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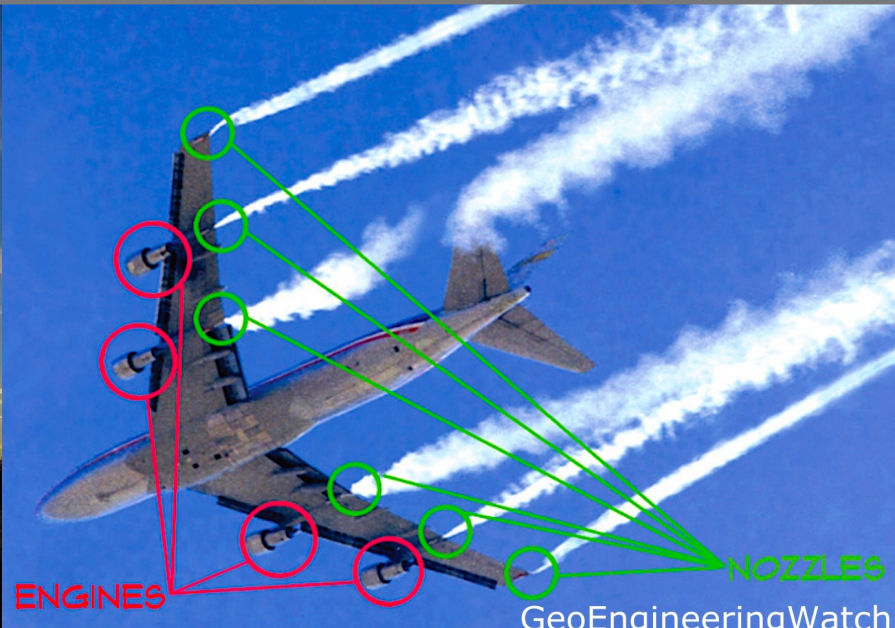
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MERRY MONTH OF - MAY DAY

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May Day! May 1st is known for a celebration originating in ancient times. Various rituals include dancing around a 'may pole' as basically a fertility rite. Spring has sprung, and hope is plenty. But the phrase "MayDay" used as an International symbol of distress, actually stems from the French phrase, "m'aidez" or aid me, aka help! Air traffic in the 1920s, saw both English and French airmen flying the same airspace, and communication was challenging. Using S.O.S. was fine over telegraphic morse code for ships, but was not clear sent verbally over the phones, so the phonetic equivalent of the french cry out, sounds like the english phrase 'may day'.

Ironically, May Day may be the best phrase we should be using this month with regard to the geopolitical as well as environmental impacts on humanity.

Look to the recent Climate. Greenhouse effect. Actually most likely Weather Wars... Literally a hot topic. "Manmade" effects are real, just not what the main stream propaganda might be telling you the root causes stem from.

Take Dubai. They just made it illegal to post negative images online about the recent flooding; could be punishable by imprisonment and up to 108K plus euros fine. (TV Dubai). On several online mapping resources, you can plainly see the paths of seeding airplanes, and the resulting emerging deluge. Even "Newsweek" came out with a headline "Meterologist Warns of 'Weather Wars' Between Countries". As expert Dane Wigington stated the "controllers absolutely don't want the public to comprehend the connection between climate engineering operations and weather catastrophes," yet the truth continues to come forth.

While geoengineering projects are wreaking havoc across the world, one US state has been able to come forward with legislation against it.

Tennessee became the first state in the union to make climate engineering illegal over their state. Though other states have tried, Tennessee has succeeded due to their solid, straightforward and simple bill. Now other states can follow suit by utilizing the TN legislation as a template for their own.

As we continue to see micro plastics showing up in all corners of our environment, it's not a far stretch to connect some dots to at least one of the sources potentially being the nano and micro particles that are reported in a recent Bloomberg article, being used in the cloud seeding process.

The question is - where is the oversight? Lab tests from various countries prove that there are increased levels of strontium, barium, aluminum, manganese and polymer fibers, surfactants and more, found in tests. What about graphene for use as an ice nucleation element? (Knollenberg patent) If that were to be used, would it change the effects of 'seeding' to a more sinister impact directly on human beings?

The potential for creating an endothermic, or energy absorbing reaction, generates weather whiplash swings. An example was here in Colorado when the record low and high were seen within a 12 hour period.

Cloud seeding patents for aerosol dissemination have been available to view for decades (estimated 70 years). The Air Force released a 'white paper' document stating that they will be controlling the weather by 2025. In recent years, studies have shown the use of unmanned drone missions being able to coax the rain out of clouds through electric charges, certainly with unknown unproven effects. Just what will be next with all of these global attempts to manipulate our air and our weather? Before too long we will not only see the stripes in the sky become haze and crazy weather, but potentially a whole bunch worse is in store - M'aidez, Mayday....



Rabbit Hole  



People Helping People

DOVE CREEK - Tuesday, April 9th, Colorado Laureate Delta Beta Sorority, honored two outstanding Dove Creek ladies, Charlotte Daves and Carol Marie Howell, with the club's "People Helping People Award".

Both ladies have helped members of our community in so many ways and the local sorority in Dove Creek CO wanted to acknowledge them and let them know how much they and Dove Creek appreciates them and everything thing they do and continue to do.

Charlotte Daves owns and operates the Dove Creek Dinner Bell, where she is well known for helping individuals and families through various fundraisers and charitable events publicly as well as many unseen ways of helping out. Carol Marie Howell, founded the ROCK - Reaching Out to Community and Kids - a local non profit whose 'mission is to build a healthier, stronger, and more prosperous community by providing food relief, youth and family enrichment, and community events'.



People Helping People Award Recipients Carol Marie Howell, Dove Creek's ROCK Charlotte Dave, Dove Creek Dinner Bell Both ladies do tremendous work at helping individuals and families in town.



Members of Dove Creek's Colorado Laureate Delta Beta Sorority

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PRIMARY RACES IN JUNE

The political election year is heating up, the Presidential election is looking to be quite the theatrical display, while state and local ballots feel more realistic in terms of representing the voters. The Primary Election will be in June, ballots mailed out the 3rd.

Running Colorado Representative Dist. 3
Republicans: Russ Andrews, Ron Hanks, Jeff Hurd, Curtis McCrackin, Stephen Varela, Lew Webb,
Democrats: Adam Frisch
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Dove Creek FFA had two teams participate in the District Career Development Event contest last month. Dove Creek's Ag Sales team placed second and Veterinary Science team took third. The chapter also had fun with the Barnyard event to showcase animal care for the Elementary kids, from chickens to sheep and goats and more.



VOTE

PHYLLIS DAVIS

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR DOLORES COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3



" my priority is to serve each and every resident within this County with honesty and respect, as well as always being available to listen to your concerns and work diligently to find solutions. "

I would like to announce that I am running as a Republican Candidate for District 3 Dolores County Commissioner. I am a lifelong resident of Dolores County. As a resident of this county I love, I believe our rural and environmental quality of life needs to be preserved. I have been employed with the Dolores County Sheriff's Office as a dispatcher for over 31 years. These years have given me a comprehensive understanding of the internal workings of Dolores County government. This includes the importance of all departments that serve Dolores County, including emergency services and special districts. Each and every one of these departments play a vital role in serving the residents of Dolores County and making it such a special place to live. Currently, I am serving on two local boards: Town Board of Dove Creek and the Dolores County Ambulance District. I have served on both of these boards for over 10 years. I also served on the 22nd Judicial Nominating Committee for eight years. I have learned how special districts function and how they improve service to this county. For 17 years, I owned and operated a successful business in Dove Creek. I know the importance of connecting with people and being transparent in our joint effort to keep Dolores County at its best.

All of these experiences have given me the background to serve well as a Dolores County Commissioner. A County Commissioner is an essential and vital role in our county. The duties of a qualified Commissioner include: leadership, accountability and transparency of budgetary functions, overseeing of our natural resources and importance of keeping our trails accessible to all our residents, approving intergovernmental agreements, resolutions, and ordinances, as well as the adoption of the annual budget for all departments. A critical role of a County Commissioner is working with an annual budget and not unnecessarily spending taxpayer dollars. I am passionate about the importance of transparency and honesty of any governing board whether it be at a local, state or federal level. If elected, my priority is to serve each and every resident within this County with honesty and respect, as well as always being available to listen to your concerns and work diligently to find solutions. Contact me any time at 970-739-0265 or email phyllisdavis4commisoner@gmail.com

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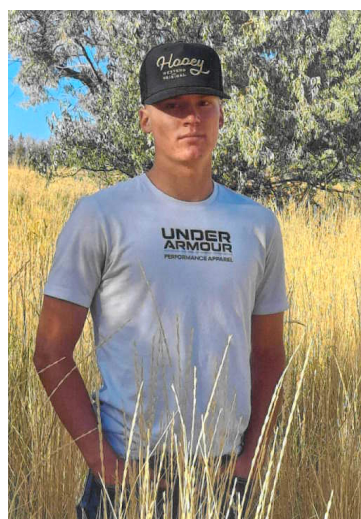
Tyson Beanland

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Codie Alexander

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MEETINGS GOV. & ORGS

*Town of Dove Creek Board Meetings the first and third Thursday 6:30pm at the Town Office in person/zoom

*DCDC Meetings quarterly Wed. 11-1pm Call CSU office in person/zoom

*Dolores County BOCC meetings first and third Mondays and as schedule additions noted on their webpage. Courthouse. In person/Zoom

*Neighborhood Watch - follow on Facebook

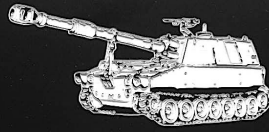
*Dolores County School Board meeting third Wed. Dist. Office 6pm.

*DCVFD Every Wed at the firehouse

*Dolores County Ambulance Third Mon 6:30pm Ambulance Barn

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One Liners (aka groaners)...

If lightning hits an orchestra, who is most likely to get hit - the conductor.

An Insurance company is warning campers, if your tent is stolen you won't be covered



Someone took my antidepressant pills... Boy I hope they are happy.

What do you call a reluctant potato - a hesit-tater

Town of Dove Creek Clean Up Day !
Saturday May 18th
8am to 4pm
Town Residents ONLY

MAY HAPPENINGS

Birth Flowers – Lily of the Valley

Birth Stone – Emerald

Zodiac Signs – Taurus to Gemini

May 1 - May Day 4th Star Wars - May the Fourth be with you...

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 18 - Armed Forces Day

May 27 - Memorial Day

May 8 - New Moon

May 23 - Full Moon

May 5 - Perigee

May 17 - Apogee



DOVE CREEK MS/HS SCHEDULE



- May 1 MAPS Testing
- May 2 MS/HS MAPS testing
MS Track @Mancos
FFA Chapter Banquet
- May 3 HS Baseball District
- May 4 HS Track @Pagosa Springs
- May 6 HS/MS Monday Funday
- May 8 Parent Night - STREAM night
- May 10 HS Track @GJ Tiger
- May 11 HS Track @GJ Tiger
HS Baseball Regional
- May 14 HS Academic Awards Banquet
- May 15 AR 100% deadline
School Board Meeting
- May 16 Seniors Last Day
State Track Championships
HS Baseball State
Pre-K Graduation
Kindergarten Graduation
Elementary Quarter Awards
5th Grade Continuation
- May 17 - 18 State Track Championship
- May 19 - 22 Senior Trip
- May 20 AR Reward Field Trip
- May 21 Pre-K Registration
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Kyle Carhart, is the owner operator of Carhart Customs - providing unique handcrafted decorative home & yard art decor. He specializes in metal work, as he has an expert background in welding which led him from more industrial and agricultural related work, to creating and selling decorative designs all over the US, out of Dove Creek, Colorado.

Though the wall art, outdoor yard decorations, and a variety of functional racks and the like, fill the pages of his Etsy store, he continues to manufacture "calf catchers" for his rancher audience, and special for Ford vehicles, custom made skid plates.

Born and raised in the area, his family continues the ranching and farming activities, with one of the more popular items being dryland pinto beans (also our favorite), and a line of food related products including the El Toro hot sauces.

Never one to let grass grow under his feet, he now has two food truck trailers he custom designed and built himself. Along with great helpers, he runs them for festivals, auctions, estate sales, or private parties, with a menu of pulled pork to pizza, with a special breakfast menu for events that start out early.

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- May 4, 2024 Monticello USRA Open Race
- May 10, 2024 Sale Barn
- May 11, 2024 Dove Creek ROCK Community Yard Sale
- May 12, 2024 Food Trailer Cortez Softball Tournament
- May 13, 2024 Welding Class
- May 17, 2024 Sale Barn
- May 18-19, 2024 WEBE Racing Naturita
- May 24-27, 2024 Food Trailer Mesa Verde Motel Mancos
- May 31, 2024 Sale Barn



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REVIEW

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HISTORY REPEATS

By Dexter Gill

Throughout recorded history, man gathered together by “family” and “like mind” on land of their choosing, as a place “to be,” that they could live and be a “people”. Battles for land between “peoples”, was historically common, and continues today. In 1607, the King of England had certified the first recognized Colony on the east coast in the new land we call America. The Spanish were already settling in the Southwest. The Colonies expanded to Thirteen (13) different “communities” based on differing people of “like minds”, values, religions, etc.. Much unrest began to develop over England’s oppressive controls and lack of “equal representation” of the 13 different Colonies in the Parliament, resulting in the 1776 Declaration of Independence.

Following the Revolution, the 13 Colony/States expanded into the previous “Crown” lands and purchased territory from France for even more expansion of new Independent States, under a new unifying Constitution, with all their differing beliefs, with a President and Vice President to act on behalf of the Congress of States. The Government was the people via the Representatives to Congress. The Congress (i.e. general government) was to own no land, other than the designated central government body, (D.C.) and for military forts etc. as approved by legislature of a State involved. All land resources and governance was by and for the people within each independent State.

Within only seventy five (75) years of ratifying the Constitution, the 37 new States were shooting each other and seeking a divorce over un-reconcilable differences of beliefs. The divorce was nullified by spilt blood, and the unifying Constitution put on the shelf to gather dust. Shortly after the war, 11 new western States began to gain Statehood, but not on the same Constitutional conditions as the prior 37 States.

The States never received all the territorial land designated to become the State. The land was unconstitutionally retained by the new federal power structure. The State and Counties have no jurisdiction or control over the federal land and resources within the State. The new federal government has morphed into an unconstitutional self- controlling administrative body of unelected officials, ruling over the Western States, as its own State/Country! Now back in the beginning! In 1956, Mikhail Gorbachev, of Russia predicted where we are at today.

The current issue of Non-Government Organizations (NGO’s) being able to ignore State, Counties and local people, to have federal land within a County and State to be removed from resource and economic management, to serve their own desires, indicates the 240 year old Constitutional Republic Idea has failed! Man’s trust in man’s Congress is why!

Is there ANY Congress person and State Legislator able to stand up for the People, State and Constitutions to put life back into the Republic?

EDITORIALS / OPINIONS



WE DID IT TO OURSELVES

By Keith Knechtel

“Oh, sure, we have another world war coming, and another great depression, but where are the leaders this time?”

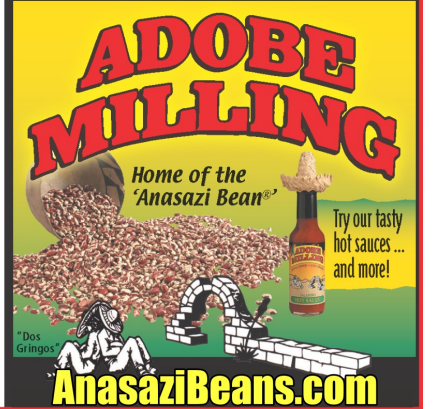
- Kurt Vonnegut

Our culture is dying on every fundamental level. Politically, economically, and spiritually. Every aspect of life, that could be considered free, is being taken. Women are being forced to fight men in sports. Men are the enemy of the state. Soldiers are being poisoned for profit. Fields and homes are being stolen. The graduation requirements which promise our children a future; are being removed.

Another bank has failed. Planes are literally falling out of the sky. Do I need to elaborate as to what comes next? What happens when the migrants in Denver run out of food? What happens when the bandits come, and we’ve only got three cops to respond? What happens if food stops being shipped? The collapse is here folks.

Republicans; all we had to do was explain to Catholics crossing the border what liberals tolerate around minors. Instead, we were too busy believing Arabs hated family values to notice the hijackers were our allies and that the war on terror led the way to accusations being sufficient for guilt.

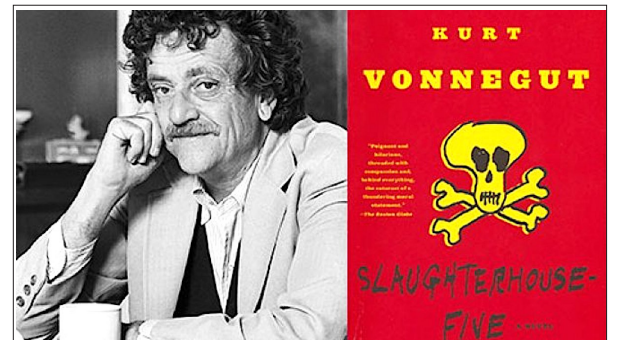
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Democrats; you tried removing Trump from the people’s ballot. Was it because he prefers adults? Honestly, ask yourselves why it is Biden would let Bibi kill ten thousand kids if the missing Epstein tapes and his Daughter’s Journal had absolutely nothing in common.

Neither party is coming to save us because they’re too busy fighting over scraps to care about rural needs during a crisis.

Food, Water, and Energy; we are out of time.



“There is nothing intelligent to tell about a massacre.” - Slaughterhouse Five, published in 1969, Kurt Vonnegut's greatest work, a darkly comic mostly anti war protest book; Showing tacitly accepting war distracts our attention from more painful or important matters.







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Moab Arts Festival

May 25-26
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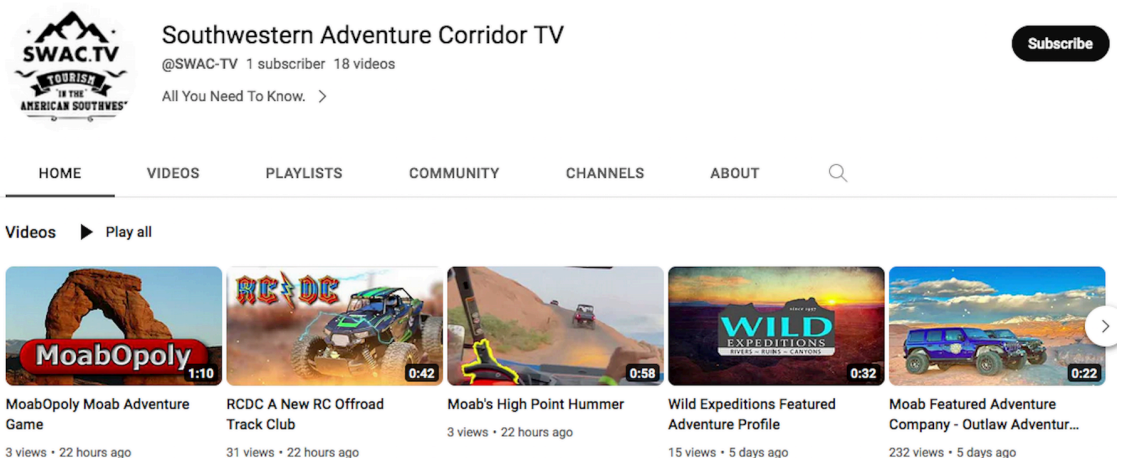
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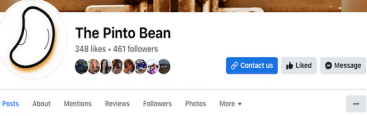
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Kendra Cook



WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR ?

"One, two, three, what are we fighting for..." (for youngins, that was a lyric from Country Joe McDonald and the Fish song 'I feel like I'm fixin to die rag' made hugely popular at Woodstock in 1969.) They say history repeats itself. The youth particularly, questioned the 'war in Vietnam' at the time, and now here we are 60 some years later, and more of the population is questioning, what are we fighting for? Not just the perceived 'wars' that our country has been involved with all over the world, and paying for dearly, but 'wars' within America; of social, cultural, economic and philosophical natures.

Who is right and who is wrong? Or are we all wrong on how humanity should be working out this little thing called life. While the lame stream media continues to stir up battle sides - college campuses are becoming a hot bed of protests and in many cases, blindly manipulated youth following a crowd mentality, are being riled up, their spewed hatred fosters a planned agenda they don't even understand?

I try to take a balloon ride, see the playing field from an aerial viewpoint, as many thousand feet up as possible, to understand a better perspective on who is involved, what the motivations are, and what the 'guys on the top' are doing through all of this. And the top guys aren't even likely the ones alternative media have been pointing to all along - familiar names of George Soros, Bill Gates, Klaus Schwab, the Rockefellers, Rothschild etc (though they are definitely up there). Who or what is pulling their strings. That's a question to ponder deeply.

And back to history repeating itself, the cyclical patterns of dividing the masses to conquer them, is an oldie but a goodie. When we get bogged down in red versus blue and all the rest of this side versus that side, (who knows how much truth is revealed for what is really happening to make a rational decision if you aren't mind controlled already) it quickly appears that we are all being played and no 'side' ever wins. Again, I think back to that 1983 movie, War Games - where in the end, trying to beat the computer in a war game scenario that goes live, (spoiler alert) ends with the computer saying the only way to win, is not to play the game.

WANT TO PLAY A GAME ? ...



What if we, in some form or fashion, are actually a type of avatar, a divine essence (soul etc) in a body, where the body lives and dies, but the divine spark continues for eternity? We have free will, the choice, to make decisions every moment in our lives. The biggest ones I think about, are the choices to nourish, protect and save our souls, and to love one another. It's said many times in stories, myths and religions all over this world, that people will make a deal with the devil (whatever it is called in different lands). The temptations for greed, lust, power and money, in exchange for your soul - and people literally 'sell out'. And all the time and energy that is spent on tribulations and wars, is energy taken away from doing good and helping others. A complete distraction for the real battle - of good versus evil.

The Military Industrial Complex that Pres. Eisenhower warned America about in his 1961 departing speech, showed that he who controls the wars wins no matter which side claims victory. Before sending out more negative energy into the world, supporting those who feed off that type of nourishment - maybe take a moment to think, who are we fighting for, who really gives a D@&, who benefits, and are we being played. As the song I referenced also said, "Whoopie we all gonna die" - but that's not something to fear, as long as how we lived our lives, for love and goodness, is what really matters.

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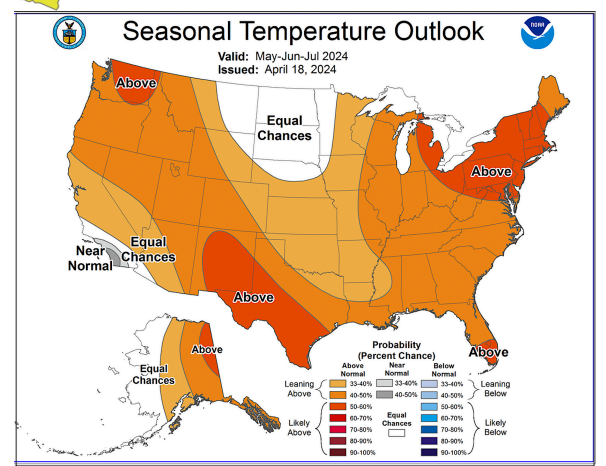
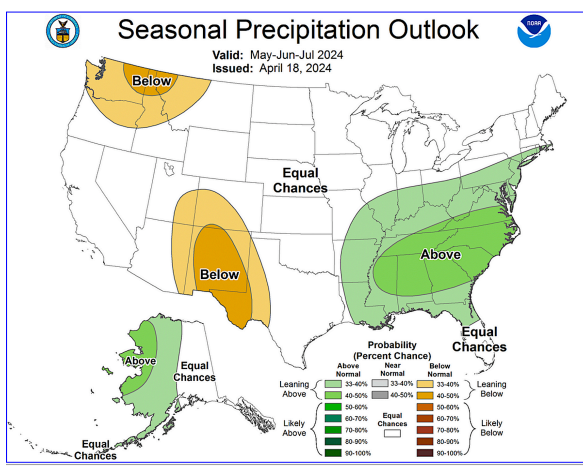
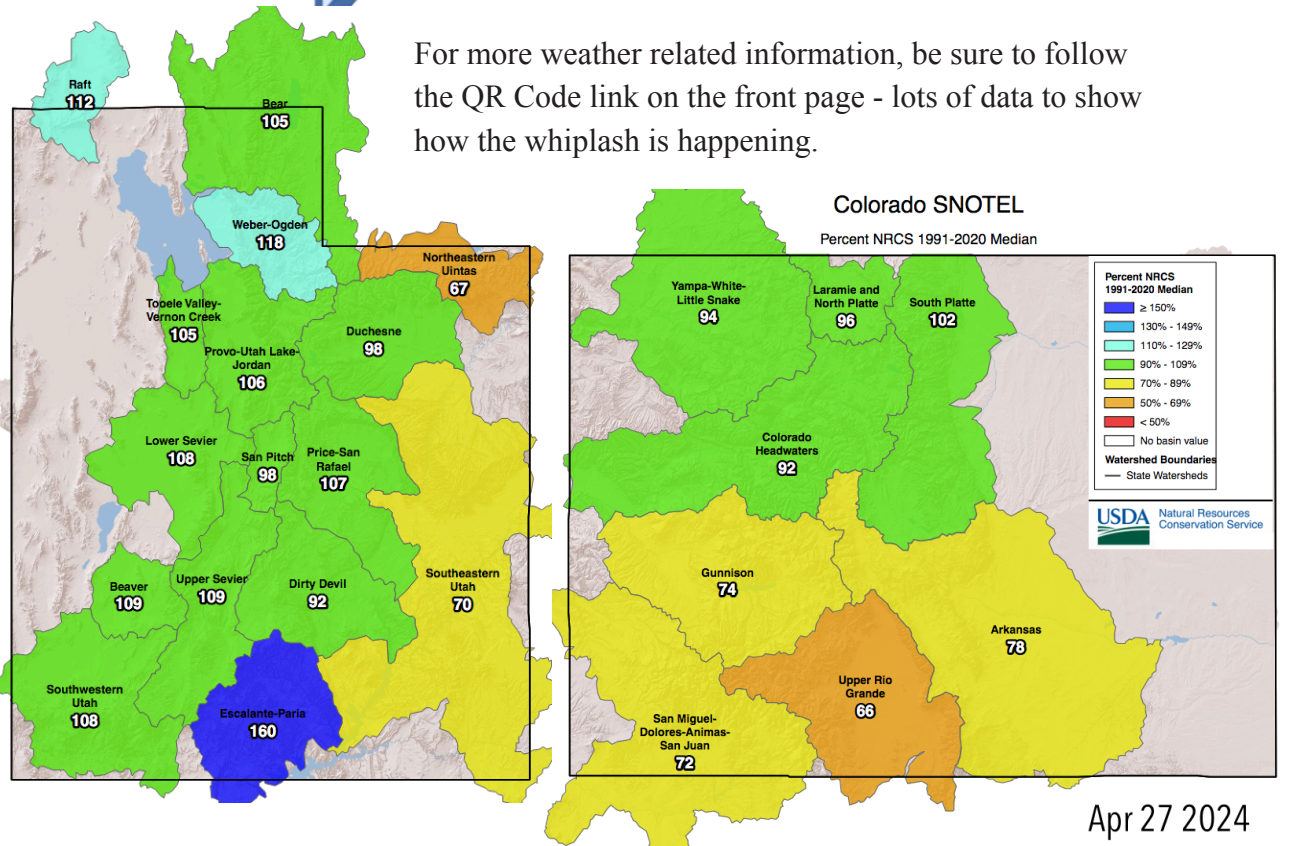
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As much as the vegetables and fruits for a garden will nourish you, adding flowering plants can augment resistance to pests as well as provide some lovely color. Marigolds provide color and deter soil pests, while growing herbs like rosemary, oregano or chives, are fantastic for your kitchen creations while repelling other pests.

Here are some general guidelines and suggestions for various garden setups.

- If planting in the ground, a 10' x 10' garden (100 square feet) is a manageable size. Pick 3 to 5 of your favorite vegetables and buy 3 to 5 plants of each one.

- If planting in a raised bed, a 4' x 4' or 4' x 8' is a good beginner size. Research online to review the benefits of raised beds, how to build a raised bed, and what type of soil to fill a raised bed with.

- If you want to go bigger, a 12' x 24' garden in the ground is probably the biggest a first-timer should go. For example, a garden that feeds a family of four could include 3 hills of yellow squash, 1 mound of zucchini, 10 assorted peppers, 6 tomato plants, 12 okra plants, a 12-foot row of bush beans, 2 cucumbers on a cage, 2 eggplants, 6 basil, 1 rosemary, and a few low-growing herbs such as oregano, thyme, and marjoram.

- Whatever the size of your garden: Every four feet or so, make sure that you have paths that allow you to access your plants to weed and harvest. Just ensure you can easily reach the row or bed center without stepping on the soil.

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We keep hearing, "grow a garden like your life depends on it - and it just might", which rings true to many who are following the increasingly toxic non nutritious offerings in our grocery stores. (Even the 'produce' may not be a clean product - do research on vaccines in the lettuce!) If buying the processed 'food stuffs' is a bad health choice, then what does one do?

The first option, is to let others do the local work, and buy your produce from a farmers market, and your meats from your local ranchers. If you have some space and time, adding some garden potted plants, can augment your fresh food source, but likely won't be able to support your family outright. The best way to get a plant that will produce well is to buy it locally.

There is strategy and hard work involved in growing towards being more self sufficient. Likely the best method is to gather your community together, to share the challenges; one neighbor grows potatoes, another may focus on a different crop.

Literally, here's some Food for Thought - Planning what you are growing and why is also important. What will you really eat? What is the best food for the type of longer term storage you want and can create. Gardening is also good for your 'soul', that it can be an enjoyable experience to connect with the dirt and water, and bring forth a bounty that you nurtured every day. So don't feel guilty if you want to try to grow an eggplant, or a new variety of something interesting to make you happy. Living healthy is a full spectrum process.

Again, one of the best suggestions for successful growing is to source your plants and



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Inflation and COLA Cost of Living Adjustments

Listening to many media outlets, you'd think that the economy isn't a disaster, and everything is A-OK, however, if you've taken a look at what you are actually paying at the grocery store, and everywhere else, the receipts in front of you show the costs are more expensive than even a year ago. In April, a report from the Senior Citizens League, raised their estimate of social security COLA (cost of living adjustment), so it should be going up in 2025, but may not meet the increasing divide for people trying to make ends meet.

The March CPI-W (Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers) came in at 3.5%. Higher than was expected, and creating a trend that has the SCL adjusting the long-term forecast COLA to 2.6% in 2025. But what does this increase result in? A \$45 per month increase? How much food can you buy for that?

Another concern is the potential for increases to push more seniors into a taxable bracket. While federal income tax brackets have been adjusted, the income thresholds that subject social security to taxation have not been adjusted since 1984.

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MUSIC SPOTLIGHT: RYAN REDFOOT, MOAB UT

By Hayden Pate

Ryan Redfoot is an up and coming music producer and DJ with RedLab Records, event creator, Co Founder / Producer at Desert SOUL Collective and Night Owl Ventures, and a generally inspiring energetic being. Currently a resident of Moab UT, his background in the military service was spent in the 1st Battalion, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He has 24 national Martial Arts titles under his belt and more. Working and playing hard, he said on facebook, "Life is pretty damn good! I'm so lucky to be where I am. I'm doing everything I ever wanted to do and making dreams come true! I'm honestly thriving at this point in my life!"

His philosophy on all of his endeavors is one of creative positivity, he said "Nothing comes easy.

Happiness, joy, self love, & balance do not come easy, and nothing worth having is easy to find or easy to achieve. It takes work. Hard work. Balance is my top priority in my life. Finding balance in everything I do and maintaining that balance to the highest accord. My life is going in the direction that I always dreamed it would. Keep pushing forward towards your goals. Manifest your dreams whatever they may be. Physical, emotional, mental, spiritual. You can make it happen. All it takes is that positive mindset. As cliché as it sounds that's all it takes! Make it happen!"



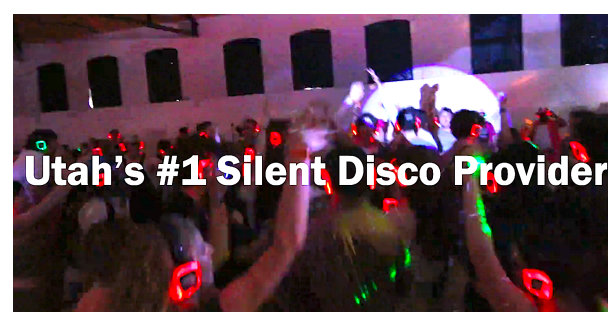
It also appears that the fears of an increasing number of the baby boomer generation, potentially not being able to be supported by a smaller taxable (work force) younger generation, seems to be brought up mostly during Presidential election years. Actual growth in the economy would logically be the solution to this increasing threat to our seniors.

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TOP MAIN STREETS USA TODAY



Historic 25th Street downtown Ogden UT

USA Today (photo the GJ Sentinel) recognized Main Street in Grand Junction CO as one of the top 10 best main streets in the whole US of A! From a "Best Reader" Choice ranking, GJ ranked #8, while Ogden Utah placed even higher as 3rd on the list.



Main Street in Grand Junction CO

Mancos CO

The Mancos Valley Chorus is a community chorus established in 1998 in Mancos, Colorado. Kicking off the springtime with a performance on May 5th at the Mancos United Methodist Church starting at 3 PM, the assembly of community singers provides "friends and neighbors interested in having music as a part of their life, share that love of music with the community" as on their website mancosvalleychorus.org where you can find more info on their upcoming musical events.

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UTAH

"The new Beehive Flag highlights visual symbols designed to serve as a rallying emblem of unity throughout the state" according to the state website. The design incorporates distinctive colors, shapes, and symbols representing the values, history, and aspirations of Utahns, as reported in surveys and design submissions.

In the 2023 Utah Legislative session, the new Beehive Flag earned House and Senate approval, and then was signed into law by Gov. Spencer Cox on March 21.

The 1911 - "historical" flag - will remain active for official ceremonies, special events and the like. With over 7000 resident ideas submitted, the commission determined the simple flag should represent Utah values, pride and unity, the final design is meant to represent the state's skies and lakes, mountains and redrock canyons, while working hard together is what the beehive symbolizes.



Durango CO

Calling all 'extras' actors in the Durango area, Kevin Costner's movie series called Horizon: An American Saga, will be back in the area filming again. They are looking for 60-70 extras to join the cast for production in Durango. From teens to adults, everyone is encouraged to audition - how much fun could that be (5.15 or many hours standing and waiting then hurry up - either way, it will be an experience to remember!) The First movie will be in theaters Jun 28 2024.

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Moab UT

Ground breaking took place mid April, for three new projects at the Arroyo Crossing development. Over 80 low- and moderate-income housing units will be constructed by summer of 2025. Officials from the Moab Area Community Land Trust, the Housing Authority of Southeastern Utah and the Utah Housing Corporation celebrated the move as a significant step to addressing the housing crisis in Moab and Grand County. Meanshile..

Evictions in a time when Squatters "rights" are threatening home ownership rights? In Moab, residents in the Walnut Lane community are facing an uncertain future as the city council indicated that the property must be vacated by the end of June. After years of promises and attempts to make the neighborhood work for all parties involved, the now city managed property, must evict the tenants due to a collapse of a proposed plan to build low cost housing, and lack of ability to insure it as it stands. The tenants in 24 units of the mobile home park on 2.91 acres, now must find alternative affordable housing in Moab.

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BEARS EARS NEW RESOURCE MNGT PLAN

The Bears Ears National Monument has been the focus of attention for many interests in the region of Southeastern Utah. From Tribal and cultural concerns, to environmental protections, to access for public recreation of all types, the Presidentially selected re-designation of public lands to National Monument status certainly remains ‘in the news’ since it’s inception under Pres. Obama Dec. 26 of 2016.

According to the BLM website, “The proposed plan includes five alternatives for public comment. The Bears Ears Commission-- comprising the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, and the Pueblo of Zuni— provided input during the development of the draft plan consistent with the vision of President Biden’s restoration of the national monument and the central role Tribal Nations have had in stewarding these ancestral homelands.”

The nearest communities are Monument Valley, Mexican Hat, Bluff, Blanding, and Monticello. Highways 191, 211, 95, 261, and 163 all provide access to portions of Bears Ears National Monument.

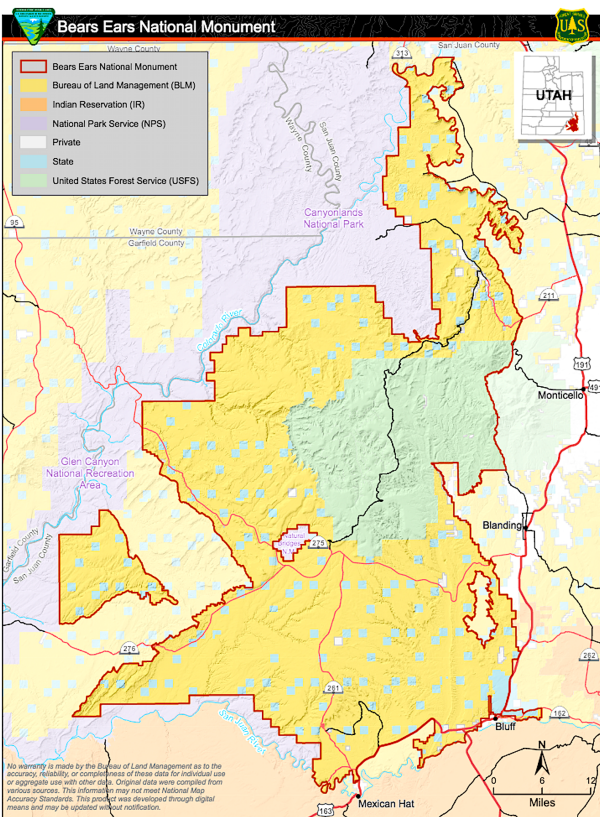
Bears Ears National Monument, co-managed by the Bureau of Land Management Monticello Field Office, the Manti La Sal National Forest, and the five Tribes of the Bears Ears Commission, is an outstanding landscape with extensive cultural and natural resources. Every year, visitors to Bears Ears National Monument

HALT DOLORES RIVER MONUMENT

Sen. Hickenlooper's visit to Naturita CO at the end of April, may be too little too late. Both he and Sen. Bennett have done the politically correct 'thing' of hosting listening sessions, notably in response to the extent of the "Halt the Dolores River Monument" sentiments by so many local residents. The local listening session for the National Monument concerns, was met by signs hats and posters everywhere, representing the position held by so many in the local area communities, that the people do not want a National Monument designation around the Dolores River corridor.

The concerns attracting more general public attention followed the creation of an online petition by a concerned citizen, which demonstrates just how little any of the initial proposal for a designation, found engagement with the locals it affects. Though it is understood, use of the Antiquities Act needs nothing more than the signature of a sitting President to enact. Rep. Boebert Dist. 3, has expressed her opposition to a Dolores National Monument proposal.

Photo: Fodor



enjoy many recreation activities, including hiking, backpacking, rock climbing, river rafting, and riding off highway vehicles. However you choose to enjoy your visit to this area, remember to visit with respect, leave no trace, and know before you go. There are three main Bureau of Land Management areas where you may consider recreating within Bears Ears National Monument: “

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Recipe for Rhubarb

Rhubarb is technically a vegetable, even though it is most commonly prepared like a fruit in sweetened desserts. Pie is most likely where you've tasted it, perhaps in conjunction with some strawberries. Rhubarb is a member of the buckwheat family. Rhubarb is also beginning to make the spotlight in savory dishes, like salads, pickles, soups, and stews.

The tell tale red stalks are one of the first bounties of a spring garden. The plant should grow for 2 years before you start to harvest. A mature plant will provide up to three harvests between May and June. As temps cool back off in the fall, you may be able to harvest one more time before it goes dormant. Never remove all the stems, but if it gets too hot in the summer, it may bolt, and produce a flower cluster which you want to remove so the energy heads back to the roots.

Some recommended varieties for Colorado include: Victoria, Canada Red, Turkish, Colorado Red, Strawberry, and MacDonald.

Select stalks that are 10 to 15 inches long and 1 to 2" in width. Some choose to twist off the stalk carefully at the base, others will cut with a sharp scissor, immediately remove the leaves (do not eat them or feed



them out as they are high in oxalic acid which is toxic), clean the stalks and wrap in a damp towel and place in the fridge to keep for up to 3 weeks. You can freeze them in a freezer bag for long term storage, cut into pieces, or cook it and then freeze for up to a year. Canning in a boiling water bath will also store it for a potential winter surprise. The plant is low in calories and rich in nutrients.

An interesting side might be some Tangy Pickled Rhubarb, a great addition to cheese platters or a condiment for charcuterie or on roasted meats

- 2 cups apple cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups raw sugar
- 1 tbsp coarse sea salt
- 1 1/2-inch knob ginger, peeled and thinly sliced
- Small handful dried chili peppers
- Small handful whole cloves
- Small handful whole allspice
- 1lb of rhubarb



Ingredients for Rhubarb Strawberry Crumble

- 6 to 8 stalks rhubarb, cut into 1/2-inch pieces (3 cups)
- 2/3 cup raw sugar
- 1 tbsp orange or lemon zest
- 1 tbsp salted butter
- 1 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 3 cups sliced strawberries
- 1-3/4 cup flour
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 6 tbsp salted butter, chilled
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tbsp raw sugar
- 3/4 cup half-and-half
- 2 tsp orange or lemon zest, divided



Take some of the heavy cream whipped up with tbsp sugar and refrigerate. Cook rhubarb, sugar and zest to soften, add butter flour and stir, then add strawberries, remove the mixture into a 10" deep dish pie pan.

Preheat oven to 425, sift flour, baking powder salt, butter cubes which are chilled and mixed into a coarse crumb, add 1/2 cup sugar and blend, slowly add in the half and half, spoon the dough over the fruit mix in the dish. Mix 2 tablespoons sugar and remaining zest, sprinkle over the top. Bake 25-30 min til golden brown, cool slightly and serve with or without whipped cream.

Mix the vinegar, sugar, salt, ginger and spices, boil together until sugar and salt dissolve about 5 min. strain and set aside. Cut rhubarb into pieces to fill the jar you will use. Pack that into the sterilized jars with a few bits of the reserved solid spices. Pour the hot liquid over jars, screw on lids, allow to cool. Refrigerate for up to a month.

FOAM OFF THE CRAFT BEERS ?

Craft Beer in Colorado may be going flat. The scene has enjoyed tremendous growth and popularity over the last decade or two, with specifically Denver area brewers taking the lead in imaginative combinations of tastes that hit the spot. Now, with increasing costs, and recent consumer trends indicating that industry is possibly not only stagnating, but headed down. 2023 found a one percent reduction in beer sales nationwide. The Colorado Brewers Association said for Colorado, the sales fell off by 6 percent. One obvious reason, is that the craft beer market became over saturated, while a variety of flavors added to liquors, allowed

sellers expanded options for a 'cool one'. Selzers and water vodka, along with a growing hard cider market, have watered down some of the drink selections on tap. The combination of less beer drinking public, and increasing labor costs as well as the basic ingredients and packaging inputs, is hitting that craft market pretty hard for 2024. Not new news, it's been brewing for several years now especially hard hit by restrictions in 2020.

With spirited competition, craft beers will have to pivot and adapt to the changing tastes. The shiny newness has worn off, but dedicated business minded brewers are not giving up. Less carbonation is one direction Gen Zers are liking; Beer 'tea' flavors is another line that is finding a popular following with the youth. There's one thing for sure, people wanting to gather at a relaxing setting, and enjoy an alcohol or non alcoholic beverage to relax and unwind from the day's stress, is a trend that won't fizzle out anytime soon.

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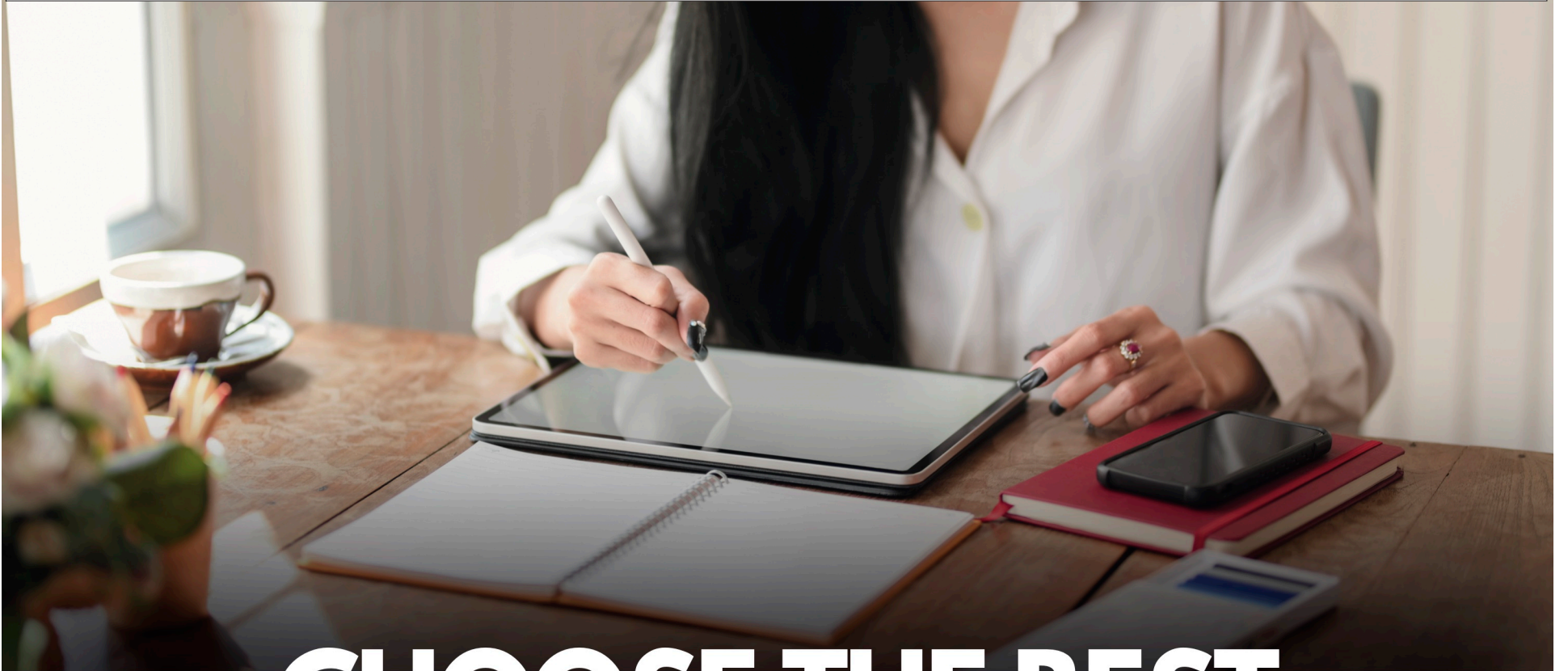
Local Pricing as of 4.29.24

Wheat \$7.00 * Beans \$40

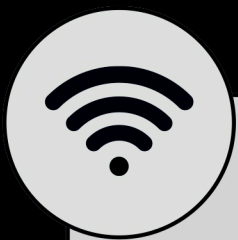
Source: Midland Bean Dove Creek CO
Commodity Pricing Samples

Spot Prices 4.27.24	
Gold	\$2,337.97
Silver	\$27.20
Uranium	\$87.25
Copper	\$9,852.69
Oil (WTI)	\$83.66
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)	\$1.62
Live Cattle	\$1.85
Feeder Cattle	\$2.48

Source: Business Insider



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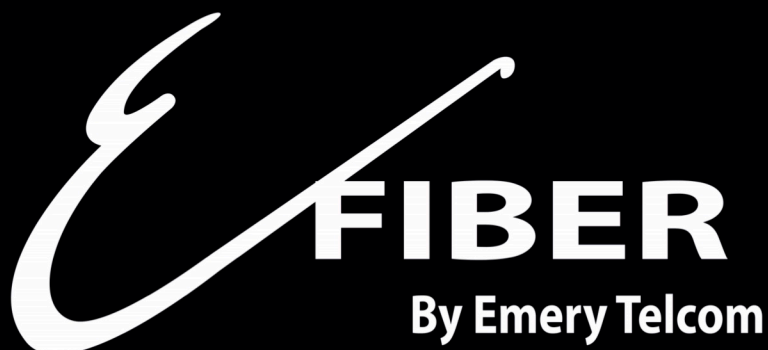
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