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CHILLY QUADFECTA: Lt. Dangle, also known as Jordan Williford, decided that the 42k race was just too easy and completed all of the distances offered by the Alley Loop Marathon, over February 6-7. For more Alley Loop photos, see page 10. PHOTO BY ROBBY LLOYD

Airport finalizes its renovation design plans

Breaking ground in late March and ready next December

[BY KATHERINE NETTLES]

As the last of the spring break crowds depart the valley and the ski season comes to a close, major renovations at the Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport (GUC) are set to begin on the heels of departing flights. And believe it or not, the plan is for the new and improved airport to fully reopen from its summer construction slowdown as ski season starts up again next winter. The \$22 million project to update and improve security, mechanical systems and user experience could be complete in less than nine months.

Adam Ambro with Gensler, an architect and design firm, presented the final airport design plan to Gunnison County commissioners on Tuesday, February 9, reviewing what Gensler has worked on for the past 18 months. The project's main objectives have not changed since the county initiated the project with a much smaller budget in mind; the project became fully funded through a surprise \$18 million grant from CARES Act funding in April 2020 and another \$8 million in federal Airport Improvement Program money in September. The budgeting windfalls mean the full scale of desired renovations are now possible, and the project will be debt-free.

The original priorities have endured: to improve passenger flow and experience; add concessions; update the security checkpoint and lower level hold rooms; relocate and expand restrooms; relocate ground service equipment; and add an automated baggage processing and baggage claim system.

"We're checking all these boxes and more," said Ambro of how those original goals are addressed in the new design. There are now upgrades such as an elevator, escalators, interior design elements customized to reflect the Gunnison Valley's location and culture, and pocket gardens and social gathering areas throughout the site. The overall effect, said Ambro, will be to create a more intuitive building for visitors with modern airport amenities while maintaining the modest character of the Gunnison Valley and its original airport design.

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CB businesses staying steadier than in Mt. CB

"A lot of days we don't know what to expect"

[BY KATHERINE NETTLES]

Midway through the winter season, it seems most businesses in Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte have settled into a new normal—at least for the duration of a pandemic during ski season in a resort area. Many restaurants say they could use a few more employees, while most retailers say they are doing fine staff-wise. All have adjusted to new public safety protocols, to new ways of doing business and making the best of the COVID situation. And there is wide variation on how much foot traffic retailers report, with Mt. Crested Butte still trailing the town of Crested Butte.

It may be the (previously) low snowfall numbers this season, or the pandemic. Or both. But Mt. Crested Butte has not seen a large uptick in traffic through its restaurant and retailer doors this winter, and according to most businesses there it is noticeably slower. Crested Butte, however, seems mostly bustling.

Rumors/Townie Books co-owner Arvin Ramgoolam says business has been "stable," and he is pleased with what Gunnison County has done to support businesses staying open.

"We've been busy since Thanksgiving. And even though we took away seating and people are not happy about that, they have been happy to still come in for their daily fix," he says of the Rumors Café side of the business. He says retail-wise, things have also been good in the bookstore.

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Two local companies compete for Moosejaw Outdoor Accelerator

Vote for the finalists through February 26

[BY KENDRA WALKER]

The ICELab is once again partnering with Moosejaw Mountaineering to hold its international outdoor accelerator mentorship program this spring, and two Gunnison Valley companies are included in the top 10 finalists in the running to participate in the program. Local companies Campfire Ranch and PACT Outdoors both bring innovative ideas to the outdoor industry, and hope to be included in the program to propel their businesses forward.

"We had 106 applications from 35 states and three countries," said ICELab director David Assad. "Thirty-five applications were from Colorado with three in Gunnison County. Two of the three in Gunnison County were selected as top 10 finalists by a panel of six judges," he said.

The public can vote on the 10

finalists and four winners will be selected to participate by the panel. According to Assad, votes will be a strong indicator of who the panel selects. The voting period lasts until February 26, and the four finalists will be announced on March 9.

The program itself is slated to run eight weeks from April 12 to June 4, where the ICELab team will dig into how they can help each company with their goals and growth. The first two weeks will take place remotely through Zoom meetings, and then the participants will travel to Boulder to meet with mentors in person. The final five weeks of the program will take place in

Gunnison at the ICELab, with the companies staying on the Western Colorado University campus. "We love showing off our county to visitors and the four winners will have a home for five weeks here at Western to explore from this summer," said Assad.

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[Overheard]
 "Mom, a hickey isn't a baby!"
—shared from a wide-eyed local mother after a chat with her teenage daughter



CBMR's Extreme Limits opened last week. PHOTO BY TAYLOR AHEARN

It's the little things ... and the attitude

First things first...Despite my offer in last week's paper, Mark Walter did not call me to take advantage of the opportunity to lay out his real estate plans in the valley as he buys up a bunch of commercial property. I did hear from a couple of people in the real estate business who felt I went overboard to put out there how much money he had and how much money he made in the market over a couple days. Fair. I also heard from some people, mainly mid-timers, who appreciated the editorial and assessment of where the old mining town, now high-end ski resort, is heading. I trust that what I've heard about Mr. Walter...that he's a good down-to-earth guy who loves what this place is and what it represents, is true. And that's good news. Community attitude still matters. CB may not be what it was but it's still pretty good. It is what it is.

It was soooooo good for CBMR to get the Extreme Limits open this past week. A foot of fresh brightened up the steeps, the local attitudes and drew hundreds of people to the thing this ski mountain is most known for. Telly got tapped thousands of times at the North Face Lift and despite the look of the lines, the spacing made them actually move pretty quickly.

I figured just getting to the terrain would be a mental health boost and it was — but just as important was the fact the skiing was surprisingly good given the lean snowfall this year. A big shout-out to the packers, the patrol and everyone else in mountain ops that worked hard in a difficult snow season to open up the goods. Skiing around on a blustery Sunday, it was evident by the sound of bombs on the front side that they aren't stopping. Peel, Forest and more on the West Side opened Tuesday as well. Yeah, there are rocks but if you've skied here any time at all, you know what to expect and understand ski tuning is a part of the package.

I can't help but note the clock at the Four-Way that rarely has the right time. I love that old-school Crested Butte attitude. Yeah, it might be 10 o'clock and the bus should be coming, or it might really be 10:06 and the bus is already powering up the mountain. It doesn't matter that much since there is (almost) always another bus coming in 15 minutes or less. Sit back, enjoy the bench, breath in some good

high mountain attitude and know you'll get up there safely and eventually.

Speaking of attitude, it appears most people are continuing to wear facemasks on Elk Avenue, on the buses and while waiting in line at the chairlifts. People seem to have an accepting attitude toward the intrusive measures recommended to ward off the coronavirus transmission and it continues to work here. Yeah, we all want to be back to a normal time when we could stand closer together, share a beer and listen to live music elbow-to-elbow but that ain't happening any time soon. And if that weird variant virus explodes, it really won't be soon. But this county continues to shine. Vaccines are up, the number of positive cases down (compared to other ski communities) and hospitalizations here are almost non-existent. We've been both lucky and good and I'm glad we are keeping it up to give our business-owning neighbors a chance to make a living while providing us all a chance at a sliver of normalcy found through making the effort to show respect for one another.

I was listening to the radio news Tuesday and the debate between politicians and union reps across the country was about the danger of having kids back in classrooms. Well Tuesday marked the 100th day of school for the children of this high mountain village and as principal Sally Hensley reminded me in an email: "Every last one of them have been In Person!" Heck ya! It goes to the spirit and attitude of this place and is absolutely fantastic.

And how good was it to have an actual live event in town? Crested Butte Nordic, which did such an outstanding job when this COVID-19 came roaring through the valley last winter and spring, stepped up huge again this past weekend when they organized a real life outdoor ski race. It wasn't as big as recent years but just the fact that animals and cartoon characters were zipping around Crested Butte on skinny skis was a blessing.

Yeah — it's not what it was...but it's still better — and still different — from most places. That is indeed a blessing.

—Mark Reaman

LETTERS

Laws here aren't going to change to accommodate you

Dear Mark,

It doesn't matter where you are from...it doesn't matter what color your skin is, or what religion you believe in...it doesn't matter how much money you think you have...if you live in, or move to a small town, YOU must fit in. The laws here aren't going to change to accommodate where you came from.

Winter driving is challenging for anybody and it is important that drivers pay attention. Hang up your phone, text your boy-

friend later, put down the Big Mac and concentrate on driving your vehicle. Maybe think about communicating with others on the road by using your damned turn signal. It's not that hard. Driving is a privilege...not a right, and privileges can and should be taken away when not respected appropriately.

Around here, people are expected to drive slower than they are used to...and that is a good thing. The roads get slippery here and it may not look bad, but

driving too fast, especially in the winter, is rarely a good thing. And, no matter how slow you think you are driving...if you lose control of your vehicle, cause or are involved in an accident, you are driving too fast. Period!!! Slow the f#&@ down. Especially in town! All it is going to take is for some a**hole driving too fast to take out a kid on Elk Ave, and then hopefully we will see some consequence.

Respectfully,
Dave Carbonetti

Weather Report

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WORLD NEWS

WORLD

WHO vaccine experts recommend use of Oxford/AstraZeneca jab
A World Health Organization panel (WHO) of experts has recommended the use of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine in settings where variants of the coronavirus are circulating. The announcement on Wednesday came days after a small-scale and limited study showed that the jab had a far lower efficacy against mild and moderate diseases caused by a new variant first detected in South Africa.—*information compiled from AlJazeera*

Bitcoin consumes 'more electricity than Argentina'

Bitcoin uses more electricity annually than the whole of Argentina, analysis by Cambridge University suggests. "Mining" for the cryptocurrency is power-hungry, involving heavy computer calculations to verify transactions. Cambridge researchers say it consumes around 121.36 terawatt-hours (TWh) a year - and is unlikely to fall unless the value of the currency slumps. Critics say electric-car firm Tesla's decision to invest heavily in Bitcoin undermines its environmental image. The currency's value hit a record \$48,000 (£34,820) this week, following Tesla's announcement that it had bought about \$1.5bn bitcoin and planned to accept it as payment in future. —*information compiled from BBC*

NATION

Georgia county launches criminal probe of Trump's effort to overturn election results

Prosecutors in Fulton County, Georgia have opened a criminal investigation into former President Donald Trump's attempts to overturn the state's 2020 presidential election results and reverse his loss, the *New York Times* reported. The *Times*, citing a state official, said county prosecutor Fani Willis had sent a letter asking state government officials to preserve documents, including those related to Trump's call to Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger pressuring him to "find" more votes. —*information compiled from Reuters*

STATE

\$10 billion in recreational marijuana has been sold in Colo, fueled by strong 2020 sales

Colorado retailers continue to set new marijuana sales records each month, and the industry says it's now time to return all that tax money to education funds. Colorado retailers have sold \$10 billion in marijuana since recreational pot started being sold in 2014, according to the state Department of Revenue. Total 2020 sales hit \$2.19 billion, up sharply from \$1.75 billion in 2019. Sales in December alone were \$186.34 million. Statewide sales since 2014 reached \$9.98 billion in December, meaning that with the addition of January and partial February sales, Colorado has likely far surpassed the \$10 billion mark. —*information compiled from Colorado Sun*

Aspen to host Freeski and Snowboard World Championships this March

Aspen is set to host two of the world's premier skiing and snowboarding competitions next month at Buttermilk Ski Area. The 2021 Freeski and Snowboard World Championships will come to town barely a month after Buttermilk hosted some of the same athletes at Winter X Games, adding to a growing competition schedule here in Aspen this season. On top of World Championships, Buttermilk will host a World Cup Grand Prix immediately after. Worlds will include slopestyle, half-pipe and big air contests for men's and women's skiing and snowboarding, while the Grand Prix will only include slopestyle and halfpipe. —*information compiled from Aspen Times*

—compiled by Mark Reaman



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A heartfelt thank you letter to everyone in Crested Butte

Dear community,

In early January, I was diagnosed with colorectal cancer. Since then, my wife Maria Hennessey and our family's lives have been turned upside down. Endless doctors appointments and phone calls. Navigating potential diagnoses with Google searches no one ever wants to do. Weekly trips to Gunnison, Montrose and Denver hospitals. Work projects thwarted. Hard conversations with our amazing kids, Merritt and Ellie.

As a polar adventurer, I've spent my life in pursuit of adversity. I've literally spent years of my life on expeditions to one frozen place or another - Antarctica, Greenland, the Arctic, and many more. None of those adventures were easy. However, I am now in the most difficult battle of my life. When I was told I had cancer, my whole world crumbled before my eyes. My guiding career. Future expeditions. Most importantly,

I didn't want my kids to grow up without a dad. I felt overwhelmed and alone.

But... we live in Crested Butte, and there is no such thing as 'alone' in this community. We've experienced an outpouring of love and support so strong that it brings us to tears, regularly.

So many people have stepped up... incredible meals delivered almost every day. Gifts left on our doorstep. Caring Facebook messages from locals we've never met. Neighbors plowing our driveway. Incredibly generous offers from local organizations -- the WESA soccer program, Ben Whitaker of Whiteout Snow Removal, Living Journeys, Ski for PE, and more.

And when things were looking their worst, last week, while I was in Denver getting a lung biopsy at CU Anschutz, Kyleena Falzone and the Secret Stash rallied the Crested Butte community, along with her

family and friends, and raised over \$5,000 (in 24 hours!) for our family.

Words can't express how grateful we feel for all of this.

Thank you amazing people of Crested Butte for giving us the gift of feeling loved and supported in this tumultuous time. For the gift of hope that we're going to be okay - emotionally and financially - when these two areas of our lives feel shaky and uncertain right now. For the gift of knowing there's no other place in the world we'd rather be than in Crested Butte, surrounded by the most amazing and caring people (not to mention the best singletrack, hands down!) in the world.

We will never, ever forget the generosity and support you've shown us when we've needed it most.

With love and gratitude,
-- Eric Larsen, Maria Hennessey, Merritt and Ellie

In gratitude from Karen

Dear community,

To everyone who reached out to me after the loss of Jeff, I would like to say how grateful I am for your caring and kindness.

Thank you to those who came to offer your sympathy, support, comfort, love and prayers.

Thank you to those who brought food for you knew I wouldn't want to cook.

To those who sent flowers to brighten my darkness...

To those who came over to listen when I needed to share...

To those who gave me books to help me process my grief...

To those who sent cards to let me know how much you care...

To those who invited me to your homes because you

understood I may not want to be alone...

To those who asked me to walk with you to put some sunshine in my soul...

To those who showed up at my door to shovel the roof, plow the driveway, pull the trash to the curb and clear my path.

To those who gave me so many thoughtful gifts that I will always cherish and remind me of Jeff...

To a friend who wrote a beautiful and poignant poem about "Light and Darkness" and putting it to music...

To a radio show dedicated to Jeff that made me smile and cry together...

And to Mark Ewing — thank you for creating "Sch-noided." I look at the pictures

others have posted and read the comments and it gives my heart a smile everyday!

I hadn't known how much Jeff had touched so many people in some small but significant way. Sometimes something sweet, sometimes funny AND sometimes the Schnoid.

To say how grateful I feel knowing how much this community cares doesn't begin to express my gratitude for the love and kindness I've received.

CB is an incredible community and during some of our darkest times it shares its heart and shows its soul.

Your thoughtfulness is something I will always treasure.

God Bless you Crested Butte, Karen Saeger

Help send the message of water conservation

Dear Mark:

The Upper Gunnison River Watershed Conservancy District would like to thank you for your coverage of all things water and especially your article "Lean Winter Snowfall Could Mean Coming Summer Water Restrictions" in the January 27 edition. Just today, words like "grim," "bleak" and "troubling" were used by federal water forecasters to describe water conditions for our basin this year. They say there is a 30 percent chance 2021 could be among the top five driest years on record for Colorado rivers.

Here at the UGRWCD, we are looking for positive words that can remind both residents and

visitors alike that we all can make a difference during this drought by being mindful of our water use and conserving wherever we can. We'd like the community's help in coming up with a clever slogan that can be used on yard signs, stickers, rack cards, radio and prints ads and social media to serve as a reminder to use water wisely.

If we select your slogan for our primary media campaign, we'll reward you with a \$100 gift certificate to Garlic Mike's, so email us your slogans by February 15 to: sue@ugrwc.org.

Together, we can make a difference!
Sonja Chavez, General Manager

Thanks to Terre at Mountain Roots

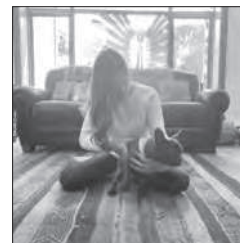
Dear Editor,

We would like to recognize the dedicated service of Terre Mercier as a board member and treasurer of Mountain Roots for three years. Despite having no background and experience related to the treasurer position, and Mountain Roots having no real roadmap for her to follow, Terre dug into the job with determination and an innovative spirit. She turned out to be the right person for the job! Naturally conservative and meticulous with

numbers, she has redefined the role of treasurer for us as well as fearlessly providing an invaluable "reality check" for our board.

We will miss her as a board member and appreciate all of the time, energy and great ideas that she has contributed. THANK YOU, TERRE!

Sincerely,
The Mountain Roots Board
John Meyer, Dana Zobs, Cassie Pence, Maria Strouble, Kim Allen, Sarah Stoll, Brian Pugh



Congrats and thank you Dr. Alexandria!

You've been here a year and we are all so grateful!

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GreenDeed program already a big success

To the Community,
The GreenDeed program is off to a remarkable start! We have had such an overwhelming response and are invigorated by each homeowner's desire to keep their homes comfortable and more energy efficient, while also helping to meet the town's climate action goals.

As of writing this letter, seven homes have enrolled in the GreenDeed program for 2021 and 10 additional households are on the waitlist.

Depending on whether we will reach the investment cap/home during each retrofit, we may be able to assess and upgrade additional homes in 2021, as unused funds will be rolled over to the next homes on the waitlist.

The GreenDeed program will run annually for five years. We will roll over the waitlist into next year and contact the waitlist before opening the application period next year to ensure that ap-

plicants are all still interested. Interested homeowners may email info@gvrha.org or call 970-234-5613 to obtain more information.

Thank you, Crested Butte Community, for your amazing interest in this unprecedented newly designed program!

Mel Yemma, Town Planner, Town of Crested Butte
Gesä Michel, GV-HEAT Coordinator, Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour on hiatus

Dear Community

Well, it's been almost a year since the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour came to Crested Butte. It was one of the last shows at that time (and an awesome one at that) at the Crested Butte Center for the Arts, before the COVID-19 pandemic became a reality. The ski area closed the following weekend and the rest, as they say, is history!

Unfortunately, with COVID-19 still a reality and restrictions still in place, we will not be able to bring the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour to Crested Butte and the Crested Butte Center for the Arts until next year. This would have been the 30th annual presentation here in Crested Butte.

That being said, we are planning to bring

the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour back to Crested Butte next year. We will be putting together a special celebration for its 30th year coming to Crested Butte (with a gap year). We are hopeful we'll all be able to come together as in years' past to share and enjoy some of the best films from around the world.

In lieu of tickets sales generated from the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour helping to fund the team, you can make a donation to the Crested Butte Mountain Rescue Team by visiting our web site at cbsar.org

Thank you for your continued support. See you all next year!

Paul Hird

CORE Act a bipartisan measure

Dear editor,

Last week, Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper, and Representative Joe Neguse, introduced the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act in Congress.

This is exciting news for lovers of the outdoors, public lands and unique regional history like myself. Over 400,000 acres of land will receive new wilderness, recreation and conservation status via the passage of the act.

A Citizens for the Republic study found that 84 percent of Coloradans supported the CORE Act, including 82 percent of self-identified conserv-

atives, showcasing that CORE truly is a bipartisan measure, uniting the Rocky Mountain State around our public lands.

A key provision of the act is the withdrawal of large swaths of public land from the threat of mining and oil and gas leases, which could irreparably damage these special areas beloved by many Coloradans. This withdrawal ensures that these jewels of Colorado will be accessible and pristine for generations to come.

Just to our west the 43,000-acre Curecanti National Recreation area, in existence for over 55 years, still does not have an official Congressional

designation or formal boundary and is thus not a part of the National Park System. The CORE Act would remedy that, allowing sustainable management to protect this area and the interests of the nearly one million individuals who recreate there annually.

Senators Hickenlooper and Bennet, as well as Representative Neguse, have earned my praise and support for their efforts in promoting the CORE Act, which extends protections to many of the state's valuable natural and historic assets.

Best,
Brian Wagenaar

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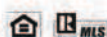


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LOCAL POET: Crested Butte writer Anna Fenerty opened up for award-winning author, Steven Dunn, with some of her beautiful poetry during one of the Literary Arts and Lectures series at the Center for the Arts on Saturday, February 6. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

Consider a secret ballot in the impeachment trial

Dear Mark:

Pondering the secret ballot vote by which the 70 percent (145 to 61) of the House Republican caucus voted, by secret ballot, to retain Liz Cheney as its chairwoman despite her apostasy in voting to impeach Donald Trump, I had a brilliant idea: the Senate should amend its rules, which it can do by simple majority vote, to provide for a secret ballot on the question whether to convict him of that impeachment and disqualify him from holding further federal office. While it seems unlikely that enough Republican senators would provide the votes needed to convict (at least 17) if they had to do so publicly, it seems quite possible, maybe even likely, that

they would do so if they could vote secretly, as jurors can in most trials.

A quick Internet check disclosed that this is not an original idea. Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich proposed this in a tweet two weeks ago (as others probably have also), and Philip Bump wrote a column the next day in the *Washington Post* arguing that it wasn't going to happen. Bump noted that a provision in the Constitution says the votes of each senator "must be entered on the Journal" – in other words, be made public – "at the desire of one-fifth of those present." Bump believes that at least 20 senators would almost certainly vote to have the conviction votes be public, and even if they didn't, the

political pressure on senators to disclose their votes would force them to do so.

Bump is probably right, but I'm not so sure. It seems to me conceivable, albeit unlikely, that there would not be enough votes to bar a secret ballot, and any senator who voted secretly to convict could always say he or she voted to acquit if they were afraid of a backlash from the Trump base. In any case, it would be revealing to witness a debate on a motion for a secret ballot rule, which any senator could make, to see how much the pro-Trump Republicans feared what the result of a secret ballot vote would be.

Dick Allen
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MOUNTAIN mischief

BY THE MT. CRESTED BUTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1/31/21 A man from Englewood was stopped for speeding and failing to maintain his lane of travel on Highway 135. The man was found to be intoxicated, arrested, and later released with a summons into Court.

2/1/21 A Texas woman reported several pieces of jewelry as lost or stolen in Mt. Crested Butte. This case remains under investigation.

2/3/21 A Crested Butte man was contacted on Highway 135 for unusual driving behavior and

then partially driving into a snow embankment off the roadway. The man was found to be intoxicated, arrested, and later released with a summons into Court.

2/6/21 Officers responded to the Crested Butte Mountain Resort paid parking area for the report of a hit and run. Both drivers were eventually contacted, and the situation was resolved.

Officers responded to Highway 135, approximate mile marker 18, to assist Colorado State Patrol with a disorderly, and uncoopera-

tive male.

A Gunnison man was issued a citation on Highway 135 for speeding, 75 miles per hour (mph), in a posted 55 mph zone.

A Colorado Springs woman and a man from Golden were both contacted for speeding in Mt. Crested Butte and issued citations for speeding.

Officers responded to numerous weather-related issues, including vehicle slide offs, vehicle accidents, and stuck vehicles with no four-wheel drive or poor tires.

BRIEFS crested butte

BY MARK REAMAN

Highway 50 closure will be difficult if you need to get to Montrose

Crested Butte mayor Jim Schmidt recommended that people start preparing for the hardship of traveling between Crested Butte and Montrose for the next two years.

A major project to straighten Highway 50 at the Little Blue Canyon located halfway between Gunnison and Montrose is scheduled to commence in March and run for two years. The highway will be closed most of the time during weekdays, sometimes for four or five hours at a time. Despite some state legislators' opposition to the work given the economic impact it will have, Schmidt said to expect the project to happen.

"It is funded and ready to go," Schmidt said at the February 1 meeting. "It will be difficult for us to get to Montrose when Kebler Pass is closed. It will be quite the challenge for two years. You might think about changing your doctors to ones in Salida I guess."

Town tax collections boom in pandemic year

Crested Butte town finance director Rob Zillioux continues to extol the surprising tax collections that

came in 2020. He told the council at the January 19 meeting the short-term rental tax started exploding in August. He reported that that the STR excise tax was at \$309,071 through November of 2020. That is compared to a total of \$302,745 for all of 2019. The Real Estate Transfer Tax (RETT) continues to pop as well. The tax on real estate sales in town has collected \$2,946,520 through November of 2020 while \$1.8 million was collected for 2019.

"The books are not yet closed on 2020 however, preliminary numbers are remarkable given the unprecedented events of 2020," he stated. "I estimate for sales tax we will see between 3 and 5 percent growth year over year. I do not see the Zoom Boom dissipating any time soon."

Other stuff:

—Town manager Dara MacDonald was selected to be the president of the Colorado Association of Ski Towns.

—The marshal's department has received its new Tesla X and it is in the process of being fitted into an electric police vehicle.

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ICICLE SWORDS: Three little girls entertained themselves with icicle swords while walking down Elk Avenue to get some treats. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

As expected, Mountain Express is carrying fewer passengers

Powder days still bring the lines and COVID bringing the big bucks

[BY MARK REAMAN]

Even after shutting its doors for two-and-a-half months and decreasing the number of people it is carrying on each bus due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Mountain Express still managed to carry 445,562 passengers in 2020. That is a decrease of 37 percent from 2019. So far in the winter ski season, Mountain Express is down 42 percent as of January 12.

On the bright side, the transit agency has received significant government help to shore up its finances and this week found out it could receive another million dollars in operating grants from the federal government.

"Overall things have gone pretty well," Mountain Express managing director Jeremy Herzog told the Crested Butte town council on February 1 as he gave his annual report. "The busiest days we've experienced this winter were December 29 and the Saturdays in January that were powder days. Some people had to wait since we are limited to carrying 19 people on the town shuttles."

Herzog reported that this winter, "wait times for a bus rarely exceed 20 minutes at the peak times and patrons were largely understanding of any inconveniences. Since resuming service on June 1, 2020, no employees or patrons have become ill, based on contact tracing that Mountain Express is aware of."

The wearing of masks by riders has been pretty consistent he reported, "but the holiday week of Christmas included a few cases of escalated negative behavior from some passengers." If there is an issue with someone refusing to wear a mask on the bus, he has told the drivers not to escalate any conflict and if necessary to call lo-



The Powder Express is still living up to its namesake as much as capacity allows. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

cal law enforcement to deal with the situation.

Financially, the system is in good shape and Herzog is expecting to see a small surplus in 2020 when the books are closed. He said the increased revenues of Crested Butte sales tax along with unexpected CARES Act funding would drive that surplus. He reported that the board has \$800,000 in operating reserves and a capital reserve of \$400,000.

Herzog said this week he participated in a call with the Colorado Department of Transportation last Friday where he learned Mountain Express is in line to receive a major award from the feds as part of COVID relief funds. He said while no official announcement has been made about the exact amount, he was told to expect about \$1 million that could be used for operations this year and next. That is on top of a \$100,000 grant used to supplement bus service this winter given decreased capacity with COVID restrictions.

"Once we know more specifics, I will work with our board to determine a strategy on how we use our local match funds, for both continued funding of operations and any special projects identified in our five year strategic plan," Herzog said. "I

am excited about this award and what it might mean for our staff and green growth initiatives."

As for the fleet of 20 buses, he said the average age of the big buses was eight years old while the smaller, condo loop buses, are averaging seven years old. The transit system will be getting a new bus this year and it has applied for grants to purchase three vehicles in 2022. Meanwhile Mountain Express has partnered with the RTA on property for bus facilities in the Whetstone Industrial Park south of town.

During peak ski season days, six town shuttle buses, three condo buses and one Crested Butte South bus are all used. Buses are rotated out daily. Six buses are used for back-ups. Bus miles in 2020 totaled 161,756 while service hours came in at 15,358. Both those numbers are down about 18 percent from 2019.

Herzog said Mountain Express is continuing to assess the readiness of electrical vehicles for the alpine climate, but reliability is not there yet. "Once the COVID19 pandemic subsides and we are able to stabilize transit operations, I hope to be able to devote time to a more comprehensive analysis of that market segment," he concluded.



OBJ FOOD PANTRY: Claire Winn, a volunteer at the Oh Be Joyful Church, helps to pick out food items for those in need. The church's pantry is open the first and third Thursday of every month. PHOTO BY ROBBY LLOYD

Local vaccinations get boost with more Pfizer doses planned

County starting to consider long-term COVID planning

[BY MARK REAMAN]

Another surprise bundle of the coronavirus vaccine will allow more people than normal to get their first dose of the coronavirus vaccine this week in Gunnison County.

Thanks to a shipment of 1,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine at the start of February, more people than anticipated received a shot in the arm Wednesday and Thursday. Originally the county only administered 500 shots and kept 500 in the ultra-cold freezer to administer as a second dose in three weeks. "Initially when we received the Pfizer shipment last week from the state, they informed us that we had to hold onto vials for second doses," explained Gunnison County public information officer Andrew Sandstrom. "On Monday, the state confirmed that we will receive another shipment as second doses so that we should administer the rest as first doses this week." Sandstrom said that along with the regular doses of the Moderna vaccine the county receives weekly, this will allow between 500 and 600 people to get their first vaccination this week. About 420 second doses will also be administered Thursday.

"The county is doing a really good job of getting the vaccines and administering it efficiently at the Fred Field House," Sandstrom said. "Plus it's a nice atmosphere down there. People are happy to be out and the volunteers are doing a great job in keeping it all moving. These clinics are sort of fun. We are still looking for ways to be more efficient but it is a pretty well-oiled machine."

Looking to the future

The county's Incident Command Team is beginning to look into the future and considering how best to set up the county to deal with the idea of a lingering coronavirus. Sandstrom said the feeling is that given the mutations being seen with the virus, this coronavirus will be sort of like a flu or a cold that might reemerge seasonally.

"We are looking at long-term planning and figuring out what has worked well so far and what can be used again if we need to address a new outbreak and ramp it all up. We have talked about how can we increase capacity again if we need to," he said. "All viruses mutate and this one being so widespread that is to be expected. It is hard to say which direction this will go. Will it be more serious and even more deadly? Will it be more benign? The state is taking samples from various places and thus far no variant has been spotted from here. The United Kingdom variant has been detected in the state but we have not seen anything here. We are still learning more about how the vaccine is effective with the variant but thus far there is no solid evidence of anything."

The local health officials are starting an effort to build up more testing capability for people in the county since the concern is that some form of the virus could linger for years.

"We've been operating in emergency response mode and it is time to consider and plan toward dealing with it in our regular health care system," Sandstrom said. "We want to move toward shared responsibility in the normal health care system instead of coming under incident command."

Testing and state changes

The state made changes to some of its COVID protocols and restrictions but it should have little impact on Gunnison County. Based on the state's new calculator, some large spaces such as restaurants more than 30,000 square feet, can now hold up to 150 people instead of 100. The state's coronavirus dial keeps Gunnison County in the yellow restriction phase that is close to equivalent to the local Coronameter's blue phase. So nothing will change right away since the county has been in blue for several months.

Sandstrom said the state is now looking at case rates over a seven-day period instead of 14 so that could change the threshold. In that vein, the county is pulling back on its community testing idea since they don't want to show large spikes with case positivity that could jeopardize the current loose restrictions.

"For the long-term vision we want to ramp up our testing capacity at Gunnison Valley Hospital," explained Sandstrom. "The hope is to have the capability to administer 100 tests a day for five days a week at GVH starting next week. Looking at results from that timeline of testing would give us a better look at the current trend compared to doing one mass testing every couple of weeks."

He said while testing done at GVH is not free unless a person is symptomatic, the hope is to make it free eventually as capacity is built up.

The county is still planning to hold both free Crested Butte and Gunnison mass testing clinics at the end of the spring break period in late March. The Gunnison event is slated for March 26 while Crested Butte would have a clinic on March 27.



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Topics that will be covered with historic photos include: Gold mining; Narrow Gauge Railroads; Ranching; Skiing; Water; Coal Mining; Silver camps; Immigration and ethnic people; and the Polka Music of Pete Dunda.

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Moosejaw Accelerator

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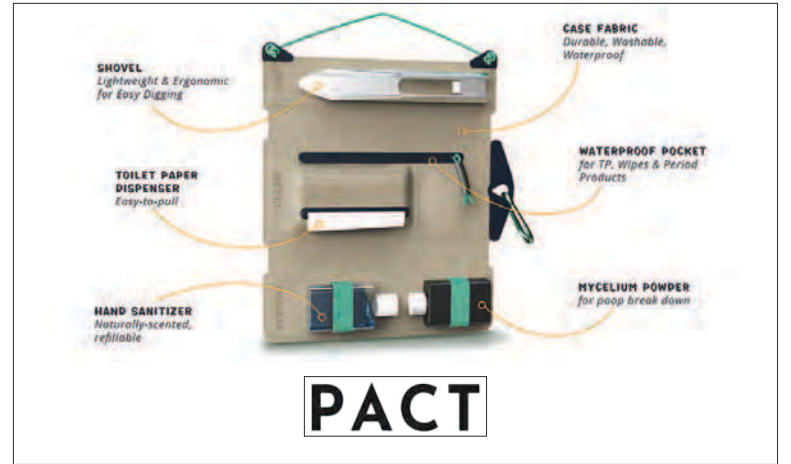
Concluding the program, the teams will get a write-up from GearJunkie, membership to Camber Outdoors, be able to sell their products through Moosejaw's stores and e-commerce platform and receive free legal consultation from Holland & Hart. The last Moosejaw Accelerator program wrapped up with a final pitch event; however, the ICELab doesn't have plans for a pitch event this time around. Assad explained that the ICELab has found from experience that each team has different needs

that don't necessarily require a pitch to investors in the end. "We're trying to be more flexible to what they actually need," he explained. "But if we find that all the teams have a similar need and that is investment, then we would put something together."

Best case scenario, all of the companies will want to move to Gunnison County in the end, half-joked Assad. "The quality of our co-working space and our established accelerator curriculum were big influences on Moosejaw to take on the title sponsor role

in the accelerator and keep it in Gunnison County for the second cohort," he said. "The national exposure to Gunnison County as an outdoor industry leader is critical to our recruitment efforts at the ICELab. This directly supports our mission to create more high paying jobs in Gunnison County. Between the Moosejaw Outdoor Accelerator program and Western's Outdoor Industry MBA program we are making Gunnison County known as an outdoor industry hub."

Local companies in the running
Campfire Ranch, founded by Western alumnus Sam Degenhard, got its start last sum-



mer with the opening of its first campground at Taylor Mountain Park. The campground partners with local outfitters and guides to help connect camping guests to gear, resources and outdoor activities. The goal is to become a national chain of campgrounds that appeals to a diverse crowd, helps those new to the camping scene learn best practices and cater to the air travel crowd who don't have the packing space for camping equipment.

"We're trying to create a space in the outdoors that's more inclusive and more accessible to beginners, and overall make camping easier," said Degenhard. "All in all, last year exceeded our expectations in terms of the first season of business and the campers that we were attracting. We saw lots of beginners come find us and to be able to help educate them as they come into the valley is pretty rewarding. "We've already had a lot of requests for this summer and a lot of folks looking to come back and hold events."

In the off-season, Degenhard has been busy working to grow Campfire Ranch and the team, and expand to other locations. This ultimately led to applying for the accelerator program, said Degenhard. "We see it as an opportunity to fine-tune our strategy and operations and look at our growth more efficiently." If selected as one of the four finalists, Degenhard plans to focus on how to grow his brand in the industry, and build an inclusive and quality service for customers.

"Moosejaw has a huge space of industry knowledge, they'll be able to shed a lot of light," said Degenhard. "It would be really beneficial to get that outside organization knowledge from industry experts that are carving the path."

Degenhard is grateful for the buzz around Campfire Ranch's possible inclusion in the accelerator. "We're stoked on all the support from the valley," he said. "Thanks to everyone who's given us support thus far."

Looking ahead to the summer 2021 season, Degenhard and team have a lot of things in the works for Campfire Ranch's Taylor Mountain Park campground and look forward to announcing updates soon. Sam has already grown the team, hiring two Western students for help this spring with the hopes to carry them on into the summer. "We're exposing them to all facets of the business - investor relationships, pitching, sponsor outreach, operations, marketing," he said. "We're kind of throwing them right into the trenches."

PACT Outdoors was co-founded by Noah Schum, who recently moved to CB, and Jake Thomas of Denver. They've designed an all-in-one bathroom kit for outdoor adventures which incorporates mycelium - the root system of fungi - to break down human waste in the ground faster. The goal is to help provide a solution to an ever-growing problem in the wilderness recreation space, one that's very familiar here in the Gunnison Valley.

"Participation and use in the outdoors is growing at an all-time high, and COVID had a big impact to that," said Thomas. "With that increased participation, more people are mishandling human waste in the outdoors. People going to the bathroom outdoors is one of the biggest hurdles outdoor advocacy groups face. So we wanted to create a product that makes it easier to go outside and teach best practices and Leave No Trace principles."

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“As more people want to enjoy nature, not everybody knows the process. We can give them this hack to give them the proper tools,” said Schum.

PACT Outdoors is working with a microbiologist in South Carolina, Tradd Cotter, who specializes in mycelium and mushrooms. “He’s growing a specific strain of mycelium for us to break down human waste. It’s a fascinating world,” said Thomas. “Mycelium is amazing, it’s a non-invasive species, that’s what drew us to it,” said Schum.

If chosen as one of the four finalists for the program, Schum and Thomas plan to continue refining the product and get it ready to hit retail shelves. Their goal is to have the product available this spring or summer.

“We want to really define who our market is and find out what people like within the kit. The ICELab will help us identify these things. They’ve already set up great resources and connections,” said Schum, who first connected with the ICELab team during an ICELab Coffee with Coworkers event.

PACT Outdoors is also participating in the ICELab’s eight-week incubator program for local Gunnison County companies starting next week, and Schum and Thomas look forward to the robust curriculum and working with mentors and other entrepreneurs.

“We’re grateful for David and the ICELab for the opportunity,” said Thomas. “We know there’s a long way to go on this but we’re excited.”

Success story

One local success that resulted from a previous Moosejaw Accelerator is Hustle Bike Labs. Hustle’s bike pedal product is a clipless pedal with magnets that connect to plates that are compatible with any two-bolt shoe. After going through the 2019 program, founder Craig Payne ended up moving his business to the Gunnison Valley.

Since participating, Payne has focused on continuing the outdoor industry connections that the ICELab and the accelerator program helped him create. “We really just cherished those relationships and that was a big

part of our successes moving forward,” he said. “It connected us with the movers and shakers of the industry.”

Set up for success following the program, things started happening quickly for Hustle with plans to begin manufacturing the product. However, with the rise of COVID-19, Payne’s production plans came to a halt.

“The reality of it was we were planning to go into manufacturing in March last year, and would have dropped a lot of money into a project that would have been catastrophic if we had done so at that time,” he said.

So Payne pivoted his focus in 2020 to new products and making adjustments to the original pedal. “It was a blessing in disguise because it gave us a chance to take a breath and do some redesigns,” he said. “And it gave us the opportunity to make some big pushes with some other new products.”

2021 is a new year, he said, and Hustle is ready to hit the ground running. “We have a new manufacturer and we’re getting close to production at this point,” he said, and Hustle is looking to get their first product out this summer. Hustle also has a shoe in the works, as well as a nylon composite pedal that will be available at a lower price point. The goal is to have all three products available this year.

With an office currently located in the ICELab, Hustle has continued its relationship with the ICELab team. “The program and the community have been great, it’s exciting to be the grassroots of something that can help change this mountain town economically,” shared Payne. “We want to be part of the community and the valley. One thing we did not see coming was the community love and support, which has been amazing. These are the people we want to be around and we’re thankful for it, we owe everything to the ICELab and the community.”

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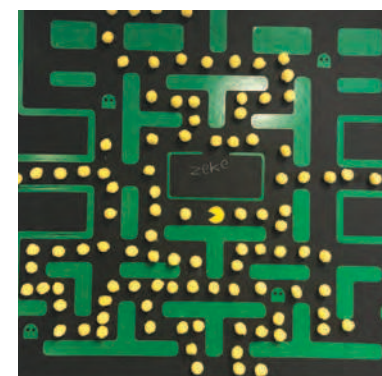
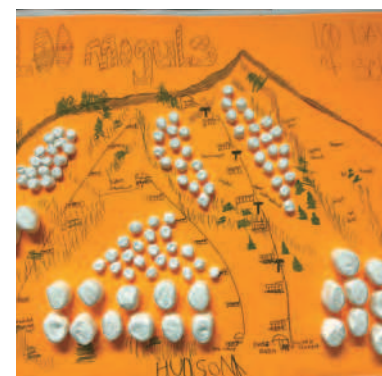
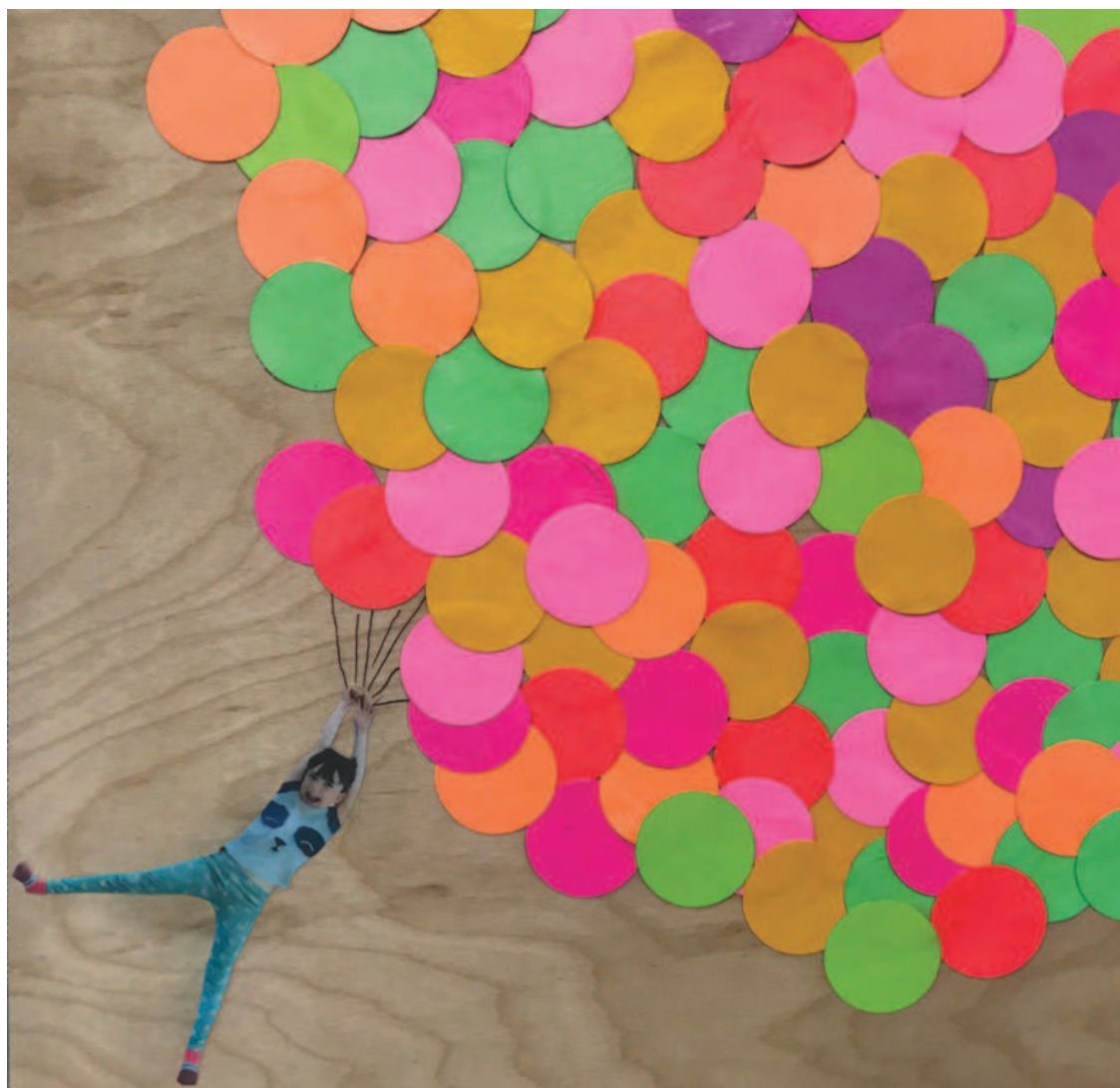
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The CBFPD Public Protection Classification received a new ISO rating of 3/3x which is up from 4/4X and is in the top 7 percent of all departments. Under the rating system, 1 is the best and 10 means a department does not meet the standards. The rating of 3 indicates greater public protection. A rating of 3 means your property is within 5 road miles of a Fire Station and within 1,000 feet of an established, credible water source. The 3x designator means your property is within 5 road miles of a Fire Station but beyond 1,000 ft from a credible water supply. While some places in the district such as Irwin don't meet the criteria, the majority of the homes in the fire district do.

If you are a property owner in the Crested Butte Fire Protection District, you are encouraged to contact your insurance company to see if you can save on your insurance rates.

ISO is an independent company that evaluates over 45,000 fire departments in the nation and their ability to protect structures. Roughly 3,500 fire departments evaluated nationwide qualify with an ISO rating of 3/3x. The categories evaluated are the District's water supply capability, communications and dispatch, training, apparatus and personnel.

The district has been hard at work over the last five years to improve on these categories to help improve our rating and provide top-notch emergency services to the valley. The official notification letter is located on our website at www.cbfpd.org.

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Elk Avenue businesses seem to be weathering the COVID storm. PHOTOS BY NOLAN BLUNCK

Local businesses

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Favor the Kind employee Elena Marquez says things have seemed “surprisingly normal,” with plenty of people coming in to shop. The only difference is all the sanitizing, including the regular polishing of a now almost ubiquitous plexiglass window at the register of the store and at many other businesses across the county.

Several t-shirt shops and other retail spaces on Elk Avenue tell a similar story of having enough employees for the season, and a manageable, continuous flow of customers. Weekends are busier; weekdays are quieter but still active.

Restaurants, as has been the case in recent years, have a harder time with their needs for larger seasonal staff numbers. All are subject to operating at 50-percent capacity, and all report that take-out has increased. Pitas in Paradise management reported ups and downs in busyness and well as staffing, with some staff wanting more hours and other positions remaining unfilled.

Sherpa Cafe owner Tshering Sherpa said there have certainly been fewer customers. Many restaurants like Teocalli Tamale have remained busy although tables have been reduced and food is mostly available for take-out. Recently re-opened A Daily Dose is busy with both (limited) dine-in traffic and take-out visitors, as are Ryce Asian Bistro, Secret Stash and Montanya Distillery.

In contrast, Mt. Crested Butte businesses are happy to have more action than last summer, when it was often like a ghost town. An overall theme could be ‘some is better than none,’ according to several owners. Lex Enyart at the Mt. Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center said there is less foot traffic in general, but an uptick in Denverites. “It’s hard because there’s no seating like there used to be. We have to keep a distance, it’s hard to hear people and we are just trying to help while keeping ourselves safe,” he says. The main questions Enyart hears are “Where are the trail maps (they are online only now), and where can we eat?”



Business is slower than normal in Mt. Crested Butte. PHOTOS BY NOLAN BLUNCK

Some Mt. CB restaurants including The Divvy, The Avalanche, 9380 Tavern and Butte 66 have continued dine-in service, with all but The Avalanche expanding their outdoor seating and paring down their menus.

The Divvy’s beverage director Eliot Tilton said they are making it work, but “It’s tougher business-wise. You don’t get as many alcohol sales, and that revenue margin is much smaller now.” The Divvy’s “ghost kitchen” food deliveries are popular, as is the well curated bar cart in Mountaineer Square, but Tilton says, “A lot of days we don’t know what to expect.” Staffing-wise, he says, “We could use a few more. It’s always kind of tough, especially with the qualifications we desire.”

The Coffee Lab and Crested Butte Burger Company have done away with indoor dining altogether, and both are happy with the simplicity for now.

Coffee Lab owner Dewey Overholser says he certainly has less business, and the holidays were notably less busy this year.

CB Burger Company manager Ricky Scarborough says it is a relief to go take-out only and help protect his co-workers. “We’re one of those places where it didn’t make much difference, so it was easy to transi-

tion. The minimalistic nature of what we have—it’s a blessing,” he said. And so is this small ski town in general: “We all want everyone in our community to remain healthy. Coming from the big cities to here, it’s night and day.”

Christy Sports manager Peter Sowar says that rentals in the shop are down, but in general, since the resort went to the Epic Pass with Vail Resorts, sales are up with more people buying gear. “We’re sticking to our protocols, there’s generally good compliance and we definitely enforce it,” he said.

Stephanie Allen of Butte and Co., summarizes: “We’re just taking this one day at a time, and we’re just thankful to be open. This year being unlike any other year, I don’t look at sales reports. We’re here, we’re healthy and hopefully at the end of this we’ll figure out how to come out of this.” Allen, like many ski and bike shops in both Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte, reports a loyal base of employees with rare turnover. She has kept her full staff on despite a slower year, and the PPP loan in May helped in that regard. “It’s really important that I have people in here, just to navigate all the new protocols,” she says. “And it’s important that these people all have jobs.”



PERSPECTIVE: A little framing can help to remind us what is truly important. PHOTO BY ROBBY LLOYD

Mt. CB town council fine-tunes admissions tax grant requirements

Bottom line: Get heads in Mt. CB beds

[BY KENDRA WALKER]

The Mt. Crested Butte Town Council has spent the last month reassessing their admissions tax grant application and reporting processes, and during their February 2 council meeting agreed to some updated guidelines and requirements moving forward in the grant process.

Council agreed there are a lot of gray areas surrounding the types of events to support, what the dollars should specifically fund and how recipients report back results. The town collects a 4-percent admissions tax for any event that enters Mt. Crested Butte town limits; the revenue is then utilized to fund transportation, as well as the grants for marketing and event sponsorship.

In recent years, the Town Council has expressed disappointment in some of the grant recipients' reporting, as some organizations fail to report back or demonstrate the town's return on investment, a.k.a., how many people visited and spent money in Mt. Crested Butte as a result of the event.

"Certainly we want to support events, but it's unfair to other candidates who spend significant time making sure they're reporting and following the protocols in order to be considered again," said council member Lauren Koelliker.

Council member Michael Bacani agreed, "If we're being good stewards of the public's money and taxes, we should be able to show the benefit of that to the community. If grant recipients are not reporting we can't show how their tax dollars are benefiting Mt. Crested Butte."

While the grant is intended to fund marketing and event sponsorship, there has been some confusion about what the grant is permitted to fund. The council agreed there is uncertainty on whether the money can fund certain event operating costs, such as hiring performers for an event, hiring event staff,

awards and prizes, etc.

Regarding hiring a band, "I have a hard time [with that being] event sponsorship, that's not marketing to me," said mayor Janet Farmer. "For me, paying salaries at all is not part of event sponsorship."

"I think it's almost specific to circumstances," said council member Nicholas Kempin. "The band, that's what draws people in." He also referenced temporary event staff that would be hired to direct traffic and park cars. "That would be salaries for people, but they are also critical people to putting on the event."

The council agreed the grant money should not go toward helping to pay the base salary of existing internal staff, but would be ok with using the funds to hire a temporary worker for the event. Same goes for equipment; the organization may use it to rent gear or equipment but not purchase for the organization's perpetual use.

The council also discussed looking at different criteria based on different types of requests, and scaling the reporting based on the event size.

"Has our reporting gotten too cumbersome?" asked Farmer. "Should a smaller grant be required to do the same amount of work? That's been my concern that we're pushing out the small people that don't have the skills and then we get mad at them because they don't have the reporting that we want."

Council member Roman Kolodziej proposed an update in the grant criteria, which the council agreed to: "We recognize different grant levels should garner different depths of reporting. A small organization that asks for a few thousand dollars should not be expected to report to the same level of detail as a much larger organization asking for one hundred thousand dollars."

The council also discussed the types of events they want to focus on and whether broad marketing campaigns by the Tourism and Prosperity Partnership (TAPP) and Travel CB that encourage visitors to the entire valley are helpful anymore.

"We're beyond awareness—it's calls to action at this point," said Kolodziej. "I don't care if someone knows we exist, I care if people come here."

Bacani agreed, saying, "For those for-profits, can they truly show that their marketing efforts of which our dollars are part of, are truly bringing in that amount of money [to Mt. Crested Butte]?"

Ultimately, the council wants grant recipients to provide a clear picture of the town's return on investment for sponsoring the event. For example, Kolodziej said, "How many people did you bring to the town? How many nights did they stay here? How much money do you think they spent?"

If the applicant fails to report back to the council, they will be ineligible to apply for one year. The criteria also states, "We do not desire to become a regular part of an operational budget for an organization," as the town wants to encourage the creativity to develop new events that will attract new and repeat visitors.

The town is currently accepting applications for the Summer 2021 grant cycle and applications are due on March 11 by 5 p.m. The town council will announce the awards at a special town council meeting on March 30.

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BLACK STORIES SERIES: Jillian Liebl introduces a screening of *The Black Panther*, to kick off the Black Stories Series at the CB Center for the Arts, on Friday, February 5. PHOTO BY ROBBY LLOYD

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WCU debate over capitol violence statement continues

Trustees release official "One Western. Many Voices" statement

[BY MARK REAMAN]

The Western Colorado University campus continues to grapple with reaction from presi-

dent Greg Salsbury's initial statement over the January 6 storming of the U.S. Capitol.

The WCU board of Trustees released a statement on February 5 basically calling for healing after the events of January 6 and committing Western to "constructive conversations, with open minds, civility, and respect, around discernment of Western's core values, strengthening of Shared Governance, and other actions to live true to our values including improved communications." Meanwhile the faculty senate this week appointed a committee to work on a draft statement clarifying its position over the matter.

Salsbury released a statement on January 7 calling the violence in Washington D.C. "despicable" and condemning all violence stemming from protests but went on to tie in violence that occurred last summer in Black Lives Matter protests. Some faculty members and students took umbrage at that equivalency. Board of Trustees president Chris Blees, speaking as an individual, defended Salsbury's right to make his statement in the manner he chose.

Last week the Board of Trustees released an official statement under the headline of "One Western, Many Voices." "Now, as our Nation and the courts seek justice, we must find a way to help our democratic institutions thrive and help all Americans heal," the statement read in part. "As an institution of higher learning, Western has a role to play in that healing and to do so we must look to our shared values...Western's esteemed faculty, staff, and students have added their important voices to deplore the horrific events of January 6, 2021. In myriad ways, over the past several weeks - including

through correspondence to the Board of Trustees - the faculty, staff, students, and Western community members have further affirmed and called for discourse about Western's values. Most recently, the Student Government Association called for improved communications with students and increased commitment to Shared Governance.

"The Board of Trustees of Western Colorado University now adds its voice to fully and unreservedly denounce the attempted insurrection against our Federal government," the official statement continued. "The Board of Trustees condemn all violence in the strongest terms. We do not equate peaceful racial justice protests with the attempted insurrection...We encourage the Campus to participate in constructive conversations, with open minds, civility, and respect, around discernment of Western's core values, strengthening of Shared Governance... We ultimately seek healing, for our Campus, our State, and our Nation."

According to a Western press release, the statement issued by the trustees "is the result of a month-long process of listening to all voices following the violence in Washington, considering diverse points of view and identifying common values held by all. On Thursday, February 4, the board received recommendations from a specially formed committee that had been tasked with bringing all parties to one table. Based on those recommendations, the board formulated its statement of unity, which was unanimously approved the same day."

The faculty senate is expected to review its committee's recommendations and take an official vote next week on those recommendations.

MT. CRESTED BUTTE ADMISSIONS TAX GRANT

The Town Council of Mt. Crested Butte will be accepting admissions tax grant requests for 2021 Summer Cycle.

The application and more information can be found on the Town website www.mtcrestedbuttecolorado.us

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Special meeting on March 30, 2021.

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Rendering of new terminal at GUC. COURTESY PHOTO

Airport renovation plans

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The existing building will be tightened up for better energy efficiency, with added insulation and geothermal technology. “The end result is that the building uses no natural gas whatsoever,” said Ambro, “It will be at, or very close to, Net Zero.” The lack of natural gas did result in scratching a large fireplace hearth from the plans that was originally to be centered in the upstairs lounge area. Rooflines will be opened to accommodate large windows, some of the downstairs footprint will be expanded, and a small new building to house the ground service equipment will be added to the site.

The parking lot will have a solar array installed as covered parking, producing additional energy in partnership with Western Colorado University, the city of Gunnison and the county.

Several aspects of the design plans incorporate local art, using large display walls for murals. Finish materials and color schemes pay tribute to the communities and landscapes found within Gunnison County, from sagebrush to aspen forests to talus fields to rivers and snow. The

second floor uses brightly colored panels on the ceiling to match the vibrant palette of hues found along Elk Avenue’s creative and historic district. A topographic map of the area surrounding Blue Mesa Reservoir and GPS coordinates are placed on a prominent wall. The West Elk mountains are used for a subtle top on the airport entrance sign, modeled after the National Forest signs found so plentifully throughout the valley.

“We’ve had some really good fortune to end up where we are today,” said Ambro of the process that has allowed so much innovation and incorporated all aspects of the project in one single phase.

Gunnison County sustainability coordinator John Cattles, who has worked extensively with the design firm and the airport throughout the process, said he was thankful the plans have been able to continue throughout the pandemic. He also cautioned that the renovation process would be disruptive to the airport’s operations for the coming months, with many spaces closed off, limited areas open for travelers and temporary wall

structures in place at times.

“The airport is going to operate in a very different way,” said Cattles of this coming spring and summer. “It’s going to be impactful...but we are capitalizing on having this open and ready for next ski season, opening on the second week of December if all goes well,” he said. He estimated the airport renovations would be 90-percent finished by that time.

The next steps are to finalize a maximum price guarantee contract with Shaw Construction, the contractor handling the project, and then apply for needed permits.

“One challenge we’re having is getting local contractors,” said Cattles. He said contractors have been busy with a lot of other, smaller projects, and he is hoping that if contractors have to be brought in from out of town, they can at least come from the Front Range to avoid Little Blue Canyon closures to the west.

“This is exciting for our community. It’s exciting for our economy,” said commissioner chairperson Jonathan Houck, who emphasized the airport’s connectivity to the areas it serves.

BRIEFS school district

BY KENDRA WALKER

COVID update

As of February 9, the Gunnison Watershed School District has tallied 114 positive COVID-19 cases since August, with zero in Crested Butte over the last seven days.

Bond refinancing

During their February 8 meeting, the school board passed a bond refinancing resolution that will refinance school bonds issued in 2014 at lower rates.

“This is going to save our school district and our voters somewhere between 1 and 2 million dollars,” said district superintendent Leslie Nichols.

“Rates are currently near all-time lows,” said Amy Canfield of brokerage and investment banking firm Stifel. “The bonds that were issued in 2014 were issued at a higher rate. Currently we can refinance those at lower rates and pass the same financing onto voters. If the district did go out for another bond in the next year or two, that could help offset the increases in the impact to taxpayers overall,” she said.

Board member Tyler Martineau and board treasurer Dave Taylor had several questions about the bond specifics, and asked to schedule a future meeting with Stifel and to be kept involved in the process moving forward.

“I want to have a good feel numbers-wise to what’s going on, while fully acknowledging the low interest environment that we’re in right now that this makes total sense,” said Taylor.

Athletics

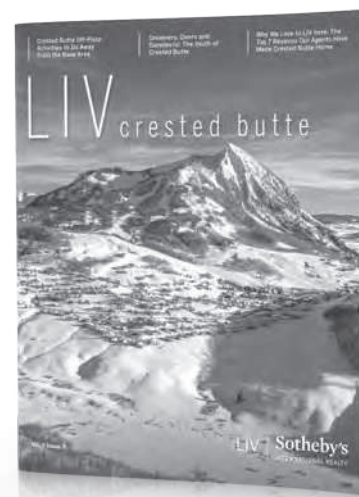
“We have a vigorous and exciting basketball season underway,” said Nichols. There are nine teams playing across the two high schools in the district. “Spectators are an issue we’re working on,” she said, but games are being livestreamed. “Some districts allow them for middle school and not for high school...some allowing limited sections just for varsity...everybody’s all over the map.”

Nichols said the district is advocating for some spectators allowed to watch the games, but it is complex. “Parents are way harder to manage than students,” she said. “Our numbers were absolutely horrible when our season started on January 16. But things have evolved rather quickly with our numbers and we are creating a safer community through vaccines. At a minimum we’re hoping to get senior parents in, next would be varsity parents...We’re working on it but we’re just trying to be sure it’s done safely.”

Facilities update

Nichols shared with the board that she’s working hard on a bunch of questions on the potential \$100,000,000 facilities expansion across the district, but had no update to report just yet. “We’re finding ways to approach the proposal that we heard from RTA [Architects] and see where our sweet spot is for pursuing a potential bond in 2021, and if not then, in 2022,” she said.

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RSVPs are required to have access to the ZOOM meeting link. To RSVP, please fill out the form at: <https://www.centerforpubliclands.org/2021-mid-winter-meeting>.

SBEADMR, a forest-wide project and Taylor Park EA, a project located on the Gunnison Ranger District, allow for commercial and non-commercial vegetation treatments. Both projects respond to forest health concerns and strive to increase the forest's ability to respond to multiple and interactive stressors including climate change, drought, insect attack and disease.

All interested members of the public are invited to attend this year's annual stakeholder meeting and interact with personnel from GMUG's staff and science teams. This year's meeting will include discussion on science team monitoring findings and updates, Wilder-Highlands Mountain Pine Beetle Response project update and GMUG staff providing an overview of past and future treatments.

Following the meeting will be the annual 30-day informal public comment period for both projects. A late February news release will provide further information on the comment period and use of a new interactive web map comment platform.

For more information on SBEADMR please visit: <http://bit.ly/GMUGSBEADMR>. Please note that treatment information may be out of date. A new site with current information is being constructed and will be available at <https://cfri.colostate.edu/projects/sbeadmr/> in late February.

For more information on the Taylor Park EA please visit: <https://www.centerforpubliclands.org/project-list/taylor-park-group>.

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profile

DAVID LEINSDORF



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Sandy and David and their cute doggy, Stella. COURTESY PHOTO

by Dawne Belloise

As a child, David Leinsdorf was fascinated with airplanes, cars, boats and trains, mostly because his father, Erich Leinsdorf, the renowned Grammy award-winning conductor, always traveled for his work in those modes, so David took an early interest in transportation. "I had a model plane with a U-control," he says of the serious toy airplane with lines attached to an operator controlled handle. "You'd fly it around in circles until you were dizzy. They had a gas-powered engine, and you didn't want to get your finger in the propeller because it would break your finger." David's interest in cars led the then 10-year-old to sneak off with the family vehicle and drive it up and down the driveway, which later progressed to slinking off with the auto for a cruise around the neighborhood at night when he was 12, "When nobody could see how old I was," he grins, and adds that his parents never knew.

Raised in Larchmont, New York, a suburb of the city, David attended public schools. Despite his father's talent and fame, David claims, "I played piano badly and briefly. I never had any talent, but my brother was a good violinist. He had more musical talent than I had but we both gave it up. My father pushed us way too hard. He wanted us to learn music because he felt it was important, but to make a career of it, you had to have a lot of talent and motivation and I lacked both. My mother was a music lover but not a musician."

David laughs that his interest in high school was primarily girls, but he also skied quite a bit, mostly in Vermont at Stowe and Mad River resorts. "When I started driving legally," he says, "I'd get in the car with friends and go skiing." Before he turned 16, he'd buy the weekend tour ski trips offered by New York City ski shops that included transportation, ski pass and lessons at Catskill resorts like Belleayre and Hunter mountains.

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CB Film Fest to present programs at end of February

Crested Butte Film Festival presents two programs of film the week of February 19-25. Kicking things off will be *The Apollo* - a documentary about the legendary theater in Harlem and bastion of Black art and culture. Paired with that will be Best of Crested Butte Film Festival - Narrative Shorts, a program of inspiring, dramatic and comedic, award-winning films from the 2020 festival.

The Apollo chronicles the unique history and contemporary legacy of the famed Harlem venue. Over the last 85 years, what began as a refuge for marginalized artists has emerged as a hallowed hall of Black excellence and empowerment -- especially recently, when the theater mounted a theatrical production of Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between The World And Me*.

The film weaves together archival clips of music, comedy and dance performances featuring such illustrious talents as Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Richard Pryor and Lauryn Hill. Director Roger Ross Williams explores not only the struggle of Black

lives in America, but the role that theater and art play in that struggle. The film is an essential view into the life and history of Black performers where music and art "provided an avenue out of the legacy of slavery."

Secondly, and in what has become a yearly tradition, Crested Butte Film Festival presents its "Best Of" series, this time short narrative films from around the world. Marvel at the award-winning, *Monstruo Dios*, along with 10 other films including local Crested Butte dancer and filmmaker Sasha Chudacoff's *A Fragmented Quarantine Dream*. This program will take you from comedy to the complexities of human interaction and back again.

The films play for one week, February 19 - 25. Tickets are \$15 per film program, or \$25 for the pair. Details at cbfilmfest.org.

Please join Crested Butte Film Festival for its 11th Annual Festival, September 24 - October 3, 2021 - a mixture of in-person films and events along with virtual screenings. cbfilmfest.org



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2020 Journal seeks personal accounts of historic times

The *Gunnison Valley Journal* has been an irregular publication in the Upper Gunnison valley for a quarter-century with a new edition coming out whenever a handful of local people decide it might be time to take the valley's pulse again in the form of original poetry, prose and images by and for the local people.

The year just past seems like such a time. There is no question that 2020 was a difficult year, here as everywhere. Most of us were glad to see it finish. But we woke into 2021 with the realization that nearly everything that made 2020 a difficult year is still with us – a truly nasty virus still running our lives to a great extent; an economy in a very fragile state locally and nationally; the climate changes we've tried to downplay or just ignore suddenly manifesting themselves in an un-ignorable dryness and uncontrollable fires; the chronic low-grade infections of systemic racism and inequity breaking into their own social "pandemics;" a national government suddenly in vigorous conflict over whether to repair our imperfect democracy or trade it in on an autocratic, probably fascistic regime.

There are signs of hope this year – vaccines that may give some control over the pandemic, a fragile but positive national government willing to confront our challenges instead of denying them. If there is a difference between 2020 and 2021, it lies in this year's realization that 2020 was – to paraphrase an old hippie poster – just the first year of

the rest of our lives, or at least the first year of our foreseeable future; events conspired to force us to confront challenges we can no longer ignore or deny. Our world has become a test of our creativity and resilience moving forward.

The 11th *Gunnison Valley Journal: 2020* hopes to collect the stories of how people here have responded to the trials and traumas of 2020: how we have coped, what resources we have found that helped. If you are a COVID survivor, what was your experience and what got you through it? What keeps you going in spite of the constant bad news from the larger world? How do you see climate change in your mind, and how do you imagine dealing with it personally? Are there actions you'd like to see the whole community pursue for any of the large issues we face? How do we transcend current levels of cultural and economic "fear and loathing" that dominate our political discourse?

Materials for the *Journal* will be collected through March 19. Submissions can be in the form of poetry, short essays and stories (fiction or nonfiction), interviews and photography and drawings or sketches that will reproduce well in black and white. Submissions should be in electronic format if possible, and sent to Megan West at the Gunnison Arts Center (megan@gunnisonartscenter.org), Brooke MacMillan at the Crested Butte Center for the Arts (brooke@crestedbuttearts.org) or George Sibley (970-641-4340, george@gard-sibley.org).

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profile
DAVID LEINSDORF

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David confesses that he wasn't a terribly motivated high school student. He graduated in 1960, with no idea of what he wanted to do. He enrolled at Columbia College in Manhattan. "I was into jazz and NYC had wonderful jazz. The best job I ever had was after my freshman year in college. I was a waiter at the Jazz Gallery on St. Marks Place. I worked from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. That year, the summer of 1961, the Thelonious Monk quartet played for an entire month." He also recalls seeing legendary jazz greats such as Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers, Cannonball Adderley and John Coltrane.

In other summers he traveled, visiting his father who was working in Europe. David tells the story of his father's emigration from his homeland in Austria. "He emigrated in the late 1930s from Vienna when he couldn't get work in Hitler's Europe because he was Jewish. He was born into very modest circumstances, no assets or any real reason to stay in Europe, so he emigrated to the U.S. at the age of 24." His father had warned his mother and aunt to leave, but the challenge of not speaking English dissuaded them. "In 1938, the Nazis came into the Jewish neighborhood, rounded up the women, took them up to the fancy neighbor-



The Leinsdorf family. COURTESY PHOTO

hood and made them scrub the cobblestone streets on their hands and knees at gunpoint. "Erich was right. We should leave," David's grandmother told her sister. They left Vienna and moved to New York. David's dad went to work as an assistant conductor at New York's Metropolitan Opera, where he made his debut conducting Richard Wagner's Die Walkure a few weeks before his 26th birthday. "His life's work was always music," says David.

"I really fumbled around as to what I wanted to do in college. I only decided on law when I struggled with physics. Pre-law was not a passion, it was by default," he says, but he also realized that studying law would give him more options, "You could go into government, or to a law firm or go into business," not to mention the number of different fields of law. David's parents also encouraged political discussion at their family dinner table, which heavily influenced him. He received his political science bachelor's degree in 1964 and entered Columbia Law School.

"Girls, jazz and skiing, those were my interests but you don't have much time in law school to do much but study and for the first time in my life, I buckled down and became a serious student," he says. Graduating in 1967, David recalls, "I was worried about the draft," as the Vietnam War was raging, but mumps meningitis at 13 had left him deaf in his left ear which disqualified him from service. After taking the New York bar exam, David worked for the U.S. Department of Justice in the Antitrust Division. He enjoyed the work but after two and a half years, Ralph Nader hired him to research and co-author a book about Citibank. "A very boring book," David says. "Burned out from working 24/7 on that project and smoking two packs of cigarettes a day, I was a mess." In June, 1971, he headed west to Telluride to

visit some friends, and never returned to live in New York.

He moved to Crested Butte because Telluride didn't have a ski area in '71 and David just wanted to ski. He had first discovered CB during one of the first Arts Fair weekends. "Give Me Shelter was playing at the Princess Theatre and I thought, this town is all right. There were 250 people living here. I liked Telluride better because I think it makes the rest of Colorado look like the flatlands but again, it didn't have skiing."

He packed up in NYC, moved to CB on Labor Day weekend 1971 and went to work doing construction. "I tied the rebar in the San Moritz condos foundation and it's a miracle that it hasn't slid down the hill," he laughs. "I bought my first house at 223 Sopris for \$16,000 in the autumn of '71." The following year, he opened the first law office in Crested Butte. "At first I operated out of my home and Mary Yelenick, who owned the liquor store with her husband Frank, answered my phone when I couldn't pick up." Later, David moved into the Bullion King building above the Alpineer.

Back then, there wasn't much law work so David continued in the construction trade for another year until becoming involved with politics. Hired as the town attorney, he resigned his position to run for Gunnison county commissioner. "I got involved in politics when Bill Crank ran for mayor in 1972. I worked on his campaign and he was elected. When there was an open seat on the county board, I went to Bill and said, 'you ought to run for county commissioner.' He said he was not interested, so I let him know that I would run if he wasn't interested. Bill didn't think I could win but I knocked on every door in the county. I stood in front of the post office, Safeway, City Market. I did a lot of campaigning. I ran against two opponents, Dick Eflin and John Rohde, and I ended up winning with 53 percent of the vote."

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David met Sandy Allen in 1976, a local ranch girl who grew up at Jack's Cabin. Her great-grandfather homesteaded the family's Allen Lane Ranch that's still in operation under Sandy's cousin Curtis Allen. "She was my insurance agent at the Verzuh agency working for Ron Coffey." Although they didn't start dating until 1982, Sandy worked on David's 1978 county commissioner election campaign. "I won in '74, '78, '82 and '86. Rikki Santarelli ousted me from a fifth term in the 1990 election. As Myles Rademan told me, 'In politics your friends come and go but your enemies accumulate.'" David and Sandy tied the knot in 1983. Their son Joseph was born in '85, followed by daughter Abigail in '88. "It was a very romantic proposal," David says with a smile. "I said, 'Sandy, our ski passes are no good this weekend, wanna go get married?' She said 'OK.' We got in my plane and flew to Las Vegas. There was one paid witness at the We've Only Just Begun Wedding Chapel." David learned to fly in 1973 in Crested Butte. "Ron Rouse taught me. He was the owner of Crested Butte Air Service, which ran commercial flights out of CB airport to Aspen and Denver."

After his long service as commissioner, David turned his focus to his law practice, which then thrived. "And I became involved in school matters. In 1994, Joe Fitzpatrick and I spearheaded a ballot measure to split CB out of the Gunnison RE1J school district because we wanted a high school and the school board would not give us one. They said we didn't have enough high school-aged students. So Joe and I worked together to put a measure on the ballot to separate the upper valley from the lower valley school district. We lost the



County commissioners Fred Field and David back in the day.
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battle but won the war—we lost the election because Gunnison didn't want to lose the CB tax base but they agreed that we could have our own high school."

David later went on to chair the school's accountability committee, after Sandy had resigned, and served as chairman for several years, "One of the best accomplishments of that committee was hiring Stephanie Niemi as principal, who is largely responsible for making CBCS one of the premiere public schools in Colorado."


These days find David taking three- and four-day weekends with his wife, frequently heading off to their Santa Fe casita. "But the reality is," he smiles, "Sandy's roots in this valley are so deep that if I wanted to leave, which I don't, I'd have to leave alone. We do a lot of hiking and one of the nice things about Santa Fe is you can hike year-round. Regarding retirement, I cannot retire because the high point of Sandy's day is 7:30 in the morning when I leave for the office," he grins.




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ESSAY: COVID Valentine

BY DAWNE BELLOISE



Despite the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine and its absolute potential to get us through the seemingly endless tunnel, this Valentine's Day brings a whole new meaning to the concept of togetherness for many—and for many more, the normal loneliness during such coupled-promoted holidays is exacerbated by the isolation this pandemic demands of the population if we're ever to conquer it. Still others are just fine sequestered in their hermitage, as being alone is their preferred state of being. That is not to say that the gloom and doom has permeated the hope for love in all this separation of people and bodies. There are those who are experiencing a deeper, more meaningful relationship, whether it's with their long time partner or a new hookup.

Online dating sites have shown a tremendous increase in use during the COVID quarantining with bars and restaurants closed down in the pandemic's early stages last winter and more recently, at limited capacity. Singles have taken to online dating even more so than pre-coronavirus, some out of boredom of being cooped up with too much time, no outlet and no work and some are looking for an apocalypse partner.

Meet-ups are happening in apps like Zoom, Facetime and video chats. The upside is that people are spending more time getting to know one another. You learn to converse better, a throwback to a time when couples considering marriage became more acquainted with each other by a prolonged courtship and over distances through correspondence via letters. Because of limited activity, like going to a bar or events where distractions and noise can hinder conversation, people are able to discuss more profoundly what they want out of a relationship over the course of time via video chats, because there's now time to talk and with no distraction. It's a sort of a reversal of hopping into a probable one-night fiery hookup, which is not so common since social distancing is the norm, for now.

First dates on face chats can be like sharing a cocktail or coffee in the safety of a public space but instead they occur in the safety, and the familiar comfort, of each individual's separate home. There are still people who are using dating apps without video and then it's a guess as to whether the person has been posting a truthful current photo since they're behind a mask, as one friend noted, "Dating during COVID is strange. You meet for a walk and touch elbows, no handshake, no hug, masks on and question bubbles pop up—is he happy to meet me? Is he smiling? Does he have good teeth? Does he have teeth? There's the muffled talk through masks as we walked along, then 'goodbye.'" Another local writes of her relief of being single. "I'm divorced and a single mom and I'm so damn grateful I got divorced before the pandemic. I've attempted to get online for dating for the first time but at 40 it is frightening to me. I just think the pandemic helped make my need for being single feel normal."

Bars are still a meeting place but much less so and with less opportunity to hook up, and as one CB bartender points out, "We're at half capacity, following all the guidelines and the biggest thing that's separating the people is the fact that we've had to. People are using online dating apps and are still meeting at the bar. I'm still watching two individuals come in separately and leave together. It happens but a lot less. Everyone wants it to be back to normal but with the restrictions on socialization, there's definitely hesitation between groups and individuals and Crested Butte is all about socializa-

tion, drinking and a relaxing environment."

Up here with our great outdoor access, singles have more of an opportunity to meet face to face, or mask to mask, at the appropriate distancing of course, and partake in safer outdoor activities. One local puts it this way, "I recently started seeing someone local and it's so amazing...lots of social distanced walks around the Butte. COVID allowed me to get really clear about what I wanted. I think I had lots of time to think and not be distracted by society. I was bolder and told him how I felt."

Yet another love-in-survival mode experience prompted by COVID is told by a local woman who started dating her best friend. "It got more and more real," she says about when the virus hit the valley. "Then I realized my (soon-to-be) boyfriend had a stash of guns and a freezer full of elk and I thought it might be important to pick someone in case sh*t actually hit the fan. Thank god nothing crazy happened except the toilet paper shortage. I asked him to move in and he was stoked to have a quarantine buddy because he lives alone and we realized we totally love each other."

There are others who had just found love when the virus came to town, forcing a reality check when they were thrown together 24/7 in a new relationship without the chance to allow it to evolve and develop over time with the ability to escape each other. One local guy expresses his feelings of having just moved in with his girlfriend when COVID shut everything down. "How do you keep things fresh when you spend every waking minute together? Y'know all those cute quirks you notice when you first meet someone? It isn't so cute when you have to put up with it every day, especially when there are so few distractions. Then you just have to say something, and it turns into a big thing and you get more annoyed."

But there are those whose bonds strengthened with the time they now had to breathe and refresh their love, and get a respite from the usual daily grind of work and parenting. "Honestly for us," one young wife says, "it's been a really interesting change. We both have super busy jobs and before COVID, our exchanges were early morning before work and after work during the dinner/bedtime shuffle. Now, with our son in school during the day and our daughter being cared for by our au pair, we have been able to eat lunch together, take afternoon walks and even sneak out for a Friday afternoon happy hour occasionally. We are working in separate spaces and it took some adjusting to have so many of us in the house at once but now that we have found our rhythm, there are some unexpected benefits and it's had a positive impact on our relationship."

Running a business together is already spending so much time in each other's presence but this mountain couple made it work and took advantage of their COVID situation, "We took the non-work time and created more of a family bond. We talked, we played games and we crafted like crazy! We all worked together to make it happen and the kids would make dinner while we were working."

COVID, in rare cases, has even made companions of political opposites. "We were still in the throes of a fairly new relationship, not knowing which way it would go. Neither of us could have guessed that forced isolation would actually create an unbreakable bond. The kicker is he is a Republican and kind of traditional when it comes to women. He always walks on the curb side and opens the car door. Not me. I'm not Republican at all! But since we were the only people that could spend time together in the same room, we talked, discussed, and argued ourselves into understanding each other. We have so many other things in common and learned to respect our differences. So I have the months of isolation we faced to thank for growing a most wonderful relationship."

Finally, this guy summarizes how he sees the situation the pandemic has created with his own general assessment of relationships in the time of COVID, "I'm going out on a limb here, but the people who hated each other before COVID hate each other more now and the people who loved each other, love each other more now. The people who were indifferent to each other realized they really like the other person or find them really annoying and the people who live alone with their pets are perfectly content but their pets are more annoyed."

Happy Valentines Day everyone...

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TITANS HOCKEY CRUISES PAST ASPEN SKIERS

— *“TEXAS-SIZED 10-4”* —

[BY THAN ACUFF]

The Crested Butte Titans hockey team ran roughshod over the Aspen Skiers during a two-game home stand last weekend winning both games by a combined score of 17-5 to improve their record to 3-0. They head back out on the road this coming weekend to face Summit on Friday, February 12 at 5:30 p.m. and can viewed on the Crested Butte Titans athletics Facebook page.

While the Titans opened the season with a relatively easy 7-2 win a week earlier, the consensus among the coaching staff was the team would need to pick up their game for their showdown with Aspen.

“They have good systems in place and they got some new coaches this year so we weren’t really sure what to expect,” says head coach Billy Watson.

The first period was a bit erratic for both teams but the Titans’ effort at the blue

line in the offensive zone and the neutral zone did a good job of keeping Aspen out of sync. While the Titans efforts with the puck were far from smooth as well, they did enough to create the majority of opportunities through the opening period.

The Titans opened the scoring early when Joseph Stock scored off an assist from Braydon Duncan and Crested Butte’s edge with puck possession led to another goal in the eighth minute when Rowan Piccaro skated to net looking to stuff the puck in. The Aspen net minder made the initial save but Stock was there to score the rebound for a 2-0 lead by



the end of the first period.

Crested Butte then stepped up their game in the second period. Piccaro scored off an assist from Brendan Hartigan six minutes in and Matthew Trujillo scored off an assist from Jack Lambert a minute later to jump out to a 4-0 lead.

“That was key popping two in right away,” says Watson. “Anytime you get up on a team like that is good. The more you let them hang around, they’re gonna linger and think they have a chance.”

Aspen did try to hang on as they scored during a powerplay but Crested Butte responded almost immediately as Stock recorded his third goal of the game. Aspen responded 25 seconds later but Crested Butte answered right back when Piccaro scored from an assist by Stock. Aspen came back once more with a third goal but the Titans had the last say of the seven-goal period as Lambert scored off an assist from Trujillo for a 6-3 Titans’ lead.

“It really helped us out to answer right back,” says Watson.

The Titans finally put Aspen away for good as they scored four more goals in the third period while only giving up one for what local hockey announcer John Solanik described as a “Texas-sized 10-4” win. Stock finished the game with four goals, Lambert and Piccaro each tallied two with Cael Medina and Trujillo each scoring one.

“We just weren’t playing tight enough in our defensive zone and letting them inside the house,” says Watson. “We needed to tighten it up, we were scrambling around.”

Crested Butte returned to the ice Saturday, February 6 for a second game against Aspen and with things tightened up on defense, they skated to a 7-1 win.

“I think we did a much better job in the second game,” says Watson.

The Titans jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the first period with Stock racking up an early hat trick with all of the assists coming from Piccaro and Lambert netting one off an assist from Trujillo.

“I like seeing Rowan in more of a playmaker role and it’s really nice seeing Joseph finding his scoring touch,” says Watson.

Stock and Lambert each added another goal in the second period with Duncan joining in on the scoring frenzy and the Titans cruised through the third period to the 7-1 win.

“I like what I’m seeing so far out of the kids but we need to work on our defensive zone,” says Watson. “Obviously we want three solid lines, and we have that, but we’re still working on finding the right chemistry.”

The Titans hit the road to face Summit on Friday, February 12 at 5:30 p.m. and then head to Aspen’s house to meet the Skiers on Wednesday, February 17 at 5:30 p.m. You can watch all of the Titans’ hockey games on the Crested Butte Athletics Facebook page.



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Boys basketball rebounds with win over Center

"There was something about our style that really kept them on their heels"

[BY THAN ACUFF]

Old, or rather older, eyes led to my inability to recognize that it was Ben Barney, not Jacob Bernholtz, who hit a three-pointer in the Crested Butte Titans basketball game last week against Gunnison. My apologies for the oversight, or lack of sight.

It wasn't the best game all around as the Titans fell to Gunnison, but the boys rebounded this past weekend as they took down league opponent Center 38-26 on Saturday, February 6.



Strong non-league opponents such as Gunnison early in the season give both the players and the coaches a sense of what needs continued work and they used what they saw against Gunnison to prepare for the Center game.

"On the defensive side we wanted to dictate and control possessions," says coach Brandin Hamilton. "That was our biggest takeaway from the Gunnison game, we were reacting."

The team focused on making that switch as they headed into their game Saturday against Center. They knew Center had some shooters and they knew that they also had a solid inside game and so the Titans had a couple of areas of focus, all without key inside player Grayson White.

Hamilton looked to Alan Prieto and Harper Smith to take care of Center's key players during their man-to-man defensive scheme and the two answered the call.

"Alan did a great job guarding their top player inside man-to-man and Harper shut down their top shooter," says Hamilton. "There was something about our style that really kept them on their heels."

The Titans opened the game building a slim lead and then following an 11-2 outburst, Crested Butte was up 12 points midway through the second quarter. A lull allowed Center to pull closer toward the end of the second quarter but the Titans still held a 19-9 lead at halftime.



"The game was pretty slow-paced and both teams had long possessions," says Hamilton. "They did a good job keeping us from scoring off transitions."

The pace continued through the second half. Center did cut Crested Butte's lead down to four points in the third quarter but before things could fall apart, a series of offensive rebounds kept the ball alive for Crested Butte and Erik Wasinger hit a three-pointer to quash the Center comeback. The bucket helped turn the tide back in Crested Butte's favor as they rebuilt their lead and carried that to the final buzzer for the 38-26 win.

Wasinger led the team with 17 points with Owen Forsythe scoring eight and pulling down six rebounds.

"We've been working a lot on conditioning and I think in that fourth quarter conditioning helped us," says Hamilton.

The Titans remain on the road for the next week as they have games against Telluride, Trinidad and Sargents. Their next home game is Friday, February 19 against Sanford.

"We're road warriors right now," says Hamilton.

All Titan basketball can be watched on either nfnetwork.com or the host school's Facebook page. All info for how to watch upcoming games can be found on the Crested Butte Titans athletics Facebook page.



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Titan girls fall to Center Vikings

"We had a shot to win and that's a testament to our seniors and a testament to our team"

[BY THAN ACUFF]

The Crested Butte Titans girls basketball team dropped their first league game of the season Saturday, February 6 when they fell to the Center Vikings 46-43.

The team got off on the wrong foot in the first quarter as Center jumped out to an early 14-6 lead.

"What I've noticed is that we don't come out firing," says head coach Amanda Reynolds. "We've been able to get away with it but our league is very competitive."

Once they shook it all off, Crested Butte then proceeded to start chipping away at the lead outscoring the Vikings 15-10 in the second quarter to cut the Center lead down to three by halftime. Throwing in a press helped the Titans



change gears as well as take a couple of deep breaths to focus on what they are capable of doing.

"I just reminded them of the things we've already gone over," says Reynolds. "When you're running hot on defense at

that pace, it's really hard for any team to slow down on the offensive side. It's hard to process but they did and they really settled in."

Crested Butte continued to find their game, and execute it in the third quarter. While Center did throw a new defense at the Titans that slowed them down a bit, Crested Butte adjusted eventually to then outscore Center 18-8 in the third quarter to take a 39-34 lead into the fourth quarter. It did come at a cost though as they lost their second leading scorer to foul trouble.

"Even missing our second leading scorer, they didn't stop, they kept going," says Reynolds. "We leaned on our seniors a lot and they came up with some critical rebounds."

Center recovered to open the fourth quarter scoring the first six points and retake the lead 40-39 with four minutes left to play and in the bonus putting the Vikings at the line with every foul.

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- Gift Cards with Bonus Bucks on sale at the Crested Butte Chamber while supplies last, cbchamber.com.
- Bethany Harpel's "Reality of Color" show runs thru February 28 in the Kinder-Padon Gallery at the Center for the Arts.

THURSDAY 11

- 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. 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)
- 6:30 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 April 15)

FRIDAY 12

- 8 a.m. Gunnison Valley Transportation Authority (RTA) meeting, electronically or by telephone, gunnisonvalleyrta.com/meetings.
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Crested Butte Library open to the public. 349-6535.
- 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.
- 2-3:30 p.m. Fridays at 5:00 Watch Parties with the Crested Butte Music Festival on Facebook, crestedbuttemusicfestival.org.
- 6 & 9 p.m. Black Stories Series: *Get Out* at the Center for the Arts, Crestedbuttearts.org.

SATURDAY 13

- Western Colorado University's Alumni Ski Weekend thru Feb. 15.
- 7:30 a.m. Open AA meeting: Big Book Study at Union Congregational Church, 349-5711.
 - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. "Writing Erotica 101" with Brian Palmer at the Center for the Arts, Crestedbuttearts.org.
 - 2-3:30 p.m. Guided Historic Walking Tour with the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum, crestedbuttemuseum.com.
 - 5-8 p.m. ArtWalk Evening at participating locations of Downtown Crested Butte.
 - 5:30-8:30 p.m. Carry-out or delivery Gourmet Dinner at Jermaine's, benefitting Gunnison Valley Mentors. Or limited dine-in with two seatings, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m. 641-5513.
 - 6:30 p.m. Open AA meeting: Literature at Union Congregational Church, 349-5711.

SUNDAY 14

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

- 3-5 p.m. Valentine's Day Poetry + Chocolate + Wine at the Center for the Arts, Crestedbuttearts.org.
- 6 p.m. Open AA meeting: Topic Discussion at Union Congregational Church, 349-5711.

MONDAY 15

- Please check listings due to the holiday.
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Crested Butte Library open to the public. 349-6535.
 - 4 p.m. Center for the Arts Tours, register at crestedbuttearts.org.
 - 6-8 p.m. The Greatest Story You'll Ever Tell workshop with the Gunnison Arts Center.
 - 7:30 p.m. Open AA meeting: Favorite Big Book Reading at Union Congregational Church, 349-5711.

TUESDAY 16

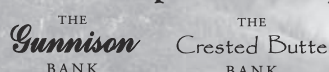
- Happy Fat Tuesday! Mardi Gras Crawl at participating locations of downtown Crested Butte, cbchamber.com.
- 7:30 a.m. Open AA meeting: Mediation AA & Al-Anon at Union Congregational Church, 349-5711.
 - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Crested Butte Library open to the public. 349-6535.
 - noon Closed AA meeting: Readings from *Came to Believe* at Union Congregational Church, 349-5711.
 - 4-5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Garage open for shoppers and donations.

WEDNESDAY 17

- 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.
- 7-9 p.m. Weekly Figure Drawing Session at the Shaun Horne Gallery, donations accepted.

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NORDIC news

BY LAURA PUCKETT DANIELS, CBNC

Alley Loop thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the 35th Annual Alley Loop Nordic Marathon as a skier, volunteer or community member! We know this event makes a big impact on town and we appreciate everyone who adapted their daily routine to make the event happen. A huge shout out to the many local businesses that donated prizes for our awards and raffle. You brightened a lot of days! While numbers were down over recent years, we still were able to get close to 600 skiers out on the snow over the course of the two days of races. From vintage ski onesies to a murder of crows, from cheerleaders to unicorns, we saw so many fun costumes and big smiles. Thanks for keeping the CB Nordic spirit alive and spreading joy out on the corduroy!

State of the Trails update

Most of you know, we've been undertaking a campaign to remind everyone where you can go and what you can do on our trails. There are trails for walking: head over to Town Ranch and the Rec Path. There are trails for dogs: Pooches Paradise and the Rec Path, to name two. There is also a snowshoe-only trail out in the Magic Meadows. Please read the signs, download the CBGTrails App, and make sure you know what to do where. Abiding by these rules is essential to keeping our trails open now and in the future!

Dog poo do-dos and don't-dos

When your pooch takes a poo and you do what you're supposed to do with the doo-doo, the bag in your hand can be a real drag, but just do like your dog, let your tail wag, put up with that bag and take it back to the basket at the trail-head. For your own number twos we brought you a portalo, but that loo is for you and not your dog's poo. The crew that empties the loos is already knee-deep in goo, let's not turn the screw by adding plastic-

wrapped dog poo, too. Ew. Please put your dog waste in the trash can.

Masters Session 2 starts this week!

Our Masters Community is the best way to learn to ski better and have more fun out on the nordic trails. We have sessions for every level of skier, from never-ever to advanced. Check out the offerings and sign up on our website. "Semester" 2 started this week, but you can still jump in next week, or you can jump in for a free session to see if you'll like it. Unsure what to sign up for? Email Kevin Koval, CB Nordic Ski School Director, at skischool@cbnordic.org.

**Fun facts about our trails:
Ruthie's Run**

Ruthie's Run (the trail up on the Bench) is named in honor of Ruth Humphreys Brown, a native Coloradan who loved the mountains and raised a family of outdoor enthusiasts. She was a long-time resident of Aspen, and one of her daughters lives here in CB. Her family's local connections are steadfast supporters of CB Nordic, and they contributed significantly to the homologation of Ruthie's Run. Ruth's amazing life includes accomplishments like helping to create the BOLD ski program for blind skiers, helping to create the first Outward Bound Program in the Country, and helping to found the first drug and alcohol treatment center in Aspen. As if just being a part of the first Outward Bound Program in the country wasn't enough, she also flew planes during World War II as part of the Women Airforce Service Pilots. We're grateful for Ruth's pioneering spirit and the generous support of her family that has helped CB Nordic become what it is today.

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.



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Andy Richmond	02:30:02.3
Clay Moseley	02:42:22.7
Jay Hunt	03:10:21.4
Toni Westerholm	03:11:32.8

Women	
Joellen Fonken	04:00:00.9
Lauren Echevarria	04:01:01.3
Oleander Pougiales	04:01:49.0
Beth James	04:03:34.9

21-kilometer Collegiate

Men	
Kaj Taylor	01:00:50.0
Silas Goetz	01:03:16.7
Nathan Kessler	01:04:36.3
Matthew Joseph Williams	01:05:13.7
Conner Nilson	01:06:50.5

Women	
Ella Dewolf	01:12:38.7
Bria Rickert	01:12:40.1
Kat Gruner	01:14:05.0
Riana Boonstra	01:18:19.3
Eva Smith	01:18:39.3

42-kilometer Skate

Men	
Woody Martineau	02:03:54.4
Brian Smith	02:05:17.2
Matt Rossman	02:06:46.1
Trevor Willoughby	02:11:30.9
Sam Troge	02:11:32.7

Women	
Hannah Smith	02:24:26.7
Lillian Marcione	02:24:30.7
Jill Sorensen	02:25:08.2
Valerie Poulin	02:26:46.1
Rachel Bachman Perkins	02:27:17.3

10-kilometer Freestyle

Men	
Woody Martineau	00:30:10.3
Ryan Sederquist	00:30:13.0
Oliver White	00:32:32.5
Mark Mehler	00:34:34.5
J.T. Lindholm	00:34:36.8

Women	
Molly Susla	00:30:34.8
Sawyer Ezzell	00:34:39.8
Valerie Poulin	00:36:25.8
Monique Merrill	00:36:39.8
Cassidy Meyer	00:37:56.4

21-kilometer Classic

Men	
Karsten Hokanson	01:12:39.9
Scott Gileon	01:28:33.4
Rich Smith	01:31:07.6
John Meyer	01:31:10.3
Chad Crabtree	01:45:09.8

Women	
Rachel Watson	01:29:35.5
Katie Meyer	01:32:22.6
Christi Boggs	01:40:31.6
Berit Mellgren-Deer	01:48:34.2
Traci MacNamara McCoy	01:51:47.3

5-kilometer Freestyle

Men	
Woody Martineau	00:15:13.0
Ryan Sederquist	00:16:46.9
Finn H. Veit	00:16:53.2
Sean Kraemer	00:18:01.1
Mark Mehler	00:18:01.9

Women	
Valerie Poulin	00:19:34.7
Lyudmila Moseley	00:19:45.4
Monique Merrill	00:20:10.6
Tazlina Pozner	00:22:24.0
Brie Bender	00:22:41.2

21-kilometer Skate

Men	
Stephen O'Mara	01:02:14.2
Nathan Schultz	01:03:09.9
Woody Martineau	01:04:18.4
Ryan Sederquist	01:05:53.5
Jeff Paulson	01:08:42.3

Women	
Valerie Poulin	01:17:31.5
Amy Shertzer	01:18:53.3
Shannon Meyer	01:22:40.1
Mary Sackbauer	01:23:10.2
Monique Merrill	01:24:03.6

Youth Races

Overall Top 3 Boys

1-kilometer	
1 Isaac Arell	04:36.81
2 Gabe Larson	04:56.00
3 Ruke Dyar	08:55.87

3-kilometer	
1 Ben Larson	08:53.1
2 Isaac Arell	09:14.19
3 Dillon Boscaro	09:42.27

Overall Top 3 Girls

1-kilometer	
1 Eliza Wickenhauser	06:06.98
2 Gianna Wickenhauser	06:51.37
3 Tory Peterson	09:03.00

3-kilometer	
1 Josie Passant	12:11.98
2 Lily Sharp	19:19.23
3 Haley Erickson	20:17.00



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Black Canyon and Curecanti imp for COVID-19 preven

To protect the health of those who live, work and visit national parks and National Park Service (NPS) facilities, and in support of President Biden's Executive Order on Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing, the NPS is immediately implementing a mask requirement for employees, visitors, partners and contractors.

At Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Curecanti National Recreation Area, face masks are now required in all park

buildings and facilities, including visitor centers and office buildings. Masks are also required on NPS-managed lands when physical distancing cannot be maintained, including crowded overlooks and narrow trails.

The public can find information about the requirement on the park websites and on signs throughout the park and recreation area.

In addition, the following public health measures and temporary closures remain in effect:

Winter trails have differen

It happens every year: CB's summer trails are covered in snow and access to many of our favorite areas around town changes during the winter months. The Woods Walk and Lower Loop, specifically, have different winter uses, which are now in effect. Both the Town of Crested Butte and the Crested Butte Land Trust have agreements with CB Nordic for the maintenance of winter trails that compose the "West Side" groomed trail system. We ask that once winter grooming begins, walking and biking ends on these summer trails, which all pass through private property.

For the groomed winter trails, trail passes are required, and the cost

MOUNTAIN TELLURIDE



JUNIOR BIG MOUNTAIN COMPETITION: Members of the Crested Butte Mountain Sports Team made their way to Telluride Ski Resort to compete in the IFSA and Rocky Mountain Freeride Series 12-18 big mountain competition on Thursday, February 4 bringing home a few great results. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK



Implement federal mask requirement attention and protection

*Limited entry will continue for small areas within visitor centers. "We appreciate the cooperation and consideration our staff, partners and visitors have shown as we have adapted to COVID precautions," said superintendent Deanna Greco. "This new requirement helps us to protect our staff and our visitors."

The Black Canyon of the Gunnison park store operated by Western National Parks Association in the South Rim Visitor Center will continue to operate from the back porch doors, and also requires a mask to enter.

As conditions are subject to change, visitors should check the parks' websites (nps.gov/blca and nps.gov/cure) and social media channels for details on operations before they visit. Other tips to recreate responsibly are available on NPS.gov. Park rangers are on duty to provide information, protect visitors and park resources and uphold this requirement.

Winter uses than summer trails

of these passes supports the maintenance of this amazing community amenity. Thank you for abiding by the posted signs and displaying your trail pass during the use of the CB Nordic groomed winter trails. There are many great places to walk and snowshoe just outside of town on National Forest land, like the Whetstone Vista trail, Slate River drainage and Gothic Road.

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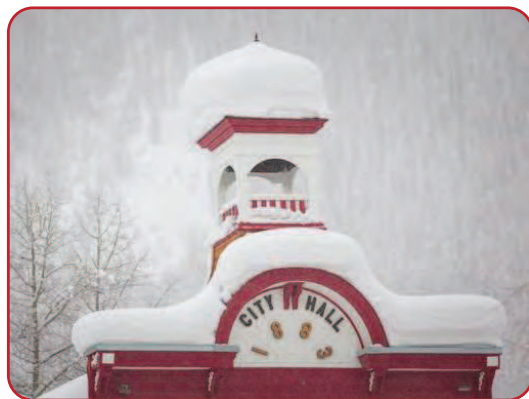
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BACKCOUNTRY notes

BY ZACH GUY, LEAD FORECASTER, CBAC

It's been crazy

It has been a crazy couple of weeks. Just this past week we've recorded 90 large avalanches in our forecast area alone.

We have two persistent weak layers in the bottom half of our snowpack that have been producing very large avalanches over the past couple of weeks. These facet and faceted crust layers formed during the prolonged droughts we had in early December and early January. We are going to give a brief tour of some of the recent avalanche activity, and talk about some of the conclusions we can draw looking into the stormy week ahead.

While our persistent slab activity extends back to December, I'm going to start on January 30. The northwest mountains picked up as much as 20" of snow on that Saturday, spurring a large cycle in the Ruby Range and surrounding mountains. Snow loading on persistent weak layers several feet thick is an easy recipe for large avalanches. Here are a few examples:

On Sunday, January 31, the sun came out and temperatures warmed into the 30s and 40s in the mountains. We saw another round of large persistent slab avalanches in the northwest mountains, this time caused by rapidly settling slabs and small loose snow avalanches acting as triggers.

On the night of February 3, we saw intense snow loading from a heavy snow squall. The mountains picked up 1" to 2" of snow water equivalent (equating to 10" to 20" of relatively dense snow) over the span of about eight hours. This time the snowfall was better distributed across the entire forecast area. The result was another avalanche cycle in both the northwest and southeast mountains at all elevations, though not as exciting as we anticipated.

On the night of February 5, we saw up to 17" of low density snow in the northwest mountains and 3"-6" in the southeast mountains, with .2" to .9" inches of snow water equivalent. More importantly, winds increased out of the northwest, with alpine winds blowing 20-30 mph and gusting into the 50s. This spurred our most destructive and most impressive avalanche cycle of the season. The wheels really fell off the bus with this event. In some cases, slabs connected across multiple start zones in spectacular fashion. We saw about 10 very large slides that snapped trees and put huge amounts of debris in valley bottoms. We estimate the slide off of Ruby Peak was close to D4 in size.

Again, activity was widespread across both the northwest and southeast mountains, particularly near and above treeline. Winds continued to transport snow on Saturday and Sunday, triggering more large avalanches throughout the weekend.

We have a snowy week in the forecast, with a decent pulse on Tuesday night and the strongest pulse coming in on Friday into Saturday, along with a good chance for decent wind event on Saturday. Weak layers will continue to be stressed and continue to fail naturally.

Here are a few things to keep in mind going into this stormy pattern.

First, avalanches are breaking unexpectedly wide and can run much further than you might expect. The slide off of Ruby ran well into low angle terrain that is a popular snowmobile play spot during powder days. The slide off of Schuykill Peak ran across the creek in Poverty Gulch, wiping out the approach route that people use to access safer tree skiing in that area. The slide off of Climax Chutes put debris across the Nordic track on Mike's Mile. Going into this weekend, avalanche sizes will only be getting larger.

Second, we still haven't seen a widespread cycle on these layers below treeline. We know the structure is poor, and we've seen quite a few slides this week hinting that we are near the tipping point. With the stormy outlook, I suspect people will be flocking to that type of terrain for their powder turns. I'm expecting we will see a large cycle below treeline at some point before the week is over. Roadways that cross under these below treeline slopes are also on my radar this week, such as the slopes above Peanut Lake Road, the slopes below Snodgrass on your way to Gothic, and the terrain above Cement Creek Road. You don't have to be a skier or rider in steep terrain to get into trouble this week. You can get hit from above, if you're walking the dog, out for a Nordic ski or riding a snowmobile up a road. Anyone venturing into the mountains should check the forecast and bring avalanche gear.

The snowpack is exceptionally tricky and dangerous this season and we are going into one of the biggest loading events of the year. It's a good time to take a big, cautious step backwards from your normal backcountry routine and closely evaluate your terrain choices, including overhead hazards, before you leave the house.

Titan girls

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Center hit two free throws to go up 42-39 and was looking to run the clock down with long possessions on offense. The Titans defense remained patient and Colleen Harris picked the pocket of their point guard to go the length of the court for a lay up closing back to within one point.

Center knocked down two more free throws to keep a slight edge but on the Titans next trip up the court, mad scrambling left Sophia Truex open and she knocked down a three-pointer to tie the game. Or so it seemed; but the officials saw otherwise, gave her two and the Titans were down 44-43 and forced to foul to stop the clock.

Center knocked down both of those free throws as well to go up 46-43 but the Titans would have the last possession for a shot at tying the game up and Reynolds called a time out.

"I had 35 seconds to draw up the play and it needed to go perfect to even get the shot off," says Reynolds.

It did go perfectly, well almost, as Truex got an open shot but the ball bounced off the rim and the buzzer sounded during the scramble for the loose ball. Harris led the team with 21 points.

"Was it a tough loss? Absolutely," says Reynolds. "But, they just didn't quit. We had a shot to win and that's a testament to our seniors and a testament to our team. We're



still getting to know each other as a team and it boils down to tying all aspects of our game together. We'll have a breakout game."

The Titans look to take what they learned in their first league game and make the adjustments as they have more league showdowns this coming week. They face Trinidad on Saturday, February 13 and Sargents on Tuesday, February 16. Information for watching the games online can be found on the Crested Butte Athletics Facebook page.



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Colorado Parks and Wildlife sets Zoom meeting for hunters, anglers

If you're interested in hunting, fishing and wildlife in Gunnison and throughout Southwest Colorado, please join an online meeting with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, 6 p.m., February 18.

This Zoom meeting is part of CPW's "Sportspersons' Roundtable" program the works to involve hunters and anglers in Colorado's wildlife issues. Attending the meeting will be CPW staff who will present updates on the 2021 hunting season, terrestrial species, aquatic species and other issues that CPW is now facing.

"CPW always wants to hear from hunters and anglers about what's on their minds and ideas they have," said Joe Lewandowski, CPW's public information officer for the Southwest Region.

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Clark's Market cruises past Eldo

"That's why the guys in the car club call me the Cruiser"

[BY THAN ACUFF]

"They shoulda called you the dork."

We had a game, a tight one too, until we didn't as Clark's Market scored five unanswered goals in the second period to take down the Eldo 7-3 in town league hockey action Monday night.

The Eldo threw the first punch early in the first period when Justin Blair skated in off the blue line and directly to net but Clark's goalie Devon Carrillo stuffed the first chance and the second chance as well to prove denial ain't just a river in Egypt.

But the blue line presence of both Blair and Ryan Carroll kept twisting the screws on Clark's yet Clark's held them off as they started to find their mojo through neutral ice.

The slight shift in momentum for Clark's provided the first goal of the game as Hunter Grosvenor skated to net looking to pick the corner. Hunter Donleavey made the initial save, and a couple subsequent ones, until Shai Ovadia found the back of the net.

"Anyone touches my stuff... and I kill you."

The Eldo answered back a couple of minutes later on a powerplay despite Carrillo's work between the pipes as the constant Eldo attack with a man advantage resulted in a goal from CJ Hoover bringing cheers from the Eldo fans pressed against the glass.

Once back to full strength, Clark's Market responded almost immediately as Grosvenor took a pass up the ice from Jack Weise to score in the final 10 seconds of the period for a 2-1 lead.

Given the back and forth nature of the first period, it looked like we were in for a grind between the two teams. But that hope was soon dashed as the back and forth nature of the game soon

turned to back and back and back and back-to-back goals for Clark's Market in a three-minute span at the end of the second period.

"Lighten up Francis."

Donleavey did what he could in net to try and hold off the series of relentless attacks but once a seam was found, Clark's Market started feasting like hippies on "reduced for quick sale" items.

Ovadia started the assault blasting a merciless slapshot from the faceoff circle past Donleavey. Ovadia then took the ensuing faceoff straight to net again and while Donleavey made the first stop again, Grosvenor followed to score on the rebound. Thirty seconds later Grosvenor struck again. Twenty seconds later Anthony Viera tipped a shot by Connor Sample past Donleavey. Thomas McLean then put the finishing touches on the five-goal barrage as he barreled to goal to score putting Clark's Market up 7-1 with one period to go.

Still, if Clark's Market can score five goals in a period, why can't the Eldo? Well, they couldn't.



Donleavey did continue his heroics in net for the Eldo though actually losing his stick during one flurry only to continue to stack the pads, toss the blocker and whatever else he could do to keep Clark's from scoring an eighth goal.

Brandon Muller eventually found some room to score twice for the Eldo in the final minutes of the third period for one last round of cheers from the Eldo crowd before the final horn signaling the end of the 7-3 crushing.

"Lee Harvey, you are a mad man."



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FREE WILL astrology

BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES

(MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

Author Anton Chekhov made a radical proposal: "Perhaps the feelings we experience when we are in love represent a normal state. Being in love shows people who they should be." In accordance with astrological potentials, my beloved Aries darling, I invite you to act as if Chekhov's proposal were absolutely true for at least the next two weeks. Be animated by a generous lust for life. Assume that your intelligence will reach a peak as you express excited kindness and affectionate compassion. Be a fount of fond feelings and cheerful empathy and nourishing ardor.

TAURUS

(APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Poet and filmmaker Jean Cocteau told the following story about Taurus composer Erik Satie (1866-1925). When Satie died, his old friends, many of whom were highly accomplished people, came to visit his apartment. There they discovered that all the letters they had sent him over the years were unopened. Satie had never read them! How sad that he missed out on all that lively exchange. I beg you not to do anything that even remotely resembles such a lack of receptivity during the coming weeks, Taurus. In fact, please do just the opposite: Make yourself as open as possible to engagement and influence. I understand that the pandemic somewhat limits your social interactions. Just do the best you can.

GEMINI

(MAY 21-JUNE 20)

On behalf of the cosmic omens, I demand that the important people in your life be reliable and generous toward you in the coming weeks. You can tell them I said so. Tell them that you are doing pretty well, but that in order to transform pretty well into very well, you need them to boost their support and encouragement. Read them the following words from author Alan Cohen: "Those who love you are not fooled by mistakes you have made or dark images you hold about yourself. They remember your beauty when you feel ugly; your wholeness when you are broken; your innocence when you feel guilty; and your purpose when you are confused."

CANCER

(JUNE 21-JULY 22)

For a while, poet Alfred de Musset (1810-1857) was the sexual partner of Cancerian novelist George Sand (1804-1876), also known as Aurore Dupin. He said that after intense love-making sessions, he would fall asleep and wake up to find her sitting at her desk, engrossed in working on her next book. Maybe the erotic exchange inspired her creativity? In accordance with current astrological potentials, I recommend Sand's approach to you. Vigorous pleasure will coordinate well with hard work. As will deep release with strong focus. As will tender intimacy with clear thinking. (PS: I know your options for pleasure and intimacy may be somewhat limited because of

the pandemic. Call on your ingenuity and resourcefulness to work the best magic possible.)

LEO

(JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Leo poet Warsan Shire suggests, "Document the moments you feel most in love with yourself—what you're wearing, who you're around, what you're doing. Recreate and repeat." This would be an excellent exercise for you to carry out during this Valentine season. You're in a phase when you're likely to enhance your lovability and attract extra support simply by intensifying and refining the affectionate compassion you feel and express toward yourself.

VIRGO

(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

I wish the pandemic would give us a short break so we could celebrate the Valentine season with maximum sensual revelry and extravagant displays of joyful tenderness. I wish we could rip off our masks and forget about social-distancing and hug and kiss everyone who wants to be hugged and kissed. But that's not going to happen. If we hope to be free to indulge in a Lush Love and Lust Festival by Valentine Season in 2022, we've got to be cautious and controlled now. And we are all counting on you Virgos to show us how to be as wildly, lyrically romantic as possible while still observing the necessary limitations. That's your special task.

LIBRA

(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Author Raymond Carver wrote, "It ought to make us feel ashamed when we talk like we know what we're talking about when we talk about love." That seems like a harsh oversimplification to me. Personally, I think it's fun and interesting to pretend we know what we're talking about when we talk about love. And I think that will be especially true for you in the coming weeks. In my astrological opinion, you should be discussing love extensively and boldly and imaginatively. You should redefine what love means to you. You should re-evaluate how you express it and reconfigure the way it works in your life.

SCORPIO

(OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

I'm turning over this horoscope to psychologist John Welwood. His words are the medicine you need at this juncture in the evolution of intimacy. Study the following quote and interpret it in ways that help illuminate your relationship with togetherness: "A soul connection is a resonance between two people who respond to the essential beauty of each other's individual natures, behind their facades, and who connect on this deeper level. This kind of mutual recognition provides the catalyst for a potent alchemy. It is a sacred alliance whose purpose is to help both partners discover and realize their deepest potentials."

SAGITTARIUS

(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Transform yourself with the sweetest challenge you can

dream up. Give yourself a blessing that will compel you to get smarter and wilder. Dazzle yourself as you dare to graduate from your history. Rile yourself up with a push to become your better self, your best self, your amazingly fulfilled and masterful self. Ask yourself to leap over the threshold of ordinary magic and into the realm of spooky good magic. And if all that works out well, Sagittarius, direct similar energy toward someone you care about. In other words, transform them with the sweetest challenge you can dream up. Dare them to graduate from their history. And so on.

CAPRICORN

(DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

I invite you to compose a message to a person you'd like to be closer to and whom you're sure would like to be closer to you. Be inspired by what poet Clementine von Radics wrote to the man she was dating, telling him why she thought they could start living together. Here's her note: "Because you texted me a haiku about the moon when you were drunk. Because you cried at the end of the movie *Die Hard* on Christmas eve. Because when I'm sick you bring me fruit, kiss me on the mouth, and hold me even though I'm gross. Because you bring me flowers for no reason but on Valentine's Day you gave me a bouquet of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. Because every time I show you a poem I love you've read it already."

AQUARIUS

(JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

I've adopted some lines from poet Walt Whitman for you to use in composing a love note. Send it to a person you know and love, or to a person you want to know and love, or a person you will know and love in the future. Here it is: "We are oaks growing in the openings side by side. We are two fishes swimming together. We are two predatory hawks, soaring above and looking down. We are two clouds driving overhead. We are seas mingling, two cheerful waves rolling over each other. We are snow, rain, cold, darkness. We circle and circle till arriving home again, voiding all but freedom and our own joy."

PISCES

(FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

"To heal is to touch with love that which was previously touched by fear," wrote author Stephen Levine. I propose you make this theme a keynote for your best relationships in the coming days. What can you do to alleviate the anxiety and agitation of the people you care for? How might they do the same for you? If you play along with the cosmic rhythms, you will have extraordinary power to chase away fear with love.

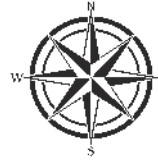
Homework: How has the pandemic changed your approach to getting and giving love? How have the restrictions on our ability to mingle with each other altered the ways you seek intimacy?

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Teocalli & 6th	:01, :16, :31, :46	7:16 AM	11:46 PM

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20 YEARS AGO today

BY NEL BURKETT

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

Affordable housing still debated for ETP

by Pete Sharp

Language, or lack thereof, pertaining to an affordable housing requirement on the 1998 memorandum of understanding between the Town of Crested Butte and Crested Butte Mountain Resort has left the Mt. Crested Butte Town Council and CBMR scrambling to defend their long-standing assumptions. At stake is the number of affordable housing units to be built in the metro district properties - North Village, the Reserve, East Trade Parcel and West Trade Parcel.

In order to avert an appeal by the Town of Crested Butte related to the three-way land swap between CBMR, the United States Forest Service and the State Land Board, CBMR agreed to several provisions set forth by the Town of Crested Butte. One was to limit the number of housing units on the East Trade Parcel to 300 and, at issue now, to set

aside 15 percent of those 300 units (52) for deed-restricted affordable housing.

The Mt. Crested Butte affordable housing ordinance requires that all developers build four percent or 320 square feet for every 8,000 square feet of their respective project as affordable housing. However, if a developer builds more than the required four percent, credits are issued for later use.

CBMR agreed to the provisions of the memorandum of understanding as did the Town of Mt. Crested Butte. The problem stems from whether the town's ordinance, particularly the credit provision, applies to the 15 percent stipulation. The memorandum of understanding does not address the issue. If it does apply, as CBMR maintains, credits for the overbuilding could be issued to reduce affordable housing according to the four-percent rule throughout the metro district property without getting any credits for the 52 units.

Mt. Crested Butte Town Council member Rod Cooley expressed his opinion that



If you can't beat the sun baked, join the sun baked. PHOTO BY TIFFANY WARDMAN

was unanimously shared by the other Mt. Crested Butte Town Council members, "This was an agreement between CBMR and other parties. It was totally separate."

"We aren't changing our plan," said Scout Walton, executive vice-president of CBMR Real Estate. "It's been very clear. This would be consistent with Mt. Crested

Butte's ordinance."

Mt. Crested Butte town manager Chuck Stearns has tentatively recommended that the Mt. Crested Butte Town Council follow one of two routes toward resolution. The first is to allow the credits but impose a percentage similar to the 15 percent stipulation to make up for the difference. The second is to assert their assumption that the memorandum was, and should be, an entirely separate agreement.

According to Stearns, the Town of Mt. Crested Butte can create a new ordinance that would be binding on new developments. Mt. Crested Butte has enlisted the services of consultant Melanie Rees to help create a new, more modern ordinance that would allow the town to catch up on affordable housing needs.

Mt. Crested Butte police react to news of recent bomb threat

by Edward Stern

Mt. Crested Butte Police chief Hank Smith told the Mt. Crested Butte Town Council last Tuesday that his office was investigating a bomb threat within the town. He explained that the threat could be valid for several days. In a separate interview, Smith

explained that the threat was called in the early morning of Sunday, February 4 for an isolated yet non-specific area.

While no connection to President Carter's upcoming visit has been made, Smith says that the correlation has heightened the sensitivity to the threat. He says that investigation into the call may have traced it to an out-of-state telephone number and that authorities would be tracking down the exact location from which the call may have come.

Also adding to the heightened sensitivity of the threat is the recent arrest of a Western State College student who set off a homemade explosive device in an on-campus elevator.

While Smith has reason to believe that the threat is unfounded, he says that precautions are being taken nevertheless.

"We are 99.9 percent sure that this is just an empty threat," he explains. "But we have the secret service here investigating with dogs just to be sure. We are sanitizing areas in which a threat is likely."

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



Lots of racing reptiles showed up at last weekend's Alley Loop race. PHOTO BY TIFFANY WARDMAN

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**—TAX LIEN SALE NUMBER 20170130—
NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE
AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: **Edith M Stone and Kent S Taylor** You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Gunnison County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Kent S Taylor the following described property situate in the County of Gunnison, State of Colorado, to-wit: **Schedule Number: 29990000015 R011402**

Legal Description: OLD ZACK #17363, RED CLOUD #2615 LIZZIE N #16967, ELK MTN M.D. 12S84W and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Kent S Taylor. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016; That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Edith M Stone for said year 2016; That said Kent S Taylor on the 31st day of August 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be

issued for said property to Kent S Taylor at 2:00 o'clock p.m., on the 26th day of May 2021 unless the same has been redeemed; Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. This Notice of Purchase will be published in Crested Butte News on February 5, 2021, February 12, 2021 and February 19, 2021. Witness my hand this 5th day of February 2021
Debbie Dunbar
Gunnison County Treasurer

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**—REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING—
FEBRUARY 17, 2021 ~ 5:00 P.M.
MT. CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
ZOOM MEETING**

The agenda and meeting packet will be officially posted on the Town's website no later than 24 hours prior to the January 20, 2021 Planning Commission 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

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**—TAX LIEN SALE NUMBER 20170119—
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AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**

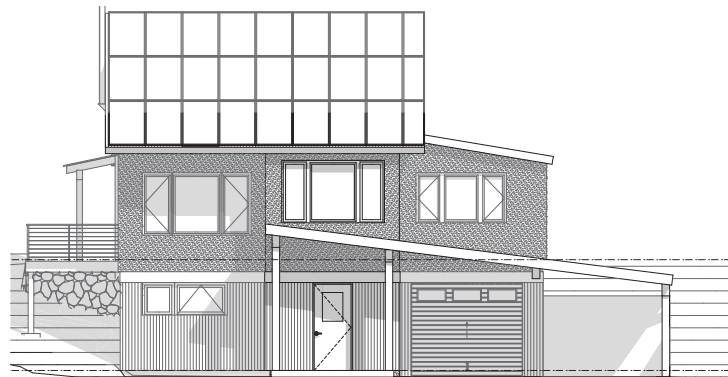
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That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Edith M Stone and James E Stone and Ronald W Stone for said year 2016; That said Jerry Stallard on the 31st day of August 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to Jerry Stallard at 2:00 o'clock p.m., on the 26th day of May 2021 unless the same has been redeemed; Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. This Notice of Purchase will be published in Crested Butte News on February 5, 2021, February 12, 2021 and February 19, 2021. Witness my hand this 5th day of February 2021
Debbie Dunbar
Gunnison County Treasurer

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**—NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING—
CRESTED BUTTE SOUTH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
SPECIAL AREA ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW
LOCATION: ON-LINE AT UBERCONFERENCE**

Join the call: <https://www.uberconference.com/dom658>
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PIN: 70089
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a CB South Design Review Committee hearing will be held on Thursday February 25th, 2021 at 6:10 pm for the purpose of considering the following: *A Certificate of Appropriateness* for the application for a **Single-Family Residence**, Lot 20, Block 26, Filing #4, a.k.a. 117 Cisneros Lane. A complete set of plans can be viewed at the Crested Butte South P.O.A. Office, 61 Teocalli Road by appointment. This Notice of Public Hearing serves as 14-day public comment period in which comments may be submitted in writing to the Design Review Committee.
CRESTED BUTTE SOUTH PROP-



South Elevation
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

ERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE.
Submitted by Dom Eymere, CB
South Property Owners Association
Manager
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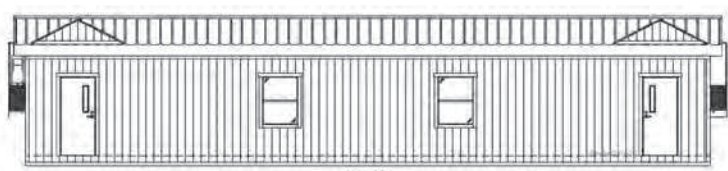
**—NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING—
CRESTED BUTTE BOARD OF ZONING AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
818 RED LADY AVENUE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing, which may result in the granting of a vested property right, will be held on February 23, 2021 beginning at **6:00 p.m.** in the Crested Butte Town Hall located at 507 Maroon Ave. in Crested Butte, Colorado, specific information can be found on the agenda on the Town website regarding access to the virtual meeting, for the purpose of considering the following: The application of **Gunnison Watershed School District RE1J** to site two additional modular

classrooms at the existing building located at 818 Red Lady Avenue in the P zone.
Additional requirements:
- Architectural approval is required. (See attached drawing)
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE

By Jessie Earley, Assistant Design Review and Historic Preservation Coordinator

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**—NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING—
CRESTED BUTTE BOARD OF ZONING
AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
918, 918 1/2 AND 920 1/2 BELLEVUE AVENUE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing, which may result in the granting of a vested property right, will be held on February 23, 2021 beginning at **6:00 p.m.** in the Crested Butte Town Hall located at 507 Maroon Ave. in Crested Butte, Colorado, specific information can be found on the agenda on the Town website regarding access to the virtual meeting, for the purpose of considering the following:
The application of **Antelope Partners LLC** to construct a single family residence and two accessory buildings to be located at 918, 918 1/2 and 920 1/2 Bellevue Avenue, Block 74, Tract 4 in the R1D zone.
Additional requirements:
- Architectural approval is required.
- Conditional use permits for two non-residential, heated and/or plumbed accessory buildings in the R1D zone is required.
(See attached drawing)
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE
By Jessie Earley, Assistant Design Review and Historic Preservation Coordinator

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NORTH ELEVATION
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**—REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING—
FEBRUARY 16, 2021 ~ 6:00 P.M.
MT. CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
ZOOM MEETING**

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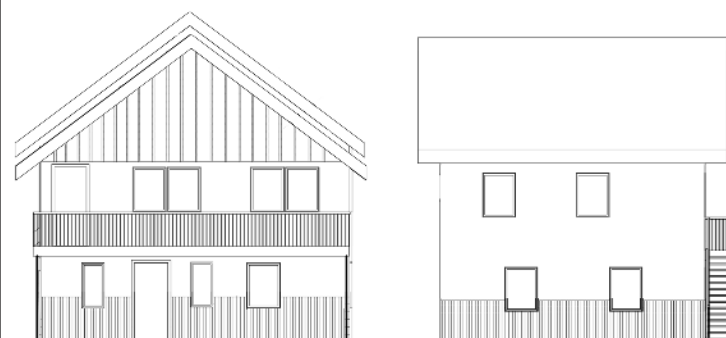
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**—NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING—
CRESTED BUTTE SOUTH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
SPECIAL AREA ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW
LOCATION: ON-LINE AT UBERCONFERENCE**

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PIN: 70089
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a CB South Design Review Committee hearing will be held on Thursday February 25th, 2021 at 6:40 pm for the purpose of considering the following: *A Certificate of Appropriateness* for the application for a **Single-Family Residence**, Lot 2, Block 19, Filing #2, a.k.a. 15 Brackenbury. A complete set of plans can be viewed at the Crested Butte South P.O.A. Office, 61 Teocalli Road by appointment. This **Notice of Public Hearing** serves as 14-day public comment period in which comments may be submitted in writing to the Design Review Committee.
CRESTED BUTTE SOUTH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE. Submitted by Dom Eymere, CB South Property Owners Association Manager

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**—NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING—
CRESTED BUTTE BOARD OF ZONING AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
221 WHITEROCK AVENUE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing, which may result in the granting of a vested property right, will be held on February 23, 2021 beginning at **6:00 p.m.** in the Crested Butte Town Hall located at 507 Maroon Ave. in Crested Butte, Colorado, specific information can be found on the agenda on the Town website regarding access to the virtual meeting, for the purpose of considering the following:



The application of **Michael H. Higuera** to proceed with "Phase 2" to replace windows and doors and site an addition on the rear (north) of the existing historic single family residence located at 221 Whiterock Avenue, Block 33, Lots 27-28 in the R2C zone.
Additional requirements:
- Architectural approval is required.

- Permission to demolish the northern portion of the roof of the historic residence is requested.
(See attached drawing)
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE
By Jessie Earley, Assistant Design

Review and Historic Preservation Coordinator

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#021204

**—DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)—
CRESTED BUTTE SOUTH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
AGENDA
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2021 ~ 6:00 P.M.
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 or viewed at: www.cbsouth.net
6:00 PM Call to Order
6:05 PM Approve Minutes for the January 28, 2020 DRC meeting
New Business:
6:10 PM **Tutnauer**, Single-Family Residence, Lot 20, Block 26, Filing #4, 117 Cisneros Lane
6:50 PM **Nichols**, Single-Family

Residence, Lot 2, Block 19, Filing #2, 15 Brackenbury Street
7:30 PM **Moran**, Single-Family Residence, Lot 30, Block 26, Filing #4, 131 Gloria Place
8:10 PM **Martin**, Single-Family Residence, Lot 13, Block 23, Filing #3, 367 Zeligman St.
8:50 PM Scheduled Property Owner Comment Time
9:00 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. A complete set of plans can be viewed at the Crested Butte South POA office, 61 Teocalli Road.
This Agenda serves a 14-day public comment period in which comments may be submitted in writing to the DRC.

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**—NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING—
CRESTED BUTTE SOUTH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
SPECIAL AREA ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW
LOCATION: ON-LINE AT UBERCONFERENCE**

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a CB South Design Review Committee hearing will be held on Thursday February 25th, 2021 at 8:10 pm for the purpose of considering the following:
A *Certificate of Appropriateness* for the application for a **Single-Family Residence**, Lot 13, Block 23, Filing #3, a.k.a. 367 Zeligman Street. A complete set of plans can be viewed at the Crested Butte South P.O.A. Office, 61 Teocalli Road by appointment.
This **Notice of Public Hearing** serves as 14-day public comment period in which comments may be submitted in writing to the Design Review Committee.
CRESTED BUTTE SOUTH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE. Submitted by Dom Eymere, CB South Property Owners Association Manager



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SPECIAL AREA ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW
LOCATION: ON-LINE AT UBERCONFERENCE**

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a CB South Design Review Committee hearing will be held on Thursday February 25th, 2021 at 7:30 pm for the purpose of considering the following:
A *Certificate of Appropriateness* for the application for a **Single-Family Residence**, Lot 30, Block 26, Filing #4, a.k.a. 131 Gloria Place. A complete set of plans can be viewed at the Crested Butte South P.O.A.

Office, 61 Teocalli Road by appointment.
This **Notice of Public Hearing** serves as 14-day public comment period in which comments may be submitted in writing to the Design Review Committee.
CRESTED BUTTE SOUTH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE. Submitted by Dom Eymere, CB South Property Owners Association Manager

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**—TRAILS, AMENITIES AND PARKS (TAP) COMMITTEE—
AGENDA
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2021 ~ 5:00 P.M.
UBERCONFERENCE**

Join the call: <https://www.uberconference.com/dom658>
Optional dial-in number: 781-448-4005
PIN: 70089
5:00 PM Review and Approve Minutes
5:10 PM Discussion and Update on Capital Projects and Improvements
5:30 PM Skate Park Project Planning
1. Design Update
2. Preliminary Budget Review
3. Tasks and Timelines
6:00 PM **Adjourn**
Questions about this Agenda/Meeting can be directed to 349-1162 or dom@cbsouth.net
This agenda can also be viewed at www.cbsouth.net

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**—AGENDA—
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

Meeting Information to Connect Remotely.
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Webinar ID: 895 0162 2466
The times are approximate. The meeting may move faster or slower than expected.
6:00 **WORK SESSION**
1) Region 10 Broadband Update from Virgil Turner.
Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald
6:20 2) Presentation on Extra-Territorial Utility Service Requests.
Staff Contact: Public Works Shea Earley
7:00 **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR OR MAYOR PRO-TEM**
7:02 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
7:04 **CONSENT AGENDA**
1) February 1, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes.
Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford
2) Resolution No. 2, Series 2021 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council Authorizing the Town Manager to Sign a Service Agreement with the Colorado State Forest Service Gunnison Field Office for Community Forestry Assistance.
Staff Contact: Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Director Janna Hansen
3) Resolution No. 3, Series 2021 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council Authorizing the Town of Crested Butte to Apply for a State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs

Energy and Mineral Impact Program Grant for the Funding for Design of the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.
Staff Contact: Public Works Director Shea Earley
4) Request to Extend Water Service to 367 Journey's End Road (Lot 5, Trapper's Crossing South).
Staff Contact: Public Works Director Shea Earley
5) Consideration of Letter to Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper Regarding US Postal Service.
Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald
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 **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.
7:15 **STAFF UPDATES**
7:25 **LEGAL MATTERS**
7:35 **NEW BUSINESS**
1) Ordinance No. 1, Series 2021 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Authorizing the Town to Enter Into a Lease Agreement with Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning, Inc., for the Crested Butte Carrier Neutral Location on Town Owned Property Located at 508 Maroon Ave., Crested Butte, Colorado.
Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald

7:45 2) Ordinance No. 2, Series 2021 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Approving the Lease of a Portion of the Property at 308 Third Street to The Trailhead Children's Museum.
Staff Contact: Finance Director Rob Zillioux
7:55 3) Ordinance No. 3, 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
8:20 4) Resolution No. 4, Series 2021 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council Adopting a Policy of the Town Council Regarding Town Participation on Boards and Committees.
Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald
8:35 5) Gunnison County COVID Recovery Funding Request.
Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald
8:45 **COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**
9:00 **OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL**
9:10 **DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**
• Monday, March 1, 2021 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
• Monday, March 15, 2021 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
• Monday, April 5, 2021 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
9:15 **ADJOURNMENT**

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FOR RENT: CB South Storage unit! Nice size, 10 x 20 unit with a garage door access. Available March 1st, \$180/month. Call Carolyn, 970-349-6339. (2/12/25).

FOR RENT IN GUNNISON: Very nice, quiet & secluded location. No pets. Call to apply 970-641-5174. (2/12/15).

WORKING FAMILY OF 3 AND PETS looking for a rental house/condo while we build our home. 1-2 year agreement anywhere between Gunnison and Mt. CB. Spring move in preferred. Excellent references. Gardening a plus. 970-452-1128. drilsabrindc@gmail.com. (2/12/38).

ROOM FOR RENT in Gunnison. \$500/mo. NS/NP. Available now. Contact Chris 307-690-7257. (2/19/14).

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. (2/12/37).

IN TOWN CONDO: 2 bed/2 bath plus storage loft. 1 block to bus stop both ways. WD/DW. No pets. No smoking. \$2100/mo. Long term lease and F/L/D required. References required. Available 3-1-21. Call 970-349-7324. (2/12/39).

FOR RENT: Cement Creek Commons Storage unit, this heated and secure 10 x 12 is available March 1st for \$160/month. Call Carolyn, 970-349-6339. (2/12/24).

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. (2/12/27).

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE FOR RENT: Nicest office in CB town. Amazing view. 427 Bellevue. Approx. 237 sq.ft. \$850/month. wonspeed@gmail.com. (2/12/20).

COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE on Elk Avenue. Several spots available - retail and office. Available now. Call for details 970-349-2773. (2/12/18).

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. (2/12/36).

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. (2/12/24).

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

RETAIL/OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE in the Gunnison Meadows Mall next to City Market. Unit #722. GunnisonMeadows.com. Rent \$1,500/mo. + CAM. For more information, call Jordon Ringel, 817-733-6947. (2/12/27).

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. (2/12/24).

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. (2/12/pd/21).

2005 SUBARU HEADS: Machined, 2.5L H4 VIN(6). \$500 for the pair obo. Call for pictures and info, 970-275-9294. (2/12/pd/19).

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. (2/12/pd/24).

REAL ESTATE

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. (2/12/70).

6 LOTS ON ELK AVE Zoned B4 residential and/or commercial, PUD ready. \$1,200,000. www.mitchellelvans.com, Call Mitch 970-349-5407. (2/12/18).

FOR SALE: Recently built 3 Bed | 3 Bath home on 1.49 acres in Meridian Lake Meadows. Breathtaking views from all angles! \$1,595,000. Contact Sue Gross, Signature Properties Ebner & Associates, 781-697-5686 or suegross@signaturepropertiesCB.com. (2/12/33).

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE: Commercial Kitchen on Mt. CB. Perfect for catering company, private chef, food manufacturing, ghost kitchen OR great investment for a CB "shared kitchen." Fully licensed and all new equipment. 915 s.f. \$349,000. 214-725-6091. (2/12/35).

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. (2/12/pd/25).

EMPLOYMENT

TIMBERLINE MECHANICAL CONTRACTING is looking for experienced Hydronic Heating technicians for Boiler Servicing, Troubleshooting and Heat Repair. Timberline offers top pay based on experience, with a benefit package. Fun work environment offering job security and advancement. Clean driving record a must. Contact Timberline Mechanical Contracting, Crested Butte, CO 970-349-5679 or email info@timberlinemech.com. (2/12/53).

PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Blind Faith Custom Window Fashions is growing, and we are looking for a part time administrative assistant. This position is an important team member, and responsible for answering phones, customer intake and scheduling projects and installs, greeting showroom clients, electronic filing and data entry, and occasionally assisting with onsite visits. Hours are approximately 15-20 hours per week Monday through Friday and schedule can be somewhat flexible. This person must have strong computer and communication skills. If this sounds interesting, please e-mail your resume and salary requirements to steve@blindfaithcb.com and qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. The position can start immediately for the right person. (2/19/110).

TOP TIER CONSTRUCTION is hiring roofers and roof laborers. No experience necessary. Will train. Competitive pay. 970-209-2918. (2/12/17).

JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN seeking experienced electricians for commercial, residential and service work. Top wages and benefits. Please call Crested Butte Electrical at 970-349-5265. (2/12/22).

JOURNEYMAN AND FRAMING CARPENTER NEEDED: Experienced in high end residential construction. 970-275-9492. (2/12/12).

EMPLOYMENT

THE BOARD OF ZONING AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW has an opening for one Board member. The BOZAR meets at least once a month and members rotate on the Design Review Committee. Applicants must have lived in Town for at least one year. Knowledge in planning, architecture, construction, engineering, design or historic preservation is helpful. Crested Butte is a growing and dynamic community. Take this opportunity to help in shaping Crested Butte's future. Board members are compensated for their time and utilize the zoning code and Design Standards and Guidelines to help make their decisions. Applications can be gained by contact Molly Minneman or Jessie Earley at 970-349-5338, mollym@crestedbutte-co.gov, jearley@crestedbutte-co.gov. (3/19/110).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY seeks Development Manager/Capital Campaign Coordinator (a new position) to provide day to day management for the fundraising and communications efforts at RMBL. This position is responsible for ensuring the organization meets its annual fundraising goals and manages the day-to-day work of the capital campaign. This position will report to the Chief Operating Officer. Ideal candidates are mission-driven, thrive in small organizations and prefer to work in teams rather than siloes. The Development Manager/Capital Campaign Coordinator must be extremely detail-oriented and enjoys working in a dynamic and fast-changing environment. Although this position is conceived as a manager-level position, candidates who have experience at a more senior level are encouraged to apply as we will consider a wide range of applications and would consider adjusting responsibilities and compensation accordingly. See job announcement at www.rmbi.org. (2/19/138).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY seeks a full-time Custodian. This is a seasonal position (May-October) involved in the opening, closing, and day-to-day cleaning of the field station. Candidates need to be organized and reliable, with a desire to be an important part of a strong and engaging team. See job announcement at www.rmbi.org. (2/19/52).

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. (2/12/47).

ICLEAN is looking for housekeeping. If interested, please call 970-331-2417. Pay DOE. (2/12/12).

EMPLOYMENT

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY seeks Project Coordinator (a new position) to provide day to day administrative and project support for the fundraising and communications efforts at RMBL, and other departments as capacity permits. This position supports a team that is responsible for ensuring the organization meets its annual fundraising goals. Ideal candidates are mission-driven, thrive in small organizations and prefer to work in teams rather than siloes. The Project Coordinator is extremely detail-oriented and enjoys working in a dynamic and fast-changing environment. See job announcement at www.rmbi.org. (2/19/87).

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THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE is seeking a 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 jobs@crestedbutte-co.gov. Position is open until filled. The Town of Crested Butte is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (2/12/134).

THE CRESTED BUTTE BANK a branch of The Gunnison Bank and Trust Company, has an opening for a full-time teller. Qualified candidates should have strong customer service skills and cash handling experience, with acute attention to detail, and willingness to learn. Responsibilities include customer service, cash handling, daily balancing and processing of all types of banking transactions. Pooled transportation is available for employees residing in Gunnison. Email resume to abrown@crestedbuttebank.com, or submit in person at 116 6th Street, Crested Butte, CO 81224. The Gunnison Bank and Trust Company is an equal opportunity employer. (3/5/94).

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EMPLOYMENT

PEAK PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND SALES is looking for a detailed and organized cleaner. Must be available weekends and holidays. Please call our office at 970-349-6339. (2/12/25).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY seeks a Facilities Manager, a new position in the leadership team at RMBL. This is a full time, year-round position involved in operation of the physical plant and management of the facilities crew. Ideal candidates will have mechanical aptitude, maintenance experience, be mission-driven and work well in teams. We seek a detail-oriented individual who thrives in dynamic and fast-changing work environments. See job announcement at www.rmbll.org. (2/19/70).

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. (2/12/21).

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).

GUNNISON COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: *Deputy Emergency Manager/EPR Coordinator:* Emergency Management Program: Full-time, starting hourly rate \$21.87 - \$34.43, depending on qualifications and experience plus full benefits. *Senior Accountant, Finance:* Full-time, annual starting salary \$59,718 - \$84,470, depending on qualifications and experience plus full benefits. For more information, including complete job descriptions, required qualifications and application instructions, please visit <http://www.GunnisonCounty.org/HR>. (2/12/60).

THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE is seeking 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, dry-wall 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 jobs@crestedbutte-co.gov. Position is open until filled. The Town of Crested Butte is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (2/12/134).

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).

SEASONAL SHUTTLE DRIVER, NON-CDL Must have clean driving record and be drug-free. \$15/hour. Email resume to jobs@letsride.co. (2/12/19).

EMPLOYMENT

FTYR LEAD NIGHT AUDIT POSITION: The Grand Lodge has an immediate opening for a FTYR lead night auditor. The lead night auditor is responsible for close of day tasks for the hotel front office, accounting for daily activity by organizing and verifying information, correcting discrepancies, running and distributing reports, sending out pre-arrival emails and assisting guests between the hours of 10pm and 8am, 4 nights per week. Benefits include health insurance, paid time off, 401k, ski pass and all other benefits available to FTYR hourly employees of Vail Resorts. This is a great position for employees looking to ski during the day and work at night. Wage range of \$16 - \$19 an hour, DOE. (2/12/114).

SEEKING ENTRY LEVEL CARPENTER and/or experienced carpenters to join Smithworks Natural Homes Team. Year round employment. Pay is based on experience. Please email mto-homes@gmail.com. (2/12/25).

WEEKEND FRONT DESK HELP needed for Mt. CB condo complex. Will answer phones, take reservations, and dispatch shuttle service. 8am - 4pm Saturday and Sunday. Job will be for remainder of ski season. \$16/hour. 349-5150. (2/12/35).

THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE is seeking a Wastewater Systems Operator/Lead Operator. Qualifications Include: A high school diploma or equivalent; Colorado Wastewater, Collection, Water, and Distribution certificates or ability to obtain them within one (1) year of date of employment. 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 for entry level position and \$55,000 - \$70,100 for operators carrying the necessary qualifications and experience. Full job description is available on the Town's website at www.townofcrestedbutte.com. Please submit application via email to jobs@crestedbutte-co.gov. Position is open until filled. The Town of Crested Butte is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (2/12/159).

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. (2/12/67).

LOCAL LIFE SCIENCES COMPANY located in Gunnison is looking for packaging help. Full time \$20/hour. For inquiries organic024@gmail.com. (2/12/20).

EMPLOYMENT

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. (2/12/26).

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. (2/12/58).

THE CLUB AT CRESTED BUTTE is now accepting applications for Housekeeping. Join us in a fun, professional, and beautiful environment. Flexible hours and schedule. Competitive pay. Submit questions and interest to erin@clubatcrestedbutte.com. Learn more at www.theclubatcrestedbutte.com. (2/26/37).

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. (2/12/27).

MASSAGE THERAPISTS NEEDED: Elevation Spa is a 13,000 sq.ft. luxury resort spa on Mt. Crested Butte. All sheets, bookings, supplies & payment are taken care of by the spa. Gym membership included. Must be licensed in the state of Colorado. Please reach out to Mark@elevationspa.com. (2/12/45).

ELEVEN EXPERIENCE is seeking a full-time Salesforce Administrator to work in our Business Systems department. This position is responsible for the day-to-day configuration, operation, training and maintenance of the Eleven Experience Salesforce CRM. The ideal candidate will have 3-5 years of experience as the admin of a complex Salesforce organization with multiple app integrations. Experience in the hospitality or outdoor recreation industry is a plus. Eleven is a global company with evolving products and locations. The company has implemented strict PPE, social distancing and cleaning protocols in line with CDC, State and County regulations to assist in protecting employees and guests during this pandemic. For more information and to apply, please visit elevenexperience.com/careers. (2/12/114).

EMPLOYMENT

PINNACLE ORTHOPEDICS is seeking a medical receptionist to join our thriving practice. Position will include 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@pinnacleorthocolorado.com. (2/12/76).

BLACKJACK GARAGE DOOR seeks worker bees. Flexible hours, PT or FT depending on experience. Call 970-275-8929 or email greg@blackjackgaragedoor.com. (2/12/20).

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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. (2/12/47).

SEEKING PART TIME PROJECT MANAGER: Could go to full time. Residential new construction. More desk time! Excellent pay. Ken 970-765-7414. (2/12/20).

ELEVEN is seeking a full-time Marketing Coordinator to join the Marketing team at our global headquarters in Crested Butte, Colorado. The ideal candidate has strong experience in graphic design, creating and maintaining marketing collateral, and general marketing expertise. Experience with digital marketing, e-mail marketing, video editing, and a passion for the outdoors is a plus. Necessary qualifications include administrative skills, ability to prioritize and stay organized and must possess a positive and professional demeanor. Eleven is a global company with evolving products and locations. The company has implemented strict PPE, social distancing and cleaning protocols in line with CDC, State and County regulations to assist in protecting employees and guests during this pandemic. For more information and to apply, please visit elevenexperience.com/careers. (2/12/123).

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EMPLOYMENT

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. (2/26/67).

GUNNISON WATERSHED SCHOOL DISTRICT: See GWSD website for details, www.gunnisonschools.net. Day Custodian- Gunnison Community School: Full-time position, Performs daily custodial duties, Assists in summer turnover, Assist in snow removal, Provide excellent customer service, Communicate with students, staff, and general public in positive and friendly manner, Assist District Maintenance and Facility Manager with general maintenance tasks, Be self-motivated and responsible. Compensation: Wage range is \$13.20-14.29 per hour, based upon experience and qualifications. 12 paid annual leave days per year, After one year, 10 paid vacation days, A \$25,000 Life Insurance policy paid by the District, 100% of your single health care premium paid by the District, year-round. Bus Drivers: Requires Class B P2S CDL license. If you have not obtained this license, we will train and pay all endorsement fees. Wage range is \$15.06 to \$16.30 per hour depending upon experience. Full-time benefit package for 30+ hours. Health Insurance and nine annual days per year. Crested Butte Mountain Resort is offering a discounted pass for the 2020/2021 season to full time employees of GWSD. Substitute Food Service- Gunnison and Crested Butte: Fill in when needed, Prepare and serve foods according to school recipes, Serve students in a kind and efficient manner, Clean and maintain a safe and sanitary kitchen. Substitute teachers-District: The School District is in need of qualified substitute teachers. Interested individuals must hold a valid Colorado teaching license, or a Colorado substitute authorization license. Please contact: Superintendent's Office, JoAnn Klingsmith, 800 N. Boulevard, 970-641-7760, jklingsmith@gunnisonschools.net. (2/12/246).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY seeks an Administration and Operations Assistant, a new position working closely with the Administration and Operations staff at RMBL. This is a full-time (may be structured to cover the weekend) summer seasonal position (April-September) involved in the day-to-day functioning of many aspects of a busy field station. Candidates need to have a service-oriented perspective, a strong sense of responsibility, and the desire to be an important part of a strong and engaging team. See job announcement at www.rmbi.org. (2/19/82).

ROCKY RIDES is hiring part-time daytime airport shuttle drivers. Flexible hours + tips. Contact rockyridesinc@gmail.com or 800-252-1854. (2/12/17).

EMPLOYMENT

ROOF SHOVELERS: \$20/hr or more, depending on experience. Ground shovellers: \$18/hr. Apply with Snow Team CB at the 3 Seasons building in Mt. Crested Butte, 701 Gothic Rd. 970-349-8867 or email wanda@crestedbuttelodging.com. Flexible hours. (2/19/37).

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. (2/12/64).

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. (2/12/41).

THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE is seeking 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 jobs@crestedbutte-co.gov. Position is open until filled. The Town of Crested Butte is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (2/12/150).

WANT TO WORK OUTSIDE? Alpengardener is hiring garden maintenance and garden center staff. Join our teams as we clean, plant, and beautify properties. We are looking for full and part time employees on the maintenance team and the CBS and Gunnison Garden Centers. No experience necessary, we are happy to train. Please send resume to beth@alpengardener.com. (3/5/57).

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. (2/12/28).

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).

EMPLOYMENT

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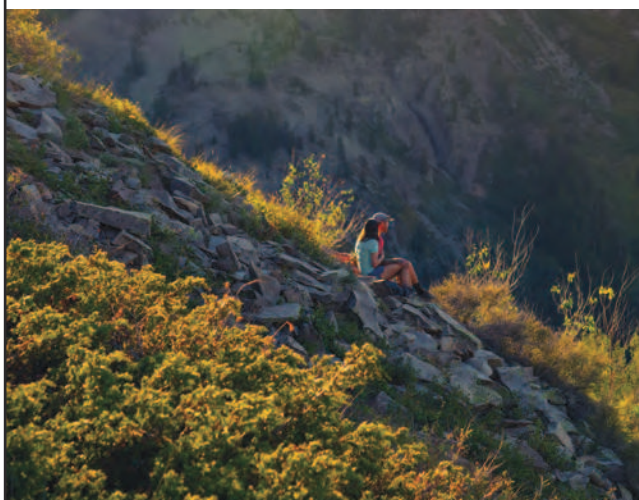
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