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HEADED SOUTH: A sure sign that fall is ending is the annual Allen cattle drive that goes through Crested Butte. The drive took place on Wednesday, November 11 and as always, was a highlight before ski season. For more pics see page 26. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

CBMR preps for opening and a different ski season

Thanksgiving lodging bookings pretty normal, then ramp up for Christmas/New Year's

[BY KENDRA WALKER]

While Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR) is scheduled to open on Wednesday, November 25, the mountain has been preparing for a different kind of ski season, with new COVID-19 health protocols and a new reservation system in place.

The mountain plans to operate the Red Lady Express and Peachtree lifts for opening day, as well as the Aspen and Pine magic carpets. CBMR senior communications specialist Will Shoemaker said the terrain expected to be open includes Augusta, High Tide, Ski School learning area, Warming House Hill, Lower Keystone, Peanut, Bubba's Ski Way and Houston.

"We will follow our historical practice of working to open as many lifts and as much terrain as soon as possible, as weather and conditions allow, to provide the on-mountain experience our guests expect," said Shoemaker.

Due to focusing on COVID-19 protocols this year, CBMR did not make any major changes to terrain or lifts, but did conduct maintenance and upgrades to the snowmaking system over the summer, with new hoses and snowmaking guns.

Pass holders have exclusive access to the slopes from opening day to December 8, and can make unlimited week-of reservations through the entire season as availability and pass type allows. This is in addition to being able to book seven priority reservation days during the core season from December 8 to April 4.

Safety protocols

Face coverings will be required to access the mountain, including in lift lines, while loading and unloading chairlifts and in restaurants, retail and rental shops. Though not required while skiing, facemasks are highly encouraged.

CBMR has made adjustments to the lift lines to ensure six feet of spacing between people, and only related parties can load together on chairlifts, or two unrelated singles on opposite ends of a four-person chair.

Restaurant seating capacities will be limited and spaced, and will promote a one-way traffic flow. "We will be monitoring and managing the capacity of our lodges. However, people will be able to access restrooms," said Shoemaker. Regarding restrooms, he said, "We will work to allow for physical distancing throughout our operations to help ensure a safe experience."

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Internet/cell service outage shows fragility

"When it works, it's great..."

[BY MARK REAMAN]

A contractor putting in a water line near Cimarron cut through a Lumen (formerly CenturyLink) fiber line last Thursday morning, resulting in most cell phone and internet service going down in Gunnison and Hinsdale counties.

That included the ability for people to call 911 in an emergency. County officials scrambled to make sure emergency services were at the ready and in the end, the approximate 10-hour outage showed how fragile the area's connectivity is.

The outage certainly brought stress to some—911 capability was lost, while those who work remotely from the valley were cut off without warning—and bliss to others who were forcefully disconnected from the outside world.

"Like so much we normally take for granted, when the technology we rely on is working, it is great," said Crested Butte chief marshal Mike Reily. "When it doesn't, it is really frustrating."

The outage occurred about 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 12. Local internet aficionado Corey Bryndal realized there was a problem when the outage dragged on for hours, so he went to investigate. Driving toward Montrose, he saw workers dealing with the situation and chatted with them while they worked. "A contractor working on a water line in the morning fell victim to insufficient utility locates," he explained. "The old MNT/CenturyLink fiber line installed in 1995 made a difficult jog in its route near the Cimarron Visitors Center campground."

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COVID-19 positives indicate county teetering on new edge

Big numbers a concern, but show power of contact tracing

[BY MARK REAMAN]

While the number of new positive coronavirus cases in the area is large—more than 160 positives recorded since November 1—the bottom line is that Gunnison County remains in relatively good shape. But everyone needs to remain vigilant and not let their guard down.

"Once the numbers started ramping up, the public health nurses did a great job with contact tracing and it seems like we have squashed that second level of transmission that could have been really bad," explained Gunnison County public information officer Andrew Sandstrom. "Once we figured out where the cases were coming from, the county and Western Colorado University did a great job in isolating the people who had been exposed. People were isolated and many of the people who tested positive were already in quarantine as a result of those efforts. It really is a positive outcome, given the numbers."

Which is not to say there isn't some concern. Sandstrom said the county is teetering on the edge of the county Coronameter and if the health

care system takes a hit, the county could go from the Blue alert level to Yellow—and that would mean stricter regulations.

"The last few weeks have been a lot of work but resulted in an overall positive outcome," said Sandstrom. "We boxed it in and stopped that next level of transmission. But the virus remains in the community. The ability to give care is the next thing we have to watch since we are well beyond two of the metrics that tip us into the next alert level. So far we still have no COVID patients in our hospital, the health care workers are staying healthy and we can transfer patients to nearby ICU facilities in Montrose or Grand Junction. Those indicators are holding strong at the moment but we are teetering on the edge since it takes going beyond three metrics to kick us up to the next level. We are dancing along that line."

Aside from the outbreak associated with Western, Sandstrom said other cases are tied primarily to travel or house gatherings. People catch the virus when they leave the county, when they are visited by someone from outside the county or when they hold a gathering with numerous friends in a closed environment like a house party.

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Private jet numbers up



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Local kid ski success

[Overheard]

"Sounds like Crested Butte South has both a cougar and beaver infestation. Could be a good winter..."
 —two young guys at Camp 4



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Merkel falls short in push to stem Germany's stubborn COVID-19 outbreak

Chancellor Angela Merkel urged people to limit public and private gatherings, while pushing decisions on a road map for the coming months to next week as Germany struggles to stem the coronavirus spread. After more than five hours of tense talks with the country's 16 state premiers, Merkel failed to push through a range of tougher restrictions. She had proposed requiring face masks for all school students and limiting playmates to one other kid, but came up empty after state leaders balked. —information compiled from Bloomberg.com

NATION

Trump allies are reportedly considering buying out Newsmax

Allies to President Donald Trump are exploring the possibility of acquiring and investing in conservative outlet Newsmax to set up a competitor to the Fox News Channel. There are ongoing discussions between Newsmax and Hicks Equity Partners, an investment firm connected to the Republican National Committee. Media pundits believe regular Fox News viewers have been navigating over to Newsmax after the network declared Biden won the recent presidential election. The outlet has even begun to take aim at Fox News, criticizing its hosts for going against Trump's claim that the election results in favor of Biden are not valid. —information compiled from Business Insider

Man builds Disney roller coaster replica in backyard

When COVID put a halt to his busy life, a California man decided to build a re-creation of Disneyland's Matterhorn roller coaster in his parents' backyard. Sean LaRoche said the idea came because he wanted to do something memorable, and very detailed, with all the time he had on his hands. Thirty people were involved in the project's design and construction, and the structure took five months to build. The roller coaster's largest drop is about six feet, the track is 400 feet long and the ride lasts 50 seconds. "I went up to my dad and I was like, 'I think we're going to build a roller coaster in the backyard.' And he was like, 'Oh yeah, that's fine. No worries,'" says LaRoche. "I don't think he knew how big it was going to be." —information compiled from CNN

STATE

Latest Polis recall effort misses signature deadline

By 5 p.m. Friday, the second effort to recall Democratic Gov. Jared Polis was supposed to enter a new phase: organizers had to either turn in enough signatures to force a special election, or accept they hadn't made the deadline. Shortly after close of business, the Secretary of State's website says, the group has "failed to submit petition by deadline." Recall organizers did not immediately respond to calls and emails. They had two months to collect 631,266 valid signatures to proceed with the recall election. Their petition arguments focused on Polis' use of extraordinary powers during the coronavirus pandemic. —information compiled from CPR.org

—compiled by Katherine Nettles and Mark Reaman



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The future is here ...

If we look close enough, the future is close enough to taste. The only way to change it is to stay involved and keep pushing. And that goes for every member of the community, whether a 50-year resident, a second homeowner or someone who just arrived from Boulder to put their kids in school. That has always been a blessing of this community. People care and everyone can get involved if they choose. We respect each other and jump in to shape our future the best we can. We aren't going to stop the changes but we can move them a bit here and there if we try.

Crested Butte Mountain Resort opens in less than a week and it feels like we are in mid-spring, with the weather forecast calling for predominantly sunny skies, some rain possible this weekend and daily high temperatures all above freezing. Welcome to Global Weirding and a future that will impact a community that relies significantly on a winter ski resort. I'm a huge fan of lift-served skiing, the ski village vibe and hope it won't ever go away. I love this time of year as we feel the energy of a new season beginning and the opportunity to welcome people here to have fun in our mountains. But those winter seasons are shrinking.

While instinctually it makes little sense climate-wise (and can be sort of hypocritical for some) to live at 9,000 feet in the Rocky Mountains and run a ski resort that flies in people for its economy, doing what we can to address climate change is a good thing for the future of this community. Putting a solar farm that generates locally sourced renewable energy at the entrance to town is a wise move. Like having a community school and the Red Lady Estates affordable housing at the very entrance to Crested Butte, a solar array will also communicate a good message about the values of this community now and into the future.

As for guiding the tourism future, we have already started the shift to making summer more of an important part of the economy than disappearing winters. And we have learned that our copious open spaces are a valued asset and in pandemic times, more important than, say, a jazz festival. We are helping to protect our future with things like the formation of the Crested Butte Conservation Corps.

COVID-19 cases are skyrocketing throughout Colorado, including in Gunnison County. We seem to have a better handle on the management of the cases than most but this virus is so unpredictable no one is quite sure from one day to the next what will come from it. Our goal now is to keep the local health care system open—and we are doing that. But that takes vigilance, even with the welcome word that vaccines will be available soon in the future. Let's not fall down the rabbit hole of doom by having giant holiday gatherings or throwing out our masks. If we keep doing the work—stay socially distanced, wear a mask in public, wash our hands a lot—we can get to the

vaccine future without shutting down. Let's keep those ski lifts turning now so we can all be happy through the season.

There are about a half dozen "For Rents" in the classifieds this week, along with dozens of "Help Wanted" ads. That is the norm for most resort towns and we have hit it. Housing prices in the north valley are sky-high, with \$3 million homes more available than the old crappy mining shacks that a local worker used to be able to afford and fix up.

There are solid affordable housing developments on the drawing board or going up at both ends of the valley. The next one will likely involve the Corner at Brush Creek property and the county-owned property across the highway. The owners of the properties might begin collaborating on a workable master plan for those parcels sooner rather than later. One concrete step would be to conduct a water study this winter and see what really is available for housing in a dry season.

One errant swipe of a backhoe near Cimarron took down our internet and cell service last week for about 10 hours. That's not the long-term future but it frankly could happen again tomorrow... and that's a flashback to the past. While some really enjoyed going back in time with little contact with the outside world, some freaked out since 911 capabilities went down, along with Google. There have been plans for years to get some broadband redundancy into and out of the county but it isn't done yet. I personally didn't miss the internet for a day but I also understand the dilemma for those who work online throughout the world or are always close to a phone to dial 911 because of consistent health issues. The bottom line is that this place isn't choosing to head back to 1995, so our future needs some failsafe measures and people are working to get them. We don't want to deal with a dude in a backhoe shutting us down forever.

The one thing that appears settled for us and our future is that the GV2H PAC campaign signs for Trudy and Dave might be with us forever. While most of the other local campaign signs were taken down along the highway within a week of Election Day, the GV2H red, white and blue has stayed put. Why they remain to remind the owners of a landslide loss is something I don't understand. The PAC had more than \$29K in their coffers the last time I checked so maybe they could spend some of it on dismantling those signs and brighten up everyone's future drive down the highway...

The future always involves change and Lord knows this place is seeing it come fast and furious. Warmer weather, higher hous-



Here forever? PHOTO BY MARK REAMAN

ing prices, more people moving here and visiting here. The goal is not to stop it all but to guide that change. It's a constant battle and it only goes so far—the days of the free market \$100,000 single-family home are gone—but we can figure stuff out and take actions to move to the future we want. We can determine how best to slow down spreading the coronavirus; we can find solid ways to keep workers living near their jobs in the north end of the valley; we can spend our money on projects that mitigate climate change; we can figure out our infrastructure needs, whether they include a sewer plant or a second fiber line.

The future is here now with climate change, with housing issues, with COVID. You can taste it.

—Mark Reaman

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FLAG CHANGE: You know the ski season is coming when you see Danny D'Aquila changing the seasonal flags on the light posts in Mt. Crested Butte. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

To the community from the Gunnison County BOCC

Dear community members,
Many of you are aware that COVID-19 cases are on the rise here in Gunnison County. Hospitalizations are increasing across the state as we continue to manage the pandemic while heading into flu season. Cases across the state have risen so much that the likelihood of a person in Colorado encountering someone infected with COVID-19 is greater now than ever before.

This doesn't change how we all feel right now. Like thousands of other communities around the nation, we are tired. Our hard-won successes combating COVID-19 in Gunnison County make this new wave of infections all the more disheartening. Managing the pandemic has required a great deal of sacrifice: we have isolated, distanced, and shuttered our schools. We have lost family and friends, our sense of security, jobs, and beloved businesses. In one way or another, this disease has caused suffering for everyone in our community.

Given all the challenges we've faced and ongoing hardship, it's easy to lose sight of our successes. At one point this past spring, we had the third highest infection rate of any county

in the US. The leadership of our public health experts and widespread cooperation across the county helped us achieve the least restrictive status on the state dial and saved our summer tourism season. This fall semester, the Gunnison Watershed School District has been successful at staying open and keeping our kids in school. Although Western recently shifted to online instruction, campus was open for eight full weeks. This is quite a feat considering how many universities around the nation closed within days of students returning to campus.

Rural counties like ours have long celebrated our independence and self-reliance: we're used to taking care of ourselves. But alongside this tradition of self-reliance, we must also remember our long history of coming together as a community to make sacrifices and work together in times of need. This is one of those times. We may be tired of COVID-19, but COVID-19 isn't tired of us. It will feel much more difficult this time around, but we need to work together to repeat our successes managing this pandemic. Wearing facial coverings, sanitizing, social distancing, and avoiding exposure risks by limit-

ing travel and gatherings with friends and family can help us save lives, businesses, and our winter tourism season. Limiting our gatherings this holiday season to immediate household members could mean saving parents, siblings, or our children's grandparents.

This is not a mandate, but a call to action to do everything we can right now to curb the spread of the virus. Most cases in our county have arisen from travel or relaxing our guard in small social gatherings. Our individual decisions in the coming weeks can save lives.

We've flattened the curve before, and we can do it again because we are a community that cares for one another and works together to find solutions that benefit us all. We also have new weapons in our arsenal, such as HEPA air filters and a vaccine on the horizon. What we must do now will not last forever. Let's do our best to support each other as we continue to protect our neighbors, businesses, and the very essence of our community.

Board of County Commissioners
Jonathan Houck
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Helping out the Navajo Nation

Dear Gunnison Valley:

The Colorado/Navajo Resiliency Project is planning another supply run to the Navajo Nation on Thanksgiving. We'll be delivering goods to our contacts in Gallup, N.M. on the outskirts of the reservation, who have an established mutual aid network, for distribution. The Navajo Nation has been devastated by COVID-19 and the "Second Wave" is hitting hard. They are currently on three-week lockdown and their health system is about to be overwhelmed. With winter on its way, we are hoping that we can be of support to the elders and families, many of whom live in remote areas without electricity and water, and to the unsheltered.

With our short-term goals of emergency support and long-term goals for food sustainability, we are requesting donations of:

—Winter clothing. We've got this, Gunnison Valley! Coats, fleeces, base layers, gloves, hats, boots etc., especially large, XL, and XXL sizes (no cotton, please).

—Tents and winter sleeping bags (for quarantining and for the unsheltered).

—Non-perishable food items or hardy fruits and vegetables, Spam, Gatorade or powdered drink mixes, grab and go food items for the unsheltered such as energy bars, meat sticks, jerky

—Diapers, pet supplies, cleaning products, personal hygiene products.

—PPE

—Food grade 55-gallon blue barrels

—275-gallon IBC liquid totes

Please make sure your donations are in good condition, washed/sanitized, and bagged for transportation. This is especially important given our tight turnaround time.

Drop off location in Crested Butte is at the UCC church on 4th and Maroon (back room of church on 4th St. side). There are Rubbermaid bins there to put things in.

Andi Burnite is coordinating donations and can be reached at (970) 596-0724.

We are grateful to our community for all of the support!

Be well,
Kirsten Atkins



THE TRAILHEAD MUSEUM MOVIE NIGHT: Every other Friday until the end of the year, The Trailhead Children's Museum will be hosting a movie night in the Steddy Theatre in the Center for the Arts. On Friday, November 13 they screened the Steven Spielberg classic, *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

State of Colorado COVID-19 risk levels the county

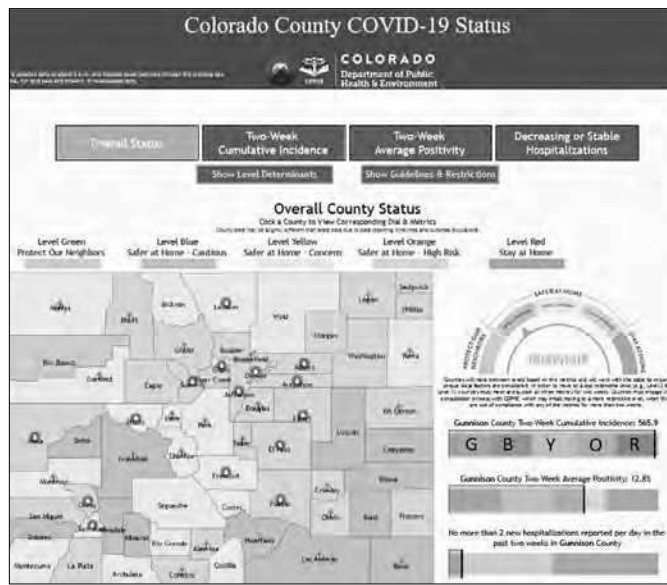
Dear Community:

On Monday of this week the State of Colorado's COVID-19 Dial Dashboard showed 24 of Colorado's 64 counties at the Orange "High Risk" level.

Gunnison County is expected to soon move from Monday's (11/16) Blue "Cautious" level to Yellow "Concern" in the state's risk assessment process. Colorado Department of Public Health updates risk levels seven days a week at 4 p.m. We think many in our community would find it helpful to track the state's view of COVID-19 risk in Gunnison County. Here's how to access the information:

Point your web browser to the State's Dial Dashboard at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial-dashboard>. You'll see a map of Colorado counties in color. The colors indicate the current state restriction level for each county. For example, Gunnison County on Monday, November 17 was blue to indicate the "Safer at Home-Cautious" level.

Risk levels are determined from three epidemic metrics: case incidence, positivity and hospitalizations. To see these metrics, click on a specific county. You'll see three bars, one for each metric, representing the risk level color for that metric. The words above the bars give the current numerical value of the metric. For example, the Gunnison County metric for



COURTESY IMAGE

Incidence (number of positive cases) was in the RED "Stay At Home" level on Monday with a value of 565.9. The color cutoff levels for metrics can be seen by clicking on the gray button "Show Level Determinants." For example, the red risk level for Incidence is any value over 350 cases per 100,000 residents.

Bob Goettge, PhD and Laird Cagan, MD,
Gunnison County Residents

Light up the community

To the Editor:

It's hardly a secret that this holiday season will be a very hard one for so many, probably all, of us: we are stressed, we are sick, we are lonely and many are out of work. The Resiliency Project suggests that we "Give Light" as a way to express hope and support.

Shall we light up our communities this season? We can help.

For \$2 we'll provide to you the bag, tea light and sand for 10 "luminaries," to be picked up on December 3 in Crested Butte (from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Four-way Stop) and December 4 in Gunnison (from 5 to 7 p.m. at the IOOF

Park). Burn one, and "Give Light" to someone else. Buy in bulk for your neighbors, colleagues, volunteers, congregation...

Orders must be placed by Friday (yes: *tomorrow*) at gaylor@gunnisonco.gov.

Maryo Ewell, Resiliency Project

GCEA announces new outage management system

Power outages, whether planned or unexpected, can create disruption and inconvenience to our lives. The goal of Gunnison County Electric Association is to provide safe, reliable electricity to all of its members. However, when we do have outages, Gunnison County Electric Association (GCEA) has a new way to keep members informed and up-to-date.

GCEA has announced the incorporation of an outage management system (OMS) into their existing customer information system (CIS) and their geographical information system (GIS) allowing them to quickly discover an outage, determine the scope, and restore power as efficiently as possible. OMS also integrates with their automated metering infrastructure (AMI) system to help accurately locate the source of the outage.

OMS provides internal communication to its employees via text and email, as well as outage

notifications to its members via SmartHub and external web map. Members may view outages on GCEA's Outage Center found at their website at www.gcea.coop/outage-center.

GCEA members can now report outages through the SmartHub app, which may be accessed through GCEA's website or on a mobile device. Once logged in, members may report an outage and manage notifications to receive word on planned outages or when an outage has occurred. Likewise, members may receive notifications when power has been restored.

GCEA is excited to offer these new outage communication features and encourages members to take advantage of them. GCEA hopes these options will help keep members up-to-date and ease minds about outages. If you have questions, or need help accessing the outage map or SmartHub, please call (970) 641-3520.

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HELLO, NORDIC CENTER: A few folks on skinny skis enjoyed the spring-like weather in front of the recently opened CB Nordic on Tuesday, November 17. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

SHERIFF'S stories

BY THE GUNNISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

11/10/2020, Deputies assisted the Colorado State Patrol northwest of Gunnison with a non-injury, one-vehicle slide-off.

Deputies contacted a driver in the city of Gunnison for having expired plates 21 months past due. The deputy told the driver he would give him until next week to get his vehicle registered; if he didn't, he would be issued a citation.

Deputies took a report of possible sex assault southwest of Gunnison. This case is being investigated.

Deputies responded northeast of Gunnison for a welfare check on a vehicle and

passenger called in by OnStar. Upon arrival, deputies learned the driver was out of gas and money and possibly had some other concerns. Deputies and city officers got the driver a voucher to stay in town at a hotel. The next day deputies were able to get the driver some gas and back to the vehicle to continue their trip.

11/13/2020, Deputies stopped and wrote a summons for a driver in the city of Gunnison for failure to stop for a school bus with flashing lights.

Deputies responded southwest of Gunnison for a burglary. Numerous items were reported

stolen from this residence and this case is under investigation.

Deputies took a fraud report southwest of Gunnison. This case is under investigation.

Deputies arrested a person for an out-of-county warrant northwest of Gunnison.

11/16/2020, Deputies took a report of lost property northeast of Gunnison.

Deputies stopped a vehicle in the city of Gunnison for a broken taillight. Deputies performed voluntary roadsides and testing and the driver was under the driving while impaired limit. Deputies gave the driver a courtesy transport home.

Law enforcement officers make drug bust in CB

A significant drug bust was conducted last week at a condominium complex in Crested Butte and two people were taken into custody.

According to a press release from the Crested Butte Marshal's Office and the Mt. Crested Butte Police Department served a search warrant at Silvanite Condos on Wednesday, November 11 around noon. Officers recovered illegal narcotics at the residence and the investigation is ongoing.

According to the department, the confiscated drugs included mostly cocaine and ecstasy, "but a

mix of other drugs were found as well."

As a result of the investigation that was led by Deputy Marshal IV James Beda, two people were arrested. Brian Smith, 41, was arrested for possession and distribution of controlled substances; and Christopher Kogos, 27, was cited for possession of Schedule I and II controlled substances. Illegal narcotics valued between \$32,000 and \$40,000 were seized during the warrant, along with more than \$3,000 in cash.

Smith and Kogos are scheduled to appear in court on December 15 at 9 a.m.

Forest Service offering online Christmas tree permits

Christmas tree permits for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests are available to purchase online through Recreation.gov. Details about designated cutting areas, cutting dates and types of trees that may be cut can be found at: <https://www.recreation.gov/tree-permits/gmug>.

"Coloradans have been exploring their National Forests for generations to cut their own Christmas tree and it has become a treasured tradition for many families," said Chad Stewart, forest supervisor for the GMUG. "For families creating new traditions, a trip to their local forest to cut their own tree may be a

thrilling experience as they discover the joy of adventuring out together into the forest."

The Forest Service decided to move permit sales to Recreation.gov as an added convenience for visitors, as well as provide an alternative to in-person transactions at offices that may remain closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To purchase a Christmas tree permit, visit Recreation.gov and search for Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) Christmas Tree Permits. It is important to carefully read the overview and need-to-know information before purchasing the

permit. Visitors will also need to set up or login to a Recreation.gov account to complete the transaction.

Cutting a Christmas tree also improves forest health. The permit system helps to thin densely populated strands of small-diameter trees. Local forest health experts identify areas that benefit from thinning trees that tend to be the perfect size for Christmas trees. Removing these trees in designated areas helps other trees grow larger and can open areas that provide forage for wildlife.

For more information on the GMUG visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/gmug/home>.

Move the Butte 2021: Call for dancers

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Private planes coming into the Valley at record numbers

Fleeing the cities and avoiding commercial airlines

[BY KATHERINE NETTLES]

Despite its quiet, humble location in the southwestern corner just outside city limits, Gunnison's private aircraft facility is increasingly becoming a hotspot for jet setters. Even as commercial aviation numbers are down in 2020, the Gunnison Valley has had more private planes touch down than ever before. And that may be an indicator of what is to come this winter.

Airport managers have reported a substantial increase in airport activity beginning in early July. Gunnison Crested Butte Airport (GUC) manager Rick Lamport said that in 2019, which was a strong year in its own rite, the airport counted 1,296 operations between January and August. That number includes all landings and takeoffs, whether commercial or private.

This year, GUC has counted 1,772 for the same period despite reduced commercial flights.

"Fortunately for us, when this [pandemic] all went down, we lost the last half of March in terms of commercial flights. But we were on the cusp of our mud season anyway. So it could have been worse, but... we didn't lose as much as we could have if it had happened in January or July," said Lamport.

GUC was down to just three commercial flights per week during the March and April shut-down period.

"Then we had a good summer. We didn't have Houston flights, but our Denver flights did well. It certainly was busier," said Lamport.

Lamport and general manager Chris Flynn of Avflight Gunnison, the company that runs GUC's fixed base operator (FBO) down the street from the commercial operations, say the private flights also continued much later into the fall than in the past. Both managers agree that the increase is due in some part to people avoiding commercial flights due to coronavirus risks, and in



Private jet numbers increased at GUC's FBO this year. COURTESY PHOTO

some part to an overall tourism boom the Gunnison Valley is experiencing as a result of the pandemic. Either way, it is good for business.

"People were wanting to get away and they were not wanting to do that by commercial airline," said Flynn. Avflight, a private organization, rents plane ramps, buildings and airplane hangers from the county.

"This summer we probably averaged 15 to 20 [private] planes per day from July through Labor Day," said Flynn. "And we were busy longer than usual."

Flynn could not disclose where those planes are originating, and said he sees a wide variety of different aircraft types.

"We see all kinds of aircraft on a day-to-day basis, from small propeller planes to large corporate jets," he said.

As Lamport explained, "Many people who choose to fly privately do so because they don't want to be tracked. They want to remain private."

"A lot of these were people who didn't want to fly commercially, and many do a plane share," said Lamport. "That happened a lot this year and that is more common... but it was a mix and match of all planes, all different types."

Private flights do not have to be scheduled in advance, and they do not pay fees unless they choose to park an aircraft for an extended period of time, rent a hanger or buy fuel from the GUC for an added surcharge of 12 cents per gallon.

"It's like someone getting on a highway—they just go," said Lamport. All flights are subject to being managed while in controlled airspace, he said, but otherwise they are free to come and go.

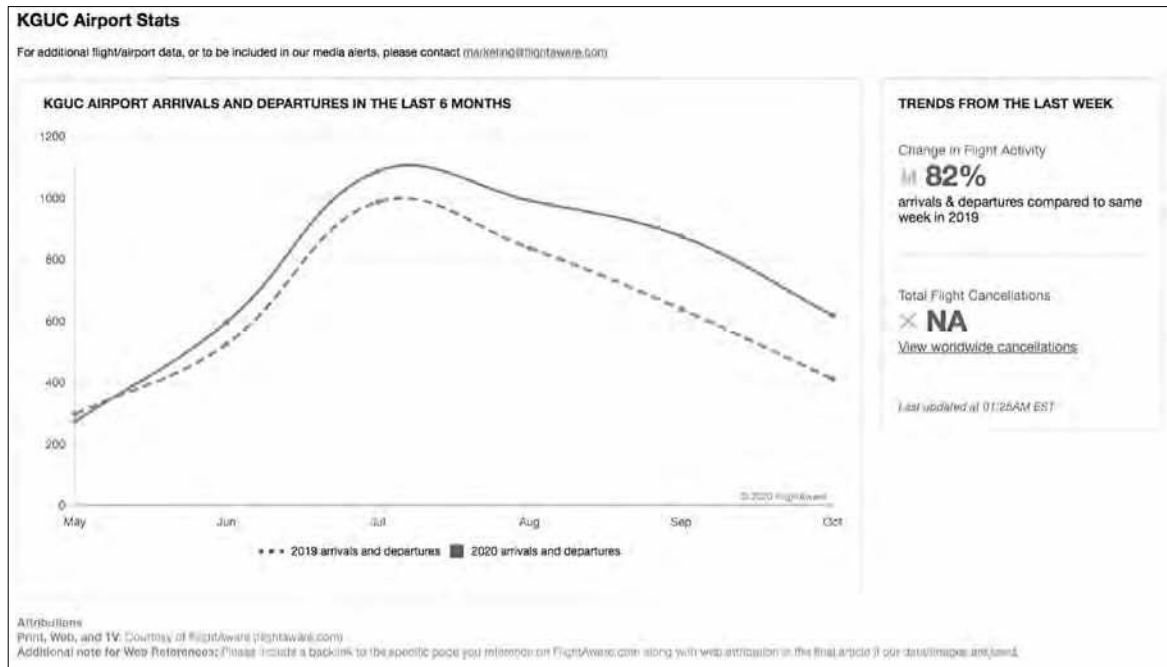
"People can file visual flight plans and they try to sequence these things. But we don't always know because we don't have a control tower at GUC. Sometimes we learn more about them as they are asking for fuel or catering. It's a whole different world over there," said Lamport.

Since GUC provides parking, fuel and hangers for Avflight clients, it has seen revenue increases this year with all the additional business. To park overnight, a small propeller plane is charged \$7.50 per day, while a Gulfstream-five, for example, is charged \$52 per day. Monthly fees are \$100 for small planes and up to \$700 for the largest.

"It's been good for the airport," said Lamport. "And we also sold more gallons of fuel."

Flynn said revenue is also up for Avflight, and although things have been quiet in the off-season, he expects it to pick back up around this week as the holiday season begins.

The numbers aren't in yet for the third quarter, but off-season has been shorter than usual. Lamport said the busy runways continued well into October. "When you sit beside the window every day, you can see it," he said. "But where they are going or coming from, nobody knows."



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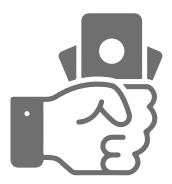
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WINDY SLEDHILL: A cold and windy afternoon did not stop these kids from having some fun on the sledding hill near the ice rink on Saturday, November 14. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

Internet outage

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Service was restored at 6:31 Thursday evening.

What the...?

Reily said he was at home and realized he had no internet and phone service. "I didn't know if it was the end of the world or a local problem," he said. "I came into town for a morning staff meeting and the hardest part was trying to figure out the situation. We had no way to do that. It was a little weird."

Reily and Crested Butte town manager Dara MacDonald walked over to the Crested Butte fire station to see if they had more information and determine what plan could be put in place.

"While we were meeting with their staff someone came in and said his friend was having a major health issue," Reily relayed. "The EMTs responded to the medical emergency and that indicated to us what people would do with 911 capability not being up. They would go and seek emergency personnel at the fire stations and law enforcement offices. So we sent people to be at all the fire stations in the valley. Our radios were working so that allowed emergency personnel to communicate. We figured that is where people were going to go if they needed help and they did. That was good."

Crested Butte Fire Protection District (CBFPD) chief executive officer Sean Caffrey said coordination with first responders was swift and productive.

"I was quite pleased with the level of countywide cooperation," Caffrey said. "The County Emergency Operations Center [EOC] was coordinating our efforts within an hour of the outage and I spent most of the day at the EOC in Gunnison serving as a link to the North Valley. We were able to quickly staff all of our fire stations with personnel who could receive reports of emergencies. The statewide public safety radio system remained operational so we had good communication among responders all day. The adaptability of our local police and fire personnel was also commendable as we worked through the day. The town governments and school district were also eager to help and were a pleasure to work with."

Gunnison county sheriff John Gallowich agreed. "Law enforcement as well as members of EOC, members of the various fire departments came together quickly to set up emergency contacts at the various fire department stations and law enforcement buildings," he said. "This approach worked very well with only a few contacts from citizens who wanted to know what was going on or when services would return."

Reaching out to the public... and some were able to stay online

Reily said they eventually figured out that some CenturyLink landlines were also working so they could communicate via fax with places like dispatch in Montrose. "We tried to get situational awareness as best we could," he said. "We had no idea what was going on or long it would last."

"No emergencies went unanswered and responses were not severely delayed," added CBFPD EMS and fire chief Rob Weisbaum. "Everyone did a great job of combining resources."

Reily said he and his officers elevated their presence in town to answer whatever questions they could. Signs were put up to inform people how best to handle emergencies by seeking out responders at the fire stations. Information was also placed on KBTU and other local radio stations since they were able to broadcast during the outage.

At least two entities in the county did not suffer a complete outage. Gunnison Valley Health and Western Colorado University did not completely lose internet or phone service within their networks. They have microwave backup capability located on Met Rec transmission towers but that backup is limited and capacity is pretty small.

"The hospital has a redundant internet connection that is not tied into the CenturyLink fiber line that keeps getting cut between Gunnison and Montrose," admitted director of information systems for GVH Trevor Smith. "We have a microwave tower that connects GVH by way of W mountain, over to the Monarch ski area and down into Salida that provides us with a 100mb redundant internet connection that is not tied into the CenturyLink dark fiber. This is what allows us to maintain essential services during internet outages. Still, the hospital was impacted. Our phones were down outside GVH. We contract for phone services with a provider that uses CenturyLink fiber. So, we did not have phone service outside of the hospital but we did have in-house phone service."

WCU communications officer Chris Rourke said since all classes went to online learning there were no classes that day. As for the 911 situation on campus, she said, "The faculty/staff internet was still functioning. The director of security monitored his email continuously throughout the duration of the event, and had a radio with which he could notify emergency services if needed. He sent out an email to faculty and staff stating such when we discovered power was down. No emergency services were needed on campus during this event."

Lessons learned...

Caffrey said there were indeed lessons learned from the Thursday event. "We figured out that Friday the 13th can sometimes come a day early," he quipped.

"We absolutely need redundant telecommunications infrastructure. We can't be reliant on a single piece of infrastructure for 911 service, all forms of internet service, cellular communications and telephone switching," said Caffrey. "Additionally, CenturyLink (Lumen), and I assume many other telecommunications providers, rely on multiple subcontractors from all over Western Colorado who take time to assemble, locate and repair outages. It was also interesting to find out that there apparently is redundant fiber optic infrastructure running over Cottonwood Pass that is not yet hooked up."

Virgil Turner of Region 10 has been working to expand broadband capacity throughout the Western Slope for years and he said there is not yet a second working line in the county but work continues to get one.

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: On Thursday, November 12 handwritten emergency signs were placed throughout the valley due to an internet and cell phone outage that lasted for 10 hours. PHOTO BY NOLAN BLUNCK

The quest for fiber line redundancy continues in Gunnison County

"We'll look at everything..."

[BY MARK REAMAN]

The idea of having "redundancy" for internet and cell phone service through more than a single fiber line providing such service to Gunnison and Hinsdale counties came into sharp focus last Thursday, November 12 when a contractor sliced the one line cutting service, including 911 capability, in the counties for about 10 hours.

The outage impacted local emergency personnel and those that depend on the world-wide web for work.

Gunnison County emergency manager Scott Morrill said Thursday's outage was different from previous ones, including a couple that occurred in 2016, because of "the inability for people to dial 911. They received a busy signal," he said. "Usually when 911 lines get cut, the system can reroute the calls from Gunnison County to Montrose or Delta dispatch centers. In 2016 citizens could still dial 911 on landlines. Not this time, and that was a serious problem."

While not yet finished, there is potential for redundant fiber lines coming into the county sooner rather than later. Virgil Turner, regional broadband project director at Region 10, the organization charged with helping to develop a rural broadband network in our part of the Western Slope, said

having such backup is needed, but it is never easy and it doesn't happen quickly. He said Region 10 is investigating and working on a number of potential plans to get redundancy to the area and one could be coming online relatively soon. "Last week was an example of why it is needed," he said. "It is a fragile network right now."

The only live fiber line currently runs from Montrose to Gunnison. Turner said Lumen (formerly CenturyLink) worked in conjunction with the recent Cottonwood Pass road realignment and is in the process of putting in a second fiber line over the pass. "My understanding is that the company is still completing this new route so it is not quite there yet but perhaps could be live by the end of December."

Turner said the ultimate plan is to have two separate paths for fiber coming from different directions so that a single calamity cannot take out two lines. A wildfire, for instance, could impact separate lines located in the same area.

He said Region 10 is in talks with WAPA (the Western Area Power Administration) to possibly use its transmission lines where dark fiber is available. But there are some technical and legal issues involved with the easements over private property. Turner did say WAPA has conducted a feasibility study on the idea but discussions are in the very early stage.

Turner promised he is looking at everything to get a diverse redundancy line system set up. He mentioned the potential of bringing a line from Marble over Schofield Pass and into Crested Butte and Gunnison. Another idea is to bring in a line from Creede to Lake City and Gunnison. "Part of my job is to look at every option," he said.

Turner said some state money might be available to help fund some of that redundancy. To provide new line is not cheap, with Turner saying it could cost about \$200,000 per mile.

"The world we live in is very dependent on tele-communications," said Turner. "We can't have outages like last week's so I am confident we'll get to a solution in a few years at the most. We have to. Finding the right solution we can afford is the challenge."

Even if the line over Cottonwood is completed this year, there is still work to do and the need for proper equipment to be put in place that can switch from one fiber line to another. Turner said a router would likely be located at the Gunnison police department—a carrier-neutral location where internet for the valley originates.

"We are trying our best to find a good solution to this issue," Turner concluded. "We know it is a problem. We are talking to anyone and everyone who might be able to help."

Internet outage

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As a result, Caffrey said local emergency personnel went old-school. "We were glad that we have an adequate supply of handheld radios and spare batteries," Caffrey concluded. "We also got some utility out of our two satellite phones, which we otherwise don't use very much. We may look at maintaining a few more analog phone lines. We were also glad we still have a siren on the roof should we have needed an alternate method to notify our members or the public of an emergency. We also seem to have gotten rid of all of our FM radios in the age of streaming and will probably make some minor investments in having FM radio and over-the-air TV available in our stations."

"Basically, we learned that all agencies involved throughout the county worked very well together," added Gallowich.

Weisbaum said north valley firefighters and EMTs did deal with four incidents but no major issues occurred. He credits that in part to the outage happening during the off-season. "This really exposed our current infrastructure. If this had happened during a week like Fourth of July or Christmas week, this would certainly have been more difficult to manage," he said. "How can we set up a notification system that is not technology-dependent for people who need 911 services? This is a major gap and shows how much we really rely on a system to work properly."

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"The key is to stay vigilant," Sandstrom emphasized. "Now is not the time to pretend we can go back to normal. We are seeing a major increase in cases and hospitalizations across Colorado so the state is ratcheting up restrictions. We are being moved by the state to their next level but it shouldn't make a giant impact. Basically it restricts businesses, including restaurants, to allow no more than 50 percent capacity in the space or a maximum of 50 people. Not many of our business-

es have the space to accommodate more than 50 people with social distancing protocols. That's the main difference but if we move to another alert level, the restrictions will be more noticeable."

Sandstrom said Gunnison County is still okay with allowing 25 people to gather indoors and 50 people outdoors for events. A recommendation has also been issued that if you leave the county for more than 24 hours, it is a good idea to self-isolate for seven days when you get back to make sure you don't develop COVID symptoms.

"We are continuing to take the right steps but we are teetering, so make good personal choices," concluded Sandstrom. "It comes down to the ability to provide care and we all need to make sure that stays in good shape."



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School district asks families not to travel during holidays

“We are committed to doing all we can to keep schools open”

[BY KENDRA WALKER]

With the holiday season quickly approaching and a new surge of COVID cases in the county, the Gunnison Watershed School District is asking families to consider not traveling based on the county’s travel recommendations, with the hopes of keeping in-person learning in place.

District superintendent Leslie Nichols sent out a video message to district families and students last week, addressing the growing concerns of the community traveling in and out of the county for the holidays, and assured that the schools remain the safest place for students at this time.

“You’re likely aware that the Gunnison Valley is experiencing a surge in COVID cases along with the rest of the state and the country,” Nichols said. “The school district is not experiencing this same surge. From November 1 to November 9, the county identified 70 positive cases; only 4 percent (three cases) were among district students and staff. As of today, we continue to have no cases of spread within our schools, meaning that students or staff who contract COVID have been exposed outside of school.”

The district has experienced 11 total positive cases since school started on August 26, with none of the transmissions happening within the school.

“Please, I urge you, to strongly consider not traveling,” said Nichols. “I understand there may be reasons that is not possible, but if at all possible please stay home.”

Gunnison County recommends a seven-day self-isolation following travel for more than 24 hours outside of the county. “We do enforce quar-

antine when people within our schools are identified as close contacts with a positive... with this travel recommendation, it really is a personal choice how you manage the recommendation,” Nichols said regarding whether schools will enforce the travel recommendations.

Nichols also said that it will be safer to keep students in school in person, rather than go to remote learning between the Thanksgiving and winter holidays. “Schools are a safe place for kids and for our staff because transmission rates at schools are exceptionally low (and to date, non-existent in our schools). If we close, over 2,000 kids and staff will be moving through the community instead of being at school where our risk reduction tools are being practiced. If we close, we could actually make a post-Thanksgiving increase in COVID cases worse.”

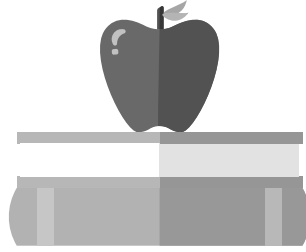
Nichols stated why in-person learning is the best situation for the community: learning happens best in-person; school is a safe environment with risk reduction tools in place; parents can continue working with children in school; and businesses stay open and keep the economy healthy.

“For these reasons and more, we are committed to doing all we can to keep schools open,” she said.

“Choose not to travel if at all possible,” Nichols reiterated. “Travel is a common factor in positive cases in the Gunnison Valley. Spread can happen with close friends in situations like dinner parties, game nights, play dates, sleepovers and carpools—all situations when people are indoors, in close proximity and not wearing masks. Also remember the basics when you’re in the community: masks work, so wear them; wash your hands; be outside as much as possible when with others; and keep your distance.”

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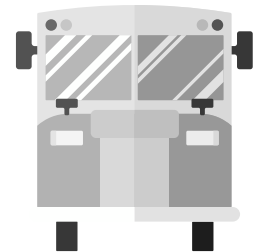


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Bus systems limited by state response to COVID increases

Scheduled passenger increases nullified

[BY KATHERINE NETTLES]

For now, a thing of the past: Crowding onto a painted bus with barely enough room to stand and maybe grip a handlebar overhead while riding up to the resort for a powder day.

But buses will run this winter, maintaining the more socially distanced passenger numbers they have kept all summer and fall to keep coronavirus from spreading. The two mass transportation entities in Gunnison County say they are in no current danger currently of leaving passengers behind but that is a concern as winter visitors and (hopefully) powder days begin to arrive.

Mountain Express, which runs between Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte, and Gunnison Valley RTA, which runs up and down valley from Gunnison to Mt. Crested Butte, both got hit with a curfew this month when Colorado's state health regulations overruled a recently secured capacity increase for them and limited passengers to 50 percent of bus capacity.

Mountain Express: okay for early season

Jeremy Herzog, managing director for Mountain Express, said for now operating at 50 percent is not a problem. Most buses running between Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte will allow 19 passengers on each bus in addition to the driver.

"We went to 25 percent capacity in June, then 50 percent. That's what we've been doing all summer. Ridership was down 60 percent in July, then 40 percent in September. So we haven't had much trouble with a smaller capacity," Herzog said.

The only reason Mountain Express had put in an application for a capacity increase was to prepare for the upcoming winter.

"We crunched the numbers and realized if Crested Butte Mountain Resort is fully operational and we are at reduced capacity, this is going to be hard. So we spent September and October working to get a fully seated bus starting for the ski season," said Herzog.

That application was approved early this month, in large part because the commute between Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte is usually only about eight minutes. So passengers would not be in contact with one another for the extended period of time associated with spreading the virus. Required facemasks, regular sanitization, newly upgraded air filters and some open windows would remain.

A few days later, the state issued a new ordinance restricting all transportation services to 50 percent capacity as the coronavirus numbers surge statewide.

"So that changes what we would have hoped to do," said Herzog. Mountain Express had expected to be able to carry up to 38 passengers prior to the state-wide order.

"We are going to do the best we can. We're putting more buses on the routes, and we're spending about 25 percent more than we did last year in order to help move as many people as we can," said Herzog.

He said those extra buses will generally be added for the busiest hours, which tend to be from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., and again from 3 to 7 p.m. "We have added buses during the week and weekend, from the times of 7 to 10 a.m. and again from 2 to 12 p.m. to try to get more coverage during what we think will be the busiest times," Herzog said.

"We are assuming that will help make a differ-

ence, but I have a feeling we are going to be leaving a lot of people behind if that doesn't change," said Herzog. "We are in constant talks with [Gunnison County Public Health director Joni Reynolds]. At this point I think the plan we have for the winter is about as aggressive as it can be as far as moving people safely.

"Being sales tax based, there's only so much we can do. I think we have a good plan for the beginning of the season. And we hope maybe things can change for the better as the season goes on."

Herzog stressed that no drivers have become ill since the shutdown in March. "In addition to following ridership data and state numbers, we are trying to be very conscientious. To date, everyone has stayed safe and no contact tracing has led back to any bus rides," he said.

RTA: "We don't know what to expect"

The RTA is also operating at 50 percent of its seated capacity, which allows 28 passengers in addition to the driver, per the new state public health order, despite having received a nod on its previous application to increase to 75 percent capacity.

RTA executive director Scott Truex doesn't expect that to change any time soon.

"The state order supersedes local orders at this time since it is more restrictive, and my understanding is that we will be at this level for the foreseeable future," he said.

RTA has already seen a slight increase in ridership throughout the summer and fall, though ridership still falls short of previous years. Truex said the most passengers on board a single bus since November 1 has been 20 passengers.

"So we haven't generally had to leave anyone behind. In October, there were two times when we left a couple of folks behind," he said.

RTA will be moving from its fall schedule to the full winter schedule starting on November 25, increasing the number of round trips per day to 28.

"We anticipate that most of the time, the capacity limit will not affect our passengers, but during peak times, we may have to leave people behind once we get to the limit. We don't really know what the demand will be once the ski resort opens," said Truex. For example, the peak times north-bound tend to be 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. from Gunnison, and south-bound from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. from Mt. Crested Butte.

"Our ridership has been down substantially as compared to last year since the pandemic began, and that trend may continue this winter. If it does, the capacity limits might not cause any problems—except on powder days. However, if the demand is similar to last year, we will be leaving people behind. We will monitor the situation carefully and may try to add another bus to the route if it becomes a problem," said Truex.

If coronavirus numbers do get contained and stay that way in the coming months, Truex will keep an eye on the opportunity to carry more people at a time.


"We will be monitoring the situation and will adjust based upon future orders. If the statewide COVID-19 numbers get better in the future, we may be able to ask for a variance at that time," said Truex.

In the meantime, even with fewer people the new bus etiquette remains. As Truex noted, "We are also asking that passengers social distance from other households as best as they can. We are requiring face-coverings for all drivers and passengers and we do not allow food or beverages to be consumed on the bus, so that the face-coverings stay on."

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SNOW MAKING: The whales on Warming House Hill are starting to stack up as Crested Butte Mountain Resort continues to make snow for opening day on Wednesday, November 25. PHOTOS BY NOLAN BLUNCK

CBMR preps for opening day

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Menu offerings will be limited and full-service bars will be closed; however, packaged beer and wine will be available at some locations. Water fountains are closed, but water bottle refill stations will still be available for use.

Employees ready

Shoemaker said CBMR has a great base of seasonal employees and the resort is appropriately staffed for the winter season. Vail also ramped up recruiting efforts to provide as many local employment opportunities as possible, he said.

“We have also found interest among students who have more flexibility now due to online learning or deferring college attendance for a year,” said Shoemaker. “And our employees from prior seasons have shown enthusiasm to return.” He noted that CBMR is still actively hiring for both seasonal and year-round positions.



Holiday bookings are looking normal.

Lodging

Lodging bookings are typically mellow for a CBMR opening and the Thanksgiving holiday, given the limited open terrain, and this year is no exception.

“To be honest we’re only booked at 30 percent for Thanksgiving right now, but that’s not unusual. Thanksgiving is never full,” said Nordic Inn general manager Linda Wasserman. “But from what we’ve seen this summer, it might still fill up. People are waiting until literally the last minute to book accommodations,” she said. “So you never know, it could pick up a little more.”

Wasserman says the Christmas and New Year’s window is close to being fully booked already, which is similar to what other hotels and vacation rentals are experiencing right now.

“More people are booking for Christmas and New Year’s, and I do feel that it’s pacing pretty similar to past years,” said Elevation Hotel front office manager Brandon Cvilikas, who also noted that their Thanksgiving bookings are pacing a little slow but normal. “With the whole shutdown during Spring Break last year we gave everyone certificates and credit to use at a future date, and I do feel like people are using that toward this holiday season rather than the next Spring Break.”

Wasserman has also noticed that the Nordic Inn’s two stand-alone units are more popular this year. “People want their own space right now, and those units are filling up much quicker and far more in advance than the standard hotel rooms,” she said.

Crested Butte Lodging director of sales and marketing Kate Schmidt agrees. “There certainly is a difference in our hotel versus vacation rental bookings. There’s definitely a push leaning more toward vacation rentals where you have your own space, you can cook your own dinner, you don’t have to go out,” she said.

Schmidt said opening weekend, although relatively small in numbers, will be busier than prior years and winter is looking strong so far for Crested Butte Lodging bookings.

“Momentum for the winter season has been building up in reservations for the last four to six weeks. We’ve seen an immense increase in online bookings following the release of the EpicPass reservation system,” Schmidt said. “Projections forward through December, January, and February are far exceeding expectations, with increases of 23 percent to 43 percent in revenue pace comparison to last year.”

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Mt. Crested Butte to Gunnison

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BACKCOUNTRY notes

BY ERIC MURROW, FORECASTER, CBAC

The seasons are slowly changing in Crested Butte. The weather is not quite sure what it wants to be. Recently we have experienced ground blizzards with zero visibility, like on Saturday, and warm, pleasant weather, almost tee-shirt worthy, just a few days later. The current in-between period where fall meets winter can provide a timely opportunity to prepare for avalanche season. Preparing for avalanche season will set you on the right track for a safe and fun powder-filled winter.

One of the first things you should consider is furthering your avalanche education. There are a variety of courses and dates available from local providers to continue your lifelong avalanche learning process. Take the time to find a Rec 1, Rec 2 or Avalanche Rescue Course that works for you. Snowmobile-specific courses exist as well. Many new folks are joining the world of winter backcountry recreation, and this means avalanche courses are likely to fill up. Do not fret if local classes fill before you decide to sign up; taking a class in another part of Colorado, with new terrain and a different snowpack, is a great way to expand your knowledge base.

While the snowpack slowly builds in the mountains surrounding Crested Butte, you can use this time to practice avalanche rescue with your partners instead of destroying those new skis you just bought in a shallow, shark-filled snowpack. Try finding easily accessible terrain near a trailhead to create realistic scenarios for you and your partners to sharpen your rescue skills. Do not practice your rescue skills in or below avalanche terrain. Practicing your companion rescue skills can help build confidence and camaraderie with your partners and, more important, increase the likelihood of a positive outcome should you need to perform an avalanche rescue in real life.

Early winter snowfall provides us with the first powder turns of the season, but it also creates those pesky and dangerous weak layers that drive avalanche conditions later in

the winter. Professionals and skilled recreational backcountry enthusiasts track the season's conditions as they happen to maintain a better understanding of snowpack conditions. It will help you build a mental map of current conditions and provide a strong basis for understanding avalanche forecast products. Challenge yourself this winter to track the season's conditions by identifying and recording the dates and details of significant weather events like snowfall, windy periods and prolonged dry periods (often the times when persistent weak layers develop). You should start tracking the season's conditions as soon as snow sticks to terrain.

The snowpack dictates the type of terrain that you can safely travel through on any given day. In more practical words, you need to create a catalog of terrain choices that are appropriate for the avalanche hazard on any day. You can use your time now to take photos of terrain that you intend to recreate in this winter and begin to develop route plans using photographs and digital mapping tools. Do not plan solely for those steep, rowdy alpine objectives that come later in the spring. Consider terrain that is appropriate for periods of elevated avalanche danger. Where can you have a fun and safe time while avoiding all avalanche terrain (which includes start zones and run-outs)? These terrain options exist, and now is the time to investigate and identify them.

If this suggested list of how to continue your avalanche education, practice avalanche rescue, track the season's conditions and investigate trip options sounds new or unfamiliar, you should seek out formal education. I have taken these suggestions straight from AIARE's (American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education) curriculum.

The Crested Butte Avalanche Center is as excited for the coming winter as you are. Let us put that excitement and energy into productive use and prepare for a great winter. I have seen a lot of mice and earwigs this fall, and you know what that means (lots of snow)!

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ASHER WEINBERG STARTS PATH TO U.S. SKI TEAM

"We call it riding the rut"

[BY THAN ACUFF]

Local alpine ski racer Asher Weinberg has entered the periphery of the U.S. Ski Team fray at the young age of 16, having just wrapped up a training camp this past month at Copper Mountain. After two days back in Crested Butte this week, he is off to Aspen for the year to live and train with Aspen Valley Ski Club while continuing online schooling through the Crested Butte Community School.

The camp in Copper, titled the National Development Group, was invite-only, where 15 of the top skiers in the nation ages 16 to 20 who are not yet on the U.S. Ski Team are gathered together for some early season work-outs on and off snow.

"It's to get us on snow as early as possible and get in

some quality training," says Weinberg. "It's right below the U.S. Ski Team 'D' team and over this next year, we're looked at for the 'D' team."

Weinberg got the call to the camp based on his effort racing last season, including an invitation to train and race in Spain last spring.

"I made a lot of improvements in my skiing last year and finished top of the pack in a lot of my races," says Weinberg.

The camp was certainly no "camp," though. It was a heavy three weeks of workouts that started nearly every day, with the athletes waking up at 5:15 a.m. and loading the chairlift by 6:15 a.m.

"Before the time change you'd get on the lift and look up and still see the stars," says Weinberg.

They would then proceed to ski for anywhere from three to five hours mixing in all disciplines: slalom, GS, Super G and Downhill. Lunch would follow and then the ski racers would jump into recovery workouts that included core work, balance and mobility.

While Weinberg's preference is the speed events such as Downhill and Super G, he paid attention to improving in the technical events of slalom and Giant Slalom.

"This year I'm really looking to improve my technical skiing," says Weinberg. "It's really important for all skiing in general and a lot of the criteria for making the U.S. Ski Team involves Slalom and GS skiing."

With COVID-19 ravaging the country, the ski camp was the lone camp allowed in the United States and was therefore heavily monitored and regulated. Not only was Weinberg confined to a condo with the

same five other members of the camp the entire time, all camp participants were closely monitored by consistent and successive testing.

"The coaches had to do the shopping for us every week and we got tested [for COVID] a lot," says Weinberg. "When our results came back, we would then get tested again that day. Nobody got COVID the whole time."

It's now go time for Weinberg as he heads to train with Aspen Valley Ski Club. The season starts with Super G races in Copper December 2-3. Weinberg has a tough year ahead of him as a first-year FIS racer with his points starting at 999. As a result, he will start every race at the very back of the pack until he starts knocking points off and moving up the start list—he'll be running rutted-out courses that have been skied by as many as 50 people before him.

"The course is more beat up when you get to race and I'm not going to be able to ski my own line," says Weinberg. "We call it riding the rut."

The season itself is a huge question mark. While he has the Copper races on the schedule, everything else remains up in the air.

"The whole season is still getting figured out because of COVID," says Weinberg. "Nobody's really sure."

As a first-year racer at that level, it will be tough to make enough strides to get the call up to the "D" team for the 2021-2022 winter, so Weinberg is not too stressed about the road ahead of him this year.

"What happens, happens," says Weinberg. "I still have a few more years to meet the U.S. Ski Team criteria. The ultimate goal is to make it on the U.S. Ski Team and race World Cup."



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CENTER stage

Writing the Pandemic with Mathangi Subramanian. Sunday, November 22, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Virtual. \$25

Join us for a timely writing workshop for all level writer and genres. We are living through extraordinary times. How do we document what we are witnessing, feeling, experiencing, while honoring our strengths, frailties, and imaginations? In this workshop, we will do several cross-genre writing exercises designed to help us make sense of the current moment and our current selves, and to imagine a better future. We will also briefly discuss how pandemics have been documented in the past, and how our voices can contribute to alternative narratives. Crestedbuttearts.org.

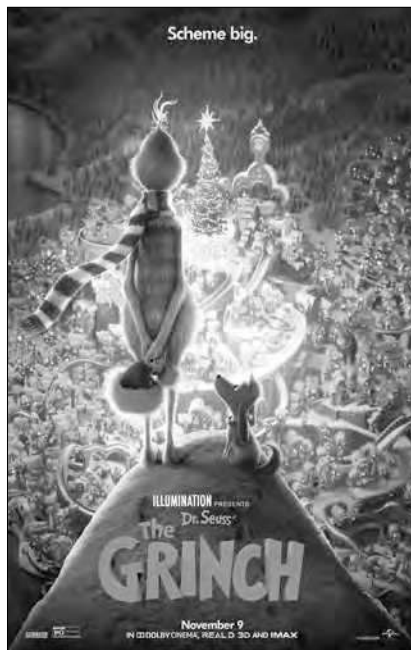
Watercolor & Wine: Winter Series. Mondays, November 23 and December 14. 4:30 to 7 p.m. \$55 per class

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

watercolor experience is necessary.

Poetry + Wine! Tuesday, November 24, 6 to 7:30 p.m. \$35

Join the Center's new executive director, Scott Palmer, and a group of professional actors for a lively evening of wine, appetizers and performances of seasonally themed poetry. Performances include works from Edgar Albert Guest, John Keats, Marjorie Saiser, Nate Marshall, and selections from the Poetry Foundation's "Fall Poetry" collection. Tickets include a flight of five wines from Buckel Family Wines, light appetizers, and lots of entertainment. Read-



Movie Night at the Center: The Grinch

ers: Scott Palmer, Steven Cole Hughes, Heather Nicholson Hughes and Jillian Liebl. Crestedbuttearts.org.

Movie Nights at the Center, presented by the Trailhead Children's Museum: The Grinch, Friday, November 27, 6 p.m. By donation.

What better way to spend Black Friday? Join the Trailhead Children's Museum at the Center for a family-friendly movie series in the new state-of-the-art Steddy Theater. Movies start at 6 p.m., so join us in the Grace Atrium Lobby from 5 p.m. for fun, concessions and drinks. Masks are required. Tickets may be reserved via donation at crestbuttearts.org. All proceeds support the Trailhead Children's Museum. Scheduled: December 11, *Elf*; December 27, *Muppets Most Wanted*.



Watercolor & Wine

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BLM Uncomfortable Conversations panel discussion scheduled for November 29

Have you ever wondered what people are talking about when they say there is racism in Crested Butte or Gunnison? Or why people get offended when they hear "All Lives Matter" in response to "Black Lives Matter"?

The Black Lives Matter Community Coalition will host an Uncomfortable Conversations panel. Their goal is to offer a safe and informative space for people to ask questions about racism, Black Lives Matter, the Black Lives Matter mural and other issues about race.

Submit questions anonymously to CBconvos@gmail.com. Please submit questions by Tuesday, November 24.

Tune in to listen and/or watch the discussion on Sunday, November 29 at 6 p.m. Stay tuned for details on the place.

This event features an excellent panel of local

experts and passionate individuals including:

—Dr. Alina Luna, professor of English and committee chair of diversity, equity, inclusion and internationalization at Western Colorado University

—Karen Hoskin, MS, founder and owner of Montanya Distillers

—Chloe Bowman, local preschool teacher and founder of The Melanin Mountain Project

—Dara MacDonald, town of Crested Butte town manager

—Maurice, owner of Midnight Gallery and artist

—Mike Reily, town of Crested Butte's chief marshal

—Anthony Burton, town of Mt. Crested Butte police officer

Arvin Ramgoolam, storyteller, founder and part-owner of Townie Books, will moderate.

Museum Holiday History Raffle

Here's your chance to win a spring trip to Hawaii and more, in the Crested Butte Museum's Holiday History Raffle. The raffle features a week's stay in Kailua-Kona Hawaii, a week's stay in Molokai Hawaii, a custom pair of ROMP skis, a \$500 cash prize, a \$100 Crested Butte Personal Chef's dinner, a \$100 Speckled Goose dinner and a museum membership package. With these great prizes, you can't afford not to buy a raffle ticket.

The raffle begins on November 23 with a special offer: Spend \$5 or more in the store, and also purchase a six-pack (or multiple six-packs) of raffle tickets, receive a seventh ticket for free for every six-pack purchased.

Tickets are \$5 for one or \$25 for six and can be purchased at crestbuttemuseum.com or by visiting the museum at 331 Elk Avenue beginning 11 a.m. November 23. Tickets will be pulled on December 30. Support local preservation and the sharing of history while getting the chance to win great prizes.

LEAP helps Coloradans heat homes

With more than 13 million Americans unemployed and the surge in medical expenses continually rising, there is a greater need than ever for home heating bill payment assistance, especially as the cold season draws closer.

November marks the kick-off of the 2021 Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Program (www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap). LEAP helps families, individuals and older adults pay a portion of home heating costs through a federally funded, one-time heating assistance benefit.

"We provided more than 76,000 households with heating assistance last year," said Theresa

Kullen, LEAP manager. "By easing the strain of heating bills on households, families and individuals don't have to make a choice between buying groceries or critical medications."

Applications and assistance are available through April 30 for qualifying households in all 64 Colorado counties. Individuals can apply for assistance at local county offices, online at Colorado PEAK or by calling 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435). The added options have increased access for individuals, seniors and low-income families.

To qualify, a household's monthly income must fall within 60 percent of the state median income

level. Single-resident households with a monthly income of \$2,619 or less and households of four with a monthly income of \$5,038 or less may qualify for assistance.

Applicants must pay home heating costs directly to a utility

company or landlord. Payments are usually made directly to the primary heating vendor. The household must contain a resident of Colorado and at least one U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the U.S.

Other benefits can include repairs and replacement of a home's primary heating system.

For application questions, information about eligibility or the LEAP program, visit www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap.

GAC's Masquerade Virtual Gala

Tired of seeing your face on Zoom? Don a fabulous, funny, or fearsome mask and join the Gunnison Arts Center for their annual fundraising Masquerade Virtual Gala gone virtual on Saturday, December 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. For the gala only, tickets are \$35; with dinner, the cost is \$45.

As always dinner is included along with entertainment, heartfelt stories, and a live and silent

auction. Don't miss this special event designed to keep you safe, while supporting your community Arts Center.

Don't want to miss our amazing annual auction offerings? Fear not! They are online too! Our auction will went live this week, with photos of auctionable items on the GAC's social media all the way up until bidding goes live.

COMMUNITY calendar THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- Mountain Money available thru November 30 at the CB Visitors Center.
- Shop Sale to benefit Mountain Roots and the Gunnison Arts Center thru Nov. 25 in the Upper Level of The Shop at the Gunnison Arts Center.
- Upper Gallery Exhibit: "Photovoice: Food Stories from Across Gunnison Valley" in the Gunnison Arts Center Upper Gallery (runs thru Nov. 25)
- Main Gallery Exhibit: "The Art History of the Gunnison Valley" in the Gunnison Arts Center Main Gallery (runs thru Nov. 30)
- Holiday History Raffle with the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum begins Nov. 23 and runs thru Dec. 30.

THURSDAY 19

- 9-10:30 a.m. Guided Historic Walking Tour with the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum, crestbuttemuseum.com.
- 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)
- 6-9 p.m. Watercolor & Wine, live on Zoom with the Gunnison Arts Center.
- 7 p.m. History at Home: *Born From Junk* by filmmaker Mike Horn, an online series with the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum featuring (series runs thru March 25)

FRIDAY 20

- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Crested Butte Library open to the public. 349-6535.

- 6 p.m. Holiday Market Applications due at the Gunnison Arts Center.
- 7-9 p.m. Sweaty Kids Film Festival at the Center for the Arts.

SATURDAY 21

- 3-4:30 p.m. Guided Historic Walking Tour with the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum, crestbuttemuseum.com.
- 7-9 p.m. The Wizard's Dagger - A virtual murder mystery live on Zoom with the Gunnison Arts Center.

SUNDAY 22

- 9 a.m. Oh Be Joyful Worship Service at 625 Maroon Ave., RSVP to reserve a spot at ohbejoyfulchurch.org/rsvp.
- 10 a.m.-noon "Writing the Pandemic" with Mathangi Subramanian, a virtual writing workshop with the Center for the Arts, crestbuttearts.org.

MONDAY 23

- 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 crestbuttearts.org.
- 4:30 p.m. Watercolor & Wine at the Center for the Arts. crestbuttearts.org.

TUESDAY 24

- 9-10:30 a.m. Guided Historic Walking Tour with the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum, crestbuttemuseum.com.

- 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.
- 6-7:30 p.m. Poetry + Wine! at the Center for the Arts. crestbuttearts.org.

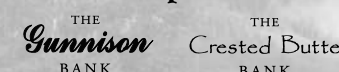
WEDNESDAY 25

- 9 a.m. CBMR opens the ski lifts for the 2020/21 season.
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Crested Butte Library open to the public. 349-6535.
- 7-9 p.m. Weekly Figure Drawing Session at the Shaun Home Gallery, donations accepted.

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Emily G. Rothman

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Emily G. Rothman, a long-time resident of Crested Butte, passed away at the age of 56 on October 14, 2020. Her life ended peacefully in her home, surrounded by family and friends. The cause of death was complications from metastatic malignant melanoma. No one loved Crested Butte more, and the love was reciprocated.

Emily Desire Gaynor (yes, her middle name was "Desire") was born to Elizabeth M. Gaynor and Edwin S. Gaynor at Yale New Haven Hospital on September 9, 1964, the youngest of their three children. She grew up in Southport, Conn., and then lived in Kansas City and New York City while dancing in professional ballet and modern companies and completing her undergraduate degree.

She moved to Crested Butte at the end of 1993 with her husband, David J. Rothman, where, aside from several years in Boulder and San Juan Capistrano, Calif., they lived full-time until her death. In Crested Butte, Emily and David raised two sons, Jacob (b. 1994) and Noah (b. 2001). She taught dance and Pilates for many organizations and businesses, served as a Creative District commissioner, and worked for the Trailhead Children's Museum, the Center for the Arts and a number of other local non-profit arts and educational organizations. She performed with The Mountain Theater and enjoyed her beloved Gunnison Valley mountains, rivers, lakes, streams and flowers every day she could.

Emily showed a gift for dance and theater early on. In 1977, at the age of 13, she was accepted into George Balanchine's School of American Ballet in New York, where she studied for six years. She also attended Greens Farms Academy in Greens Farms, Conn., from kindergarten through 11th grade, and graduated in 1982 when GFA accepted her credits from the Professional Children's School in New York City, where she studied in her senior year and from which she also earned a degree. After a post-graduate year at SAB she moved to Kansas City to dance with the Kansas City Ballet (1983-85), before returning east to enroll at NYU. There, she majored in dance and English in the Gallatin Division, graduating in 1988.

In New York, Emily danced with Dance 2000 (1988-89) and with Michael Mao Dance (1988-90), the latter of which included several international tours. She then became a certified Pilates instructor. She began with Carola Trier and later studied with Romana Kryzanowska, both of who were trained by Joseph Pilates himself.

It was during this time that Emily met her future husband, David, in the Gad 2 lift line at Snowbird, in March 1987. They soon discovered that they lived half a block apart in New York, and that David was teaching in NYU's Gallatin Division. In fact, he had already been assigned to administer her final oral exam before he met her, a duty from which he was happy to recuse himself when the time came. They married in 1991 in Southport.

Emily taught both dance and Pilates in New York, Boulder and Crested Butte for decades. In Crested Butte she taught Pilates and dance at the Crested Butte School of Dance, the Kansas City Ballet Summer School, The Gym, Celebrate the Beat and The Club at Crested Butte.



Her best Pilates teaching story grew out of her very first day of teaching at Drago's Gym in New York in 1991. At the end of a rigorous apprenticeship, her instructor, Romana, turned to her and announced that she was finally ready to work, and the next day she would take the first new client, who walked in. That client turned out to be a hung-over Bill Murray, who, halfway through the session, as he was lying on the Reformer, asked Emily to come closer so he could tell her something, at which point he grabbed her shoulders, put his feet on her hips, hoisted her into the air and started yelling "Airplane! Airplane!" as he swung her around over the machine.

In 2016, Emily earned a Master of Liberal Studies in Arts Development and Program Management in University College at the University of Denver, with a thesis titled "Making Arts Education a Priority in Colorado's Creative Districts." She subsequently played a crucial role in the formation of Crested Butte's Creative District and served as a commissioner, focusing on education. Emily also returned to acting, playing the role of Aunt Queenie in the 2019 production of *Bell, Book and Candle*, directed by Mary Tuck, for which she won a Golden Marmot for Best Supporting Actress of 2019.

Emily's life was cut short, yet everyone who knew her understands how full and vibrant it was. Her gifts and spirit flowed into this community and this place, and in return the place and the community gave her joy. We grieve for her, but do so in gratitude for the gift of her beautiful life.

Emily is survived by her husband, David J. Rothman; her sons, Jacob Charles Rothman and Noah Michael Rothman; her mother, Elizabeth M. Gaynor; her mother-in-law, Eleanor B. Rothman; her older sister, Eliza Gaynor Minden; Eliza's husband, John Minden; their daughter, Lucy Minden; her older brother, Edwin Hewitt Gaynor; his wife, Jean Gaynor; their children, Mireille Gaynor and Thomas Hewitt Gaynor; Raquel Lucas, Jean's daughter by an earlier marriage; her aunt, Margaret Meissner Evans; and many cousins and their families.

Her father, Edwin S. Gaynor, preceded her in death, as did her father-in-law, Stanley Rothman, and her brother-in-law, Michael H. Rothman.

The family is planning three small memorials next summer to scatter Emily's ashes. There will also be a large memorial service after all COVID restrictions have been lifted. To commemorate Emily's life, the family is working with the Crested Butte Center for the Arts and the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley to establish the Emily G. Rothman Fund for Dance, a permanent endowment to bring ballet and modern dance companies to the valley and to provide scholarships for local students to study ballet and modern dance.

For further details, please visit Emily's CaringBridge site (where you can also read about her courageous battle with cancer, and a more detailed obituary) or contact David at rothmandavidj@msn.com.



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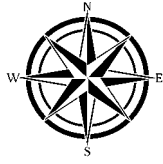
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FREE WILL astrology

BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES

(MARCH 21-APRIL 19):

Back in 1974, poet Allen Ginsberg and his "spirit wife," Aries poet Anne Waldman, were roommates at the newly established Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado. The school's founder asked these two luminaries to create a poetics program, and thus was born the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics. Waldman described its ruling principle to be the "outrider" tradition, with a mandate to explore all that was iconoclastic, freethinking, and irreverent. The goal of teachers and students alike was to avoid safe and predictable work so as to commune with wild spiritual powers, "keep the energies dancing," and court eternal surprise. I think that would be a healthy approach for you to flirt with during the next few weeks.

TAURUS

(APRIL 20-MAY 20):

Any legal actions you take are more likely to be successful if you initiate them between now and the solstice than if you'd begin them at other times. The same is true for any contracts you sign or agreements you make: They have a better chance to thrive than they would at other times. Other activities with more kismet than usual during the coming weeks: efforts to cultivate synergy and symbiosis; attempts to turn power struggles into more cooperative ventures; a push to foster greater equality in hierarchal situations; and ethical moves to get access to and benefit from other people's resources.

GEMINI

(MAY 21-JUNE 20):

Never follow an expert off a precipice. Nor a teacher. Nor an attractive invitation. Nor a symbol of truth nor a vibrant ideal nor a tempting gift. In fact, never follow anything off a precipice, no matter how authoritative or sexy or appealing it might be. On the other hand, if any of those influences are headed in the direction of a beautiful bridge that can enable you to get to the other side of a precipice, you should definitely consider following them. Be on the alert for such lucky opportunities in the coming weeks.

CANCER

(JUNE 21-JULY 22):

Malidoma Patrice Somé was born into the Dagara tribe of Burkina Faso. After being initiated into the Dagara's spiritual mysteries, he emigrated to America, where he has taught a unique blend of modern and traditional ideas. One of his key themes is the hardship that Westerners' souls endure because of the destructive impact of the machine world upon the spiritual world. He says there is "an indigenous person within each of us" that longs to cultivate the awareness and understanding enjoyed by indigenous people: a reverence for nature, a vital relationship with ancestors, and a receptivity to learn from the intelligence of animals. How's your inner indigenous person

doing? The coming weeks will be an excellent time to enhance your ability to commune with and nurture that vital source.

LEO

(JULY 23-AUG. 22):

Psychologists have identified a quality they call NFD: "need for drama." Those who possess it may be inclined to seek or even instigate turmoil out of a quest for excitement. After all, bringing a dose of chaos into one's life can cure feelings of boredom or powerlessness. "I'm important enough to rouse a Big Mess!" may be the subconscious battle cry. I'll urge you Leos to studiously and diligently avoid fostering NFD in the coming weeks. In my astrological opinion, you will have a blessed series of interesting experiences *if and only if* you shed any attraction you might have to histrionic craziness.

VIRGO

(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22):

"Give up the notion that you must be sure of what you are doing," wrote philosopher Baruch Spinoza. "Instead, surrender to what is real within you, for that alone is sure." Spinoza's thoughts will be a great meditation for you in the coming weeks. If you go chasing phantom hopes, longing for absolute certainty and iron confidence, you'll waste your energy. But if you identify what is most genuine and true and essential about you, and you rely on it to guide you, you can't possibly fail.

LIBRA

(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22):

"A little bad taste is like a nice splash of paprika," said Libran fashion writer Diana Vreeland. "We all need a splash of bad taste," she continued. "It's hearty, it's healthy, it's physical. I think we could use more of it. *Having no taste* is what I'm against." I understand that her perspective might be hard to sell to you refined Librans. But I think it's good advice right now. Whatever's lacking in your world, whatever might be off-kilter, can be cured by a dash of good, funky earthiness. Dare to be a bit messy and unruly.

SCORPIO

(OCT. 23-NOV. 21):

To convey the spirit of the coming weeks, I'm offering you wisdom from two women who were wise about the art of slow and steady progress. First, here's author Iris Murdoch: "One of the secrets of a happy life is continuous small treats, and if some of these can be inexpensive and quickly procured so much the better." Your second piece of insight about the wonders of prudent, piecemeal triumph comes from activist and author Helen Keller: "I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble."

SAGITTARIUS

(NOV. 22-DEC. 21):

Sagittarian statesman Winston Churchill said that he was always ready to learn—even though there were times when he didn't enjoy being taught. That might be a useful motto for you to

adopt in the coming months. By my estimates, 2021 could turn out to bring a rather spectacular learning spurt—and a key boost to your life-long education. If you choose to take advantage of the cosmic potentials, you could make dramatic enhancements to your knowledge and skill set. As Churchill's message suggests, not all of your new repertoire will come easily and pleasantly. But I bet that at least 80 percent of it will. Start planning!

CAPRICORN

(DEC. 22-JAN. 19):

In accordance with upcoming astrological indicators, I've got some good advice for you courtesy of your fellow Capricorn David Bowie. You'll be well-served to keep it in mind between now and January 1, 2021. "Go a little bit out of your depth," counseled Bowie. "And when you don't feel that your feet are quite touching the bottom, you're just about in the right place to do something exciting." For extra inspiration, I'll add another prompt from the creator of Ziggy Stardust: "Once you lose that sense of wonder at being alive, you're pretty much on the way out." In that spirit, my dear Capricorn, please take measures to expand your sense of wonder during the next six weeks. Make sure you're on your way *in*.

AQUARIUS

(JAN. 20-FEB. 18):

Most of us aren't brilliant virtuosos like, say, Leonardo da Vinci or Nobel Prize-winning scientist Marie Curie. On the other hand, every one of us has a singular amalgam of potentials that is unique in the history of the world—an exceptional flair or an idiosyncratic mastery or a distinctive blend of talents. In my astrological opinion, you Aquarians will have unprecedented opportunities to develop and ripen this golden and glorious aspect of yourself in 2021. And now is a good time to begin making plans. I encourage you to launch your year-long Festival of Becoming by writing down a description of your special genius.

PISCES

(FEB. 19-MARCH 20):

In 1969, humans flew a spaceship to the moon and landed on it for the first time. In 1970, the state of Alabama finally made it legal for interracial couples to get married. That's a dramatic example of how we humans may be mature and strong in some ways even as we remain backward and undeveloped in other ways. According to my astrological analysis, the coming months will be a highly favorable time for the immature and unseasoned parts of you to ripen. I encourage you to get started!

Homework: Name something you feel like begging for. Then visualize in great detail that this something is already yours.

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20 YEARS AGO today

BY NEL BURKETT

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

Developer asks town to lift affordable housing price caps

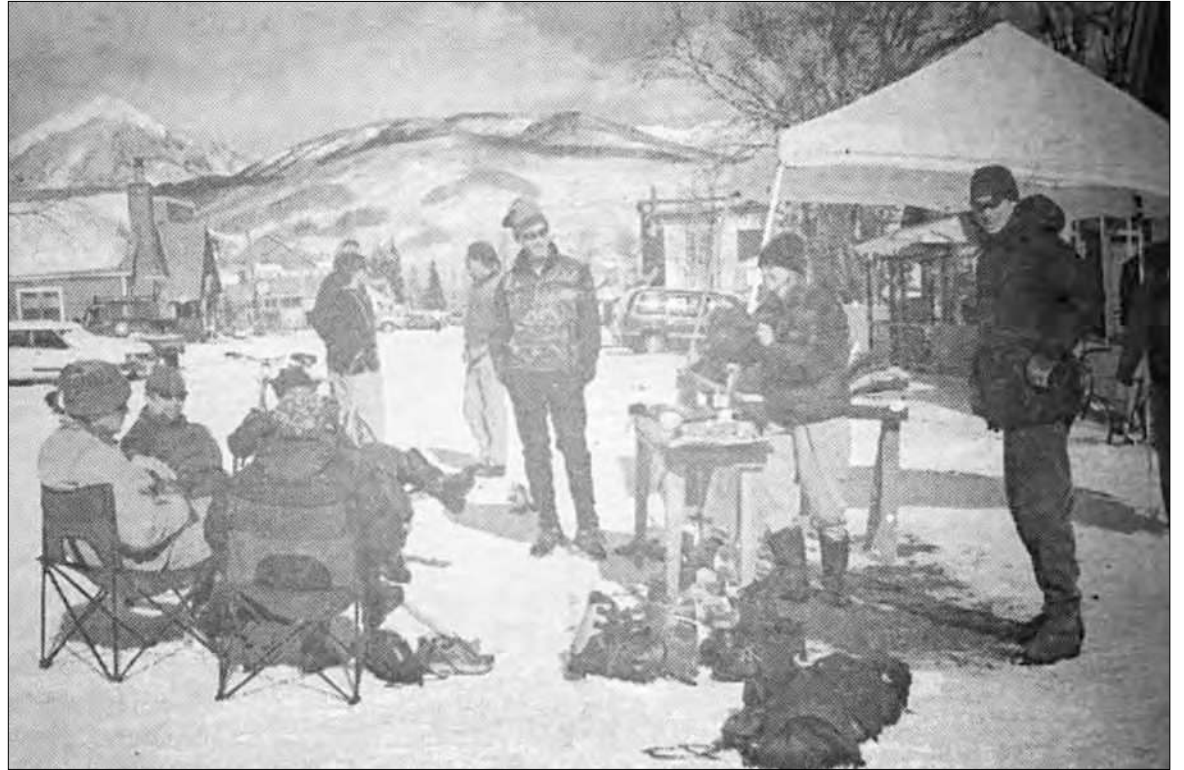
by Pete Sharp

Citing locals' reluctance to buy into homes with limited resale potential and mortgage lenders' hesitancy to underwrite them, Pitchfork developer Bill Coburn has asked the Mt. Crested Butte Town Council to remove market caps on eight units. In exchange, Coburn Development has offered to sell two lots at a discounted price to the Gunnison County Housing Authority (GCHA) to be used for the Mutual Self Help Build program—a program granting more affordability to Pitchfork units. Despite

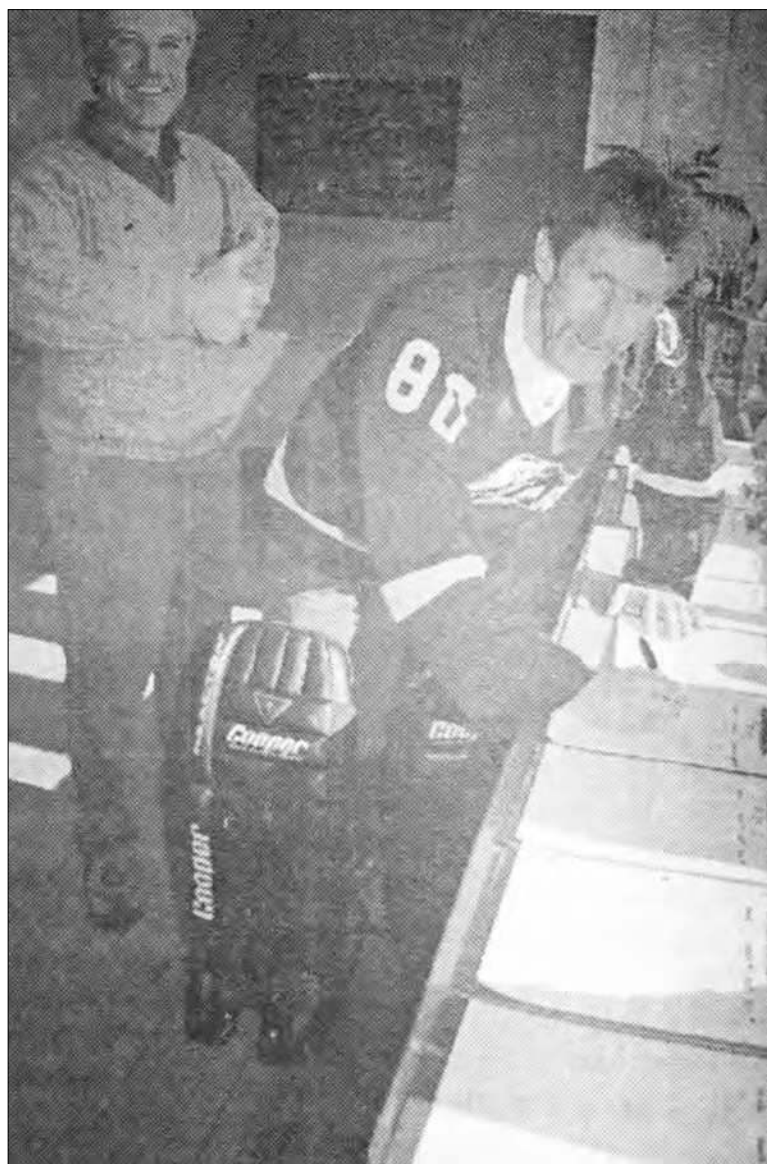
lengthy discussion on the issue, a decision by the council was put off until at least the next meeting on November 21.

In a written agreement with the town of Mt. Crested Butte and Coburn Development, 27 of Coburn's planned 98 total units were to be deed-restricted to locals. Of those 27, nine were to be market-capped. A market-capped home would not appreciate in value more than 3 percent per year plus inflation or approximately 6 percent. Assuming homes on the open market continue to appreciate in value, the capped units for locals would remain relatively affordable enabling more locals to live where they work.

However, according to Jim Barefield, real estate agent



The Pogoloffs held a street sale, clearing the closets of 20 years' worth of gear hoarding. PHOTO BY TIFFANY WARDMAN



Dave McGuire donned the new Blizzard uniform and signed up for the hockey season at Town Hall. PHOTO BY TIFFANY WARDMAN

for Pitchfork, only one of the market-capped units has been pre-sold since construction commenced in August. This is due in part to a buyer wanting the best possible investment opportunity but mortgage lenders are also hesitant because they could not count on home prices escalating with the market.

"The local units [deed restricted] are in high demand," said Barefield, adding that only one of the nine deed-restricted units planned for the first phase is not under contract.

The GCHA has been negotiating for four months with Coburn to acquire land for the construction of housing units, which would allow home buyers to reap the benefits of the Mutual Self-Help Build Program. Following the tenets of the program, a home buyer would have an integral role in its construction and those homes of his or her neighbors by cooperating to build 65 percent of the entire project. Lower prices and a real sense of accomplishment are a result.

GCHA director Shary Templeton explained the merits of the private/public partnership that would result, saying, "The partnership would allow for a new layer of affordability."

The partnership's possibility has been discussed on numerous occasions but not

until now has the market units' change of status been added to the agreement. Now the developer is stating that the partnership with the GCHA is contingent on the market caps being lifted. Mt. Crested Butte Town Council member Robyn Zimmerman asked Barefield if the council's decision on the caps would affect negotiations with GCHA.

"Bill [Coburn] is dedicated to affordable housing," answered Barefield.

Coburn Development has considered taking the money that would be lost by giving Templeton a discount price on land (\$45,000) in order to reduce market-capped home prices accordingly. However, Coburn, in a letter to the Mt. Crested Butte Town Council, admitted mortgage lenders would be no more tempted to underwrite on loans.

Crested Butte town manager Chuck Stearns offered his opinion on the request, saying, "Bill accepted [the terms of the agreement]; I feel a little betrayed."

Stearns went on to claim that the market-capped units are not priced to sell. With a difference in price of about \$7,000 (\$158,000 to \$166,000, compared to \$173,000) there is not enough incentive to buy the market-capped units, he said. He then commented on the

nearly finished six-plex along Gothic Road, of which only one unit has been sold. "Maybe the people don't want to live 12 feet from Gothic Road," he said.

"There is a point where they will sell," answered Coburn Development architect Dan Rotner. "However, we aren't subsidized [by government] and we have to be able to make this thing work."

The council weighed possible repercussions of removing the caps. Mt. Crested Butte mayor Gwen Pettit was concerned that down the road the community would miss the market caps.

"Our dilemma is looking 10 years into the future with no caps," said Pettit. "These [capped units] could be the hottest thing going in five years," she said, adding that the council might be willing to work with Coburn because of faith in Templeton's project.

Removing the caps "would be a very strong precedent to even consider for at least a year," said council member Rod Cooley, adding, "Everyone on the council needs to consider this."

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

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—COVENANT AMENDMENT STEERING COMMITTEE (CASC)—
MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020 ~ 5-6:30 P.M.
UBERCONFERENCE

Questions about this Agenda/Meeting can be directed to 970-901-6851 or compliance@cbsouth.net

Join the call: <https://www.uberconference.com/dom658>

Optional dial-in number: 781-448-4005

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5:00 PM Call to order

5:05 PM Approval of November 5, 2020 meeting minutes
Confirm next CASC meeting for January 7,

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5:10 PM Finish Review and Discussion of Article 4-Land Use

5:30 PM Public Comment on Article 4-Land Use

• Parking/Storage of Vehicles, Campers, Recreational and Work Items

• Consideration of Restricting Short-Term Rental

• Use to Primary Residences Only

• Allowing Short-Term Use of Campers for Visiting Family and Friends

6:00 PM Review and Discussion of Article 5- Architectural Control

6:30 PM Adjourn

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—NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING—
CRESTED BUTTE BOARD OF ZONING
AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
302 ELK AVENUE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing, which may result in the granting of a vested property right, will be held on November 24, 2020 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 application of **Drew Stichter in conjunction with Elk Avenue Partners LLC** to expand the restaurant use into the existing gallery

space on the southwest corner of the building located at 302 Elk Avenue, Tract 1 of the Block 27 Subdivision in the B1 zone.

Additional requirements:

-An expansion of a conditional use permit for a restaurant use in the B1 zone is required.

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE
By Jessie Earley, Assistant Design Review and Historic Preservation Coordinator

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**—NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE—
MT. CRESTED BUTTE WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT**

Please take notice that the Mt. Crested Butte Water & Sanitation District (the "District") will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in a virtual meeting format due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please join the meeting at <https://www.gotomeet.me/MCBWaterSanitationDistrict> or dial in at (872)240-3212 (Access Code 370-521-317). Further meeting instructions can be found at www.mcbwsd.com/Agendas-Meetings-Minutes. The purpose of the hearing is for public input on a petition for inclusion into the District by Hunter Ridge, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company, the address of which is P.O. Box 1935, Crested Butte, CO 81224. The property proposed to be included within the District is commonly referred to as 45 Hunter Hill Road in Mt. Crested Butte, a 10.458-acre tract with the legal parcel number of 3177-264-00-053. The full legal description of the property is set forth in the petition for inclusion on file with the District. All persons interested shall appear at the date and time set forth above

and show cause in writing why the petition should not be granted. Those who speak at the public hearing shall be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to express their comments to the Mt. Crested Butte Water & Sanitation District Board of Directors. Advanced written comments are encouraged and should be received at the Mt. Crested Butte Water & Sanitation District, PO Box 5740, Mt. Crested Butte, CO 81225 or by fax to (970) 349-0412, or by email to info@mcbwsd.com by Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 5:00 PM, Mountain Time. For a digital copy of the petition please visit <https://www.mcbwsd.com/57541> No action or discussion shall take place by the Mt. Crested Butte Water & Sanitation District Board of Directors until the public hearing is officially closed. Dated this 12th day of November 2020. /s/ Mike Fabbre District Manager

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**—NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING—
2021 BUDGET – DECEMBER 8, 2020
MT. CRESTED BUTTE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
MT. CRESTED BUTTE, GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO**

Notice is hereby given that the proposed 2021 budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District. Due to COVID19 restrictions, that a copy of said proposed budget has been posted on the District website at www.mcbwsd.com, where the same is open for public inspection. That said proposed 2021 budget will be considered at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District to be held at 100 Gothic Road, Mt. Crested Butte, Colorado on Tuesday the 8th day of DECEMBER, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. That meeting will be held remotely at <https://www.gotomeet.me/MCBWaterSanitationDistrict>. Please see the District website for

further instructions about how to join that meeting (www.mcbwsd.com). The Board will hold a public hearing at such meeting during which all interested parties may be heard. Any interested elector of the Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District may inspect the proposed 2021 budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Mike Fabbre, District Manager

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**—NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING—
2021 RATES & FEES - DECEMBER 8, 2020
MT. CRESTED BUTTE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
MT. CRESTED BUTTE, GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District has proposed an increase in 2021 water and sanitation rates and fees. That a copy of said proposed rates and fees has been filed at the District's website: www.mcbwsd.com, where the same is open for public inspection. That said proposed rate increase will be

considered at a regular meeting of the Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District to be held remotely at <https://www.gotomeet.me/MCBWaterSanitationDistrict> on Tuesday the 8th day of DECEMBER, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. Please see the District website for further instructions about how to join that meeting (www.mcbwsd.com). Any interested elector of the Mt. Crested

Butte Water and Sanitation District may inspect the proposed rates and fees and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption. Mike Fabbre, District Manager

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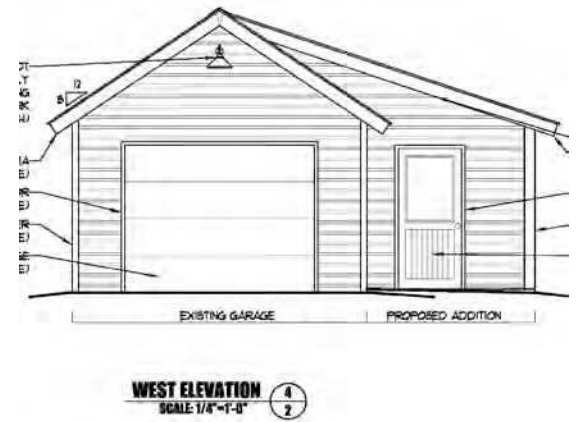
**—LEGAL NOTICE—
CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE AS TO PROPOSED BUDGET**

NOTICE is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Crested Butte Fire Protection District for the ensuing year of 2021; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office the Chief Executive, 308 Third Street, Crested Butte, Colorado where the same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at meeting of the Board of Directors to be held at 5:00 PM on December 8, 2020 at CBFPD Fire Station #2 at 751 Gothic Avenue, Crested Butte, CO 81225. Any interested elector of may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
By: Sean M. Caffrey, CEO

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**—NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING—
CRESTED BUTTE BOARD OF ZONING
AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
720 TEOCALLI AVENUE, UNIT B**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing, which may result in the granting of a vested property right, will be held on November 24, 2020 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 application of Henrik Per Forsling to expand the accessory building on the south elevation of the building located 720 Teocalli Avenue, Unit B, Faust Condominiums in the R4 zone. Additional requirements:
-Architectural approval is required.
-A conditional use permit for a non-residential, heated and/or plumbed accessory building in the R4 zone is required.
(See attached drawing)
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE



By Jessie Earley, Assistant Design Review and Historic Preservation Coordinator

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deadline tuesday at noon

—LEGAL—

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that Ordinance No. 28, Series 2020, was passed on second reading and public hearing at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado, on Monday, November 16, 2020: Ordinance No. 28, Series 2020 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Granting a Ground Lease to

Gunnison County Electric Association, Inc. for the Installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Station on a 20 Foot by 20 Foot Portion of the Fire Station Public Parking Area. The full text of Ordinance No. 28, Series 2020 is on file at the Town Offices at 507 Maroon Avenue and will be available on the Town website at [townof-](http://townof-crestedbutte.com)

crestedbutte.com for public reading. This ordinance shall become effective five days after the date of publication. TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
/s/ Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

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—LEGAL—

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that Ordinance No. 27, Series 2020, was passed on second reading and public hearing at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado, on Monday, November 16, 2020: Ordinance No. 27, Series 2020 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Granting a Ground Lease to Gunnison County Electric Association, Inc. for the Installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Station on a 20 Foot by 20 Foot Portion of the Town Hall Public

Parking Area. The full text of Ordinance No. 27, Series 2020 is on file at the Town Offices at 507 Maroon Avenue and will be available on the Town website at townof-crestedbutte.com for public reading. This ordinance shall become effective five days after the date of publication. TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
/s/ Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

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**—LEGAL—
NOTICE OF BUDGET
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO**

Please Take Notice, that a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 7, 2020 for the following purpose: PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION NO. 23, SERIES 2020 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CRESTED BUTTE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTING THE 2021 TOWN BUDGET. THIS HEARING INCLUDES HIGHWAY USERS MONEY BUDGETED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00. THE STREET AND ALLEY FUND IS COVERED IN PART BY HIGHWAY USER FUNDS. The public may connect to the meeting with the following address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82539665493> Or Telephone: Dial: US: +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 205 6099 Webinar ID: 825 3966 5493 The full text of these items are on file at the Town Offices, 507 Maroon Avenue, Crested Butte, Colorado, or on the web at www.townofcrestedbutte.com for public reading. Any interested elector within the Town of Crested Butte may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
/s/ Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

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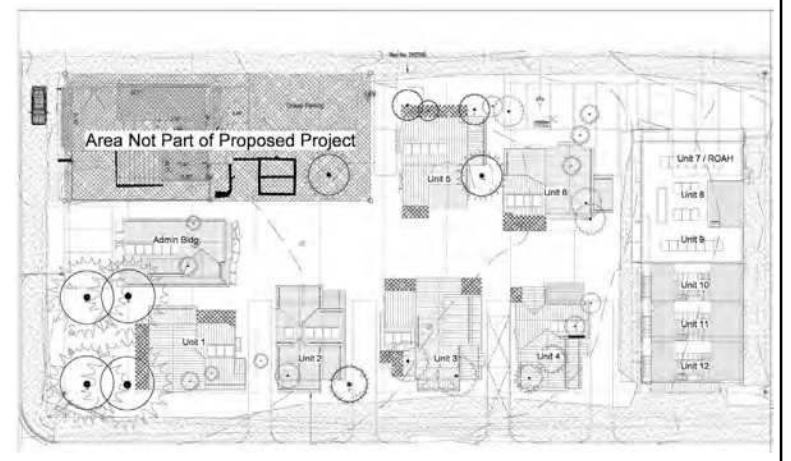
**—NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING—
CRESTED BUTTE BOARD OF ZONING AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
501 WHITEROCK AVENUE/516 FIFTH STREET**

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- General Plan review as part of the P.U.D. process is required.
- Conditional use permits for 12 short term rental accommodation (STRA) in the T zone is required.
- Conditional use permits for two

residential units (one ROAH, one deed-restricted or owner occupied) in the T zone is required. (See attached drawing) TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE
By Jessie Earley, Assistant Design

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—LEGAL—

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing of the Crested Butte Town Council will be on the 7th day of December 2020 at 7PM on Ordinance No. 29, Series 2020: Ordinance No. 29, Series 2020 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Amending Section 13-1-120 of the Code to Increase the Minimum Monthly Service Charge Per Meter for Water Used at a "Base Rate" to \$31.00 Per Month Per EQR; Amending Section 13-1-150 of the Crested Butte Municipal Code to Increase the Monthly Service Charge for Sewer Service to \$40.50 Per Month Per EQR. The public may connect to the meeting with the following

address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82539665493> Or Telephone: Dial: US: +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 205 6099 Webinar ID: 825 3966 5493 TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
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FOR RENT

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. (11/20/37).

2BD/1BA CONDO fully furnished on Mt. CB, community hot tub. 6 month lease, \$1700/mo. + electric. NS/NP. 970-331-7268. (12/11/20).

CB SOUTH: Beautiful two bedroom/two bath home in a duplex available immediately. Pets are allowed. \$2500/mo. Liskorinternational@gmail.com or 847-769-7800. (11/20/20).

2BD/2.5 BATH HOME: 1 mile from CB, Dec. 1 thru April 30, attached 2 car garage, hot tub, private rural setting w/ spectacular views. \$3K/mo., 970-209-0373. (11/20/28).

ROOM FOR RENT in CB South. Private bathroom. 2 blocks from bus stop. NS/NP. Utilities included. \$700/month. 970-964-7145. (11/27/20).

FOR RENT IN GUNNISON: Very nice, quiet & secluded location. No pets. Call to apply 970-641-5174. (11/20/15).

2BD/2.5BA TOWNHOME: Club of Crested Butte, beautiful views, two levels, garage, W/D, 2 balconies. \$3,000 (Unfurnished) or \$3,500 Furnished/Month. Lease beginning January/February 2020. 303-520-7660. (11/20/28).

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. (11/20/27).

VACATION RENTALS

SUNNY SUMMER TOWN RENTAL: Newer 4BD/2.5BA completely furnished home bordering quiet town park. Reasonably priced below VRBO rates! Ideal location for a memorable CB summer! Available June through August. 970-682-3699. (11/20/31).

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. (11/20/27).

TWO GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL SPACES available for lease in the Horseshoe Building, 5th and Belleview. New construction, first class units, tall ceilings and lots of light. Good onsite parking. 829 and 772 square feet. One space for sale or lease 595 square feet. Available January 1, 2020. Inquiries to Bill at 209-1405 or bcoburn@coburndev.com. (11/20/55).

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

OFFICE/BUSINESS SPACE FOR RENT: 1200 sq.ft. Red Lady & 5th. Upstairs, \$1600/month + utilities, month to month. Call 970-275-2210 or leave message at 970-349-7176. (11/20/24).

PRIME BASE AREA RETAIL/OFFICE SPACE: Treasury Building in Mt. CB. Space available for lease. Lower level, various sized spaces available. Call Erica 970-846-2655 for inquiries, more information or a walk through. (11/20/32).

COMMERCIAL SPACE for rent in CB South, 310 Elcho Ave. 600 sq.ft., \$1500/month. Space has front entry in a shared lobby with bathroom and back entry + garage door. All dues/utilities included except internet. Call or email Rachael 970-596-6844, rachael@crestedbutteevents.com. (11/20/42).

PROFESSIONAL SPACE: CB South in the new CB Dental Building. Up to 2000 sf, shared lobby, parking. Attractive space with plenty of natural light. Coming this Fall. tom.walker@cbmp.com, 303-862-1334. (11/20/30).

OFFICE FOR RENT in great downtown CB location with shared kitchenette and bathroom. Internet and utilities are included. Available Dec 1st with 1 year lease. \$450. Please call 970-596-9826. (11/20/29).

TWO 1500' COMMERCIAL RENTALS available in Riverland Industrial Park. 80 Buckley Dr. Not good for vehicles. 970-209-3564. (11/20/17).

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. (11/20/36).

PRIME OFFICES for rent in Whiterock Professional Building at 502 Whiterock. Available immediately. Ground floor, three units can be combined or rented separately. Call Heather at 970-497-0871. (11/20/27).

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE on Elk Avenue. Several spots available - retail and office. Available now. Call for details 970-349-2773. (11/20/18).

COMMERCIAL SPACE in CB South, storefront with shop bay, 1200 sq.ft, \$2200/mo. Armstrong.spencer840@gmail.com, 303-903-0771. (12/11/16).

GREAT COMMERCIAL SPACE: 450 sq.ft. available Dec. 1. Private entrance, upstairs, 1/2 bath. Plenty of storage space, nice windows. 3rd & Belleview in town. \$895/month. Call Scott 970-275-0346 or gscottpfister@yahoo.com. (12/4/31).

FOR SALE

ROPE SANDALS: Brand new Gurke's, still has tags on them. Size 6.5-7. \$35. The most comfortable sandal you'll ever own! 970-275-8910. (11/20/pd/21).

2005 SUBARU HEADS: Machined, 2.5L H4 VIN(6). \$500 for the pair obo. Call for pictures and info, 970-275-9294. (11/20/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. (11/20/pd/24).

REAL ESTATE

6 LOTS ON ELK AVE Zoned B4 residential and/or commercial, PUD ready. \$1,200,000. www.mitchellelevans.com, Call Mitch 970-349-5407. (11/20/18).

CB SOUTH: 81 Janet Place, Lot 7, Block 22. Filing 3. Cul-de-sac. REDUCED to \$220,000. 970-901-9736. (11/20/16).

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. (11/20/pd/25).

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. (11/20/70).

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SALE BY OWNER in Crested Butte. 818 Teocalli Ave Unit B. Must meet Eligibility Qualifications. Check out Gvrha.org for info. Set price at \$158,900. Call 970-596-5667. (11/20/29).

FOR SALE: Land on County Road 26. 35.11 acres with views of the Pinnacles and Blue Mesa. Has power to land and well. Call 970-275-9294 for more information. (11/20/pd/28).

FENCELINE CB SOUTH LOT with outstanding views for sale. 588 Zeligman, .31 acres for \$179,000. Call Listing Broker, Noelle Larson, Crested Butte Real Estate, 970-366-2398. (11/20/26).

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3 bed/2 bath condo. On the mountain, Chadlington. Sunny, new windows, new wood floors, Low HOA. \$345,000. Email shellyhiggin-scb@yahoo.com. (11/20/25).

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. (11/20/53).

WOODEN NICKEL BAR AND STEAK HOUSE: Positions available for Broiler/Line Cooks and Prep Cooks. Evening hours-full time and part time available. Please contact Chris, Kitchen Mgr, in person or call Eric or Chris at 970-349-6350 for information. (11/20/38).

FRONT DESK AGENT The Elevation Hotel & Spa on Mt. Crested Butte is looking to hire full time seasonal Front Desk Agents. Benefits include a gym membership, and 25% off hotel services. Possible onsite housing available for the right candidates. Apply online at boxerproperty.com/jointheteam. (12/4/44).

BLACK TIE SKI RENTALS is currently hiring a ski tuning tech and a managerial rental tech. Competitive pay, flexible schedule, positive working environment. Submit a resume to crestedbuttemanager@blacktieskis.com. (11/20/29).

EMPLOYMENT

ELEVEN EXPERIENCE is seeking Housekeepers for our Eleven properties in Crested Butte and Almont. This position is responsible for all cleaning throughout our properties. Solid teamwork and communication skills a must. Come join our dynamic and supportive team. Competitive compensation. The company has implemented strict PPE, social distancing and cleaning protocols in line with CDC, State and County regulations to assist in protecting employees and guests during this pandemic. Please submit cover letter and resume to jobs@elevenexperience.com. More information about our company can be found at elevenexperience.com. (11/27/88).

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MASSAGE THERAPISTS & ESTHETICIAN 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. Please reach out to Scott@elevationspa.com, 970-331-7268. (11/20/45).

THE CLUB AT CRESTED BUTTE is now accepting applications for Housekeeping. Join us in a fun, professional, and beautiful environment. Flexible schedule. Submit questions and interest to erin@clubatcrestedbutte.com. Learn more at www.theclubatcrestedbutte.com. (11/27/33).

BHB B.T. HAWLEY BUILDERS is looking for carpenters. Pay based on experience. Contact Bryan at 970-275-3439. (11/27/16).

HELP WANTED: Snow shovelers needed for the winter season. Must have valid driver's license. Will reimburse for ski passes, \$17/hr. Call PR Property Management 349-6281 or send resume to pr-prop@crestedbutte.net. (11/20/32).

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. (11/20/27).

IRON HORSE is looking for snow shovelers this winter season! All on the ground with no roof work. Pay is from \$25-30 per hour depending on position. We provide the shovels and the homes, you provide the muscle. Must be dependable, trustworthy, and able to work the entire winter season. E-mail your info and experience level to steve@ironhorsecb.com and qualified applicants will be contacted. No phone calls please. (11/20/69).

TOP TIER CONSTRUCTION is hiring roofers and roof laborers. No experience necessary. Will train. Competitive pay. 970-209-2918. (11/20/17).

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EMPLOYMENT

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. (12/4/94).

FRONT DESK: The WestWall Lodge is looking for friendly and reliable team members for the winter season, part time. Having a positive attitude is the main requirement. Knowledge of the area, computer skills, and previous customer service experience are also helpful. For more info call 970-349-1280 or email frontdesk@westwallodge.com. (11/20/50).

CB BURGER COMPANY the fun, fast paced, COVID safe, grab and go, eatery located in the base area will be opening in early December. We need positive and energetic ski bums (who can cook) to join our team. Good hourly rates, plus tips! No early mornings or late nights. Email Ben at CrestedButteBurgerCO@gmail.com. (11/27/54).

THE CB MUSEUM is looking for a part-time cashier to start on Dec. 2nd. Call 970-349-1880 or email museum-store@crestedbuttemuseum.com for more info. (11/20/23).

FRONT DESK SUPERVISOR The Elevation Hotel & Spa in Mt. Crested Butte, CO is hiring a full time, year round Front desk Supervisor. Benefits include health insurance, paid time off, gym membership, winter ski season pass, and 25% off hotel services. Possible onsite housing available for the right candidates. Apply online at boxerproperty.com/jointheteam. (12/4/53).

FEMALE SPA CONCIERGES at Elevation Spa. We are looking for great communication skills, friendly personality and very responsible. Hourly + commission + FREE gym membership, discounted spa treatments & skin care education. Mark@elevationspa.com, 970-977-9233. (11/20/32).

NOW HIRING: Join the Housekeeping Team at Vacasa! \$20/hr, vacation time, sick time, great team. To apply visit www.vacasa.com/careers and submit an application. We're looking forward to talking with you. (11/20/32).

MARCHITELLI'S is seeking host, bus & cooks. Please stop by the restaurant and see Michael. (12/4/pd/14).

AVALANCHE BAR & GRILL hiring for winter PT and FT, day bartender/cashier(s), host, kitchen prep/cook help. Please call 970-901-7163 for appt. (12/11/23).

EMPLOYMENT

THE BUBBLE WRAP IS HIRING: Applicant should have an outgoing personality with exceptional customer service skills, be organized and detail oriented with the ability to multi-task along with having effective verbal and written communication skills. Computer skills with knowledge of Internet applications, Adobe, Microsoft Word and Excel, Dropbox, etc. along with being able to learn new software easily is required. We are open 9-5, Mon.-Fri. year round. Closed weekends and major holidays. Starting Pay \$15+/hr. Benefits offered for full time. E-mail resume to kiley@thebubblewrap.net. (11/27/86).

HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR The Elevation Hotel & Spa in Mt. Crested Butte, CO is hiring a full time, year round Housekeeping Supervisor. Benefits include health insurance, paid time off, gym membership, winter ski season pass, and 25% off hotel services. Possible onsite housing available for the right candidates. Apply online at boxerproperty.com/jointheteam. (12/4/51).

WANTED: Part time snow mover, shovel & blower, no roofs, good pay, flex hours. Craig 970-901-7975. (11/27/15).

ELEVEN is seeking a full time Digital Marketing Specialist to work in our Marketing department at our global headquarters in Crested Butte, Colorado. The ideal candidate has strong experience in digital marketing, specifically with experience in paid digital marketing, Google Analytics, and e-mail marketing via Pardot & Salesforce. Passion for the outdoors and hospitality 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. (11/20/123).

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. (11/20/47).

LINE/PREP COOK 9380 Tavern in the Elevation Hotel & Spa and on Mt. Crested Butte is looking to hire full time, seasonal Line/Prep Cooks. Benefits include a gym membership and 25% off hotel services. Possible onsite housing available for the right candidates. Apply online at boxerproperty.com/jointheteam. (12/4/48).

LOADER/SKID STEER OPERATORS for plowing needed. Experience required. Ski pass financing/purchasing available. Call Hank at 970-275-5313. (11/20/18).

EMPLOYMENT

WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY'S FINANCE OFFICE seeks a part time administrative assistant. Position is classified, temporary. Responsibilities: The new Assistant will support the operations of the Finance office which requires handling legal and confidential matters. This individual must be willing to support the full finance team and will report to Accounts Payable Manager. The position will assist with the processing of accounts payable, contracts and require the mastery of specialty accounting software and work with complex excel spreadsheets. Qualifications: Ability to do highly detailed work, solid database and office software skills. The work requires highly developed interpersonal skills and excellent communication skills, a minimum of one year customer/client service experience and one year manipulating data in an office environment. Compensation: \$20 hourly, 16 hours per week. Targeted start date: ASAP. To Apply: Please send a cover letter describing your interest in the position, your resume, and a list of three employment references to Julie Baca, Chief Financial Officer; jbaca@western.edu or 970-943-2061. Western is a residential, public university with an enrollment of 3,000 students who come from across Colorado and all fifty states. Faculty members share a strong commitment to personalized education with the liberal arts as its core. It is a student-oriented, collegial, energetic, and engaged campus and community. The curriculum provides professional flexibility where experiential learning and interdisciplinary approaches are valued. Western is also an advocate of diversity, equity, and inclusivity of all types including ability (physical, mental), social class, racial/ethnic, linguistic, religion, sexual orientation, age, experience, gender, and cultural. Please see our diversity statement, and our DEI Committee charge. The university is located in Gunnison, Colorado, a rural community 200 miles southwest of Denver. At an elevation of 7,700 feet in the southern Rocky Mountains, the Gunnison Valley provides significant year-round outdoor recreational opportunities. Employees have chosen Western because of the quality of life combined with rewarding careers. Visit <http://www.western.edu> to learn more about the university. Western Colorado University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and is committed to a diverse, equitable and inclusive campus. (11/20/341).

THE NORDIC INN is hiring for the winter season! We are interviewing for front desk attendant and front desk manager. Please contact Linda at info@nordicinnco.com. (11/20/26).

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN The Elevation Hotel & Spa in Mt. Crested Butte, CO is hiring full time, year round Maintenance Technicians. Benefits include health insurance, paid time off, gym membership, winter ski season pass, and 25% off hotel services. Possible onsite housing available for the right candidates. Apply online at boxerproperty.com/jointheteam. (12/4/50).

FOOD RUNNERS: 9380 Tavern in the Elevation Hotel & Spa and on Mt. Crested Butte is looking to hire full time, seasonal Food Runners. Benefits include a gym membership and 25% off hotel services. Possible onsite housing available for the right candidates. Apply online at boxerproperty.com/jointheteam. (12/4/46).

EMPLOYMENT

ZAMBONI OPERATORS NEEDED: Ready for a fun winter under the lights at Big Mine Ice Arena? The Town of Crested Butte is accepting applications for a part-time (15-20 hours per week) seasonal Winter Ice Rink Maintenance position. Must be available evenings from 5:00pm-10:00pm December through March. Duties include operating the ice resurfacing machine, snow shoveling, ice removal, trash, recycling, and custodial duties. Experience operating an ice resurfacing machine preferred, but not required. Candidate must be willing to work outdoors in subzero Fahrenheit weather, weekends, evenings and holidays, lift 50-100 lbs and must possess a valid driver's license and a productive work ethic. Rate of pay \$16/hr. Full job description and application available online at www.townofcrestedbutte.com under jobs. Questions? Stop by Town Hall Parks & Rec Office, or call 349-5338. Applications accepted until position is filled. Submit application to Town of Crested Butte, attn: Hilary French, PO Box 39, Crested Butte, CO 81224 or email to hlfrench@crestedbutte-co.gov. EOE. (11/20/158).

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COURTESY OFFICER / NIGHT AUDIT: The Elevation Hotel & Spa in Mt Crested Butte, CO is hiring a full time, year round Courtesy Officer/ Night Audit. Benefits include health insurance, paid time off, gym membership, winter ski season pass, and 25% off hotel services. Possible onsite housing available for the right candidates. Apply online at boxerproperty.com/jointheteam. (12/4/55).

PFISTERS AND POOHS CORNER: Full and part time available. We operate in a fun friendly environment. Retail experience preferred but will train. Good pay, perks for the right person. Don't miss out! Stop by and pick up an application or send resume to pfistershandworks@yahoo.com, 970-349-6731. (12/4/46).

EXPERIENCED CARPENTER WANTED for multiple projects over next 2 years. Framing and trim work capabilities. 970-596-0968. (11/20/16).

ALPINE EXPRESS Seasonal RTA Bus Driver, CDL. Must have a clean driving record and be drug-free, \$21.50/hour. Email resume to jobs@letsride.co. (11/20/23).

EMPLOYMENT

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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, jeasley@crestedbutte-co.gov. (12/4/111).

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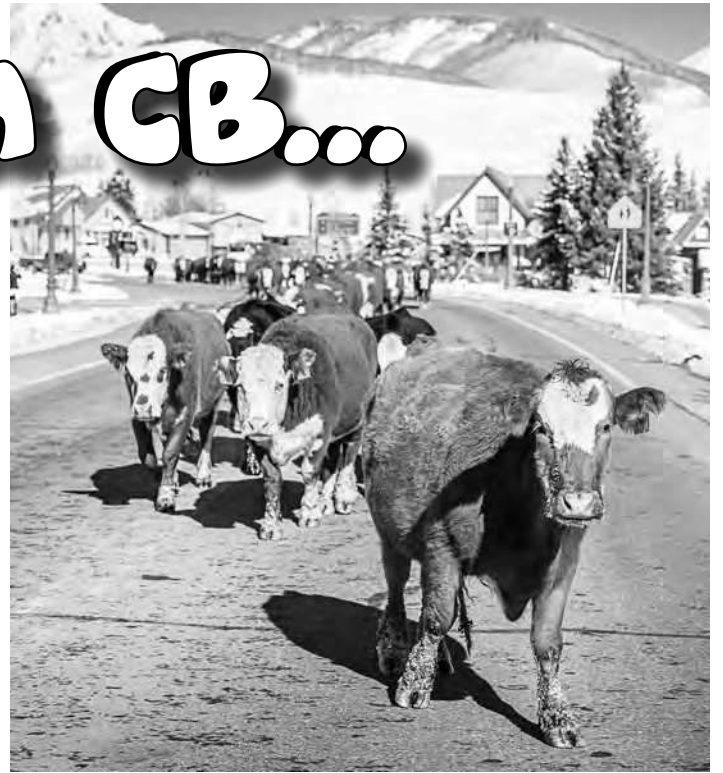
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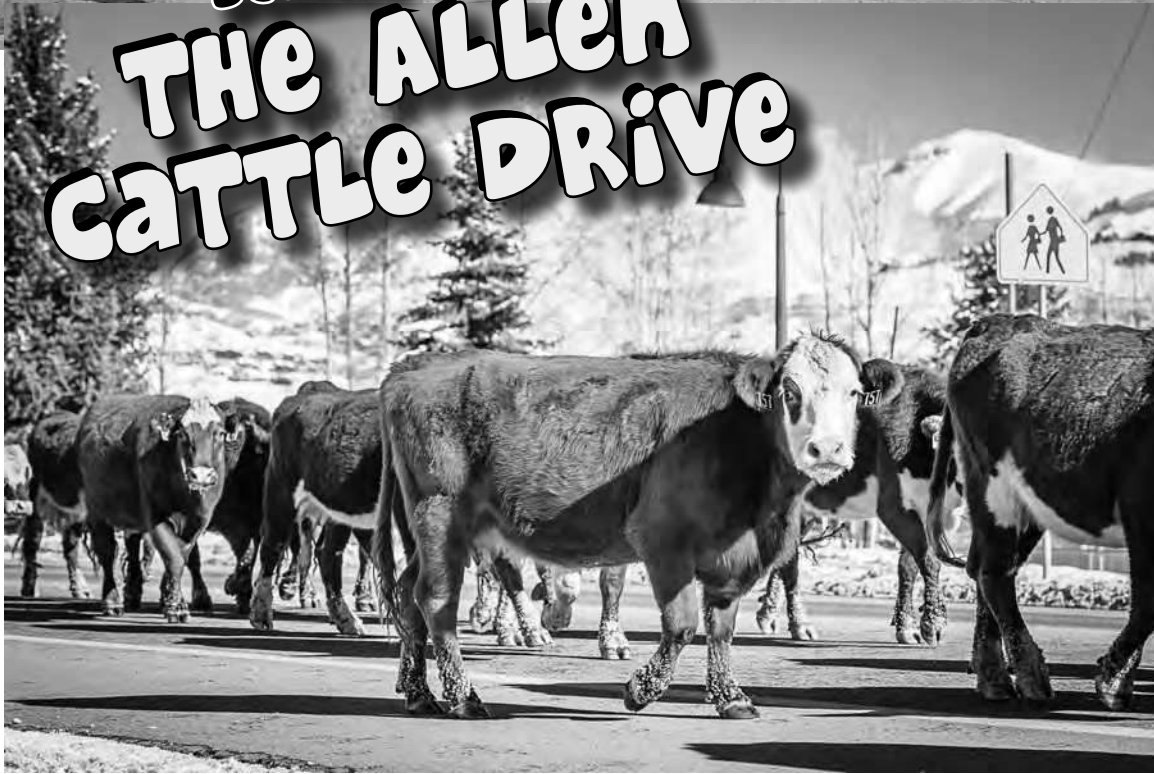
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Gunnison Valley Health EMS and physician win state awards

Gunnison Valley Health's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Shay Krier M.D., Gunnison Valley Health EMS medical director and emergency medical physician, have been recognized at the state level for EMS Ambulance Service of the Year and Physician Excellence in EMS by the Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado.

The EMS Ambulance Service of the Year Award honors an ambulance service that has become a leader in patient care, medical control, quality assurance, training and public education.

The Dr. Valentin E. Wohlauer Award for Physician Excellence in EMS is presented to a physician who has made a substantial contribution to the advancement of EMS in Colorado.

The awards were announced at the 48th Annual Colorado State EMS Conference, held virtually November 5-7.

Gunnison Valley Health's EMS chief CJ Malcolm said the state award recognition reflects the team's commitment and dedication to continual support of the Gunnison Valley community.

"As first responders, we are passionate about helping our community and saving lives," Malcolm said. "To be recognized as EMS Ambulance Service of the Year in Colorado is an enormous achievement, especially during a pandemic year."

Malcolm added that Dr. Shay Krier was instrumental in providing the leadership to advance the EMS service forward and is delighted he was awarded the Dr. Valentin E. Wohlauer Award for Physician Excellence in EMS.

"Dr. Krier provides the expertise, knowledge and guidance from a physician's perspective to drive our EMS service to excellence," he said. "This award is very well-deserved and we are thrilled his

leadership to deliver exceptional care has been recognized as the best in the state."

Gunnison Valley Health EMS provides the community with many services other than transfers to and from the hospital. The team has gone above and beyond to embed themselves within the community through their participation in Gunnison Valley's Incident Command, reorganizing the administration of dispatch and being proactive in community education. With a response perimeter of 4,400 square miles, the 24/7 staff is trained to respond to all medical emergencies including rescue hazards.

The Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado vice president and Crested Butte Fire Protection District CEO Sean Caffrey said that Gunnison Valley Health EMS and Dr. Krier clearly deserve this recognition.

"Of the 200+ ambulance organizations in the state, Gunnison Valley Health EMS has an enormous service area, provides outstanding care at the highest level, and is an excellent partner in the community," Caffrey said. "Furthermore, Dr. Krier is an exemplary medical director who is actively engaged, works closely with the EMTs and paramedics under his supervision and serves as a role model to physicians statewide."

Gunnison Valley Health's CEO Rob Santilli said being honored at a state level for EMS Ambulance Service of the Year and Physician Excellence in EMS demonstrates the team's ability to deliver exceptional services to our community.

"To be the best in the state is an outstanding achievement," Santilli said. "I'm very proud of Dr. Krier and the EMS team for delivering extraordinary care and supporting community efforts to make a positive difference to the lives of many."



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