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Don't quote me but...

Jakob's Ferry Stragglers will play 610 Courtyard in Ridgway Tuesday night. For more information and tickets, visit sherbino.org.

Calendar

Sunday

• AA: Meeting via Zoom, 5:30 p.m., Zoom ID. 861-3188-5369

Monday

• Telluride Skippy Mobile Dental Clinic: Register children between ages 0-18 for a comprehensive cleaning and exam, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., tchnetwork.org/skippy/consent
• AA: Meeting via Zoom, 5:30 p.m., Zoom ID. 861-3188-5369

Tuesday

• AA: Meeting via Zoom, 7 a.m., Zoom ID. 286-675-353
• Telluride Rotary Club Meeting: Online via Zoom, 5:30 p.m., visit Telluride Rotary Club on Instagram or Facebook for more info.
• NA: Meeting via Zoom, 5:30 p.m., Zoom ID. 498-192-742
• Live Music: High-energy bluegrass from Jakob's Ferry Stragglers, 610 Courtyard, sherbino.org

Weather

Forecast: Sunday will be partly cloudy with a high of 62. Rain and snow is in the forecast Monday with a high of 45. Tuesday will be partly cloudy with a high of 53.

Muse: "I looked for my friends but I never could find them. I found they were all rank strangers to me."—"Rank Stranger," Crooked Still

IN ORBIT:

Sunday focus:
Sports

Rockies off to
rough start

Wednesday: Arts,
Lifestyles &
Nonprofits

PUBLIC HEALTH

'Ximena and Andrés are amazing'

By ERIN SPILLANE
Planet Contributor

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When San Miguel County Public Health Director Grace Franklin announced recently that the county was first in the state for vaccine distribution, there were two members of the community who were particularly satisfied with the news: Andrés Jacinto Alonzo

Behind robust Latinx vaccine outreach are exceptional people

and Ximena Rebolledo León.

"I personally felt very happy for the work that we have been doing and which we continue to do," Jacinto Alonzo said.

Added Rebolledo León, "I felt extremely proud."

Rebolledo León is a registered nurse at the Telluride Regional

Medical Center. Bilingual, she is a trusted and familiar health resource for the area's Latinx population.

Jacinto Alonzo is a 17-year local who speaks English, Spanish and Chuj, the Mayan language spoken by many Guatemalans in the area. In addition to his cur-

rent role in public health, he has worked as a baker, chef and landscaper in Telluride.

For months now, the pair have handled COVID-related outreach to the county's Latinx population.

According to Franklin, their work, along with that of Registry Coordinator for Vaccine Distribution Dawn Ibis, as well as team members Sheamus Croke

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Telluride Mountain School first- and second-graders annually visit the Dinosaur Journey Museum in Fruita and explore nearby valleys with a paleontologist. (Courtesy photo)

EDUCATION

Telluride Mountain School adapts immersion trips

Getting outside still a top priority

By AMY M. PETERS
Planet Contributor

In spite of the pandemic, the Telluride Mountain School (TMS) remains committed to experiential and travel-based learning. Where annual fall trips center on outdoor education and orientation, annual spring trips have a more cultural focus. This year all spring trips, which will be completed by June 1, are outdoors, closer to home and have a tighter curricular connection.

First- and second-graders will follow tradition by visiting the Dinosaur Journey Museum in

Fruita and exploring nearby valleys with a paleontologist. They will also raft the Ruby Horsethief stretch of the Colorado River.

This week, students in grades three and four navigated riparian ecology around Moab, Utah, staying for the first time on-campus at the Canyonlands Field Institute (CFI), sleeping in teepees. With CFI instructors, they rafted the Colorado River and performed field investigations. Students will now weave their studies into an end-of-year desert animal puppet show, creating both the script and the papier-mâché puppets.

Fifth- and sixth-graders will drive to Black Canyon and Great Sand Dunes national parks by way of "roads less travelled" for an immersive study of the great Colorado frontier. Students will camp, fly fish along the Gunnison Gorge and night hike. Then, on to Lake City and Creede, where they will attend workshops on clowning and character-building taught by professionals from The Creede Repertory Theatre.

Normally, students in seventh and eighth grade travel to the American South to study the

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MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

WILDFIRE MITIGATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Town hires forester to oversee initiatives

SPECIAL TO THE PLANET

As the community begins to look toward another projected dry summer in the San Juan Mountains, the Town of Mountain Village is offering increased incentives to homeowners to protect their homes through wildfire mitigation work with the help of its recently hired forester, according to a news release.

The Wildfire Mitigation Defensible Space Incentive Program, created in partnership with the Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association (TMVOA) and Town of Mountain Village, will now offer residents a rebate of up to 50 percent off the total cost of mitigation work up to \$10,000.

Mountain Village Town Council and TMVOA decided to double the program's incentive cap for 2021, as wildfire safety remains a top priority for mountain communities throughout the West. The program is for existing Mountain Village properties with existing homes, and not new construction.

Defensible space is an area around a home where trees, fuels and other vegetation are cleared or reduced to slow the spread of wildfire. Defensible

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