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**BUM IN ANTARCTICA:** Dave Bumgarner gave a presentation about his recent trip guiding on the Antarctic Peninsula at the billy bar Elevation Hotel Lobby as part of the CBAC Fireside Chat Series. The CBAC Fireside Chat Series and Trailhead Days are made possible through the support of the Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District (MetRec) and the Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (STOR) committee. COURTESY PHOTO

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## Town presenting another transportation webinar

The Town of Crested Butte is kicking off its Transportation and Mobility plan with a weekly webinar series. Join us this Tuesday, March 28 at noon via Zoom to learn from transit expert Crissy Fangenello about all things parking related.

To register for the webinar visit <https://www.crestedbutte-co.gov/getinvolved> and click on transportation and mobility.

## Final March concert at the CB Museum

The Crested Butte Museum is finishing up its free live music on Tuesdays throughout the month of March. The museum will feature four fun local bands in its exhibit area in the newly revamped space with mobile exhibit walls.

There will be a bar with libations, refreshments and snacks for purchase. Donations are appreciated to help support our local musicians and our non-profit historical museum.

The final concert is coming up with Left on Red playing on March 28 from 5 to 7 p.m.

## Community Foundation secures two grants to support Gunnison Valley collaborations

The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley (CFGV) recently secured two grants totaling \$17,500 to support collaborative action to address urgent community needs, including workforce housing and community health. CFGV believes that critical community needs can be most effectively addressed through collaborative efforts and collective impact.

The Boettcher Foundation awarded CFGV a Catalyst Grant to support the development of a *One Valley Resiliency Roadmap*, a regional strategic plan to guide action around three shared regional priorities: housing; land use, transportation and infrastructure; and civic capacity. A new program at Boettcher, the capacity-building Catalyst grants were created for nonprofits to request a strategic injection of funding to impact one of the following issue areas—housing, childcare, rural workforce or leadership pipeline challenges. “We are thrilled to be able to offer this innovative grant to our rural communities,” said Katie Kramer, president and CEO of the Boettcher Foundation. “The capacity-building nature of these grants helps to address a short-term need that can have long-term impacts.”

“Our collaborators in the *One Valley Resiliency Roadmap* include the Towns of Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte, Crested Butte South, the City of Gunnison, Gunnison County, Western Colorado University, Gunnison Valley

Health, the Gunnison Watershed School District, the Tourism and Prosperity Partnership and Vail Resorts,” Lauren Kugler, executive director of CFGV, said. “With a total budget of \$85,000, this ambitious project has identified regional outcomes including a Housing Strategy; a Framework for Land Use, Transportation, and Infrastructure; and a Community Engagement and Civic Capacity Action Plan.” In addition to this Catalyst Grant, additional funding for the *One Valley Resiliency Roadmap* comes from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, the local collaborators, and Community Builders. Cathie Pagano, assistant county manager for Community & Economic Development said, “With the support of the Boettcher Foundation, we are able to leverage our resources and create greater impact in our community through the *One Valley Resiliency Roadmap*.”

Following the *State of the Community Report* released by Gunnison County in March of 2022, the Gunnison County Community Health Coalition (CHC) has been engaged in a collective impact approach to address critical community needs that have arisen due to over 40% of local respondents living below the Self-Sufficiency Standard. “Self-sufficiency” is defined as having enough income to cover basic needs without public subsidies or private/informal assistance. While over 100 different

stakeholders have been involved in the CHC, the core of the group includes CFGV, Gunnison County Health & Human Services, Gunnison County Juvenile Services, Gunnison Valley Health, CB State of Mind, Gunnison County Food Pantry, Gunnison Valley Mentors, Axis Health and Western Colorado University. With three distinct working subgroups, each with its own goal: to make services and resources more accessible and available to all community members; to increase a widespread sense of belonging for youth and minority populations; and to increase workforce wellness, retention and development, the CHC is poised to act on our community’s most pressing needs.

CFGV recently earned a grant from the EpicPromise Foundation to support the work of the CHC. “We’d like to thank Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR) and Vail Resorts EpicPromise for joining with other local funders to support the partnerships formed across the Valley and the collaborative work of dozens of organizations and entities working diligently to strengthen the community in the three identified key areas,” said Kugler. “With so many stakeholders engaged in this work, sharing resources and responsibility is not always easy, but it’s the key to success. The generosity of CBMR and EpicPromise is helping to make our work around a shared vision possible.”

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