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NEVER TOO EARLY: Future Olympian Ella Hallweaver works on her form while ice skating with her father, Curtis, on the pond in Crested Butte South. PHOTO BY ROBBY LLOYD

Application submitted for Taylor Dam hydropower

Making hundreds of local houses more green

[BY MARK REAMAN]

Tapping into “green” electricity generated from the dam up Taylor Canyon could happen as early as next year. The idea of a hydropower generation plant being installed at the Taylor Dam took a new step forward this week and could ultimately provide sustainable electricity for literally hundreds of local homes.

The Gunnison County Electric Association (GCEA) in conjunction with the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association (UVWUA) that owns water in the Taylor Reservoir has sent an official application to the federal government to construct such a facility. Meanwhile the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District (UGRWCD) is watching the progress and coordinating with the other entities to craft agreements that detail how the plant would operate.

The U.S. Department of the Interior published a notice in the Federal Register last September officially announcing a “notice of intent to accept proposals, select a lessee, and contract for hydroelectric power development at the Taylor Park Dam.” Written proposals are to be submitted by Friday, January 29, 2021. It was made clear that any proposal cannot interfere with current water uses. It is stated that lease negotiations with the Department of Reclamation could take up to two years while planning and construction could be up to another five years.

The GCEA and UVWUA sent a joint proposal on Tuesday, January 26 for such a hydro-electric project to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

GCEA chief executive officer Mike McBride explained that the electric co-op and UVWUA have a memorandum of understanding that was signed in February of 2020 “in which the two entities intend to create an LLC to own and operate the facility. An operating agreement for the LLC has been drafted by GCEA and presented to UVWUA but it has neither been finalized nor signed. An agreement with respect to certain operating conditions has also been drafted by UGRWCD and provided to both GCEA and UVWUA. The terms of that agreement have been accepted in principle, but that agreement has not been finalized or signed either.”

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School district covers Internet access for local families in need

\$15,000 grant for hot spots and home Internet

[BY KENDRA WALKER]

The Gunnison Watershed School District has been awarded \$15,000 through the state’s Connecting Colorado Students grant program to support Internet access needs across the district.

The school district plans to prioritize the funds for students and families in need of Internet, and will provide them the option to either sign up for a district-issued hot spot or home Internet.

Last spring, the district started providing hot spots for families in need of reliable Internet during the pandemic shutdown. “Katie Gallagher (district technology integration specialist) gets the credit for getting the grant,” said district superintendent Leslie Nichols. “This grant will allow us to continue that hot spot program through the end of this school year.”

Currently, the district has checked out approximately 60 hot spots, and Nichols estimates there may be about 50-100 more families that could use more reliable home-based Internet.

“The Gunnison students are so spread out throughout the valley, and the cell service can be unreliable in CB South that we know there are families and staff that could use hot spots or Internet,” said Nichols. “We’re trying to identify families who have inadequate or no home Internet-based service, as well as try to find the families who can’t use hot spots because they have no cell service.”

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Town council putting post office issues front and center

Time to move it?

[BY MARK REAMAN]

While understanding that the individuals who work at the local Crested Butte post office are doing the best job possible under increasingly difficult circumstances, the Crested Butte Town Council is frustrated and wants to address several P.O. concerns ranging from its mid-town location to its efficiency during busy times like the holidays. The council plans to reach out to elected officials including U.S. senator Michael Bennet to see if any mitigation can be accomplished since local and regional efforts to communicate with post office officials have not been heeded. They also plan to contact the owner of the post office building to see if perhaps an alternative to that location is possible.

Town manager Dara MacDonald informed the council that post office frustration is not uncommon in ski towns similar to Crested Butte. She said that practices vary in different areas and in places like Breckenridge or Frisco for example, residents do not have to pay for a small post office box like they do here. “We have been told that is not an option for Crested Butte,” she reported at the January 19 Town Council meeting.

“The whole post office situation here has been a long-standing frustration,” MacDonald admitted. “Whether it is not having home delivery, paying for a P.O. box, the time it takes to pick up a package during the holidays, or the busyness it encourages given its location, along with the fact so many people living between Crested Butte South and Mt. Crested Butte have a box there, the post office is on a lot of people’s radars. It is exacerbated with things like online sales from Amazon since many times those packages are delivered to the post office.”

Council member Mallika Magner has several times expressed frustration with the local post office. “It showed a complete lack of concern for our community when they didn’t even try to go after the free air filtration systems the county was offering as a result of the COVID pandemic,” Magner said. “The lines at the post office are not just during December. They now start in September. It is a quality of life issue for people living in town. We used to have much more responsive people in charge but recently the responses have been lackadaisical. I’d really like to not take ‘no’ for an answer when it comes to our concerns. It is worth putting the effort into.”



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Profile: Shamai Buckle



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High School Sports

[Overheard]

“With those big lines last Saturday, it was a dream day on the mountain for the people that want this to feel like Vail.”



PHOTO BY ROBBY LLOYD

Just ask Q—it's all tied together

It's hard to focus on a local issue when you have QAnon believers distraught and spewing on social media that Joe and Kamala's inauguration didn't go like they expected last week. Many honestly expected the "storm" to materialize that would be led by Donald's secret army and end with most national politicians being executed on the spot for treason and eating babies while worshipping Satan. Seriously. It didn't happen. Seriously. But for Q believers all is apparently not lost, as they now have their eyes set on March 4 as the next trigger date when all will be right with their world.

In the meantime, here at 9,000 feet we are trying to figure out if cars will be able to drive both ways on Elk Avenue this summer or just west. We are starting to wonder if people not living in CB's one square mile should be marginalized for having a post office box in town. And we are looking at a half dozen significant affordable housing projects in and around Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte.

Based on feedback so far I'd bet the house that cars will be driving only one way up Elk Avenue this summer. I'd bet the bank account (which wouldn't be a big loss, by the way) that you won't be driving east on Elk between June and September. Last summer's program—put in place to help businesses that were suddenly not allowed to have regular indoor capacity—was deemed a success. Downtown Crested Butte had a sense of vibrancy as the more-than-expected crowds clamored to sit outside and eat and drink and shop. It started out looking a bit like a Tijuana flea market but got a bit more polished as summer continued. My guess is that there will be more polish and less flea market imposed in 2021, but listening to feedback being gathered by the town's planning department makes it clear that not everyone, but most people, want to try the festive look again this summer whether coronavirus restrictions are in place or not. The council will review a recommendation in March and then make a decision.

The Crested Butte Town Council is having some heartburn over the congestion at the Crested Butte post office and wants to fix it. Located in the dead center of Elk Avenue, the post office hasn't changed in size for decades but the number of people who now live here has. Lines are normal any day of the week any time of the year—but the lines around the holiday package season feel like a powder day at the East River ski lift. While the location was originally seen as a benefit to bring people downtown to spend a few bucks, the post office now is perceived as a clot in the town's artery as people take up parking, block

the sidewalks and generally over-congregate during COVID. The council is investigating ways to move the P.O. and even mentioned that people not living in town perhaps shouldn't get a box. None of this of course is under their jurisdiction but they are seeing another impact of quick growth on their quality of life and they want to do something about it.

Affordable housing projects are not simple and they are not cheap. But the priority is there from both government and business leaders so there will be movement coming on additional major projects in the north end of the valley. This next year will probably involve more planning than actual building but a template can be established to set the board for real continued workforce housing progress. The key to keep in mind is not how to just get units on the ground, but just as important, to see how those six projects interface with one another while not forgetting to take into consideration the real world impacts that come with them. Bringing hundreds if not thousands of new people to live in the upper valley means there will be major impacts on traffic, recreation, parking, the school—and the post office and Elk Avenue. I know there is an effort to try to have the various government representatives regularly communicate about their individual projects but I'm not seeing much concrete discussion about how to line them out in a smart and effective manner. It is important to do something to increase affordable housing opportunities but it is important to also look at the big picture. Coming up with a comprehensive growth plan where an idea like perhaps using the Brush Creek parcel for a new school expansion and fields to service new community members makes some sense.

As we move ahead with important local issues, the need for a consistent picture of overall impacts is imperative. As we grow quickly in our end-of-the-road valley, everything we do matters to everything else. Nothing happens in a bubble and so while planning downtown traffic patterns, potentially moving the location of the post office or developing large affordable housing projects is important, they are tied together and need to be considered as such if we want to maintain what it is we love about the place.

Of course it might not matter much. Maybe we just listen to Q and wait until after the baby eaters are taken away in a storm on March 4 and see what is left of the world before spending a lot of time on planning...

—Mark Reaman

LETTERS

Gunnison County on top of vaccine distribution

Dear Mark,
Hats off to the staff and volunteers at the Gunnison County Health and Human Services vaccination clinic at the Fred Field Center. My wife and I both had our names pulled in the random drawing and we received our first shot last week. The process of

getting the shot was quick, easy and painless. They were very well organized. They kept the traffic flowing, and every volunteer and staff person we encountered was friendly and happy to help.

I have spoken with people in other parts of the state and country who have had entirely

different experiences; even needing to wait up to three hours once they arrived for their vaccination. Thanks to all those workers here in Gunnison County who are helping to make our experience here a pleasant one.

Karey Low

Weather Report

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DATE	1/20	1/21	1/22	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26
HIGH	29	24	32	28	28	25	25
LOW	-6	10	17	19	-6	-5	-13
PRECIP	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
SNOW	0.2	0.6	0.4	3.0	1.9	2.1	1.0

WORLD NEWS

WORLD

Skier chased by bear at Romanian resort

A man riding the chairlift at a Romanian skiing resort captured video of the tense moment of a fellow skier being chased by a bear on a slope at the Predeal ski resort over the weekend. Chairlift riders alerted the skier to the pursuit, and the skier threw his backpack on the ground, which succeeded in distracting the bear for long enough to allow the man to escape. Police spokesman Ion Zaharia said three emergency calls came in about the bear being spotted in various locations at the resort Saturday. Zaharia said the bear fled into the woods when police arrived in all-terrain vehicles, but authorities are considering having the bear relocated to avoid future confrontations on the slopes. —information compiled from UPI

NATION

Scowling Bernie Sanders happy his mittened meme may raise millions for charity

U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders, the famed curmudgeon photographed at President Joe Biden's inauguration wearing mittens and a scowl behind his facemask in an image that instantly became a meme, said on Sunday he was happy it may help raise millions for charity. The viral meme depicts everything from Sanders' mittens touching Michelangelo's Hand of God in the Sistine Chapel, to the Vermont Democrat helping actor Demi Moore mold clay at the pottery wheel from the film *Ghost*. When asked by CNN, he said he was overjoyed that he could be turned into gold for needy Americans. "Not only are we having fun but what we are doing here in Vermont is we're going to be selling around the country sweatshirts and T-shirts, and all of the money that's going to be raised – which I expect will be a couple of million dollars – will be going to programs like 'Meals on Wheels,' that feed low-income senior citizens." —information compiled from Reuters

COVID-19 has reached every U.S. county

COVID-19 appears to have reached every county in the U.S. throughout the course of 2020, according to an analysis from *The Wall Street Journal* released on Friday. The last known county impacted by the virus was an isolated Hawaii enclave that was established more than a century ago for patients with leprosy, now known as Hansen's disease. In early December, Hawaii health officials reported the first and only known positive case of COVID-19 in an adult resident of the Kalaupapa Settlement in Kalawao County on the island of Molokai. The resident tested positive after returning on a local flight, ending the county's run as a virus-free location. However, the individual and all recent close contacts immediately went into self-isolation and no one else has reported any symptoms. —information compiled from The Hill

STATE

Boebert sets off widespread roar of criticism

Newly elected Republican for Colorado's 3rd Congressional District Lauren Boebert, a high school dropout with a history of minor run-ins with the law, has used her beginnings in office to cement her far-right and extremist credentials while also setting off a widespread roar of criticism that includes calls and petitions for her resignation, her expulsion from Congress and her prosecution for alleged "sedition" connected to the riots at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. Critics now include fellow congressional representatives — including Republicans — and Democratic elected officials throughout the 3rd District. Nearly 70 elected officials in her district have sent a letter to congressional leaders asking for an investigation of Boebert's alleged ties to white supremacist groups. —information compiled from The Colorado Sun

—information compiled by Kendra Walker

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A FAMILIAR SCENE TO ALL CB PARENTS: A little kid needed a mitten fix before playing in the fresh snow that finally fell over the weekend.
PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

Stay aware of winter trail rules in the area

Dear Editor,

We'd like to remind our community that during the winter season, the Lower Loop and Woods Walk are "closed" to summer uses and the winter access is slightly different. CB Nordic operates under Use Agreements with the Town of Crested Butte and the Crested Butte Land Trust to provide groomed winter trails in both of these areas. Trail passes are required, and these fees help support grooming costs. All of these trails pass through private property, so we ask that you do not blaze your own winter trail in this vicinity.

The Red Lady Loops winter trails replace the Woods Walk in the winter. Skis or snowshoes, and a trail pass, are required as soon as grooming operations begin. Dogs and walking are no longer allowed on these groomed trails during the winter months.

The Lower Loop and Budd Trail are replaced by a number of groomed trails that do not overlay the Lower Loop in any way. Skis or snowshoes, and a trail pass, are required as soon as grooming operations begin. Dogs with passes are allowed on designated trails.

We understand that it can be disappointing to temporarily lose access to your favorite trails, so CB Nordic tries to keep trail passes affordable for all. However, if you would prefer totally free trails, there are a number of places you can walk with your furry friends: CB Nordic grooms Town Ranch and the Rec Path,

while CBMBA grooms Teddy's Trail, Gothic Road and Cement Creek, and all these groomed trails are free! Ungroomed options are nearly endless: the Slate River TH, Washington Gulch, Brush Creek and Snodgrass provide fantastic options. If you would like to blaze your own trail on skis or snowshoes, please head to one of these drainages and make sure you're on public lands before setting your own trail. The CBGTrails app is our valley's best resource for winter trails, rules and regulations. And always check the CB Avalanche Center for current conditions in the backcountry.

Which reminds us of two important reasons not to blaze your own trail near town in the winter: 1) You might be venturing into avalanche terrain. Many folks aren't aware of the risks in these well-known areas. And 2) you are probably trespassing. Many folks don't understand the extent of private property around town and the lengths we go to in order to maintain public access.

Please don't put this at risk- if you want to utilize the CB Nordic Trail system, please get a pass and follow all rules and regulations. If you would like to access free trails, please utilize the above resources, or head to your public lands!

Thank you,
Christie Hicks, Crested Butte Nordic
Jake Jones, Crested Butte Land Trust
Janna Hansen, Town of Crested Butte

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ICING: A group of kids decided to take a cool-down during a recent, grueling mini mites practice.

PHOTO BY ROBBY LLOYD

Appreciative of the community character

Aloha Crested Butte,
We'd like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone in the extended Crested Butte "CommUnity" who graciously stepped up to provide urgently needed support to our displaced renters after the late December fire on Highway 135 that destroyed the tenants' and our home. The fire was rapid, immense, horrific. However, the shining way our CommUnity responded to this inferno has cast an entirely different light on the outcome.

We THANK YOU all for the substantial donations of time, food, clothing, housing, furnishings, phones, gift cards, food and meal trains and other necessities. THANK YOU to all the many caring business people and Oh Be Joyful church in providing a myriad of immediate assistance measures. THANK YOU for the unforeseeably generous financial support, helping Mike, Gavin,

Eric, Harlan and Regina and John's family to get back on their feet. We are humbled and awestruck...these actions speak more eloquently than any words to depict the depth of your caring and willingness to come together. Such is the increasingly rare heart-driven character of this fine CommUnity.

Although a pile of charred debris is all that now remains, George takes great pride in having provided more than 37 years of comfortable, affordable and fun Tortuga-style housing at the base of majestic Whetstone Mountain for literally hundreds of wonderful renter souls. Even greater pride is felt for the CommUnity that we all have called our home, and blessed that daughters Vesper and Jovielle who grew up in this house remain close to Crested Butte. For where else would such an outpouring of KINDNESS

like this ever take place? We consider ourselves blessed to have been front row to this expression of warmth at CB's heart, despite whatever inconvenience has occurred.

We would also like to show appreciation to all the many kind, diligent relief organizers and coordinators who've given substantial hours: Stephanie Dietrich, Elina Smith, Mark Provenzale, Glo Cunningham, Tracy Hastings, Katie Johnston, Spencer and Korrie Armstrong, Earle O'Hagan, Keiran King and Atlas, as well as numerous other unnamed providers and wonderful volunteers who helped in various ways. Our love and best wishes to Gavin, Mike, Eric, Harlan, and Regina and John and family. May the Light of the CB CommUnity continue to shine brightly.

Great Big Love to All.

George and Eileen Gers

Putting the community into the community school

Dear Mark:

As first semester comes to a close at the Crested Butte Community School, I wanted to take a moment to give thanks for our remarkable community. First, I am so thankful to our school and district administration for their efforts to keep school in session in person this fall. Last summer I couldn't imagine how to effectively shepherd the seniors through the college application process remotely, but luckily, we didn't have to develop such a system! Instead, we are wrapping up applications, and the offers of admissions are rolling in. It's an exciting time to be a senior!

Along the way, we had tons of help from knowledgeable and generous community members. In September, Kristy Acuff, Charlotte Camp, Sandy Fails, Brooke Harless MacMillan, Talley Nichols and Shelley Read volunteered time and writing expertise to assist seniors with college essays.

In December, the following conducted mock interviews with seniors: Autumn Brown, Alison Butcher, Caren Carroll, Jane Chaney, Lis Collins, Bob Colvey, Lisa D'Arrigo, Maggie Dethloff, Molly Eldridge, Sandy Fails, Heidi Hahn, Rhonda Harness, Christy Hasz, Sarah Hartigan, Gary Huresky, Veronica Jarolimek, Tina Kempin, Erin Rottman, Charlie Tomlinson, MJ Vosburg, Joel Vosburg, Sara Wynes and

Lucy Zavala. Many of these folks have participated in the senior interview project for years, and they proved to be flexible and accommodating as we transitioned the project to Zoom.

In January, we welcomed the New Year with Shelley Read, who shared insight about successfully transitioning from high school to college. And finally, Mark Trautman spent countless hours to prepare and deliver a specially designed financial literacy curriculum including information about tracking expenses and net worth, investing and the power of compounding interest, understanding credit, managing risk and filing taxes. He delivered 12 hour-long live presentations, pre-recorded six sessions for absent students, created detailed slideshows and handouts and donated nine books to students. Mark's dedication is impressive, and I can't thank him enough for teaching the seniors about future financial responsibilities.

All of the above community members have helped to prepare the seniors for life after high school. I am deeply grateful for their time, enthusiasm and expertise. To quote Stephanie Niemi, these contributions put the "community" into our community school.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Read, School Counselor

The Sun

The Earth weeps
While the Sun shines its Light and Love
Down upon us.

It weeps not because
Its ice is melting,
Or its forests are burning,
Or its animals are dying.

It weeps for Us
And this path We are on.

When will We remember
That real power
Comes from giving
And not taking.

That real wealth
Is knowing when
You have enough.

If I was the Earth
I would shake all this greed,

All this hate,
Off my back.
I would start over.
If only I had patience
And compassion like the Earth

Maybe then I could witness
The slow march of human evolution.
Maybe, I would understand.

Spinning through our galaxy
Perched in the heavens
Like The Great Observer

The Sun
Continues to shine its Light and Love...

That's a good thing,
For I am weeping too.

—Keith Bauer

I feel your pain...

Dear editor,

I went out to fill up my gas tank and get a gallon of milk this weekend. A gallon of regular gas at the Gas Café was \$2.75 and a gallon of Horizon milk at Clark's was \$7.95. My first thought was, "How did these prices get so high?" My second thought was, "How does a worker earning \$15 an hour afford these necessities?"

Since November 3, commodities and the value of the American dollar have taken opposite paths.

- Cotton up 13% - clothing.
- Copper up 14% - housing, schools, electric vehicles.
- Lumber up 22% (up 75% the past three months) - housing, paper.
- Corn up 18% - chicken, beef, your favorite sour mash bourbon.
- Soybeans up 19% - tofu, animal feed, soy milk.
- Platinum up 22% - catalytic converters, medical equipment.
- Oil up 47% - gasoline, electric generation (think rolling blackouts), plastics, asphalt, airline tickets.
- Heating oil up 30% - 5.5 million U.S. households heat with heating oil.
- U.S. dollar down 4% (note: \$1 in 2021 buys half of what it bought in 2000).
- British pound up 6%.
- Swiss franc up 3%.
- What do all the above numbers mean? The average U.S. wage earner is getting whacked paying more for groceries and building products, travel and heating the home. On

the world stage, our dollar buys less. A U.K. worker can buy 10 percent more of goods and services than U.S. wage earners.

The 43% price increase for oil was priced into the marketplace BEFORE this week's Executive Orders placing a moratorium on oil leases on federal lands (25% of U.S. production) and cancellation of the XL Pipeline. Stop fracking and shale oil production in the Dakotas, Pennsylvania and Ohio? We will be looking at \$5-6 per gallon minimum for gasoline. These costs will be rolled into all the products and services we buy. Think 1-2% inflation is bad? You are looking at 3-5%+ annually.

So you're going to buy a \$35,000+ Tesla to save on the increasing fuel costs? Mayor Pete, the new head of Transportation, is proposing to implement a tax per mile driven that is tied to increases in inflation. Start shell-ing out 5 to 10 cents per mile for your trip to Denver no matter if your vehicle is electric or gas. Double that when Colorado implements the same to compensate for the loss in state tax at the pump.

Solution? Own assets that appreciate with inflation. Stocks, commodities or a business that can pass on price increases to your customers. But a word of warning, U.S. Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon, the top Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, wants to apply income taxes to the annual appreciation of assets, even if investors don't sell their holdings. So to all those trust fund

owners or anyone saving money for the future, your income tax may be going up as your investments make money.

Conclusion: INFLATION IS THE CRUELEST TAX FOR LOW INCOME EARNERS. For those of you who earn an hourly wage and don't own assets? I really feel your pain.

Note: The above information was referenced from the *Wall Street Journal* and prices from charts of exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

Neil Watko - Gunnison County


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VACATION SNAPSHOT: A family stopped for a quick family portrait on Elk Avenue to help capture a slice of their time in this unique little mountain town. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

MOUNTAIN mischief

BY THE MT. CRESTED BUTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1/17/21 A Colorado man was ticketed for driving 74 mph in a posted 55 mph zone on Highway 135. A second Colorado man was ticketed for driving 75 mph in a posted 55 mph zone on Highway 135.

1/19/21 Officers responded to the intersection of Highway 135 and Cement Creek Road for a two-vehicle collision, involving a modified ambulance being converted to a camper (the Whambulance) and a septic truck. Only minor injuries were reported, however, both vehicles sustained heavy damage.

1/22/21 An Oregon female and a Colorado male were ticketed for failing to stop at a stop sign in Mt. Crested Butte.

A Texas female was also ticketed for speeding, 42 mph in a posted 30 mph zone, on Gothic Road in Mt. Crested Butte. Two additional men were ticketed for speeding on Highway 135, and

a female was also ticketed for speeding on Gothic Road near the intersection of Slate River Road.

1/23/21 A dog at large, in combination with poor weather conditions, caused heavy traffic issues on Gothic Road in Mt. Crested Butte. The dog's owner was eventually able to catch the dog with assistance from officers.

1/23/21 A Colorado man was issued a summons into Court for speeding, 85 mph in a posted 55 mph zone on Highway 135, during poor weather conditions.

1/23/21 Officers responded to the intersection of Snowmass Road and Gothic Road, for the report of a two-vehicle non-injury accident. Snow, ice and driving too fast for conditions contributed to the accident.

The Mt. Crested Butte Police Department has received numerous reports of unemployment fraud and identity theft.

Mt. Crested Butte narrows down town manager candidates

Four applicants under consideration

[BY KENDRA WALKER]

Over the last several months, the Mt. Crested Butte town council has been in search of a new town manager to help guide the town's future, and this week narrowed down the pool of applicants and interviewed four potential candi-

dates for the job.

The candidates interviewed this week by the town council include Mt. Crested Butte's current interim town manager and community development director Carlos Velado; Jason Dennison, from Fort Collins; Ed Cannon from Wellington; Isa Reeb from Denver.

Last September, Joe Fitzpatrick retired after 16 years as town manager for Mt. Crested Butte. Following his departure, Velado took over the role as interim town manager and has put his hat in the running for


the permanent position.

The town posted the job announcement in October, which includes a starting salary of \$110,000-130,000 and the possibility of housing as part of the town's Employer-assisted Housing Benefit Program.

Following this week's interviews the town council plans to announce the finalist candidates at the next town council meeting on Tuesday, February 2. The council also hopes to conduct town site visits with each finalist before deciding on the hire.

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ART WALK: Local art galleries stayed open a bit later than usual on MLK weekend for the second winter Art Walk that happened on Saturday, January 16. The next Art Walk will be on Saturday, February 13.
PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

Rider fell off Red Lady Express chairlift in early January

Scant details released but no major injury reported

[BY MARK REAMAN]

While few details are being released, Crested Butte Mountain Resort did confirm that a person riding the Red Lady Express chairlift fell off the lift on January 2.

The *Crested Butte News* received an email January 6 asking about the accident. "A boarder fell some 35-40 feet onto the groomer at the top of Red Lady lift on 1/2/2021. I don't know much more than that, but there was definitely blood on the snow," the email stated.

The *News* reached out to CBMR senior communications specialist Will Shoemaker about the incident. He replied by email that,

"Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR) confirms that on Saturday, Jan. 2 CBMR Ski Patrol responded to a report that a 20-year-old male fell from the Red Lady Express lift. The guest was transported to Gunnison Valley Hospital."

When asked for more details about the incident, Shoemaker said he was not at liberty to provide any more details.

The Mt. Crested Butte police department reported that they were not informed of any such accident that occurred on the Red Lady Lift.

Gunnison Valley Hospital spokesperson Kylie Murgatroyd said GVH could not release information under HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) regulations.

The U.S. Forest Service re-

sponded on January 25 to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed by the *News* on January 11. The Forest Service responded that medical situations and personal privacy were protected information. "We have determined that the release of the personal information that has been redacted from the enclosed documents would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy for the individual; therefore, this information is being withheld..." the Forest Service letter stated.

The response did include a basic incident report with redactions. The USFS report added only that the male in his 20's "fell from the chairlift between towers 18 and 19. No severe injuries. The safety bar was not down. The Tramway Board was notified."

Brodie hearing continued again

Now in custody; hearing February 23

[BY KATHERINE NETTLES]

A man charged with harassment and making racial slurs last summer has once again had his plea hearing in Gunnison County Court continued due to misconduct in the courtroom. Adam Brodie, age 41, appeared in person before Gunnison County Court Judge Ashley Burgemeister on January 26, having previously been expelled from a virtual courtroom on January 12 for making repeated interruptions and swearing at the judge. He had been deemed under the influence of alcohol at that time and ordered to appear in person at the next hearing, without any influence of alcohol or other substances.

Brodie was originally charged with a misdemeanor for Harassment with the Intent to Harass Because of Race on August 8, 2020 after an altercation with two others on the 100 block of Elk Avenue. When Brodie appeared in person on Tuesday his blood alcohol level test showed 0.044, and the court could not go forward with the plea and sentence hearing.

Judge Burgemeister addressed him, stating that he was to be taken into custody for his previous actions and his violation of the protective orders.

"I've never had someone so disrespectful in my courtroom," she told him of his January 12 behavior. "If you had been in this actual courtroom, I would have had you arrested then. If you had been down the street, I would have issued an order to the Sheriff's office to have you arrested. It is only because you were out of my jurisdiction that I did not...and I specifically warned you that you were not to drink today," she said.

"I didn't drink today, it must be leftover from yesterday," replied Brodie.

Brodie was taken into custody with bond set at \$1,500, and Judge Burgemeister continued the hearing to February 23 at 10:30 a.m. If he doesn't register a 0.00 blood alcohol level at his next appearance, Judge Burgemeister warned Brodie she will hold him in contempt of court.

Brodie's attorney, Christopher Muchulsky, had also made a motion to withdrawal from the case, and Brodie had no objection. The court will appoint a new public defender.

BRIEFS crested butte

BY MARK REAMAN

Deep dive into downtown parking

Crested Butte town staff conducted the first of two comprehensive parking counts in downtown CB over the MLK holiday weekend. The second such count will take place in July. The three-day, 12-hour vehicle count will tally the number of vehicles using public parking spaces along Elk Avenue, Sopris and Maroon Avenues, and the public parking lots including the one at the Visitors Center between

8 a.m. and 8 p.m. The count will also document the length of time cars are parked along Elk Avenue and Third Street between Maroon and Sopris.

The town planning department will be sharing the preliminary results, as well as the results from the parking study developed a few years ago at next week's council work session. That will likely lead to a discussion about potential management solutions.

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BOCC makes appointments to variety of county board seats

Adds seat for Met Rec to STOR; one additional seat for planning commission in February

[BY KATHERINE NETTLES]

County commissioners made several appointments to county boards and commissions on Tuesday, January 26 following interviews they conducted last week on January 19. Several boards had more applicants than positions available, and commissioners encouraged those who did not get appointments this time around to stay engaged and consider reapplying in the future. Board member choices such as a Tourism and Prosperity Partnership (TAPP) seat that had more applicants than positions available came harder for the commissioners than others, and a surprise additional vacancy to the planning commission delayed part of that appointment process until next month.

Commissioners appointed Pam Montgomery and David Baumgarten to the Library District Board. Commissioners suggested that the two other applicants, Micah Russell and Heather Hughes both have programming skills that might be helpful down the road, making them potential additions to that board in the future. Susan Wyman was appointed to the Extension Advisory Committee, with Melody Roper and John Mugglestone re-appointed. Glo Cunningham was re-appointed to the Land Preservation board, and Steve Otero was reappointed to the Veteran Services board. LeeAnn Mick was reappointed to the Historic Preservation board, with three additional north valley appointees: Shelly Popke, David Russell and Heather Thiessen-Reily.

TAPP

Wynn Williams and Bill Ronai were appointed to the two TAPP board openings. After last week's interviews, all were in agreement that Williams was an asset based on his past experience on the board, especially since one open seat was being vacated by the board's chair.

"Wynn's been a steady hand on the wheel, and at the ICeLab," said commissioner Jonathan Houck. He also said the two candidates would bring balance across the valley as a whole. "Different people want different things from TAPP," said Houck. "I see both Wynn and Bill stepping up to balance all those pulls in different directions."

Commissioner Liz Smith commented that Ronai's experience as a CFO would provide strong financial oversight, the need for which has been the subject of many conversations regarding TAPP in recent years.

"I believe that trying to keep these as apolitical as possible just gives additional credibility to the position," commented commissioner Roland

Mason, whose votes for Williams and Ronai were ultimately carried by all.

Former county commissioner candidate Dave Taylor and Mt. Crested Butte town council member Roman Kolodziej had also applied.

One of the reasons Kolodziej had applied was to have more representation from Mt. CB on the board. The Mt. CB town council has expressed concern that there is not enough representation and say from the the towns of CB and Mt. CB regarding TAPP's strategy and budget.

Taylor had openly criticized TAPP during his campaign for county commissioner last fall. Mason said the financial critiques that Taylor brought up could be helpful, but affected "the good faith of people coming on the board."

Smith agreed. "When I hear people saying that things are wrong despite the evidence...and when you look at what TAPP has done for Gunnison County, that success is undeniable," she said.

Houck said that Taylor's suggestions to establish mechanisms to audit and monitor TAPP are already in place, and Taylor's suggestions to defund certain aspects were overly simplistic. "Those are simple answers to very complex things that TAPP has to contemplate," he said.

The two TAPP board members who joined commissioners in the appointment process, Gary Pierson and Kelley Baer, were initially leaning in favor of Kolodziej.

Pierson is Dean of students at Western Colorado University (WCU) and represents WCU on the TAPP board, and Baer is director of sales at Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR) and represents CBMR on the board.

Baer said she agreed with appointing Williams to retain the knowledge he brings, since "coming out of COVID we know that things are going to be different," she said. "What I sort of took away from this was Roman asked some really great questions," she said, and was leaning toward him for the other spot.

Pierson said Ronai was his top choice. "I think he brings a different skill set and different set of eyes to the table." But he struggled with choice between Kolodziej and Williams. "I saw a kinder, gentler Roman than I've seen in the past," he said of Kolodziej's interview and approach. Pierson said he also thinks more Mt. Crested Butte representation is important, but he did understand the commissioners' perspective as well.

STOR Committee

All standing seats on the Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (STOR) committee were reappointed: Jellen Fonken representing the

Upper Gunnison River Water District; Steve Guerrieri representing the Stock Growers Association, Roman Kolodziej representing Mt. Crested Butte; Mark Voegeli for CBMR; Brandon Diamond representing Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Matt McCombs representing the US Forest Service Gunnison Ranger District; and John Norton representing TAPP. Mallory Logan for the city of Gunnison and Mona Merrill for the town of Crested Butte were also reappointed pending their formal applications.

There were three additional at-large openings, which went to Jake Jones with the Crested Butte Land Trust, Tim Kugler with Gunnison Trails and Hannah Cranor, who is vice-president of the Stock growers Association.

As they discussed last week during an interview with Hedda Peterson of the Gunnison County Met Rec district, commissioners voted unanimously to amend the STOR charter to include an additional dedicated seat for Met Rec. They then appointed Peterson for that seat, noting that Met Rec's recent deBrucing and restructuring would align well with STOR goals. Meanwhile, the Met Rec board voted at a board meeting last week to allocate \$70,000 to the STOR committee.

Planning commission

At the time of the Planning Commission interviews last week, there were three regular openings and two alternates. Since then, board member AJ Cattles announced he was resigning due to a busy schedule and some significant projects coming online. So with an additional open seat, commissioners decided to reappoint Vince Rogalski and appoint two previous alternates, Andy Sovick and Scott Cox, to become regular members, and reopen the process for one more regular board appointment and two alternates. Interviews will be held early next month, and appointments will follow. Those who applied as new members will still be considered, and new applicants are also welcomed.

"We've got a lot of good applicants but we've got a whole different scenario than we did," explained Houck. He also said the commission could use more up-valley members to balance it out.

"I appreciate living in a community where people want to be involved in these boards and committees," said Houck. He noted that many other counties struggle to find applicants, or struggle with applicants who have an ax to grind and have personal vendettas or political motives. "We tend to have a lot of people who passionately and from a place of service want to be involved."



RETRO STYLE: It always brings a smile when you see a classic VW Bug zipping around the streets of Crested Butte. PHOTO BY ROBBY LLOYD

Program developed to make affordable homes more efficient

Addressing both housing affordability and climate issues

[BY MARK REAMAN]

Starting in February, owners of deed-restricted homes in Crested Butte will be able to apply to receive a heavily subsidized energy assessment and energy efficiency upgrade for their houses. This should help lower living costs and make residing in Crested Butte more affordable for those in deed-restricted homes.

The town and Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority, through its GV-HEAT program, are forming a partnership to help pick up most of the cost, making deed-restricted houses more efficient, affordable and safe.

The Crested Butte Town Council on Monday, January 4, agreed to contribute \$30,000 toward what is being called the GreenDeed program. That is expected to be the amount allocated annually for the next five

years and address approximately seven structures per year.

In a memo to the town council, Crested Butte planner Mel Yemma said the program addresses council goals in both the climate action plan and the affordable housing initiatives. The subsidies will be available for current deed-restricted homes in town and to those that might eventually participate in a future InDeed program, where owners of free market homes agree to put a deed restriction on their property for a negotiated price.

"Annually, the GreenDeed program will cover assessment costs and full energy efficiency upgrades for up to seven deed-restricted homes within the town of Crested Butte, on a first-come, first-served basis," Yemma's memo explains.

She estimated that while the initial assessment would cost about \$350, the upgrades could cost in the \$3,000 to \$4,000 range. Homeowners would have to supply a \$50 application fee to

encourage buy-in and establish commitment, but other costs of the upgrades up to \$5,000 would be handled by the town program.

GV-HEAT has committed to provide a \$1,000 matching contribution to each home (up to seven homes) as part of their annual funding award from the Gunnison County Electric Association and Tri-State Energy.

"Overall, this program is a great opportunity to make significant headway on increasing energy efficiency in our existing building stock, while simultaneously making participating homes more comfortable and less expensive," Yemma said. It is estimated that through the program a home could achieve a 10 percent to 20 percent energy use improvement.

The program will start this year with homes inside Crested Butte but the hope is to expand the program regionally. The town of Crested Butte will begin accepting applications on February 1.

Hydropower at Taylor Dam

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Under the pending agreement, GCEA will not apply for any water rights associated with the project. Water flowing through the turbine over the course of a year will belong to either UVWUA or UGRWCD depending on which entity the release is for. The draft agreement makes clear that any such hydro-power project has to take into consideration and not negatively impact current water uses provided by the dam and reservoir such as water supply for agriculture and irrigation, recreation and downstream fisheries.

UGRWCD general manager Sonja Chavez explained that because the district is beneficial owner of a second-fill water right in Taylor Reservoir the agreement is necessary to protect that existing right and the uses it authorizes.

McBride said that the project would ideally happen pretty quickly and be operating by the fall of 2022. He said final design could happen

before this October and the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) review and approval process could take place between then and May of 2022. If ultimately approved, construction could then start immediately and be completed by October 2022. The dam was originally built in 1937.

"This is an optimistic timeline and the process, which includes opportunity for public comment, could take longer than indicated," McBride admitted. "The actual construction though can be completed in one summer due to the relatively small size and proposed design, and planning will be completed during the permitting phase."

The hydropower generation would be expected to produce 3,800 megawatt-hours or three-percent of GCEA's annual power supply. McBride said that using the average consumption of GCEA's residential accounts (650 kWh/month) it could power about 487 local homes.

School Internet access

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If families are currently using a district-issued hot spot and would like to continue, no action is necessary and the monthly hot spot fees will continue to be paid through May 2021. If families are currently using a district-issued hot spot but cell coverage is unreliable, or do not have stable and reliable home Internet access, they can get Internet fees and monthly costs covered through May 2021.

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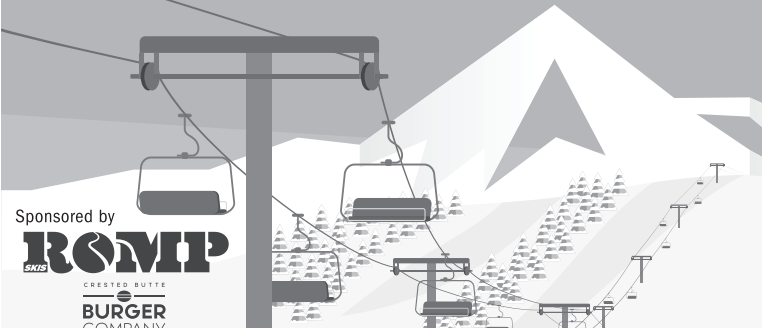
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Lean winter snowfall could mean coming summer water restrictions

Your lawn might not be green this summer... but you could win a trip to Garlic Mike's

[BY MARK REAMAN]

Lack of snow this ski season will have longer and more serious impacts than just having to repair the bottoms of your skis from hitting too many rocks. The lean snowfall on top of a very dry year in 2020 may foreshadow coming water restrictions for the area.

"We are beginning to talk about how best to message the need for people to conserve water in the coming year," said Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District general manager Sonja Chavez. "We are contacting municipalities in the county, mayors and managers, to talk about how best to convey the message around drought awareness and prepar-

ing our public for the potential for watering restrictions this summer and having Gunnison possibly delay opening its ditches as they did in 2013. Everyone will be asked to cut back on water consumption, especially in the summer when we experience high water use associated with agricultural, lawn irrigation and municipal uses associated with tourism. The bottom line is that we are in an extreme drought and right now it would take a lot of snow to catch up and get our reservoirs to where they need to be to feel at all comfortable."

Despite a few snowstorms across the state including here in the past week, most of Colorado and Gunnison County is listed as being under extreme or exceptional drought conditions. Statistics show that this is the sixth driest year in 127 years of record for Gunnison County, and we are 6.46 inches from normal precipitation.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration earlier this month reported that combined average annual precipitation last year in Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico was the second lowest on record and the lowest since 1956.

The drought is relatively uniform across the southwest United States and that is making water managers worried as Lake Powell and Lake Mead are not filling. Both are currently at under 45 percent capacity and could drop to 35 percent. This could trigger regional restrictions to keep water flowing into those reservoirs that ultimately are used to generate hydro-electricity for millions of users.

Reservoir storage in the Gunnison River Basin is currently at 77-percent of average, compared to 104 percent average for January 1 at the same time last year. Blue Mesa Reservoir is currently less than half full while the Taylor Reservoir is at about 62 percent and is

projected to only fill to 85 percent of capacity at its peak this coming spring. In addition, the Uncompahgre Valley has been in an extreme drought, which impacts our basin as well.

"Given the long-range forecast we don't see it getting much better," said Chavez. "We are in a major drought and that will have a huge impact on our ranchers and their hay production. The ranchers are expressing concern that like last summer they won't get two (hay) cuttings this year. Some are cutting the size of their herds. Everyone is adjusting and looking at how best to keep the soil healthy."

Chavez said that 2013 was a similar drought year and that is when the UGRWCD purchased water from the Aspinall reservoir system to forestall a Gunnison Tunnel call which would have impacted all junior water users in the Upper Gunnison Basin. She described the move as a sort of insurance policy and one that could be repeated this year. The district is prepared to make such a purchase in case it is needed.

Chavez indicated the basin would need to get close to 150 percent of average in terms of snowfall by the end of the season to come close to normal. Given the current shortage, that is pretty unlikely but not impossible.

"We have seen big snow at the end of the winter before and we could use it again," she concluded. "But it will take more than just one year of good precipitation to catch up as the first meter of our soils are incredibly dry. We are looking to our community to voluntarily pitch in to help support our water values and share our limited supply. To launch our community drought campaign, we are offering a \$100 gift certificate to Garlic Mike's to the individual or group that can come up with the best drought slogan. We all need to be aware of what the drought means to us."

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BY ERIC MURROW, CBAC FORECASTER

Good News / Bad News... and haiku

I will start with the less positive news. The Gunnison River Basin is sitting at 73 percent of the normal snowpack as of Monday, January 25 (percentage based on data since 1981). Yeah, that's not great. Here is some good news though, the area has around 70 days until the average date for peak snowpack depth. That means we have nearly two and a half months to watch the snowpack become deeper and for conditions to improve. A lot can happen in that time frame. Do you remember December 2007, February 2014, March 2015, January 2017 and March 2019?



Be aware and be careful out there. COURTESY PHOTO

If we are fortunate enough to receive a prolonged stormy period, the snowpack might become deep enough to allow the current widespread weak layers to gain strength and become less worrisome. A significant storm system would raise that avalanche danger for an extended period but could eventually provide the necessary conditions for rounding and sintering (increased strength) of faceted snow grains to occur.

Enough about what might happen; let us talk about what has happened. Several prolonged dry periods this winter have created widespread, persistent weak layers. The first layer formed from the dry spell in late November and early December and has been mentioned relentlessly in forecast products since it became buried. This weak layer was responsible for much of the avalanche activity in late December and early January. The relative shallowness of the current snowpack has not permitted this weak layer to gain much strength. The first few weeks of January provided little snow, which allowed this weak layer to temporarily reach equilibrium with the overlying slab and provided a short window of LOW danger. That most recent storm has now increased the burden above, and concerns about avalanches failing near the ground have returned.

January's dry spell allowed the avalanche

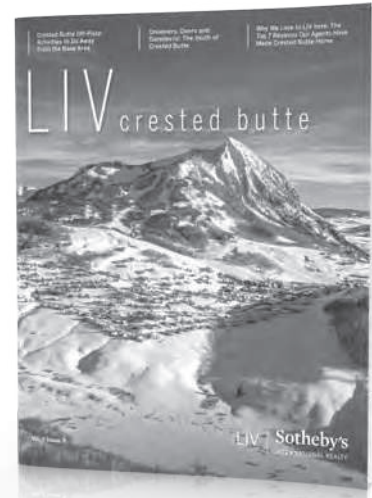
danger to drop but created another widespread, persistent weak layer. An exceptionally weak layer of near-surface facets formed on shaded slopes and facet/crust combinations developed on sunny slopes. These poor structures became buried last week and formed another persistent slab avalanche problem. The persistent slab problem now has two flavors that you should be aware of, one in the upper snowpack and the other near the ground. As more snow falls, both of these layers will become increasingly problematic as the potential avalanche size grows larger. Both weak layers are well developed, and you should anticipate them to hang around into the foreseeable future.

Persistent slab avalanche problems are a real bummer, but the beauty of living in a cold, high-elevation place is that the snow conditions on protected, shaded slopes offer an enjoyable medium for skiing, snowboarding and snowmobiling. You can safely celebrate the good times riding conditions by choosing low-angled terrain that is free from overhead hazards. Remember to read the avalanche forecast at cbavalanche-center.org every day to stay up to date and track the season's conditions.

What follows started as a joke, but maybe I have a new pastime; avalanche forecaster and haiku hack.

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County chugging along with its coronavirus mitigation

County hopes you fill out the vaccination info form soon

[BY MARK REAMAN AND KATHERINE NETTLES]

Based on the number of coronavirus vaccine doses Gunnison County is currently receiving each week from the state, everyone in the county could expect to be vaccinated by June 2022. That is based on the county getting 200 new doses every week and a total population of 17,000 people, so 72 more weeks would be needed at the current pace to get everyone a shot in the arm.

"There are some caveats there," explained Gunnison County public information officer Andrew Sandstrom. "It is likely that not everyone will take the vaccine. We are also hopeful that available doses increase as opposed to staying flat. It is likely there could be a couple of other manufacturers that get FDA approvals soon, which could help boost supplies. But there are 400 second-doses to be administered this week. We have an additional 200 first doses for this week. It seems we have pretty consistently been receiving 200 first doses per week. It is unclear to us if the state will keep up this pace.

There has been talk of slowing down doses in counties that are further ahead in the phases so that all areas of the state are vaccinating the same individuals, but right now we are continuing on a steady pace."

The county's vaccination process is moving smoothly, according to officials. In an update to county commissioners on Tuesday, January 26, Gunnison County public health director Joni Reynolds said there have been 2,750 doses administered to date, and 467 individuals have received both doses.

Reynolds also said 90 percent of residents in assisted living facilities and long-term care facilities will be fully vaccinated this week as that group receives a second dose through a partnership with Walgreens. The administration process is still in Phase 1, which targets health care workers, long term care workers, EMS, first responders and anyone over the age of 70.

But everyone is encouraged to fill out the vaccine interest form available online, including those who don't want a vaccine. Reynolds said very few people have indicated on the interest form that they do not want a vaccine.

"We are beginning to diminish our pool of individuals in the phases above the dotted line," said Sandstrom. "We are encouraging folks, even if they are not until far future phases or if they don't want the vaccine, to sign up! This allows us to continue to request doses from the state."

Regarding what is being called vaccination tourism, commissioner Jonathan Houck said the number of people from other counties or states coming to Gunnison County to receive a vaccine is not significant. He said he has joined San Miguel county leadership and others across the state. "We are going straight to the governor's office to say, 'let's not squabble over what your driver's license says. Just get us vaccines.'"

Reynolds agreed vaccination tourism is not worth going after. "More than 90 percent of those vaccinated here so far have had driver's licenses in Gunnison County," she said.

As for the number of cases being seen in the county, they have leveled off a bit but remain higher than what county officials would ideally like. "It appears that our numbers have slowed a bit from the last couple of weeks but it might be a bit too early to call it a trend," Sandstrom said.

Reynolds said she prefers to compare our numbers with those from August. "We've definitely seen an increase. And we've definitely seen spikes...where we are is double July and August," she said. "Our case numbers are one of the highest in the state, along with other ski town areas like San Miguel and Pitkin."

In the last couple of weeks there were two mass testing

events, and Western Colorado University did a mass testing as well. "More testing will lead to finding more positives," said Sandstrom. "That being said, more testing also should yield a lower positivity rate. That is why in our Coronameter system we look at multiple metrics. Positivity and case rate work in concert—they cannot be separated. We continue to do a good job of contact tracing. Over the past several weeks, we have seen that anywhere between 25 percent and 60 percent of our positive cases were already in quarantine because of contact tracing. So while these mass-testing events bring out more positives, it also allows us to aggressively contact trace, quarantine and stop the next generation of spread. While it might be too early to call the downward movement in cases a trend, some of that could be due to the work of contact tracing in squashing the second generation of spread. We also are finding a number of asymptomatic cases via the mass testing. This empowers people to know that they could be spreading and they stay home. Without the mass testing it is possible that they could spread to others unknowingly."

One sudden hot spot was the Paradise Place Preschool that Sandstrom said saw a sudden increase in positive tests from teachers. No one is showing serious signs but the school has closed for a week while everyone quarantines and the staff gets tested.

The county is preparing to set up free testing clinics once a week at both ends of the valley. Details are still being worked out but Sandstrom said, "The hope is that we find more asymptomatic folks to stop individuals from unknowingly spreading the virus. It is very likely that fewer people will show up as the weeks go on. We will continue to run our normal testing sites that serve symptomatic, contact tracing and other testing. Ultimately the goal is to remain under a 5 percent positivity rate. It is likely that by doing more testing, like the free community testing, this goal is much more attainable. When the bulk of our testing is for symptomatic individuals and contact tracing, naturally our positivity will be higher. By doing routine community testing at the free testing events as well as the testing happening at the schools and at Western, we get a much more accurate picture of the community-wide positivity rates."

Reynolds said she is looking forward to more national leadership ahead, and also to state efforts to approach testing and vaccines in a more coordinated fashion.

"People are saying they see a light at the end of the tunnel. I certainly see the tunnel ahead, but we are not in it yet, and I cannot see a light," said Reynolds.

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PROFILE

SHAMAI MUSHEN BUCKEL

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Although Shamai Mushen Buckel is the big sister in her family, Shamai actually means “little sister” in Chinese. Her mother arrived from China at four years old, while her father grew up all over the world. Shamai was raised in Gardner, Colo., on the east side of the Sangre de Cristo range in the San Luis Valley. Her mom is a medical doctor and dad was a ski patroller at Cuchara Resort, outside of La Veta.

As a kid, she’d hike over Mosca Pass to the Great Sand Dunes with other kids and families and for school outings. In the winter, she skied three days a week since her school had Fridays off, and on other days, the family would Nordic ski. When summer rolled around, they’d grab innertubes and float down the Huerfano River, which, Shamai says, was her favorite thing to do. During her childhood, she recalls that Gardner was home to several large hippie communes, so there were lots of kids to play with. “We’d go to different commune gatherings and parties,” she says.

There wasn’t much of an economy in Gardner, and though her parents had separated, they both moved to Santa Fe. Shamai was 10 when she arrived in her new home in New Mexico. She skied both Santa Fe and Taos. School, Shamai recalls, was just school. “I was a good student, mostly in AP classes.” In her junior year, she had the opportunity to visit China for two weeks, tagging along with her brother’s track team. “I had a great time. It was a fun adventure to be with 50 other kids in a foreign country and going to track meets.”

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Shamai's senior year brought even more opportunity to hit the slopes. "I went to school at 7 a.m. and was done before lunch and so I skied every day." Senior year is also when she got her first mountain bike. "I started climbing too. I was into the outdoors, so those were the other activities that were out there to do. But skiing was my passion for sure."

It was during her senior year that Shamai first discovered Crested Butte, when her mom brought her out to ski. "I was super lucky on that trip because it snowed a foot and

a half every night." She found her way up to the High Lift and got lost in the powder on the North Face. "I got to the back bowls. I thought it was just incredible."

She graduated in 1993 with a plan. "I just wanted to ski," she laughs. "I wasn't wanting to work at the ski area. I grew up running amok on the mountain since my dad worked there. It was like our home away from home."

During the summer after graduation, she took time to travel, adventuring off to Australia, Fiji and New Zealand. "We bought a car in Australia,

a '75 Toyota Crown and drove it around for a month, camping on beaches," she says of her three-month journey. Later that autumn, she and friends took a trip down to Costa Rica. "We checked out volcano Arenal, which was erupting at the time. We camped at the base and it was erupting all night. I didn't think it was dangerous—however, they didn't have a lot of rules back then. It was real fummy, but you could see the red lava glowing. It's cool to see it in the day but at night it's stunningly beautiful."

Returning to Santa Fe, Shamai enrolled at Santa Fe



Community College with no clear path. "I still just wanted to ski all the time. I loved being outdoors so I was still biking, climbing and hanging out with high school friends. We were just enjoying life." College didn't hold her interest, so after one semester she left to work the 1994-95 ski season at the Ski Santa Fe Resort in the rental shop, which, of course, came with a pass and ensured daily skiing.

"My brother had gone to school in Missoula, but didn't like it," so Shamai convinced him to move to Crested Butte with her in the fall of 1995, thinking they might both attend Western State College sometime. She started working at The Bakery but took a tumble on Twister. "I ended up breaking my leg before Christmas." Living with her brother and another guy, she thought, "These dudes aren't going to take care of me," so she went home to heal in Santa Fe. "It sucked but I recovered and as soon as I could, I started working at two high-end restaurants in Santa Fe, one for lunch and the other for dinner. I just saved money because I knew I had to get back to Crested Butte." She returned that next winter for the 1996-97 season.

Working at Butte & Co., in the rental and hard goods, Shamai felt that she was "living the life." She enrolled at Mountain Heart Massage School, "because it seemed like it was a good idea. I've always been interested in wellness on multiple levels." Hers was the first graduating class at the then-new school and with that under her belt, she enrolled at WSC in their health promotion and wellness program, graduating

in 2000 with a bachelor of arts degree. "I just wanted to keep learning. I'm a life-long learner and I'll probably figure out something else to go to school for," she laughs. "I'm a seeker of information. I was still doing some massage work and still working at Butte & Co. because I wanted all the gear."

Her mother wanted to take Shamai and her brother to the Great Wall in China, so in 2003 the family trio left for Beijing. "It's been well maintained and it's stunning... but it failed," she said of the wall's ancient history as a border defense. "We went to other small villages along the Great Wall where the wall was more like a mound of dirt because winds had blown dirt through the centuries. In some places, they had taken the bricks to build homes."

In 2000, Shamai began dating Joe Buckel. "Joe was a snowmobile guide and king of Crested Butte softball," she recalls. They married in 2006 and now have two children—their son, Cy, is 13 and their daughter, Kalyn, is 10, and both are enrolled at Crested Butte Community School.

"When we were dating, Joe wanted to learn to make wine. It was a hobby at that point." Joe had gone to different wine regions around the world, doing biking tours while Shamai took care of his dogs. In 2005, Joe asked her to move to California with him so he could learn to make wine. "I had always lived in the southwest and I had always wanted to check out California. We moved to Sonoma County and Joe took winemaking classes at Napa College."

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Shamai put her massage degree to use, working at very high-end spas in Napa. “It was definitely a lot of fun, it paid well and I worked in beautiful places,” she says of the five years they were there while Joe earned his wine making certificate from UC Davis. They moved to Cortez, Colo., when Joe was hired by Sutcliffe Vineyards as winemaker. “It was a transition for sure. We had the coast, amazing food, we went to San Francisco a lot to see friends and go to concerts and ballgames. Cortez had none of that. Our son was a year-and-a-half then. I was lucky enough to be a stay at home mom,” which allowed her time to help start a Montessori charter school.

“The best thing about Cortez is the mountain biking. It was my favorite part. Also, for nine years, we owned a small 10-acre farm with apple orchards. We started thinking about starting our own wine label in 2015. We thought about planting vineyards but we didn’t have the best spot for it. In 2017, we actually got all the licensing and named it Buckel Family Wine.”

By that fall, they had moved back to Crested Butte with both kids in tow. “We had a pretty good idea of how things worked and what we wanted to do with our wine label. When you live in the Four Corners you’re closer to Phoenix, Albuquerque and Salt Lake—Denver’s really far away. When you’re selling alcohol, you sell direct to consumer and wholesale in the state and if your major market is all these out-of-state places, you have to get other licensing. So being centrally located in the state would allow us to take advantage of more regions’ markets within the state,” she surmised, even though Crested Butte is at the end of the road. “Here’s the thing—in the summer, you can drive over Kebler and Cottonwood to get to those markets. We’re pretty lucky.”

Buckel Family Wine gets their grapes from the Western Slope of Colorado, mainly Palisade, but also sources grapes from Hotchkiss and Cortez. “We actually started selling in January 2018. You can buy our wines at all the liquor stores locally in Gunnison and Crested Butte. We have a tasting room in Gunnison, which is also our production space where we make the wines. We make white, rosé, red and a petnat, which is the oldest style of making a sparkling wine and predates Champagne.”

Shamai feels they’ve found their perfect home here. “The friends and community that we have here and the access to the outdoors, the ability to play outside—I don’t see myself leaving any time in the near future.”

The Buckel Family Wines tasting room is at 1018 Highway 135 in Gunnison. Reach them online at buckelfamilywines.com.

CB Arts Fest sponsoring Thursday events

In an effort to curb the winter blues and keep the community creative, the Crested Butte Arts Festival is offering FREE virtual workshops hosted by local creatives.

The *Shine Your HeART* program runs every Thursday at 6 p.m. through March 4 and invites all ages and ability levels to attend. Seven local creatives will lead these self-expression-focused classes with Lydia Stern, Kate Seeley

and Sasha Chudacoff kicking off the first three weeks. CBAF has partnered with local entities such as CB State of Mind, Project Hope, Crested Butte Creative District and KBUT to encourage all ages to log on, connect and create!

More information on *Shine Your HeART* workshops, including material lists and Zoom links, can be found on the Crested Butte Arts Festival’s website at crestedbutteartsfestival.com.



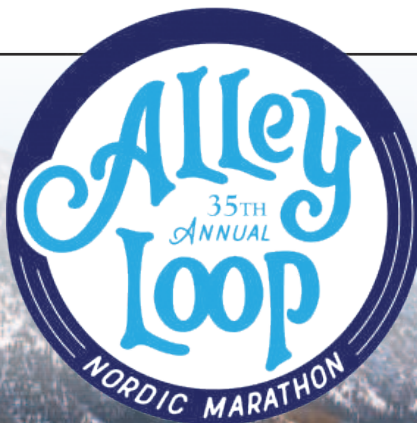
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Post office issues

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Magner said she has heard many comments from local citizens in favor of moving the location from the middle of Elk Avenue because it contributes to "congestion and traffic."

"I agree," added council member Laura Mitchell. "We deliver mail to people living in Crested Butte South and Riverbend and Skyland as well as people living in town. Why is that our responsibility?"

MacDonald said it was her understanding the current post office building lease expires this April.

Council member Chris Haver said the issue was one that should be brought up with the county and Mt. Crested Butte as well. "We should also reach out to FedEx and UPS and talk about what they are doing to our community by delivering packages to the post office," he said.

"Can we talk to the owner of the building and figure some of out-of-the-box ideas?" asked Magner. "Let's try to come up with some creative thoughts."

"Ideally the post office would be at the Four-way Stop and the Chamber of Commerce would be downtown," suggested Mitchell.

"Maybe that's something to work out."

"We should prioritize this as an issue that needs to be solved," emphasized Magner.

"We need to keep on it," agreed council member Will Dujardin. "I'm glad we are contacting our elected representatives like Senator Bennet."

MacDonald made it clear that it was not the people working in the local post office who were the problem. "They are working very hard and doing the best they can with what they have," she said. "But the town is not getting answers or even responses from the regional people."

"The people working in the P.O. are members of our community as well," said Magner. "This isn't a criticism of them."

Mayor Jim Schmidt hoped that under the Biden administration, the post office officials would be more responsive.

MacDonald said she would try to track down the owner of the post office building to have a conversation before the April lease deadline. She also said she would coordinate with senator Michael Bennet's office to talk about the issue and continue trying to communicate with regional postal officials.



CB council, Chamber agree

40 percent bonus money to support local eateries in February

[BY MARK REAMAN]

A new program with the aim to encourage spending at local restaurants will get underway soon. The Crested Butte town council on Tuesday, January 19 agreed to contribute \$5,000 to the Crested Butte-Mt. Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce for the program that will use Yiftee gift cards for restaurants. People can buy the gift cards for less than face value with the idea that will stimulate business.

Basically, for every \$25 gift card, a \$10 or 40-percent bonus

will be added with the town contribution. With 500 gift cards as the goal, that is expected to stimulate a total of \$17,500 in new restaurant spending.

Chamber of Commerce director Stephanie Sandstrom made the request to council explaining that "restaurants remain down about 10 percent year over year through November and restaurant owners were feeling insecure about their financial future given the continuing coronavirus pandemic."

She noted that Gunnison was running a Dining Dollars Program that was successful so the thought was to do something similar at the north end of the valley.

"Offering this program in February will incentivize traffic



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to fund restaurant stimulus

during a slower period allowing restaurants to adequately accommodate the extra traffic while providing financial support during a lull," she wrote in a letter to the town, noting that Spring Break coming after February normally brings an uptick in visitor business. "The program will be paired with community messaging on the necessity of supporting local business during these times," she added.

Town manager Dara MacDonald reminded the council that it had set aside \$40,000 in the 2021 budget for COVID related matters. "This seems like it would be a good project that benefits our local restaurants," said councilwoman Mallika Magner.

Sandstrom said she had planned to approach restaurant owners with the idea only if the council agreed to the funding. "I think it is important to solidify it first," she said.

Council unanimously agreed to the \$5,000 expenditure. Sandstrom will contact local restaurants to see which ones will participate in the Yiftee gift card program.

The program will begin February 1 and Sandstrom said people can purchase the gifts cards at cb-chamber.com. The cards will be valid through the month of February with the intent of stimulating spending during a slower time. Stephanie can be reached at cb-chamber.com with any questions.

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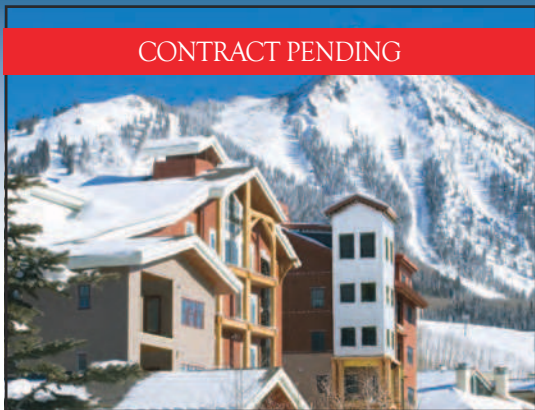
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Fara Tolno

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**Black History Month Celebration:
West African Cultural
Enrichment Residency**

Exciting things are happening in our valley! To celebrate and honor Black History Month and equity in the arts this February, the Center for the Arts and the Kissidugu Foundation will collaborate to bring renowned artist and educator Fara Tolno, from Guinea, West Africa, to the Gunnison Valley for a three-week, valley-wide cultural enrichment residency. This includes all-level, community classes at the Center for the Arts theater in traditional Guinean dance and drumming, Afro-fusion classes, Dundun dance class, ongoing adult classes and drum and dance classes for kids.

The ongoing adult classes will culminate in a community performance piece that will be a part of a virtual performance online at the Center for the Arts. Classes will begin on Wednesday, February 3 and continue through Saturday, February 20. For more information, schedule details and to register for classes visit kissidugu.org or crestedbuttearts.org. Generous donations from Stash Cash and an honored private donor have helped to make this programming possible.

The Recreational Exercise Sport Science and Recreational Outdoor Education departments at Western Colorado University are also supporting an incredible three-week programming event with Fara on campus for students. These departments have been committed to supporting equity and diversity on campus and have annually backed programs for Black History Month events. The Crested Butte Community School 2nd and 3rd grade classes have

embarked on a five-week study of the country of Guinea, which will conclude with Fara teaching in the classrooms for two weeks. This program is connecting to collaborate with the Kissidugu School of Music, Dance and Education in Guinea and the kids at both schools will have a virtual exchange of daily life and curriculum! Fara will also teach in Crested Butte High School and Gunnison Elementary. We are grateful to our schools for supporting incredible opportunities for students!

Fara's passion for sharing his culture is rooted in wellness and he uses these art forms as a true cultural exchange to help students of all colors, cultures and backgrounds connect to themselves, each other and their community through music, dance and dialogue. Especially in challenging times like these, West African drum and dance is uplifting and healing; good for the mind, body and spirit; and lots of fun. These three weeks of programs provide community members of all ages a rich experience that promotes and increases wellness and unity.

The arts are a positive source to combat the negative effects of these difficult times of isolation, fear, civil unrest and injustice. It is an honor to share these opportunities with the Gunnison Valley, and I (Angie Carroll) am grateful for all the amazing education and art entities that support these programs! All guidelines and protocols for COVID-19 will be strictly adhered to during all programming.

For more information, email angelacarroll22@gmail.com.

**More than \$13,000 in scholarships
available to local high school seniors**

Community Foundation increases scholarships

The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley (CFGV) encourages high school seniors to apply for the five available scholarships the organization is sponsoring.

"Last year, we awarded four scholarships totaling \$10,100. This year, we intend on presenting at least five scholarships to graduating high school seniors totaling over \$13,000 to support tuition expenses," stated CFGV communications & development director Erica Rasmussen. "We are very excited to introduce two new scholarships in 2021: The Elena Pederson Scholarship and the GHS Teacher of Tomorrow Scholarship."

New this year is one common application for all scholarships to streamline the application process. Available scholarships include:

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Gunnison Valley Health's trustee Polly Oberosler completes term

After six years as a member of Gunnison Valley Health's board of trustees, Polly Oberosler will complete her term in January 2021.

Gunnison Valley Health board of trustees chair Don Haver said Oberosler's main goal was to ensure that the healthcare system did not lose sight of its mission and remained community-focused.

"Polly lives by Gunnison Valley Health's mission, to provide quality healthcare services that improve the health of our community, and always has the community at the center of every decision she makes," Haver said.

"She brought the views of both the Gunnison Valley and the ranching community to the board of trustees. We learned from her background and how actions or changes at Gunnison Valley Health could impact the community," he said.

As the first wilderness ranger for the Gunnison National Forest, Polly Oberosler is well known in the ranching community and has a long history in the Gunnison Valley. For years, Oberosler was involved with the renowned Cattlemen's Days Rodeo and dedicated many volunteer hours to the event's success.

Gunnison Valley Health CEO Rob Santilli said it wasn't uncommon to see Oberosler walking the halls at the hospital to see both clinical and non-clinical staff.

"Polly understood the value of connecting with staff and was eager to learn more about the opportunities and challenges within the healthcare system," Santilli said. "She understands the behavioral health concerns in the Valley and is passionate to see Gunnison Valley Health take a stronger role in supporting additional initiatives that will benefit the community."

Oberosler said her proudest achievement is "bringing a community-focused approach to the decision making process." Although she will miss being on the board of trustees, Oberosler's passion for the healthcare system will continue by her being involved in several committees that will help Gunnison Valley Health strive for excellence in patient care and positively impact the community.

Thanking Oberosler for her services to Gunnison Valley Health, Haver said, "On behalf of the board of trustees, executive team and employees, thank you, Polly, for your commitment and dedication to our healthcare system. Your passion for healthcare and community perspective has made a positive difference to the lives of many people in our Valley."

Gunnison County commissioners appointed hospital consultant of over 20 years David Gray to the board of trustees. Recently retired and residing in Crested Butte, Gray will begin his term in February 2021.



Polly Oberosler

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Elena Pedersen Scholarship: Amount announced upon award. This scholarship, in honor of Ellen Pedersen, is open to seniors graduating from a high school in the Gunnison Watershed School District who are immigrants, children of immigrants, or first-generation college students.

GHS Teacher of Tomorrow Scholarship: Totaling \$1,000/year up to two years. Seniors graduating from Gunnison High School who plan to pursue a degree in teaching and intend to pursue a career in primary or secondary education are encouraged to apply.

Gunnison Kiwanis Club Scholarship: Totaling \$2,500. Seniors graduating from a high school in the Gunnison Watershed School District who demonstrate financial need.

Gunnison Memorial Scholarship: Amount announced upon award. At least two scholarships will be awarded to seniors attending a high school in the Gunnison Watershed School District who demonstrate financial need and scholastic excellence.

Maxwell MacAllister Scholarship: Up to \$1,000/year up to four years. This scholarship is open to seniors graduating from Gunnison High School who are first-generation college students.

CFGV's scholarship deadline is Thursday, March 11, 2021. For a comprehensive overview of all scholarship requirements and to apply, visit www.cfgv.org/scholarships.

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Titan boys open hoops season with win

"THAT'S IN OUR PERSONALITY FOR SURE AND IT TENDS TO PAY OFF"

[BY THAN ACUFF]

It wasn't the prettiest of games for the Crested Butte Titans but they got the job done taking down the Ridgway Demons 59-45 in the season opener in Mt. Olympus Tuesday, January 26.

Crested Butte jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the opening minute of the game but cold shooting took hold and the Demons drained a couple three-pointers and outpaced the Titans the next three minutes to climb within two points. But the work of John Penny helped spark some fire in Crested Butte with a block and finished off a three-point play to spark an 8-0 run at the end of the quarter for an 18-8 Titans' lead.

Crested Butte kept the pace going to open the second quarter but then Ridgway got hot from three-point land and the Titans mixed up their line up which created some chaos on the court.

"We were just trying to feel out different rotations and they were jittery and wanting it so bad we were taking shots too early," says coach Brandin Hamilton.

By the time the halftime horn sounded Ridgway had cut the Titans' lead down to five points and Crested Butte players headed into the break heads hanging low.

"They were down and felt like we had missed an



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opportunity to put the game away," says Hamilton. "I just reminded them about the fundamentals on offense and defense and how to be successful."

Their fundamentals on defense led to success on offense as the Titans opened the third quarter 13-3 run paced by 11 points from Erik Wasinger. Ridgway called a timeout to regroup but Wasinger hit a three-pointer following the break and Alan Prieto hit three of four free throws to help maintain a 13-point lead for Crested Butte.

"We had a lot of steals for lay ups,"

says Hamilton. "That's in our personality for sure and it tends to pay off."

But foul trouble started to plague the Titans and throw their rhythm off again as Hamilton was forced to turn to his bench to help pick up the slack.

"We had to go deeper into our rotation sooner than planned but our defense helped us hold the lead," says Hamilton.

In addition, Wasinger, Prieto and Penny continued to score on offense to help seal the deal on the 59-45 win.

"The second half was a good team half," says Hamilton.

Wasinger led the team with 26 points, Prieto finished with 20 points and Penny added in nine points. The team as a whole hit 13 of 16 free throws as well.

"The kids have been putting in a lot of time on free throws and I'm glad it paid off," says Hamilton. "It was a good opponent to get a win off of. Ridgway's a solid program."

The Titans return to the floor on Tuesday, February 2 when they square off against Gunnison in Gunnison.

"That'll be fun, they're excited to play each other," says Hamilton.

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GO MOTO: *Jessy Moore and Nick Hill have opened up a power sports and small engine repair shop called Uphill Motorworks in Riverland. Dano Gayer is a tech in addition to Nick. Located in the Old Paint Center building at 396 Riverland Drive, come by and say hello!* PHOTO BY MOUNTAIN MAGIC MEDIA

CB Titans hockey looks strong in 2021

Open season Saturday, January 30

[BY THAN ACUFF]

Every season it seems the Crested Butte Titans hockey team is playing catch up through the first few weeks of the season. Most of their opponents have several weeks of ice time under their belts whether it's with their high school team or on their club teams as the Front Range is rife with indoor ice available year-round.

This year is different though.

For starters, head coach Billy Watson has been working hard the past several years to get fall hockey going and the effort paid off this fall as participation was better than ever before with the kids getting a robust season of workouts and games in.

"It's been almost five months now that they've been practicing between dry land and ice sessions," says Watson. "They've been working really hard."

In addition, thanks to the efforts of the county, the kids and residents, the athletes have been able to practice as a full squad the entire time while other teams in other counties have been limited in their workouts.

"We've been fortunate to be able to have 25 people at a time at practices," says Watson. "A lot of



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other teams are limited to just 10 total and some haven't been able to practice at all and that's given us a good advantage."

While Watson took a less involved role during the fall hockey season, coaches Bob Piccaro, Matt Prudhomme and Shane McGuinness continued workouts

and games with the players and they've set the team up for success heading into high school play. The fall team was surging too as they were 7-1 in fall league play and ready to make a run at the title before COVID cut the season short.

"I was so grateful to have those coaches step in and we've been working out the kinks and getting everyone up to speed and the kids are definitely ready," says Watson.

Watson also has a lot of returning players as well as a couple key additions to the roster and feels that he may be suiting up three solid lines of forwards and has four, even five, solid defensemen. Still, like all good coaches, it really comes down to game day so Watson has no predictions about how the season should play out for the Titans. In addition, COVID and quarantines throw an additional challenge at all programs.

"I'd rather take it game by game," says Watson. "A lot of things can happen given these times and COVID. We do have a lot of depth but we just have to keep everyone healthy and safe."

Then there's the season's length. With all high school sports seasons cut short to try and fit them in, the curtailed timeframe can ramp up the pressure.

"They're high school kids, we can't put too much pressure on them," says Watson. "Every day at practice the coaches have to bring the energy and keep it positive."

The Titans open play on the road in Breckenridge on Saturday, January 30. Their first home game is slated for Friday, February 5 at Jorgensen Arena in Gunnison.

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Fueling Tips For Alley Loopers

With the Alley Loop just around the corner, we've asked registered dietitian Angela Moore to weigh in on one of the most common Alley Loop blunders: fueling your performance. Angela holds a Masters Degree in Nutrition and Exercise Physiology and is certified by the American College of Sports Medicine as an Exercise Specialist, in addition to being a Nordic skier herself.

What to eat, what not to eat? When to eat and how much to eat? Should I drink energy replacement fluids during a race or just water? These are some of the questions elite and "weekend" athletes ask themselves when heading into a competitive event. For us "Alley Loopers," this event is right around the corner so let's be prepared.

Did you know that most athletes experience some type of gastrointestinal distress at one time or another in training and competition? This leads some individuals to restrict food and eat very little or not at all before and during a race. Unfortunately, restricting food will not fix the problem. Like training your muscles, you need to train your system to use and tolerate food and water. You need to fuel wisely to perform optimally!

Whether you are an elite athlete or someone who enjoys an occasional weekend race, there are some important guidelines to keep in mind when selecting pre-race foods and beverages:

Eat familiar foods, nothing new. Schedule workouts and training sessions to mimic the competitive event. Experiment with solids vs. liquids, sweet and salty or savory, whole foods or bars, gels and gummies.

If you know you'll be nervous or jittery before an event, eat really well the day before and a later dinner or bedtime snack.

Sometimes liquids are better than solids. Experiment with different sugar solutions. Some are easier to tolerate than others. Make sure they are not too concentrated as there will be a delay in gastric emptying. Also, sugar alcohols like xylitol and sorbitol can cause gas, bloating and GI distress for some people.

If you are traveling to an event, bring some of your own foods that are tried and true. If you don't plan and are forced to eat out you could end up with a meal that doesn't sit well.

Make sure you drink lots of water the day before the event. One problem with Nordic skiing is you are typically outside in a very cold climate and your thirst mechanism is often compromised. Dehy-

dration can really affect your performance. On the day of the event drink 2-4 MLs per pound of body weight two-four hours beforehand. Make sure you are hydrating with time to void. A 150-lb. person would need about 300-600 MLs (10-20 ounces). This would be a mug of coffee or tea and a glass of water.

Your last big meal should be about four hours before the race. Choose mostly carbohydrates with some lean protein. Fat takes the longest to empty from the GI tract.

Trained individuals seem to have less GI distress than untrained so make sure you're ready for that event and have trained enough.

Caffeine can give you an edge and is a popular energizer in moderate amounts. It can however increase GI motility so be careful how much you drink.

Too much fiber can really backfire. Several days before an event you may want to cut back on high fiber foods like some fruits, vegetables and legumes.

Undiagnosed food sensitivities or intolerances may be something to investigate with a registered dietitian if you have GI issues that don't resolve.

The Nordic Center is located at 2nd and Whiterock in downtown Crested Butte. Please reserve all day passes, rentals, lessons and services at least 24 hours in advance at cbnordic.org.

Gunnison Ranger District and Colorado Parks & Wildlife taking action on unregistered snow travel vehicles

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The terms of the assistance would be in the form of a loan that may be paid back over a term of 12-24 months with an interest rate of up to 2%.

Applications can be downloaded at www.gvrha.org/applications/ or contact the GVRHA at 970-641-7900 for questions.

Clark's Market speed overwhelms Brick Oven

"Whoa, Nelly"

[BY THAN ACUFF]

Sometimes the Brick Oven has dollar slices, typically the spinning tray refugees. I'm definitely all about reduced-priced slices. Speaking of the Brick Oven and spinning, Wednesday night in town league hockey the Brick Oven was left spinning as the pace and precision of Clark's Market proved overwhelming as Clark's Market skated to a 5-1 win in town league hockey action.

Clark's Market had been struggling in recent town league seasons, finishing last year in last place, but once they got self-check-out registers, a pharmacy and started carrying the bread I like, everything has improved from the aisles to the rink for Clark's Market.

To quote venerable college football announcer Keith Jackson, "Whoa, Nelly."

Parking lot? Not so much. But that's how we "keep it real" here.

The first five minutes of the game proved that we had two very well disciplined teams on our hands. The Brick Oven is near obsessive about their hockey having played in both the Gunnison fall league and the Crested Butte town league for the past several seasons.

And while the roster may vary between the two teams, there is a foundation in place that could carry them to success.

On the other side of the puck, Clark's Market was equally well positioned at all times on the ice, they just had that extra gear. That extra gear eventually paid off six minutes into the game when Shai Ovadia



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stripped the puck off a Brick Oven player at the blue line, blew past the lone Brick defenseman left in his way and fired the puck past Devon Carrillo.

Eighteen seconds later sweat-pants speedster Hunter Grosvenor scored off an assist from Deven Perschke (brother of local famous town league goalie Roan?) and then Grosvenor scored off the ensuing face-off for a 3-0 Clark's Market lead.

Ben Preston did all he could to keep things in tact for the Brick Oven defense and Ted Trujillo

looked to score only to find the post in the waning moments of the first period leaving the Brick Oven to regroup for the second period.

They did and Carrillo came up with some key saves throughout but the Brick Oven continued to struggle in the offensive zone. Granted, they held Clark's Market scoreless but, conversely, did nothing to cut into the lead.

The shift in energy was in the Brick Oven's favor until a minute into the third period though as Taylor Reeves slipped free up ice to take a pass from Ovadia and score. A minute later Ovadia scored off a pass from Grosvenor for a commanding 5-0 lead over the Brick Oven.

The Brick did finally ruin Eric DiMarco's shutout bid during a powerplay as Preston fired a shot and Trujillo tipped it in but the hole was too deep, the slices too stale to sell, and Clark's market skated through the remaining six minutes to seal the 5-1 win.



COMMUNITY calendar THURSDAY, JANUARY 28-WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

THURSDAY 28

- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Crested Butte Library open to the public. 349-6535.
- 4-5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Garage open for shoppers and donations.
- 5-6 p.m. Adult Aerial Conditioning at the Gunnison Arts Center (runs thru Feb. 25)
- 5-6 p.m. Oh Be Joyful/Gunnison Food Pantry Food Bank at 625 Maroon Ave. 970-349-6237. (1st Thursday of the month)
- 6 p.m. Shine Your HeART: free virtual creative workshops with the Crested Butte Arts Festival. (runs thru March 4)
- 6-7:30 p.m. Literary Arts & Lecture Series with Colorado Poet Laureate, Bobby LeFebre at the Center for the Arts, crestedbuttearts.org.
- 6-9 p.m. Adult Creative Clay: Wheel Throwing Session 1 in the Gunnison Arts Center Clay Studio.
- 6:30 p.m. Open AA meeting: 11 Step Meditation at Union Congregational Church, 349-5711.
- 7 p.m. History at Home: An online series with the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum, crestedbuttemuseum.com. (series runs thru March 25)

FRIDAY 29

- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Dance Cardio with Barron (ages 18+) in the Gunnison Arts Center Dance Studio.
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Crested Butte Library open to the public. 349-6535.
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Submission Date for Consumed, an open Community Show in the Upper Gallery at the Gunnison Arts Center.
- noon Closed AA meeting: Readings from Living Sober at Union Congregational Church, 349-5711.
- 4:30-7 p.m. Watercolor & Wine: Winter Series at the Center for the Arts, crestedbuttearts.org.
- 7:30-9 p.m. Articulating Together: A Virtual Cocktail Night Discussing Art with the Aspen Art Museum and the Gunnison Arts Center, live on Zoom.

SATURDAY 30

- 7:30 a.m. Open AA meeting: Big Book Study at Union Congregational Church, 349-5711.
- 2-3:30 p.m. Guided Historic Walking Tour with the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum, crestedbuttemuseum.com.
- 6:30 p.m. Open AA meeting: Literature at Union Congregational Church, 349-5711.

SUNDAY 31

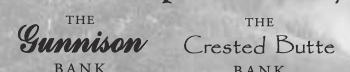
- 9 a.m. Oh Be Joyful Worship Service at 625 Maroon Ave., RSVP to reserve a spot at ohbejoyfulchurch.org/rsvp.
- 10 a.m.-noon "The Art of the Hook" with Scottish author Alan Bissett, a virtual writing workshop with the Center for the Arts, crestedbuttearts.org.
- 6 p.m. Open AA meeting: Topic Discussion at Union Congregational Church, 349-5711.

MONDAY 1

- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Crested Butte Library open to the public. 349-6535.
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Submission Date for Consumed, an open Community Show in the

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- 4 p.m. Center for the Arts Tours, register at crestedbuttearts.org.
- 4:15-5:45 p.m. Mud Puppies (ages 5-8) in the Gunnison Arts Center Dance Studio.
- 6 p.m. Conscious Caregivers Support Group, more info at livingjourneys.org/calendar
- 7:30 p.m. Open AA meeting: Favorite Big Book Reading at Union Congregational Church, 349-5711.

TUESDAY 2

- 7:30 a.m. Open AA meeting: Mediation AA & Al-Anon at Union Congregational Church, 349-5711.
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Crested Butte Library open to the public. 349-6535.
- noon Closed AA meeting: Readings from Came to Believe at Union Congregational Church, 349-5711.
- 4-5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Garage open for shoppers and donations.
- 4:30-6 p.m. Discover Drawing (ages 7-13) in the Gunnison Arts Center Dance Studio.
- 6-8:30 p.m. Make a Splash Watercolor: All levels in the Gunnison Arts Center Dance Studio.

WEDNESDAY 3

- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Crested Butte Library open to the public. 349-6535.
- noon Closed AA meeting: 12 Step & 12 Tradition Study at Union Congregational Church, 349-5711.
- 4:30-6 p.m. Discover Oil Pastels (ages 8-14) in the Gunnison Arts Center Art Studio.
- 4:30-7:30 p.m. Bethany Harpel's "Reality of Color" in the Kinder-Paden Gallery at the Center for the Arts, crestedbuttearts.org.
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mud Makers (ages 9-12) in the Gunnison Arts Center Clay Studio.
- 7-9 p.m. Weekly Figure Drawing Session at the Shaun Home Gallery, donations accepted.

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MT. CB THERAPY: Jodi Medell recently opened Integration Therapy, located inside of the Treasury Building in Mt. Crested Butte. Jodi offers Osteopathy, Kinesiotaping, Dry Needling, Manual Therapy, Massage Therapy and personal training. For more info visit www.integrationpt.com. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

Titan girls take down Telluride in season opener

"They hit it hard in the second half and that's the type of ball they play"

[BY THAN ACUFF]

There's something different about the Crested Butte Titans girls basketball team this year and you could see it in the opening possession of the game. Their new look continued on from that opening possession through all four quarters as the Titans took down the Telluride Miners 49-34 in the season opener Tuesday, January 26.

The two teams traded baskets in the opening minutes of the game with Colleen Harris scoring four points for the Titans. Sophia Truex then drained a three-pointer and two free throws to build a small cushion and Crested Butte then switched to a press to keep Telluride off balance. While the press had mixed results at first, the Titans held onto a three-point lead at the end of the first quarter.

"I had a feeling at the start it was going to take us a minute to really get in the groove," says coach Amanda Reynolds. "They had never run that press before. I drew it up on the white board yesterday and we played it today."

The Miners opened the second quarter scoring inside the paint but then Blakeley Reynolds and Harris combined for Crested Butte's next eight points in a row to push Crested Butte ahead 17-8 forcing Telluride to call a timeout.

Telluride managed to stay within striking distance with their effort rebounding and scoring off second chances but Harris knocked down four free throws and tacked on another bucket and Reynolds sliced through from the wing to score to build a 26-16 Crested Butte lead going into halftime.

"I was happy with the fact that they're competitors and that even though it wasn't clicking early, I knew it would eventually," says Reynolds.

The Miners came out of halftime rejuvenated



PHOTOS BY TYLER REYNOLDS

and started to chip away at the Titan lead. The Miners pulled to within six points midway through the third as Crested Butte was noticeably struggling and picking up fouls trying to hold off the Miner attack.

Crested Butte's team defense tightened up and started to slow down Telluride and when Reynolds hit a three-pointer off a turnover, the tide turned back in Crested Butte's favor. Telluride responded scoring on their next two trips up the floor but Reynolds hit another three-pointer and the Titans were able to escape an erratic third quarter with a nine-point lead.

The Titans' press then started to wear Telluride down at the start of the fourth quarter forcing a couple of Miner turnovers resulting in four quick points for Crested Butte. Telluride struggled to crack the seal on the Titan team defense and with Mara Pennie crashing the boards and Harris and Reynolds scoring, Crested Butte pulled ahead 42-29 with four minutes left in the game.

Hayes Freeman then provided the crushing blows for Crested Butte. After grabbing an offensive rebound and scoring, she stole the ball on the next Miner possession to score again to help build a 17-point Titan lead and forcing the Miners to call another timeout.


"She just doesn't quit and she seems to come on always at the right time," says Reynolds.

The timeout proved fruitless as Crested Butte's press and defense continued to handcuff the Miners while the Titans tacked on additional points down the stretch capped by a basket from Reynolds at the buzzer for the 49-34 win. Reynolds led the Titans with 22 points followed by Harris with 15 and the Titans shot 81-percent from the free throw line.

"They hit it hard in the second half and that's the type of ball they play," says Reynolds. "They did a ton of things really well and some things not so well. I was really happy with our guard play but we're not getting the ball into the post enough so we will work on that a ton. We need the inside outside game."



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Anu Marria Jankeri 1962-2021

Anu Jankeri was born April 11, 1962 in Helsinki, Finland and died unexpectedly of a catastrophic health condition, not COVID-related, on January 24, 2021 in south Sweden. She spent time between the United States, Finland and Sweden before her untimely death. She had U.S. and Finnish citizenships.

Anu spoke five languages and held a masters degree in economics. She worked for the economic department of the city of Helsingborg, Sweden prior to moving to the United States. Toni Westerholm, her then husband, and Anu visited the United States in the early 2000s to explore and enjoy a season of skiing. They discovered Crested Butte, fell in love with the area and settled here in 2006. In Crested Butte, she held many positions including managing housekeeping at the Elevation Hotel, teaching and administrative work at the CB Nordic Center and work at the Rocky Mountain Biological Lab.

Anu loved horses and outdoor life. She was both an

accomplished Nordic and alpine skier. She also taught Nordic skiing and participated in Nordic races. Anu had many, many friends, was energetic, easy-to-get along with, bubbly and full of life. One of Anu's passions was helping other people with their pets and in other ways. Many of us in Crested Butte will miss her greatly.

Anu is survived by her twin sister Heli; older sister Pavi; brother-in-law Petri; nephews Timo and Antti; and nieces Anna and Eveliina. Anu's surviving family lives in Finland.

We are grateful for all the contributions Anu made to our community and her wonderful sense of humor and infectious smile.

A local virtual celebration of Anu's life will be announced later in keeping with COVID guidelines. Her family will also hold a virtual memorial in Sweden.

In lieu of flowers, her friends suggest that donations be made to the Crested Butte Nordic Center and the Rocky Mountain Biological Lab in Anu's loving memory.



Nadine Israel 1933-2021

Gertrude Nadine Israel has gone to be with our Father. She was born in Canon City, CO to Earl and Gertrude McDaniel on March 24, 1933 and passed away on January 22, 2021.

She was known as Nadine and was an amazing person. She worked for the Crested Butte Ski Area for 25 years before she retired. Then she took on the challenge of the Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce for 10 years. She helped start the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival, and the "Aerial Weekend" in which she participated. She believed in having something happening all of the time to draw people to Crested Butte.

She moved back to Canon City for Walt's health and continued to stay after his death, where she started helping out at the Council of the Arts, Loaves and Fishes and

Habitat for Humanity. She had a knack for getting things done. She also loved to play Bridge and Pinnacle.

She leaves behind her three children, Richard (Jennifer), Kathleen (William) Coleman, Michael (Nancy) Israel and also sisters Carol McFarland, Patricia Inakson and brother Russel (Peggy) McDaniel. She was grandmother to Steven (Jennifer) Coleman, Kelly Israel and Heather (Nate) Scavazze and 17 great-grand children. She leaves behind many nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

Per Nadine's request there will be no service. But a remembrance will be scheduled at a later date.

"We have lost a little light during the day but have gained a brighter star at night..."

We will miss you dearly.



Alan Holmquist 1945-2020

It was late summer in 1976 when Al pulled into town in his distinctive blue 1954 Jeep pickup, the logo of the Forest Queen Hotel and Restaurant already adorning both the doors. He had partnered with Barry Cornman and was ready to lay down roots in this unique community affectionately called The Butte. He stayed longer than

most and most definitely left his mark.

A good many of us had the pleasure of working at The Queen, even more occasionally ate there, and Al was always welcoming, enough to let us all borrow the phone. Whether it was a Fourth of July parade, a chili cook-off, the women's softball team or supporting the

local artists and musicians, Al was a regular participant. Retirement beckoned in 1993, and Al and his wife Susie settled for the solitude of Pine, Arizona, where they lived these last 26 years with their cats and the surrounding pinions.

Alan Holmquist was born on September 9, 1945, in Connecticut. He later

served in the Coast Guard as an electrician and after that taught math in Fontana, California, all before becoming a restaurant entrepreneur here in the Rockies. Our friend passed peacefully in his sleep on the 29 of December 2020.

Thanks, Al; we'll catch up with you on the trail later.



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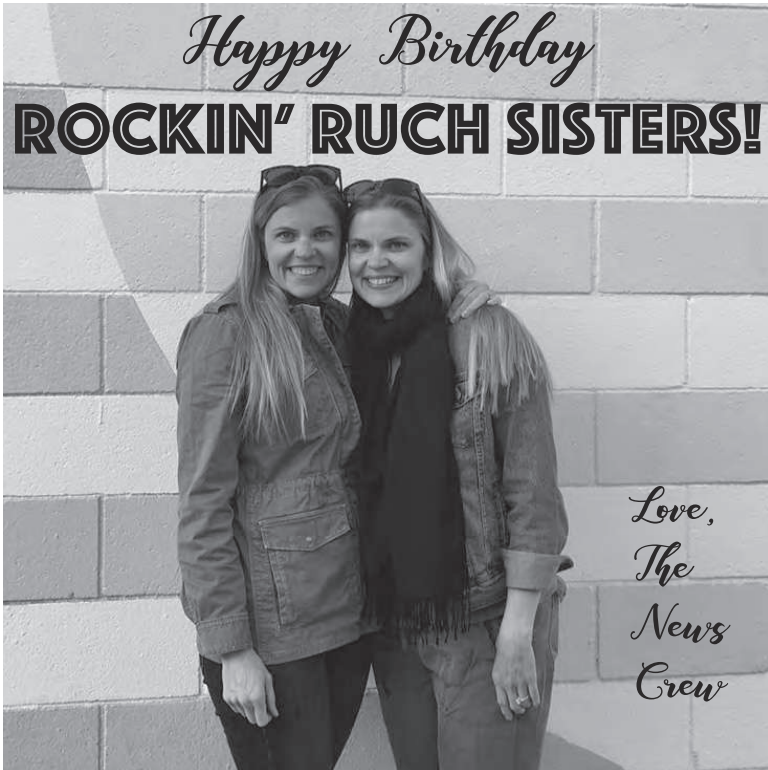
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FREE WILL astrology

BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES

(MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

In the 1950 film *Harvey*, James Stewart plays a middle-aged man named Elwood whose best friend is a tall invisible rabbit named Harvey. The relationship causes problems with the people in Elwood's life. At one point a psychiatrist tries to convince him to "struggle with reality." Elwood replies, "I wrestled with reality for 40 years and I am happy to state that I finally won." I'm happy to tell you this story, Aries, because it's a good lead in to my counsel for you: I suspect that one of your long wrestles with reality will yield at least a partial victory in the coming weeks. And it will be completely real, as opposed to Elwood's Harvey. Congratulations!

TAURUS

(APRIL 20-MAY 20)

The light of the North Star takes a long time to reach us, even though it's traveling 186,000 miles per second. The beams it shows us tonight first embarked when Shakespeare was alive on Earth. And yet that glow seems so fresh and pure. Are there any other phenomena in your life that are metaphorically comparable? Perhaps an experience you had months ago that is only now revealing its complete meaning? Or a seed you planted years ago that is finally ripening into its mature expression? The coming weeks will be an excellent time to take inventory of such things, Taurus. It will also be a favorable phase to initiate innovations that will take some time to become fully useful for you.

GEMINI

(MAY 21-JUNE 20)

In 1971, astronaut Alan Shepard had the great privilege of landing on the moon in a spacecraft, then walking on the lunar surface. How did he celebrate this epic holy adventure? By reciting a stirring passage from Shakespeare or the Talmud? By placing a framed photo of Amelia Earhart or a statue of Icarus in the dirt? By saying a prayer to his God or thoughtfully thanking the people who helped put him there? No. Shepard used this sublime one-of-a-kind moment to hit a golf ball with a golf club. I'll ask you not to regard him as a role model in the coming weeks. When your sacred or lofty moments arrive, offer proper homage and honor. Be righteously appreciative of your blessings.

CANCER

(JUNE 21-JULY 22)

William Shakespeare worked with another playwright in creating three plays: *Henry VIII*, *The Two Noble Kinsmen*, and *Cardenio*. The lucky collaborator was John Fletcher, who was popular and influential in his era. I propose that we name him one of your role models in 2021. Here's why: You will have an enhanced potential to engage in fertile partnerships with allies who are quite worthy of you. I encourage you to be on the lookout for opportunities to thrive on symbiosis and synergy.

LEO

(JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Canadian journalist Nick Ash-

down is amazed that white people in North America are so inhibited about revealing their real feelings. He writes, "How bizarre that in English, the word 'emotional' is used pejoratively, as though passion implies some sort of weakness." He marvels that the culture seems to "worship nonchalance" and regard intense expressiveness as uncool or unprofessional. I'm going to encourage you to embody a different approach in the coming days. I don't mean to suggest that you should be an out-of-control maniac constantly exploding with intensity. But I do hope you will take extra measures to respect and explore and reveal the spirited truth about yourself.

VIRGO

(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Virgo actor Ingrid Bergman appeared in three movies directed by Alfred Hitchcock. In *Notorious*, set after the end of World War II, she played the daughter of a Nazi spy. During the filming, Bergman had trouble with a particular scene. She explained her doubts to Hitchcock, saying, "I don't think I can do that naturally." Hitchcock seemed receptive to her input, but in the end had an unexpected response: "All right," he told her. "If you can't do it naturally, then fake it." I'm going to suggest that you follow Hitchcock's advice during the next two weeks, Virgo. "Fake it till you make it" is an acceptable—probably preferable—approach.

LIBRA

(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

The 17th-century Libran polymath Thomas Browne had a brilliant, well-educated mind. He authored many books on various subjects, from science to religion, and was second only to Shakespeare in the art of coining new words. He did have a blind spot, however. He referred to sex as the "trivial and vulgar way of union" and "the foolishness of a wise man commits in all his life." Most of us have pockets of ignorance like that—aspects that qualify as learning disabilities or intellectual black holes. And now and then there come times when we benefit from checking in with these deficiencies and deciding whether to take any fresh steps to wiser them up. Now is such a time for you.

SCORPIO

(OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

"There is no sunrise so beautiful that it is worth waking me up to see it," declares actor and comedian Mindy Kaling. Is that an unromantic sentiment? Maybe. But more importantly, it's evidence that she treasures her sleep. And that's admirable! She is devoted to giving her body the nurturing it needs to be healthy. Let's make Kaling your patron saint for now. It's a favorable time to upgrade your strategies for taking very good care of yourself.

SAGITTARIUS

(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

All of us go through phases when our brains work at a higher level than usual. I'm guessing that you're about to enjoy one of these times. In fact, I won't be

shocked if you string together a series of ingenious thoughts and actions. I hope you use your enhanced intelligence for important matters—like making practical improvements in your life! Please don't waste it on trivial matters like arguments on Facebook or Twitter.

CAPRICORN

(DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Today the Capricorn artist Paul Cézanne (1839–1906) is regarded as an important and influential painter. Early in his career, though, he was rejected and even ridiculed by critics. One reason was that he loved making still-life paintings, which were considered low art. Of his 584 works, about 200 of them were of inanimate, commonplace objects. Fruit was his specialty. Typically he might spend 100 separate sessions in perfecting a particular bowl of apples. "Don't you want to take a vacation from painting fruit?" he was asked. In response, he said that simply shifting the location of his easel in relation to his subject matter was almost more excitement than he could bear. That's the kind of focused, detailed attitude I hope you'll cultivate toward your own labors of love during the coming weeks, Capricorn.

AQUARIUS

(JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

"We all want everything to be okay," writes author David Levithan. "We don't even wish so much for fantastic or marvelous or outstanding. We will happily settle for okay, because most of the time, okay is enough." To that mediocre manifesto, I reply, okay. I accept that it's true for many people. But I don't think it will apply to you Aquarians in the coming weeks. According to my assessment of your astrological potentials, you can, if you want, have a series of appointments with the fantastic, the marvelous, and the outstanding. Please keep those appointments! Don't skip them out of timidity or excess humility.

PISCES

(FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

DON'Ts: Don't keep scratching an old wound until it bleeds. Don't try to snatch away the teddy bear that belongs to the 800-pound gorilla. Don't try to relieve your tension by pounding your head against a wall. Don't try to convince a stone idol to show you some tenderness. DOs: Do ask supposedly naive questions that may yield liberating revelations. Do keep in mind that sometimes things need to be a bit broken before you'll be motivated to give them all the care they need and deserve. Do extinguish the fire on a burning bridge, and then repair the bridge.

Homework: I believe that you can't get what you want from another person until you're able to give it to yourself. Do you think that's true?

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20 YEARS AGO today

BY NEL BURKETT

The following stories appeared in this publication 20 years ago this week.

Study focuses on population of construction industry

By Melissa Ruch

The numbers are in... Gunnison County along with the towns of Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte backed a recent study that tracked how many jobs are generated by construction and the upkeep of residences in the county. This survey also included simultaneous studies in Teton County, Wyoming, San Miguel County, the Town of Breckenridge, and Gunnison County.

The survey found that it takes 2.3 to 4.4 people to build 1,000 square feet in one year for an average custom home. The numbers vary for what kind of structure is being built.

For ongoing jobs, the report showed that it takes .23 full-time workers per unit or one person per four units for year-round upkeep. However, this varies by size. For example, it takes over three people for ongoing upkeep of a 12,000-square-foot home.

The study was conducted

by Melanie Rees of Rees Consulting in Boulder who worked with the county in 1999 to create their housing assessment and is working with both town councils of Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte in their visions of housing for the future. Gunnison County currently has no standards or regulations set for impact fees. Legally a nexus has to be proven to implement an impact fee on development.

As for the residential job generation study, Rees said the information can be used towards comprehensive planning and land use regulations that are based on impacts that residential development has on employment.

Over 45 builders and contractors were interviewed last fall for the construction study as 17 property management companies and a random 2,000 homeowners were surveyed for the ongoing maintenance and operation of homes section.

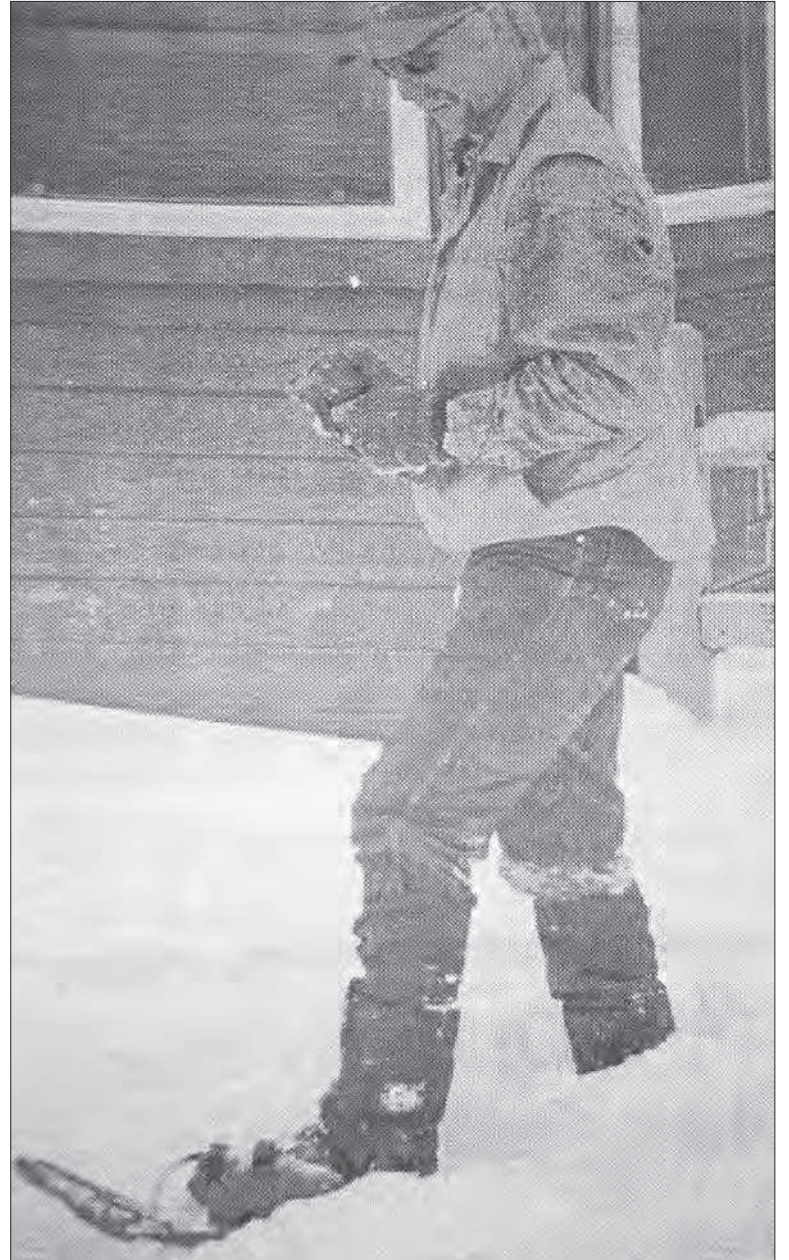
It was also found that the average time taken to complete a residential project was just under 20 months. While the majority of construction workers are not temporary residents, the study showed them as permanent residents who work

on multiple projects over time. Custom single-family homes are more labor intensive on a per-square-foot basis than are single-family projects or multi-family projects. Rees also found that the number of full-time workers for ongoing maintenance in primary residences and second homes was similar.

Rees told the commissioners this week that figuring out the non-English speaking percentage of crews was difficult to calculate since many contractors did not share the information. In the four study areas, Rees found many of the temporary jobs being filled by Mexicans and a trend in the direction of more women on the sites, many times in higher-level jobs.

"We've got this report so now what do we do with it?" Rees posed to the board. She advised the commissioners to attend a meeting with all the study areas in early March to discuss the forms of mitigation that could be used. She explained three forms of mitigation; inclusionary zoning, residential linkage and impact fees.

"We don't think only three but the rest will require creative thinking," she said.



Scott with Greeley Gas knows how to get to Crested Butte's meters.

PHOTO BY TIFFANY WARDMAN



Snowsculpturists came out to create some art in the surrounding meadows last week.

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Rees also pointed out the importance of working collaboratively with the other municipalities in the county on impact mitigation. Legally you cannot place the entire burden on housing projects, she explained.

Commissioner Perry Anderson asked, "How do you draw the line?"

Rees answered, "Drawing that line and developing a nexus is pretty easily done with all the information we've got now. It is not as much policy decision but putting the pieces together."

"I wish everyone would come together. I want to see the vision go from this is what we want, don't want and turn to goals and objectives... and go to implementation," said Rees.

She told the board that no

one solution would solve the impacts by development but a combination of incentives, mandates and partnerships.

Commissioner Jim Starr inquired about the impacts of retail construction as commissioner Fred Field was concerned where the workers lived and if the study looked at the past 10 years in the county.

The board expressed their interest in meeting with the other study areas in March and collaborating with the municipalities in the county on where to go with mitigating construction impacts.

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

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Crested Butte Library this week

Please join us on Tuesday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m. for a virtual Books-N-Bars discussion of **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens.

Copies of the book are available at the library and contact information for meeting details are on our website:


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Winter Parking Regulations Town of Crested Butte


10 p.m. to 10 a.m.

Is it an EVEN or ODD date?
EVEN dates park on the NORTH and WEST sides
ODD dates park on the SOUTH and EAST sides



- * **NORTH** is toward Gothic Mountain
- * **SOUTH** is toward Gunnison
- * **EAST** is toward Mt. Crested Butte Mountain
- * **WEST** is toward Kebler Pass / Red Lady Mountain

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AREA RESTRICTIONS
2 A.M. TO 8 A.M.
READ THE SIGNS POSTED ON EVERY BLOCK!



GAC presents Creating Songs ~ (Ages 16+)

Mondays, 6-8 pm. February 1 – March 29. (No class 3/15)

This two-hour songwriting class is for people whose levels of songwriting proficiency range from very beginner through advanced. By the end of this course, students will be able to create original songs, as well as understand and apply the principles, practices, methods and strategies developed by successful songwriters. The first hour of class will introduce

new concepts and skills, with ongoing individual review. The second hour of class shall be devoted to your independent projects, along with individual coaching. Our instructor will meet you at your level of proficiency and help you develop the skills to advance.

Students must bring their own instrument. Min. 4 students. Instructor: Joey Driven. \$100/student, \$85/members.

Call for artists from the Gunnison Arts Center

What did you consume when we were isolated? What consumed you? How does consumption shape who we are and what we make?

Think about this for "Consumed," one of the Open Community Shows in the Gunnison

Arts Center's Upper Gallery. The GAC is calling for submissions on this theme: Whether it be media, art, food, or ideas, this exhibit will showcase what consumption means to you.

Each artist is allowed a maximum of three entries. Sub-

mission dates are January 29 and February 1.

All ages and skill levels are welcome to submit artwork, both 2D and 3D. There's \$10 fee per entry and \$8 for GAC members. Visit the GAC website for complete information.

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—NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT TO— INTEGRATED WATER SERVICES, INC. MT. CRESTED BUTTE WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT CLARIFIER & BUILDING PROJECT

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District of Gunnison County, Colorado, will make final payment at the Administrative Office of the District (100 Gothic Road in the Town of Mt. Crested Butte, Colorado), on February 8, 2021, at the hour of 4:00 p.m. to Integrated Water Services, Inc. for all work done by said Contractor(s) on the Clarifier & Building Project performed within Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District.

Any person, co-partnership, association of persons, company or corporation that has furnished labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provisions,

provender, or other supplies used or consumed by such contractors or their subcontractors, in or about the performance of the work contracted to be done or that supplies rental machinery, tools, or equipment to the extent used in the prosecution of the work, and whose claim therefore has not been paid by the contractors or their subcontractors, at any time up to and including the time of final settlement for the work contracted to be done, is required to file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid, and on account of such claim, to the Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District, P.O. Box 5740, 100 Gothic

Road, Mt. Crested Butte, CO 81225, on or before the date and time hereinabove shown. Failure on the part of any claimant to file such verified statement of claim prior to such final settlement will release the Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District, its Board of Directors, officers, agents and employees, of and from any and all liability for such claim.

BY ORDER OF THE DISTRICT
 By: /s/ Mike Fabbre
 Mike Fabbre, District Manager

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—DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING— FEBRUARY 1, 2021 ~4:30 P.M. ZOOM MEETING MT. CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

The agenda and meeting packet will be officially posted on the Town's website no later than 24 hours prior to the February 1, 2021 Council meeting. Please go to <https://mtcrestedbuttecolorado.civicweb.net/portal/> or contact Mt. Crested Butte Town Hall at (970) 349-6632 for the agenda. Subscribe to the Town website to receive notifications when agendas are posted here: <https://mtcrestedbuttecolorado.civicweb.net/Portal/Subscribe.aspx>

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—PUBLIC NOTICE— TOWN OF MT. CRESTED BUTTE GUNNISON VALLEY LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

The Mt. Crested Butte Town Council will be appointing two (2) members to the Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Board at the Tuesday, March 2, 2021 Town Council meeting.

The appointed member of the board shall reside in the Town of Mt. Crested Butte and be a registered voter. For more information about what this board does please go to <https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/189/Gunnison-Valley-Land-Preservation-Board>

Interested people who meet the qualifications may apply by submitting a letter of interest to the Town Hall by

Thursday, February 25, 2021 or by stating his/her interest at the March 2, 2021 Town Council meeting. Please submit letters of interest to Tiffany O'Connell at toconnell@mtcrestedbuttecolorado.us or to PO Box 5800, Mt. Crested Butte, CO 81225. Applicants are encouraged to attend the March 2, 2021 Town Council meeting.

/s/ Tiffany O'Connell
 Town Clerk

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—LEGAL— NOTICE OF LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE RENEWALS

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the following liquor and beer license renewals are pending. Complaints concerning the conduct of said licensee or employees of the same should be directed, in writing, to Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford, by mailing to Box 39; Crested Butte, CO 81224, or by delivery to the same at Town Offices, 507 Maroon Ave, Crested Butte, Colorado. Complaints should be received on or before the date noted next to the establishment.

Brick Oven LTD DBA Brick Oven Pizzeria located at 223 Elk Ave	February 9, 2021
PDC Enterprises LLC DBA Acme Liquor Store located at 510 Belleview Ave	February 9, 2021
Montanya Distillers LLC tasting room located at 212 Elk Ave	February 9, 2021
The Sunflower LLC DBA The Sunflower located at 214 Elk Ave	February 9, 2021

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—CB SOUTH P.O.A. BOARD MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA— WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021 ~ 6:00 P.M. P.O.A. BOARD MEETING AGENDA VIRTUAL UBERCONFERENCE

Join the call: <https://www.uberconference.com/dom658>
 Optional dial-in number: 781-448-4005
 PIN: 70089
 Questions about this Agenda/Meeting can be directed to 349-1162 or info@cbsouth.net
This agenda can also be viewed on-line at www.cb-south.net

6:00 PM Call to Order
6:05 PM Approval of Minutes for January 2020 P.O.A. Board Meeting
6:10 PM Monthly Financial Report for January 2020
New Business:
6:25 PM Scheduled Property Owner Comment Time
6:35 PM Hedda Peterson, Gunnison County Met Rec District

Continued Business:

7:05 PM Review Covenant Amendment Draft
Manager's Report:
7:35 PM Manager's Report
7:50 PM Confirm March 10, Board Meeting Date
 Identify March Board Meeting Agenda Items

8:00 PM Adjourn
ADA Accommodations: Anyone needing special 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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—AGENDA— TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Meeting Information to Connect Remotely.
Please use the address below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87471223471>
Or Telephone: Dial US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799
Webinar ID: 874 7122 3471
The times are approximate. The meeting may move faster or slower than expected.

6:00 WORK SESSION
 1) Parking Plan.
Staff Contact: Community Development Director Troy Russ

7:00 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR OR MAYOR PRO-TEM
7:02 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
7:04 CONSENT AGENDA
 1) January 19, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes.
Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford
 2) Approval from the Town Council to Pursue a Grant Application to the History Colorado's State Historical Fund for a Historic Structure Assessment for Town Hall (507 Maroon Avenue).
Staff Contact: Community Development Director Troy Russ
The listing under Consent Agenda is a group of items to be

acted 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 Honor of Dr. Laura Ramos
7:12 Annual Report from Mountain Express Managing Director Jeremy Herzog
7:25 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.
7:30 STAFF UPDATES
7:45 LEGAL MATTERS
7:55 NEW BUSINESS
 1) Ordinance No. 1, Series 2021 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Approving a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Amending the Crested Butte's Official Zone District Map for Block 36, Tract 2, Academy Place Subdivision.
Staff Contact: Community Development Director Troy Russ
8:15 2) Approval of a Preferred Concept Alternative and Authorization to Allocate Funds in 2021 for the Slate River Boat Launch Project.

Staff Contact: Parks and Recreation Director Janna Hansen
8:35 3) Discussion and Council Direction Regarding Tenancy for 308 3rd Unit K.
Staff Contact: Finance Director Rob Zillioux

9:00 COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES
9:15 OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL
9:25 DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE
 • Tuesday, February 16, 2021 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
 • Monday, March 1, 2021 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
 • Monday, March 15, 2021 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council

9:30 EXECUTIVE SESSION
 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 vested rights in the land use context.
10:15 ADJOURNMENT

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—NOTICE TO FIRST MORTGAGEES OF UNITS WITHIN HUNTER HILL CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION—

Dated: January 20, 2021
 The Hunter Hill Condominium Association (Association) hereby provides notice to First Mortgagees of Units located within the Association of the First Amendment to the Condominium Declaration for Hunter Hill Condominiums (First Amendment), which prohibits rentals of any units of less than 90 days, and changes the percentage of owner approval for amendments to the Condominium Declaration to 67%, in accordance with law. In addition to First Mortgagee approval, the Owners

in the Association have to approve the adoption of the First Amendment in accordance with the Condominium Declaration for Hunter Hill Condominiums and Colorado law. Consistent with the requirement for lender approval in the Condominium Declaration for Hunter Hill Condominiums, and with procedures set forth in C.R.S. §38-33.3-217(1b), the Association requests your approval of the First Amendment. **THE FIRST AMENDMENT DOES NOT AFFECT THE PRIORITY OF TERMS OF YOUR DEED OF**

TRUST. Your approval of the First Amendment does not require any action or response, and will be considered approved in the absence of a negative response delivered by you within sixty days after the date of this Notice. You may obtain a copy of the First Amendment by submitting your written request to Elizabeth P. Appleton, PC, PO Box 234, Crested Butte, CO 81224.

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**—REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING—
 FEBRUARY 2, 2021 ~ 6:00 P.M.
 ZOOM MEETING
 MT. CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO**

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LET US HELP YOU TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY: Crested Butte Lodging offers hassle free, full services for long term and short term rentals. Inquire with our office for more information. Call 970-349-2449 or email reservations@crestedbuttelodging.com. (1/29/37).

FOR RENT IN GUNNISON: Very nice, quiet & secluded location. No pets. Call to apply 970-641-5174. (1/29/15).

N COLORADO STREET in Gunnison, next to Western. Super nice basement apartment in owner's home. Available August 2020. No pets or smoking. Rent \$795 utilities paid. 512-657-3159. (1/29/27).

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

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. (1/29/36).

RETAIL/OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE in the Gunnison Meadows Mall next to City Market. Unit #722. Rent \$1,500/mo. + CAM. For more information, call Jordon Ringel, 817-733-6947. (1/29/27).

GREAT COMMERCIAL SPACE: 450 sq.ft. available now. Private entrance, upstairs, 1/2 bath. Plenty of storage space, nice windows. 3rd & Bellevue in town. \$895/month. Call Scott 970-275-0346 or gscottpfister@yahoo.com. (1/29/30).

COZY, PRIVATE OFFICE SPACE with storage area and half bath. Great fenced yard and deck included! Located at four-way stop right off Elk Ave. \$850/month. Text 435-421-2949 for more info. (2/5/31).

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

OFFICE/BUSINESS SPACE FOR RENT: 1200 sq.ft. Red Lady & 5th. Upstairs, \$1600/month + utilities, month to month. Call 970-275-2210 or leave message at 970-349-7176. (1/29/24).

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE: 400 sf., shared bathrooms, kitchen. Private entrance and good onsite parking. Available January 2021. Contact Tim at 970-596-0422 or tim@cbphysiotherapy.com. (1/29/24).

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: Nicest office in the town of CB. Amazing view. 427 Bellevue. 423 sq.ft. \$1400/month. wonspeed@gmail.com. (1/29/21).

COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE on Elk Avenue. Several spots available - retail and office. Available now. Call for details 970-349-2773. (1/29/18).

FOR SALE

ROPE SANDALS: Brand new Gurkee's, still has tags on them. Size 6.5-7. \$35. The most comfortable sandal you'll ever own! 970-275-8910. (1/29/pd/21).

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. (1/29/pd/24).

2005 SUBARU HEADS: Machined, 2.5L H4 VIN(6). \$500 for the pair obo. Call for pictures and info, 970-275-9294. (1/29/pd/19).

REAL ESTATE

6 LOTS ON ELK AVE Zoned B4 residential and/or commercial, PUD ready, \$1,200,000. www.mitchellevans.com, Call Mitch 970-349-5407. (1/29/18).

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. (1/29/pd/25).

FENCELINE CB SOUTH LOT with outstanding views for sale. 588 Zeligman, .31 acres for \$179,000. Call Listing Broker, Noelle Larson, Crested Butte Resort Real Estate, 970-366-2398. (1/29/26).

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. (1/29/pd/28).

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. (1/29/70).

EMPLOYMENT

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHOCOLATE FACTORY in Crested Butte has immediate openings. Have fun learning to make fudge and caramel. Part time, flexible hours, year round. Additional counter shifts available. FUN JOB! Can earn \$15 or more per hour with tips. Apply in person at 314 Elk Ave., Crested Butte or send resume: rncfcb@live.com. (1/29/53).

COOK/CASHIER position available at the CB South General Store & Eatery. Full or part-time schedule. Looking for a motivated and friendly individual to join our team! Competitive hourly wage plus great TIPS! Please call 970-349-2783 or email cbsouthgstore@gmail.com for more information. (1/29/42).

THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE is accepting applications for a Wastewater Systems Operator. Qualifications Include: A high school diploma or equivalent; Colorado Class D Wastewater certificate, Class 1 Collection certificate, Class D Water certificate, and a Class 1 Distribution certificate, or ability to obtain them within one (1) year of date of employment are minimum requirements. Colorado Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or ability to obtain one within one (1) year of date of employment. Electrical, mechanical and/or plumbing system installation, maintenance and repair experience preferred. This year-round position has an excellent benefits package including 100% employer paid premium health, dental, and life insurance for the employee. As well as, employer contribution to retirement plan after one year of employment. Starting pay is \$37,000 - \$55,000 DOQ and experience. Full job description is available on the Town's website at www.townofcrestedbutte.com. Please submit application via email to hfrench@crestedbutte-co.gov. Position is open until filled. The Town of Crested Butte is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (1/29/162).

EMPLOYMENT

TOAD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT is looking for a friendly, fun, hardworking office assistant. 20-30 hours/week. Duties will include accounts payable, answering phones and other daily office tasks. Must possess basic computer skills but we are otherwise willing to train the right person. Email resume to rob@toadpropertymanagement.com. (1/29/47).

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THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE seeks applicants for the Recreation Program Coordinator position to join the Parks and Recreation team. The position will coordinate all recreational programming and facility rentals for the Town of Crested Butte. Knowledge of principles and practices of recreation, sports, and leisure programming, motivating staff and volunteers, and organizational administrative skills is required. The position will require some night and weekend work. This year-round position includes excellent benefits package with 100% employer paid employee health, dental, vision, life insurance and contribution to retirement plan after one year of employment. Starting salary is \$34,000-\$38,000 DOQ. Full job description is available on the Town's website at www.townofcrestedbutte.com. Please submit application via email to Hilary French at hfrench@crestedbutte-co.gov. Position is open until filled. The Town of Crested Butte is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (1/29/136).

PART TIME SNOW MOVER: Small prop. mgt. co. needs a part time snow mover. Transportation, shovel or snow blower provided. Good hourly pay, flexible hours. Craig 970-901-7975. (2/12/27).

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EMPLOYMENT

LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE in CB South is seeking the perfect full time infant/toddler teacher to complete our team. This is a wonderful opportunity for a full time year round job with benefits! Looking for someone who has experience with infants and toddlers, education in the field or willingness to obtain necessary certifications within 6 months, and a passion and creativity in teaching. Must have a flexible schedule and be a team player. Please send resume and interest letter to Jessica at llredschoolhouse1@gmail.com. (2/5/84).

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 \$16-\$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. (1/29/89).

WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY invites applications for the position of Creative Manager & Lead Graphic Designer. The Creative Manager & Lead Graphic Designer is a member of the Marketing Communications (MarCom) Team and is responsible for serving as the creative director for all collateral the office produces across all mediums (printed, electronic, digital, web, etc); providing a cohesive creative and visual direction for all deliverables; and reinforcing the University's branding. To apply or for more information, visit www.western.edu/jobs. AA/EOE. (1/29/78).

BARTENDER 9380 Tavern in Mt. Crested Butte, CO is hiring a full time, seasonal Bartender. Possible onsite housing available for the right candidates. Apply online at boxerproperty.com/jointheteam. (2/12/28).

TOAD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT is always looking for great team members. We are currently hiring maintenance managers and technicians. Please go to ToadPropertyManagement.com/employment to submit your resume. (1/29/27).

EMPLOYMENT

OUR THRIVING ORTHOPEDIC PRACTICE is seeking a medical receptionist to assume the tasks of coordinating patient and physician schedules, managing files, and working as part of our team. The position is 32 hrs/wk in both Crested Butte and Gunnison offices. The right candidate will be organized, able to multitask, and possess strong communication skills. Prior experience a plus. Must enjoy fostering patient relationships in our patient centered practice. Interested? Send resume to office@pinnacleortho.colorado.com. (2/5/75).

ACTION ADVENTURES SNOWMOBILING is now accepting applications for the following positions: Snowmobile Tour Guides, Shuttle Van Drivers and Guest Services/Office Staff. We also have an opening for a Snowmobile Tech/Mechanic. COME HAVE FUN WITH US THIS WINTER! Send resume to james@actionadventures.com or call 970-349-5909. (1/29/47).

GUNNISON VALLEY HEALTH has the following openings: At the Hospital - 2 FT Housekeepers, 1 FT Facilities Tech, 1 FT ED Tech, 1 FT Financial Counselor, 1 FT A/R Specialist, 1 FT Medical Technologist, 1 FT Lead RN, 1 FT OR RN, 1 PRN ED RN, 1 PRN Labor & Delivery RN, 1 FT Psychiatric Behavioral Health Nurse Provider, 1 Licensed Behavioral Health Provider, 1 FT Supply Chain Director, 1 PRN Echo Tech, 1 PRN HIM Tech, 1 Driver, 1 PRN Paramedic, 1 PRN Unit Coordinator, 1 PRN Clinic RN. At the Senior Care Center - 1 C.N.A. training class, 1 FT Director of Nursing, 3 FT, 2 PT Staff Nurses, 2 FT & 2 PT Life Enriching Caregivers. At Home Health - 1 PRN Physical Therapist, 1 PRN C.N.A., 1 PRN RN. Please visit our website for more in-depth position descriptions, specific qualification requirements and to apply online <http://jobs.gunnisonvalleyhealth.org>, or call HR for questions 970-641-1456. (PRN = as needed). All offers of employment are contingent upon the successful completion of a negative 10 panel drug screen test, criminal background check, reference checks, infection prevention procedures (TB test, Flu Shot, immunization records, etc.), physical capacity profile and acknowledgment of policies. (1/29/196).

EMPLOYMENT

PFFISTERS AND POOHS CORNER: Full and part time available. We operate in a fun friendly environment. Retail experience preferred but will train. Good pay, perks for the right person. Stop by and pick up an application or send resume to pffistershandworks@yahoo.com, 970-349-6731. (1/29/43).

GUNNISON COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Administrative Assistant III, County Manager: Full-time, annual salary starting at \$40,483 depending on qualifications and experience plus full benefits. For more information, including complete job description, required qualifications and application instructions, please visit <http://www.GunnisonCounty.org/Jobs>. (1/29/40).

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR Mountain Roots is seeking a 'rising star' fundraising professional who is looking to grow into the role as we grow. 30-40 hrs/week. Coach/mentor provided. Responsible for achieving the annual fundraising goals, including launching a capital campaign, and engaging donors in our mission and programs, while being responsible for the communications, gift tracking, and the organization's fundraising plan. View full position description at mountainrootsfoodproject.org. (1/29/67).

BLACKJACK GARAGE DOOR seeks worker bees. Flexible hours, PT or FT depending on experience. Call 970-275-8929 or email greg@blackjackgaragedoor.com. (1/29/20).

PART-TIME CABIN CLEANER IN CB: Must have cleaning experience. Able to work independently, meticulously and on some weekends/holidays. Year-round/long-term 10-20 hrs/wk. Usual working hours 10-2 p.m. \$23/hour DOE. Email resume/references to pioneer-guestcabins@gmail.com. No phone calls. (1/29/41).

WEST ELK CLEANING seeking experienced housekeeper: 15-30 hrs./week. Must have reliable transportation (work is exclusively in CB/Mt. CB), ability to work independently & weekend availability. Call/text 970-901-3232 to apply. (2/5/31).

WHEN IS THE LAST TIME you loved where you worked? Alpine Orthopaedics is currently hiring for a PRN Periop Nurse. This is a year round position for our surgery center in Gunnison. Required skills include IV starts, administering fluids, monitoring vitals, recovering patients from anesthesia, and family/patient education. This is a PRN position, every Tuesday. Interested applicants can send resumes to ksweeney@alpineortho.net. (1/29/64).

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EMPLOYMENT

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THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE is looking for a Utility Operator. Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent; Colorado Small Water Systems certificate, and Small Wastewater Systems certificate or ability to obtain them within one (1) year of date of employment. Colorado Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or ability to obtain within one (1) year of date of employment. Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical system maintenance and repair experience preferred. Applicants must be able to respond to system/plant emergencies within one hour. Starting pay is \$37,000 - \$55,000 DOE. This year-round position has an excellent benefits package including 100% employer paid employee health, dental, vision, life insurance and contribution to retirement plan after one year of employment. Full job description is available on the Town's website at www.townofcrestedbutte.com. Please submit application via email to Hilary French at hfrench@crestedbutte-co.gov. Position is open until filled. The Town of Crested Butte is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (1/29/151).

THE MT. CRESTED BUTTE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT is accepting applications for a full-time Wastewater Operator position to be part of a team environment focused on operation of the wastewater plant and collection system for Mt. Crested Butte. Important qualifications include a combination of construction, field operations and electrical/mechanical/maintenance repair. A State of Colorado Collections and/or Wastewater 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 week-ends and holidays. A valid Colorado driver's license is required and a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) is preferred at hiring or the ability to obtain such within six (6) months is required. Starting salary is \$41,500 to \$48,500 for entry level. \$48,500 to \$70,100 salary available for operators with experience and appropriate state wastewater 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 bburks@mcbwsd.com. Position is open until filled. MCBWSD is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (2/12/211).

EMPLOYMENT

FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE: The Town of Mt. Crested Butte Police Department is currently accepting applications for the Administrative Assistant position. Primary responsibilities include general reception and administrative duties for the Police Department as directed by the Chief of Police, in addition to accepting full responsibilities as a Certified Records Technician and Evidence Custodian. The Administrative Assistant position is considered an essential employee position within the Mt. Crested Butte Police Department with office hours from 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. This is not a remote work position. In light of the job duties, physical presence at the Police Department is essential. A history of ethical and moral behavior is of the utmost importance. Therefore, applicants will be subject to a full background check. Felony and some misdemeanor convictions or a history of illegal drug use are disqualifying factors. The ideal candidate is a self-motivated, detailed oriented, professional person with excellent phone and face-to-face communication skills. Experience with the Microsoft Office Suite including Word, Access and Excel is necessary, as well as the ability to learn law enforcement specific software and data bases. Experience with social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter and some website knowledge preferred, but not required. The Town of Mt. Crested Butte Police Department offers a substantial benefits package including health, vision, and dental insurance coverage for the employee and family at no expense to the employee, paid vacation, plus 12 additional paid holidays, paid sick time, paid career development and generous retirement package. Starting salary range is \$45,000 - \$55,000 depending on experience. Send resume and cover letter to n.stepanek@mtcbpd.us or to the Mt. Crested Butte Police Department, PO Box 5800, Mt. Crested Butte, CO 81225. Resumes will be accepted through February 3rd, 2021. (1/29/288).

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WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY'S ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT seeks a customer service oriented and dynamic Admissions Counselor/Marketing Associate. 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 AA/EOE. (1/29/43).

BOOKKEEPER 1 day/week for Mountain Roots, a midsize non profit using Quickbooks. Detail oriented; references required. Email director@mountainrootsfoodproject.org. (1/29/20).

PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: The Town of Mt. Crested Butte is currently accepting applications for part time Administrative Assistant position. Primary responsibilities include general reception and administrative duties such as phones, processing the mail, business license and pillow tax applications, ordering office supplies and assisting with the short-term rental licensing program. The ideal candidate is a self-motivated, detail oriented, professional person with excellent phone and face-to-face communication skills. Experience with the Microsoft Office Suite including Word, Access and Excel is necessary as well as the ability to learn job specific computer programs. Starting salary will be between \$16 and \$20 per hour depending on experience, approximately 24 hours per week between the hours of 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Schedule can be flexible with your schedule. Position does have the potential to go full time with full benefits. Applications are being accepted until February 8th. Please email your resume and cover letter to [Tiffany O'Connell](mailto:Tiffany_O'Connell@mtcrestedbuttecolorado.us) at toconnell@mtcrestedbuttecolorado.us. (2/5/158).

CARPENTER OR CARPENTER'S HELPER WANTED: Full time, \$18-\$30/hour DOE. Small company in CB South. Meier Construction & Engineering Company. Call Skip 970-930-7119 or Clay 303-810-9045. (1/29/26).

EMPLOYMENT

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY seeking maintenance crew member. Wide range of tasks performed, potential for growth, pay DOE. Must have clean driving record and reliable transportation. Please call 970-417-7557. (1/29/28).

WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY is hiring Custodial Staff. To apply visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/colorado> or contact LaDonna Garcia at lgarcia@western.edu or call 970-943-2588. AA/EOE. (1/29/26).

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THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE is looking for a Custodian - Maintenance Worker. Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent and at least (4) years of experience in facility maintenance and/or construction. Primary duties: cleaning of public restrooms and public areas, as well as, facilities maintenance, including snow removal, drywall repair, servicing of boilers and other heating equipment, light electrical and plumbing repair, and light carpentry. This position will require some holidays and weekends. This is a full-time position with benefits. Benefits include fully paid employee medical, dental and health insurance. Starting pay is \$43,972 - \$49,920, DOQ. Full job description is available on the Town's website at www.townofcrestedbutte.com. Please submit application to Town of Crested Butte via email to hrench@crestedbutte-co.gov. Position is open until filled. The Town of Crested Butte is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (1/29/135).

EMPLOYMENT

EXPANDING NEW HOME BUILDER SEEKS mature, local sales person to service leads. Salary + Commission: Six figure 1st year possible. Email resume to kbken7@gmail.com. (2/12/24).

THE CRESTED BUTTE MOUNTAIN HERITAGE MUSEUM is hiring a part time year round Museum Store Manager and Buyer. We are seeking a detail oriented, flexible, creative team player with experience in retail management and basic book-keeping. View the full job description at www.crestedbuttemuseum.com. Please email your cover letter and resume to Shelley Popke, Executive Director, at director@crestedbuttemuseum.com. Email or call Shelley at 970-349-1880 with any questions. (1/29/67).

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CLEANERS WANTED Part-time, experience preferred & must have car. Occasional other light labor optional. Call High Altitude Property Management 970-596-9333. (1/29/19).

THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE is looking for a Project Manager/Engineer. The position will support the Town of Crested Butte by performing civil engineering and project management for capital improvement/maintenance projects. Starting pay is \$70,000 - \$87,000 DOQ. This is a full time position with benefits. Benefits include fully paid employee medical, dental and health insurance. Full job description is available on the Town's website at www.townofcrestedbutte.com. Please submit application to Town of Crested Butte, via email to hrench@crestedbutte-co.gov. Position is open until filled. The Town of Crested Butte is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (1/29/96).

EMPLOYMENT

TOAD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT is always looking for great people! We are looking for a full time HOA property manager. This position will require experience in budget management, maintenance management and Board meetings. Prior experience will be important but not required. You must be outgoing, happy and love to be here! Please visit Toadpropertymanagement.com/employment to submit your resume. (1/29/58).

NOTICES

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NOTICES

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