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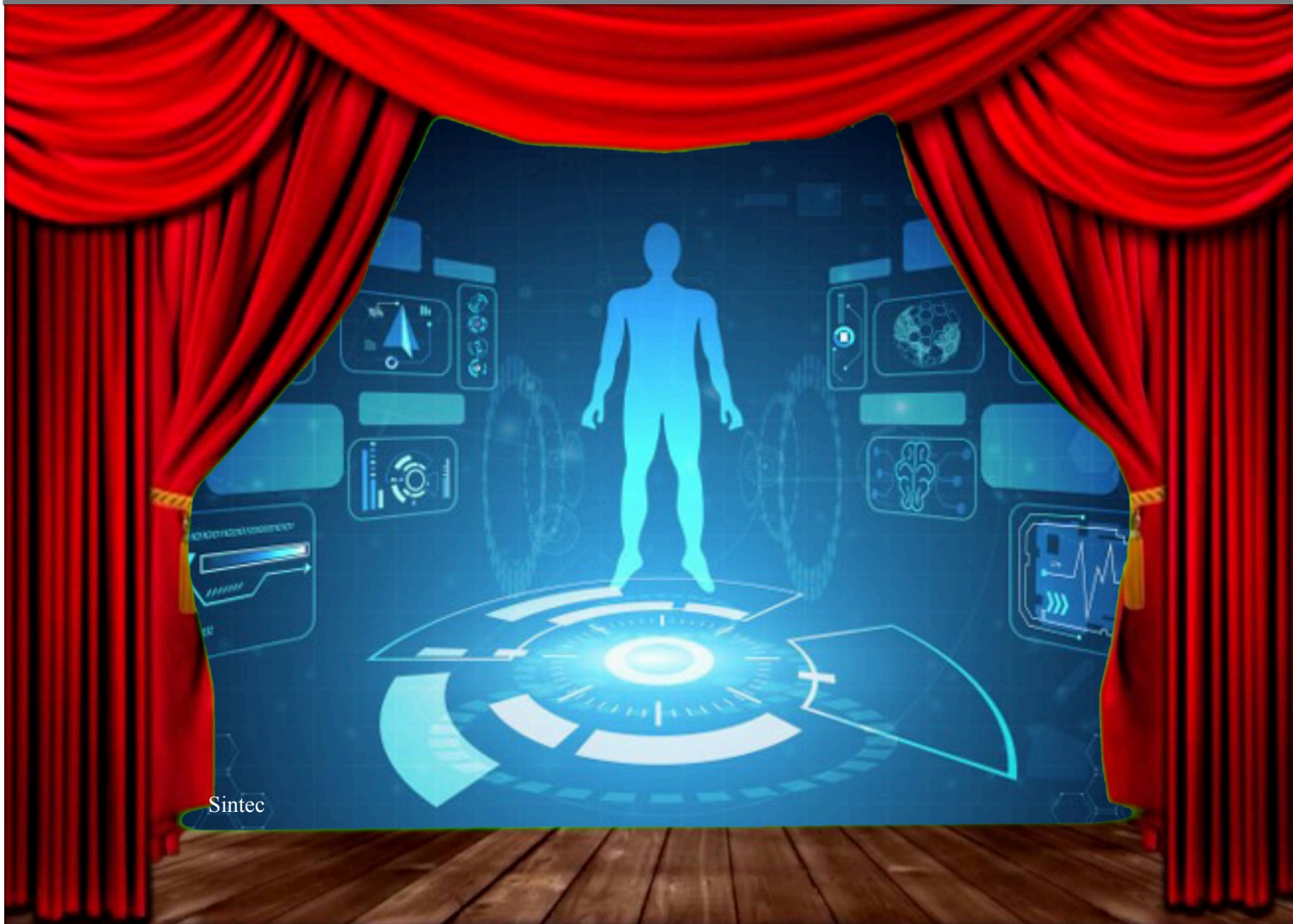
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THE STAGE OF LIFE

By Sarah Toenin

Shakespeare is well known for writing “All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances; And one man in his time plays many parts.” That is from his play “As You Like It”, perhaps written in 1599, the bard’s words ring true to anyone watching what’s happening in ‘theaters’ all across the world today. The character who says this is a traveler named Jaques, who observes and disputes the hardships of life in the country. From a rural viewpoint, watching the comings and goings ‘in the news,’ offers quite the stagecraft with daily comedies and dramas that at times, feel quite contrived and look like they are actors playing on a stage.

It’s June, and summer heat is increasing. Literally, there are geo physical risks with the current Grand Solar Minimum in play with our sun. The earth’s magnetic field has weakened, exposing the cosmic rays and radiation not only of UV A and B - but C. The direct ‘heat’ from the sunshine may feel hotter on your skin, with faster burning than you may have experienced before.

As always, there’s no fear mongering or panicking, simply preparedness as a part of common sense. So there’s the sun playing its part - belching solar flares and winds at earth, pretty auroras but those pink colors and how far ‘south’ they appear is actually not a great sign. Scientists are publishing papers that connect the solar activity to health concerns as well. Additionally, uncooperative (wink wink) weather is making food production challenging - from droughts to floods, the extremes are hard to navigate.

There continue to be attempts to scare people on variants of the flu with unseen attacks on our health, and on our meat and poultry supplies. More of the population is a bit more cynical in this post 2020 era.

There's also the scare on the economy - from the tariff front, to the uncertain demise of the dollar, and the threat or promise of a digital currency. Historically, when countries hit economic contractions, war is soon to follow to deal with the collapsing economy. History doesn’t necessarily repeat itself, but it is said it sure does rhyme. The patterns are there for those who want to see.

As we all go about our summer, some on vacations, some just seeking out another day at the office, while others go into high gear on the farms and ranches, many pundits are predicting turmoil that will push certain agendas forward. This is likely to occur in larger cities, hopefully less impactful in our rural zones. However, any and all devastations that are shown to a public, will effect their minds and beings, almost like a second hand ptsd. To prevent this, you can simply turn off your main stream news, and or work on your personal protection shield by strengthening your health and your biofield.

You recall the “Internet of Things” - well we humans are now making up the “The Internet of Bodies” as technology is ratcheting up ways to utilize the data and energy from within our bodies on a connected ‘grid’. Creepy. This summer may reveal more on this life stage, be sure to look behind the curtain.

Dolores County Senior Services Annual Chicken Enchilada Fundraiser Dinner Thursday - June 12th

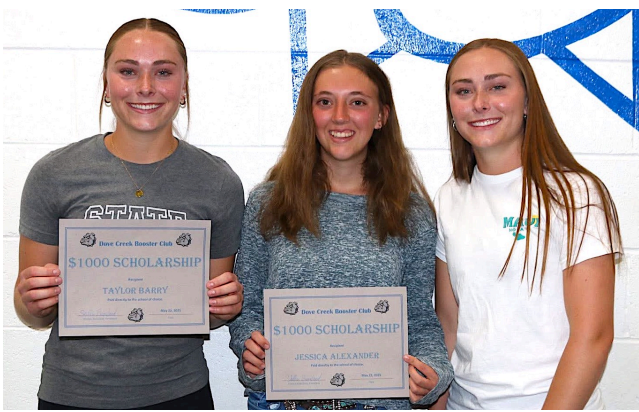
Homemade Chicken Enchiladas Spanish Rice, Refried Beans Chips & Salsa and Dessert Price \$15.00

There will be a Silent Auction and Chance Drawing for a fire pit patio set and Blackstone Grill Tickets available at the Pioneer Center. 6 for \$25.00 or 1 for \$5.00. Drawing items can be seen at the Pioneer Center

f Watch Facebook for previews of silent auction items

Serving at the Pioneer Center from 12:00 pm until 1:30 pm Orders available for pick-up at the Pioneer Center starting at 12:00 pm Please place orders for pick-up by 12:00 pm on Wednesday, June 11th. **8540 County Road 7.2, Dove Creek, CO**

Thank you to Colorado Housing And Finance Authority for their support of this fundraiser



The 2025 Dove Creek HS Booster Club Scholarship Committee received applications from 3 very deserving applicants: Taylor Barry, Jessica Alexander, and Hannah Barry. The 2025 Booster Club Scholarship recipients are Jessica Alexander and Taylor Barry...CONGRATULATIONS!

Courtesy Photo Right: Dove Creek Track Team runner up State - School season athletics all done.



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SCHEDULE*

- Thursday - July 3, 2025
- 5:00 pm - Dance Location To Be Determined Music Ray Young with Country Feedback
- 7:00 pm - DCVFD Beer Tent Opens
- 8:00 pm - Dance Behind West Dugout Weber Park Music by Crossroads
- Friday - July 4, 2025
- 8:30 am - Parade Entries at DC Airport (Free)
- 9 am - Food & Craft Vendors all Day
- 9 am - Community Parade Begins (DC Airport to Weber Park)
- 9:30 am - Awards, Royalty, Honors and Color Guard
- 10 am - DCVFD Beer Tent Opens
- 10 am - Kids Games Begin
- 10:30 am - Greased Pole Begin
- 11:30 am - Meat Pit & Cook Shack Open to Seniors 65+ 11:30 am - Adult Games Begin
- 12:00 pm - Meat Pit & Cook Shack Open to the public 2:00 pm - Pig Chase Begin
- 4:00 pm - Corn Hole Tournament
- 6:00 pm - Live Music for Fireworks Football Field by Ray Young with Country Feedback
- 9:30 pm - DCVFD Fireworks Display
- After party Music West Dugout Weber Park by Crossroads
- Saturday - July 5, 2025
- 7:30 am - Volleyball Registration
- 9 am - Volleyball Tournament
- 9 am - Food Vendors all Day
- 10 am - DCVFD Beer Tent Opens
- 10 am - Horseshoe Registration
- 11 am - Horseshoe Tournament
- 4 pm - Washer Tournament Registration
- 5 pm - Washer Tournament
- 6 pm - DJ music or Live Band TBD
- Sunday - July 6, 2025
- 9 am - Softball Registration
- 10 am - Softball Tournament
- 10 am - DCVFD Beer Tent

*Schedule is Subject to Change Please follow the Facebook page for Most Current Updates

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The Dove Creek Recreation Department summer activities - Come have some fun this summer!

Check out the Dove Creek Recreation Facebook page for updates, happenings, and events.

Summer Activities Program for Youth:

The Summer Activities Program for Youth will begin 6/10 through 7/24. Activities take place every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the Community Center. Tuesdays run from 2:00-4:00, and Wednesday and Thursdays from 1:00-3:00. Your child must be at least 4 years old to participate. Cost is \$4 per day or pay a discounted summer rate of \$70 and come have fun with us all summer long! Drinks and snacks are provided each day. Be sure to come have some fun and see what fun activities we have lined up for the summer! You can register in person at the Community Center. Here is the upcoming schedule of activities for June:

- 6/10 - Opening day with games and BBQ
- 6/11 - Cooking day making pizza
- 6/12 - Father's Day craft
- 6/17 - STEM with Gus Westerman
- 6/18 - San Juan Mountain Association activity
- 6/19 - Water day
- 6/24 - STEM with Gus Westerman
- 6/25 - PowerHouse Science Center activity
- 6/26 - Science day with Katti Gardner

T-Ball:

Registration for t-ball will open 6/16 and the cost is \$35 per participant and each player receives a t-shirt. T-Ball will begin 7/9 through 7/31 (four weeks total). T-ball is played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 pm at the Weber Park Baseball Field. Due to 4th of July activities the first week of this season we will play on Wednesday and Thursday. The registration DEADLINE is 6/27 so be sure to get your forms turned in on time. You can register in person at the Summer Activities Program for Youth. Be sure to come out and support our young athletes, and enjoy some baseball!



Swimming Lessons:

Registration for swimming lessons will open 6/16 and the cost is \$70 per participant. Lessons will take place in Monticello the last two weeks in July (8 sessions total). Children must be 5 years old or starting kindergarten in the fall to be eligible to participate. The registration DEADLINE is 6/27 so be sure to get your forms turned in on time. You can register in person at the Summer Activities Program for Youth.

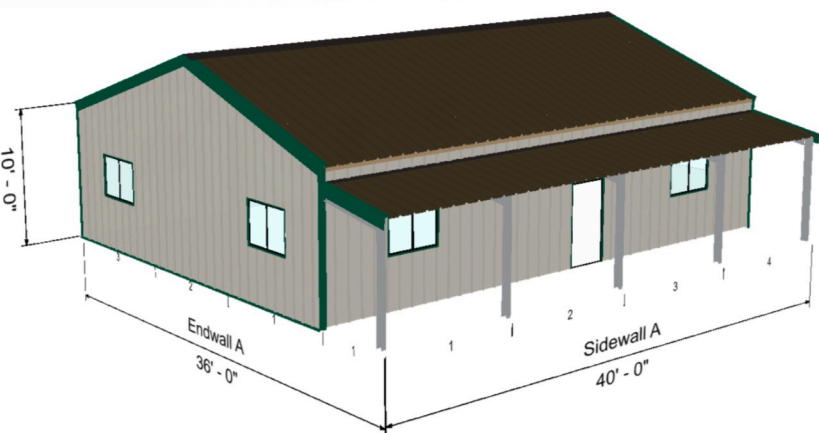


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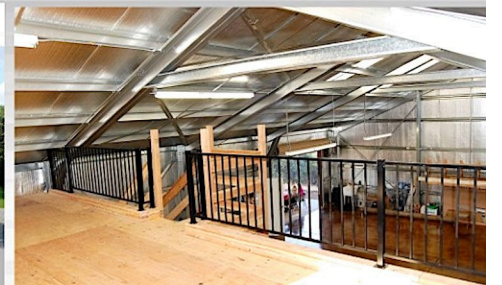


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LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

Writer Heather Marie Scott

Rural families are always on the look out for a good children’s book that resonates with their unique lifestyle. We still enjoy the array of Dr. Seuss releases that originally were hatched in the late 1930s. In today’s topsy turvy world, the Library remains a beacon for the curious to explore, and to learn, from the young to old. We found a local author who has just released a wonderful children’s book that will hopefully be in every little library entitled: “Morning Chores; Just Me and My Dad”

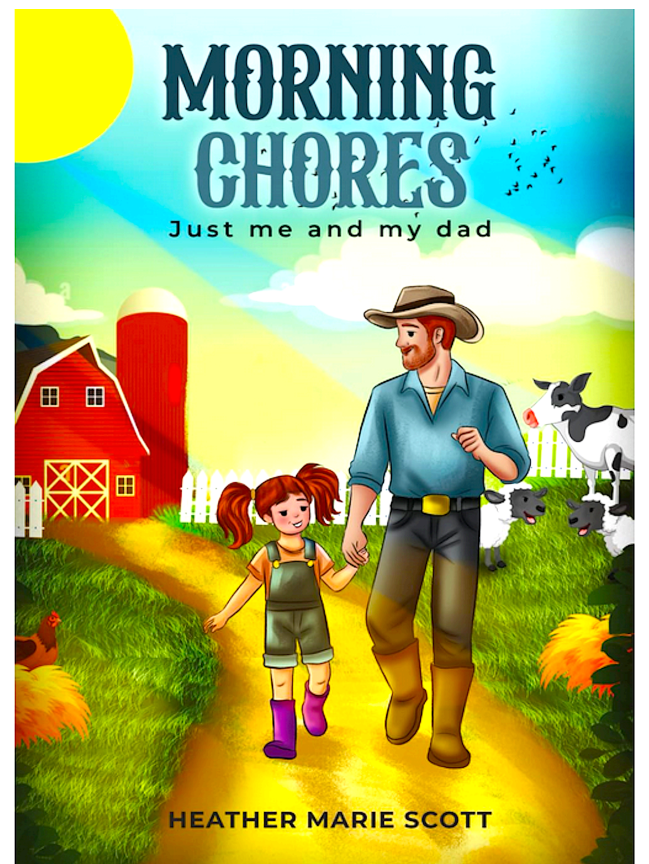
First time writer Heather Marie Scott living on a family farm/ranch near Durango CO said, “I was so excited that it released just in time for Father’s Day! I wrote this book because I have fallen in love with watching the magic that happens in all the small moments between a father and their children. I think that so often the bonds that are created with a dad go unseen and certainly unrecognized. Over the years I have watched chore time become the life lesson time, the advice time, the stead strength that stands quiet during a needed cry time. I wanted to capture some of that but in a fun and happy way that showcases how the everyday ordinary is really something special. “

The book is available through Amazon, where it is described as follows: “Step into a joyful morning on the farm with a heartwarming story about love, laughter, and life’s simple moments. Morning Chores: Just Me and My Dad follows a young girl as she starts her day helping her father with the daily chores—from feeding cows and sheep to splashing in spilled water and petting the barn cat.



Written in charming rhyme and filled with warmth, this beautifully illustrated children’s book celebrates the bond between a father and daughter, the rhythms of rural life, and the fun hidden in everyday routines. Perfect for young readers and families, this book is sure to spark smiles, giggles, and fond memories of time spent together. A delightful read for ages 3-8. Grab your copy today and share the magic of morning chores!

Available online through Amazon
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ENERGY GRIDS SUMMER HEAT

By Dewey Cheatham

SPP southwest power pool - a non profit as an RTO (regional transmission organization), coordinates the electric reliability in a 14 state area to meet the demands without surges or deficits. This summer is scheduled to be quite hotter than average, so the SPP in anticipation of this has identified and is mitigating threats to energy reliability. They are a sort of an ‘air traffic controller’ for the energy routing on top of the member companies that provide the electricity, transmission lines, and distribution to homes and businesses.

In Colorado, SB21-072 Public Utilities Commission Modernize Electric Transmission Infrastructure bill was signed into law in June of 2021: for “Colorado to meet its clean energy goals, and, in connection therewith, creating the Colorado electric transmission authority, requiring transmission utilities to join organized wholesale markets, and allowing additional classes of transmission utilities to obtain revenue through the colocation of broadband facilities within their existing rights-of-way.”

The current issue this year, is that the upfront investment cost of \$30+Million for Xcel Energy to become a market+ member (and \$10 million per year thereafter), will inevitably increase the costs to consumers. The project they are proposing to join called Market+ is run by SPP, to turn over the planning and operations to this RTO. The overall concept is that by joining this collective, with ‘day ahead’ power options, in 5-6 years they could see a benefit, potentially generating a longer term savings for CO utilities.. literally ‘down the line’. In this region, Tri-State Generation Transmission Assoc and Colorado Springs Utilities and the Platte River Power Authority are all set to join the SPP as full members.



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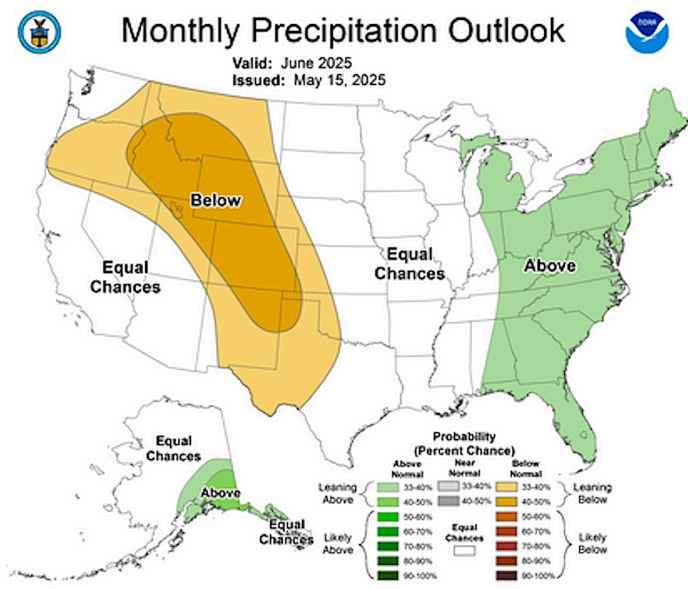
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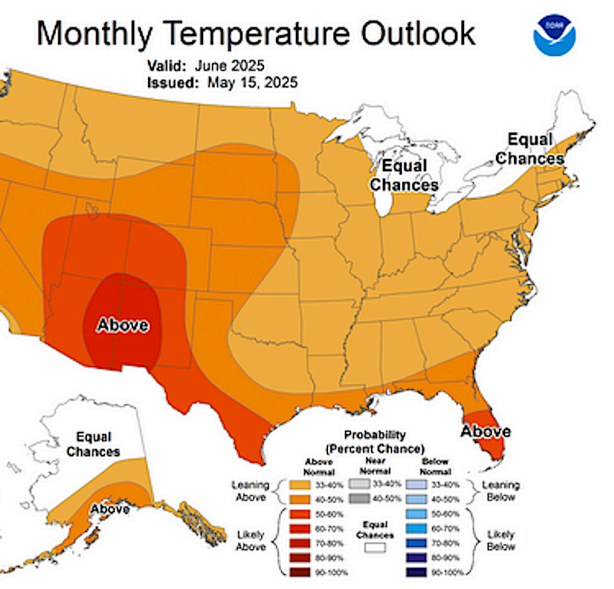
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Food for Thought
 By Kenny Ray
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JUNE WEATHER
 June is our official past frost month.. and the transition into Summer! Outlook for HOT days, and less rain than avg. potentially. Now it's looking like early monsoons? Hope and pray for gentle rain !
 Have you not yet listened to the weekly "Bad News Broadcast" from GeonengineeringWatch.Org it will answer some of your questions.
 Weather.gov



The other day I saw a very small inmate climbing down the wall of the prison. I thought to myself,
 "That's a little condescending."
 How much does a chimney cost?
 Nothing, it's on the house.

How do you make holy water
 Boil the hell out of it
 Why do chicken coups have 2 doors?
 Cause if they had 4,
 they'd be sedans.

JUNE WHAT'S UP
 Birth Flower – Rose
 Birth Stone – Ruby
 Zodiac – Gemini - Cancer
 June 3 - National Egg Day
 June 4 - National Cheese Day
 June 6 - D-Day
 June 12 - National Jerky Day
 June 14 - National Flag Day
 June 14 - National New Mexico Day
 June 15 - Father's Day
 June 19 - Juneteenth
 June 20 - Summer Soslstice
 June 21 - National Arizona Day
 June 26 - Islamic New Years

Moon Phases
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WHERE'S THE MONEY ?

By Dexter Gill

Where has all the money gone, long time wondering! Some music score from the 1960's would be fitting. The mail lady delivered my Tax Assessment for next year and WOW! Take a deep breath, it must be a mistake! Nope! This Years County budget was short of anticipated revenue for this years operations so had to borrow from reserves, so what is happening to the raise in property taxes?

A couple of us decided to take a look at what is going on. This might be a good time to review a couple of basics, First up The County cannot raise property taxes without a vote of the people. The definition of "County" as it pertains to property tax can be confusing to some, so look at your last tax statement and note that there are a list of "tax authority" with mill levy amounts. The Montezuma County General and the Montezuma Road and Bridge constitute "Montezuma County Administration" that answers to the Board of County Commissioners. All others are independent taxing authorities within the County, with their own boards which are assisted by the County Administration. Note that the biggest one on the list is probably the School District which received around one half of you property tax. The property tax assessment system is controlled by the State, not the County. Now that is clear as mud I'm sure. So why is the "County" short of tax revenue, since my taxes are going up?

One major reason was just explained above, the raise is on one of the listed tax authorities, not the "County Administration". Second is reduction in "taxable" land base. What? Where did it go? No big sink holes so where? There has always been provision in statutes for Tax Exemptions for Federal and State government lands and Cities, including parks, Churches and other public facilities. In the 2020 Colorado Revised Statutes in Title 29, Government – local Sec-29-4-226 provided Exemption of assessments on "Housing Authority" lands owned or leased. In addition Sec. -29-4-227 adds tax exemption for "energy improvement districts". We




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have been seeing many facilities being built under these Statutes to meet the Governors vision for Colorado in housing and energy.

Back up to reality, What is the Constitutional purpose of County Governments? It is the Health, Safety and Welfare (ie economy) of the people there-in. The people are to develop the economy, and tax themselves to provide for the local government to support and protect the economic endeavors of the community. We now have the Governor declaring the Counties need to accommodate "affordable housing" for the low income, while not assessing property taxes on the new "affordable" housing. The same support and services must be provided as with neighboring taxable lands. What is the impact of tax exempted lands here in Montezuma County ? A quick electronic search stated there are "about" one thousand and two hundred (1,200) exempted land parcels within the County which includes all categories listed earlier. Remember that is only on the 27% of the land base within the designated County boundary, the rest is federal lands. It was estimated this year, County tax assessment of over six hundred and eight million (\$608,518,430) is simply tossed out due to tax exempted and federal non taxable lands. Many non-profit organizations are in the land tax exemption as well as being income tax exempt. The "Tax Exempt World" listed 359 tax exempted organizations in Montezuma County with income total of \$194,417,078 for 2024.

The increasing tax exemption for supposed "affordable" housing decreases the funding for the Counties to provide for the Health, Safety and Welfare(economy) for all. This is all one more "symptom" of bad taxation system in a time of political transition from our historical Capitalist Republic into the Globalist Socialism . The Governors recent Executive Order for Counties to meet his goals of more State supported "affordable" housing is in line with the UN Agenda 2030 on Climate. This all raises more questions on what is "affordable" and where is the building of economy at the local level fit into the future of Counties and local individuals?



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Not in my backyard?

By

Aimee Tooker



“Property in a thing consists not merely in its ownership and possession, but in the unrestricted right of use, enjoyment, and disposal. Anything which destroys any of the elements of property to that extent destroys the property itself. The substantial value of property lies in its use. If the right of use be denied, the value of the property is annihilated, and ownership is rendered a barren right.” by Washington State Supreme Court Justice Richard B. Sanders (Fifth Amendment Treatise, 1997).

Tom Dewese of American Policy Center states” Private Property ownership and control is one of the fundamental requirements in establishing and maintaining a free society. Private property ownership is a means to build individual wealth and eradicate poverty.

Development and energy development on private properties is maintained and managed through county and local municipal codes and ordinances. There is a fine line between allowing a private party owners to the unrestricted right, use, enjoyment and disposal while also managing viewsheds, dark skies and general well-being of neighbors. But restricting private property owners is a tightrope walk along the Takings Clause. Takings Clause is part of the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution. It states:

"...nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

This generally involves the government physically appropriating or regulating property in a way that effectively deprives the owner of its use or value. This can include eminent domain and regulatory takings which are regulations that severely limit how property can be used. What is just compensation? That data set is filled with appraisals and assessments and must be taken into careful consideration when deciding whether or not to restrict owners of their right to build future wealth with their property.

Development including renewable energy development on Federal Lands can be coordinated with local municipalities. The Coordination process puts local tax districts at the same table as the Federal Land Management Agencies. Federal law requires the federal land management agencies work to make their policies consistent with local plans and policies to minimize conflicts and support economic growth.

Codes and Ordinances and Coordination is a way to mitigate, manage and understand the rights of citizens and the responsibilities of municipalities. Location is a key but also key is understanding property rights, the 5th amendment takings clause and the right, privilege and responsibility of property

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By Linda Cunningham

The issuing in of the REAL ID last month got me to wondering who really owns me? Can I honestly say, “I own myself” when every part of my life is totally ‘out there’ in some cyber space locker with big bright lights flashing, “Linda Cunningham’s info inside”. Scares the hell outta me sometimes thinking about it, or should I say overthinking about it. I recently got a first-hand look at the implementation of the REAL ID enforcement at the airport. Going thru TSA check there was a station area set off to the side with signs about the REAL ID. I wanted to take a picture but figured I’d be pulled to the side, handcuffed and God knows what else so I just observed and kept moving along. I heard bits and pieces from the badge-wearing officials telling folks what they needed to know. I saw several disgruntled faces in the group of travelers, not sure what was happening there. But like cattle going to slaughter, I kept moving along with the line until I got to the part where you take most of your clothes off including shoes, which by the way I won’t have to do that next year because apparently the powers-that-be have decided anyone 75 and older won’t be a shoe bomber and shoes can stay on, which by the way makes me happy because it truly grosses me out walking on a dirty floor in my socks, where everyone else has walked I’m just funny that way. In the line ahead of me was a couple my age complying with the ‘rules’ and I just out loud made a comment, “I can’t wait until next year when I’m 75 and I won’t have to take off my shoes or jacket”. The woman turned to me with a shocked but happy look and said, “I’m 75, well heck”, and she grabbed her shoes out from the bin, put them on and thanked me for that tidbit of information. After going thru the ‘hands-up’ x-ray machine I was cleared and apparently marked ‘ok’ to fly. After a lot of stress, a lot of running from gate to gate, paying 5\$ for a bottle of water, I did finally get to my destination. My only thoughts after all is said and done, “I paid for this abuse”??? But like most pain I’ll forget about the hard parts and the disgusting parts and do it again next year.

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Hideout Golf Course
June 12-14 San Juan Stampede Pro Rodeo
June 14 Bull Hollow WeBe Raceway Race
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June 27-28 CEMX Racing
June 28 Monument Valley Bike Race
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June 28 Big Trucking Car Show (Cahone)

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June 12-14 UTE MOUNTAIN ROUNDUP
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June 14 Community Yard Sales Day Flea Market

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June 11 Bar D Chuckwagon

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June 2 Stroll of the Three Sisters Tour @ Chimney Rock National Monument
June 5 19th Hole Concerts at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club
June 20 Summer Solstice Sunrise Tour @ Chimney Rock National Monument

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Telluride

June 5 Art Walk
June 6 Balloon Festival
June 26-29 Yoga Festival

Farmington

June 5 Makers Market
June 7 Téenek Racing City of Farmington
June 13 San Juan River Balloon Rally
June 21 The Mac & Cheese Fest

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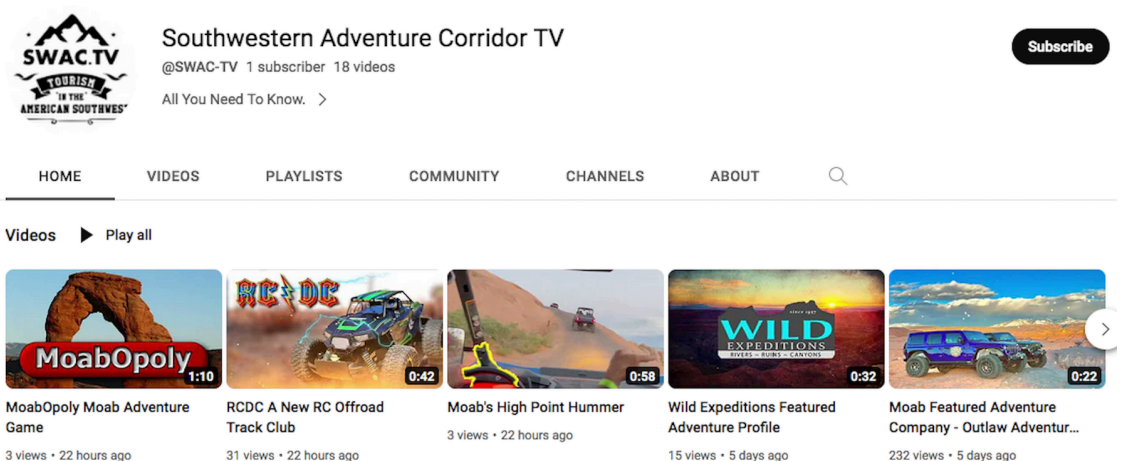


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Heating Up

As the summer heats up, so does everything 'in the news'. It's been years with criminal activity being shown to the public, and no repercussions as one would think should happen; Epstein case started in 2008 - and nothing? Go back to JF Kennedy, and still no official implication? The longer one lives and remembers stories after stories in the 'news' that just fall by the way eventually, the more difficult it is to believe or trust in this 'system of justice' we are told is part of our freedom in a civilized world.

They say the pendulum keeps swinging to one extreme then back to another, which also brings to mind the concept of a telluric field - akin to the infinity symbol, where in the energy flows out to the big loop end, then builds speed as it shoots back in to cross at the center and shoots back on to the loop(s) on the other side. This example may be more a part of how our world works than we are taught. There are so many illustrations of this dualistic nature of, or in our 'world'.

Base level, you might think of good and evil, heaven and hell. Go to different world wide cultures and you get the ying and yang black and white symbol. In the currently oldest ancient texts we know of, the Sumerian historic records, you learn about the two Anunnaki half brothers - Enki (Ea) and Enlil. These two 'characters' can be seen throughout civilizations with various names, with each brother playing their part in a seemingly eternal conflict or struggle for balance. Enki is associated with the caduceus, snake, serpent and dragon symbols, while Enlil represents the hawk, eagle, and two headed eagle you see on so many standards crests and flags. The tales of their battles are even seen in the current versions of the Bible, with Enlil associated with the Old Testament yahweh, and Enki the snake in the garden... but were these attributes correctly applied, or do we research more and see the potential for more deception and lies? Could their essence actually be flipped?

Regardless of discovering the ultimate truth, continuing to research and learn is the path to wisdom, which is a goal everyone should have as a top priority. There are more available photographs shared on the internet, that show the amazing architecture of 'days gone by', search 'star forts' and 'Tartaria' and the 'mud floods' and you'll open up a deep rabbit hole as to considering how advanced the 'older' civilizations really were. This messes with the assumed narrative academics want to hold back from us, to control our mind sets and perceptions of mankind. Some questions the architecture brings to light, are the functions of the top towers, minarets, and what looks like antennas on these amazing stone and metal structures. Why is every capital building (nearly) a dome shape? Why is there so much 'Roman' style architecture all over the lands. Even the large free standing arches, may have played a part in an energetic system that worked off technology we either don't know or have been kept from. Stone circles that likely predate these buildings we can visit today, that have yet to be destroyed, are also leaving clues about harnessing energy in different manners than our current control grids offer.

Continuing on the concept of our world based on the power of two energized elements - next I think about the magnetic poles, labeled north and south. The cataclysmic destruction(s) of 'EARTH' in the past has been attributed to various incidents, such as being hit by space debris, drastic heating and cooling, the shifting of the tectonic plates, and then there's the pole shift. It is reckoned this swap or switch of the positive and negative energetic 'poles' has happened before, and when it does, it 'resets' the planet with devastation as a near extinction level event; Cold areas become hot and vice versa, with the flooding and turmoil one would expect. Perhaps that is why there are tales of people living underground for a time - and why the rich and rulers are upping their tunnels and underground facilities in our time now.

Follow the activity of our sun - where sun spots are a combination of positive and negative areas that create flares when the complexity gets close together - those ejections can impact EARTH's magnetosphere, and wreak havoc on our own systems that are vulnerable to energetic impacts. Look up the Carrington event of 1859 to get an idea of what an EMP can do (electromagnetic pulse). Meanwhile, the poles are on the move towards that switching point - with increasing rapidity, alluding to an imminent planetary disaster that is not at all 'man made'. As the Bible says, no one knows the day or time.. however, being aware of what's coming and planning accordingly, seems like a good idea. On the front page, the QR code rabbit hole links to an upcoming documentary, that can get you up to speed on where we are, scientifically, in the catastrophe cycle, which might be of interest. Philosophically speaking, the dualistic nature as I said, seems to be the driving force of our reality. We are energetic beings. When energy is produced, a by product is heat.

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- 2. JUNO
- 3. ANIMAS
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- 10. FATHER
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A shorter one this month.. Again, do you like to see a Crossword Puzzle in the paper? Or is there anything else you'd like to see - email us at info@TPIProductionZ.com

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Town of Dove Creek Meetings 1st and 3rd
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Dolores County School Board 3rd Wed. 6pm
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Dove Creek Ambulance Dist. 3rd Monday
6:30 at the Ambulance Barn

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

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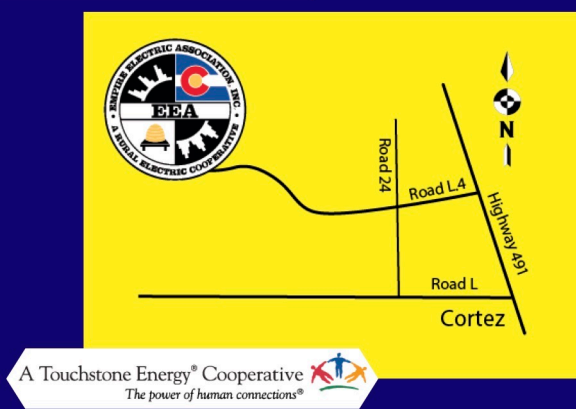
Contributed by Jane Hile
On May 13, 2025 nine area veterans were honored for their military service at the Dove Creek, CO VFW post 5181. They are residents of Dove Creek, Cahone, Monticello and Cortez. They were each awarded a Quilt Of Valor by the 4 Corners QOV which is the local group representing the Quilts Of Valor Foundation. The QOVF is a national organization with the single mission of covering service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts Of Valor. A Quilt Of Valor is a quality made heirloom quilt often Red, White and Blue. Several of the quilts were made by the Pioneer Center Quilters in Dove Creek.

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URANIUM VANADIUM MINE

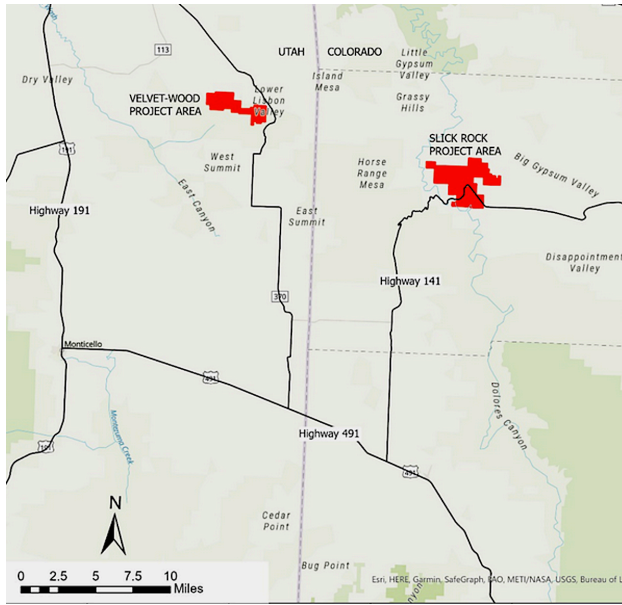
By Kendra Cook

The US Department of the Interior has announced it will expedite the permitting review of Anfield Energy's Velvet-Wood mine in Utah; under newly established emergency procedures, a completion timeline of 14 days is set for an accelerated environmental review by the Bureau of Land Management. The Velvet-Wood mine in Lisbon Valley as indicated on the map in red (a second mine at the bottom of Slick Rock is also featured on the map, but is not included in this reopening stage).

The fast tracking is part of a national energy emergency procedure that President Trump declared on January 20, 2025 upon inauguration. In great part, the urgency is for decreasing reliance on foreign energy, and needing to more quickly access our own US energy resources. In this case, it was to approve an accelerated environmental review by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

This is part of a uranium and vanadium producing mine off Williamson Fork road in Lisbon Valley, less than five miles from the Lisbon Valley Mining operation mining mostly for copper.

Anfield out of Canada, purchased the mine in 2015. As part of the SW developments,



Anfield Energy's Velvet-Wood mine down from 'three step' north of West Summit

they are also reviewing opening their Shootaring Canyon Mill north of Ticaboo. The transport trucks would then make an almost 200 mile drive from San Juan county through to Garfield county.

Interior Secretary Doug Burgum said "This approval marks a turning point in how we secure America's mineral future.. By streamlining the review process for critical mineral projects like Velvet-Wood, we're reducing dependence on foreign adversaries and ensuring our military, medical and energy sectors have the resources they need to thrive. This is mineral security in action."

With a majority of our US commercial reactors relying on foreign imports of uranium thanks to previous administration actions, the drive to be more self sufficient would benefit the Country's position, especially if international wars are on the horizon.

The environmental assessments through the BLM, identify and determine potential environmental effects and assess their significance as mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in certain cases. The challenge now is to present a valued assessment in a short turn around time.

Utah hosts the last conventional uranium mill in the US - south of Blanding, called the White Mesa Mill. It is owned and operated by Energy Fuels Inc. though Anfield does not have an agreement with that facility as of the time of writing. The objective for Anfield is to have their own Shootaring mill operating by 2027.

Locally, there will be benefits by needing both construction jobs and long term operation positions which is a boost to an economically depressed area. The company has indicated the majority of the work will remain underground, with only an estimated 3 acres of surface area that will need to be disturbed. Meanwhile, 15 states are suing the current Administration over the emergency declaration. Though ironically at the same time there are environmental groups with concerns, states like Colorado, have officially embraced nuclear energy to be 'clean and green' which aligns with their desires to reduce coal, oil and gas for energy production.

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- Southwestern Colorado
- **US 160 Pagosa Springs**
Reconstruction: Archuleta County, construction in downtown Pagosa Springs. Utility upgrades, replacement of asphalt surface to concrete, sidewalk and pedestrian improvements.
 - **US 550 Coal Bank Pass Wall Replacement:** San Juan County, work between Durango and Silverton. Rockfall mitigation near Deer Creek and under-highway wall replacement near the summit of Coal Bank Pass.
 - **US 160 West Wolf Creek Pass Resurfacing:** Mineral County, overlay paving on the west side of Wolf Creek Pass from Treasure Falls to the pass summit. Work also includes deck repairs on the bridge just east of Treasure Falls as well as a culvert inlet repair.

Motorists should expect reduced speed limits and lane closures during non-peak travel times for many of these projects. To stay safe, drivers should obey posted speed limits, avoid distractions and anticipate lane shifts.

BOVINE mRNA SHOTS

By Sarah Toenin

If you have not investigated the potential repercussion from the COVID-19 injections, please do. Many Scientists and Doctors have released studies on the non healthy (to say the least) materials that were found in these untested mRNA injections that were not 'vaccines' the way the original Webster dictionary defined that word.

mRNA - Lipid Nanoparticle injection for cattle.

This latest initiative targets US Dairy cows as a reaction to HPAI highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 from their own data and study. Everyone wants healthy animals and people, the problem comes when profit and speed to market is seen as a priority over cautious testing. The bovine vaccine is adapted from the same platform used in human COVID-19 mRNA vaccines - so take all that



There are detoxing protocols that may help. Most recently the MAHA movement led by RFKJr. announced limiting the current C-vid injections under the FDA procedures, for those 65 and older or with specific conditions only. The annual "fall" flu shots may also be addressed as to their safety and efficacy. This is not new news. But - Bill Gates, who has been in the spotlight for at minimum ethical violations through NGOs he funds in places like India, for his 'vaccination programs' with outrageous comments such as - "referring to India as "a kind of laboratory to try things" (during a podcast with LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman)" - is now unveiling a new

with a bag of salt. One needs to question, again, what 'test' is being used to determine infection, as the PCR diagnosis created by Nobel winner Kary Mullis, can find about everything there is to find in some section of a sample depending on how many cycles it goes through for the polymerase chain reaction technique - he himself had said, it's not a test. Without panicking, hopefully this perceived and purported 'threat' will be addressed in a common sense methodology. This is not a 2025 event, articles in websites such as AgProud.com have been following the potential for mRNA 'vaccines' for cattle since at least 2023. In 2018, Gates' foundation



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invested \$40 million (£28 million) in the Global Alliance for Livestock Veterinary Medicines, or GALVmed, a nonprofit organization based in Edinburgh, Scotland, that conducts research into livestock vaccinations and genetics, the BBC reported". This was 'pre-COVID'. If the issues of what was in the human injections from 2020 remain unaddressed by the main media to the public, how is there any trust that injections into our dairy cattle would be the best path forward. You now see the word 'nanoparticle' in the headlines - these are purportedly used to stabilize the mixture at normalized temperatures, but is that all they are intended to do.

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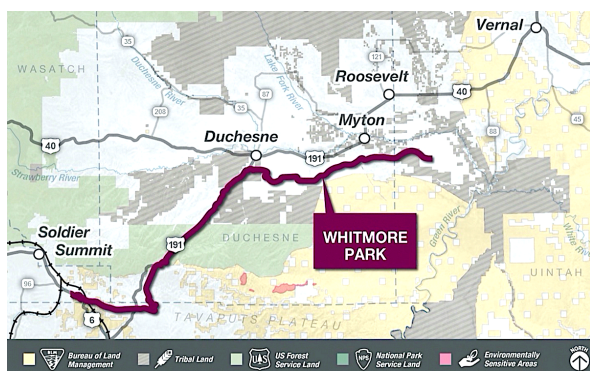
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UT Railway Supreme Court Decision

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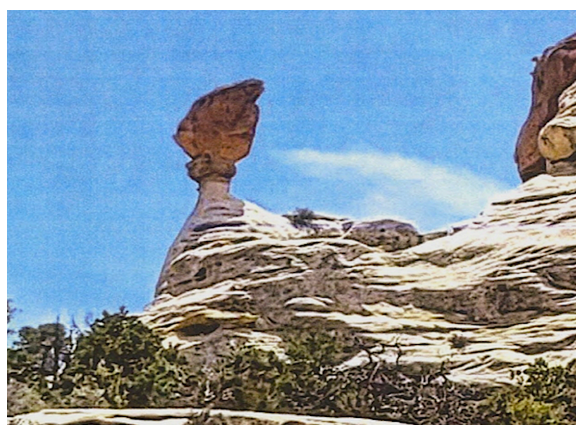
The project has been on hold for 4 years, as the Surface Transportation Board with regulatory authority over new railroad lines, had long ago issued an environmental impact statement with approval on the railway proposal back in 2021.

LISBON VALLEY UT

There is a rezone request in the works by the Lisbon Valley Mine, to change a portion of the mine from industrial to mixed-use to allow for onsite housing. As area mining continues to potentially be on the rise, the need for affordable housing for employees becomes part of the challenge to maintain staff.

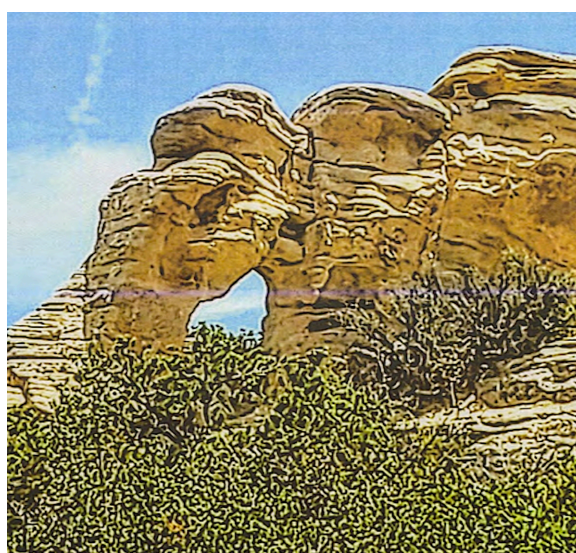
The SJRnews wrote “Clint York of Lisbon Valley Mine noted the company sometimes has difficulty recruiting staff who cannot immediately find local housing, with the rezone allowing the company to build temporary workforce housing.” The generic ‘man camps’ as they are called, can be found on many oil gas and mining operations in the west, to provide temporary housing for shift workers who often work long hours for 1 or 2 weeks on at a time.

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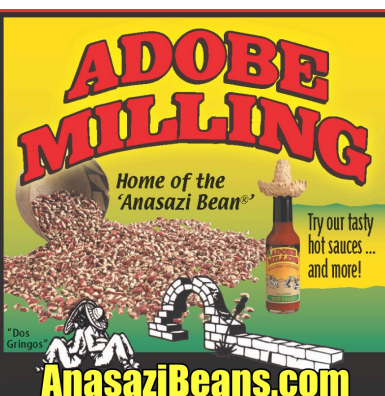


The UT San Juan County commission approved the naming of two rock formations near Beef Basin Road.

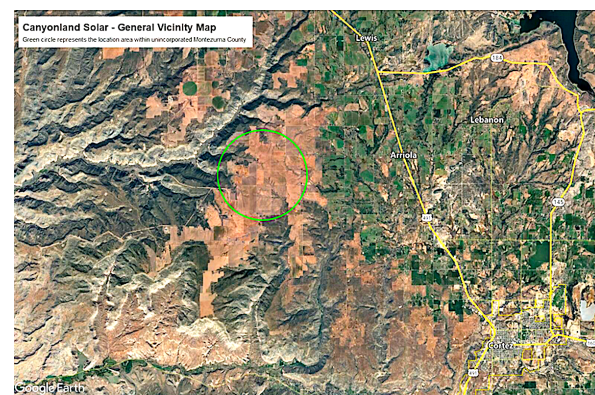
An outdoorsman from Washington, UT who had traversed the back country, had submitted the proposal. Hikers who discover formations can present photos and proposed names for rock formations if none had previously been mapped. First the US board on geographic names is checked, then local counties can decide on accepting the proposal. In this recent case, Bucks Balancing Rock and Mammoth Arch (below) were submitted and approved.



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The Canyonland Solar Energy Facility, proposed to be near Canyon of the Ancients National Monument and Goodman Point, is a 960 acre project on mostly privately owned land.

The project aims to generate enough renewable energy to power 30,000 homes in the area and is expected to generate \$8.4 million in tax revenue over its life span. The first discussions began in 2020. Though the Montezuma County Council has put a 6 month hold on entertaining new solar project proposals as they continue to research the implications of utility scale solar, this project was submitted and is already in process, so that it will continue.

According to a document provided by County Clerk Kim Percell, the project was initially proposed as 3,700 acres, but JUWI reduced it to 960 acres after hearing concerns about wildlife, vegetation, infrastructure and more. JUWI Inc.’s David Kimmett submitted the project’s application to the commissioners on March 4. Construction would begin in the third quarter of 2026, with a projected 35-year life span once operational. You can follow more on the company progress at canyonlandsolar.com

KRTZ Radio 98.7FM The Drive with Kelly Turner, interviewed Eleanor Macfarlane and Kendra Cook, Editor of the Pinto Bean, to discuss the Solar Project in the Goodman Point area in western Montezuma CO County.



REAL...LOCAL...RADIO



Cow Puncher's Life

Tales from the trails of "Jeff"
'Sam "J" Elliott'

My good friend Johnny Petty called me quite a few years ago, he told me he had a chance to buy a High Brow Hickory bred stud. He said the price was right and he was thinking about it pretty seriously. Long story short, he bought him. I don't know how long he stood him, but he bred quite a few mares over several years. I called him up one night and asked if he knew of any of those horse colts that could be bought, he knew of one, I had a little nest egg saved up, and was able to buy him. He was a real pretty buckskin, short two year old marked a lot like his daddy. His registered name was High Brow Copper, obviously his name became Copper. I've never been a per say, horse trainer, but when he got old enough, I started him and was amazed at how quick he figured out anything I introduced him to, he became the best horse I ever made, I rode him three or four years and literally loved him. Working cows in the alley, working the gate, outside herd work, and roping in the pasture, and eventually I had started him in the arena, he was about cows.... As usually happens eventually someone saw him and liked him, I sold him to a family in California for their daughter's graduation present. Her dad was a top notch rope horse trainer, and he took him up another notch, the young lady competed quite a bit on him and won a lot I've been told.... So I found myself wanting another one of those horses, I called Johnny and asked if there were any more to be had. He said he had a good looking sorrel 8 year old that had been started as a three year old and ridden off an on till he was four, had maybe 60 or 70 rides. They had gotten busy and hadn't been able to get back to him. Again, long story short I bought him and yes he was a little ouchy to start with, but I was working for Darin Goodall. He had me making lots of horse tracks on the Glade, 15 or twenty miles north of Cortez, Colorado. Lots of miles will take the bronc out of a lot of horses, and



it did, him and I were starting to click. As time passed I enjoyed him a lot and as always happens for me I got in a spot and had to sell him, but he went to a good home, the Rogers family out of Cortez. I was in and out of that country for awhile, but eventually I came to work for the same family that bought my horse. Wayne let me go to riding him as part of my string, they had gotten busy and he(Bubba) had got fat and sassy. I had always managed to talk him out bucking but knew he was capable of it. He would run hard to a cow in a roping situation, and like Copper would throw down and work a cow. Wayne Rogers and I had several conversations about him, he said when it came to cow work, Bubba was all business. I rode for a

couple of years, did everything on him, he was my number 1 go to if I needed to be mounted. The thing was, it was always questionable if he was uncocked enough to get things done..... About two years ago I raised up to catch a yearling heifer and he sucker punched me and bucked me off. I was fine, just figured it was a fluke deal. Drug lots of calves to the fire, roped quite a few more outside cattle, even ranch rodeoed on him, he was my # 1 gitter done horse.... about a year ago we had some fresh weaned calves turned out in the field where I was living, one had crawled out, Wayne and I went to get him. We were trying to put him through a Wire gap and he kept turning back and running back through us. Wayne said let's just catch him, he ran right between us, just perfect for me to rope him, like I said Bubba was about roping. I reached out to catch him, I was pretty proud of myself, I caught him, but I never got to jerk my slack, Bubba bucked me off. Put me in ICU, some broke ribs and a collapsed lung. Time passed, I heeled up and rode him through most of the next spring. Finally Wayne put the question to me, if you got into another roping situation could you relax and rope on him? The best I could come up with was, I wasn't sure, keep in mind he was 13 by now. He had found a buyer that wanted him pretty bad, and wanted to know how I felt about it, I said sell him. Johnny told me later, that mare threw several ouchy colts like that.

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For the Love of Food

By Kendra Cook

It's SUMMER! We all love a fresh cool side to balance a BBQ dish of choice! Look back to the May issue of 2023 for an excellent Jalapeño popper potato salad side.. this month, find your Pineapple to pep up these two standards.

PINEAPPLE SLAW: bite sized fruit pieces balance with the creamy cabbage, pumped up with apple cider vinegar that creates a surprise new favorite for any picnic or bbq bash. This recipe can be refrigerated up to 3 days ahead. Simple, fresh, delicious!

Ingredients

These ratios makes for 10 servings.

- 1 small green cabbage shredded
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt or to taste
- 1 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
- 2/3 cup mayo
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 20oz can sliced pineapple heavy syrup
- 1 1/2 cups thin sliced carrots

Salt your cabbage let it stand at room temp 15 min. Run that under cold water and drain well, pat dry. Stir in the vinegar, mayo, sugar and a couple of tablespoons of the syrup from the canned pineapple to combine. Cut small bite sized pieces of pineapple, mix with the carrots, toss together and refrigerate for an hour before serving. You can add any other of your favorite slaw additions such as celery seeds, or other finely chopped or slivered veggies like red bell peppers /red onions for color.



Pineapple Slaw Sweet & Crispy



Pineapple Pico for the Tajin Tasty Topping or Dip

PINEAPPLE PICO: "Pico" or salsa fresca combines tomatoes, cilantro, and onions with seasoning, often found to top a taco, but it can enhance so many more dishes; It can be used as a simple corn chip dip, or add a heaping spoonful on grilled chicken, shrimp or fish. With this recipe, you might just fall in love with Tajin, the mildly spicy citrus salty Mexican seasoning you can find everywhere these days, used in this recipe to bring out the sweetness of the pineapple. (To check for a fresh pineapple that's ripe, look for bright yellow color, gently push your thumbs into the crown leaves, and sniff the base for a nice sweet smell and you should be good.)

Ingredients

These ratios makes for 3 cups.

- 1 cup chopped grape tomatoes
- 3/4 cup chopped fresh pineapple
- 3/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice (2 limes)
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped Pueblo chile
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon Tajin chile lime salt



Mix in a bowl the tomatoes, pineapple, onion, cilantro, lime juice, chile, and salt. Sprinkle with Tajin at the time you are serving. That's it! You can save it in the fridge for 3 days in general, but if you added the salt first, it will start to get soupy quickly.

JUNE BUG AND BEAN PLANTING

ACROSS

DOWN

- 4. Raft on this river near Bluff Utah same as county name
- 6. The name of the 11th annual ___ 'gathering' in Durango
- 7. This buzzing insect likes to pollinate in June
- 8. Telluride's festival that's become a favorite 'pick'
- 9. This is the beloved "Bean" planted now in Dove Creek
- 12. 14th ___ festival in Palisade CO is a shade of purple
- 13. This type of market starts to open this month

- 1. Along 491 this town park is host for Big Truckin' Car Show
- 2. This month's Roman goddess name patron of marriage
- 3. The River in Durango celebrates water event
- 5. Celebrate longest sunshine day on the summer _
- 7. These two buttes in SE Utah are monumental
- 10. Celebrate this family member mid month
- 11. No-see-ums are an annoying gnat in these trees

ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

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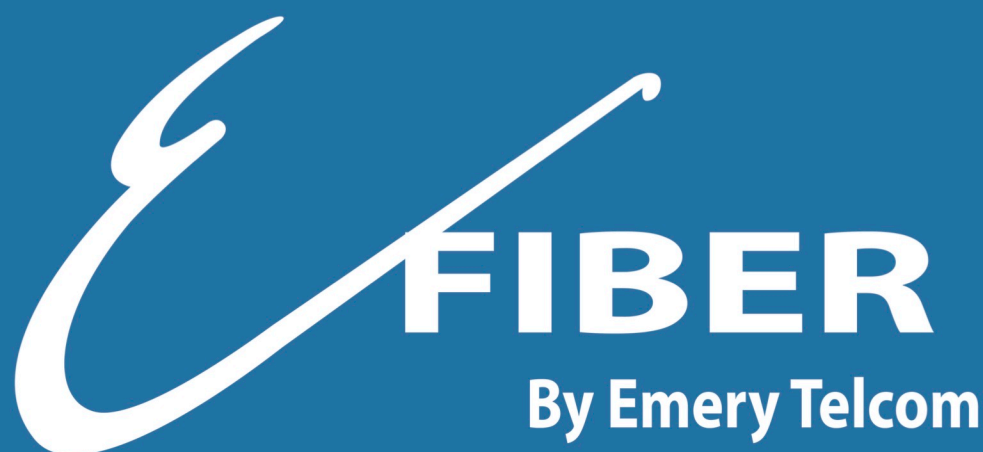
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