

# TELLURIDE DAILY PLANET

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## FRIDAY

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### Don't quote me but...

Enjoy an apres-ski set with Ethan Hale at the Transfer Warehouse from 3-5 p.m. Friday.

## Calendar

### Friday

- AA: Christ Church (and via Zoom), 7 a.m., Zoom code 825-3167-0042
- You & Me: Activities for toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers, Wilkinson Public Library, 10:30 a.m.
- Live Music: Ethan Hale, Transfer Warehouse, 3-5 p.m.
- Teen Trivia: Wilkinson Public Library, 4 p.m.
- AA: Christ Church (and via Zoom), 5:30 p.m., Zoom code 825-3167-0042
- Mind Blown Telluride: The Peaks Resort, 7 p.m.

### Saturday

- Free Throw Basketball Contest: Sponsored by Telluride Elks Lodge, Norwood School Gym, 8 a.m., ages 8-13
- AA: Christ Church (and via Zoom), 10 a.m., Zoom code 825-3167-0042
- Family Vaccination Event: Lone Cone Library, Norwood, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Live Music: Fuegoluxx, Transfer Warehouse, 3-5 p.m.
- AA for Women: Christ Church (and via Zoom), 4 p.m., Zoom code 825-3167-0042
- Mind Blown Telluride: The Peaks Resort, 7 p.m.
- Live Music: The Lil Smokies, Sheridan Opera House, 9 p.m., sheridanopera-house.com

## Weather

**Forecast:** Snow showers in the forecast Friday with a high of 31. Saturday will be sunny with a high of 41.

**Muse:** "To be a leader, you have to make people want to follow you, and nobody wants to follow someone who doesn't know where he is going."—Joe Namath

## IN ORBIT:

Friday focus: Music & Entertainment

Infamous Stringdusters shows announced

Sunday: Sports

### TOURISM

## Telluride Tourism Board announces leadership change

By JUSTIN CRIADO  
Editor

*After 10-plus years as CEO and president, Michael Martelon stepping down*

After a decade-plus as the Telluride Tourism Board's CEO and president, Michael Martelon is stepping down. The tourism board announced Thursday the mutual decision to "pivot," including a change in leadership, citing "recent discussions involving destination

marketing and management going forward," according to a prepared statement.

"We believe now is time for the business community and the municipalities to speak with a

more unified, collective voice," tourism board chair Dan Jansen said in the announcement. "In order to accomplish this goal, we'll be reaching out across our community, including to elected

officials, local businesses, non-profits and many others, to establish a collective vision for the future of the organization's role.

"We look forward to working hand-in-hand with the community to build a better, more inclusive, communicative, diversified, tourism-sustainability focused

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### Hitting the slopes

A group of skiers gather at the top of Lift 5 to figure out their next move Wednesday afternoon. (Photo by Eva Thomas/Telluride Daily Planet)

### OUTDOORS

## Backcountry beacon checking stations installed on Gold Hill

### Two more to be placed on mountain

By EVA THOMAS  
Staff Reporter

After years of discussion, beacon checking stations at backcountry entrance points around the mountain have come to fruition. The stations are a collaboration between Jagged Edge Mountain Gear, the Peter Inglis Avalanche Education Fund (PI Fund), U.S. Forest Service and Telski.

"They're essentially going to be activated automatically by your transceiver or not. We've

always had plenty of signage up there, but now it is totally unmistakable that it's a decision point, and you're leaving the ski area and entering the backcountry. The beacon checker forces backcountry users to think it through and check if their rescue gear is operational," said Jon Tushman, Telluride Ski Patrol snow safety manager and PI Fund board member.

There will be a total of four checkers on the mountain. Last week, two checkers were placed

on Gold Hill. A third checker will be installed on Bald Saddle next week, and a fourth will be at the top of Lift 9 once a power issue has been resolved, Telluride Mountain Club Executive Director Heidi Lauterbach explained.

The PI Fund, a subsidiary of the Telluride Mountain Club, initiated and coordinated the project. While the idea of installing beacon checking stations has been a topic of discussion at board meetings since the

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### RIDGWAY

## 'A SAFE WAY' FOR SHOWS TO GO ON

*Sherbino Theater reopens next week with films, comedy, live music*

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"We're ready to be back open," Tricia Oakland said. "Last winter, we didn't get to be open at all."

As Ridgway's leading cultural venue, it's the Sherbino Theater's mission — and therefore Oakland's job, as its programming director — to offer film, theater, music and spoken entertainment. The Sherb's always had a bigger role in Ridgway than that of a "mere" historic theater: it draws inspiration from the Chautauqua Society to offer programs that promote arts, culture and "lifelong learning" to locals.

As virus rates rise, the theater has become more than a landmark venue. In effect, it is a character in its own drama: its board must attempt to safely navigate a pandemic, while continuing to deliver, as Oakland put it, not only arts programming but "a sense of connection for the community."

And so — with vaccination proof, negative testing and mask requirements all in place — and following a several-week-long break — the theater will fling open its doors to the public again next week.

First up is a screening of

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