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At the End of the Year - What to Look Forward to..

By Kendra Cook

Tokenization. The newest discussion of a topic the average Joe would never think possible, nor apply to their lives, and likely is not interested in learning about; is the concept of EVERYTHING being tokenized in the 'real' world using blockchain like 'crypto' - not just financial assets, but real world assets (rwa) from forests to rivers, mountains and lakes - and even you. Tokenized? The concept being pushed forward is monetizing all existing resources and assets; everything commoditized and traded by the super rich and powerful; And, potentially run by AI. This method is set to reshape the entire economic environment and investing - changing the concept of value and ownership.

No matter which 'party' presumably runs our country, the overall direction and goals of the uber powerful entities remains in play. Recently Larry Fink, CEO of Blackrock said, "I'm tired of hearing this is the biggest election in your lifetime. The reality is over time it doesn't matter", this was quoted at an October 21 conference hosted by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, according to the Financial Times. Historically a catastrophe is often used to bring in major changes - look no further than just four years ago to see what a pandemic ushered in with keeping the public on lock downs and in fear of an unknown. World wars, where many nations go into emergency mode, as is happening now, allow for authorities to bring changes, wipe out debt, without the processes in place that need to be dealt with, in times of alleged peace.

Back to the token. Did you know the mega company Blackrock owns 86% of the world resources? Why don't more people know about that corporation - part of the

corpratocracy. CEO Larry Fink also said "Every investor, you and I, will have our own number, our own identification. We can rid ourselves of all issues around illicit activities around bonds and stocks and digital by having tokenization," and guess who wants to be in charge of all of that - no one country; world central banks, financial juggernauts and fintech groups are creating a unique digital record stored on blockchain - where literally all things will be converted to a token, a piece of digital representation that is then bought, sold and traded as a commodity.

This goes hand in hand with the future CBDC central bank digital currency - the control and tracking in real time will result in the WEF's well known phrase by Klaus Schwab "You will own nothing and be happy".

47th Pres. elect Trump's nomination for Treasury Secretary at the time of print, is billionaire hedge fund manager Scott Bessent, a man closely aligned with Wall Street, who used to work for (George) Soros Capital Management, Trump said he would "help me usher in a new Golden Age for the United States." That sounds great - but what that really will mean has yet to be seen. Especially given his background.

In January we'll have more about NFT non fungible tokens, and what markets might be changed sooner than later through ushering in an acceptability of a digital currency. The connections of Pres. Trump to silicon valley and the rise of block chain currency, leads one to look for his own brand of 'bitcoin' as he challenges the Federal reserve, while at the same time wanting to keep the dollar strong - lots of speculation at this point, hold on for changes in 2025!

DOVE CREEKERS

DOLORES COUNTY / DOVE CREEK 4-H

We are wrapping the 2023-2024 4-H year up! We had our 4-H achievement night this last month and it was a blast! We are honored to recognize this amazing group of young people and to present them with their well-deserved awards for all of their hard work! We hope to see everyone in the new year! 4-H Enrollment for the 2024-2025 project year is now open!



DOLORES COUNTY JR RODEO

As the Dolores County Junior Rodeo ends for the season, we would like to thank everyone who came to our rodeos, as well as everyone who helped! We had our Jr Rodeo awards ceremony this November to honor all of the kids who worked so hard at our rodeos throughout the summer. They competed with heart and skill, and we are very proud of all of the kids who participated in our rodeos! We saw a lot of talent and hope everyone continues to be the awesome horseback riders they are! We hope to see you next season!



- Dolores County School 2024 Dec**
- Dec 4 Futures Fair
 - Dec 5-7 High School Basketball @Centauri Tournament
 - Dec 6-7 High School Wrestling @Moab
 - Dec 11 STUD Health Fair
 - SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**
 - Dec 12 FFA Christmas Party
 - Dec 13-14 High School Wrestling @Montrose
 - High School Basketball @Rangly Tournament
 - Dec 19 END OF 1st Semester
 - Dec 20-21 High School Basketball (H) Bulldog Classic
 - Dec 21 CHRISTMAS BREAK TO JAN 6
 - Dec 21 High School Wrestling @Walsenberg
- SEE YOU BACK TO SCHOOL JANUARY 6**



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FFA Chapter - Dove Creek Fall Update

Write up By Shae Carhart

The Dove Creek FFA chapter has been quite busy this month. The involved students have been working on district speaking, community service, and Hesperus camp, and they have also been having lots of fun with various group activities. The FFA students have been enjoying themselves while trying to help the community and learning many new things.

For the district speaking contest, there were three categories: extemporaneous speaking, creed speaking, and job interviews. Ralij Jack and Danta Jack participated in the creed-speaking category. In the extemporaneous speaking category, Trapper Vinger and Brison Dixson delivered their presentations. Mason Forest and Madison North competed in the job interview category. Both Brison Dixson and Mason Forest placed in their respective categories.

We have been very involved with our community this past year. We helped out with the Trunk or Treat, the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Rock, and the Angel Tree Shopping, and we will be assisting with Santa at the Rock Dec 2. We want to give back to the community because they give so much to us, so we plan to do even more this year.

At this year's Hesperus Camp, we had a great time filled with fun and leadership workshops. Everyone had the opportunity to learn valuable communication and teamwork skills. We also enjoyed activities like zip-lining and dancing, as well as the chance to meet more people from our district.

We have had the opportunity to have a lot of fun, like going bowling at the district and ice skating as a chapter. We also have our annual Christmas party where we can all hang out and do a Secret Santa gift exchange, which will be on December 12th. As you can see we have been very busy as a chapter learning new skills and building new friendships.



Dove Creek School Girls Volleyball San Juan Basin League Champions 2024 - finished the final season 23-3. Next up in sports is Basketball Season along with Wrestling. Be sure to follow @ThePintoBean on Facebook where we share all the athletics of the schools in the SWAC area we see on facebook, in the weeks between this publication.



Pinto Bean News

Vertical-One has a crew specializing in aerial and tower work, working on repairing ATT's communication tower On the West end of Dove Creek CO. The existing coaxle cables will be replaced with fiber lines.



Photo credit OEM

The Dolores County Emergency Mngt office told the public "The AT&T tower in Dove Creek will be down for upgrades 12/02/24-12/04/24. A cellular on wheels was ordered and delivered on 12/01/24 to provide cell service and emergency paging for Firstnet responders and the Sheriff's Office. Range will be limited to approximately two miles from Dove Creek during this upgrade. All others can expect spotty or no service thru Wednesday."

A Cowpuncher's Life

Contributed by Sam 'Jeff' Elliot
well, not that one.



If you've spent more than a couple of days on a cow outfit, you've probably seen some sort of a cowboy wreck. Some of them moderate, and some horrific. Having said that, I'll move on with the subject. When you move cows around on horseback, for the most part, if everyone knows their job, things go smooth. Occasionally there are bovines in the bunch that haven't caught on to the idea, that they can be handled like the rest of the bunch. Quite a few years ago, I was working for a good friend, Bunk Robison on the RO ranch in Az. , there was a piece of rough haired over country on the south east end of the ranch, called Camp Wood Corner. He decided to take a few of us up there and clean up some of the

remnants. We had set some triggers (trap gates) on a water lot, and were hoping to find some cattle in there after a couple of days. I can't remember who all was there, but I remember Bunk, Zary May , Drew Timmons, possibly Levi Goldsmith, and not sure but maybe my son Jared. Anyway, as we came riding up to the water lot, we saw we had trapped 15 to 20 head of cattle. In the bunch there was a pretty good sized wide horned black bull, and no trace of a brand, (MAVERICK) , we all came to life!!!! After a little visit we came up with a plan, and proceeded to try to pen them in the branding corral. Bunk had told me to set outside the water lot and be ready in case the bull jumped out, which is exactly what he did. In a nutshell, I wasn't as handy as I needed to be, and he was handing my ass to me as we were flying through the trees. Out of nowhere Drew materialized and built to him. I'm not beating around the bush when I say they were flying, as fast as the horse and the bull could run, Drew is tied off, like most of us did back then, you'd of thought he was trying to win the world championship when he rolled up on him and roped him. Just as he jerked his slack, the bull went to the right of a big ole dead pine, Drew's horse went left. I was just behind them, and saw it all, it jerked Drew's horse and the bull over backwards, one of the wildest things I've seen over the years. I had a loop built, and as I got there the bull was getting up, and the horse was crossing the rope, so grabbed a back leg and went to the end. As I was riding by Drew, I asked him, are you okay? He just said with a smile, yep, but my nuts hurt a little Y'all can take this for what it's worth, but it's just a story, the best I can remember it . What a life I've lived!!!!



Courtesy Photo

COLORADO BLM LAND ROAD CLOSURES FOR WINTER

BLM Colorado implements seasonal closures across the state to reduce disturbance to wintering wildlife during the most stressful time of year. Closing areas to human activity is important to allow deer and elk to conserve energy and survive the winter. When animals flee due to

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Enroll in one of the 26 projects taking place in Colorado covering 34 major commodities. Contact one of the partners listed (follow the QR code above) or visit the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities website to learn more about climate-smart markets, premiums and incentives."

SAFE AND FUN CHRISTMAS TREES

No matter what you celebrate for and with this time of year - a decked out fir tree is super popular all around. Some trim the tree with classic bows and balls others use the yearly decorations to remember events and celebrate births from the year - While still others will endeavor to create something new each time - or celebrate a theme like this "Cowboy Christmas" photo from pintrest by Jamie Kirkendoll right.

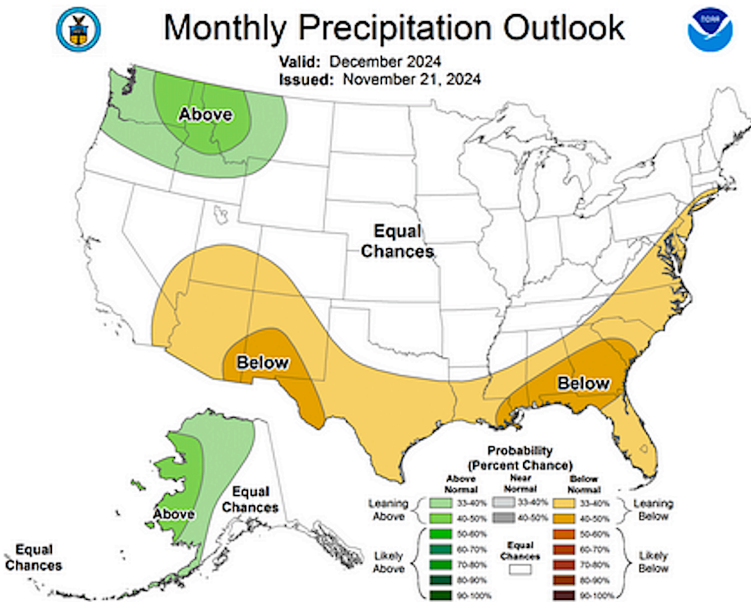
Here are 5 tips for a live tree in your home:

Make a fresh cut about 1" at least before putting in the stand - which should be ample size and strong legs for stability. Choose a spot away from heat sources and open flames. Water immediately with warm water, the base should hold at least 1 gallon. Don't add anything to the water. Check the level daily, they are thirsty, and can absorb up to 2 gallons that first day in!



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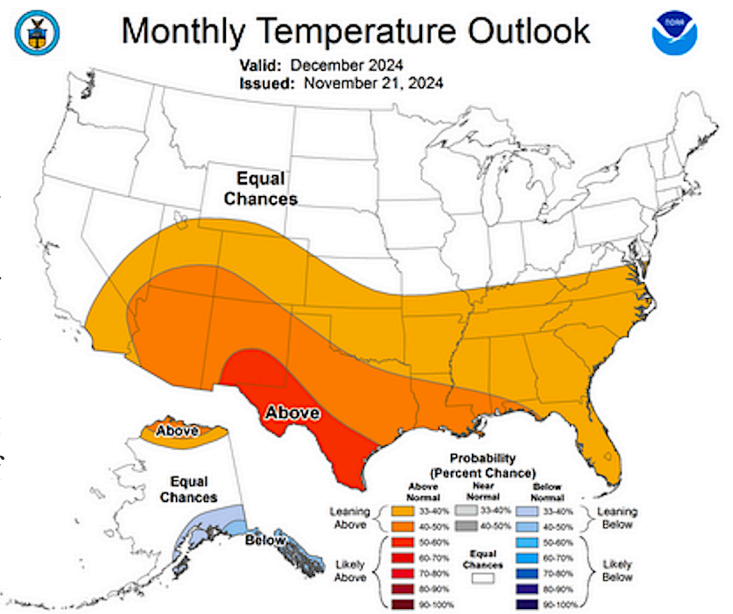
Food for Thought
 By Kenny Ray
 Hide not your talents, what use is a sundial in the shade?



DECEMBER WEATHER

Four Corners looks to be a little drier than average. The temperatures for our area may be warmer than average as well. Drought monitor showing the four corners out of drought... for now.

Weather.gov



I just ate a frozen apple. Hardcore. Why can't you hear a pterodactyl using the bathroom? Because the P is silent I hate perforated lines... they're tearable.

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy, the other is a little lighter.

DEC WHAT'S UP

- Birth Flowers – Daffodil / Poinsettia
- Birth Stone – Turquoise
- Zodiac Signs – Sagitarius - Capricorn

- Dec 1 - Advent Sunday
- Dec 2 - Cyber Monday
- Dec 3 - Day of Giving
- Dec 8 - Natl Christmas Tree Day
- Dec 10 - Human Rights Day
- Dec 15- Bill of Rights Day
- Dec 17- Saturnalia
- Dec 21- Winter Solstice
- Dec 23- Festivus
- Dec 25- Christmas Day
- Dec 30- Natl Bacon Day



- Dec1/30 - New Moon
- Dec 15 - Full Moon
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SMALL BUSINESS DREAMS - STATELINE BAR & GRILL

By Kendra Cook

Small Businesses are the heart beat and backbone of any prosperous community. There are those that take a chance, and then dig in and give it their all - no doubt with as much family as one can persuade to follow their dream, and ultimately create new opportunities for generations to come. When 'main street' is full of empty buildings, you might feel a pain driving through any small town, and a sadness that things are falling apart - and then there are those who look at these locations and feel driven to do something about that! These entrepreneurs are often unsung heroes - as they not only privately revitalize an area - not relying on the government or agencies to fill in the gaps - they put their money - and often their other property like a home - on the line, to establish a new business where there was nothing, and employ locals who would have to go elsewhere to find work.

Tim Meyer and Shelley Poole are a couple that have been active in the Dove Creek community, establishing their Midnight Ventures portfolio of businesses over the past decade and more. The end of November 2024 marked the 10 year anniversary of the Stateline Bar and Grill at the border of CO/UT, on HWY 491, they bought the property that had been used for several purposes over the years. The last rendition was a bar and restaurant, with plans for an RV park as well. After sitting empty for a time, Tim and Shelley decided to go ahead and buy in to the dream of making it a destination location! This road house style western front building has retained the charm of a real local unique venue - they expanded an outdoor 'room' and the back patio with a stage for music, dancing area for weddings and all types of events.

The owners posted some thoughts on their journey. "10 years ago Tim and I decided to buy our first business. One that had been shut down for 8 years in the middle of no where, literally. We had no idea what we were walking into, but with help from friends and family we were able to clean it up and start our dream of owning a bar and restaurant. We knew how to run a bar but had no idea how to run a restaurant, other than knowing what food we liked. It has taken many years to get the right crew to make this place so amazing. First we want to thank Phoebe Poole and Julie Hemphill for being the faces of Stateline, for sticking with us for so long and helping create the atmosphere and the food that makes Stateline what it is. We absolutely couldn't do it without them or their staff!! We want to thank our family for supporting us and helping out throughout the years. Brea Meyer (daughter- now manager of Bangers Pizza) started working there when she was 14, and has been working in the business for 10 years. Austin Meyer and Jesse Poole



Tim Meyer and Shelley Poole owners of Stateline Bar and Grill (also Midnight Venutres - Fuel & Trucking, Dove Creek Sinclair, Bangers Bar and Grill)

(sons) for always coming out to help your parents when we need the stupid things done..like the patio furniture and the air conditioner covers put on, or stacking the wood!! Thanks to Ed Turner helping fix and maintain everything so we can keep going. We would also like to thank all of our friends for their support and all the memories we have made over the years. Lastly a shout out to the surrounding communities for coming to our events, our crazy parties, coming to watch football on Sundays, and having red beers to nurse a hangover!! Seize The Day - as they say!!! We love you guys!!

Tim & Shelley" Here's to the next 10 - thank you, we love you guys too!

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Protected vs. Unprotected?

By *Aimee Tooker*



The proponents of the proposed Dolores River National Monument say the land is “unprotected”. I beg to differ; in fact, I have the science and data to back it up.

The proponents have a biodiversity report that was written by Conservation Science Partners specifically to support the effort for the Dolores River National Monument proposal, it references research that was conducted in partnership with Conservation Lands Foundation which is also a proponent of the proposed Dolores River National Monument. No bias there, right? The data could not be skewed to the narrative, right?

The report states GAP 1 and GAP 2 categories of the United States Geological Survey are the only categories considered to be “permanently protected”. (But of course, GAP 3 states that it is “permanent protection”, but they like to ignore that category because it doesn’t fit the narrative.)

So GAP 1 and 2 permanent protections in the area include Wilderness Study Areas, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Lands with Wilderness Characteristics, and some but not all conservation easements (but should include all because they are in perpetuity). There are hundreds of thousands of acres of GAP 1 and GAP 2 “permanent protections” in the draft monument map area already.

The biodiversity report is so vivid on the pretty blue scale because the proponents claim 2,216 species that the area is “suitable habitat” for and because of its intactness and connectivity. So, it is a big area that is vast and remote and could house a lot of animals. Yep, that is why we live here, we love the large vast area of nature and the animals that live here. How about we keep it that way and let the locals decide how best to manage it? That brings me to the 5 imperiled species the proponents claim is there (nope there are only 2) One is a butterfly that lives in permanent spring-fed meadows the other is the Gunnison Sage Grouse. There are few permanent spring fed meadows in the map area and the Gunnison Sage Grouse habitat is farther south in San Miguel County and the BLM is working with private property owners on the 41% of habitat that the grouse inhabits. Don’t get me started on the anti-hunting predator proposal ballot box biology aspect that would have completely killed off the Gunnison Sage Grouse, that is for another article.

Recent articles have stated what we knew from the beginning that this was an anti-mining and anti-energy development campaign and not an effort to “Protect the Dolores River”. Recently the Department of Energy conducted a detailed comprehensive environmental impact assessment on the area including all their lease tracts in the UraVan Mineral Belt. The conclusion for the Department of Energy Uranium Leasing Program Environmental Impact Statement found no significant impact.

There is a big push from the Sierra Club, proponents and others to designate a dozen




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national monuments by the swipe of a pen and by a Presidential Proclamation. My question is are our Senators or President Biden going to be swayed by science written for the proponents by the proponents (or donations to their campaigns) or are they going to trust the United States Geological Survey, Protected Areas database, NatureServe, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in accordance with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, etc.? The next couple of months will tell a lot, and I will be there, and I will be taking notes and so should you.



Commentary By Linda Cunningham

“Politics make strange bedfellows”, not sure what that means exactly, but to say this has been a tumultuous couple of months is putting it lightly. We’re all recovering from the stress, anxiety and nightmare scenarios of this election season. But it’s finally over, the American people have overwhelmingly spoken and Donald Trump will be back at the helm to put this country right again! I hope and pray this transition of power will be a peaceful one. The left will always be the party of sore losers, I don’t think that will ever change, but maybe they’ve learned a thing or two this time around . . . maybe? Some of the major networks that were in lock-step with the party of lies are losing viewership, and for them, that equates into dollars. Can’t say I’m surprised or even sorry to hear this... they really did have it coming.

It’s time now to put egos aside, let go of the hate, cut-out the bickering and get on with improving things in the country and in our own backyards.

“Be a voice, not an echo”
Albert Einstein

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR LAND OWNERS:
Interpreting the Newly Updated BLM Gunnison Sage-grouse Resource Management Plan Amendment

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at the Public Service Center
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• Gunnison Sage-grouse in Dolores County

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The Gunnison Sage Grouse planning and concerns of private property rights, is being discussed in Dolores County CO on Dec. 12th if there is enough participation. Recently the BLM approved land management plans that affect CO and UT lands regarding Gunnison Sage Grouse.



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join. New to CBCs? Some easy
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Find a group hosting a count (also called a "circle") near you. New birders are welcome! Find a circle near you. Email the leader of the circle you'd like to join. It is recommended to do this as soon as you can. Many are already making plans and groups can fill up! The compiler will confirm if their circle is accepting additional participants. If they are, they'll let you know when and where to meet and what to bring. On the day of the event, you'll count birds with your circle of fellow bird lovers. Remember to check the weather and dress warm and appropriately.

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What's on My Mind? *Spill the Beans*

THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR ~ PUBLISHER
Kendra Cook



Merry Christmas - each and every one!

The end of 2024. Stunning how quickly this went, I'm told that is what happens as we log more years . . . Perception changes, along with the realization of the deceptions. In the year 2025, there are so many elements at play - from the change of US government, at least at the top, to stars and planets aligning for war and turmoil, middle east doing what they've done for eons, economy on the verge of collapse/change and so forth. Yet I still feel there is hope in all of this. Has to be. As I write this over Thanksgiving, we are certainly focused on what to be thankful for. Then there's December - with a Christian centric country, the reason for the season is the celebration of Jesus Christ the savior. More hope, and love. Certainly for those dedicated in that faith, a continued time of giving thanks and gifting love gets mixed in with the darkness of shorter days, cold, continued challenges for making ends meet, and staying healthy. Other religions also celebrate the light, the gathering, the repenting and believing in an overall divine element, ultimately in charge of it all. The tinsel, bells and brights lights of the season are there to help us get through the darkest hours.

I always feel it's odd that the actual "start" of winter isn't until the Solstice about the 21st of Dec., since likely many locations as here in SW CO, have already had snow fall and cold. You look at how many ancient texts tell stories around this time of the seasons as being very important, where in the northern hemisphere, we experience the shortest daylight day of the year; The sun "dies", stops moving, and then on the 3rd day is "reborn" or "resurrected" - and the light of the world, the sun, starts moving back the other way in our sky, illuminating mankind over the following 6 months of ever growing longer daylight with each coming day; Hope for spring where the cycle begins again.

So what to pray for while reflecting on the last twelve months, and looking forward to the next year? I'm still going with Team Humanity. I truly hope - and pray - for each one reading this to continue to wake up to a more peaceful, a more united, humanity wise, future. Waking up to the lies and the divisions and the many problems that the new governing bodies may push back on, to swing the other direction, is not the solution to our situation. In fact, these elements may just be distractions, and small moves, while the bigger problems remain on their agenda track. Perhaps (I feel) this is not the best for our future; I'd prefer one filled with that spark of creativity and kindness of humanity more than a dark future of tech AI and robots - and yes, some type of war.

What if we were to realize we were in a simulation, a bad copy of an original beautiful natural world. Would we live and act differently? Although we are divine spirits in these blood and flesh bodies, our minds that decode the programming into the reality of where we live, are still quite indoctrinated by the world we 'see' around us - we need to be more deeply awakened (like Neo in the Matrix movie) and then, more in charge of our own minds.

So while we are delighted by the twinkling lights, candles, festive foods, and gift giving, as well as days off for many, from the mundane work loads (not including farmers ranchers care givers and service people etc who do not catch the 'holiday' time off), let's not forget some of the big stories from the year - child trafficking, pdiddy hollyweird thuggery, missing thousands of children pouring into the country, those ill from all sorts of intentional negative impacts on our lives, not the least our 'food' and water, potential war on our own soil, environmental issues, along with a turning away from God, and loosing our identities to a digital computerized world of tracking tracing and controlling. Some of the smaller 'battles' may get worked out, while the larger ones, freedom for humanity, you might forget to pay attention to. My hope, and prayer, for this month and into 2025 is for personal responsibility to be encouraged, for individual creativity to be celebrated, for reasonable dialogue and resolutions to be managed, and this promise of a 'new golden age' to be realized by a new revealing.



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SEA MOSS - Supplement?

By Sarah Toenin

Many will turn to adding supplements to their diets during the winter months - different sources of various vitamins and minerals that you may not get quite enough through the 'foods' you eat at this time. Celebrations in December are well known for offering lots of sugary goodness, excess alcohol, and possibly over eating festive foods like fatty rich dip, fried appetizers, and more. You can easily find the basics being suggested: Vitamin D, Zinc, Vitamin C, and B12 for energy, BEFORE you 'catch' a cold or are laid up with the flu or worse.

But something caught my eye this month - sea moss. What in the heck is sea moss as a supplement? No supplement is "FDA" regulated or approved, so your sources must be from someone you trust - do your homework, research, and cross check always. Back to the moss of the sea.

"Experts" say it may promote weight loss, thyroid control, and heart health - and that's all good news for those with diabetes. But is



Sea Moss can be consumed as a paste or in simple vegan tablet form, often in a blend.

it true? Sea moss aka Irish moss, or Chondrus crisps, is a type of red algae found in the Atlantic Ocean. It has a lot of essential minerals along with fiber, calcium, potassium, iron, magnesium, and folate. One of the trendy "superfoods" it also is touted to benefit your immune system and improve the health of your gut.

The warnings with sea moss are to start small and monitor the results, and as always, consult your healthcare provider - to see if sea moss might be something beneficial to your overall health!

BE INVOLVED - FIND THE PUBLIC MEETING AND KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!

Dolores County CO

County Board of Commissioner Meetings
2nd and 4th Monday's day time Courthouse

Town of Dove Creek Meetings 1st and 3rd
Thursdays 6:30pm Town Hall

DCDC Meetings Quarterly a Wed CSU Office

Dolores County School Board 3rd Wed. 6pm

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Dove Creek Ambulance Dist. 3rd Monday 6:30
at the Ambulance Barn

San Juan County UT

County Board Meeting 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays 11am Commission Chambers

Monticello City Council Meeting 2nd and
4th Tuesday 7pm Community Center

Blanding City Council Meeting 2nd and 4th
Tuesdays 7pm City Office

Montezuma County CO

County Board of Commissioners 2nd and
4th Tuesdays 9am 109 W Main

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More to be added in the January Issue...

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Lock Downs in 2025?

By Dewey Cheatham



Which crisis will trigger the next lock down? The IMF - International Monetary Fund, started after the great depression in the middle of WWII, funded by member Countries in the name of world economic stability - is calling for economy crushing "Carbon Restrictions" to bring in 'climate lockdowns". Yes, 'the science' is not universally agreeing with political fear mongerers on how or why the weather is doing what it is, and the balance of the earth is really struggling - just from what. Not due to the human causes you'll see on TV or in main stream media (SUVs and cows). If you have not watched The Dimming, it's a free documentary online, you should, it does a good job of showing the actual patents and what is being done above our heads.

But just like the invisible potential germ theory pathogens (project COVID) a proposal to instate climate lockdowns to limit private vehicle use, band consumption of red meat, and impose extreme energy saving measures, while fossil fuel companies would stop drilling, would not be beneficial to a stable economy. How did the pandemic lockdowns work - a disaster in themselves. The resulting 'beneficial' result was increasing the control factor on an under informed population.

Before getting to these lockdowns, the first step is the financial 'lockdown' in the form of carbon taxation. This method could result in energy shortages, food shortages, job losses, and further collapses. That's if they truly want to obtain 'net zero'. And their projections remain targeted for 2030. A Zero Hedge article provides data that shows "The claim that carbon concentration due to human activity has a drastic influence on global temperatures (or weather) is absolutely unfounded." There are global environmental issues in flux, just who what where and why are the answers that really need to be addressed.

REF: <https://www.zerohedge.com/economics/imf-calls-carbon-restrictions-economy-bigger-covid-lockdowns>

Pres. elect Trump has promised to halt federal climate action and repeal the Biden-era Inflation Reduction Act. We shall see.

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Does Pres. / Pres. Elect Trump want to create his own Federal "bitcoin" digital currency? IS this why there are so many in his cabinet and influencers, that are high up in silicon valley? Sat. the 30th of Nov. Trump announced and posted on his Truth Social platform, the post to the right. Could 100% tariffs save the world reserve US Dollar? There are less than two months til the inauguration. We will continue to observe.
 See: World Liberty Financial

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump 11.30.24
 The idea that the BRICS Countries are trying to move away from the Dollar while we stand by and watch is OVER. We require a commitment from these Countries that they will neither create a new BRICS Currency, nor back any other Currency to replace the mighty U.S. Dollar or, they will face 100% Tariffs, and should expect to say goodbye to selling into the wonderful U.S. Economy. They can go find another "sucker!" There is no chance that the BRICS will replace the U.S. Dollar in International Trade, and any Country that tries should wave goodbye to America.

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MUSING ON LAND

By Dexter Gill

Land Ho! Open the gates, the land rush is on! When was that? Actually the land ownership fight issue began at the Revolution, when the British Crown Lands, which extended to the Mississippi River, were abandoned to the new Colony/States along the East Coast. Even before the ink was dry, several states were laying extensive claims to the newly available lands. This showed that men's hearts and minds were the same then as today, "I want more"! And then the fight began. The Revolution almost failed over who got what and how much land. You have to remember, the Declaration of Independence states, the "Right to Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness". Happiness did not mean recreation or partying at the Pub, it was an all-encompassing word which centered on "owning one's own land" where one could live in security, provide for their own sustenance, and create economy and commerce. Being FREE to Live one's life, while keeping in mind, the full definition of "liberty".

The long story made short, they agreed to set up a system that ended with the new claimed lands being ceded by the new claimants, to the new General Governing body they were setting up, to negotiate new State boundaries that would provide for all States Land acreage and population to be near equal as possible, to prevent any one, or more States overpowering others in the future. That was a key point. Some were already land locked from the new lands, like Rhode Island and Delaware, which by the way, both are about the same acreage as Montezuma County, Colorado. To develop the Criteria for State boundaries, an Ordinance was established, known as the "Northwest Ordinance", which included the new lands west to and up along the Mississippi River, up to and including the east side of today's Massachusetts. The Ordinance declared new States would be established from the new lands obtained, with the new States to have "Equal footing with the original states in all respects whatsoever". The Land of the States was all "the peoples" in private ownership, other than what was specifically sold or ceded by the States for government operations, as specified in Article I. Section 8, Clause 17 of the new Constitution.

It is interesting how time changes lives, lands, and people. Within only 72 years, all what had been understood and agreed upon had been forgotten or ignored by the new generation. In 1789, at the signing of the new Constitution, the population of the new US was 3.9 million in 13 States, which was about 2 million less than State of Colorado is today. By 1860, the population jumped to 31.4 million with about 35 states and nobody



PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

By Kendra Cook

As the populist majority appear to want to have all governments working for their bosses - the people - it's also the responsibility of the public to participate after the elections. In Dolores County, the local Dove Creek Press paper ended in 2021, and now the DCTV program over the air TV has been terminated the end of December. The Pinto Bean / TPI is communicating with the new BOCC and other entities, to potentially offer alternative local programming in some format. The Bean remains open to the possibilities of some type of local weekly release in addition to the monthly Bean; it's a matter of what all local papers face - the costs and access to affordable printing to make it viable. If you are online on Facebook, please follow @ThePintoBean for daily updates on news around our area.

The two new Dolores County Commissioners, Mr. Stiasny and Mrs. Davis,

will start their terms in January. Throughout the campaigns, the issues of communications was a big part of what the people want enhanced. Looking to Montezuma County, their BOCC started a 'COFFEE with the COUNTY' open public unofficial gathering, which so far has been a welcome addition to the meetings with official business. Contributing writer Dexter Gill attended the November 25th meeting and had this to say: It was a very good meeting, with 24 chairs filled and good participation in exchanging concerns and discussing issues. Director of Health Dept. was focal point at this meet, and it was brought out that Health Dept is funded by State, NOT County property taxes, except for Statutes that require the County pay \$1.50 per resident, like a head tax. Other questions and discussions included the Chicken Creek land owners issue with the Forest Service; questions on LUC land variances; Signing on hiking trails outside of Mancos; Solar energy farms vs Agriculture, and need to resolve the 2015 LUC amendment; What does Empire think about Tri-State going all green, and what are they doing to ensure we will be secure with electric service? ; Concerns were raised that the issue of Sheriffs budget will not happen again next year. These were all very good discussions. These meetings are how a true local government should be handled. WE the people need to be informed so WE can help those we have ASKED to do the "heavy lifting" for us in dealing with today's inter-government agencies and issues and Legal systems. We would encourage YOU to participate in these Coffee Meetings, to be informed AND to help inform the County on the needs and issues they are unaware of. photo of the meeting above, we had coffee and munchies as well. "It is universally admitted that a well instructed people alone can be permanently a free people."---James Madison American President and father of the Constitution. "

Well said, and perhaps more governing bodies will engage with the residents they represent, and take a note from Montezuma County.

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could agree on what to have for breakfast, Grits or Crab cakes so went to battle over separating the Country. What was resolved? Not much, we still have a divided land and more.



BOULDER CO

Government scientists in Boulder CO released information at the end of November, of their research to detect geoengineering as an alert system. Interesting, as recently the topic of geo engineering - modifying the weather - had been taboo and mocked as false - yet, now the narrative is revealing more of the truth. From an article in LNG BC, they wrote "Many worry that solar geoengineering could have unintended consequences, destroying regional weather patterns and harming everything from agriculture to local economies." Odd that the US Air Force had released a document in the 1990s that they would control the weather by 2025. And here we are. The new 'network' monitors for particles in the air to detect unusual aerosol releases. Balloons with the devices ascend to 90K feet before the helium is released so the balloons float back to Earth. It also is released that this program was funded by Congress in 2020 via NOAA.

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This management is headed up through the Richfield offices, covering almost 1.5 million acres of lands in Garfield and Wayne Counties UT. A Public hearing period was held through October of 2024, the results and decisions on the plan will be available on the BLM website BLM.gov, where all land management plans can be found

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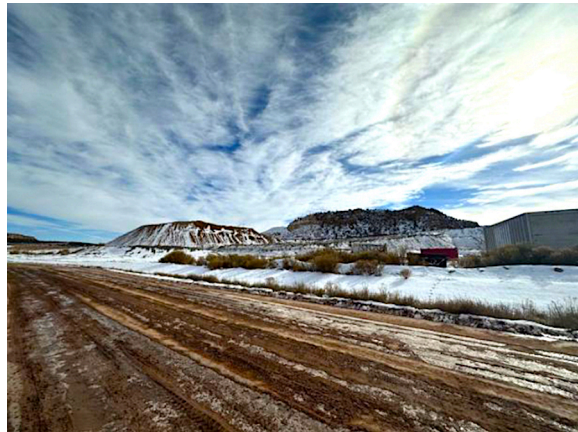


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LISBON VALLEY UT

Just before the holidays, a local area mine, the Lisbon Valley Copper Mine, NW of Dove Creek and NE of Monticello, laid off and fired a significant portion of their workforce with little notice. According to a report in the San Juan Record from a company release, there were 45 terminated and 45 furloughed November 20th. They are retaining a staff of 70 during what they referred to as a "significant restructuring effort." The company claims to be transitioning from a small tier to a mid tier operation as they look forward to their expansion with the Lone Wolf Pit next year. This next endeavor may contain 500 million pounds of copper reserves dependent on the permits. Feb 14 of 2024, it was reported that the US Dept of Agriculture backed a \$25 million dollar loan (at 60% guarantee) through Greater Commercial Lending to Lisbon Valley Mining, to "save and create rural jobs in America" as part of the broad climate change initiative developed under the Biden administration. This is based on the potential for copper demand, and the possibility to create in-situ mining by 2026.

MONTEZUMA COUNTY CO

Former Montezuma County CO District Attorney Christian Hatfield, has been under law enforcement investigation since possible drunk driving charges came about after he crashed his 2020 Toyota SUV on HWY 64 East of Farmington NM. Blood samples collected Aug. 30 have yet to have the test results released. After three months the test results are still 'pending' according to a Journal report indicating the San Juan County Sheriff Ferrari confirmed the lab had not provided the results. Hatfield lost his seat as DA to Republican Jeremy Reed in the Nov. 5, 2024 election.

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MOAB UT

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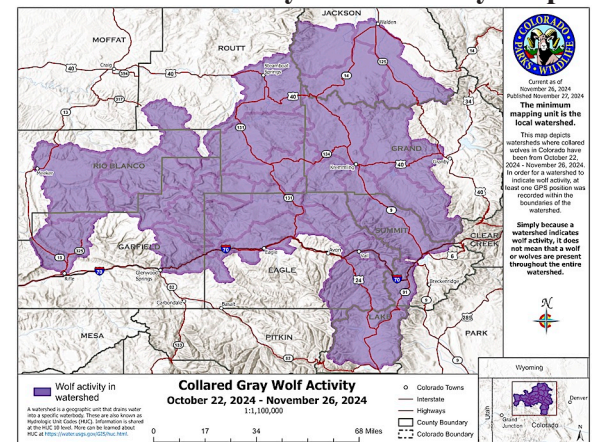


Speaking of birds - For January, the State of UT DMV will be offering a revised version of the newest Utah license plate featuring the Great Lakes Pelican. The fees provide a way for Utahns to directly support the preservation of the Great Salt Lake while showcasing that support on their cars. The \$25 fee goes to the Sovereign Lands Management account to be directly used for the preservation of the Great Sale Lake as prescribed by the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council.

The Great Saalt Lake has been hit hard by the droughts reaching an historic low in 2022.

COLORADO

Nov Collared Gray Wolf Activity Map



This map is updated on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

Wolf Movement Updates: GPS points are currently taken every 4 hours. A wolf successfully crossed Highway I-70 to the south. Garfield County, Eagle County and Pitkin County are the counties currently being considered for releasing gray wolves during the 2024-25 capture and release season.

Photography: The Hunt for the Best Photo



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"When I was a hunter, I looked at these amazing animals as a predator, but as a wildlife photographer I have a different world view and see them through a different light." Wildlife Through Hope's Eyes.

**SMALL RURAL BIZ
SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS**

By Kendra Cook

Small communities are successful when their local businesses thrive. The more local business, the more prosperity that trickles out to all facets of a better community overall. One of the primary ways to increase business is through local entrepreneurs; They are the risk takers that see potential in a product or service, that will not only benefit their own bottom line through success, but help others through employment and keeping monies circulating locally.

Out of Dove Creek... well, technically Cedar Point UT just over the border, Marie Carhart, struck out on her own during the "project COVID" time, to work from home at the farm/ranch. No she didn't work the fields, where her family's farm and ranch business has been successfully growing dryland wheat, beans, sunflower, and more, along with animal ranching for many decades (though shes helps out). They sell and distribute nationally, famous fresh pinto beans and hot sauces under the brand name El Torro. Though helping with whatever is needed with the family business, her passion and talent for creative developments resulted in a unique organic soy candle creations entrepreneurial business under the name Carhart Heritage Farms.

She 'dipped' her toe (as it were) in the candle creation market locally at first, experimenting with shapes and scents, containers and labels. Next, she grew her business by an online shop at Etsy's, and learned all the ins and outs of packaging and shipping the products around the US and the world. As orders increased, she needed more space and expanded her one woman operation, with help from her daughter, into a dedicated shipping container workshop.



A classic holiday scent that tells the story of a cozy holiday night spent sipping wine in front of the fireplace. Christmas Cabin combines orange spice notes from the kitchen, fir and pine notes from the Christmas tree, and an earthy smokiness from the fireplace. It's Christmas Eve, in a candle, any time.

As demand grew for all types of candle creations, she continues to both deliver unique seasonal products to shops in the four corners, while filling orders from online. Each candle is all natural-hand poured-highest quality soy, with vegan-lead free wicks, infused with the highest quality fragrance oils. There's not enough room to share photos of all of the creative candle concoctions - let me entice you with a few of the names to conjure up the warming scents offered: Ginerbread Cookie Holiday Dessert, Peppermint Mocha Dessert, Christmas Tree, Pecan Pie, Christmas Cabin, Apple Pie, Orange Creamsicle... so many more options.

Beautiful gifts for the holidays, birthdays, anniversaries or just to spoil yourself with some candle therapy from rural Colorado. Shop Marie's Etsy store or look for her candles in boutique shops in the area! You'll be supporting a made in the USA local business entrepreneur in the process.

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https://youtu.be/53_YtB2-3Rk?si=zDZ4P-Gh2kBWggQs

Cookies & Cocoa Tray

By Kendra Cook

Enjoying a festive gathering over the holiday season often means figuring out what to bring or prepare. Trying to come up with something unique and fun to bring or set out to share with family and friends, the traditional 'charcuterie' board takes a different twist, instead of cheeses and meats, go for a dessert theme with Cookies and Cocoa!

You know you love to make or eat holiday cookies, instead of presenting them in a 'tin', find or create a holiday tray presentation with a mix of flavors. What makes this idea even more special, is to add toppings you might add to a cup of hot chocolate (whether flavored with peppermint schnapps or not), or mix and match any other type of holiday cheer beverage with some fun toppings. (Alternatively a wintery punch drink, with various elements that would top things off: try a juice punch with candied fruit, cinnamon sticks, colored sugars for the rim. A neat trick is to freeze ice cubes with a couple of cranberries in each cube or a fruit of choice. Gingerale and cranberry juice, with pink grapefruit juice is a good standard mix - vodka optional.)

Back to those with a chocolate craving. Home made whip cream, sprinkles, more



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chocolate bits, caramel, peppermints, shredded coconut, powdered sugar, even sea salt, and of course, marshmallows of all types would make a nice array of options. For your cookies, you can always go with some quick store buys, if you have time, you might experiment with decorating sugar cookies or have fun with a new recipe.

Rustic Ranch Decor and More in Pleasant View CO, is the cutest store packed with seasonal items and they offer crafty programs throughout the year. A recent project - Cookie Trays - was hosted by Stateline Bar and Grill in November. Wooden trays with fun door pull like handles, and a variety of stencils and antiquing techniques make for an individualized tray - you can even leave it for the host of the party as a thank you when presenting your cookies and toppings.

COOKIE RECIPE - Nighty Nights

Preheat oven to 350 F and line a cookie sheet with foil and grease it with butter. Beat 2 large egg whites until foamy with a whisk, a hand mixer or a standing mixer on medium. Gradually add in the 2/3 cup of granulated sugar and continue beating the egg whites until they hold stiff peaks. Next, add 1 teaspoon vanilla extract and 1 pinch fine salt. Blend well. Gently fold in your flavor ingredients - 1 cup pecans and 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, with a spatula. Spoon out and drop dough by teaspoonfuls onto the prepared cookie sheet. Place the cookies in the preheated oven and then turn the oven off. Here's the 'nighty night' part.. Leave the cookies in the oven overnight, keeping the door closed so the heat doesn't escape too quickly, or about 10 hours.

Ingredients

- 2 large egg whites, at room temperature
 - 2/3 cup granulated sugar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1 pinch fine salt
 - 1 cup pecans, finely chopped
 - 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- (alternatively you can make these with thin mints to have chocolate and mint flavor)

BEAN THINKING ABOUT DECEMBER PUZZLE

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ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

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|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 3. Traditional 'cake' more like a brick | 29. A French Christmas | 1. Rednose reindeer |
| 4. Festival of lights popular spelling | 30. The white stuff we look for on Christmas | 2. First classic song for 2025 |
| 6. Tree topping with wings | | 5. Christmas in Spanish |
| 8. No sunshine no noise | | 7. Five points goes on top of the tree |
| 9. Who got run over by a reindeer in the song | | 9. The green guy who stole Christmas |
| 11. Bust open a seed to get inside with this | | 10. Best Beans from Dove Creek |
| 13. Plant that commands you kiss | | 12. Delicious round treats |
| 16. Hanging on a tree | | 14. Wish you a type of happy Christmas |
| 18. Trip pulled by horses, no wheels | | 15. Christian savior |
| 19. Festive drink (chickens play a part) | | 17. Tinkling of spot price \$40 by year's end |
| 22. Long lasting in the fireplace | | 19. Little workers with pointy hats |
| 24. Manger scene with all the characters | | 20. Name of a day when everything is closed |
| 25. Red headed named cookies | | 21. Glowing lights may smell good too |
| 26. Jolly old guy in a red suit | | 23. Under the tree |
| 28. Abbreviation for Christmas | | 27. Famous snowman |

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Local Pricing as of 12.1.24

Winter Wheat \$7.50 * Beans \$34

Source: CSU Extension

Commodity Pricing Samples

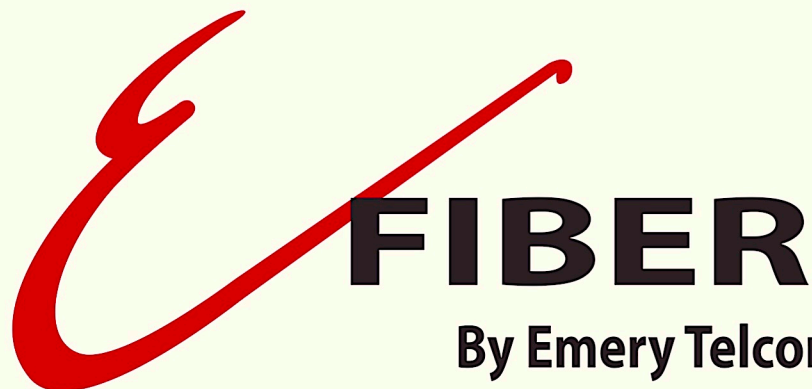
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