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Mindfulness for Challenging Times, yoga and meditation instructor Gretchen Williams, online via Zoom, is Saturday from 3-5 p.m. Visit telluridelibrary.org to sign up.

Calendar

Friday

- AA: Meeting via Zoom, 7 a.m., Zoom i.d. 286675353
- Winter Wildlands Backcountry Film Festival: Visit sherbino.org for more info.
- AA: Meeting via Zoom, 5:30 p.m., Zoom i.d. 229140239

Saturday

- AA: Meeting via Zoom, 10 a.m., Zoom i.d. 83103128375
- Health Insurance Open Enrollment Event: Online via Zoom, noon-5 p.m., call 970-708-7096 or email tchnetwork.org/insurance-assistance
- Mindfulness for Challenging Times: Yoga and meditation instructor Gretchen Williams on cultivating gratitude and forgiveness, online via Zoom, 3-5 p.m., visit telluridelibrary.org to sign up
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Weather

Forecast: Friday will be partly cloudy with a high of 51. Saturday brings rain and snow with a high of 47.

Muse: "Normal is a cycle on a washing machine."—Emmylou Harris

IN ORBIT:

Friday focus: Music & Entertainment

Birdwatching season

Sunday: Business

TRANSPORTATION

State public health orders will impact transit

By SUZANNE CHEAVENS
Associate Editor

Officials discuss Galloping Goose operations

The COVID-19 pandemic and the associated public health orders coming down from state and local officials are affecting every aspect of life for resort economies. Schools, businesses and dining establishments conduct themselves under new and often-changing sets of rules aimed at slowing the pandemic, all the while creating

a safer environment in which to do business, and thus keep the economy in motion. At Tuesday's Telluride Town Council meeting in an afternoon work session, Telluride's transit officials met with council for an eye-opening discussion of just how profoundly

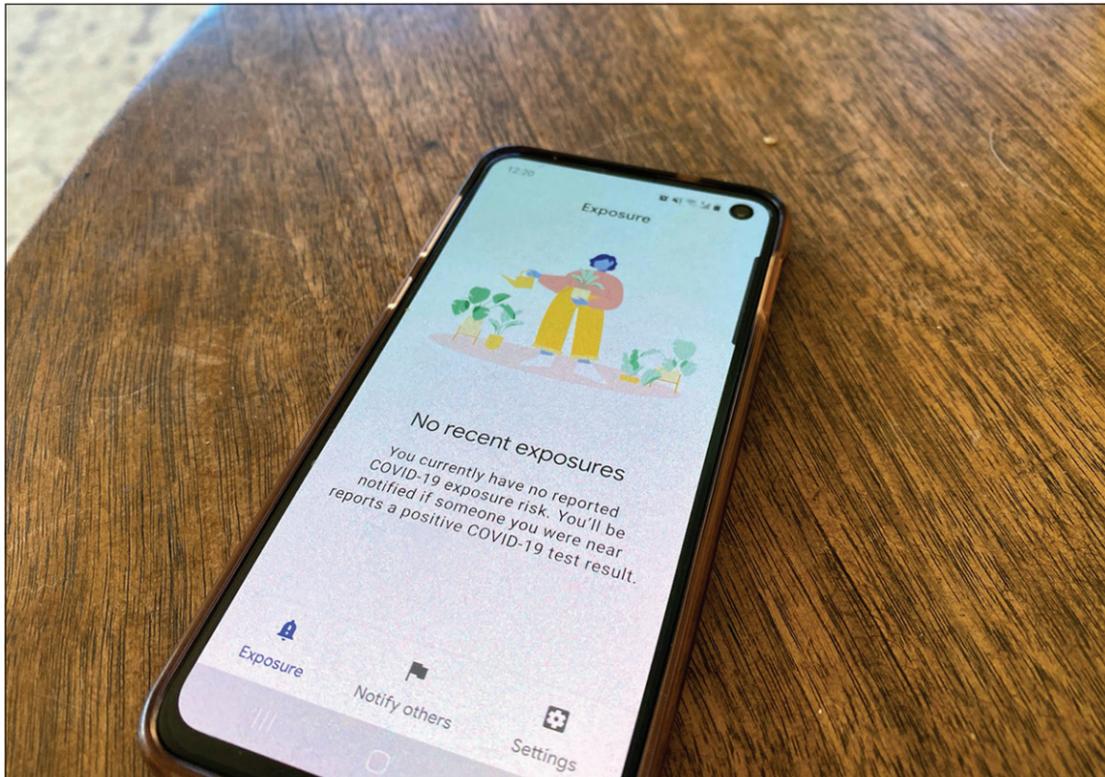
impacted running the Galloping Goose bus service will be this winter.

Town transit director Jason White said some good ideas came out of the discussion, but that challenges remain, most notably, operating at 50 percent ca-

capacity. Other edicts, as outlined in a memo from the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE), include six feet social distancing rules for non-family members, enhanced ventilation requirements and others.

For most Goose buses that means as few as seven riders and at peak winter hours — from 2-5

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The app, called CO Exposure Notifications, provides a new tool to fight the spread of COVID-19 while using anonymizing technology to protect privacy. (Photo by Bria Light/Telluride Daily Planet)

PUBLIC HEALTH

A notification not to be ignored

App lets you know if you've been exposed to virus

By BRIA LIGHT
Staff Reporter

We all know how distracting that little bleep or buzz can be, especially the sound of a notification alert popping up on your cellphone. Like an itch on your nostril, it's nearly impossible to ignore, even when it's merely an unnecessary interruption alerting you to new shows on Netflix or click-baiting headlines. Now, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is encouraging cellphone users to

add an app with a chirp that actually helps protect one's health and the health of those nearby.

The app, called CO Exposure Notifications, marshals the ubiquitous cell phone buzz in the fight against COVID-19 as the virus continues to spike across the state and country. The app uses anonymizing Bluetooth technology — not GPS location — to determine proximity to other phones opting into the app. If an app user then voluntarily reports positive test results, it will notify

other phones that have come within six feet of that person's phone for over 15 minutes over the previous two weeks.

"Firstly, apps using this system cannot track your location," says a CDPHE video explaining how the technology works and protects privacy. "Second, this system does not share your identity with Google, Apple or other users."

To anonymize identity, the app generates a random sequence of numbers, or "to-

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TRAVEL

CLICK IT OR TICKET CAMPAIGN

CDOT, law enforcement ups its effort as holiday approaches

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Roads typically becoming busier during the holidays, as people are traveling to see loved ones. While travel may not be as prevalent during this year's COVID-19 pandemic, CDOT officials are still reminding motorists to buckle up as the annual Click It or Ticket campaign is currently in full force.

CDOT, the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and 29 local law enforcement agencies throughout the state began the two-week Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement period Monday and it'll run through Nov. 29.

"With the holiday travel season approaching, one of the safest choices is to stay home to help limit the spread of COVID-19," said CDOT Director Shoshana Lew. "If you are traveling by car, whether you're a driver or passenger, making the quick decision to buckle up is a lifesaving decision."

So far in 2020, 299 people in passenger vehicles have been killed in crashes on Colorado roads. Of those, 160 fatalities (54 percent) involved unbuckled drivers or passengers even though they represent just 14 percent of vehicle occupants, according to a recent CDOT survey on seat belt usage. Colorado's seat belt use rate is 86 percent,

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