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Public Health

Summit Medical Center to offer free heart health screenings Dec. 5

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States, but a simple screening could go a long way in helping people better understand their risks and move forward on a healthier path.

In support of that cause the St. Anthony Summit Medical Center and Summit Cardiology, in cooperation with Breckenridge Grand Vacations and BGV Gives, will once again be offering free heart health screenings and assessments for the community on Dec. 5.

The screenings only take five to 10 minutes and include free blood draws from 7-11 a.m. at the St. Anthony Summit Medical Specialty Care & Infusion Center on Peak One Drive in Frisco. The results of those blood draws will be part of the free heart health assessment set for

Dec. 19 from 7-11 a.m.

For more information about the service, call 970-668-2450.

— Sawyer D'Argonne

Community

Breckenridge Grand Vacations awards nonprofits over \$300K in grants, sponsorships

Breckenridge Grand Vacations has donated \$306,680 in grants to 32 local organizations in Summit and Park counties since opening applications for its fall 2018 grants cycle in September.

This year, BGV's grants program has awarded over \$600,000 in grants, sponsorships and money to promote heart health, an increase of 49 percent compared to last year's total allocation of both BGV's spring and fall grants, according to the company.

BGV awards grants to local organizations during two annual cycles with the program managed by BGV

Gives, created to support local nonprofit organizations through fundraising, sponsorships, grants, volunteering and in-kind donations with a keen focus things that promote good health, human services and educational opportunities.

Under the leadership of BGV Gives program manager Deb Edwards, the grants have pushed BGV's donations to over \$1 million annually, including both grant cycles, contributions to an employee-assistance fund, donations to The Summit Foundation and other local organizations, sponsorships of local charitable events and in-kind spa and lodging certificates to local charities, among other philanthropic efforts.

"Supporting community initiatives is a core value for our company and our employees," Edwards said in a statement. "We believe that it is important to protect and invest in our community for our employees and our guests."

For more about the BGV Gives Program, contact

Edwards at 970-547-8748 or dedwards@breckgv.com.

— Eli Pace

Crime

Parks and Wildlife searches for pilot harassing wildlife near Craig

Officials with Colorado Parks and Wildlife are asking the public for help in identifying a pilot responsible for harassing a large herd of elk near Craig last month.

On Nov. 16, several witnesses reported seeing a single-engine aircraft make two low passes over the herd, disturbing the animals and causing them to scatter. Wildlife officers with Parks and Wildlife are taking the opportunity to remind the public that using aircraft to harass wildlife or to aid in hunting is a violation of Colorado's wildlife laws and the federal Airborne Hunting Act.

"So far the only information we have about the incident is that the

plane was either white or yellow in color, was a single-engine plane and had a low-wing design," said Evan Jones, CPW wildlife officer. "Based on the description, we believe the aircraft may have been a Cirrus SR22 or possibly a Piper Cherokee."

Jones said that wildlife officers receive several reports of low-flying aircraft during hunting season each year, and that individuals who spot similar incidents should try and note the aircraft's tail number or catch video of the aircraft.

"Pilots should know the laws regarding aircraft and wildlife," Jones said. "It is illegal to harass wildlife with an aircraft, or to use one as an aid in hunting, including spotting wildlife and communicating their location to anyone on the ground on the same day or the day following the flight. Intentionally interfering with a legal hunt using any vehicle, including aircraft, is also prohibited."

Parks and Wildlife is asking that anyone with information on the plane in question call Jones at 970-878-6090, or call Operation Game Thief at 877-265-6648 to remain anonymous.

— Sawyer D'Argonne

Outdoors

Summit biking group donates \$20K to Tenmile Recpath extension

Summit Biking Group presented the Summit Board of County Commissioners this week with a \$20,000 donation in support of the construction of a 3.3-mile Tenmile Recpath extension, which would be the first segment of the vision to connect the Summit County Recreational Pathway System at Copper Mountain with the Mineral Belt Trail in Leadville. Ultimately connecting the Summit and Lake county bikeways would require a 21-mile, grade-separated pathway paralleling Highway 91 over Fremont Pass.

The 3.3-mile Tenmile Recpath extension's pathway alignment will follow the abandoned rail bed of the historic Denver South Park and Pacific Railroad via a 3.3-mile-long, 12-foot-wide paved surface and 2-foot shoulders.

"We are elated to receive this generous contribution from Summit Biking Group," County Commissioner Dan Gibbs said in a

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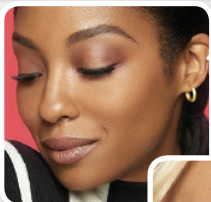


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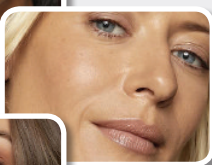
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Dillon Holiday Tree Music and Light Show

4:30 – 7:00pm | Friday | December 7

Join us in Marina Park December 7th, 2018 as we kick-off the Lighting of Dillon with a giant Holiday Tree that illuminates the night with music and a choreographed light show.

Hot-chocolate, popcorn, and other goodies provided from 4:30 – 7 pm. The tree will be on display December 7 – January 6 this winter with the light show running every half-hour from 4:30 – 9:30 pm.



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