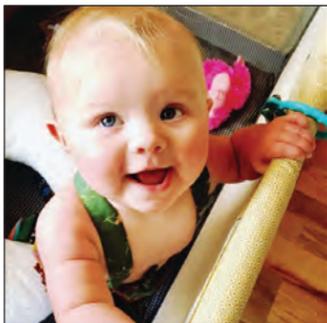


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FRIDAY

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Don't quote me but...
"Oh yeah!"

— Isla Skye, her official first words

Calendar

Friday

- Gondola Opens: 6:30 a.m.
- AA: Christ Presbyterian Church, 7 a.m.
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- Turkey Bingo: Telluride Elks Lodge, for Elks members and their guests, 6 p.m.
- dZi Foundation Talk: The Dawn of Big Wall Climbing in the Far North with Jim McCarthy, Sherbino Theater, 7 p.m.
- Film: "Jojo Rabbit," Nugget Theatre, 7 p.m.

Saturday

- Ouray County Nonprofit Holiday Bazaar: 4H Event Center, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- AA: Christ Presbyterian Church, 10 a.m.
- Metropolitan Opera in HD: "Akh-naten," Palm Theatre, 11 a.m.
- Weehawken Royal Actors Present "The Lion King Experience," Sherbino Theater, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Kids Turkey Bingo: Telluride Elks Lodge, 3-5 p.m.
- Turkey Bingo for Adults: Telluride Elks Lodge, 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., ages 21 and up
- Film: "Jojo Rabbit," Nugget Theatre, 7 p.m.

Weather

Forecast: It's supposed to snow Friday, with a high of 30. Saturday will be sunny with a high of 38.

Muse: "Nobody exists on purpose."—Morty

IN ORBIT:

Friday Focus: Music & Entertainment

Nugget Theatre closings

Sunday: Business

TELLURIDE

New event tests waters

By JUSTIN CRIADO
Editor

29029 wants to come to town

Telluride is already known for its mountains, especially during the winter, but a proposal from organizers of a national endurance challenge would like to bring Mt. Everest to town.

The event, which is called 29029 after the elevation of the world's highest mountain, would be limited to 250 participants and take place Oct. 1-4, 2020.

The 36-hour endurance challenge would happen along Milk Run and Coonskin Trail from 6 a.m. Oct. 2 to 6 p.m. Oct. 3. Fifteen trips would equate 29,029 vertical feet, as participants hike up and take the gondola down in order to hike back up. There are other categories, as the event recognizes the Seven Summits,

so participants can stop at Puncak Jaya (16,024 feet), Vinson Massif (16,050), Mount Elbrus (18,510), Mount Kilimanjaro (19,341), Denali (20,308) or Aconcagua (22,841).

Garth Wilson, 29029 director of events, met with the Telluride Parks & Recreation Commission Wednesday afternoon to discuss

the possibility of using Town Park for camping. Stephanie Jaquet, town parks & rec director, called it a "unique request."

"My cofounder Marc Hodulich has been coming to Telluride the last couple summers. Every summer he comes he thinks about how wonderful it would be for our event," Wilson said. "... Every time he goes to Town Park and looks at the views of the

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Transgender Day of Remembrance

Telluride High School students celebrated Transgender Day of Remembrance Wednesday. (Photo courtesy of Sara Kimble)

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

Commissioners discuss green energy, sage-grouse

Plan to protect West End habitat in the works

By BRIA LIGHT
Planet Contributor

The Board of San Miguel County Commissioners discussed Wednesday the possibility of investing in San Miguel Power Association's (SMPA) Totally Green program, which uses energy from 100 percent renewable energy sources. They also received an update on the Gunnison sage-grouse recovery plan, which aims to protect the bird's habitat in the West End of San

Miguel County.

Also slated for discussion was the consideration of an application by attorney Brad Switzer on behalf of Spitfire Realty LLC to vacate and realign part of a county road in order to accommodate a private airplane runway. The application was withdrawn, thus cancelling the discussion of the matter.

During the discussion with representatives from SMPA, the commissioners asked for details

of the power cooperative's latest program to promote local renewable energy. The plan, called Totally Green, allows consumers to pay a voluntary 1 cent per kilowatt hour, which would be invested in regional renewable energy projects. The consumer then will receive electricity coming from 100 percent renewable sources, such as wind, solar and hydro power.

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We leave no trace camping in the wilderness. It's become second nature to most Telluriders, so why not leaf no trace? Tri-County Health Network (TCHNetwork) is encouraging visitors to "leaf no trace," when they take advantage cannabis dispensaries during their trip and are packing up to go home.

TCHNetwork and the Communities that Care Coalition recently revealed the "Leaf no Trace!" campaign in an effort to educate cannabis consumers on legal use and responsible disposal of unused cannabis, with the goal of reducing youth access and use of cannabis, according to a news release. Telluride youth use cannabis at a higher rate than their peers across the state. According to the 2017 Healthy Kids Colorado survey of youth, 34 percent of Telluride high school students reported using cannabis within the past 30 days of taking the survey, compared to 19.4 percent statewide.

Sometimes visitors purchase more cannabis than they can use and it often ends up in the hands of local youth. Visitors may even give cannabis to underage wait-staff as tips in restaurants, leave it in hotel rooms and condos, or throw it away in the garbage. These circumstances contribute to the fact that 60.7 percent of lo-

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Tri-County Health Network campaign for safe cannabis disposal

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Alpine Wellness owner Michael Grady displays two of the many strains of cannabis flower his shop offers. With five dispensaries in town, Tri-County Health Network has launched a campaign called "Leaf no Trace!" that aims to educate visitors on proper cannabis disposal. (Planet file photo)

THE SEASON TO SPA

Telluride Friends, the Spa at the Peaks is extending a 50% discount on monthly spa memberships, individual and family, for purchase October 1–November 30, 2019.



Local guests receive a 25% discount on any massage or body treatment, seven days a week, October 1–November 30, 2019*. Full use of the Spa at the Peaks' pools and fitness facility for the day are included with the purchase of any treatments valued at \$60 or more.

*18% gratuity based on the full cost of service will be automatically added for your convenience.

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cal high school students felt that it would be "sort of easy or very easy" to get cannabis in the community if they wanted, according to the 2017 Healthy Kids Colorado survey.

According to Dr. Diana Koelliker, director of the Telluride Regional Medical Center's Emergency Department, "Once cannabis products are opened, and especially if the original packaging is missing, it's important to dispose of them properly if you are not going to finish them. Edibles left out on the counter look tasty for kids and pets. Leaving them behind in condos and hotel rooms has resulted in some visits to the emergency room when unsuspecting cleaning crews, who are sometimes area youth, ingest these products. Be smart, be safe and dispose properly."

In Colorado, it is illegal to consume cannabis outdoors in parks, restaurants and bars, hotel rooms, on chair lifts, and on hiking trails. It's also illegal to

Leaf no trace

take it out of Colorado to neighboring states, where possession of such products remains illegal. In an effort to prevent underage consumption of cannabis, TCHNetwork officials encourage visitors to use the drop box at the Telluride Marshal's Department at 134 S. Spruce St. in Telluride. The drop box is accessible 24 hours a day, and visitors and locals can deposit not only their leftover cannabis, but any unused or expired prescription drugs. "We want visitors and locals to be safe consumers and dispose of their unused cannabis safely, just like they do today with unused prescription drugs. Our drop box is available 24 hours a day, every day," Chief Marshal Jim Kolar said.

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working with local festivals to promote safe disposal. Locally owned dispensaries, including Alpine Wellness, Delilah's, Telluride Bud Company and Telluride Green Room, are participating in this initiative by providing customers with information about the safe disposal site, including flyers and stickers. In addition, the Visitors Center and Ghost Town Coffee are helping educate visitors.

"I love the stickers, and I love this campaign," Ghost Town owner Elena Levin said. If you are a local business owner and want to be a part of the campaign, contact Sami Damsky at coord-bh@tchnetwork.org or 970-708-7096.

ABOUT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH NETWORK Formed in 2010, Tri-County Health Network is a 501c3 nonprofit. TCHNetwork operates 20 community outreach programs that serve a vital role in filling the void of access to health care by assuring care is accessible, affordable and available to all populations in a four-county region (San Miguel, Montrose, Ouray and Delta counties). TCHNetwork is committed to increasing access to care, building health equity and eliminating health disparities. For more information, visit tchnetwork.org.

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