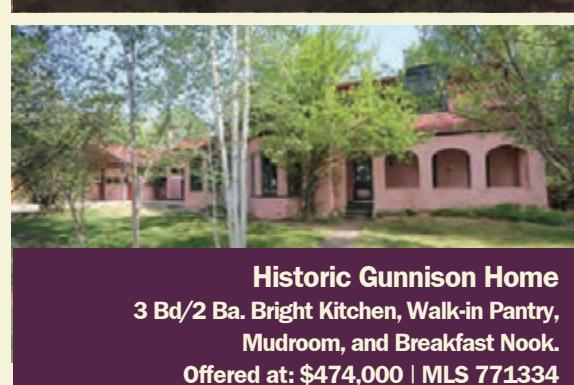
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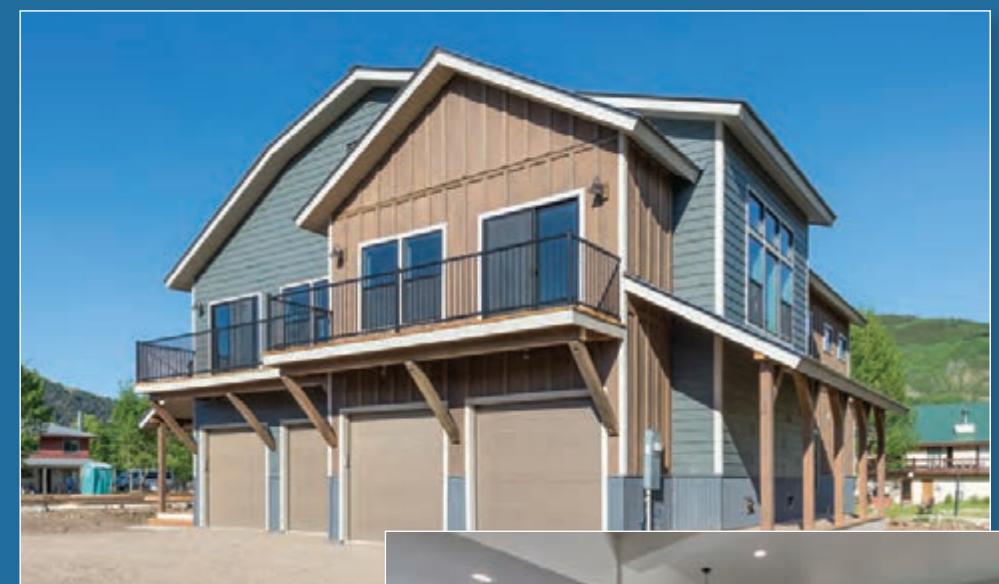


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The Yankowich family has established a memorial scholarship to celebrate John's life at the foundation of his alma mater, Western Colorado University, the John Yankowich Memorial Football Scholarship. The family gratefully requests that memorial contributions be made to this scholarship. You may make tax-deductible gifts by check made out to Western Colorado University Foundation (write "Yankowich Memorial" on the memo line) and mail to:

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Eat Your HeArt Out: Socially distanced dinners



Wildflower Watercolor & Wine

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Mountain Landscapes with Beth Zink

Wildflower Watercolor & Wine, Thursday, July 9. 4:30 to 7 p.m. \$55

Join local watercolor artist Karen Hill for a step-by-step painting class of wildflowers and poppies as the subject. Karen guides the group through a watercolor painting from start to finish, giving instruction on setting up to paint, wash and watercolor painting techniques, composition, and more. Wine and wine spritzers are provided to participants 21 and older, so you can relax and create! All watercolor supplies and your drinks are included. Absolutely no watercolor experience is necessary.

Wildflower Watercolor & Wine, Thursday, July 16. 4:30 to 7 p.m. \$55

Join local watercolor artist Karen Hill for a step-by-step painting class of wildflowers and Indian Paintbrush as the subject. Karen guides the group through a watercolor painting from start to finish, giving instruction on setting up to paint, wash and watercolor painting techniques, composition, and more. Wine and wine spritzers are provided to participants 21 and older, so you can relax and create! All watercolor supplies and your drinks are included. Absolutely no watercolor experience is necessary.

Mountain Landscapes with Beth Zink: Tuesday, July 28. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$175

Join renowned artist Beth Zink for one or two fun and educational days of painting in acrylics. Learn the step-by-step process of painting mountain landscapes. Participants go home with a completed 12 x 16-inch painting on canvas, ready to hang. All supplies are included. Students should bring only an apron, their lunch, and a beverage. Class size is limited to 12.

Columbines & Wildflowers with Beth Zink: Wednesday, July 29. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$175

Join renowned artist Beth Zink for one or two fun and educational days of painting in acrylics. Learn the step-by-step process of painting wildflowers. Participants go home with a completed 12 x 16-inch painting on canvas, ready to hang. All supplies are included. Students should bring only an apron, their lunch, and a beverage. Class size is limited to 12.

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ARIES

(MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

Aries author Marge Piercy writes, "The people I love the best, jump into work head first without dallying in the shallows." The Aries people I love best will do just that in the coming days. Now is not the right time to wait around passively, lazily hoping that something better will come along. Nor is it prudent to procrastinate or postpone decisions while shopping around for more options or collecting more research. Dive, Aries, dive!

TAURUS

(APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Calvin and Hobbes is a comic strip by Bill Watterson. It features a boy named Calvin and his stuffed tiger Hobbes. In the first panel of one story, Calvin is seated at a school desk looking perplexed as he studies a question on a test, which reads "Explain [Isaac] Newton's First Law of Motion in your own words." In the second panel, Calvin has a broad smile, suddenly imbued with inspiration. In the third panel, he writes his response to the test question: "Yakka foob fog. Grug pubbawup zink watoom gazork. Chumble spuzz." The fourth panel shows him triumphant and relaxed, proclaiming, "I love loopholes." I propose that you use this scenario as your victorious metaphor in the coming weeks, Taurus. Look for loopholes! And use them to overcome obstacles and solve riddles.

GEMINI

(MAY 21-JUNE 20)

"It is a fault to wish to be understood before we have made ourselves clear to ourselves," wrote philosopher and activist Simone Weil. I'm hoping that this horoscope of mine can help you avoid that mistake. In the coming weeks and months, you will have a stronger-than-usual need to be seen for who you really are—to have your essential nature be appreciated and understood by people you care about. And the best way to make sure that happens is to work hard right now on seeing, appreciating, and understanding yourself.

CANCER

(JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Some readers wish I would write more like Cormac McCarthy or Albert Camus or Raymond Chandler: with spare simplicity. They accuse me of being too lush and exuberant in my prose. They want me to use shorter sentences and fewer adjectives. To them I say: It ain't going to happen. I have feelings similar to those of best-selling Cancerian author Oliver Sacks, who the *New York Times* called, "one of the great clinical writers of the 20th century." Sacks once said, "I never use one adjective if six seem to me better and, in their cumulative effect, more incisive. I am haunted by the density of reality and try to capture this with 'thick description.'" I bring these thoughts to your attention, my fellow Cancerian, because I think it's important for you to be your lavish, sumptuous, complex self in the coming weeks. Don't oversimplify yourself or dumb yourself down, either intellectually or emotionally.

LEO

(JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Travel writer Paul Theroux has journeyed long distances by train: once from Britain to Japan and back again, and then from Massachusetts to Argentina. He also rode trains during part of his expedition from Cairo to Cape Town. Here's one of his conclusions: "It is almost axiomatic that the worst trains take you through magical places." I'd like to offer a milder version of that counsel as your metaphor for the coming weeks: The funky, bumpy, rickety influences will bring you the best magic.

VIRGO

(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Philosopher Miguel de Unamuno declared, "Everything that exalts and expands consciousness is good, while that which depresses and diminishes it is evil." This idea will be intensely true for and applicable to you in the coming weeks, Virgo. It will be your sacred duty—both to yourself and to those you care about—to enlarge your understandings of how the world works and to push your awareness to become more inclusive and empathetic. What's your vision of paradise-on-earth? Now is a good time to have fun imagining it.

LIBRA

(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

What do you want to be when you grow up, Libra? What's that you say? You firmly believe you are already all grown up? I hope not! In my vision of your destiny, you will always keep evolving and transforming; you will ceaselessly transcend your existing successes and push on to accomplish further breakthroughs and victories. Now would be an excellent time to rededicate yourself to this noble aspiration. I invite you to dream and scheme about three specific wonders and marvels you would like to experience during the next five years.

SCORPIO

(OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren has advice that would serve you well in the coming weeks. She says, "Keep a little space in your heart for the improbable. You won't regret it." In accordance with your astrological potentials, I'm inclined to amend her statement as follows: "Keep a sizable space in your heart for the improbable. You'll be rewarded with catalytic revelations and intriguing opportunities." To attract blessings in abundance, Scorpio, be willing to set aside some of your usual skepticism and urge for control.

SAGITTARIUS

(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Author Malidoma Somé lives in the U.S. now, but was born in the West African country of Burkina Faso. He writes, "In the culture of my people, the Dagara, we have no word for the supernatural. The closest we come to this concept is *Yielbongura*, 'the thing that knowledge can't eat.' This word suggests that the life and power of certain things depend upon their resistance to the categorizing knowledge that human beings apply to every-

BY ROB BREZSNY

thing." I bring Somé's thoughts to your attention, Sagittarius, because I suspect that in the coming weeks, you will encounter more than the usual number of experiences that knowledge can't eat. They might at times be a bit spooky or confounding, but will mostly be interesting and fun. I'm guessing that if you embrace them, they will liberate you from overly literal and materialistic ideas about how the world works. And that will be good for your soul.

CAPRICORN

(DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Pioneer Capricorn scientist Isaac Newton is often hailed as one of history's greatest geniuses. I agree that his intellectual capacities were sublime. But his emotional intelligence was sparse and feeble. During the time he taught at Cambridge University, his talks were so affectless and boring that many of his students skipped most of his classes. I'll encourage you to make Newton your anti-role model for the next eight weeks. This time will be favorable for you to increase your mastery of three kinds of intelligence beyond the intellectual kind: feeling, intuition, and collaboration.

AQUARIUS

(JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

When future writer (and Aquarius) Charles Dickens was 12 years old, his parents and siblings got incarcerated in a debtors' prison. To stay alive and help his family, he took a job working 12 hours a day, six days a week, pasting labels on pots of boot polish in a rotting, rat-infested warehouse. Hard times! Yet the experiences he had there later provided him with rich material for the novels that ultimately made him wealthy and beloved. In predicting that you, too, will have future success at capitalizing on difficulty, I don't mean to imply you've endured or will endure anything as harsh as Dickens' ordeal. I'm just hoping to help you appreciate the motivating power of your challenging experiences.

PISCES

(FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Maybe you feel that the ongoing pandemic has inhibited your ability to explore and deepen intimacy to the degree that would like to. But even if that's the case, the coming weeks will provide openings that could soften and remedy your predicament. So be extra receptive and alert to the clues that life reveals to you. And call on your imagination to look for previously unguessed and unexpected ways to reinvent togetherness and tenderness. Let's call the next three weeks your Season of Renewing Rapport.

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Fat Tire fest successfully revived by Edward Stern

With hundreds of participants racing through town, down Kebler Pass and across Crested Butte Mountain, the 19th annual Crested Butte Fat Tire Bike Festival marked the revival of the annual event.

"It was great," says festival organizer Becky Thompson, chamber of commerce special events coordinator. "It went really smoothly."

All told, this year's Fat Tire Bike Week brought 320 racers and 100 non-racing festival-goers to the area, a marked increase over last year's 75 total participants.

The week kicked off with regis-

tration on Wednesday, June 21. The following day featured the return of the fabled chainless race down Kebler Pass. Nearly 30 costumed and uncostumed downhillers with chains removed or locked off bombed the road into town to find prizes and beer for their pleasure.

The following day, nearly the same number of racers showed up to participate in the newly invented "Clunker Crit" through the streets of town. On Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25, hundreds of racers competed in the NORBA-sanctioned cross-country and circuit course races. Throughout the week, visiting riders took tours on local trails, participated in bike clinics and relished in fat tire heaven. Thompson says the feedback from festival participants was positive.

"Everyone said, 'We're definitely coming back,'" she says. "People who have been coming for 18 years said, 'This was great. We're coming back and we're going to bring friends.'"

Over the course of the weekend, there were two injuries as result of the festival, one during a tour of the Ferris Creek trail, and one during the races. Generally speaking, Thompson says, the race courses designed by Crested Butte Mountain Resort competition services manager Pet Schaub were well received.

"The comments from the racers were great," she reports. "People seemed to really like the course. Pete and his crew did an amazing job putting it on." Crested Butte Mountain Resort special events coordinator/communications director/marketing maven Gina Kroft agrees.

"The racers were all very complimentary of Pete Schaub's course," says Kroft. "I heard a lot of good feedback." Kroft says putting on the Fat Tire Festival brings an entirely different energy than extreme skiing events.

"It's a different crowd," says Kroft. "They're no less athletic—they're just a different group of skiers. They're mellower."

Kroft says this year's fat tire revival presented somewhat of a sponsorship challenge. "It's like the chicken and the egg," she explains. "Sponsors want to be involved with a big event but it can't be a big event without sponsors. Powerade was our title sponsor. We absolutely couldn't have done it without them or Swiss Army, Miller, SAAB, Hind, Gary Fisher or the rest of them. They were key."

Will there be a 20th anniversary Crested Butte Fat Tire Bike? Thompson says there will be.

"I'm totally exhausted right now," she says. "But in retrospect, it was worth it. Everyone had a good time. This is my favorite event."

County landfill is getting too full by Melissa Ruch

Our collective trash pile is growing as the county landfill fills



The streets were open for dancing and Rick and Elena Ramirez took advantage of it at the Summer Solstice Party last week on Elk Avenue.

PHOTO BY CLAIRE AYRAUD

up. The Gunnison County Landfill's measurements for last month were more than 20 percent higher than last year's May numbers.

"Is it a fluke because construction is running high, or is it a sustained volume?" asked Gunnison County manager John DeVore this week. "That is what we have to watch and find out."

The 310-acre landfill, six miles east of Gunnison on Six Mile Lane, has been open since 1985. According to Public Works director Marlene Crosby, the cubic yards of trash at the landfill had remained steady from 1991 to 1997. Then, in 1998, the yearly measurement jumped more than 10,000 cubic yards, reaching a total of 54,600 cubic yards.

Crosby said the numbers have been increasing since then. "Any time we see a peak like this in a single month, we try to think what happened," she said of the recent

increase in volume.

The majority of the trash at the landfill comes from household solid waste collected by compactor trucks throughout the county. In addition, a large part of the landfill is taken up by construction debris.

The county landfill is looking toward construction of its own. Crosby is planning a work session with the commissioners to discuss the possibility of new cells at the landfill. She is also looking at a new type of topcoat for the site.

DeVore said of the recent jump in trash, "If that volume keeps up, then we need to be more aggressive opening up more cells, but time will tell. We are monitoring the volume."

Story edited for space.

Nel Burkett is the curator at the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum and enjoys putting the present in the context of history.



Every Forsythe checked out the reptiles in the children's room of the new Headwaters Nature Center at its grand opening last Thursday night. PHOTO BY TIFFANY WARDMAN

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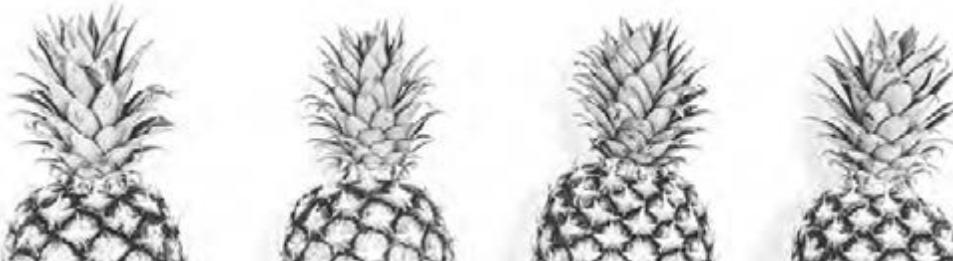
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6:00 WORK SESSION

1) Update from Gunnison County Commissioner Roland Mason.

6:30 2) Joint Work Session with BOZAR Regarding Ordinance No. 18, Series 2020 PUD Amendment.

7:00 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR OR MAYOR PRO-TEM

7:02 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7:04 CONSENT AGENDA

1) June 15, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes.

2) Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town of Crested Butte and Municipal Court Judge Eden.

3) Resolution No. 16, Series 2020 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council Authorizing the Grant of Revocable License to Timothy J. Blewett and Cinda L. Blewett to Encroach Into the Right-of-Way Adjacent to Elk Avenue and Tract 2 of the Block 27 Subdivision, Town of Crested Butte.

4) Approval of the Use of Town Property for Temporarily Modifying the Liquor Licensed Premises of The Last Steep Bar & Grill.

5) Approval of a Letter to the Mined Land Reclamation Board Regarding Recent Road Construction at the West Elk Mine. The listing under Consent Agenda is a group of items to be acted

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on with a single motion. The Consent Agenda is designed to expedite Council business. The Mayor will ask if any citizen or council member wishes to have any specific item discussed. You may request that an item be removed from Consent Agenda at that time, prior to the Council's vote. Items removed from the Consent Agenda will be considered under New Business.

7:06 PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF PRIDE MONTH

7:12 PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens may make comments on item not scheduled on the agenda. Those commenting should state their name and physical address for the record. Comments may be limited to five minutes.

7:20 STAFF UPDATES

7:30 PUBLIC HEARING

1) Application to Transfer the Dispensary Permit, Located at 329 Bellevue Unit A, from Crested Butte Wellness Center LLC to PG Retail I LLC.

7:40 OLD BUSINESS

1) Updated Financial Forecast and Discussion.

8:00 2) Update on Elk Avenue One-Way COVID Response Plan and Implementation.

8:20 NEW BUSINESS

1) Consideration of Town Involvement with the Valley Housing Fund Project at 114 Butte Avenue (Redden Project).

8:35 2) Ordinance No. 17, Series 2020 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Amending the Crested Butte Municipal Code Sections 16-2-20 and 16-2-30 (3) and Adopting Revised Design Standards and Guidelines.

8:45 3) Ordinance No. 18, Series 2020 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Amending the Crested Butte Municipal Code Chapter 16, Article 6, Division 4, Planned Unit Developments.

8:55 4) Ordinance No. 19, Series 2020 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Amending the Crested Butte

Municipal Code, Sections 16-1-10 and 16-5-530 to Define and Allow a Veterinary Clinic Or Hospital As a Conditional Use Within the Town's Commercial (C) Zone District.

9:05 5) Ordinance No. 20, Series 2020 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Authorizing the Town to Grant of a Right of Way Easement for Underground Electric Transmission and Distribution Lines for an Electric Car Charging Station on the Town-Owned Public Parking Lot Located at Block 22, Lots 9-11.

9:15 6) Ordinance No. 21, Series 2020 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Authorizing the Town to Grant of a Right of Way Easement for Underground Electric Transmission and Distribution Lines for the Center for the Arts Located at 606 6th Street.

9:25 LEGAL MATTERS

9:30 COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

9:50 OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

10:00 DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

• Monday, July 20, 2020 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council

• Tuesday, August 4, 2020 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council

• Monday, August 17, 2020 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council

10:05 EXECUTIVE SESSION

1) For a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) regarding interpretation of a PUD.

10:35 ADJOURNMENT

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—CB SOUTH P.O.A. BOARD MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA— WEDNESDAY JULY 8TH, 2020 ~ 6:00 P.M. P.O.A. BOARD MEETING AGENDA UBERCONFERENCE

P.O.A. Board Meeting

6:10 PM Monthly Financial Report for June 2020

New Business

6:20 PM Scheduled Property Owner Comment Time

Continued Business

6:30 PM Update on Capital Improvement Projects

6:40 PM Update on Covenant Amendment

Steering Committee (CASC)

7:00 PM Review Strategic Plan 2016-2021

7:30 PM Manager's Report

Manager's Report

Identify August Annual Meeting

Agenda Items

Confirm August 9th, 2020 Annual

Meeting Date

7:40 PM Adjourn

ADA Accommodations: Anyone needing spe-

cial accommodations as determined by the American Disabilities Act may contact the Association Manager prior to the day of the hearing.

Agenda Items: All times are estimates. Please allow for earlier discussion. Please show up at least 20 minutes prior to the listed times.

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—PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING— WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020 ~ 5:00 P.M. MT. CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO GOTO VIRTUAL MEETING

STATE OF COLORADO, IN THE TOWN OF MT CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO, AND ALSO KNOWN AS THE HILLSIDE PARCEL AND 40 HUNTER HILL RD.

5:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 17, 2020 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL ON A VACATION AND RELEASE OF EASEMENT ON LOT 35, PITCHFORK SUBDIVISION, AS SUBMITTED BY PITCHFORK LLC (TODD CARROLL).

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL ON THE FINAL PLAN TO REZONE FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ON AN UNNAMED 2.01 ACRE TRACT LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 26 (PARCEL #317726400004) AND AN UNNAMED .594 ACRE TRACT LOCATED IN THE N 1/2 SE 1/4 SECTION 26 (PARCEL #317726400043) ALL IN TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH RANGE 86 WEST, 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF GUNNISON, STATE OF COLORADO, IN THE TOWN OF MT CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO, AND ALSO KNOWN AS THE HILLSIDE PARCEL AND 40 HUNTER HILL RD. THE PROPERTIES ARE CURRENTLY IN THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT.

PUBLIC HEARING

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CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL ON A SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAN OF AN UNNAMED 2.01 ACRE TRACT LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 26 (PARCEL #317726400004) AND AN UNNAMED .594 ACRE TRACT LOCATED IN THE N 1/2 SE 1/4 SECTION 26 (PARCEL #317726400043) ALL IN TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH RANGE 86 WEST, 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF GUNNISON, STATE OF COLORADO, IN THE TOWN OF MT CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO, AND ALSO KNOWN AS THE HILLSIDE PARCEL AND 40 HUNTER HILL RD (CARLOS VELADO).

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

This preliminary agenda is placed in the newspaper to notify the public of tentative agenda items for the meeting date noted above. The official posting place for the agenda is the bulletin board in the Mt. Crested Butte Town Hall entry. Please refer to that official agenda for actual agenda items for the meeting date noted above.

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Plans for designs to be reviewed at the meeting are available for viewing in the Mt. Crested Butte Town Hall.

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REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING JULY 7, 2020 ~ 6:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS MT. CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO DRAFT AGENDA

• Discussion and Possible Consideration of Ordinance No. 4, Series 2020 – An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte, Colorado, Amending Chapter 19 Taxation, Article IV Use Tax, of the Code of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte, Colorado – Second Reading - Carlos Velado and Todd Carroll

NEW BUSINESS

• Discussion and Possible Consideration on a Planning Commission Recommendation of a Conditional Use Permit Application Submitted by Moltz Construction Inc. for the Installation of 2 Temporary Tents for the Storage of Construction Materials During the Construction of the Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District's Water Treatment Plant and the Construction of

Prospect Homestead's Remaining 22 Townhomes. The Tents are Proposed to be Located on Approximately 3.5 Acres of The 166 Acre Parcel Situated Within The 1/4 Ne 1/4 NW, Of Township 13 South, Range 86 West, Town of Mt. Crested Butte, Gunnison County, Co (Base Of Gold Link Lift Area). The Property is Zoned PUD (Leah Desposito).

• Discussion and Possible Consideration of a Planning Commission Recommendation on a Variance Application on a Conditional Use Permit For a Temporary Tent Submitted By Moltz Construction Inc. For A Duration Longer Than The 180 Days Allowed By Town Code. The Requested Extension Is Not To Exceed 18 Months (545 Days) From The Date Of Potential Approval Of

The Variance And Conditional Use Applications. The Temporary Tent Is Proposed To Be Located On Approximately 3.5 Acres Of The 166 Acre Parcel Situated Within The 1/4 Ne 1/4 NW, Of Township 13 South, Range 86 West, Town Of Mt. Crested Butte, Gunnison County, Co (Base Of Gold Link Lift Area). The Property Is Zoned PUD (Leah Desposito).

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN
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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT - Citizens may make comments on items NOT scheduled on the agenda. Per Colorado Open Meetings Law, no Council discussion or action will take place until a later date, if necessary. You must sign in with the Town Clerk before speaking. Comments are limited to three minutes.

MINUTES

• Approval of the June 16, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

REPORTS

• Town Manager's Report
• Town Council Reports
• Crested Butte Nordic Center Winter 2019/2020 Admissions Tax

Legals

—DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)—

JULY 6, 2020 ~ 4:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MT. CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

AGENDA

Call To Order

Swearing In

• Swearing in of new DDA Board Member, Chris Hensley

Roll Call

• Approval of the March 9, 2020 Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes

Reports

• Update on TC-1 Construction – Joe Fitzpatrick

• Finance Report – Gary Keiser and Karl Trujillo

Correspondence

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –

- Discussion of Region 10 - Broadband Middle Mile – Joe Fitzpatrick

OTHER BUSINESS –

ADJOURN

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—REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS—

WEBSITE REDESIGN

Gunnison Watershed School District is issuing a Request for Proposals for website redesign services for our district website. See gunnisonschools.net for RFP. Proposals due July 13, 2020.

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deadline tuesday at noon

—NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE—

TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN OF MT. CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

Please take notice that the Mt. Crested Butte Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via video-conference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. To participate please use the information below to attend:

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The purpose of the hearing is for public input on an Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte, Colorado, amending Chapter 22, Community Housing, of the Code of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte, Colorado. Discussion and Consideration will also include amending the Mt. Crested Butte Community Housing Guidelines.

The ordinance and design guidelines are avail-

able digitally for public viewing during regular business hours. For a digital copy of the application please contact the Community Development Department at (970) 349-6632.

All interested persons are requested to attend. Those who speak at the public hearing shall be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to express their comments to the Town Council. Written comments are encouraged and should be received at the Town Offices, PO Box 5800, Mt. Crested Butte, CO 81225-5800 or by fax to (970) 349-6326, or by email at cvela@mtcrestedbuttecolorado.us by Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 5:00 PM, Mountain Time. Dated this 29th day of June, 2020.

/s/ Tiffany O' Connell

Town Clerk

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4 BEDROOM/3 BATH HOUSE with a fenced yard for rent in CB South. Two car detached garage with additional storage, washer/dryer, dishwasher, pool table and hot tub. No smoking, one dog negotiable. \$2,600/month plus utilities. Available August 1, 2020. Please email info@mountainhm.com for more info. (7/3/49)

2 BEDROOM/2 BATH fully furnished Three Seasons condo. \$1400/month, includes cable and wi-fi, low elec. bills, no pets. Email paula@crestedbuttelodging.com. (7/23)

ISO RENTAL NEEDED: 11 yr. full time local w/ great references. Self employed house cleaner. Prefer in town solo rental or care taking main house if you have an accessory dwelling/above garage apartment. 7 year old well behaved dog. Kelsey 206-890-3825. (7/3/42)

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IN TOWN: 2 bedroom/2 bath furnished Solstice condo with garage. Pet negotiable. \$2000/month + electric and gas. Email Paula@crestedbuttelodging.com. (7/3/21)

CB FLEXIBLE RENTAL (30 DAY MINIMUM) Fully furnished 4BD/4BA in town. Stunning open space LR/DR/KIT. Seventh & Teocalli, one block to town shuttle. Fireplace, 4 decks, W/D, wireless internet, hot tub. No smoking. Please email info@ancorlp.com or call/text 918-231-1623 for more info and photos. (7/3/49)

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ISO STUDIO/2BD RENTAL FOR YEAR LEASE: In town or Mt. CB rental desired. Dog friendly (2yr. old well behaved husky mix), reliable internet required. Year-round employment, work from home full time, great credit, great references. Budget is flexible between \$1000-\$1800/month depending on location, accommodations and size. 260-452-7545 or joshscholten56@gmail.com. (7/3/53)

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

PROFESSIONAL SPACE: CB South in the new CB Dental Building. Up to 2000 sf, shared lobby, parking. Attractive space with plenty of natural light. Coming this Fall. tom.walker@cbmp.com 303-862-1334. (7/17/30)

BEAUTIFUL RIVER VIEW: 550 sq.ft. office with private bathroom and designated parking at Riverland Professional Center. Available May. Call Scott 970-208-2281 or Kristi 970-209-2670. (7/3/24)

COMMERCIAL UNIT on Bellevue, private half bath, available now, \$600/month. Call Carolyn 970-349-6639. (7/3/14)

COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE on Elk Avenue. Several spots available - retail and office. Available now. Call for details 970-349-2773. (7/3/18)

FOR RENT: Office building at the 4-Way with over 2,000 square feet. Available now. Call Molly at 970-209-4234 for information. (7/3/20)

611 FOURTH STREET: Upstairs office/commercial space for rent. Call Mitch for details 970-349-5407. (7/3/14)

COMMERCIAL SHOP/STUDIO SPACE for rent in CB South on Elcho Ave. Available 5/1. 600 sq. ft for \$1500. Space has a front entry in a shared lobby with bathroom and back entry garage door. All dues/utilities included except internet. Call or email Rachael 970-596-6844, rachael@crestedbutteevents.com. (7/3/48)

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

COMMERCIAL: Light Industrial office space with garage, 1034 square feet, on the river in Riverland Industrial Park. \$1,450/month includes utilities. Please call 970-209-4094. (7/10/24)

TWO GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL SPACES available for lease in the Horseshoe Building, 5th and Bellevue. New construction, first class units, tall ceilings and lots of light. Good onsite parking. 829 and 772 square feet. One space for sale or lease 595 square feet. Available January 1, 2020. Inquiries to Bill at 209-1405 or bcoburn@coburndev.com. (7/3/55)

CORE LOCATION COMMERCIAL SPACES available for lease at 204 Elk Avenue. Ground floor, 1,300 sq.ft. retail space and a 2nd floor 466 sq.ft. professional office space. Call Channing Boucher of LIV Sothebys at 970-596-3228 for details. (8/14/36)

190SF OFFICE SPACE located on the 3rd floor of Silver Queen building located at 115 Elk Avenue. Available October 1st. Call Priscilla or Paddy at 970-349-7550 for details. (7/3/28)

SPACE FOR RENT: Two heated spaces available in Riverland Industrial Park. 125 lbs. per sq. ft. load. (no vehicles) 800 ft. for \$1,000/month & 1,500 ft. for \$1,700 month. Call 970-209-3564. (7/3/31)

PRIME OFFICES for rent in Whiterock Professional Building at 502 Whiterock. Available immediately. Ground floor, three units can be combined or rented separately. Call Heather at 970-497-0871. (7/3/27)

ADORABLE OFFICE in downtown Crested Butte with private entry. Private half-bath, updated interior, fenced in yard, with a deck that gets a lot of sun and off-street parking. \$850 + utilities. Heather: 970-209-8050. (7/3/32)

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: Nicest office building in the town of CB. 427 Bellevue. 283 sq.ft. for \$745/month includes heat, water, sewer. wonspeed@gmail.com. (7/3/25)

RETAIL/OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE in the Gunnison Meadows Mall next to City Market. Unit #722. GunnisonMeadows.com. Rent \$1,500/mo. + CAM. For more information, call Jordon Ringel, 817-733-6947. (7/3/27)

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE: Great location in newer commercial building, walking distance to Elk. 718 sq.ft. in the West Elk Building. \$2500/mo. Call or text 503-341-7507. (7/3/26)

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

OFFICE IN HORSESHOE BUILDING: 5th and Bellevue. Last space available in new building. Elevator access. 357 square feet. The office shares a 3rd floor deck facing Mt. Crested Butte. First Class unit, tall ceilings. Inquiries to Bill at 209-1405 or bcoburn@coburndev.com. (7/3/42)

ELK AVENUE RETAIL/OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE: Great location just off Elk, perfect for retail or real estate office. Two options: rent entire space: 735 sq.ft. for \$2174 or 550 sq.ft. retail space for \$1552. Internet included through November 2020. 970-497-0002. (7/3/40)

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BACK SUPPORT BELT FOR SALE: McGuire-Nicholas. Size small, like new, \$10. Call 970-275-8910. (7/3/pd/13)

MAZDA3 TOURING FOR SALE: Less than 8000 miles and transferable manufacturer's warranty with 14 months bumper to bumper. Like new condition, \$17,600. 646-207-1033. (7/3/23)

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ORTHOPEDIC FOLDING WEDGE PILLOW from Bed, Bath & Beyond. 10" tall x 12" wide, 16" folded, 31" extended; like new, very clean, \$35. Call 275-8910. (7/3/pd/24)

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2 PAIR WOMENS SKI PANTS: 1. Brand new black medium Helly Hansen women's insulated ski pants. Never worn, tags on \$90. 2. Blue Marmot women's small insulated ski pants, worn only a few times - like new \$65. 970-209-2978. (7/3/pd/38)

2005 SUBARU HEADS: Machined, 2.5L H4 VIN(6). \$500 for the pair obo. Call for pictures and info, 970-275-9294. (7/3/pd/19)

2015 RANGE ROVER EVOQUE PLUS: Grey/black interior, loaded, 51K miles, new tires, 4WD. 22K obo. Mt. CB 727-366-1818. (7/3/19)

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REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE on upper Bryant in CB South: 3 gently south-sloping lots with aspens and extraordinary views. \$375,000. Call Pete Nichols / ColdwellBanker Mountain Properties, 970-275-1176. (7/3/pd/25).

6 LOTS ON ELK AVE Zoned B4 residential and/or commercial, PUD ready. \$1,200,000. www.mitchellevans.com, Call Mitch 970-349-5407. (7/3/18).

NEW TBB 2,900SF CUSTOM HOME: \$733K, Buckhorn Ranch. Wood floors, KitchenAid, granite, 2 car garage. 970-765-7414. (7/10/16).

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Rental income property in Gunnison. Call for more information 970-209-1457. (7/3/14).

PAONIA COMMERCIAL: Downtown processing facility, cold storage locker, retail, kitchen & office \$349,000 MLS 759002. Remedy-Cafe/Cocktail bar - Business only \$72,000 MLS 759696. Retail/Restaurant \$325,000 MLS 768372. RESIDENTIAL Energy efficient home in town over 55 \$315,000 MLS 767330. LAND hobby farm on 3.9 acres irrigation and well \$249,000 MLS 764932. Town Commercial Lot with water \$119,800 MLS 767910. Patti Kaech, Broker Colorado Premier Partners Realty, 970-261-6267, ColoradoPremierPartners.com for more listings. (7/3/70).

LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION: For sale by owner. Condo in Mt. CB, Axtel Building #310, 12 Snowmass Rd. Closest property to main chair lift. 1BD/2BA, furnished, 2 fireplaces, 2 decks with unobstructed views of Mt. CB. Hot tub, newly refurbished outside & inside of property. Great rental opportunity. \$419,000. Call 719-338-7544. (7/3/50).

SKYLAND LOT FOR SALE: 9 Sage Court .52 acres for \$185,000 with panoramic mountain views. Call listing broker, Noelle Larson, Crested Butte Resort Real Estate. 970-366-2398. (7/3/26).

BUCKHORN LOT FOR SALE: Large lot with unobstructed mountain views .74 acres for \$194,000 on N. Avion D. Call listing broker, Noelle Larson, Local Buckhorn Specialist, Crested Butte Resort Real Estate. 970-366-2398. (7/3/32).

FOR SALE: Land on County Road 26. 35.11 acres with views of the Pinnacles and Blue Mesa. Has power to land and well. Call 970-275-9294 for more information. (7/3/pd/28).

EMPLOYMENT

PUBLIC HOUSE is looking to hire additional staff to join our team! Front of the House positions include: Servers, Bartenders and Host. Kitchen staff is seeking additional Line Cooks. FOH applicants please contact Sean at srohring@publichousecb.com. Kitchen please contact Ken at kfriedle@publichousecb.com. (7/3/44).

TOP TIER CONSTRUCTION is hiring roofers and roof laborers. No experience necessary. Will train. Competitive pay. 970-209-2918. (7/3/17).

EMPLOYMENT

THE HIGHLY RESPECTED and award winning King Systems - Crested Butte, Colorado office is looking to add new team members to our staff. Must enjoy all 4 seasons and be able to travel. Audio Video Technician: We're searching for a couple of full time Audio/Video Technicians to provide onsite installation services and support of basic to complex audio and video systems for our residential and commercial based clientele. These are entry level positions and you will be trained as necessary.

Skills/Qualifications: Applicants must possess a high level of integrity and be able to demonstrate excellent communication skills. Experience in the AV industry is preferred but not required. Construction experience is also considered a plus. Crestron and or Control4 experience is desired but not necessary. In order for you to be considered you must submit professional references and a resume. Must provide your own tools. Some specialty tools will be provided as needed. Must be able to provide identification and pass a criminal background check. A valid Driver's License is a requirement. Please submit resumes to nicci.moralez@kingsystemsllc.com. (7/3/17).

LINE/PREP COOKS | BARTENDERS | FOOD RUNNERS 9380 Tavern in the Elevation Hotel & Spa and on Mt. Crested Butte is looking to hire full time, seasonal restaurant positions. Benefits include a gym membership, and 25% off hotel services. Possible onsite housing available for the right candidates. Apply online at boxerproperty.com/jointheteam. (7/3/50).

KOCHEVAR'S needs experienced bartenders & door guys. 209-1971. (7/3/7).

ELEVEN IS SEEKING HOUSEKEEPERS for our Eleven properties in Crested Butte and Almont. This position is responsible for all cleaning throughout our properties. Solid teamwork and communication skills a must. Come join our dynamic and supportive team. Competitive compensation. The company has implemented strict PPE, social distancing and cleaning protocols in line with CDC, State and County regulations to assist in protecting employees and guests during this pandemic. Please submit cover letter and resume to jobs@elevenexperience.com. More information about our company can be found at elevenexperience.com. (7/3/87).

LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE is seeking a full time long term preschool teacher! This is a great opportunity for a full time year round job that is rewarding, fun and creative. Must have experience with young children and if not early childhood teacher qualified, must be willing to receive those credentials within 6 months of employment. Great pay and benefits. Contact Jessica with resume at lilredschoolhouse1@gmail.com. (7/3/66).

ICLEAN is looking for cleaners for the summer season. If interested, please call 970-331-2417. Pay DOE. Must be reliable, hard working and pass background check. (7/24/25).

EMPLOYMENT

THE DMWY is hiring both front and back of house! Looking for passionate individuals that want to grow in the hospitality industry. We deal with high quality ingredients and strive for innovation and creativity. Email resume to alpinemongers@gmail.com or text 512-970-3116 to set up an interview. (7/10/47).

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THE BOARD OF ZONING AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW has an opening for one board member. BOZAR meets at least once a month and members rotate on the Design Review Committee. Applicants must have lived in Town for at least one year. Knowledge in planning, architecture, construction, design or historic preservation is helpful. Crested Butte is a growing and dynamic community. Take this opportunity to help in shaping Crested Butte's future. Board members are compensated for their time and utilize the zoning code and Design Guidelines to help make their decisions. Pick up an application at the Town Hall in the Building Department or contact Molly Minneman or Jessie Earley at 970-349-5338, mollym@crestedbutte-co.gov, jearley@crestedbutte.co.gov. (7/17/114).

WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY'S ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT seeks a full time Campus Visit Coordinator/Marketing Associate. This position will research, plan and execute events and programs to create successful campus visit programs that effectively and efficiently supports all of our recruitment efforts. For more information or to apply, visit www.western.edu/jobs and use our online application. (7/3/54).

TEOCALI TAMALES is hiring line and prep cooks, register, prep and dishers for summer, maybe beyond. Great \$\$\$ and perks with an excellent crew. Text 970-596-4222 with questions or drop off resume. (7/3/31).

EMPLOYMENT

WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY invites applications for the full time position of Accounts Payable Analyst. The position reports to the Controller and is responsible for all accounts payable processing and analysis for Western Colorado University. Responsibilities: The AP Analyst reviews and processes all University accounts payable and employee reimbursements, including review for policy compliance. The AP Analyst creates, reviews, interprets, and applies University fiscal policies related to disbursements. The AP Analyst reviews payments and applies IRS rules to ensure compliance with IRS 1099 reporting requirements and assists with annual tax reporting (1099, W2, 1095, 1098-T). The AP Analyst educates campus members on purchasing policy and procedure and corresponds with campus members on policy questions and violations. The AP Analyst researches best practices in the accounts payable area, including internal controls, and implements process improvements for the accounts payable area. The AP Analyst also assists the accounting department with departmental transfers, journal entries, third-party billing, reconciliations, and other accounting projects. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree or significant experience, e.g. greater than six years, may be substituted for a bachelor's degree. Work experience requirement varies with education: Accounting degree, 0-2 years of related experience required; Other Bachelor's degree, 2-4 years of related experience required; No Bachelor's Degree (HS Diploma required), at least six years' related experience required. High attention to detail. Ability to create and interpret policy and procedure documents. Microsoft Office and Excel proficiency. Excellent customer service & communication skills. Ability to problem solve & think independently. Preferred Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in accounting. Process improvement experience. Knowledge of Adobe Acrobat Pro for form creation. Knowledge of IRS rules on 1099 reportable payments. Fund/governmental or Higher Education experience. Familiarity with Banner or other large enterprise resource planning (ERP) software.

Compensation: This is a full-time, twelve month position with an initial salary rate of \$40,000 per year. Position is eligible for an excellent benefits package including health and dental insurance plans with low co-pays and low out of pocket maximums, generous paid time off, a shared contribution retirement plan and tuition benefits. Application Procedure: Apply online at www.Western.edu/jobs. Required attachments for online application include letter of application addressed to Julie Baca, CFO, a resume, transcripts, and contact information for 3 professional references. Contact the search committee chair with position specific questions: jbaca@western.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until a successful candidate is hired. The start date for this position is as soon as possible after hire. Western is a residential, public university with an enrollment of 3000 students who come from across Colorado and all fifty states. Faculty members share a strong commitment to personalized education with the liberal arts as its core. They are student-oriented, collegial, energetic, and engaged in the campus and community. The curriculum provides flexibility where experiential learning and interdisciplinary approaches are valued. Western supports diversity, equity, and inclusivity of all types including ability (physical, mental), social class, racial/ethnic, linguistic, religion, sexual orientation, age, experience, gender, and cultural. Please see our diversity statement, and our DEI Committee charge. The University is located in Gunnison, Colorado, a rural community 200 miles southwest of Denver. At an elevation of 7,700 feet in the southern Rocky Mountains, the Gunnison Valley provides exceptional year-round outdoor recreational opportunities. Professionals have chosen Western because of the quality of life combined with rewarding careers. Visit <http://www.western.edu> to learn more about the university. Western Colorado University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and is committed to a diverse, equitable and inclusive campus. (7/10/581).

ID SCULPTURE, a leading innovator in the playground industry, is seeking to hire a new Driver / Logistics Manager. The ideal candidate for this position has a shipping and logistics background, CDL, computer literacy. Necessary job functions include: driving IDS commercial truck, supervising US DOT Compliance and booking 3rd party freight. ID Sculpture offers competitive pay and benefits including: PTO, healthcare and retirement. To apply for this unique opportunity, please provide a resumé, cover letter and references to info@idsculpture.com. (7/24/79).

TOAD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT is always looking for great people! We are currently seeking an experienced bookkeeper to handle accounts receivable, payable and general administrative duties. Please go to www.toadpropertymanagement.com/employment to submit your resume. (7/3/34).

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EMPLOYMENT

RETAIL SALES: Looking for year-round or seasonal help for weekends/evenings in a mountain lifestyle clothing store with awesome brands like Kuhl and Prana. Good customer service and attention to detail required. Please send resume to Betsy@cbmtnstore.com. (7/3/38).

CB NUGGET FACTORY is seeking highly motivated individuals for immediate work in the exciting world of weed. Job includes: trimming defoliating plants & cleaning grow rooms. Competitive compensation & fun place to work. MED card required. Please call Tom at 970-596-1862. (7/3/39).

CARPENTERS AND LABORERS NEEDED to work in CB. Please call 970-209-5486 or 970-209-4898. (7/17/13).

TIMBERLINE MECHANICAL CONTRACTING is looking for experienced Hydronic Heating technicians for Boiler Servicing, Troubleshooting and Heat Repair. Timberline offers top pay based on experience, with a benefit package. Fun work environment offering job security and advancement. Clean driving record a must. Contact Timberline Mechanical Contracting, Crested Butte, CO 970-349-5679 or email info@timberlinemech.com. (7/3/53).

ELEVEN EXPERIENCE is seeking licensed Massage Therapists for our Colorado properties. Qualified applicants must possess the training and experience to provide high-end massage and body treatments, yoga teacher certifications a plus. Ideal candidate has strong communication skills and attention to detail, the ability to uphold a premium standard of service and guest interaction, and can assist in promoting a supportive and cooperative team environment. Please submit a cover letter and resume to jobs@elevenexperience.com. The company has implemented strict PPE, social distancing and cleaning protocols inline with the CDC, State and County regulations to assist in protecting employees and guests. (7/3/100).

HIRING ALL POSITIONS for summer season. Contact Pitas in Paradise at pitashipadise@gmail.com. (7/10/13).

GUNNISON COUNTY COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Temporary Disaster Recovery Coordinator, Full-time, monthly salary starting at \$5,223 with a range of up to \$6,184 + benefits. The Disaster Recovery Coordinator will perform project and program management tasks and activities related to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. For more information, including a complete job description, required qualifications and application instructions, please visit <http://www.GunnisonCounty.org/Jobs>. (7/3/66).

EMPLOYMENT

STEPPING STONES CHILDREN'S CENTER is now hiring a full time teacher for our 2-3 year old classroom to begin the 2nd week in July. Explore the outdoors with children and help them discover the world around them. We are searching for an experienced caregiver who wants a career working with children with opportunities to grow into the field. Looking for strengths in leadership, patience, compassion, organization, problem solving skills and teamwork. Must be willing to work through the summer and all of 2020-21 school year. Pay and benefits based on experience and education. If you are interested in joining our talented team where we inspire children to be lifelong learners, please send a cover letter, resume and references to Jen Burks at steppingstonescb@gmail.com. No phone calls please. (7/3/128).

ACCOUNTING CLERK: Gunnison Savings and Loan Association is seeking applications from qualified individuals with strong customer service, communication skills, an understanding of basic accounting, and general computer knowledge to complete daily cash management, check reconciliation and administrative duties in the Gunnison Office. The successful applicant will demonstrate a strong work ethic, attention to detail, and an enthusiastic, positive attitude. Benefits include an enjoyable and friendly work environment, employer assisted health insurance, monthly health savings account contribution, 401-K retirement plan, paid vacation, and sick leave. Starting salary will depend on qualifications and experience. Please submit a Letter of Application and Resume with References to Cassie Brown, Controller, at cbrown@gunnisonsl.com. Equal Opportunity Employer. (7/3/191).

THE CLUB AT CRESTED BUTTE is seeking experienced cooks, servers and maintenance team members, and a bartender! Submit questions and interest to erin@clubatcrestedbutte.com. Learn more at www.theclubatcrestedbutte.com. (7/3/28).

THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE is looking for a Public Works Maintenance Worker/Heavy Equipment Operator to fill an open position. Qualifications: Colorado Commercial Drivers License (CDL) or ability to obtain one within thirty (30) days of date of employment. Experience driving loaders, rollers, backhoes and other heavy equipment required. This is a full time position with benefits. Starting pay is \$44,000 DOQ. Full job description is available on the Town's website at www.townofcrestedbutte.com. Please submit application via email to hfrench@crestedbutte-co.gov. First review of applications will be June 18th. Position is open until filled. The Town of Crested Butte is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (7/3/104).

WOODEN NICKEL BAR AND STEAK HOUSE: Positions available for Broiler/Line Cooks and Prep Cooks. Evening hours-full time and part time available. Please contact Chris, Kitchen Mgr, in person or call Eric or Chris at 970-349-6350 for information. (7/3/38).

EMPLOYMENT

THE MT. CRESTED BUTTE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT is accepting applications for a full-time Water Operator position to be part of a team environment focused on operation of the water treatment plant and distribution system for Mt. Crested Butte. Important qualifications include a combination of construction, field operations and electrical/mechanical/plumbing/maintenance repair. A State of Colorado Distribution and/or Water license or the ability to obtain such within one (1) year is mandatory (training for certifications provided). Operators are required to take on-call responsibility including select weekends and holidays. A valid Colorado driver's license is required. Starting salary is \$41,500 to \$48,500 for entry level. \$54,500 to \$70,100 salary available for operators with experience and appropriate state water licenses. Excellent benefits package including 100% employer paid premium family health, dental, and life insurance as well as season ski pass and employer contribution to retirement plan. Full job description is available at www.mcbwsd.com. Please submit cover letter and resume to Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District, PO Box 5740, Mt. Crested Butte, CO 81225 or email kkoelliker@mcbwsd.com. Position is open until filled. MCBWSD is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (7/3/45).

WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY'S ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT seeks a customer service oriented and dynamic full time Admissions Counselor. This position is a professional position that combines target marketing, admissions counseling and enrollment operations management. For more information or to apply, visit www.western.edu/jobs and use our online application. (7/3/46).

THE LAST STEEP BAR AND GRILL is hiring full or part time line cooks/prep cooks/dishwashers. Please call Sarah at 970-209-8469 if you are interested. (7/3/26).

ELEVEN EXPERIENCE is seeking a part-time cook for our summer season at Scarp Ridge Lodge located in Crested Butte, Colorado and Taylor River Lodge located in Almont, Colorado. The ideal candidate will possess previous culinary experience and have a strong passion for quality food and attention to detail. This is a seasonal position that has both morning and evening shifts available. The individual must have strong organization and communication skills and be able to adapt to an ever changing environment. The company has implemented strict PPE, social distancing and cleaning protocols in line with CDC, State and County regulations to assist in protecting employees and guests during this pandemic. Please submit your resume and cover letter to jobs@elevenexperience.com. More information about our company can be found at elevenexperience.com. (7/3/128).

EMPLOYMENT

RESTAURANT SHIFT LEADER The Elevation Hotel & Spa in Mt. Crested Butte, CO is hiring a full time, year round Restaurant Shift Leader. Benefits include health insurance, paid time off, gym membership and 25% off hotel services. Possible onsite housing available for the right candidates. Apply online at boxerproperty.com/jointheteam. (7/3/49).

CREEKSIDE SPA is now hiring estheticians for all shifts and massage therapists for evening 3-8 pm shifts and weekends. Join our team at this peaceful and professional spa. Email resume to info@crestedbuttespa.com or call 970-325-3860. (7/3/36).

ESTABLISHED STONE FABRICATION BUSINESS in Gunnison, Colorado is seeking an experienced and qualified fabricator. Flexible hours. Hourly pay varies depending on experience \$15-\$30. I would be willing to train if the right person came along. Contact Daren Morrison at 970-209-7004 or email morrisonstileandstone@gmail.com. (7/3/45).

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THE DOGWOOD is accepting applications for our Kitchen. This position will begin training mid-June. Pay is dependent upon experience and availability. Please email Drew Henry, cocktails@thedadogwoodcb.com. (7/3/27).

GUNNISON WATERSHED SCHOOL DISTRICT RE1J: See GWSD website for details, www.gunnisonschools.net. SPED EA: Collaborate with the service team to implement individual education plans. Support students in a variety of settings, provide direct instruction, and support positive student behavior and social skills. Provide clear behavioral expectations and follow-through on prescribed behavior plans. Assist as needed with instructional support of reading, writing, and math. Assist with care and instruction for students with significant support needs. Provide services related to bodily functions. Transport students as needed and work with transitioning students from one setting to another. Follow the daily lesson plans designed by the case manager.

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EMPLOYMENT

THE CRESTED BUTTE LAND TRUST is seeking an executive director to lead our local, accredited Land Trust. This is a full-time salaried position with benefits, reporting to the Board of Directors. The executive director will be responsible for all aspects of organization leadership and management of staff. Qualified candidates should have strong vision and strategic planning skills as well as possess the hands-on knowledge of land conservation. He/she should be an effective leader, an expert fundraiser, a skilled manager, and a strong communicator and writer. Candidate should have previous experience as a leader at a community-based non-profit. Resume and Letter of Interest must be submitted to cblandtrust@gmail.com by July 10, 2020. Please, no phone calls. (7/10/17).

ELEVEN IS SEEKING LODGE STAFF for our Crested Butte property, Scarp Ridge Lodge. Eleven Experience is an adventure travel company that provides comfortable lodging, seasonal food, and guided outdoor adventures. Our Lodge Staff are the foundation of the daily operation with responsibilities including fulfilling requests, shuttling guests, fine dining service and assisting in an array of other tasks that contribute to providing an exceptional guest experience. This position is a great way to gain hospitality experience on a creative, professional and hardworking team. Applicants must be dedicated team players who thrive in a fast-paced work environment and are eager to contribute to a growing company. This is a seasonal position starting as soon as possible. The company has implemented strict PPE, social distancing and cleaning protocols in line with CDC, State and County regulations to assist in protecting employees and guests during this pandemic. Learn more about Eleven at elevenexperience.com. Please send cover letter and resume to jobs@elevenexperience.com. (7/3/19).

THREE RIVERS SMOKEHOUSE in Almont seeks cooks, general kitchen help, servers and a bartender (day shifts). Fun, outdoor patio and bar, resort discounts, free rafting. Open through October 3rd. Inquire at operations@3riversresort.com or stop by 130 County Road 742, Almont. (7/3/41).

ID SCULPTURE, a leading innovator in the design and manufacture of playground equipment is seeking a full time CNC operator. Training will be provided. Competitive pay with opportunities for career development. To apply, please send a resume, cover letter and references to info@idsculpture.com with subject line "CNC Operator. (7/24/49).

FEMALE SPA RECEPTIONIST with chance to advance to Supervisor at Elevation Spa. We are looking for great communication skills, friendly personality and very responsible. Hourly + commission + included gym membership, discounted spa treatments & skin care education. Mark@elevationspa.com, 970-977-9233. (8/7/38).

EMPLOYMENT

ARE YOU A NIGHT OWL who likes to work independently? Do you like having your days free to enjoy the great outdoors? If you are a detail-oriented individual with customer service skills, you will love working as a Night Auditor at Crested Butte Mountain Resort. Duties include operating the front desk during the middle of the night and running daily reports along with additional responsibilities. Pay is competitive. Full-time year-round benefits included. Fill out an application at skicb.com/jobs. (7/3/79).

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ELEVEN EXPERIENCE is seeking a Hospitality Shift Manager. The Shift Manager is responsible for ensuring that meal service and lodge team operations run smoothly and contribute to a high quality, unique guest experience. The position requires a flexible schedule as shifts can be AM or PM based on property needs. Candidates must have hospitality experience and food and beverage experience is preferred. Seeking outgoing and assertive go-getters that thrive in fast-paced environments! The company has implemented strict PPE, social distancing and cleaning protocols in line with CDC, State and County regulations to assist in protecting employees and guests during this pandemic. Please submit your resume and cover letter to jobs@elevenexperience.com. More information about our company can be found at elevenexperience.com. (7/3/121).

ID SCULPTURE is seeking entry-level Concrete Laborers. Ideal candidates possess a positive attitude and desire to learn. Applicants must be able to repeatedly lift 80 lbs. for a portion of each day. Initially, responsibilities are to mix/move concrete and set-up for/clean-up after concrete spray operations. Compensation is \$14-\$18 per hour, depending on prior construction experience and/or aptitude. Retirement, health, and PTO benefits are available after 12-months. ID Sculpture is an equal opportunity employer. Drop off resume at 591 S. Boulevard St. or email info@idsculpture.com. (7/24/89).

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