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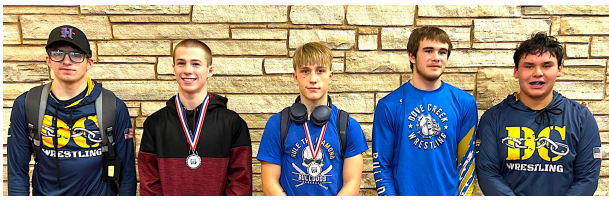


By Kendra Cook **SHOULD WE BOW TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Headline news is increasingly frenzied as we plow into 2025 with the new USA Administration. The latest whiplash of tariff implementations and the effect on the gold and silver markets is among many other economic implications. Regulations and governmental impacts from the Federal level will affect our local lives. The border and deportations, the crashed planes, and all sorts of theories on various elements to be at blame for any one of these issues. Next, is the potential for the 'false flags' to usher in a civil and or world wide war. One of the 'elephant in the room' agendas that appears to be moving forward in front our eyes, is the big push towards Artificial Intelligence mechanisms on all fronts. In the UK they are looking at testing AI for enforcement. In Argentina they are looking for governmental monitoring of social media with AI to predict future crimes. Lots of other examples across the world as well. The concept of a digital manipulation of human DNA for many purposes IS the greater plan - the globalist plan, so how is it that the top level Techno Oligarchs have so much presence in this 'freedom' loving administration? (meeting with Bill Gates? What happened to locking him up for crimes against humanity? Why is Elon Musk with his neuro link brain implants so involved in overseeing our government?) What does an AI controlled society look like - control in every aspect of what you thought was a road to freedom. That includes the digital currency push that is also up front in the Trump agenda. AI taking over the decision making in all realms, removing the human input, does not eventually turn out so good for the freedom of the individual. And who started the programming input to these mega monsters of data crunching - in most cases, teams with specific agendas

that are not aligned with free human consciousness. On the surface, AI looks great as a helpful tool for humans to use, not the other way around. Most Americans would love for their jobs to be easier, more efficient, and even many would go for a basic income to not work - but that all comes with a price. It's a slippery slope and we should be careful where we step. Tech experts talk about the potential for there being 'trigger words' programmed in the data, that could change the direction of an AI 'decision' making process - so while at first it appears the logic is sound, as long term agendas continue, unchecked, the AI judge and jury concept could easily switch directions. AI is quickly invading all parts of our lives. Convenience is actually full track and trace to take away our humanity, no free will, no doctors or interaction with people, just machines, and we are to be happy with it. Better living through technology - but we have to choose it. We the people, still have a voice at this juncture. Will we have enough humans waking up and addressing the real concerns for humanity instead of fighting over trivial matters as the media distracts us? The new massive data centers used to run all the AI infrastructure - need our resources - a big land grab, for water and energy. The push for deregulations to accomplish all this will be by a 'state of emergency' - however that evolves in the upcoming months. The challenge of the Chinese based AI DeepSeek and others, that have advanced farther than American driven AI, will also be an excuse for why we must win the "AI" race - an omni war on all fronts. Americans are more vigilant than ever in recent times - keeping AI appropriately used, is critical, or the movies the Terminators, might not be science fiction.

DOVE CREEKERS



Dove Creek Bulldog Wrestling

Contributed by Shelbie Beanland

Although the Dove Creek High School wrestlers do not have the numbers to fill each weight class, they leave an impression in each tournament they participate in with high placements. Multiple medals have been won by each wrestler on this team of five, coached by Colten Huskey and Matt Beanland. Sophomores Cael Beanland and Teagan Larimore both came out as San Juan Basin League Champions. Konner Spigner (So.) and Frankey Montoya (Sr.) second, and Chad Kline (Jr.) third. Not only do these wrestlers dominate in the league, but at large tournaments where 1A through 5A schools meet to battle for the podium. At the Moab Red Rocks Invitational, Spigner took home a first place medal, Beanland and Montoya brought home second place, Kline finished at fourth, and Larimore brought home second place at the Jerry Benson Tournament in Arizona the same weekend. At the Pete and Ina Gomez Tournament in Walsenburg, the DCHS team brought home a second, fourth, and fifth place medal. At Pagosa's Rocky Mountain Invitational, a first, two fifths, and an eighth place medal were won. Beanland and Larimore both battled through the Fight at the Fork in



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Hotchkiss, placing sixth and third. At the most recent Ignacio tournament, all of the DCHS wrestlers had a name on the board with Beanland and Larimore placing second, Montoya placing fifth, Spigner at sixth, and Kline at seventh. Collectively, this team has won over 130 matches this season so far. Plenty more match ups in February.

Bulldog Basketball Program going Strong



Photos: KG Action Pics



DOLORES COUNTY SCHOOLS

- FEB 4 MS Girls Basketball @Nucla
MS Wrestling @Norwood
HS Basketball (H) Ouray
- FEB 5 HS/MS Parent /Teacher Conf.
Elementary PT Conference
- FEB 6 Elementary PT Conf. NO School
ASVAB Testing
- FEB 7 HS Wrestling @Ignacio Regionals
MS Girls Basketball (H) Telluride
FFA Dist. III State Degree and Prof.
- FEB 8 HS Wrestling @Ignacio Regionals
MS Wrestling @Cortez
HS Basketball @Nucla
MS Girls Basketball (H) Ouray
- FEB 11 HS Basketball (H)Telluride
MS Girls Basketball @Dolores
- FEB 13 - 15 HS Wrestling State Tournament
- FEB 13 FFA CHILI DINNER & AUCTION
- FEB 14 HS Girls Basketball @Cortez
MS Girls Basketball (H) Nucla
- FEB 15 HS Basketball (H) Dolores
- FEB 15-22 National FFA Week
- FEB 17 NO SCHOOL
- FEB 18 HS Basketball @Mancos
- FEB 19 School Board Meeting
- FEB 20 MS Wrestling (H)Quad
- FEB 21 HS Basketball @Ouray
- FEB 22 MS Wrestling @Gunnison
MS Girls Basketball SJBL Champ.
- FEB 24 Spring Sports Practice Starts
- FEB 25 MS Wrestling @Dolores
- FEB 27 HS Basketball @Ridgway
MS Wrestling @Mancos
- FEB 28 FFA Dist. III Quiz Bowl
- MAR 1 MS Wrestling @Pagosa

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Electro-Sensitivity

Contributor Gary Lee Duncan
 Smart Shelter Network

On August 13, 2021 the Washington D.C. Court of Appeals released a scathing indictment of the now corporate controlled Federal Communications Commission for their refusing to acknowledge R.F. Kennedy Jr's medical case evidence of disastrous wireless radiation harms 11,000 pages long, costing \$15,000 to print and contained in 28 volumes. These peer reviewed, medical journal studies verify beyond any doubt what the Electro-Sensitization community has maintained for 40 years - linking wifi and cell radiation, now with no enforceable power or location limits to all inflammatory diseases, cancer, autism, behavior nightmares, memory loss, immune suppression and fatigue - not to forget accelerated aging - obviously geared to protect profits and escalate medical costs into already bloated pockets.

For an unknowing cattle rancher to harness their beef with these devices is an economic time bomb that will finish disbanding the working American agriculturist and wind their lands in Bill Gates' portfolio, already containing most of the Great Planes.

But the bigger threat to the rancher is the now avalanching legal momentum of the

Wireless Radiation and aware Electro-Sensitized public - armed with these court decisions identifying widespread harm and launching Wireless Trespass legislation to base large scale class action suits.

I stood in my grandfathers wheat field by the combine I drove in 1960 when they told him DDT wouldn't harm a fly and if he wanted to stay in business, use it. Our government at work protecting us. (editor note: if you don't know 'Silent Spring' the book, read it, DDT was then banned in the US for agricultural use in 1972)

I held his hand 7 years later as cancer metasticised through every cell in his body. Then I went to Viet Nam and today we have Roundup, 5G Smart Phones, cattle with radiation devices around their necks and 10,000 acre virtual fence - nowhere for the smarter to go - lining the American rancher up against an even taller tidal wave of enemies.

We work together to get this stopped, or it will definitely stop all of us and it doesn't care whether you moo or yodel.

Gary is a 30 year Severe Electro-Sensitive, medically diagnosed by V.A. and Networks Sensitives in the Tabuache Corridor (Moab to Aspen to Santa Fe) 2,000 of them, he lives in his truck, connected to the global independent Bio-Physics Research Community and dances a spiffy jig to bluegrass music at age 78.

Merck Animal Health

By Sarah Toenin

Is that an oxymoron? Large pharma continuing to dominate the 'health' industry, offers cattle herd management through their Vence virtual fencing system. To establish the parameter, base stations are installed that communicate with one another, being powered by a solar setup, they claim coverage from 5000- 10,000 acres. The frequencies now infiltrating the pristine range areas, connect to what they call "Cattle Rider collars" put on the bovine, which have a GPS transceiver to track the position along with an RF transceiver that communicates with the Vence base stations.

The bovine with collar that approaches the virtual line, will first hear 'sound cues', and when they aren't effective enough for those 'you know who you are' cows - the collar activates an 'animal safe and humane electric pulse'. The system runs on its own unattended operation. There are concerns that systems like these, offer convenience, but also increased unneeded tracking.

The rancher will need to train the herd on the system. Is less physical fencing, horse based rounding up, better or will the unknown effects of more radiation in grazing land result in untested impacts down the line?



Photo: Merck

A Cowpuncher's Life

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

One of the coolest, exciting, get your blood pumping feelings that you can have, in my opinion, and I'm assuming a lot of other cowboy hat wearing individuals, is to be sitting on holdup, in a rough, brushy piece of country, watching ouchy cattle come to you, knowing you have to hold them up, and wondering how. They will come a running, and you do everything you can to stop them, hollering, slapping your leg, yet they keep coming. Pretty quick they're blowing snot up your horse's backside and running by you. If there's not too many, you'll usually run and holler at them and eventually go to choking and tying them, what a cool feeling to get back to the holdup and share stories with all your buddies about how many you tied down, and everything that went on during your chase. I literally lived for those times. But ironically, some of the best times I can remember, are the times we, as a crew had our ass handed to us with a big herd of cattle, yet we hung tough and did our best to handle them, and by the Grace Of God, got them handled and penned..... I like to rope as much as the next man, but sometimes maybe leave your rope on your saddle horn and be a cowpuncher.



CANADIAN LYNX IN CO

By Sarah Toenin

The CPW Reintroduction of wolves into Colorado, continues to draw attention now across the state, as the movement and release of the second group of up to 15 animals, expands well below I-70. There are monthly updates online through cpw.state.co.us that everyone can follow the monthly tracking maps as well as any updates on predation.

Meanwhile - a collaboration between CPW, USFS and Univ. of Wyoming, have published research on the habitat needs of the Canadian

Lynx in the southern Rocky Mountains in Western Colorado. They indicate the decades of reintroduction efforts and monitoring, have resulted in the animal gaining a 'foothold' in the high elevation forests. Their concerns have been that the habitats are limited to small and scattered areas on mountain slopes. They feed on snowshoe hares for the most part, such that their population is directly related to the health of the lynx population.

CPW reports "Lynx were found in most high-elevation forested areas of Colorado in the late 1800s, however, by 1930 they were considered rare and by the mid-1970s the lynx population in Colorado was extirpated or reduced to a few animals. Trapping, poisoning, and loss of habitat contributed to the decline of the lynx and its disappearance from the state.



In the late 1990s, CPW launched a reintroduction program and has since worked tirelessly to sustain and monitor lynx populations in Colorado. Often confused with its more common and more widespread relative, the bobcat, lynx are primarily found in the San Juan Mountains and Sawatch Range of western Colorado."

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Town of Dove Creek Recreation Department - 2025 Youth Activities

Registration is now open for the 2025 Dove Creek Recreation youth volleyball, softball, and baseball programs! Registration forms can be found at the DC schools and Town Office. Interested in coaching? Please contact Kristy Chadd for more information at dcrecdirector@gmail.com. Volunteer coach application must be completed. Limited scholarships are available upon request. Reach out to Kristy Chadd to inquire or with any registration questions.

Please note: T-Ball will not begin until July and is for ages 4-6 years old. Registration DEADLINE is 3/28. No registrations will be accepted after this date. Season begins in late April. Participants MUST complete a registration form for BOTH Dove Creek Recreation and Southwest Colorado Youth Baseball (SCYB). All DC Recreation registration forms can be submitted to Kristy Chadd. Participants can complete the SCYB registration form online only (no paper forms available) at <https://swcll.leagueapps.com>.

VOLLEYBALL

Cost is \$35 per participant and each player receives a t-shirt. Registration deadline is 2/20 and no late registrations will be accepted. Practices will begin early March and the season runs through April.

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- Elementary division - 3rd-5th grades
- Middle School division - 6th-8th grades

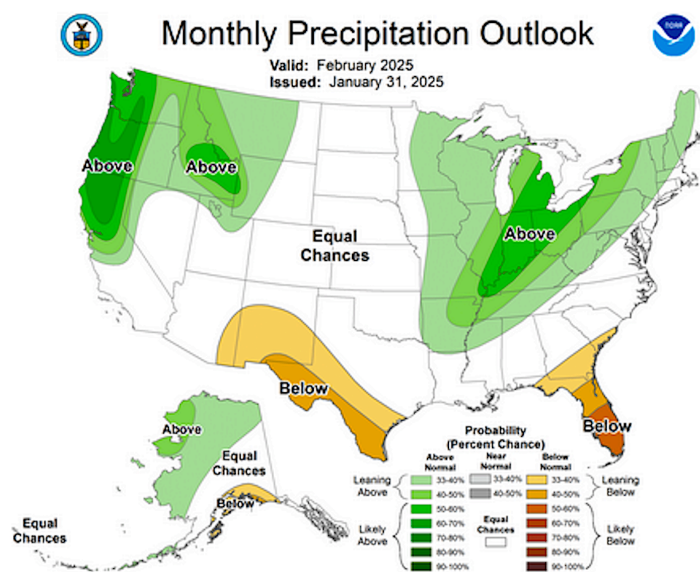
SOFTBALL: Age as of 12/31/24

	Age	Cost by 3/28
Micros-Coach Pitch	7-8	\$95.00
9/10U-Kid Pitch	9-10	\$115.00
11U, 12U, 13U, 14U	11-14	\$125.00

BASEBALL: Age as of 4/30/25

	Age	Cost by 3/28
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9/10U-Kid Pitch	9-10	\$115.00
11U, 12U, 13U	11-13	\$125.00

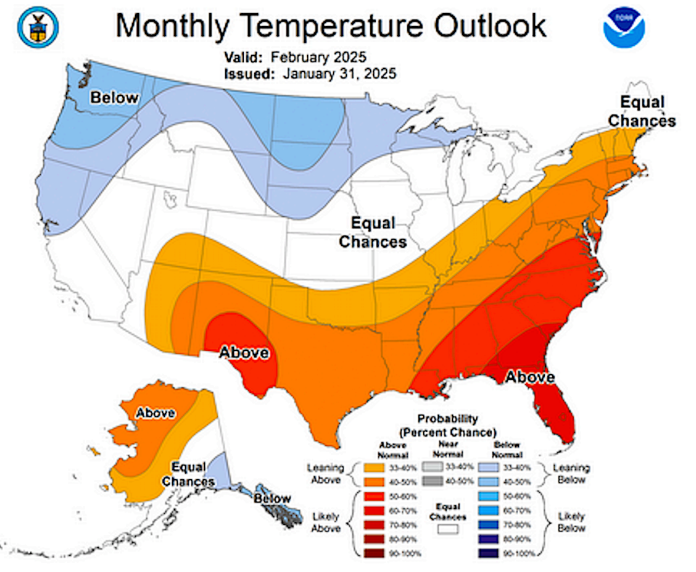
My green thumb came only as a result of the mistakes I made while learning to see things from the plants point of view. The same also applies to people.



FEBRUARY WEATHER

Winter cold sets in, and snows in the Mountains. Monthly outlook for the four corners remains more likely above avg. temps and below avg. precipitation.

Weekly "Bad News Broadcast" from GeonengineeringWatch.Org will answer some of your questions. Weather.gov



My favorite cheese is one you keep for emergencies - just in queso

My butcher made sausage from sea bird - today he took a tern for the wurst

The wedding was beautiful, even the cake was in tiers...

Of all my body parts, my fingers are the most reliable - I can always count on them

FEB WHAT'S UP

- Birth Flowers – Violet
- Birth Stone – Amethyst
- Zodiac Signs – Aquarius -Pisces
- Feb 1 - National Freedom Day
- Feb 2 - Groundhog Day
- Feb 4 - Farmer's Day
- Feb 7 - Lunar New Year
- Feb 9 - Superbowl Sunday
- Feb 10 - Natl All News Fit to Print Day
- Feb 12 - Lincoln Birthday
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb 17 - President's Day
- Feb 23 - Curling is Cool Day
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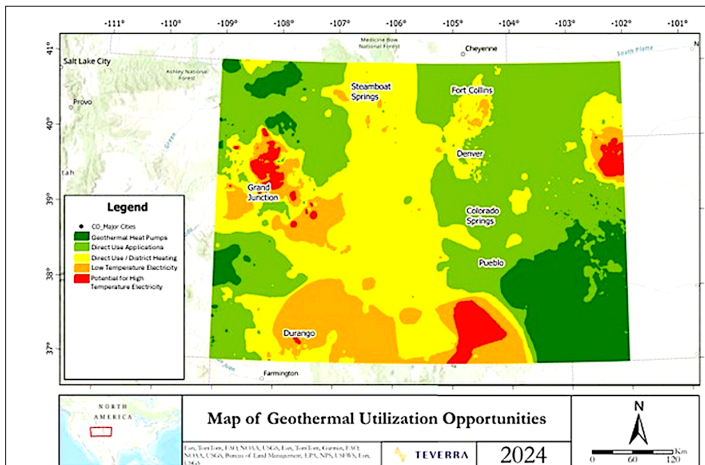
By Kendra Cook

As reported in the Ore Cart by Allyn Svoboda, the Rico CO community has established a "Geothermal Coalition" presenting an educational outreach workshop in December. At the Town Hall brunch, various experts explained geology, geothermal energy technology, and what the potential plans for the Rico project may encompass.

Teal Stetson-Lee, presenting community engagement as the liaison, noted that Rico has some of the highest hydrothermal potential in the state of Colorado. Professor Nakagawa of the Colorado School of Mines, had studied the resources from 2009 to 2018 with his students. This new coalition includes six residents, Teverra LLC, and Western Colorado University representation. As a relatively small mountain town in Dolores County, Rico is uniquely situated to potentially take advantage of energy from below the surface. This venture to explore the possibilities resided within the Rico Land Collaboration non profit.

The first phase of this project is titled a 'scoping study', which began this past October, to conclude by March of 2026. The first steps are to map the subsurface hydrothermal resource and look at creating a TEN - thermal energy network to provide both hot water and heat.

As many rural towns explore ways to meet the demands of growing populations, or to attract populations in areas that have not provided adequate infrastructure, the geothermal options may be another piece to the puzzle.



Geothermal utilization alternatives map in Colorado highlighting areas for warmth pumps, district heating methods, and electrical energy technology (supply: Colorado ECMC, 2024)
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HEMP AS FEED FOR CATTLE

By Kendra Cook

The resurgence of HEMP as an agricultural product in the US has had a rough time over the past years since it's reintroduction and regulation adjustments. In a recent Kansas State Univ. report, a different use for the plant has mixed reception - using the plant as cattle feed.

The issue came up after much hemp for cannabidiol (CBD) had been the focus, or fiber, whichever process, the result is a large amount of remaining biomass - up to 15-20,000 lb of dry yield per acre. You can find crude protein in the stalk, leave and whole plant, at 5.3%, 13% and 6.9% respectively. The fiber is high in the stalk with low protein, which made it look like it would not be digestible. However the low fiber and high protein in the leaves looked promising (Journal of Animal Science 3/24).

There is also the by product being seed, dehulled seed, seed cake, seed meal, and hulls from the stalk and seed. These are more comparable to feedstuffs used for cattle like the soybean meal, cottonseed meal and distillers grains. This is all still under evaluation, and batch to batch provides varied results at this stage. According to the report, "Though hemp plant and byproducts from the use of hemp for human uses are of good nutritional value, legal restrictions prevent the use of hemp and its byproducts in livestock feed. There is currently little data available on the amount of cannabinoids (e.g., CBD and THC) in meat, milk and eggs from livestock fed hemp. Additionally, there is minimal data on the effects of cannabinoids on animal health and welfare. However, research is investigating these effects and if approved, hemp and its byproducts could be valuable feedstuffs for cattle production."

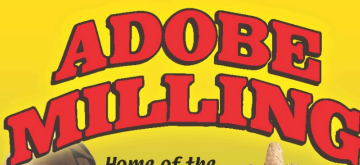


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LETS NOT POKE THE BEAR

By

Aimee Tooker



We made it to January 20th without a 400,000-acre Dolores River National Monument. With the transition from President Biden to President Trump a new era of possibilities is at hand. What the proponents of the national monument don't seem to realize is there must be a balance for energy production, conservation and multiple use, not the fortress conservation of look but don't touch. To close access and forbid any activities on this abundant fertile soil and mineral rich lands is not what God intended. He put all these resources here for us to use and it is up to us whether we use them for good or for evil. Unlike the anti human movement of a lot of the environmental groups; that is not what was intended for this place. Isaiah 45:18 states he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited. I love this place because of the quiet and the solitude. Here more than anywhere I can feel close to God with proof beyond doubt that there was a flood and that he alone is the only one that could have accomplished such a feat as to create this beautiful utopia. The proponents poked fun at me many times for my belief in God. One day we will all answer for our actions including them.

In these times, it's crucial to remember that our journey is guided by a higher power who has a plan for each of us. We must trust in God's will and the wisdom bestowed upon us to steward the land responsibly. This trust is a beacon of hope, reminding us that goodness and faith can lead us through even the most challenging decisions. As stewards of the earth, we are called to balance progress with preservation, ensuring that future generations inherit a world that reflects the divine beauty and purpose intended for it. Let us hold fast to our faith, knowing that our efforts to honor God's creation will not be in vain. Together, we can cultivate a future where humanity thrives in harmony with the natural world, fulfilling the sacred duty entrusted to us by the Creator. For now, I will breathe a sigh of relief, and I will take comfort that for a moment good prevailed and that the misguided anti-human, anti-believer sentiment was halted.

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CO GUN BAN 2025

By Dewey Cheatham

Colorado legislation restricting certain guns is still a top agenda for the State's representatives. However, there is a lot of push back from the residents particularly in the rural areas of the state. At the end of January, the Senate committee passed the 2025 draft, so it will continue to proceed through the legislative process.

The bill in the spotlight is Senate Bill 25-003. As in the available online documentation, it pertains to "a semiautomatic rifle or semiautomatic shotgun with a detachable magazine or a gas-operated semiautomatic handgun with a detachable magazine." The bill makes it a crime to "knowingly manufacture, distribute, transfer, sell, or purchase" such a gun, with a few exceptions, including transfers to heirs, law enforcement and military agencies, transfers to individuals in other states, firearms with attached tubular magazines, federally licensed firearm dealers, and prop guns used in movies.

The bill as introduced exempts "a single or double action semiautomatic handgun that uses recoil to cycle the action of the handgun." The bill also excepts .22 caliber guns. The bill is said to constitute a breathtaking effort to ban the sale of many types of popular guns used for recreation and (more importantly) self-defense.



Say What?

Commentary By Linda Cunningham

WOW, what a month January has been, a flurry of emotions from tears of sadness and empathy for the people effected by the horrific catastrophic fires, the homicidal/suicidal idiots blowing themselves up and those same idiots running people down. To tears of elation and joy for the beginning release of the several Israeli hostages to be coming home after more than a year in Hamas control. The lies and more lies that came out of Biden's mouth, not to mention the pardon of his son Hunter, Doctor Fauci, General Milley and the J6 (January 6th) committee members, including Liz Cheney and Adam Shifty Shiff. Then the last minute pardons for Biden's family, really?? How can you pardon someone who's innocent, and don't tell me it's to protect them from Trump. I'm not at all surprised by these pardons, but other than Hunter, none of these people have been charged with a crime in a court of law, so why bother to give them a pardon? Kind of a no-brainer ~ unless you're a democrat, then I suppose you think it's justified.

January 20th came like a pep-rally for God loving patriotic Americans. I was moved to tears watching and listening President Trump take his oath of office. I'm renewed in my hope for America once again and I pray to God for Trumps protection while he's working so diligently to put this country back in order and MAKE AMERICA GREAT ONCE AGAIN!

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- Feb 22 Buckers & Barrels Unlimited Rodeo

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- Feb 21 Utah Shakespeare Festival

Cortez

- Feb 15 Four States Jr. Rodeo - Indoor Arena

Durango

- Feb 11 Cowboy Tuesdays The Diamond Belle Saloon

Pagosa

- Feb 5 Wolf Creek Ski Area Local's Day
- Feb 9 Wolf Creek 85th Anniversary Fun Race
- Feb 16 Wolf Creek Presidents' Day Fun Race

Farmington

- Feb 22 Donut Run
- Feb 28 Dirty Dancing in Concert

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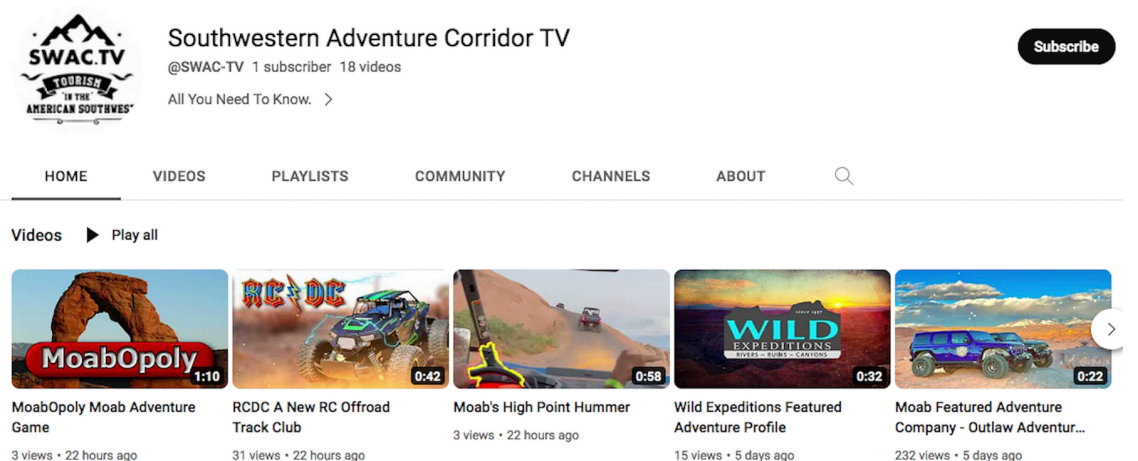
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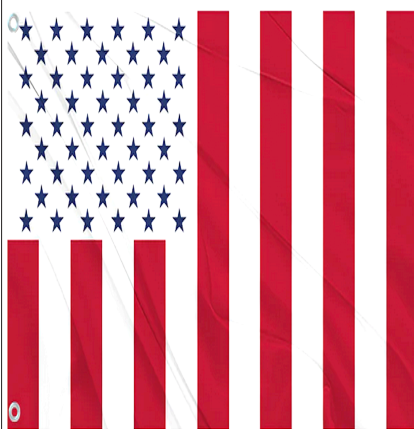
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THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR ~ PUBLISHER

Kendra Cook



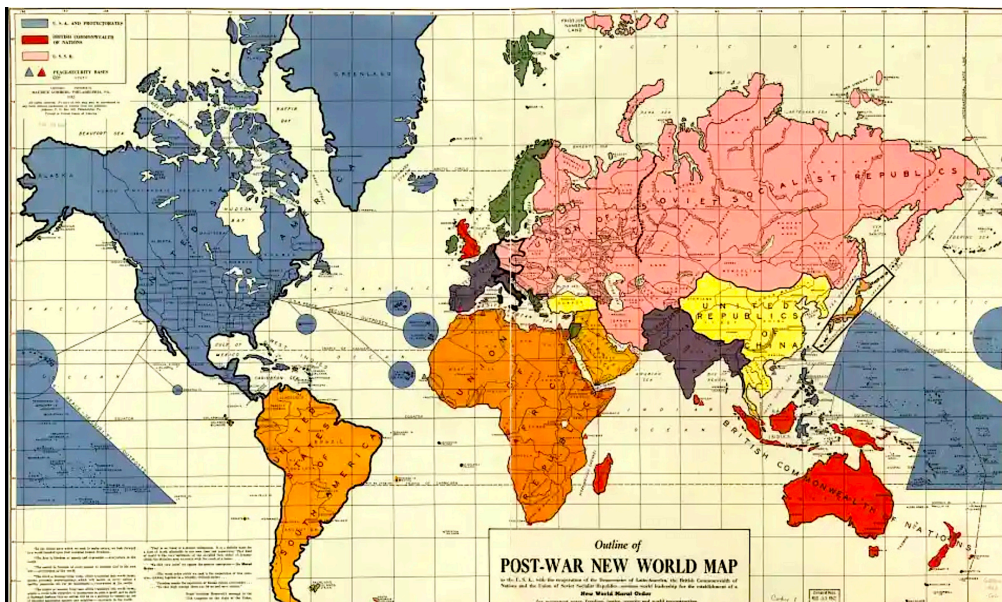
What's the Agenda - World Re-Order?

With the new regime in the Executive branch at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, there are many that look to this next phase of the geopolitical chessboard moves, to perhaps be more productive and enrich the lives of Americans - right the wrongs, fix the economy, bring justice and freedom. But, are we really headed in such a different direction? Are we the people watching the big game being played onward by the "Club" that we aren't a part of. Does it look like we are replacing the New World Order fears, with a World Re-Order continuing underway - with just a different face and spin? Look at the concept of annexing Canada and Greenland - and changing the name of the gulf of Mexico to the gulf of America (not USA but just America). This is nothing original or new from Trump - in 1942 there was a map drawn up for a "post war new world map" (see below) as well as the map in the 1960s also as part of the objectives to bring control of humanity under fewer and fewer people (or entities). It's touted as representing a strong America, but isn't it a manipulation of power grabbing? Then take a look at the announcement of Freedom and better Health Care with AI created cancer 'vaccines' that aren't that at all - really? AI will be the cure for cancer, when they've looked at that mechanism for decades - is this another way to keep people in fear? It looks like the same road towards the same result of AI control and centralized power under a Technocracy while the masses cheer on and are distracted by the 'wins'.

Just two days in to the Trump 2 admin, and the "Stargate" public private partnership project with Oracle, OpenAI (which is not) and Softbank was announced. They wouldn't be able to do this without the backing of the US government they noted. It's being positioned that we have to do it to compete with the world. The 'data centers' are part of the control grid infrastructure that will be built around us - using huge amounts of energy and water resources needed for all that. On the short term you might say yippee, that means more slave mining jobs - but what about the long term. With bountiful amount of water needed for cooling, where is that coming from. All meanwhile we are told we the peasants have to use less energy to save the planet.

Back to the mRNA mechanism, in connection with AI determining the codes, this is straight in your face agenda pushing for transhumanism. At the same time so many EO topics are being addressed that a majority of the population want to see change, there are some that simply back up the AI control grid concept that if most Americans were really paying attention, would likely not be in favor of.

For instance, Trump revoked the Biden order on addressing AI risks: Risks to the customers workers and national security, economy, public health or safety. Will there be a new line of defense put in place, or was this a way to clear the road with deregulation in this area for the global agenda. Are we being hoodwinked? Are we headed through a year of fast changes like trying to watch a three card monte? Follow the outcomes and we'll know what the agenda was and is.



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OPINION: The Dolores River Is Already Protected - More Restrictions Are Not the Answer

Guest Column By, Sean M Pond

The recent push to designate the lower Dolores River as a national monument or a national conservation area (NCA) is not about protecting the land—it's about control. The truth is, this land is already protected through a combination of federal, state, and local regulations. More layers of bureaucracy won't help the river or the people who depend on it. Instead, they will limit access, threaten local industries, and create unnecessary government overreach.

The Dolores River Is Not "Vulnerable" - It's Managed and Protected

Contrary to the claims made by the Protect the Dolores Coalition, the Dolores River watershed is not "exposed" or at risk. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service already manage this land with strict environmental protections in place. The area includes designated wilderness study areas, special recreation management areas, and existing conservation easements. Adding another federal designation will not "protect" the land—it will create red tape, restrict responsible use, and potentially lead to future land grabs.

A National Monument or NCA Would Limit Access and Use

The coalition claims their proposal won't close roads, stop mining, or harm grazing rights. But history tells us otherwise. Across the West, national monument designations have led to restrictions on motorized access, trail closures, and severe limitations on activities like hunting, fishing, and ranching.

For example:

When Bears Ears National Monument was designated in Utah, road closures followed, and traditional land uses became heavily regulated.

When Grand Staircase-Escalante was designated, local ranchers saw grazing allotments reduced, and mining jobs disappeared.

These so-called "protections" tend to push out the very people who have historically cared for and depended on the land.

Who Really Gets a Say? Not the Locals

The coalition claims that locals will have a voice in shaping future management plans. But the reality is that once a national monument is created, management decisions are largely dictated by Washington, D.C., not local communities. Federal agencies, often swayed by special interests, will have the final say on land use, not the ranchers, miners, or recreational users who have been stewards of this land for generations.

Furthermore, local county commissioners and residents overwhelmingly opposed the national monument proposal when it was first floated. That's why the coalition is now pivoting to an NCA—because they know a monument is a political non-starter. But make no mistake, an NCA is just another step toward locking up land under federal control.

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"Compromise" Means Giving Up Rights—And We've Seen This Before

The coalition urges compromise, but what they're really asking for is surrender. They expect land users to trust that a new federal designation will protect access, yet every precedent shows that once these designations are made, restrictions follow. They dismiss concerns as "misinformation" or "fear-mongering," but the fears are well-founded and based on past experiences across the West.

The Real Solution: Keep Public Lands Public

Instead of adding unnecessary restrictions through a national monument or NCA, we should focus on enforcing the protections already in place. The Dolores River is not in danger. It is already well-managed, and additional federal oversight would only add bureaucracy and remove local control.

If we truly want to preserve access for future generations, we must stand against any attempt to designate more of our land as off-limits to the people who rely on it. We don't need more federal oversight—we need to protect our rights to access, use, and enjoy our public lands.

WEATHER OR NOT?

By Kendra Cook

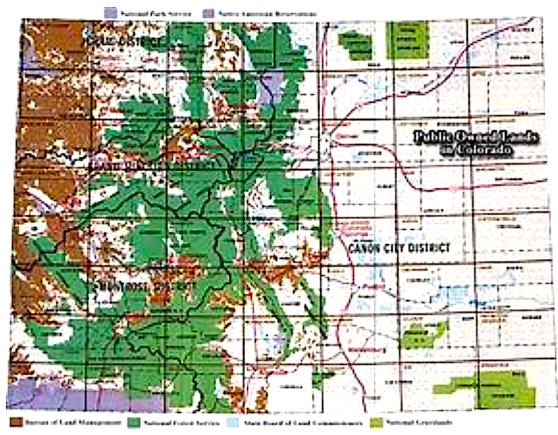
Firing local meteorologists - aka weathermen - is said to be a 'cost cutting' effort, rolling across stations all over the US. This is not being done to meet financial margins, it's part of the larger control agenda on every aspect of your life - this centralizes the reports from a single source, to be able to control the 'reporting' aka script readers.

The single source that is rapidly becoming the definitive narrative / weather talking points, are mostly sourced from the National Weather Service, as is the Weather Channel out of Atlanta GA. NOAA/NASA gets it's data information through a partnership with Raytheon - also a military contractor. NOAA announced that Raytheon Intelligence and Space are now leading a new center / project called EPIC - Earth Prediction Innovation Center, dedicated to advancing US weather forecasting.

The removal of a local voice that knows your area and that you connect with, is yet another part of the demise of local Television productions. TV stations are supposed to operate in the public's interest, according to their governmentally regulated FCC licenses. The consolidation of all types of media news outlets, is one way to more fully control mis and dis information, cover ups and distractions.

LANDLESSNESS OF PEOPLE

Contributing Commentary
By Dexter Gill



Map showing the "Federal State" composed of mostly Forest Service and Bureau of Land Mgt. Brown is BLM, Green is FS

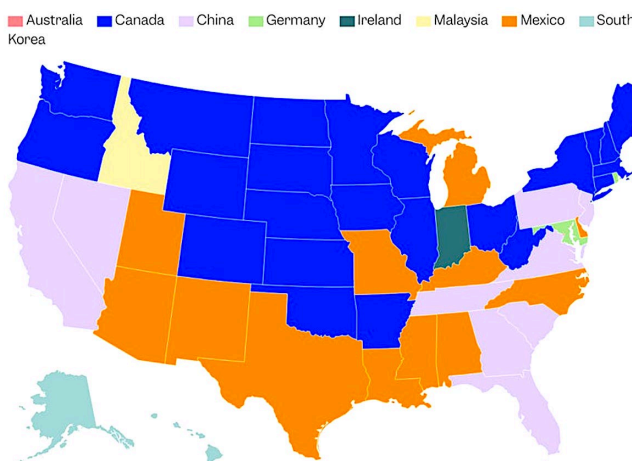
Life and wealth comes from and off of land! Super "AI" obviously existed long before man and the U.S. government. All mankind needs land or access to land and its resources to exist and live. Without a land, one becomes a nomad hunter gatherer preying on people with land and resources. In times past, families would join with other families, of like minds to form a "people" with declared land areas with sufficient resources of water, tillable soil and material for shelters and develop economy to sustain life. Without having, control, or financial ability to secure benefits, of land, water, soil and materials, including minerals, the "people" are more prone to suffer from "landlessness", observed in the form of lower economy, affecting all aspects of lives.,

Western Colorado Counties are of "Landlessness People" living as small inholdings within a foreign land, that the people have no jurisdiction or control over in any way. What is this foreign land and why is it a problem? Land ownership on the West Slope is 68-70% under Federal ownership, mostly Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, which includes mineral rights as well. That leaves only 25 to 30% of land available for communities, agriculture and non-agriculture economic opportunity. Number one factor controlling for a "people" to live and prosper is available WATER in this arid high desert setting which is scarce and most is generated in the mountains as snow on Federal Forest land. Second is the access to mineral materials for industry to develop economy. Most of this is under Federal Bureau of Land Management Control. The bottom line is the "people" of the Counties do not have ownership or control over adequate Land and Water for their own economic future in this changing world, thus becoming a Landlessness People.

Financial See Saw

By Miso Poh

We 'saw' it coming - and 'see' now, those who did not want Pres. Trump at the helm, are trying to flex their muscles. Hedge funds are betting billions on a market crash coming up. The crash of tech stock NVIDIA at the end of January was just a tickle. The manipulations and power plays using tariffs for negotiations by the administration, are keeping everyone on their toes. The Federal Reserve (not federal but private), switched directions on the rates. Economic warfare is clearly in play. The powers against this admin, are in a way holding the stock market hostage, with threats to really collapse it if they don't get to derail the populist agenda. This is not too far off from the collapse



This is all due to the failure of the U.S. Government not following the Statehood compact and again in 1976 with passage of the Federal Lands Policy Management Act which eliminated the opportunity for the "people" of western Colorado to control and develop their own future lives and economy. Some question if FLPMA was even constitutional. What it did accomplish was opening the door for Non-Governmental Organizations to stop and prevent land and resource management and use for economic and national security, by using the proliferation of so-called "environmental protection" Acts. The recent disasters in California demonstrated how this has not worked out.

We are busy fighting over spot fires popping up, like windmills and animals while ignoring the source of the fires, the unconstitutional existence of the massive Administrative "Federal State" in control of the water, minerals and economic opportunity of the people of the entire west Slope. Until the land and resources of western Colorado is transferred to the peoples of the Counties, as per the Constitution and Statehood Compact, making the State wholly a State, the battles will worsen. Now is likely the one and only opportunity to resolve this.

during the Great Depression and tariffs. Truly economic warfare is always in the background, as those on the top struggle for power and wealth.

Former Federal Reserve senior advisor John Rogers was arrested / indicted on charges of economic espionage - for allegedly leaking trade secrets to China. This new admin is hitting on all cylinders right out of the gate. This is definitely seen as sending a clear message that the FBI and partners will hold accountable those who threaten the national security of the US. Could the Federal Reserve be dismantled after all?

It's odd to see that these big Hedge funds were all MAGA rah rah "Trump Trade" - but once the tariffs are enacted, it seems to be a coordinated attack on the Administration due to their sweeping clearing out, rolling back and dismantling a lot of waste in the government. Making America Great Again is going to impact other globalist establishments too. Perhaps they did not expect him to be so successful - so they have massive amounts of shorts on the market going down. Creating fear of the 401K Pensions being hit, they now are crying the clarion call that the market is all going down. But is that true, or are they wanting to shake the loose hands and profit on the way down with their short positions. Looks like there may be some short term hits, but making foreign goods more expensive, helps the American consumers to buy American - and foreigners need to pay their 'entry ticket' to profit from the American power of the purse.

When Reuters news announced the tariffs will be implemented March 1st, as a false narrative, the press secretary Leavitt rebutted it, and indeed Trump announced the first tariffs to take effect immediately at the end of January.

Watch for the tariffs' impact, if there are no exclusions, to drive silver specifically, up dramatically. Hopefully, what the administration is doing, is establishing a strong base for turning around the economy, our economy. We will see how this tangled web of power players, and these ups and downs in the markets, level out as they navigate for our future.

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Montezuma County CO BOCC has their meetings available on YouTube, as several area Councils also provide that service. They have recently additionally created a summary 'report' that is even posted on facebook, to augment their communications and transparency. At the end of January, among many points of action, they signed a recommendation regarding the Lynx habitat designation proposal, stating "Don't fix what isn't broke."

They addressed SB 2025-1 proposing changes in election and voting statutes related to Indian Tribes as the county is one of two in Colorado with a reservation within their boundaries.



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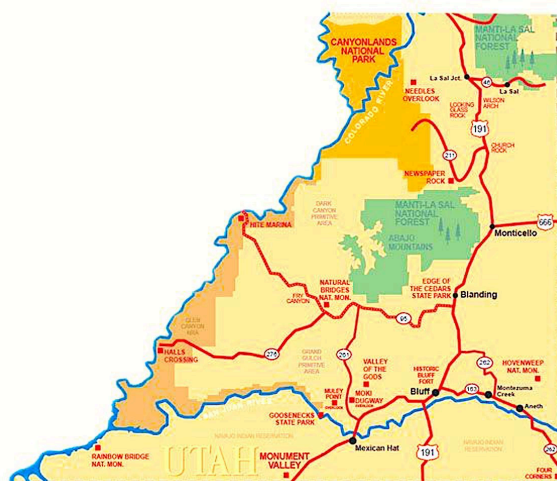
In Moab UT - if you want to visit the Arches Park for 2025, there are two high traffic times, from April 1 through July 6th, and August 28 through October 31st between 7am and 4pm that you will have to reserve an entrance time which can be from one night before to a full six months. You then pay the entrance fee at the park or bring your park pass to the gate. This is a throttling way to manage long lines that increased during the years of project COVID and have continued to be used at the most attended National Parks.

National Parks that have time entry reservations - Glacier National Park, Arches Park, Rocky Mountain Natl Park, Zion, Shenandoah Natl Park. Haleakala on Maui, Yosemite, Acadia National Park, and Mount Rainier.



NUCLA CO

Montrose County Planning did not recommend a tower being installed in Redvale CO proposed by Atlas Towers, after a December 2024 public meeting. The BOCC of Montrose will make a final decision at their Feb. 12th meeting. However, the town of Nucla is moving forward with a tower lease for 50 years to Vertical Bridge, for a 100 foot tower. A NNTC cell tower already exists on the property with the town's shop. The proposal had been discussed as early as 2023, though many residents were taken aback by what they saw as a decision made without citizen input. As is the case in many small towns, very few if any residents attend or pay attention to the meetings unless it is something that directly affects them. The Town has indicated they will work for better future communications.



SAN JUAN COUNTY UT

The San Juan County planning commission had supplied a proposed version of a newly updated land use codes and ordinances to the BOCC in January. However the public input and push back was so extensive that the board eventually determined to provide an additional 6 months of planning and interactive meetings with the public, before making a final decision on the new document.

The County is the largest in the state of Utah, where communities are so varied in different locations, a one size fits all proposal did not set well with the residents.

DOLORES COUNTY CO

Dolores County CO Board of County Commissioners Reorganization had been designated in a short meeting directly following swearing in of the new commissioners: Chairperson Stiasny, Vice Chair Yellowman, and Davis. In the first full meeting Jan 21, the Weed District Areas of Operation were Approved. The regular Semi-Annual Treasurers Report was presented by Taylor Funk - CDOT Road Inventory was presented by Amber Fisher. They approved the Dolores County Planning Commission New Members: Steve Garchar, Woodie Daves, Roger Watkins, to join existing members JP Funk, Robert Crain, Ernie Williams, and Tim Halper. Funds Transfer Resolution# 1-25-04 Transferred Funds from the Fair Sponsorship Fund to the General Fund - the Stateline Bar and Grill Liquor License was Renewed - and the BOCC member Stiasny was assigned to the CCI 2025 Steering Committees Designation of Proxy for the County.


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Food for Loving

By Kendra Cook

Home made ravioli is a great winter time dinner that can be customized in so many ways, and saved / frozen for another easy meal. Making pasta of any kind, from scratch is actually much simpler than you might think. Every shape has a different story. Italy boasts over 300 types of pasta, anything better than pasta, is stuffed pasta? Ravioli is the plural of an Italian word raviolo, probably ultimately from Medieval Latin rauba, meaning 'robe' or "covered". Classically, a ravioli is a square pillow, made of two piece of pasta crimped with a filling inside. In Asian foods, it's very similar to a dumpling. The dough can be simple flour, egg, salt, water and olive oil, or when you get comfortable with making your own dough (often semolina flour is used), you can infuse the dough with a range of food flavors that will also change the color, such as spinach, or pureed butternut squash.

The fun part of making this yourself, is choosing the filling to your taste. Again, a classic ravioli filling is often cheese, like a ricotta, or a meat mixture, such as Italian sausage. These delicious pillows can be served in a broth or sauce, or simply in browned butter depending on your creation.



The Dough: Dough is made either with a machine, or simply by hand, mixing the dry ingredients together, set in a mound on a floured board, making an indent in the center like a volcano. Cracking the eggs into the well, use hand or fork to break the yokes and beat slightly, and start combing the dry and wet ingredients together, adding just enough warm water to arrive at a 'stiff' dough. Kneading it well until smooth, cover and rest for around 15 min. Next, cut the dough in half, and roll out each one on a floured board to 1/18 of an inch if possible, thin but even so not to break. This will make a long rectangle. You will have the filling ready beforehand, and drop about a teaspoon about an inch or so apart. Next you gently cover with the second rolled out dough sheet, and gently press dough between each glob so they are all sealed. To cut into individual ravioli, use a very sharp knife or a zig zag pastry cutter. Then let the ravioli 'dry' by sitting uncovered for one hour before you are ready to cook.



Cook the fresh ravioli by carefully dropping them into a large pot of boiling water for about 10-15 minutes til tender. A slotted spoon or skimmer is a useful tool to remove them from the boiling water to drain well. They can be plated with sauce at this point, topped with grated cheese, or be quickly sautéed in butter or a broth that will further infuse the flavor into the pasta for just a few minutes and be ready to plate right away.

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- DOWN
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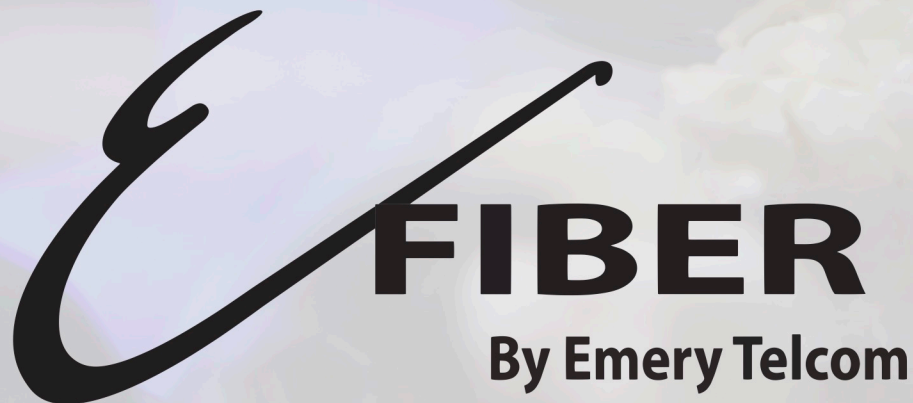
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