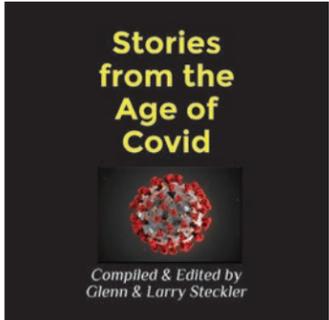


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WEDNESDAY

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Don't quote me but...

"Stories from the Age of Covid," a collection of anecdotes, is still looking for submissions. Send inquiries to Larry Steckler at lartronics@aol.com, Glenn Steckler at glennsteckler@hotmail.com or on the Facebook page at facebook.com/groups/200720321540810 by Feb. 19.

Calendar

Wednesday

- That's the Spirit: Online writing workshop with Elissa Dickson, Wilkinson Public Library, 10 a.m.-noon, register at telluridelibrary.org
- Telluride Historical Museum Genealogy Workshop: Free event on Zoom, 5:30 p.m., preregister online or email to theresa@telluridemuseum.org
- AA: Meeting via Zoom, 5:30 p.m., Zoom ID 229140239
- Grief & Depression: Online workshop hosted by Wilkinson Public Library, 5:30 p.m., sign up for a Zoom link at telluridelibrary.org
- Free Infant Sleep Seminar: In Spanish, via Zoom, 7-8 p.m., for parents/caregivers with infants 5-17 months, register with Greta@brightfuturesforchildren.org

Weather

Forecast: Wednesday will be partly cloudy with a high of 41.

Muse: "You talking to me?"
—Travis Bickle

IN ORBIT:

Wednesday focus:
Arts, Lifestyles &
Nonprofits

'A Christmas Carol'

Thursday:
A closer look

PUBLIC HEALTH

County announces more testing

By JUSTIN CRIADO
Editor

The post-holiday COVID-19 spike that public health officials warned everyone about is here. San Miguel County cases continue to climb following Christmas and New Years, as there are 496 total cases and 53 active, including 41 new positives — 29 being residents — as of press time Tuesday afternoon.

Semi-permanent site going in at Lawson Hill lot

The most recent positivity and incidence rates of 7.5 percent and 513.8 per 100,000 people, respectively, have increased as well.

While deployment of the Moderna vaccine has been going well, there is still a need to continue testing in understanding and combating the spread of the coronavirus locally.

San Miguel County Manager

Mike Bordogna announced semi-permanent testing in Lawson Hill, starting Monday, courtesy of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Tests will be available Mondays and Tuesdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lawson Hill intercept lot, similar to previous efforts.

"They're estimating that they

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Donation helps Telluride trails

Annie Carlson, right, of the Telluride Tourism Board, presents Telluride Mountain Club Executive Director Heidi Lauterbach with a \$5,860 donation. The Telluride Tourism Board donated proceeds from the 2021 Telluride photo calendar, which contains a variety of photos by Ryan Bonneau, to the Telluride Mountain Club. The donation will be used for the club's Opt In For Trails program, which directly supports funding for ongoing trail maintenance and new trail projects in the Telluride region. Another donation will be made in April. Calendars are sold at Between the Covers Book store individually and in bulk.

(Photo courtesy of Ryan Bonneau)

TELLURIDE

Demolition applications withdrawn

Council call-up halted with surprise announcement

By SUZANNE CHEAVENS
Associate Editor

A pair of aging structures on an empty lot near the Camel's Garden Hotel on San Juan Avenue will remain standing. The proposed demolition applications of a house and a shed, relics of Telluride's storied past, were set to be reviewed by Telluride Town Council in a call-up

procedure on Wednesday's agenda, but were abruptly withdrawn by the applicant, thus leaving a Historic and Architectural Review Commission's (HARC) prior ruling to deny their destruction intact.

The lot, which is located at the southwest corner of West San Juan Avenue and South Fir Street, is the proposed location

for a new hotel. The TKV (Telluride Knot Ventures, LLC) Hotel project's various elements include not only the pair of demolition applications, but also an application to move a second shed (approved by HARC) and to eventually apply for large-scale new construction. That appli-

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COMMUNITY

DENTAL CLINICS

Tri-County Health Network launches new initiative this week

SPECIAL TO THE PLANET

Tri-County Health Network (TCHNetwork) started the new year by launching Community Dental Clinics. TCHNetwork is hosting the Community Dental Clinics in locations across the region for Medicaid and CHP+ members.

The Community Dental Clinics build upon TCHNetwork's existing Skippy (San Juan Kids Cavity Prevention) program, already serving over 1,600 children each year at regional schools. The introduction of Community Dental Clinics expands TCHN's Dental Program and removes access barriers for rural southwest Colorado residents. Local residents are often unable to receive care due to many obstacles, including lack of insurance, transportation issues and overall unconcern regarding oral health. Community Dental Clinics will address these barriers by providing cutting-edge virtual dental home and restorative care services to residents on multiple days per month in Telluride, Ouray and Naturita.

Through Community Dental Clinics, Medicaid and CHP+ members will receive full preventive dental services that include in-person and virtual exams by an RDH, X-rays, cleanings, fluoride, sealants and oral hygiene education. Specialized dentists will re-

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