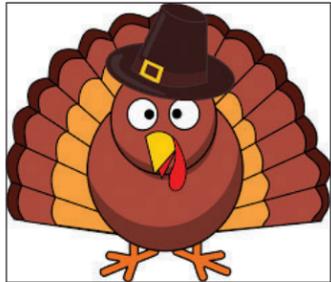


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THURSDAY

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Don't quote me but...

Given the holiday, there will be no Friday-Saturday Daily Planet this week. Happy Thanksgiving!

Calendar

Thursday

- San Miguel County Turkey Trot: 5K Fun Run/Walk, Illium Valley, 9 a.m.
- Thanksgiving on the Mountain: Special menus at Allred's (970-728-7474) and Altezza (970-728-2525), reservations encouraged
- Thanksgiving Feast: Black Iron Kitchen & Bar, Hotel Madeline, Mountain Village, 5 p.m.

Friday

- AA: Christ Church (and via Zoom), 7 a.m., Zoom code 825-3167-0042
- Gondola Art Installation Unveiling: Heritage Plaza and Mountain Village Center, 3-6 p.m.
- AA: Christ Church (and via Zoom), 5:30 p.m., Zoom code 825-3167-0042
- Snow Dance Party: Mountain Lodge, Mountain Village, 6 p.m.-midnight
- Film: 'The French Dispatch,' Nugget Theatre, 7 p.m.

Saturday

- AA: Christ Church (and via Zoom), 10 a.m., Zoom code 825-3167-0042
- AA Women's Meeting: Christ Church (and via Zoom), 4 p.m., Zoom code 825-3167-0042
- Mind Blown Telluride: The Peaks Resort, 7 p.m.
- Film: 'The French Dispatch,' Nugget Theatre, 7 p.m.

Weather

Forecast: Thursday will be sunny with a high of 40. Friday will be partly cloudy with a high of 49, while Saturday will be sunny with a high of 48.

Muse: "Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others."—Cicero

IN ORBIT:

Thursday focus: A closer look

Gondola cabin art

Sunday: Business

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

Mask mandate extended through January

By SUZANNE CHEAVENS
Associate Editor

Citing the upward-spiraling COVID-19 case-loads both locally and statewide, and the continued strain on hospitals, San Miguel County Public Health Director Grace Franklin recommended Wednesday that the county's indoor mask mandate remain

Public health director: 'We're continuing to struggle as a state'

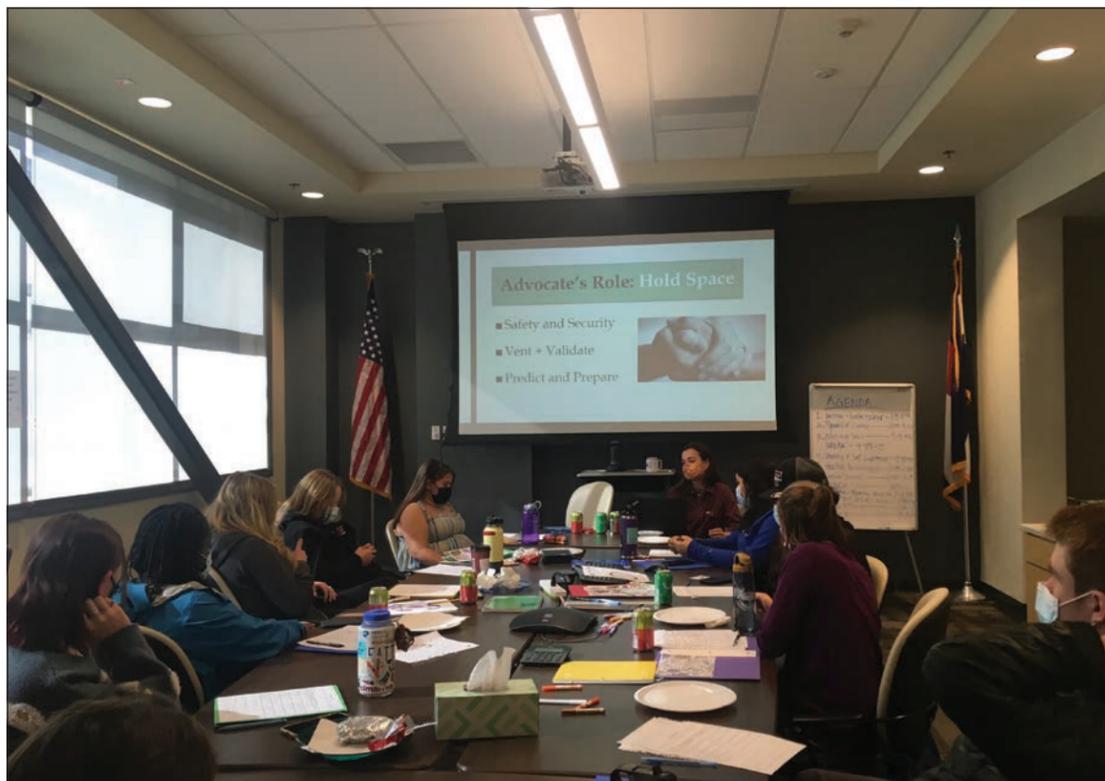
in place through the end of January 2022. The current mandate was set to expire Nov. 30.

"Due to the increased strain

on the hospital systems, the increased caseload and the fact that we're just continuing to struggle as a state and just looking towards how are we

able to take care of our residents as well as manage visitors as the mountain opens," Franklin said. "It makes sense to keep the indoor mask order in place. And I really think that it's been wise to go by a 30-day timeframe previously, because we were entering off-

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A group of 10 Telluride students recently completed the San Miguel Resource Center's peer advocacy training, which aims to raise awareness and provide resources for students who may experience sexual abuse and violence. (Courtesy photo)

EDUCATION

Students form Peer Advocacy Club

San Miguel Resource Center works with school to offer training

By JUSTIN CRIADO
Editor

While high school can be awkward and miserable for many reasons, unfortunately, teens also have to worry about sexual assault and abuse. The San Miguel Resource Center, with the help of the Telluride School District, has aimed to address such issues through a recently formed Peer Advocacy Club (PAC), which consists of students who complete training through the center and then serve as a resource to their fellow classmates.

Liz Cooney, the center's prevention education coordinator,

the center's advocate coordinator Robin Kondracki and Telluride High School Guidance Counselor Alex Jones currently oversee the club.

"Although we coordinate it, the real work and change comes from the participating students," Cooney explained.

The club was initially created during the 2019-20 school year, when a group of high school students approached resource center staff with concerns about the prevalence of sexual violence they were witnessing amongst peers coupled with frustrations about the reporting process and lack of accountability for perpetrators.

But the pandemic put a pause to ongoing club efforts.

"Then at the start of this year, Alex and Sara Kimble (middle and high school principal) approached us seeking support in reducing the rates of sexual assaults happening within the student body, so we restarted PAC with more administrative support and resources, and here we are," Cooney said.

She explained the evidence-based curriculum is a collaboration between the Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center and the resource center. Ac-

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PUBLIC SAFETY

FIND A SOBER RIDE

State patrollers warn: 'The Heat Is On' during holiday enforcement period through weekend

By LESLIE VREELAND
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During Thanksgiving Week last year, 354 impaired drivers were arrested on Colorado roadways — and that was during a period when many people weren't traveling.

This year, people are gathering once again. Which means state patrollers will likely be swarming the roads: "There will probably be more patrolers out there," warns Glenn Davis, CDOT's highway safety manager, "and they won't just be looking for impaired drivers," he added. "Patrollers will be stopping people for speeding, and for lane deviation," and other misbehavior caused by too much holiday cheer, and too little attention at the wheel.

"You have the luxury of living in one of the most beautiful places in the state," Davis went on, "but you don't have all of the choices we do on the Front Range" when it comes to sober rides.

"According to their websites, both Uber and Lyft are available in Telluride," Davis said. There are much less expensive ways of getting home safely, however. If you live in Telluride, you don't even have to walk: The Galloping Goose runs every 15 minutes, seven days a week (with no break on Thanksgiving), on a loop through downtown.

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