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## New Year Kicks off with a Bang

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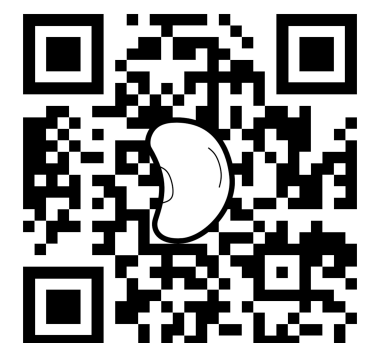


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### By Kendra Cook **Look Up! It's a bird it's a plane it's - ok - What is it?**

Drones consumed the news at the end of 2024. Some theories hovering around the concept of sensors looking for radioactive materials or a dirty bomb. Others look to the proximity to military bases and Chinese owned lands adjacent, as being intriguing. Of course, why the official narrative keeps changing, from telling the public they don't know what they are, but they aren't dangerous? And of course bring in the good old problem reaction solution; create a stir, and get approval for increasing laws and regulations on drones. The news stories continue to spin.

On the local level, Colorado already had a 'drone drama' on the eastern front in 2020. Ultimately there wasn't any really good resolution as to what happened, with most assuming it was our own military, as much of Colorado's airspace is used for training.

And then there is the 'alien' scare - from another dimension or 'world'. More people are now aware of the premise of a Project Bluebeam - wherein humanity could be duped into surrendering its freedoms in the face of a staged extraterrestrial or divine event that is actually an advanced technology used to convince the masses of an invasion. Unite under a common enemy? A theory or real program?

So were these sightings advanced "Drones"? Reported in May of 2024, several Colorado enforcement agencies are looking at replacing cops with drones to respond to 911 calls. Many Sheriff Departments already have acquired drones to assist in various operations, though few have moved to using them as response agents. In Cortez, the City

Police announced they have a new drone, to "be deployed in various situations, including: • Public safety and lifesaving missions (barricaded suspects, hostage situations, fleeing dangerous suspects, and high-risk search warrants) • Lost or missing persons • Rescues in hard-to-reach areas or canyons • Suspected explosive devices • Special events or other agency assistance".

The pressing question is of course, does overhead surveillance create infringement on residents' Fourth Amendment rights? Property Assessor departments have been using professional versions of aerial mapping such as Google Earth, to determine if further investigation of property assets need to be taxed. Is that a slippery slope? Though this is a satellite based surveillance, it leads us down the same path of normalizing the "eye in the sky" to everyday people. Skynet.

Another premise was missing radioactive material - if there was a dirty bomb traveling in the US, aerial surveillance to detect a nefarious potential threat could be activated - and wouldn't that create a public supportive feeling to allow greater surveillance in the name of protecting us? Unless there was a psyop (psychological operation) being put out to Americans.

By January printing, maybe there will be more intel or a revelation of sorts. Or - this was a huge distraction and test to see how the public reacts - or we will be on the brink or at some type of war? To get through January 20th peaceful transition of power will be a wonderful start to the new year. Everyone is holding their breath on that one.

# DOVE CREEKERS

December festivities revolve around family celebrations at the Dolores County Schools. The new Elementary School continues to complete the exterior build outs including the much appreciated Play Ground which opened to giggling happy children and teachers too! The Christmas Program was held for the first time in the new gym, to a standing room only crowd of family and friends.

The DCVFD local volunteer Fire Dept. as always got into the holiday spirit visiting the school classes, and distributing Santa's bags of goodies not only at school, but all over the town as well! Happy New Year!



## DOLORES COUNTY SCHOOLS

- JAN 7 Back to School
- JAN 7 MS Girls Basketball starts
- JAN 8 High School Wrestling @Moab Dual
- JAN 11 High School Wrestling @Gunnison  
High School Basketball (H) Ignacio
- JAN 13 MS Wrestling Starts
- JAN 14 High School Basketball @Mancos
- JAN 16 MS Girls Basketball @Mancos  
High School Wrestling (H) Moab Tri
- JAN 18 High School Basketball (H) Ridgway  
MS Girls Basketball @Ridgway  
High School Wrestling @North Fork
- JAN 20-23 FFA National Western Stock Show
- JAN 21 Knowledge Bowl @Telluride  
High School Basketball @Monticello
- JAN 22 School Board Meeting
- JAN 23 MS Girls Basketball (H) Dolores  
MS Wrestling @Monticello
- JAN 24 Teacher in Service
- JAN 25 Knowledge Bowl Regionals @Bayfield  
High School Basketball @Dolores  
MS Girls Basketball @Telluride  
High School Wrestling @Ignacio
- JAN 28 High School Basketball (H) Nucla
- JAN 30 High School Basketball @Durango  
C/JV  
MS Girls Basketball (H) Mancos
- FEB 1 MS Wrestling @Ignacio  
High School Basketball @Telluride  
MS Girls Basketball @Ouray



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# Four Corners



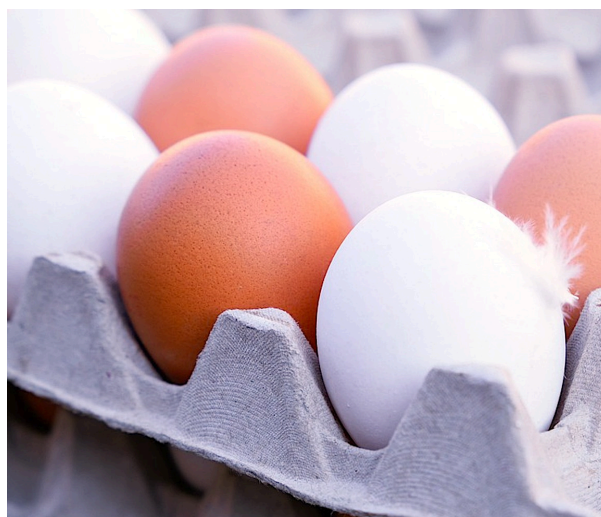
Somehow whether you eat and cook with eggs or not, the cost of eggs being so high relative to just a few years back, is known by everyone. But why? One possible (probable) contributing factor could be that chicken raising facilities have been hit hard by culling due to theoretical bird flu incidents and scares over the past few years. (please be aware that a PCR 'test' is NOT used as a diagnosis and not a determination process, finding a bit of every thing in anything depending on how many cycles it runs through). Egg prices since the pandemic (2019) have surged on 'average' 83%. a few states like Iowa surged over 100%.

Coming up next, in Colorado, the January 2025 new law takes effect making all eggs sold in Colorado required to be from a cage-free facility starting Jan. 1. through CO House Bill 1343. The law established "enclosure requirements for eggs and egg products produced or sold in Colorado." That won't make the pricing go down for Coloradoans.

A report from Farm Action, (farmaction.us) fighting corporate control of the food system, said that the five biggest egg companies control nearly 40% of all of the egg laying hens in the US (in 2020). Bird flu is not the only scare in the system - higher costs for feed, labor, fuel and packaging are all contributors as well.

## Egg Prices Inspire Flocking to Local Sources

By Kendra Cook



Products that use eggs in their processing, like mayo, may also start to see additional pricing increases. By the way, eggs have been used in the primary method to make vaccines since the 1940s. In the past couple of decades, new methods have been developed, however the demand for eggs in the pharmaceutical realm continues in the 2020s. While the high stakes corporate industrial medical complex continues to maneuver their product lines, the importance of eggs continues to plague the production lines.

After World War I and the Great Depression, it was encouraged by the US Gov. and patriotic to raise your own protein source through Chickens and a 'Victory'

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garden. After WWII the trend headed towards production and convenience and away from self sustainability.

The potential bright side of all of this now, might be the returned interest in supporting local farmers and having your own supply of fresh eggs from your own backyard chickens. Though feed cost has increased a bit, as well as the cost of chicks, the ultimate reward of supporting neighbors, or raising your own egg supply, may turn out to be a better and healthier option for the future.

## A Cowpuncher's Life

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

I'm not sure, but I think the fall of 1990, I was on the fall wagon, at my favorite outfit of all my years, up to date, the ORO ranch, we just referred to it as the RO's. I considered it as royalty among ranches, and I believe a lot of others felt the same way. A northern Arizona ranch, second to none in those days. Pat Cain, was the Cow Boss, Cisco Scott was the Jigger. It was some awesome cool country, from tall pines and cedars on the eastern side of the ranch to catchlaw and mesquites on the lower west side. It could get hotter than blue blazes in the summer, and colder than a well diggers behind in Alaska in the winter..... We were two thirds of the way through the works, and it was time to move the wagon to Mahon Camp, on the North West side of the ranch. We made several drives in several days, long tough drives, in extremely rough rocky country ( don't judge me till you've been there ). It's been a lot of years, but all I can remember is we had a lot of cattle gathered in the holding trap. For some reason, the ranch had decided to preg test every cow they could gather ( I should throw in to this story, I'm not a fan of preg checking cows) the day we gathered to preg, it started snowing before daylight and didn't quit till sometime after we finally finished in the afternoon. Anyway we sat around the Bullsh\$! fire and drank coffee till we couldn't stand cold anymore. One by one we all slowly drifted off to our Teepees. The



next morning when I lit my lantern, you could see the frost shining on the inside of my Teepee. We had to brand some leftover junk that morning, short aged calves, a couple of yearling slick heifers and maybe a small calf. Cisco went to his house up the hill a little way to get vaccine, when he got back to the corral he said his thermometer showed - 18 degrees.... Now I've rambled on for awhile, two or three months later I found myself packing mules into the Grand Canyon, A good friend Ross Knox was running things at the pack barn. He was and is quite an entertainer in the cowboy poetry world. He introduced me to Ian Tyson music. If you get the chance and haven't heard of Ian, check out his song. I outgrew the Wagon. You'll know where I was going with this long drawn out story. (Ross and Ian wrote the song about Ross's ramblings in the cowboy world).



### The Threat of Monuments and NCAs

Monuments and National Conservation Areas sound benign, even noble. But in practice, they are sophisticated mechanisms of land control that:

- Restrict traditional land uses
- Limit economic activities like grazing, mining, and recreation
- Reduce local community decision-making power
- Create bureaucratic barriers to land access
- Diminish individual and community autonomy

### The Dolores Controversy

The proposed Dolores Monument and NCA represent a critical flashpoint in the ongoing battle for land rights. These designations threaten to:

- Limit local residents' traditional land use
- Reduce economic opportunities in rural communities
- Create additional federal bureaucratic control
- Infringe on generations of local land management practices

### Liberty Requires Open Lands

True liberty is not about preservation through restriction, but about maintaining open, accessible territories where individuals and communities can thrive. The cry "No more monuments, no more NCAs" is a direct defense of fundamental American freedoms.

### The Cost of Restriction

Each new monument, each new conservation area:

- Reduces local economic autonomy
- Limits traditional land uses
- Increases federal control
- Diminishes community self-determination

### A Call to Action

The fight against the Dolores Monument and NCA is more than a local issue - it's a national stand for liberty. It represents a crucial moment in defending the principle that lands should remain open, accessible, and managed by those who know them best.

### Conclusion

Land and liberty are not just connected - they are two expressions of the same fundamental human desire for autonomy, dignity, and self-determination. Restrictions on land use are direct restrictions on personal freedom.

The battle cry is clear: Halt the Dolores Monument. Halt the Dolores NCA. No more monuments. No more NCAs. Preserve our lands, protect our liberties.

## Land and Liberty: The Roots of American Freedom and the Fight for Open Lands

Contributed by Sean Pond

In the tapestry of American history, two threads are inextricably woven together: land and liberty. Far more than mere physical territory, land has been the sacred ground upon which the American ideal of freedom has been cultivated, challenged, and redefined.

### The Philosophical Landscape

The connection between land and liberty predates the United States itself. Indigenous cultures understood this relationship intimately - land was not a commodity to be owned, but a living entity with which humans shared a profound, reciprocal relationship.

### The Modern Battleground: Preserving Public Access

Today, this fundamental relationship is under siege. The proposed Dolores Monument and National Conservation Area (NCA) represent a direct threat to the core American principle of land accessibility and personal liberty. These designations are not conservation efforts - they are instruments of restriction, transforming public lands into controlled territories that limit human interaction and economic opportunity.

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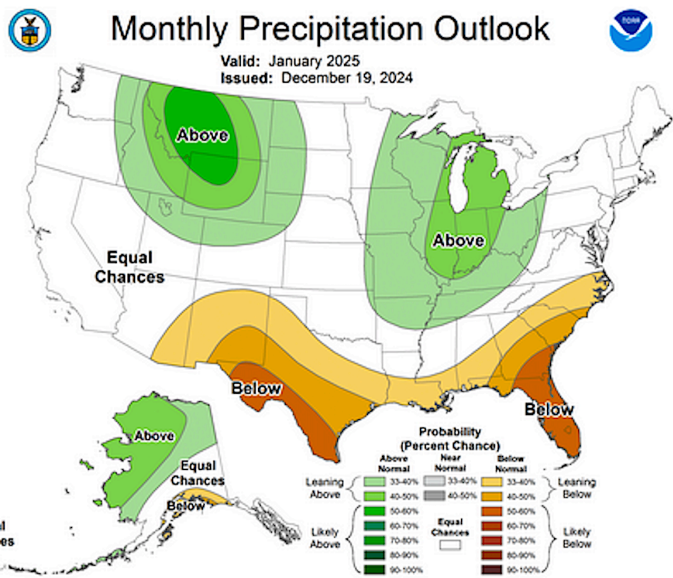
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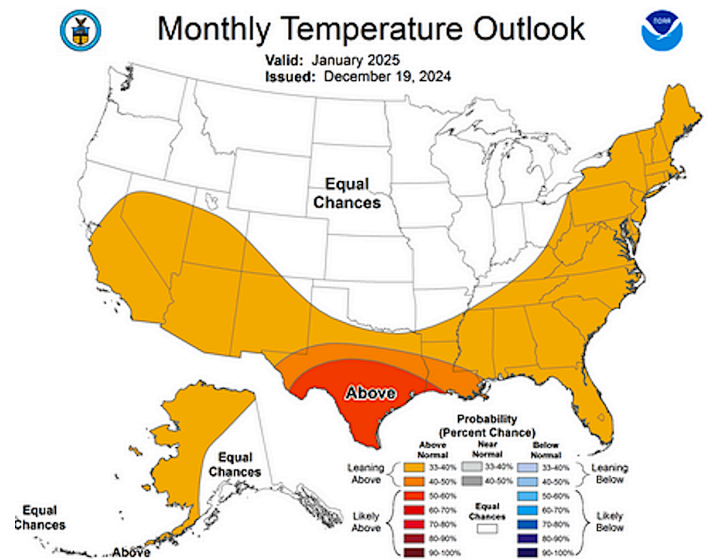
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JANUARY WEATHER

It's officially winter - and the four corners is looking to be pretty dry for the next month, and temperatures slightly above previous averages. At this point it's showing similar pattern through March. Where did winter go? Weekly "Bad News Broadcast" from GeonengineeringWatch.Org will answer some of your questions.

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I saw a study that cows give more milk if you talk to them, it just goes in one ear and out the udder...  Where do you take someone who's been injured in a peekaboo accident... the I C U

Why did the mexican take anti anxiety pills... for his-panic attacks  Every morning I walk my cow through a vineyard - I herd it through the grapevine

JAN WHAT'S UP

- Birth Flowers – Carnation Snowdrop
- Birth Stone – Garnet
- Zodiac Signs – Capricorn to Aquarius
- Jan 6 - Epiphany
- Jan 6 - National Bean Day 
- Jan 7 - Orthodox Christmas
- Jan 11 - Natl Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- Jan 13 - National Rubber Ducky Day
- Jan 19 - Popcorn Day 
- Jan 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 20 - Inauguration Day
- Jan 29 - Chinese New Year
- Year of the Snake
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### Rep. Lauren Boebert's "Fish Recovery Bill" Law

A negotiated version of Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act was signed into law in December.

"Ensuring protection for four threatened and endangered species of fish in Colorado while also allowing thousands of water and power users to continue their operations without interruption is common sense," said Congresswoman Boebert. "I am thrilled that we were able to provide long-term certainty for this important program and finally get this legislation signed into law."

Background:

A negotiated version of Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's bill H.R. 4596, the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act, was signed into law as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act.

The language provides a seven-year reauthorization of the Upper Colorado and San Juan Recovery Programs that protect four threatened and endangered native fish species in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.

The House of Representatives previously passed H.R. 4596 with unanimous bipartisan consent on 9/24/24.

The House of Representatives also passed a negotiated version of H.R. 4596 as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act.

The Upper Colorado and San Juan Recovery Programs were established in 1988 to achieve full recovery of four federally listed endangered fish species including the humpback chub, bonytail, Colorado pikeminnow, and razorback sucker. Those designations led to the threat of significant water and power-use restrictions.

The recovery programs facilitate water delivery from the Navajo, Flaming Gorge, and Aspinall Unit reservoirs which collectively can store more than 6.5 million acre-feet of water as part of the Colorado River Storage Project.

For over three decades, states, tribes, local communities, environmental groups, energy users, and water users, have partnered to help recover four threatened and endangered fish species while continuing water and power development and operations in the Upper Colorado River Basin and the San Juan River Basin.

Non-federal partners contribute \$11 million per year in water contributions, plus another \$750,000 in staffing and in-kind contributions. Participating states contribute \$500,000 to base funding each year in cash equivalents for recovery actions, including for fish hatcheries and non-native fish removal.

The Fish and Wildlife Service contributes \$1.56 million per year in base funding. The

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**Rep. Lauren Boebert's Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Bill Included in NDAA Passage**



Bureau of Reclamation provides cost-shared contributions to both base and capital funding. Reclamation's capital funding supports major infrastructure projects at reservoirs, diversion dams, canals, and floodplains across the basin.

Without these programs, these 2,500 water and power users would have to perform extremely burdensome Section 7 consultations for all 2,500 individual projects.

As a result of these programs, the humpback chub and the razorback sucker are success stories with the chub been downlisted from endangered to threatened and the razorback being recommended for downlisting.

Rep. Boebert's legislation is the result of months of hard work with local stakeholders, the Bureau of Reclamation, Senator Hickenlooper, and others to provide a long-term solution by reauthorizing these vital programs until 2031.

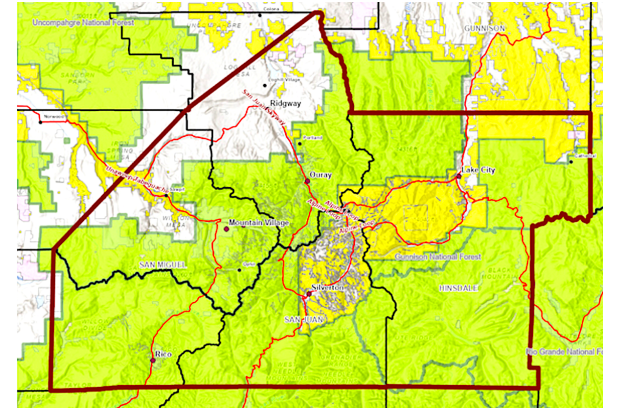
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### Recreation Use Study identifies high use areas in Southwest Colorado's High Alpine

By Region 9 EDD and Region 10

Two Planning and Management regions have collaborated on a recreation use study for the Central San Juans. The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado (Region 9 EDD), and Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning Assistance (Region 10), have been working with stakeholders from six counties developing and implementing recommendations from the High Alpine Resiliency and Recovery Roadmap, part of the Colorado Rural Resiliency and Recovery Roadmaps program. This stakeholder group, which includes the high-alpine portions of Dolores, Hinsdale, San Juan, San Miguel, and Ouray counties, began meeting in 2021 to address growing challenges resulting from visitor use of public lands.

The Recreation Use Study report highlights 10 focus areas: Lizard Head Pass; Handies, Sunshine and Redcloud Peaks; Cascade Creek; Blue Lakes and Mount Sneffels; Coal Bank and Molas Pass; Cunningham Gulch; Ophir Pass; South Mineral; Upper Hermosa – Bolam Pass and the Nellie Creek Trailhead. These areas were identified because they display a high level of sensitivity to recreation pressure and experience high recreational use.

The study provides a geospatial analysis of recreation use, an assessment of environmental sensitivity to recreation pressure, and an aggregation of recreation infrastructure data across the six-county project area. This information helped identify where recreation pressures are high and may threaten surrounding natural resources, and where infrastructure may need to be inventoried or reassessed to suit the needs of recreation use. REPORT QR



## The people have spoken!

By *Aimee Tooker*



Last year opened my eyes and our eyes up to a whole other world. A world where ideals and feelings rather than science and collaboration can alter the entire existence of our beloved utopias. In the blink of an eye or a stroke of a pen our entire world can tragically end, and we wouldn't know until it was too late. Some of these processes like the Antiquities Act of 1906 are swift while the lawsuits against the land management agencies abusing the Equal Access to Justice Act are slower.

Private rights exist on public lands, and these must be recognized during the planning and management activities. Private individuals hold a possessory interest on federal lands in the form of water rights, grazing rights, easements, mineral rights, development rights as well as recreation and outfitter rights, etc. All efforts must be made so as not to infringe on these critical rights. The Antiquities Act of 1906 could easily slam the door on those rights. Valid and existing doesn't mean grandfathered. Valid and existing means "good luck proving that with all the regulations these groups will sue to help stand in the way to prove it".

Land management agencies are consistently sued by the same organizations pushing vast National Monument proposals using the Equal Access to Justice Act. These lawsuits are paid for by us taxpayers. Now that we are aware of their tactics, we are watching closely. Of course, November 5th brought them back to reality. A reality where We the People are fed up with their tactics and "behind the locals backs" standard operating procedures.

Local and state governments are charged with providing fire protection, public education, public safety, road and bridge infrastructure, and health and human services across the public lands; yet, because of the immunity of federal lands from paying local and state taxes, they create a financial burden on state and local governments.

Time for the locals to be proactive in making sure the land management agencies are coordinating their plans as required to protect the socio-economic well-being, health, safety, welfare, and culture of the residents. as required by (43 U.S.C. § 1712(c)(9)).

I am watching and hoping that the Antiquities Act of 1906 is amended and the abuse of the Equal Access to Justice Act is reigned in so unsubstantiated and unscientific based lawsuits aren't putting an unnecessary burden onto the taxpayers.

Over the years the Equal Access to Justice Act has gone from well-intended to a weapon of mass destruction to western rural lifestyles. These Acts must be amended immediately with the new administration. We must go from reactive to proactive. Write letters to our Senators and Congressmen and Congresswomen. We, the people are fed up and it is time to be unburdened by what has been!





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## CO LAWS FOR 2025

Welcome to 2025 - in Colorado there are several new laws going into effect Jan 1:

All Eggs sold in CO must be from cage free hens - requiring one sq foot per hen, though if you have fewer than 3000 hens you are exempt. Fines can be up to \$1000 by the USDA.

Don't drive while using a cell phone, those under 18 already have this as state law, the new regulations affect all ages to use a hands free device when making calls and driving. Exemptions remain for emergencies, and various agency vehicles and first responders. \$75 for a first fine with 2 points off your license.

The car seat rules increase the age that a child is required to be in a booster seat from 8 to 9 years old, and raises the age and weight of children who must be in rear facing seats from under 1 year to under 2 years and from under 20 to under 40 pounds. Handguns must be stored in a locked hard sided container out of plain sight in an unoccupied vehicle and that vehicle must be locked. Other firearms can be stored in soft sided containers as long as they have a locking device. Exemptions include antique firearms, law enforcement and people living in RVs.

Colorado's minimum wage will increase from \$14.42 per hour to \$14.81 per hour next year, while the wage for tipped workers will increase from \$11.40 per hour to \$11.79 per hour.

The first stage of the ban on forever chemicals went into effect in 2024, banning the use of PFAS in items like rugs, food packaging, and products meant for children. This year, the next phase applies to cosmetics, furniture, towels, and bedding.



Commentary By Linda Cunningham  
"Lawsuits, Karma and DRONES, oh my!"  
The mystery of the drones may be solved by the time this printing comes out, but as of now it's still a mystery, or is it? The Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said "they don't have an answer to who's flying them", or that's the story they are telling us, and he's asking the public to "document" when they are seen and where. The head of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas doesn't seem to be excited about it either saying, "there's no foreign involvement". Will this turn out to be another Chinese Spy Balloon story, the drones are made in China after all. Time will tell, but one thing for sure, the truth is being held from the public. Karma is being played out in real time .... ABC has been ordered to pay 15million in the Trump defamation case... that 15 million is to be used for the Trump legacy library. The once popular show The View has been earmarked for cancellation due to lack of viewership....imagine that. CNN and MSNBC's viewership has dropped by almost half or more and like the drones, disclaimers are flying all over the place now. The GOOD news is, the Biden/Harris crime spree is about over, so HAPPY NEW YEAR to all and blessings for 2025.

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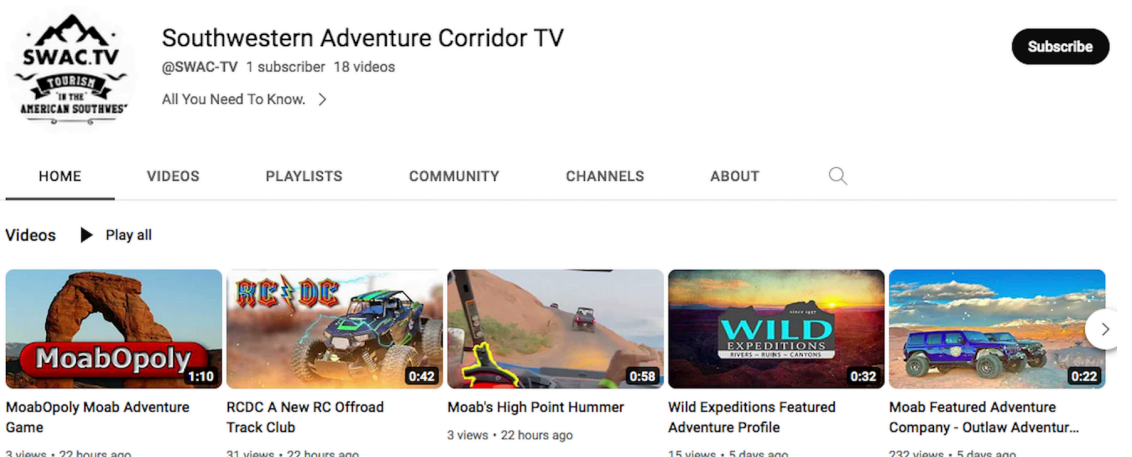
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**May you Enjoy Discernment for 2025**

Happy New Year! Phew another big year of changes and oddities in 2024 'in the books', and so much more on the table for 2025. My ramblings in "spill the beans" each month, have many starts and stops, as there are so many interesting topics of conversation to share and think about. There's no fear in the upcoming year, as we all try to embrace love instead. However, logically, and obviously, there are many 'potential' threats being bantered about. Take the WEF (please - badumpbum) with Klaus Schwab's onerous warning of cyber attacks - during Cyber Polygon 2021 he sternly said (add your own heavy German accent): "A lack of cybersecurity has become a clear and immediate danger to our society worldwide - We all know, but still pay insufficient attention to, the frightening scenario of a comprehensive cyber attack, which would bring a complete halt to the power supply, transportation, hospital services, our society as a whole." Well 'blah blah blah' as Greta Thunberg (psyop) would say, of course the cure is to become completely digital in our interactions under the 'good guys' system - meaning world unelected governing bodies like them. Right. No thank you. But, that does not mean many of these types of 'threats' won't manifest in one way or another, generated by any number of bad actors (the US not excluded), and blamed capriciously on whomever will be most believable or fit that moment's narrative and serve a greater purpose, for the instigators. False flags ahead.

Here's a good one - all the nuclear bomb threats. Some people don't think we really have the type of bombs we had been taught about in the 'drop and cover' 1950s. MAD - mutually assured destruction - pretty cool with the acronyms. But what if somehow other bombs were able to blow up our missile silos in the U.S. sending radioactive materials and more into our skies beyond the immediate blast zones; Possibly killing and destroying A LOT to our north - will our area be spared - elevation wise as well if or when waters rise devastatingly, we may be situated in a pretty good spot? If communications terminate - are we ready for reshaping our communities and being able to feed our bodies and minds moving forward after immediate chaos? Please, think seriously and hard on this, are you ready? The World War 3 label is being thrown around - even though the "cold war" was seen by many industrial military complex folks as the 3rd world wide war, who's really counting. We humanity, are constantly at war - and that seems planned. Recently I was given a link to a writer, Wendell Berry - hearkening to the thoughts of 'back to the land' people in the late 1960s/70s, who faced many similar predicaments we think are new to our generation today. He has some thought provoking published 'poems' worth a read, such as "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front" in which he muses on rural life. A snippet reads "So, friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it. Denounce the government and embrace the flag. Hope to live in that free republic for which it stands."

Speaking of the Republic, the "hugely most biggly" event this month is the countdown to an unusual Inauguration - Jan. 20th 2025 - 45th Pres. Trump also becomes the 47th President. The path to a new administration for the US had already begun to take shape last month - and the show has not disappointed; That is, in terms of drama, positioning, lies, truths, and wild stories from all sides. There had been anticipation of great turmoil in the days and weeks before this transition, however overall, as I write, we have experienced quite a bit of uneasy quietness - being both grateful and suspicious - with an interrupted Christmas (sadly the German outdoor market re-run of driving a car through public crowds should not be tolerated), overall, this new 'normal' of craziness has yet to reveal the drop of the other shoe. So as the year of the Snake (Chinese) commences, I will repeat what I have shared before, that **Discernment** is critically important, especially with the massive influx of AI artificial 'intelligence' being able to show you a scene that did not in our reality, actually happen. Every graphic, audio interview, and videos we see this year - take a moment to think for your self, is that real, or is that something put out in the zeitgeist for a reason and not a 'report'. Perhaps humanity has always been living a world where you may not be able to believe your eyes interpreting the information to your brain. God Speed for 2025!

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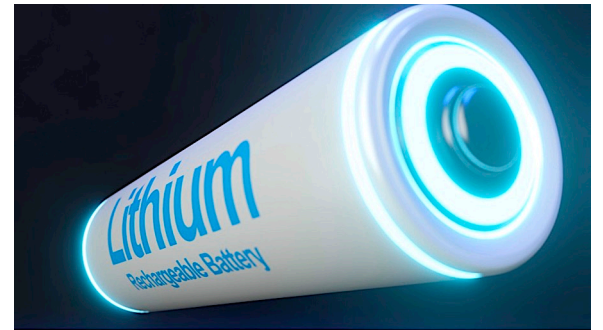
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### DJ 47 is (almost) In the House

A Presidential Playlist... what does it mean?

By Sarah Toenin

As the US is getting ready for the 45th President to also become the 47th unprecedented President, you may have been aware that DJ Trump, literally, really enjoys his music playlist, and the selections are not haphazard - ranging from the 'YMCA' hit from the 1970s, and 'monkey see' repetitive accompanying dance, to an opera aria from Puccini's 'Turandot' production sung by the famous Luciano Pavarotti. That's a powerful piece, with moments of crescendo that bring goosebumps to your arms and move you without even knowing what the lyrics or storyline mean. So here's the story: briefly, the opera is set in Peking China. An unknown Prince falls in love with an arrogant Princess, to win her hand you must answer 3 riddles, and if you fail, you die. The guy gets them all correct, but the Princess rejects him not even knowing his name. He makes her a deal, figure out my name before dawn, and he will die, if not, they get hitched. It gets crazier, as she declares no one will sleep til she learns the name, and everyone in the kingdom will be killed if no one steps forward with the Prince's identity. 'Nesun Dorma' means nobody shall sleep. The end of his song he declares, 'At dawn, I will win, I will win, I will win.' (sound familiar?)

This Chinese tyrant Princess, tortures the one servant that knows his name, but she won't give it up because of Love, and tells Turandot she too will know the joys of love, then kills herself. Dawn arrives, the Prince kisses Turandot and reveals his identity, she then declares she knows the stranger's name - it is Love. So now you know when Pres. Trump plays that aria (song for operas), what it is about - to win and win by love.

Trivia - the 3 riddles are: What is born each night and dies each dawn? "Hope" What flickers red and warm like a flame, yet is not a flame? "Blood" What is like ice but burns, and if it accepts you as a slave, makes you a king? Calaf triumphantly cries "Turandot!"



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### 5G next up 6G!

By Sarah Toenin

EMF exposure is known to impact human cells negatively. We are bombarded by fields of energy everywhere we go these days. We have charges inside of us, and they interact with these external reactions. Voltage gated calcium channels, which results in oxidation - equates with aging faster - as higher levels than normal of calcium, gets into the cells and damages the structure.

Your mobile phone is emitting energy all the time. Distance is your friend, to keep the smart TV, cell phone, smart meters at a distance from where you spend a lot of time. There are many studies now that suggest you do not carry your cell phone ON your body. If you can turn your router off at night this helps reduce the amount of exposure.

5G towers not only affect humans, but of course the animals and plants around them are as well. When there is cell damage, you have a higher risk for symptoms like fatigue, and impacts to the heart and neurological systems. Doctors are seeing people experiencing electromagnetic hyper sensitivity - increasing cases of tinnitus dizziness, headaches - all being looked at as potential issues deriving from EMF exposure. When the authorities say these levels are safe - they were based on a heat test back in 1996 on a large male body. The amount of devices emitting EMFs in 2024 is obviously significantly increased and more studies need to become public for us to make informed decisions on electronics and lifestyles. EMF exposure is also potentially linked to low sperm counts for fertility levels. This is aligned with our trend in the US of downward repopulation numbers.



Find out where the most amount of EMF is in your house or your workplace, using a simple meter.

Consider the Faraday material - it was developed as a protective material to shield out certain radiation and electromagnetic frequencies. There are a lot of faraday material based bags and even beanie caps for sale - that can help protect your brain from the energy fields - not exactly a tin foil hat - but the concept is actually real. Faraday cages are also used to protect the equipment inside, from a potential EMP - electromagnetic pulse, that could occur from a blast from the sun, or a blast above the earth with malicious intentions to shut down technology.

While we already know about 5G, the 6G or 6th generation networks, are already invented, they say to offer new capabilities for wireless technology. This will expand the use of the radio spectrum, along with AI/ML powered air interfaces and advanced antenna designs. There's lots more to know about the tech coming at us at faster speeds, but it is also something humanity needs to consider seriously, as we seem to be headed towards that transhumanistic future.

# OF MICE AND WOLVES

Contributing Commentary  
By Dexter Gill

Wolves! What picture and thoughts just went through your mind? Mice! What picture and thoughts just went through your mind? You want some of both in your back yard? Maybe even a mouse in the house? The recent "save the wolves" in Colorado, or rather "import" apex predator wolves that are supposedly endangered, which they are not, except in your back yard, has raised a lot of questions. Now you are wondering, what about the mice? Bear with me, they, along with the wolves, are part of over 2,000 species of life declared to be threatened or endangered of becoming extinct. The reason is claimed to be man, both directly and indirectly by climate change, which is also by man. Man must stop his demise of the species and the Earth's environment!

Looking at the big picture, the science organizations "estimate" there are up to one (1) Trillion different species of life on the Earth. The "Millenium Ecosystem Assessment", a group of over one Thousand "experts", estimated a continuous "extinction" rate of 8,700 per year, or 24 per day. Follow that with the CK12 Foundation noting that 15-20,000 NEW Species are found each year, or 40-55 per day. Conclusion is, death/extinction of life forms is a constant necessity to make room for new life, and the "scientists" have no clue or control over the never ending process. In fact, the scientists and politicians are themselves part of the "process". Here in the U.S., the annual death rate computes to about seven (7) per minute, non-stop! One difference is, the "replacement" rate here is only 1.6 per mating couple in their life in these new times - we are going down. How many politicians, environmentalists, and scientists will be pushing up tomatoes next year?

Wolves and mice do not limit themselves, they do not need man's help to do what their creator established them to do. Sadly, man does not do what our Creator established us to do, but instead, many attempt to usurp the role of Creator, using the "environment" as a tool to gain control over the people to satisfy their own selfish desires of financial gain and pleasure. Today, that effort got its big start in 1973, just 51 years ago with passage of the Endangered Species Act, which was to "regulate human activity around wildlife on Federal Lands. That initiated the multitude of subsequent environmental Acts designed to control mankind by political powers and establish "worship" of the environment rather than the Creator of the environment. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was set up as the creator and enforcer of laws to protect the land and environment from man!



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NM Jumping Mouse is also on the EPA Endangered Species list with the Grey Wolf

Water, Energy and Food are primary necessities in our lives. Today, good stewardship management of land and resources locally for the people to survive and be enhanced, is prevented by the political established laws to protect the supposed "habitat" for supposed endangered New Mexico Jumping mouse, Spotted Owl, Gray Wolf, Prairie Dogs, certain insects, 150 more and the world climate. However, there seems to be no problem in developing certain ski slopes and recreation sites for pleasure on those lands. Who is in control of the "Land of the Free"? The next Legislature is poised to start, what will its focus be? Happy chickens, burpless cows with fat free milk, gasless gas wells, and low cost homes that cost more? All related to the new environmental laws created by special interest NGO's. The Clouds are being rolled back so, Thank the Lord for the sunshine and roll up your sleeves while the sun shines!

# CPW 2nd RELEASE 2025

We enter the second year of the Colorado Gray Wolf Restoration and Management Plan as CPW prepares for the second capture and release season. "We've been listening to and working with all stakeholders in this historic restoration effort all year," said CPW Director Jeff Davis. "The results are evident in our improved Conflict Minimization Program, the addition of new staff to work alongside producers, strengthened partnerships such as the Ad Hoc Working Group and Colorado Department of Agriculture, and now clear guidelines for producers as it relates to chronic depredation and lethal management considerations."

At the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission (PWC) meeting on Jan. 8, the PWC will discuss the final materials and documentation detailing how the agency is addressing the requests in the petition for rulemaking submitted to the PWC on September 27 by 26 ranching and farming organizations and how the agency has satisfied the requests for tools and resources from the first year of gray wolf restoration.

These actions are responsive to the requests and recommendations of impacted people and industries throughout the year and demonstrate important collaboration with landowners and producers. The staff recommendation (to deny it) regarding the petition, was included as a formal letter from the CPW Director to Parks and Wildlife (PWC) Commissioners. CPW Director Jeff Davis reiterates the biological importance of reintroducing additional wolves to the state and provides further details related to how the agency and its partners have already been addressing the conditions in the petition.

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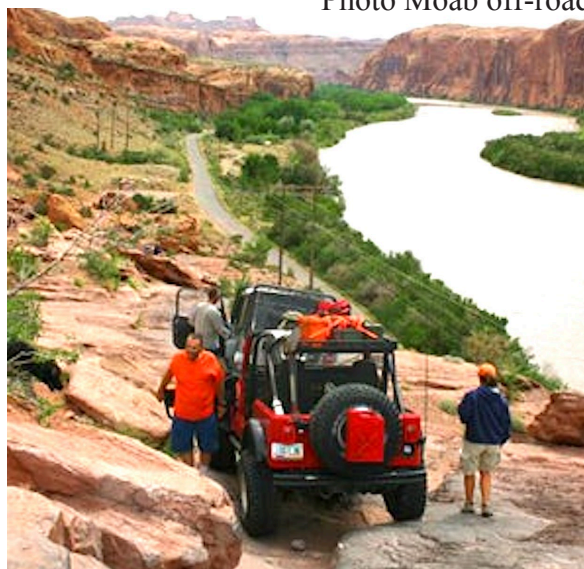


**MOAB, UT**

The BLM installed a sign at the previous site of the Moab Skyway off Kane Creek - the Mays family had dedicated years to opening this chairlift attraction which finally opened in 1999 and closed in 2004. It was since purchased and reclaimed by first the Nature Conservancy, then the BLM in 2008. The sign reads "High Hopes and Big Risks" said to 'honor the Skyway and the vision of its creators'.

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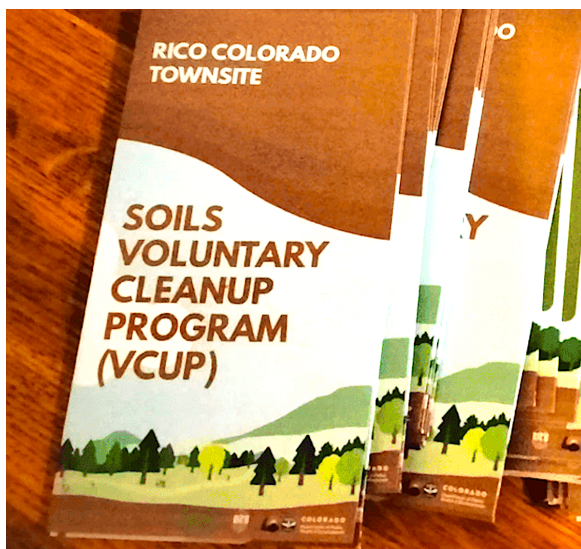
**RICO, CO**

Rico Ore Cart reported: Rio Grande Southern Railroad right-of-way "consulting party" and memorandum of agreement, Trustees of the Town of Rico, voted unanimously to approve these items.

Consideration of participating as a consulting party and concurring in the memorandum of agreement for the proposed construction of 1.7 miles of new trail along the Rio Grande Southern Railroad right-of-way south of the Town of Rico.

This proposal gives Town of Rico "consulting status" on the Rico Trails Alliance proposed pedestrian bridge construction crossing the Dolores River, and historic features such as coke ovens and existing railroad bridge abutments.

Rico residents also recently listened to a presentation by Atlantic Richfield on information of the VCUP - soils Voluntary Clean Up program. The scope of info included a funding agreement with the Town, a sample access agreement for sampling and remediation work to residents in 2025, road remediation in 2026 (they found 21 segments exceeding the VCUP lead action level), a storm water management program, and other arrangements with the Town. They stated the Columbia tailings site remediation is about 85% complete, looking to finish in the spring of next year.




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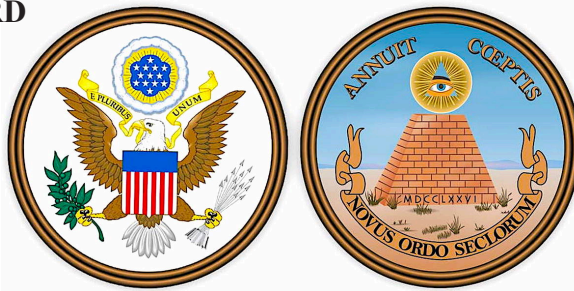
James 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (Wildlife Through Hopes Eyes)

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In the US we lost Eagle population when the



pesticide DDT was widely used, down to 417 nesting pairs in 1963, since then the populations have recovered with US Fish and Wildlife estimating over 300K individual birds.

Under S.B. 4610 - to amend title 36 of the US Code - we already had a national anthem, motto, floral, march and tree (the mighty oak), so now the bird element is added to that document. Biden signed it into law on Christmas Eve.

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## Snazzy Sourdough

By Kendra Cook



Homesteaders, previous lock downers / house arrest.. or those who just love fresh baked bread, are likely well acquainted with using a sourdough starter for a simple and important staple - bread. What makes it 'sour' dough, is the process of naturally occurring lactobacillaceae and yeast in the fermentation process, which produces lactic acid, and gives the bread a sour taste and improves its 'longer life qualities'. You can find sourdough in all corners of the world. There are records dating thousands of years back - look to 5K BC or more where the Sumerians, credited with the first civilization to use the plow, cultivated wheat for beer and bread. The ancient Anunnaki goddess Ninkasi is credited with the fermentation process for beer; you can read the ancient tablet translation called "Hymn to Ninkasi" which is both a prayer and a recipe. It is likely that same fermentation concept that brought about early sourdough. Next up, historically, Louis Pasteur developed commercial yeast, previous to that all leaven bread was sourdough version.

The typical loaf will have quite the holy crumb, the inner soft part, due to the gas created causing air pockets. The latest trend is to make the outside even more creative and beautiful than a simple breaking crust. Flour-al (floral) designs are all the rage - and elevate the intrigue and mystique of the standard classic.

In 'snazzy' (not here) chains like Whole Foods, they are offering sourdough everything: from spaghetti, to pancake and waffle mix, pumpkin turmeric sourdough loaves, to all types of crackers. That sour taste is something you may either love or hate too, or give it some time to acquire a passion for.

In the SW area, the classic sourdough biscuit was standard on chuck wagons and for cattle drives, as you can easily keep the starter which is flour and water and "air" - and create a hardy dutch oven biscuit to start each day.

### Beginner Sourdough Starter

Buy or get a starter from a trusted friend! or to make your own starter - it may take a week or two. When it's ready, it will double in size after 'feeding' it in 4-12 hours. Water test: drop a dollop in water, if it floats it's ready.

**STARTER:** Mix one cup of unbleached flour or whole grain, with equal part of filtered water. Stir it up really well in a bowl, cover with a clean tea towel and sit for 24 hours. Next day discard half the mixture and repeat, stir, cover and sit. For day 3-5 repeat the same process to discard half, add 1/1 each day. On day 6 and 7, do the same but feed it every 12 hours instead of once a day. This gets you to day 7 with enough beneficial bacteria and yeast to bake with.

Once you started the starter - to keep it going you can store it in the fridge to slow down the fermentation process so just one feeding a week or every other week will do. If you plan to use it daily, keeping it at room temp it'll need to be fed more often - daily, as well as baking daily!

### LOAF:

3 1/2c flour, 1/2c starter, 1 1/3c water, 2 tsp salt. Add warm water, active starter, salt and flour mix with hands. Cover to rest for half an hour. Stretch and fold the dough to get it mixed well with out the impact of hard kneading. Cover and rest 30 min. and repeat two more times. Next the dough doubles in size in a warm place covered with a damp towel. Could be 6 to 12 hours. Ready to form the ball, fold it on itself and gently form the loaf, if you let it sit for 15 min. the surface develops a bit so it won't stick to the towel, lightly floured in bowl, seam side up. Let that rest for another 12 hours in the fridge or 3 hours plus at room temp. Pre heat a dutch oven at 500 degrees for one hour, take the dough out on parchment paper, and dust with flour and score or create a fun design. Transfer the paper and dough to the dutch oven, lid back on and bake for 20 minutes, remove lid and reduce heat to 475 to bake off til golden brown maybe 15-20 min more. Enjoy!

## BEAN THINKING ABOUT JANUARY PUZZLE



### CLUES QUESTIONS

#### ACROSS

- 4. sport to 'throw' rocks to get in the house
- 6. Flat land skiing
- 10. California Jan. parade's flower name
- 11. 67th musical awards ceremony Jan 31
- 13. Coldest Balloon Festival in SE UT town
- 15. Sport with horses and skiers
- 16. These are golden awards for film industry
- 18. After 12th night - also a sudden revelation

#### DOWN

- 1. Pres. Lincoln Proclamation in 1863
- 2. The dawning of the Age of
- 3. This month's Roman god with two heads
- 5. Jan 20 installment
- 7. Chinese New Year - the animal 2025
- 8. bumps for skiers also successful power people
- 9. Every year you make one (usually break it)
- 12. Three letter Jr. abbrev. for Jan 20 holiday
- 14. CO Town the grammy man music awards are made
- 17. Dark red birthstone for the month
- 19. Winter ski resort and a level before hell

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Live Cattle	\$1.93	Feeder Cattle	\$2.62

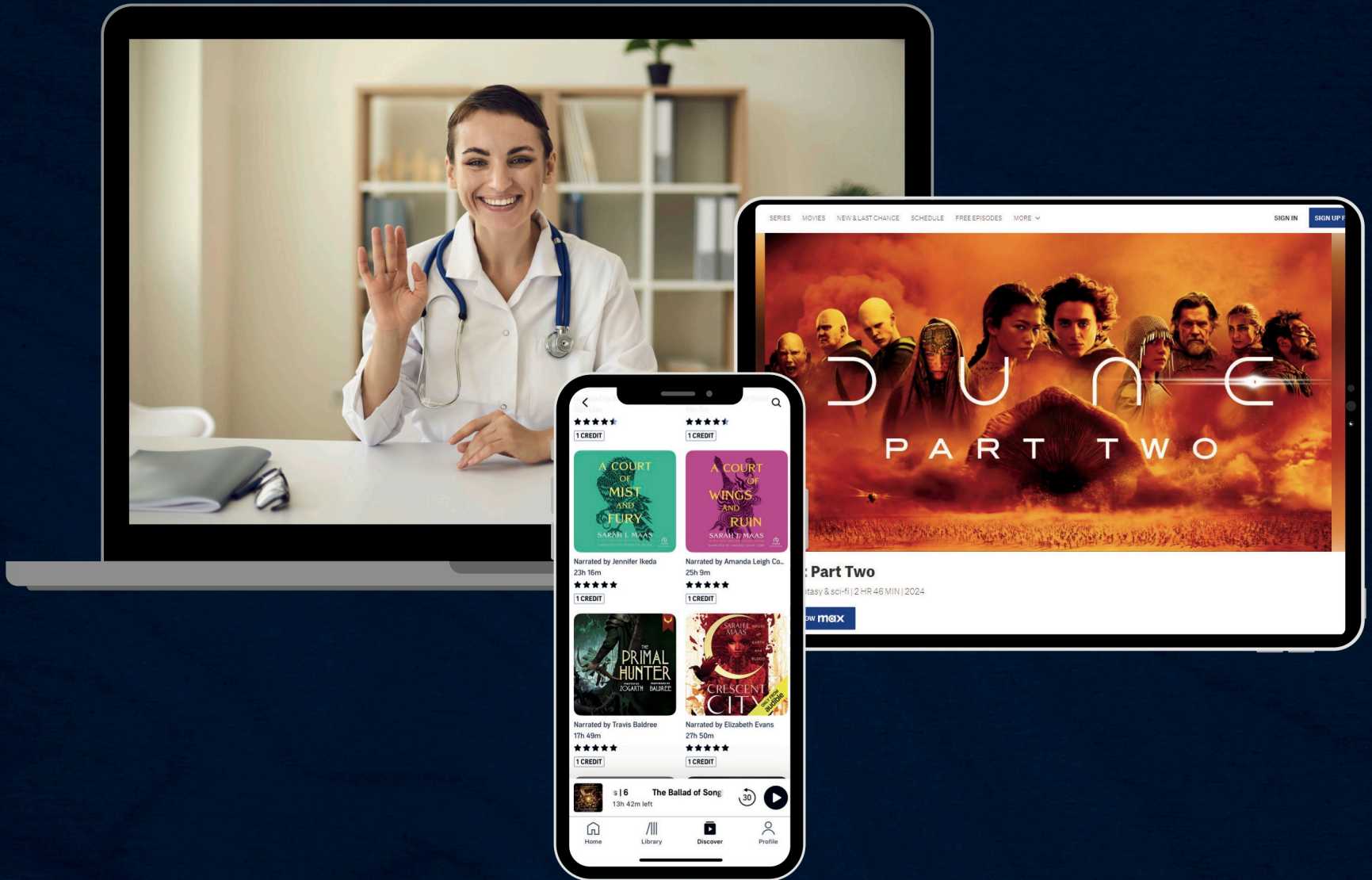
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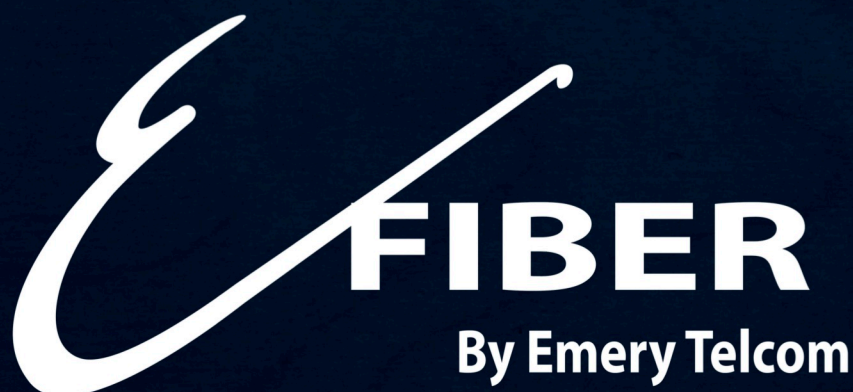
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