

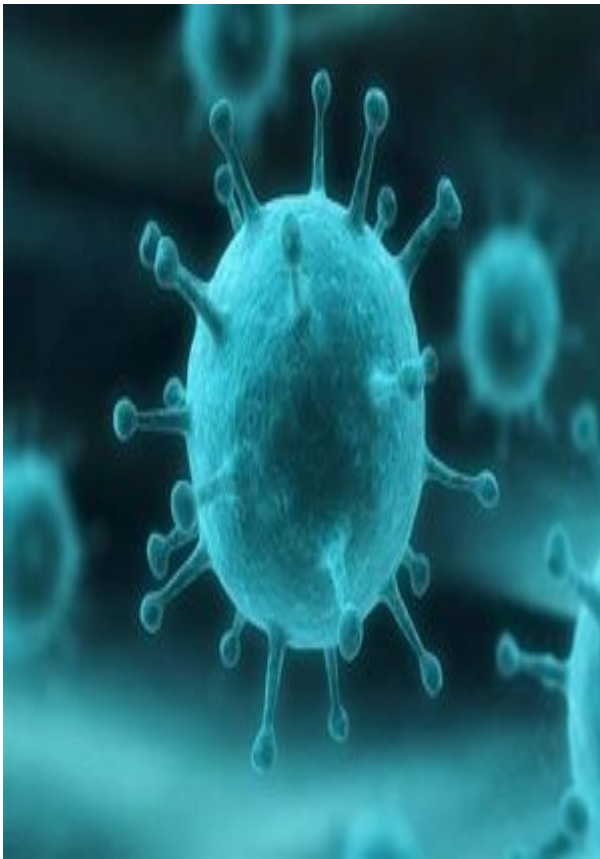
# KIT CARSON COUNTY

Newsletter

Forth Quarter 2021



**Kit Carson County to take over all Dispatch duties for Cheyenne County.**



**Corona is not the only virus making the rounds.** Friendly reminder to check your email before you open anything in them. Things to DOUBLE check,

- 1) Who is the sender? Do I know them?  
Was I expecting an email from them?
- 2) Address line if the body says it from FEDX does the address (From) line match that?
- 3) This is the big one. Never click on a link or download something unless you are SURE about it. If not ask me.



## **Colorado Human Services Directors Association (CHSDA) Director of the Year Award.**

Our own Tiffany Ramos was presented with the Colorado Human Services Director of the Year Award at CCI conference this year Colorado Springs.

Tiffany is currently the Chair for the IOG in Kit Carson, which she has been for the past two years. In that time, she has worked with the Co-Chair, Jessica Schart, and the stakeholders to have fully executed the implementation of ISST meetings with families. They have met all measures outlined in the last two years.

When Moffat County and Rio Blanco County were in need of help, Tiffany and her staff assisted in increasing assessment of child safety and assisting the community relationships to improve outcomes for families of those counties while continuing the excellent service in Kit Carson County.

Tiffany spearheaded the implementation of the Best Practice Court Team for the 13th Judicial District in the rural counties that include Sedgwick, Phillips, Yuma, and Kit Carson. She has also received recognition from Judge Stephanie M.G. Gagliano with the Morgan Combined Courts.

## From all around the County

We want to thank El Paso County for coming to our hour of need. Elijah Shockey worked with the Kit Carson County Clerk & Recorder's Office to help catch up work and work the counter for Motor Vehicle and allow the staff to focus on their departments. Susan, Nancy, Jana, Crystal, Sue, and Patty were



Human Services staff embracing the Halloween Spirit! In the picture is Kristi Janousek, Tiegen Steele, Robin Konecne, Kristin Simpson, and Lori Benjamin

### 2022 holidays

Feb-21 Presidents day  
April-15 Good Friday  
May-30 Memorial day  
July-4 Independence day  
July-28 County events  
July-29 1/2 day  
Sept-5 Labor day  
Oct-10 Columbus day  
Nov-11 Veteran's day  
Nov-24 Thanksgiving  
Nov-25 Thanksgiving  
Dec-26 Christmas Day

Public Health received a donation from the Idalia School volleyball team for breast cancer screenings. Check is presented by Head Coach Lindsey Richards.



## **Della Calhoon leaving Kit Carson County after 48 years of service**



Della began work under Iva Gross in 1974 and served with you as office clerk and later as the Deputy County Clerk working with recording and other parts of the office, Vehicle Titles and registration, elections, marriage license also at that time the Payroll and Accounts Payable were done in the County Clerks' office. When Iva chose to not run for County Clerk she let the office know. Della chose to run and won the election in Nov. 1990 and took office on Jan. 12, 1991. She served as County Clerk until Jan. 11, 2015 . From there on to the Office of Emergency Management which brings us back to now. Great Job Della, such a long career serving Kit Carson County!



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# Technical Update Winter Driving

Winter storms and weather have begun moving across Colorado in recent weeks, bringing high winds, snow, and hazardous travel conditions to roads across Colorado. Winter weather can be hazardous, and driving and road conditions can change quickly. A couple of years ago, a man and his dog in Oregon spent five days trapped in his car when it went off the road in a snow storm. He survived by turning his car on occasionally for warmth and by eating Taco Bell sauce packets and drinking melted snow. Relying on having enough gas, a love of fast food, and a tendency not to clean out your vehicle is not a good survival strategy.

The Colorado Department of Transportation recommends people traveling in cold weather stock their vehicles with a winter weather survival kit that includes the following.

- Flares/reflectors to signal for help and warn other motorists
  - Sturdy scraper/snow brush/snow shovel to clear snow
  - Battery- or crank-powered radio to listen to emergency broadcasts
  - Flashlight with extra batteries or crank-powered flashlight
  - Survival blanket or sleeping bag
  - Chemical hand warmers
  - Extra set of clothes, including coat, hat, mittens, boots, etc.
  - Gallon jug of water and nonperishable food
  - First aid kit and essential medications
  - Tire chains and tow strap
  - Non-clumping kitty litter/sand for traction
  - Jumper cables
  - Extra cloth or paper towels for cleanup if necessary
- Deck of cards or board games for entertainment

## If You Are Stranded in Your Vehicle

If you find yourself stranded in your vehicle during a snowstorm, immediately check that the tailpipe is clear of snow. A blocked tailpipe can lead to a deadly buildup of carbon monoxide in the passenger compartment. According to U.S. Airforce Staff Sergeant Charles Dornford, who teaches cold weather survival strategies to Department of Defense personnel in Arctic Alaska, taking the following steps if you become stranded in winter weather could save your life.

- Keep the vehicle's tailpipe clear.
  - Stay in your car unless you see a building nearby.
  - Turn the car off to conserve gas, and only turn it back on occasionally to stay warm.
  - Check the tailpipe every time you turn the heater on.
  - Do exercises in the car, such as flutter kicks, to stay warm.
  - Stay hydrated. Melt snow if necessary. The more hydrated you are, the warmer you will stay.
  - Keep your seat belt on. Even if you are pulled over, another vehicle may still hit yours.
- Turn on your hazard lights or use roadside flares to alert other drivers or rescuers of your location.