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THURSDAY

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Don't quote me but...

The triumphant return of Big Richard to the valley is tonight at 8 p.m. at the Sheridan Opera House.

Calendar

Thursday

- Storytime: Wilkinson Public Library, 10:30 a.m.
- Telluride Theatre Presents 'Books Alive': Telluride Elementary School, 2 p.m.
- Littles On the Move: Wilkinson Public Library, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Live Music: Altezza, The Peaks, 4-7 p.m.
- AA: Christ Church (and via Zoom), 5:30 p.m., Zoom code 825-3167-0042
- Live Music: Telluride Gold Kings, New Sheridan Historic Bar, 6-8 p.m.
- Film: 'Corsage,' Nugget Theatre, 7 p.m.
- Live Music: Big Richard, Sheridan Opera House, 9 p.m.

Weather

Forecast: Today will be clear and sunny with a high of 17.

Muse: "Life is pain, Highness. Anyone who says differently is selling something." —Westley, "The Princess Bride"

IN ORBIT:

Thursday Focus: A closer look

MV Council recap

Friday: Music & Entertainment

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

Ranger program guides visitors with education

By SUZANNE CHEAVENS
Associate Editor

The increase in usage of public lands surrounding Telluride and the region brought to light the very real risk of pristine wilderness areas being loved to death. When the pandemic led more people into the great outdoors, the impacts were felt, including an explosion

of trash, smoldering, abandoned campfires and food attracting wildlife, to name just a few of the issues. For many public lands visitors, it was a first to venture

Successful program tallies numerous public contacts

into the wilderness. Rather than take punitive approach to those littering or otherwise negatively impacting the area, programs such as the Grand Mesa, Unco-

maphgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forest Recreational Ranger Program sends representatives into popular user areas with a mission to correct negative behaviors. In a Wednesday morning work session, the San Miguel Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) heard an update

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Telluride senior Summer Armstrong (25) scrambles for possession against Mancos junior Quincy Morgan-Montoya (13) during San Juan Basin League action this past Frida at MHS. (Photo by Joel Priest/Telluride Daily Planet)

SPORTS

Lady Miners take hard loss in Mancos

THS gets first look at SJBL contenders

By JOEL PRIEST
Planet Contributor

Facing likely their most vicious competition yet in the 2022-23 season, Telluride's Lady Miners were no match for Mancos' Lady Jays, ranked No. 8 in the CHSAA Now.com Class 2A poll prior to tip-off Friday evening at MHS.

Sophomore starter Pella Ward managed one two-point basket, sophomore reserve Fianna Ahern did likewise, and sophomore regular Emma Reggiannini sank a free throw, but the guests were dealt a second-half shutout in a 54-5 road loss.

Frustration, unfortunately, developed quickly; after Man-

cos raced out to a 14-2 lead, primarily due to two early three-pointers and 10 total points from red-hot freshman Claire Goodwin, THS junior Thea Rommel was hit with a technical foul — with 2:37 still left in the first quarter — for giving a still-kneeling Lady Jay a shinbone shiver while stepping up and out of a pile-up.

THS senior Amy Guerrero later picked up her third personal foul with 26.5 ticks left, and Goodwin zipped a feed to junior Sam Simmons for a buzzer-beating two-pointer — increasing MHS' lead to 18-2 after eight full regulation minutes.

Beginning the second stanza with a free throw by junior post Teya Yeomans and a Goodwin corner triple, the Lady Jays (7-2 overall, 1-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin, 1-0 2A SJBL) gained their first 20-point advantage, and eventually coasted into halftime up 27-5. Goodwin then cashed her fourth trey during the third, and also broke free for three close-range hoops as MHS' lead ballooned to 40-5 prior to Ward, also irked after a tie-up on the floor, receiving a tech with only 0:04.4 left.

Mancos, however, failed to make either resulting free

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GREEN GRANTS RECIPIENTS

2023 cycle awards funds for 10 projects

PLANET STAFF REPORT

This past fall, the Town of Telluride and EcoAction Partners sought applications for the 2023 cycle of Telluride Green Grants. The grant process gives nonprofits, businesses and residents within the Telluride community an opportunity to fund capital projects that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The combined impact of projects implemented during the 2019, 2021 and 2022 grant cycles reduced the Telluride community's annual GHG emissions by over 170 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents (mtCO₂e), according to an EcoAction Partners news release. Such a reduction equates to over 188,000 pounds of coal burned, or the amount of carbon sequestered by more than 2,800 tree seedlings over 10 years.

The 2023 Green Grant cycle received 10 applications requesting nearly \$165,000 in total funding, making the award process very competitive for the available \$75,000. In the end, the review committee based its selection on tangible and measurable outcomes, supporting local residents and organizations with comfort and energy use reduction in their buildings, higher matching of funds, and support to existing operations that are already reducing GHG emissions.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations and individuals to reduce energy use and emissions: the Beaver Pond HOA to replace windows

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