



NEWS PRESS RELEASES **GUNNISON LIBRARY**

Join a supportive community of writers at the Gunnison Library's monthly 3rd Thursday Writing Group on Thursday, October 19th at 6:30 p.m. Bring in your written work and receive constructive peer critiques. Writing prompts and exercises are also offered to help get the creative juices flowing. All abilities or interest levels are welcome. For more information call 970-641-3485.

The Gunnison Library and Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley invite you to the 3rd Civil Discourse series: Civil (Mis) communication: A panel on civil discourse and effective communication through mixed Medias in the digital age. Panelists Chris Dickey, Toni Todd, Rob Strickland. Gunnison Library is located on 307 North Wisconsin. 970-641-3485.

Join local Photographer Matt Burt for a slideshow and travelogue of climbing Kilimanjaro with friends Bill Swift and Mike Tofel this past August. 7:00 p.m. at the Gunnison Library located on 307 North Wisconsin, call 970-641-7684 for more information.

Learn how to use and check out the Telescopes at the Library on Monday October 16 at 7:00 p.m. Volunteer Rob Brown will show you how to use them as well as guide you with what to look for in the night skies. 307 North Wisconsin, call 970-641-3485 for more information.

Learn to winterize your gardens with the experts from Mountain Roots Food Project on Thursday October 12 at 7:00 p.m at the Gunnison Library located on 307 North Wisconsin. For more information call 970-641-3485.

CRESTED BUTTE LIBRARY

Have you ever heard the term mediation and wondered what it meant? Have you ever been in a conflict with a business partner, life partner or someone else and had mediation suggested as a means to resolving the conflict, but you weren't quite sure what it entailed? Then, please plan to attend the "Mediation Workshop" at the Crested Butte Library on Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. Professional mediators, Nancy Bentson Essex and Mary Fisher, will join us as part of Conflict Resolution Month. Nancy & Mary will share with us what the steps of mediation are, and how they could be used as tools to help mediate conflict in our daily lives. They will share both legal and business views of how mediation can be useful for conflict resolution. For more information contact the Library at 970-349-6536 or email lisa@gunnisoncountylibraries.org

GUNNISON ARTS CENTER

October Gallery Openings

Head on out for the October fall ArtWalk. Local Six Points artists will be exhibiting their yearly Silent Auction Exhibit "Six Points' Spirit" in the GAC Main Gallery. Artwork goes on silent auction beginning at 5 pm and will close at 8:00 p.m. Calvin Curry's play will be performed in the Black Box Theatre also this evening. The Annual Community Show "Autumn's Delight" will open in the GAC Upper Gallery, featuring a wide variety of mediums created by all local artists. These exhibits will be on display the whole month of October. October 6. 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

3RD ANNUAL HEADWATERS POETRY FESTIVAL

The 3rd annual Poetry festival showcases the poetry of western Colorado and offers an inspiring collection of readings, panel discussions and workshops. Speakers and teachers include several local and visiting poets who focus more on fiction, creative nonfiction and journalism in their published work, but who also write and enjoy poetry. All writers and readers of poetry, at every level, are welcome. Visit GunnisonArtsCenter.org for full schedule, speaker, and registration info. October 13 – 15.

MOONLIGHT MUSIC SERIES: BRUCE HAYES

Bruce Hayes, with special guests, plays a fusion of musical styles that combines acoustic and electric instrumentation with elements of Rock, Bluegrass, Celtic, and R&B music. Collaborating with The String Cheese Incident and Acoustic Junction, Hayes helped define the acoustic jam band sound. He continues this tradition performing original songs and arrangements on Mandolin, Guitar, Dobro, foot board and his latest creation, the Stratobassto. Tickets: \$12/general admission, \$10/members + students. October 18. Doors 7:30p.m., Concert 8:00 p.m.

CHARCOALS & CHAMPAGNE

There is no better combination than art and champagne! For this AND Series, Enid Holden will guide us through an easy and exciting charcoal drawing while enjoying champagne cocktails. At the end you will have a completed drawing to take home and display. \$40/person includes 2 drinks, light apps, supplies and instruction. SPECIAL: Sign 4 up for the price of 3. Pre-registrations required. October 19. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

WESTERN SWING & WHISKEY

Explore one of Colorado's hottest dance styles in this exciting Dance AND Series event. Enjoy good company while learning country swing two-step basics and sipping on a selection of refreshing whiskey cocktails. Couples and individuals welcome. GAC Outdoor Courtyard (weather permitting). Instructors: Tyler Lull and Victoria Goedjen. \$20/individual, \$37/couple includes two drinks, light apps and instruction. October 20. 7:00 p.m.– 9:30 p.m.

OCTOBER TEEN CLASSES AT THE GAC

In coordination with Gunnison Hangouts Teen Program, the GAC is offering a wonderful selection of classes just for high school ages 14 - 18! Pre-registration is required and students can register at gunnisonartscenter.org, in person or over the phone.

GET INTO IT!

Watercolor runs for a two day class on October 18 & 25 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

CELL PHONE PHOTO TOUR

With Allan Ivy is on Saturday, October 21 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

HIP HOP

With Miss Alexandria runs for 6 weeks and starts on October 30, 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES

PUC TO HOLD THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON XCEL ENERGY GAS RATE PROPOSAL

DENVER — The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will take public comment in Denver, Pueblo and Grand Junction over the next several weeks on a proposal by Xcel Energy that would raise natural gas rates by \$139 million over the next three years to pay for capital improvements to its natural gas distribution system.

Public comment hearings will be Oct. 17 at the PUC, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, in Denver; Oct. 23 at the Pueblo West Public Library, 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd., in Pueblo West; and Nov. 2 at the Mesa County Central Library, 443 N. 6th St., in Grand Junction. The public comment hearings will begin at 4:00 p.m. and continue until no later than 7:00p.m.

Xcel Energy's proposal, filed in June, also includes rolling into base rates in 2019 about \$93.8 million from the Pipeline System Integrity Adjustment (PSIA) that is being collected through a separate charge on customer bills.

The company is proposing to increase revenues in steps over the course of the three-year plan. If approved as filed, residential customers using 64 therms of natural gas a month would see monthly rates increase by about \$2.73 (6.08 percent) in 2018; \$2.19 (4.58 percent) in 2019; and \$1.74 (3.49 percent) in 2020. The average small commercial customer's bill, based on 291 therms a month, would increase \$10.91 (5.67 percent) in 2018; \$6.97 (3.43 percent) in 2019; and \$6.95 (3.31 percent) in 2020.

Customers who wish to submit written comments about the rate proposal may send them to the PUC at 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, CO, 80202. Comments should be addressed to Docket No. 17AL- 0363G. Customers may also submit email comments to dora_puc_complaints@state.co.us; or use the on-line comment form.

The PUC is a division of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA).

THIS WEEK AT CB NORDIC FREE RENTALS FOR SEASON PASSHOLDERS!

Do you want to try nordic skiing but don't have the right gear? We've got you covered! This year CB Nordic is offering free rentals for season passholders all season long (except for a few days around the holidays). A season of rentals is a \$175 value that we are now giving to anyone who buys a pass. Our passes are 20% at cbnordic.org through October. We will also be offering free skate clinics every Thursday for the month of December and January. That means, for \$200, you can get a pass, equipment, and lessons. There are no more excuses! It's time to get on some nordic skis!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BRIDGES WORK DAY THIS SATURDAY

Each fall, Crested Butte Nordic volunteers and staff install many temporary bridges on the nordic trail system. These bridges allow access to many of our most popular trails. It takes hard work and heavy lifting but many hands make little weight! If you would like to help, meet at the Nordic Center at 8:00 a.m this Saturday, October 14th. Bring gloves, water, boots and waders if you have them. We'll drive you out to the trailhead and work most of the morning. Then, we'll take you back to CB Nordic and feed you lunch! If you plan on helping, please email kevin@cbnordic.org. If you can't make this work day, we will be having another bridges work day on October 28th.

DO YOU HAVE SKI GEAR TO SELL?

If so, sign up to sell your gear at the Snowsports Swap. You can do so at cbsnowsports.org. By signing up, you will be assigned a seller ID. Then you can drop off your gear on Thursday, November 2nd at the Crested Butte Chamber Parking Lot or the Western Mountaineer Field House in Gunnison from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The swap is a collaboration between Crested Butte Nordic and the Crested Butte Snowsports Foundation and will take place on Friday and Saturday, November 3rd and 4th.

5 REASONS WHY EVERY KID IN CRESTED BUTTE SHOULD GET ON NORDIC SKIS THIS WINTER

1. THEY GET TO SKI FOR FREE!

At CB Nordic, we provide free rental equipment and passes to all kids 17 and under, all the time. Where else can you get your kids on skis for free?

2. THEY CAN SKI AFTER SCHOOL

There's no time to go on the mountain after school but its easy to get over to the Nordic Center and to be on skis just 20 minutes after school is out. By spending more time on skis throughout the week, your kids will become better at Nordic and even improve their Alpine skiing through general fitness and agility.

3. WE'LL TEACH THEM FOR YOU

The Crested Butte Nordic Team offers one day to four day a week programming for ages 5 to 18 for the winter months in Crested Butte. Our offerings are the most affordable Nordic based programs in the state.

4. THEY COME HOME TIRED

Whether its an interval session on the biggest hills, a powder ski in two feet of fresh snow, or game of Foxes and Hounds, your kid is sure to come home tired after a fun afternoon doing the toughest sport there is (don't tell them that).

5. ITS ALL ABOUT FUN

Tough or not, we encourage learning through play. We learn skills with games like ski soccer. We go on adventure skis to places the kids have never been. All of this is done outside, on skis, with friends, and an awesome coach. Sign your kids up for the Crested Butte Nordic team at cbnordic.org

GRAND TRAVERSE TRIPLE CROWN REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Early priority registration for the 2018 Grand Traverse Triple Crown is open until October 31st. This registration is open to 50 individual Triple Crown participants only. By entering the individual Triple Crown, you secure a team spot in the 2018 Winter Grand Traverse. Even if you have not secured a partner for the winter, you can still sign up for the Triple Crown.

Since it's inception in 2015, the Grand Traverse Triple Crown has rapidly developed into a preeminent multi-sport, multi-season endurance challenge. With it's legacy firmly planted as North America's toughest point-to-point ski race, the GT Triple Crown defines a new generation of mountain sports competition. This singular test of three pinnacle disciplines, Ski-Run-Bike, will challenge both individual perseverance, while also requiring concerted team strategizing in the first race stage, the ski to Aspen.

Information and registration at thegrandtraverse.org

CENTER FOR THE ARTS CRESTED BUTTE

CENTER STAGE

FALL ART CLASSES

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.

POTTERY AND GLAZING DATE NIGHTS

Second Friday of each month. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Grab a partner or friend and make clay vessels or paint pottery together! Months alternate between “Mud Wrestling”, where you get your hands dirty with clay, forging his ‘n hers shot glasses, sake cups, sushi bowls, and more; and Paint Your Own Pottery, where you can choose from our paint-your-own-pottery stock and paint ready-made mugs, plates, dishes, and more. Cocktails included, and we will mix up something yummy every month! October 13: Mud Wrestling (with clay!); November 10: Paint Your Own Pottery; December 8: Mud Wrestling (with clay!) Prices vary.

SEWING WITH STYLE

Thursdays, October 19 – November 9. 5:15 p.m.– 7:45 p.m.

\$140 + \$10 supply fee.

Enter into the DIY world of fabric wonder. Learn proper use of sewing machines and/or continue to build on your own basic sewing skills. Laura covers all you need to know about sewing, including threading the machine, mechanical procedures, proper tension, and basic stitches. She shares tons of tips and tricks that make sewing both fun and rewarding. Returning students will pick up where they left off and launch into their next sewing project. Newbies can pick a simpler starter project – an easy pillow cover, tote bag, skirt, or apron, while veterans can pick their next pattern to bring to class. Students need a sewing machine (with the instruction manual and bobbins that fit that particular machine) thread, fabric, and scissors. Do not let that machine sit there unused another minute! Instructor: Laura Elm. Class meets Thursdays for 4 weeks.

STAINED GLASS FOR BEGINNERS

Wednesdays, November 8 – December 6 (5 weeks),

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. \$135 + \$40 supply fee.

Learn the art of stained glass by making an 8” x 12” hanging stained glass piece! Students select a design for their project from a set of simple designs for beginners created by the instructor. Learn the basics of cutting glass, pattern preparation, and glass selection. Then learn glass enameling (painting on glass and then setting it by kiln firing) to add details and texture to the glass. After the painted glass pieces are kiln fired, put together the final stained glass piece using copper foil and solder. Soldering skills are covered and each student learns to use a soldering iron to complete their stained glass piece. Beginner and intermediate students are welcome. Students must wear closed toed shoes. Course meets on Wednesdays for five weeks. Instructor: Christina Stillwaggon.

PMC JEWELRY MAKING

Monday, December 4 & Tuesday, December 5.

5:30p.m. – 8:30 p.m. \$60 + \$45 supply fee.

Precious Metal Clay (PMC) is a crafting medium with the consistency of polymer clay, comprised of very small particles of silver.

Instructor, Mary Tuck guides the class through molding and shaping the PMC into beautiful pendants, rings, earrings, or bracelets that are then fired in a tabletop kiln. The binder in the PMC burns away, incredibly leaving 99% pure silver pieces of jewelry. Finish your piece by creating a patina, burnishing, polishing, and finally assembling the silver into a wearable piece of jewelry. Instructor: Mary Tuck.

CULINARY & VINTNER ARTS

WHAT DO I DO WITH ALL THIS P.M.

ELK & DEER?!

Cooking in the Kitchen with Tim

Tuesday, October 24. 5:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. \$65

Join Private Chef Tim Egelhoff in the kitchen, where he helps settle the question of what to do with all the different cuts of meat you have, now that hunting season is over. Tim shares recipes that explore the various tastes in wild game, and the steps you need to take to achieve them. Learn recipes for steaks and medallions, but also delicious ways to prepare roasts and ground meat. Instructor: Tim Egelhoff.

HARVEST SEASON APPLES AND PEARS

Cooking in the Kitchen with Tim

Saturday, November 4. 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. \$55

Join Private Chef Tim Egelhoff in the kitchen, to learn all the wonderful ways to prepare fall's most bountiful and versatile harvest – apples and pears. From basic apple cider and apple sauce to apple pie filling, apple and pear butters, apple and pear salads, and apple and pear stuffings, Tim shares how versatile these fruits are in the kitchen. In addition, Tim shares the startlingly simple recipe for making your own homemade hard apple cider! Instructor: Tim Egelhoff.

GALLERY SHOWS

Mary Tuck & Laura Elm – “Birds of a Feather”

Long regarded as symbols of the human psyche, birds are a recurrent theme in the imagery of Laura Elm and Mary Tuck's artwork in “Birds of a Feather.” Abstracts and nature are two subjects Mary Tuck loves, and she has combined them for this colorful, whimsical joint show. Executed on canvas, paper, rocks, wood and silver jewelry, there is something to delight everyone! Meant to tickle your fancy and dance subliminally along the edge of thoughts where reveries, dreams and memories meld together, Laura's metaphorical compositions depicted on clay, canvas and in print intuitively entwine bits of reality with a seriously playful imagination revealing the underlying essence of soul. Show runs through October 15. At the Art Studio Gallery.

CHRIS MILLER “GOLDEN HOUR”

Chris Miller shows photography of the Crested Butte and Colorado Backcountry in “Golden Hour.” This show is about the beautiful place we call home and showcases people who love, live, and recreate in the mountains. The images depict the four seasons of the Elk Mountains, the Ruby Range and the West Elks. Show runs October 9 - 23. Artist Reception: Thursday, October 12. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. At the Piper Gallery.

RYAN AUSTIN LEE “BAD COWBOY ART”

Ryan Austin Lee has been causing a stir in the Denver art scene. His piece Fashionable Late had to be removed from the 2017 Coors Western Art Show because it upset some of the visitors. Nonetheless, he has been invited to exhibit again in the 2018 Show. His work turns Cowboy clichés on their head, addressing deeply profound histories of the region with irreverent humor and disrupted conventions. Show runs October 23 – November 13. Artist Reception: Friday, October 27. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. At the Piper Gallery.

TICKET INFO

All tickets now on sale. For comprehensive event information and tickets visit 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.

USDA FOREST SERVICE

PRESCRIBED PILE BURNING PLANNED FOR GUNNISON AREA

Gunnison, Colo., (October 1, 2017) – The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Gunnison Ranger District fire crews will be conducting prescribed pile burns over the next few months. Most of the burns will occur between mid-October through December, pending favorable weather and appropriate ground and vegetation conditions.

The safety of firefighters, and the public are the most important factors considered when planning prescribed burning. Fire managers have developed detailed prescribed fire plans and obtained smoke permits from the State of Colorado for each of the planned burns. For more information on how prescribed fire smoke may affect your health, please visit: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health> The objectives of the burns are to remove debris and vegetation (fuels) to help reduce the risk of larger wildfires. The public is reminded not to call 911 or emergency services if smoke is visible in specific burn areas. Prescribed burns are planned for the following areas:

| Project Area | Location | Number and Type Piles |
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| Stage Stop and Murdie Subdivision | T14S R81W Sec 20 | 100 machine built piles |
| Red Creek | T50N R3W Sec 7/8 | 20 machine built piles |
| Longdraw | T46N R5W Sec 15 | 40 machine built piles |
| Nutras | T44N R1E Sec 22 | 40 machine built piles |
| Ramboullet, Mill Creek | T43N R3W | 100 machine built piles |
| Sargents Mesa | T47N R6E Sec 30 | 20 machine built piles |
| Wiley Gulch | T50N R4E Sec 34 | 100 hand built piles |

“We will only ignite these prescribed fires if conditions are ideal for a safe, effective burn, as well as for good smoke dispersal consistent with project-specific permit conditions of the Colorado Smoke Management Permit,” stated Patrick Medina, Fire Management Officer. For more information about these planned prescribed pile burns, contact Jim Ramirez or Patrick Medina.



