



## **CRESTED BUTTE LIBRARY**

Join the Crested Butte Library at Kochevrs (127 Elk Ave.) on Tuesday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. for a monthly dose of Philosophy on Tap. We will draft a few brews and engage in a philosophical conversation about: Does the anonymity of the Internet change an individual's moral responsibilities? Call 970-349-6535 or email [alex@gunnisoncountylibraries.org](mailto:alex@gunnisoncountylibraries.org) for more information.

Join us for a, family-friendly, holiday-themed "Game Night" at the Crested Butte Library on Friday December 15, starting at 6:00 p.m. In addition to our regular games, we'll celebrate the season with cookie decorating, cocoa and comedy! We'll decorate cookies and drink cocoa while we play games, such as Apples to Apples, Harry Potter Chess, Candy Land, King of Tokyo, and others. Then at 7:30 p.m. we'll start the movie Elf (PG, 1 hr 37 min) on the big screen upstairs. So put on your elf ears, grab a mug and head over to Old Rock to have some holiday fun!! Call 970-349-6535 or email [alex@gunnisoncountylibraries.org](mailto:alex@gunnisoncountylibraries.org) for more information.

## **USDA FOREST SERVICE**

### **NEW CHRISTMAS TREE VENDORS IN PAONIA AREA**

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests announces the addition of three Christmas tree permit vendors:

Paonia Flower Shop - Monday-Friday 9:00a.m - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m. Paonia, CO. 970-527-4664

Desperado General Store - Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Crawford, CO. 970-921-5655

Creamery Arts Center - Tuesday – Saturday 11:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Hotchkiss, CO. 970-872-4848

Each Christmas tree permit entitles the purchaser to one tree for personnel use, and cost \$8 with a limit of five per household. Trees are available in most areas of the GMUG National Forests with exceptions for wilderness areas, scenic pullouts, commercial timber sales areas, recreation and ski areas, campgrounds, trailheads, developed sites and administrative areas, within 100 feet of a road or trail, or as otherwise detailed in the package provided with your permit.

## **GMUG NATIONAL FORESTS HIRING SEASONAL FIRE POSITIONS**

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests will be hiring for its seasonal fire positions starting December 15. There are multiple openings in dispatch and on engine, fuels, and hand crews. Vacant positions are located in Grand Junction, Norwood, Montrose, Collbran, and Gunnison. All applicants must apply to the specific vacancy announcements that will be posted on <http://www.usajobs.gov/>. Announcements will close on December 21, 2017, so frequent checking of the USAJOB site is encouraged. Prospective applicants can check the GMUG Website (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/gmug>) under the "About the Forest" and "Employment" tabs for potential openings along with guides for applying to Forest Service jobs.

## **CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DECEMBER 17**

For 118 years conservation minded volunteers across the country have taken a day out of the busy Christmas season to get outside, have some fun and gather important scientific data. This year the Christmas Bird Count in Gunnison will be held on Sunday, December 17. Citizen scientists in Gunnison have been contributing to this effort since 1973. Local organizer, Arden Anderson, will start the day with a meeting at 7:30 a.m. in Room 130 of Hurst Hall on the WSCU campus to explain the process and assign teams to cover portions of the count circle around Gunnison. The groups will then spread out to record all the birds they can find. Volunteers are encouraged to dress appropriately, bring a lunch, water and sunscreen along with their binoculars and bird books. Anderson said that volunteers of all levels

are welcome to join the effort. Folks who are still learning to identify birds are paired with more experienced birders who will help them hone their skills. The group will finish the day with a chili potluck to compile the results and share stories of their adventures.

If you can't join them in the field, Anderson noted that there are other ways to contribute to the effort. "Food is scarce for birds during the winter in Gunnison," he explained. "Many of the birds we find are congregated around bird feeders. So if you have a feeder we encourage you to make sure it is filled on the 17." If you are confident in identifying the birds you see at your feeders you can record the numbers for each species you see and call them in to Anderson at the end of the day. For further information you can contact Anderson at 970 901-5739 or email at [kankan@frontier.net](mailto:kankan@frontier.net)

## **TELLURIDE INSTITUTE**

### **ALYA HOWE JOINS LOCAL POETS AT TALKING GOURDS**

Alya Howe of Carbondale is an amazing poet who will join locals Peter Waldor of Telluride, Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer of Placerville and Art Goodtimes of Norwood for a special group reading at the Talking Gourds Poetry Club this month.

The reading begins at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday December 19 at the Telluride Arts Gallery and Offices, 135 West Pacific, across the street from the Wilkinson Library entrance. Poetry Club announcements are followed by the featured performance.

Then, following a short break, the gourd is passed and everyone has a chance to read a poem or two (their own, or one from a favorite poet) that speaks to the theme this holiday season, "Making Light."

British born, Alya Howe has won awards for her dance, poetry and performance art, and has performed her work solo and with companies throughout the US and Europe. That includes dancing with the Kei Takei and the Jose Limon Dance Company, and improvising for tabla legend Zakir Hussein.

Having relocated from teaching at the State Ballet School in Greece to join Danceteller of Philadelphia and to teach at the Laban Institute in New York City, Howe eventually moved to the Roaring Fork Valley to raise her daughter and transition from a hectic performing career.

Founder of Under Alya's Umbrella, a performing arts organization which is part of Carbondale's Creative District, she runs three local performing arts series: the Poetry Brothel, Writ Large, and the Salon of Aspen. Recently she has been artist residence at Carbondale's Launch Pad, where she had sell-out performances for her Dance Initiative-commissioned works, "Vacuum" and "the HEaRD".

Alya presented dance, storytelling and poetry at the recent Colorado Creative Industries Summit, and she was a featured poet at local events: 5Point Film Festival, WildFest and Mountain Fair. She began a new collaboration with Thunder River Theatre Company's director Corey Simpson to open in the early fall called "Dead Man's Cell Phone."

Her dream is to create a small mountain town performing arts circuit giving local performers the opportunity to perform around the region. For more info, visit [www.alyahowe.org](http://www.alyahowe.org)

Waldor is a San Miguel County Poet Laureate emeritus, and Trommer and Goodtimes are co-directors of the Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds poetry program.

Having hosted Avon's Jodie Hollander and Luis Lopez of Grand Junction and Val Szarek of Louisville for the fall Traveling Gourds Tour in September and October the program has reverted back to its Telluride-only Poetry Club venue at the Telluride Arts Gallery as we move into the winter season. Tracy Lindsey was our special guest before Thanksgiving, and played to a delighted audience in Telluride.

On line for the new year are Elissa Dickson January 23 and Daiva Chesonis & Craig Childs, February 20. The Traveling Gourds Tour will have its final appearance in March with Jennifer Rane Hancock of Grand Junction. Then, after taking our usual summer break, we will continue our regular Poetry Club readings in Telluride starting in September.

Simultaneously, we will be exploring special guest readings throughout the year, with planning underway for a Western Slope visit from California's Claire Blotter in April. In May, we will host the winners of the Fischer Prize poetry competition at the Telluride Literary Arts Festival.

Submissions for the 2018 Fischer Prize are now being accepted at [talkinggourds.weebly.com/fischer-prize.html](http://talkinggourds.weebly.com/fischer-prize.html)

## **DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES**

## **“FREE LUNCH SEMINARS” DRAW CEASE AND DESIST ORDER FROM COLORADO SECURITIES COMMISSIONER**

Colorado Securities Commissioner Gerald Rome has issued a cease and desist order to William Clyde Scott and his company Legacy Planning Masters, Inc., both of Colorado Springs, for alleged violations of the Colorado Securities Act related to free lunch events where Scott solicited investors with promises of maximizing retirement funds. The order lists violations of the Act in the form of misrepresentation and omission of material facts and solicitation and sale of unregistered, nonexempt securities.

The Division of Securities, part of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), alleged that in 2009 Scott convinced investors to turn over investment funds, at least one of whom was solicited through Legacy’s free lunch event titled, “A Cruise to a Better Life,” in exchange for promissory notes. Scott told investors he would increase their assets through undisclosed “estate transfers” and “giftings” to unnamed non-profits.

However, in pursuit of these investor funds, the Division alleged that Scott failed to disclose to potential and actual investors that he had previously been sued by a Colorado investor over the loss of \$80,000 in funds, and from which he still owes on a judgement of over \$225,000. Further, Scott failed to disclose that he used the majority of the funds from investors on personal expenses unrelated to their investment.

“While not all seminars that offer free meals in exchange for listening to a presentation or pitch are fraudulent, we strongly caution investors when attending such events,” stated Commissioner Rome. “Something about the setting and receiving a free meal elicits a need to reciprocate by handing over funds to whoever makes the pitch, and this can be particularly dangerous for investors already in retirement years who can ill afford to lose money.”

Scott and Legacy Planning Masters agreed to the entry of the order without admitting or denying the Division’s allegations. The Order requires them to immediately cease all conduct in violation of the Colorado Securities Act.

## **DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES**

### **SIMPLE STEPS FOR SAFE AND SECURE HOLIDAY SHOPPING**

With less than a month of shopping left for the holiday season, consumers turn to the quickest and most efficient ways to shop under short deadlines. Holiday shoppers make a large number of purchases during Black Friday and Cyber Monday. According to an October 2017 report by Harris Poll, despite our good intentions, consumers who shopped during the holiday season were not only at a higher risk of incurring a higher amount of debt, but they also made costly mistakes by shopping in a vulnerable environment.

Approximately 47% of our holiday shopping occurs between November 28 and December 23. The Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) wants consumers to pay attention during the holiday shopping season to avoid unintended costly and unintended consequences. Here are some quick tips and tricks to follow during the holiday season:

Budget for your expenses so you do not place yourself in recurring debt after the holidays.

When shopping online, ensure you are using secure websites. Hackers and scammers can create duplicate websites that mimic your trusted retailer.

Check the authenticity of the website by going directly to the company website for a direct link versus searching online for the retailer.

You will never be asked for your PIN number online, do not enter it for any reason. PIN numbers give scammers and thieves direct access your banking information.

Report any suspicious activity on your account or card immediately.

Make sure the seller has a listed address or toll-free number that you can contact if you are not satisfied with your purchase.

If purchasing an item online, never send cash. The safest way to make a purchase online is through credit card.

Follow these simple steps during the holiday season to ensure you keep the gift of giving safe and fun. Happy holidays!

About the Division of Banking: The Division of Banking protects the public interest and preserves public trust in the Colorado banking industry by regulating the business of state-chartered commercial banks and trust companies, state licensed money transmitters and enforcing the Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA).

# DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## Forest Service Approves Telluride Ski Resort Improvements

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Environmental Assessment for proposed improvements at the Telluride Ski Resort (TSR) has been signed by Forest Supervisor Scott Armentrout. "We are excited to see all of these great improvements coming to fruition," said Armentrout. The decision gives TSR approval to begin implementation of projects located within the boundaries of their Special Use Permit.

The proposed improvements, part of TSR's 2017 Master Development Plan, include lift upgrades and replacements to the Village Express (Lift 4), Plunge (Lift 9), and Sunshine Express (Lift 10) lifts, a snowmaking compressor house, a restaurant at the top of the Sunshine Express lift, a bathroom facility at the top of the Village Express lift, a canopy tour, and new mountain bike trails in the vicinity of the Village Express lift.

The improvements will allow TSR and the Forest Service to

## CENTER FOR THE ARTS CRESTED BUTTE

### CENTER STAGE

### LIVE MUSIC & SHOWS

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's Wild & Swingin' Holiday Party: Monday, December 18. 8:00 p.m. Early Bird through December 11: \$40. Regular: \$45

Bring a fun and quirky beat to your winter celebrations with an energetic big band sound of holiday classics and originals from Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. These multi-platinum selling artists have been at the forefront of the swing revival since the nineties, vibrantly fusing the traditional American sounds of jazz, swing and Dixieland with the spirit of contemporary culture. Taking inspiration from the creators of this uniquely American art form, the band's original horn-drenched music and legendary high velocity shows convert modern audiences while remaining cognizant and respectful of the music's rich legacy. They've played such auspicious venues as the Rockefeller Center, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and the Super Bowl XXXIII Halftime Show. For this special holiday party they take a rockin' sleigh ride from Chuck Berry's "Run, Run Rudolph" and Elvis Presley's "Blue Christmas," to renditions of classics such as a New Orleans-infused "Frosty the Snowman," making multiple stops through their originals such as "Rockabilly Christmas."

## ORSON WELLES 1939 THE MERCURY THEATRE ON THE AIR'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Wednesday, December 20 & Saturday, December 23. 7:30 p.m. \$18 (adult), \$10 (under 14), \$8 (lab members)

The lab brings holiday magic to the stage this December with Orson Welles' classic 1939 re-telling of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, made famous by Welles and The Mercury Theatre on the Air. The lab recreates on stage the time honored live-radio broadcast of the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge. Set in 1939, local actors give dramatic voice to the characters, setting the scene in period costume and using vintage microphones with live sound effects and carolers supporting the voices to draw you back in time. Featuring: Jack Gibbons, David Russell, Benjamin Sexe, Mary Tuck, Rich Driscoll, Shelley Popke, Kristen Joyce, and Cash Lamar, under the direction of Kathleen Mary, founder and director of the lab. This performance is made possible through a grant from the Crested Butte Creative District and with support from the Center for the Arts Crested Butte. All ages welcome. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Show at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets available at Rumors Coffee & Tea House / Townie Books at 414 Elk Avenue (cash, check and credit card) and at the door the night of the show, with cash, check, and credit card and at the door the night of the show (cash and check only). For more information contact director Kathleen Mary at 480-467-8280; kleenmary@yahoo.com or www.facebook.com/thelabprojectcb

## THE GRINCH HOLIDAY MOVIE & PAJAMA PARTY

Friday, December 22. 5:00 p.m. Free

"It came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes, or bags! He puzzled and puzzled till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more!" Come celebrate the true gifts of Christmas with loved ones at the Center in a special holiday screening of The Grinch, the 2000 full length feature film rendition of Dr. Seuss' famous 1957 classic How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Enter the magical world of Whoville as the Center's lobby is transformed. Be sure to come at 5:00 p.m. as Santa Claus will be on hand for photos and there'll be plenty of hot chocolate for everyone. Be ready to belt your finest Christmas carols with lyrics on the big screen. Then, at 6:00 p.m. the movie begins. Let your heart grow three sizes – just like the Grinch – as you join in this warming holiday tradition

with your family and community. Doors & Santa: 5:00 p.m. Film: 6:00 p.m.

### **ART STUDIO**

111 Elk Avenue in Crested Butte; 970-349-7044; melissa@crestedbuttearts.org. Reserve the Art Studio for private Paint Your Own Pottery, art lessons; art events and parties; or for a Shared Artist Space.

### **OPEN WHEEL THROWING**

Wednesday, December 20. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. \$75

Try your hand at throwing on the wheel or brush up your skills in altering, hand-building and sculpting. With weekly three-hour sessions, take one class or several! Space is limited to three students per session, so reserve in advance. With a small class size, multiple levels can be taught simultaneously, so those with more experience can additionally opt to work on a variety of glazing techniques. Held on Wednesdays, December 20 through March 28. If Wednesdays do not work for you, call The Art Studio to arrange a lesson on another day of the week. Ages 12 and up. Instructor: Laura Elm.

### **PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY**

Tuesday, December 19. 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Open painting days are strategically placed before major holidays like Christmas, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day so you have plenty of time to paint gifts and ship them off, have decorations ready, or paint purely for the fun of it! Pieces are ready two days after painting. December 19 session held at Spellbound Pizza in Mt. Crested Butte from p.m. Just drop in! No need to sign up or call in advance. Prices range from \$5 - \$55. Pay only for what you paint.

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### **WATERCOLOR & WINE**

### **HOLIDAY GREETING CARD**

Wednesday, December 20. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. \$40

Be guided step-by-step through a watercolor painting from start to finish, giving instruction on setting up to paint, wash and watercolor painting techniques, composition and more. Held in the Center for the Arts lobby and bar, wine and wine spritzers are provided to participants 21 and older, so you can relax and create. All watercolor supplies and your first glass of wine or wine spritzer are included. Absolutely no watercolor experience is necessary! Instructor: Suzanne Pierson. Held one Wednesday a month, December through March with rotating topics.

### **SONOFAGUNN GUNNY NIGHT LIVE**

### **COMMERCIAL SPONSORSHIPS!**

Are you a local business looking for creative ways to market to the community? Look no further. Buy a commercial ad in the Gunny Night Live play this coming March and see your business on stage in a hilarious SNL commercial. Spaces are limited! Contact Alysa at alysa@gunnisonartscenter.org for your commercial spot today!

### **CULINARY & VINTNER ARTS**

### **ARTFUL HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING**

Thursday, December 14. 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. \$85

Learn expert cookie decorating techniques using Royal Icing and other fun mediums. This class is perfect for anyone who'd like to up their holiday cookie skills or impress at your next holiday cookie exchange. Students leave class with at least a dozen gorgeous finished cookies, in addition to a variety of professional techniques that transforms your standard "decorated" cookies into true works of art. Each student will also leave with the supplies used at class, including fine frosting tips and couplers, so you can repeat your newly

learned skills at home. Ages 12 and up are welcome! Instructor: Pastry Chef Danielle Riesz Gutter.

## **CRESTED BUTTE FILM FESTIVAL CROWN HEIGHTS**

Thursday, December 21. 7:00 p.m. \$10

This is the true story of Colin Warner who was wrongfully convicted of murder and spent 20 years in prison, and how his best friend, Carl King, devoted his life to proving Colin's innocence. It won the "Audience Award for U.S. Dramatic Film" at its premier at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival. Starring Lakeith Lee Stanfield and Nnamdi Asomugha.

### **GALLERY SHOWS**

#### **LAURA ELM & MARY TUCK**

Laura Elm and Mary Tuck, two talented local artists and art instructors, show beautiful unique pieces with style and soul – gift-able, stupendous and small cards, prints, pottery, jewelry, and ornaments to inspire and adorn your household, yourself or to delight dear friends! Stop by for a variety of colorful, whimsical, original and one of a kind pieces of art. Show runs December 15 – June 15. Artist Reception: Friday, December 29. 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. during ArtWalk. At the Art Studio Gallery.

#### **THE GRINCH'S WHOVILLE**

The Piper Lobby Gallery is transformed into a whimsical "Whoville" exhibition with Dr. Seuss inspired characters and magical scenery. It all sets the stage for a screening of the 2000 full length feature film The Grinch at the Center's free Holiday Movie & Pajama Party on Friday, December 22 at 6:00 p.m. with carol singing, hot chocolate and visits with Santa. Show runs December 11 – 25. At the Piper Gallery.

### **GIVE CREATIVELY**

The Art Studio and Culinary & Vintner Arts departments of the Center for the Arts are participating in the first annual "Give Creatively" campaign in partnership with the Crested Butte Creative District with 15% off gift certificates for classes purchased through December 31. Looking to give something signature and special this holiday? Something meaningful and thoughtful? Visit [www.cbcreativedistrict.org/give-creatively](http://www.cbcreativedistrict.org/give-creatively) for a list of Creatives and Creative Businesses in the valley with one-of-a-kind goods and experiences including locally produced goods, tickets to live shows and more - many with discounts and promotions. Also look for the "Give Creatively" poster at area businesses. Don't spend your holiday shopping dollars afar - support our local cultural producers and Give Creatively this Holiday Season! More information at [cbcreativedistrict@gmail.com](mailto:cbcreativedistrict@gmail.com).

### **TICKET INFO**

All tickets now on sale. For comprehensive event information and tickets visit [www.crestedbuttearts.org](http://www.crestedbuttearts.org); 970-349-7487; The Center at 606 Sixth Street in Crested Butte from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; or find us on Facebook.

## **CRESTED BUTTE NORDIC**

It's not too late to join the Masters Training Group (and there's enough snow to do it too.) What is it?

Masters Training is an affordable program for adults looking to ski faster by learning to ski more efficiently. The program runs from December through March. We currently have over 50 people signed up that want to become better nordic skiers and get outside and be active!

4 Groups to Choose From

**Novice skiers** wanting basic technique coaching and fitness skiing. Fun drills, then technique tips during comfortable intervals and continuous skiing.

**Athletes** that ski a couple times a week but want to ski faster and more efficiently.

**Strong, fit skiers** with decent technique who want to ski better and faster, especially for the Alley Loop. Intervals and continuous skiing are the core workout with technique tips and video during the intervals.

**Racers** who want a hard workout while getting specific instruction for more efficient technique and ski specific strength and endurance. Workouts will be designed to build endurance and sound technique early in the season, with peaking intervals during leading up to the Alley Loop and other late season races.

Skiers may change groups any time and can even ski in one group for classic and a different group for skate. You may even choose

your group during warmup based on how you feel that day. Skiers may come to as many, or as few sessions as they want.

Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. - Warm and Sunny Session

We start with a warm up integrating the technique focus for the day. We then break into 4 groups for individualized coaching and skiing. Each group will do technique skills and fast skiing appropriate for ability and fitness. Our emphasis is on skiing faster by skiing better and is “coaching lite” – minimal talking, lot’s of coaching while skiing and trail-side video during most workouts.

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Gotta Work Session

2 coaches and continuous skiing to stay warm. A short warm up, then steady intervals with video at every session.

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - Nordic Specific Strength at CORE. Focus specifically on the muscles used to ski faster and more efficiently. November 29 - January 24.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. - Easy Distance for Early Risers

Long, slow distance skiing with coaches skiing amongst the group offering tips on the fly. A really nice social ski with a stop at the Yurt Bistro on the way out.

Sunday 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Easy Distance for Warm Sunny Skiers. Same as above but a little later.

Monday 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Yoga for Nordic Skiers at Yoga for the Peaceful designed to recover and restore ski muscles for the week ahead, increase flexibility and balance for better glide and improve core stability.

Coaching Staff 6 passionate coaches with strong backgrounds in teaching, racing, and sharing a love of the Nordic culture. 2 Swedes, 2 New Englanders, 2 PSIA certified, 2 World Champions, 1 Alley Loop Champion. And, occasional Celebrity Guest Coaches visiting Crested Butte.

## **CENTER’S FULL WINTER SEASON ANNOUNCED**

The Center for the Arts Crested Butte announces its Winter Season with a celebratory 17 concerts in a wide-sweeping variety of genres. Blues, jazz, rock, bluegrass, singer songwriter, Americana, funk and more will be featured on the Center Stage with Grammy-winning masters, up and coming hot shots, and returning faves and sell-outs.

Kicking off the season are the big band sounds of Big Bad Voodoo Daddy bringing their “Wild & Swingin’ Holiday Party” to the Center Stage on December 18. They’ve got a highly energetic and highly unconventional repertoire of holiday classics and originals with quirky touches of blues, calypso, rockabilly, jazz, swing and beyond to ring in winter right.

Highlighting the season is Father of Newgrass, King of Telluride, and ferocious legendary mandolin master Sam Bush (March 14). Three-time Grammy winner and “Lifetime Achievement” recipient from the Americana Music Association, Sam’s stylistic innovations have changed the course of bluegrass.

Lilting towards folk and Americana, Crested Butte favorite Elephant Revival (March 21 & 22) returns for two nights. Here you find the moan of the blues, the lyricism of the folk ballad, the elegant bones of the chamber piece. Their newest endeavors explore uncharted territory, breaking sonic recipes and adventuring into a haunting, evocative and mysterious sound.

Looping scientist Keller Williams (March 8) concocts his “electro-hippie acoustic downtempo” live on stage with no pre-recordings, no limitations, and an unpredictable legendary performance.

Named by Rolling Stone as one of the “Top 10 Bassists of All Time,” Victor Wooten (January 20) will most certainly bring down the house as the revolutionary of intricate jazz melodies, R&B arrangements and groove-inducing funk.

Chris Robinson Brotherhood (February 15 & 16) keeps sellin’ out the house so we’ve brought them back for another double header. Boasting a long, historic and seismic career as one of rock music’s most prolific and successful songwriters and frontmen, Robinson brings shimmering acid-Americana to the world.

Further orbiting in the worlds of blues and rock, experience the golden era of rock and roll legends Led Zeppelin through the longest tenured, most critically acclaimed tribute band – Zoso (February 11) - of one of the most influential musical powerhouses in rock history. Tinsley Ellis (March 12) is one of the most revered, respected and well-travelled southern blues-rock guitarists, playing with unbridled grit and soul.

Jazz aficionados will be thrilled and inspired by the Lao Tizer Band (December 30), a contemporary jazz group driven by an explosive mix of jazz, rock, classical, jam band, Afro Cuban and world rhythms. This scintillating five-piece, multi-cultural band creates

dynamic instrumental music rich with fresh melodic, harmonic and improvisational possibilities. Jazz trumpeter Mark Rapp (March 30) is a superb interpreter of the standard principles of jazz, while pioneering compelling grooves and sultry nuances with unordinary approaches and a seemingly endless array of ideas.

Bluegrass fans can further rejoice as there is plenty this season even beyond these heaviest of hitters to get your boot stompin' hootenanny on. Westword named Trout Steak Revival (December 28) "Best Bluegrass Band" in 2016 and 2017, and the International Bluegrass Music Association nominated them "Momentum Band of the Year" in 2016. Head for the Hills' (February 2) defies expectation incorporating rock, jazz, hip hop, world and folk into a progressive acoustic and modern roots. The Drunken Hearts (January 27) flaunt a greasy country rock flecked with a touch of bluegrass barn dance wafting with Allman Brothers nuances and rowdy guitar riffs.

And in a league of his own, Crested Butte native son and singer songwriter Jackson Melnick (January 5), performing as Jack Gwydion, speaks to the modern day and timeless mysteries of the heart with Dylan-esque lyrics and a seriousness that exhibits a power far beyond his years.

As wide as our array of musical genres is the variety of ticket prices to fit every pocket book - from \$45 to \$65, with many in the \$20 and \$25 range.

## **UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE**

### **U.S. FOREST SERVICE RELEASES FEDERAL COAL LEASE MODIFICATIONS DECISION**

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest Supervisor Scott Armentrout signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for Federal Coal Lease Modifications COC-1362 & COC-67232. The ROD outlines Armentrout's decision to consent to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) modifying two federal coal leases with terms and conditions to protect forest resources. Ark Land, LLC and Mountain Coal Company, LLC requested the modifications to expand their existing coal leases by a total 1,720 acres located near Somerset, Colorado.

Armentrout made the decision after carefully considering the contents of the SFEIS, public comments, agency response to comments, public concerns, objections, and the Reviewing Officer's response to objections.

Coal mining is a multi-staged process involving multiple federal and state agencies. The next step in the process is for the BLM to decide whether or not to modify the leases based on Armentrout's decision. BLM is also considering whether or not to permit on-lease exploration once the leases are issued as described in the SFEIS which would result in surface-disturbing activities.

Armentrout's decision to modifying the leases does not authorize mining or surface disturbing activities. These activities, including actual modification of the leases, mining operations, and on-lease exploration, are handled in separate and sequential approval and permitting processes by appropriate state and federal agencies.

The Federal Coal Lease Modifications COC-1362 & COC-67232 Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) and draft were released on Thursday, September 7, 2017. The 45-day objection period began on Friday, September 8 and closed at midnight on Monday, October 23, 2017, followed by an objection review period and a resolution meeting.

## **GUNNISON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

### **PRELIMINARY AGENDA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017**

Planning Commission will meet in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room. Gunnison County Courthouse - 2nd Floor, 200 E. Virginia Avenue

8:45 a.m. Call to order; determine quorum, Approval of minutes. Unscheduled citizens: A brief period in which the public is invited to make general comments or ask questions of the Commission or Planning Staff about items which are not scheduled on the day's agenda.

9:00 a.m. APT Brush Creek Road, LLC, work session, focus on transit and water supply/wastewater, request for the development of 240 rental units on the subject parcel. 65% (156) of the units will be deed restricted to qualifying households earning less than 180% of the Area Median Income. The remainder of the units (84) will be free market rental units, located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Brush Creek Road and Highway 135, approximately 1.5 miles south of the Town of Crested Butte. The parcel is approximately 14.29 acres and is legally described as all of land in Section 12, Township 14 South, Range 86 West, 6th p.m., lying south and east of Brush Creek Road, and west of Larkspur Subdivision

LUC-17- 00034 Noon. Lunch.

1:00 p.m. APT Brush Creek Road, LLC, work session continued from the morning



3:00 p.m. - Adjourn.

## **BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON NATIONAL PARK**

### **ANNOUNCES WINTER RANGER PROGRAMS**

Enjoy winter with your friends at Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. Ranger guided programs are designed to help you get started on experiencing the snow. Ski clinics and snowshoe walks are dependent upon snow conditions. Call the South Rim Visitor Center for updates at: 970-249-1914, ext. 423

**Cross Country Ski Clinics:** Saturday, December 30 and Saturday, January 6, 1:00 pm. Learn the basics of cross country skiing. This 2 hour clinic will cover simple striding and gliding and traveling in variable terrain and snow conditions. Meet at South Rim Visitor Center. You must provide your own ski equipment. Reservations required: (970) 249-1914, ext. 423.

**Snowshoe Walks:** January 13 – March 3, Saturdays and Sundays. 10:00 am Saturdays, 1:00 pm Sundays. Meet at South Rim Visitor Center. No special skill is needed to participate in these 1.5 mile walks. Allow 2.5 hours for the program. Snowshoes are available to use, free of charge, for these programs. Reservations required: (970) 249-1914, ext. 423.

**Full Moon Open House:** Wednesday, January 31 and Thursday, February 1. South Rim Visitor Center will be open 4 pm to 9 pm. Experience a moonlit winter night on snowshoes. The visitor center will remain open into the evening to warm up, watch the park film, tour the exhibits and browse the bookstore. Snowshoes are available to use free of charge for self-guided hiking along park snowshoe trails. Hot drinks will be available. Reservations are not required – snowshoe checkouts are first-come, first served.

**Winter Night Skies:** Saturday, February 17 and Saturday, March 17, 7:00 pm. Meet at the South Rim Visitor Center. Join Rangers and the Black Canyon Astronomical Society to learn more about what is happening in the night sky. The evening starts with a special program followed by night sky viewing. If the weather looks cloudy, call (970) 249-1914, ext. 423. Be prepared for cold weather.

The South Rim Visitor Center winter hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm every day (closed Christmas Day). Western National Parks Association provides a bookstore inside the visitor center. A 15% discount is offered on all purchases every Saturday and Sunday through December 24.

## **GLENCOE PRESCRIBED BURN PLANNED FOR UNCOMPAHGRE PLATEAU**

The Norwood Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests is planning to conduct the Glencoe Prescribed Burn, located along 25 Mesa Road, approximately 13 miles northeast of Nucla, CO. Fire crews have identified 312 acres for treatment.

Burn operations will be conducted Tuesday and Wednesday, December 12 and 13. Forecasted weather conditions will allow crews to safely burn around a pine plantation located in the treatment unit. The primary objective for this prescribed burn is to improve wildlife habitat, reduce vegetation (fuels) build-up in the area, and to promote resiliency in the forested area.

Significant planning for this prescribed burn has occurred and one of the most important considerations is for safety of the firefighters and the public. Fire managers have developed detailed prescribed fire plans that dictate conditions, staffing and safety requirements. These plans also provide for obtaining smoke permits from the State. The burns will be ignited only if conditions are conducive to a safe, effective burn and within appropriate smoke dispersal parameters.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information see: [www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health](http://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health)

## **DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES**

### **NEW PETS, OLD PALS REQUIRE HOLIDAY PRECAUTIONS**

December should be filled with fun, frivolity and family. But for pets, the food, decorations, parties and travel that accompany this time of year can add up to unhappy holidays if not properly addressed in advance by their owners.

The Division of Professions and Occupations, which licenses veterinarians in Colorado under the auspices of the Department of Regulatory Agencies, wants pets to remain safe during this hectic season.

Having your veterinary clinic's contact number handy, and if different, 24/7 emergency facility information available is a good initial step.

And, if you're adopting or receiving a pet as a gift and need to locate a licensed veterinarian in your area, you can verify a Colorado professional license and check for any disciplinary actions as part of the selection process by visiting <http://colorado.gov/DORA/licensing>.

But once Fido or Tabby already is part of the family, it's important to get a handle on what can harm them.

Here are a few safety tips, courtesy of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

**Food:** Some of the people-food that can be harmful to pets include chocolate, baked goods or other sweets containing the artificial sweetener xylitol, turkey and turkey skin, table scraps (such as onions, raisins and grapes), and yeast dough. Clear food from the table and serving areas and place the trash bin where pets can't access it. The ASPCA has a Poison Control Hotline in place if you believe your pet has ingested something it shouldn't and is in distress (sudden behavior change, depression, pain, vomiting, or diarrhea).

**Decorations:** Unsecured Christmas trees, water additives for Christmas trees, ornaments, tinsel, electric lights, flowers and festive plants, candies, and potpourris all can have associated risks.

**Parties:** Ensure your pets have a place away from the commotion. Be mindful of the risks associated with guests bringing other pets into your home if there is a question on how they'll co-exist. Nervous pets should be cordoned off in another room or crate with a favorite toy. And while the guest traffic comes and goes, make sure the door doesn't become an escape route.

**Travel:** Interstate and international regulations require any pets you bring with you to have a health certificate from your veterinarian, even if you are traveling by car. Make sure pets in vehicles are properly restrained and, when traveling by air, speak to your veterinarian about the risks and precautions that should be employed. If boarding your dog while traveling, make sure to discuss with your vet how to protect your pet from contagious disease and whether updates to the pet's vaccines are necessary. For additional information on this topic, please visit <https://www.avma.org>.

## FOREST SERVICE NEWS

Christmas tree permits will be available for purchase at Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) office locations beginning November 14, for personal use. The cost per permit is \$8.00 and may be purchased with cash, check or credit card at National Forest office locations. There is a maximum of five tree permits per person. Permits will be sold starting Nov. 14, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2016 at the Forest Service office locations listed at the end of this press release.

Christmas tree cutting is allowed in most areas on the GMUG National Forests with the following exceptions: Wilderness, scenic pullouts, commercial timber sales areas, recreation and ski areas, campgrounds, trailheads, developed sites and administrative areas and otherwise as detailed in the package provided with your permit. Trees may not be cut within 100 feet of any road or trail. Maps showing where Christmas tree cutting is allowed are available at all offices where permits are sold, and will be provided with permits along with a regulations list.

Trees must be less than 20 feet tall from the stump, may not be greater than 6 inches in diameter at the base of the tree and the stump height should be no greater than 6 inches high. Topping trees is not allowed (i.e. cutting only the top of the tree and leaving the bottom with limbs attached) Trees are for personal use only and cannot be resold. The tags must be attached to the tree at the cutting location and must be left on the tree until it arrives at its final destination.

The GMUG is pleased to continue the 4th Grade Free Christmas Tree Program again this holiday season. Fourth graders are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit through the Every Kid in a Park ("Every Kid") Initiative. Every Kid is a nationwide call to action to build the next generation of conservationists. All fourth graders are eligible to receive a fourth grade pass that allows free access to federal lands and waters across the country for a full year. In support of this initiative, the Forest Service will make available a free Christmas tree permit to every interested fourth grader who presents a 4th Grade Pass or paper voucher at a White River National Forest office location.

Instructions on how to obtain a pass and collect a free tree permit: in order for students to receive a free Christmas tree permit, they must present a valid 4th Grade Pass or paper voucher printed from the Every Kid in a Park website: <https://everykidinapark.gov/>. To earn the voucher, simply visit the website, click on the "Get Your Pass" button and follow the instructions to obtain the voucher. Print out the paper voucher and bring it with you to a District Office or the Supervisor's Office on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests.

The Forest Travel Management Plans and or weather may close various forest roads prior to or on November 30. As a reminder, Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs) have been produced for the entire Forest and show forest roads, trails and areas that have been designated for seasonal closures. Motorized users are responsible for obtaining an MVUM to determine where one can drive, ride and recreate. These maps are free and are available at Ranger Stations or on the Forest website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/gmug>. Snow and

winter conditions will dictate road access for Christmas tree harvesting. Conditions associated with winter travel on forest roads may include, but are not limited to, heavy snow, ice, soft shoulders and constantly changing road conditions.

Permit Sale Locations:

Forest Supervisor's Office, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding weekends and holidays. 2250 Highway 50 Delta, CO 970-874-6600.

Grand Valley Ranger District, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding weekends and holidays 2777 Crossroads Blvd, Suite 1

Grand Junction, CO 81506 970-242-8211.

Ouray Ranger District, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding weekends and holidays 2505 S. Townsend Montrose, CO 970-240-5300.

Gunnison Ranger District, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding weekends and holidays 216 N. Colorado Gunnison, CO 970-641-0471.

Norwood Ranger District, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and holidays. 1150 Forest Norwood, CO 970-327-4261.

Paonia Ranger District, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding weekends and holidays 403 N. Rio Grande Ave. Paonia, CO 970-527-4131.

**VENDORS:**

Valley Ranch-Monday thru Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Sunday 8:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Collbran, CO 970-487-3000.

Murdoch's-Monday thru Saturday 7:30 a.m.to 7:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Clifton, CO 70-523-7515.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION  
BEGINS HIRING FOR 2018 FIELD SEASON**

**OVER 900 JOBS AVAILABLE ACROSS NATIONAL FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS IN  
COLORADO, KANSAS, NEBRASKA, SOUTH DAKOTA AND WYOMING**

The Rocky Mountain Region of the U.S. Forest Service announced today the availability of over 900 temporary jobs for the 2018 field season throughout national forests and grasslands in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Temporary jobs are available in a variety of exciting and rewarding occupations such as fire, trails, forestry, engineering, wildlife, recreation, fisheries, archeology and administrative support.

Job seekers can apply for temporary jobs through USAJOBS during these time frames: December 15-21, 2017: Wildland fire jobs and other early season temporary jobs.

January 26-February 1, 2018: Recreation, fisheries, forestry, engineering, and other jobs.

Temporary job opportunities are searchable online at [www.fs.usda.gov/main/r2/jobs](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r2/jobs). Job seekers can apply through USAJOBS during the applicable time frames at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). Temporary and permanent job opportunities can also be found online at: <https://fsoutreach.gdcii.com/Outreach>. Below are resume tips and application resources to support job seekers in applying for jobs with the Rocky Mountain Region.

Resume Tips. Include all required information (e.g., name, address, previous work history with dates and hours worked per week, etc.) Tailor your resume to each job announcement, Spell out acronyms, Be honest, Write clear and concise statements, Use active verbs, Proofread your resume.

Application Resources, Tips for Applicants, USAJOBS Resource Center, How to Apply Video.

The Forest Service is a federal agency under the U.S. Department of Agriculture that manages 193 million acres of land, roughly the size of Texas. The Rocky Mountain Region includes 17 national forests and seven national grasslands located in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

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