

# TELLURIDE DAILY PLANET

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## FRIDAY

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**Don't quote me but...**  
Happy St. Patrick's Day! Have fun and enjoy responsibility.

## Calendar

- Friday**
- AA: Christ Church (and via Zoom), 7 a.m., Zoom code 825-3167-0042
  - Mountain Village Winter Market: Conference Center Plaza, noon-4:30 p.m.
  - St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Bingo: Telluride Elks Lodge, dinner 5 p.m., bingo 7 p.m., adult-oriented event, 970-728-6362
  - AA: Christ Church (and via Zoom), 5:30 p.m., Zoom code 825-3167-0042
  - Wine for Everyone: Old World vs. New World with Bryan Thames, Ah Haa School, 6-8 p.m., ahhaa.org
  - Film at the Nugget: 'Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania,' Nugget Theatre, 7 p.m.
- Saturday**
- AA: Christ Church (and via Zoom), 10 a.m., Zoom code 825-3167-0042
  - Bilingual Storytime: Wilkinson Public Library, 4 p.m.
  - AA Women's Meeting: Christ Church (and via Zoom), 4 p.m., Zoom code 825-3167-0042
  - Fly-Fishing Film Tour: A benefit for Uncompahgre River restoration, Ouray County 4H Event Center, 6:30 p.m., uncompahgrewatershed.org
  - Telluride Choral Society Presents: SpringSing 2023, Christ Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m.
  - Film at the Nugget: 'Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania,' Nugget Theatre, 7 p.m.

## Weather

**Forecast:** Snow is in the forecast Friday with a high of 30. Saturday will be mostly sunny with a high of 32.

**Muse:** "Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself." —Rumi

## IN ORBIT:

Friday focus: Music & Entertainment

Drinks with Films

Sunday: Business

## EDUCATION

# Dream bigger: Scholarships transform future for Class of 2023

By **ASHLEY BUNTON**  
Associate Editor

**C**ollege and career opportunities for the Class of 2023 are growing thanks to Telluride community members supporting students and a local scholarship program.

At Telluride High School on Thursday, college and career

counselor Rex Lybrand said students and parents were celebrating and hugging.

"We just had a student get a scholarship earlier today that

transforms his financial outlook," Lybrand said.

Lybrand, in his second year as the college counselor at Telluride High School (THS), said

scholarships being awarded to the Class of 2023 include both the Telluride Local Schools Scholarship Program and outside scholarships awarded nationally by universities, donors and organizations.

THS Senior Owen Doyle had

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The Telluride Racquet Club has some exciting offerings for the upcoming season. (Courtesy photo)

## SPORTS

# Evolution of the Telluride Racquet Club

*Improvements for second season include additional courts, enhanced programming*

By **AMY M. PETERS**  
Planet Contributor

**D**uring its inaugural season last year, the Telluride Racquet Club got its feet on the ground and began building momentum. This year the goal is to focus and improve to become a full-service racquet club. In a creative effort to add variety to racquet offerings at The Peaks Resort and Spa, the club's director Eric Fey has launched a full events schedule, will oversee construction of additional pickleball courts,

add programming, focus on community outreach initiatives and will welcome two additional staff members.

Beginning April 3, the club will embark on the second phase of its courts improvement project.

"We're going to repack a lot of the gravel, repave it, and when the court is perfect, we can paint four pickleball courts on the exact same footprint as a tennis court for a total of four brand new pickleball courts," Fey explained. "This is in addi-

tion to the four new clay tennis courts that were installed last spring. Everything should be ready by opening day, May 22, weather permitting."

Construction crews will also install a staircase down the backside of the courts, construct a storage shed for coaching supplies and install shade sails outside the pro shop to create patio space.

The summer season will run from May 22 through Aug. 18. From Aug. 18 through approxi-

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## EVENTS

# 'A BENEFIT FOR THE RIVER'

*2023 Fly Fishing Film Tour funds restoration of the Uncompahgre*

By **LESLIE VREELAND**  
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**A**ficionados of the Fly Fishing Film Tour, an annual roadshow of "the best fly-fishing films in the world," go to great lengths to see it.

"People travel to watch it every year," Tanya Ishikawa said.

Ishikawa would know. For years, she's helped publicize events for the San Miguel Watershed Partnership. Based in Ridgway, the regional nonprofit works to support Uncompahgre River restoration; to improve water quality and monitor watershed resources; to clean up habitats; and to participate in mine-remediation projects.

They're a busy group, with a lot of projects coming up (Ishikawa knows about those too; she's the UWP's new executive director).

A fundraiser Saturday — sponsored by RIGS Fly Shop in Ridgway, and the Telluride Angler — will assist the UWP in its important work: One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to the UWP's river-restoration projects. This so-called "benefit for the river" also offers a benefit for attendees: an early chance to see the 2023 iteration of the Fly Fishing Film Tour locally, the only time, and place, to catch it in the San Juans for a good while.

"A lot of people wait until summer to see this," Ishikawa said frankly. "People aren't fishing much right now, but they're jonesing to. This is a way to get them indoors — to allow them to enjoy fly-fishing vicariously

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