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Year of 250th USA Celebration

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By July 4th 2026 USA will mark 250 years as a Constitutional Republic

By Kendra Cook

July marks the United States of America's Independence Day celebration noted as July 4th from 1776. In 2026, that will make the 250th anniversary for our Country, and August of 2026 will mark the 150th anniversary of the State of Colorado. Celebrations to mark this mathematical milestone, have already kicked off THIS year.

On the National level, initiatives include contests for students 3-12th grades to earn unique experiences at iconic American historical and cultural sites - compiling an oral history and understanding of the US - reinvigorating a year round culture of service beyond 2026 grounded in three key pillars: charitable giving, volunteering, and public service - including military service.

There will also be a traveling tech expo showcasing our greatest innovations, - "America Wave" initiative to create moments for Americans to come together in communities to wave American flags, celebrate on the 250th and honor contributions of those who brought us to where we are today - a National time capsule to be buried in Philadelphia July 4 2026 - and a big celebration on the 4th in 2026. (For a rabbit hole, bring up the QR code on the bottom right, and peruse the Nat'l Blueprint for Biodefense).

For the State of Colorado, there is a project underway, that regions are working together on various celebrations as part of Colorado 150. In the Southwest, an assembly of 8 Counties have been meeting to coordinate a series of initiatives - go online to colorado180southwest.org : Passport to SW CO is a fourth grade project for identifying and learning about 'fascinating' places in the region - Sing

Colorado! is a resource to enable groups around SW CO to hold musical events highlighting CO rich musical tradition - Power of Place is a collaborative multifaceted initiative covering the impact of our geography climate and culture on our communities - and local Oral History projects.

The Southwest CO group assembles representative from 8 continuous counties, with a collective release of a single magazine release covering the highlights of our region, historically and today. This includes San Miguel, Dolores, Montezuma, Ouray, San Juan, Hinsdale, La Plata and Archuleta.

There is also a State centric program in the works from the Capital. Their historycolorado.org website states "celebrate Colorado by acknowledging our complete shared history, honor what makes Colorado unique, and recognize our shared destiny as we strive toward a more perfect union. Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that the land currently known as Colorado has been the traditional homelands of Indigenous peoples since time immemorial."

In Utah, the state officially was given statehood in 1896, so that next year would be their 130 year celebration. July 1st kicks off Utah's America250 America's Semiquincentennial

Semi (half) / quin (5) / centennial (100 years) celebrations. The State webpage states, "We can celebrate courage, liberty, and sacrifice, while also reckoning with difficult truths. By fostering a sense of belonging and coming together with our local communities, we can ensure that Utahns of all ages and backgrounds see themselves in American history. "

Dolores County CO Declared a Stage 1 Fire Ban status in association with the County Sheriff Office in June.



With dry and arid conditions (low humidity) and our favorite winds, there is a likelihood for a Fire Ban to be in your location.. CHECK YOUR AREA for most updated Red Flag type conditions and Bans.

In Colorado for the state, there's a map on their website coemergency.com

In Utah, as of June 1, federal and state fire officials had already implemented fire restrictions on most federal, state and private lands in the unincorporated areas of Washington, Kane and Garfield counties, reported in the Salt Lake Tribune from a Color Country Interagency Fire news release. The ban is for campfires or open fires outside of maintained campgrounds in SW Utah. No charcoal, coal or wood stoves may be used unless on improved sites or recreational developed areas. As common sense would suggest, restrictions also extend to no smoking or use of acetylene torches or cutting tools near dry vegetation., target shooting with exploding targets, and tracers. Fireworks are prohibited on all public and federal lands. Check for your National Parks, USFS and BLM websites for the most up to date restrictions for the what and where. More information is online at UtahFireInfo.gov

Government Fees are changing in some agencie - the DMV of Colorado has changes that apply for July 1 2025, and below, the Dolores County Gov Office of Clerk and Reporter has other changes in the fee structures as shown in the graphic below.



On July 1, 2025, the document filing fees at all county clerk offices will change. Here are the changes:

- \$43 PER DOCUMENT**: Filed and recorded documents will be charged a flat fee of \$43 regardless of number of pages. A state document fee will still apply to documents that convey property.
- \$0**: Death Records will incur a fee of \$0 in Dolores County.
- NO CHANGE**: Uniform Commercial Code (UCCs) filings do not change.

Please be aware that Dolores County will stop recording at 2:30 pm on June 30, 2025, so our recording vendor has time to update our software and for testing. Recordings received after 2:30pm will be recorded on July 1, 2025. ERecording will not be available after 2:30pm.

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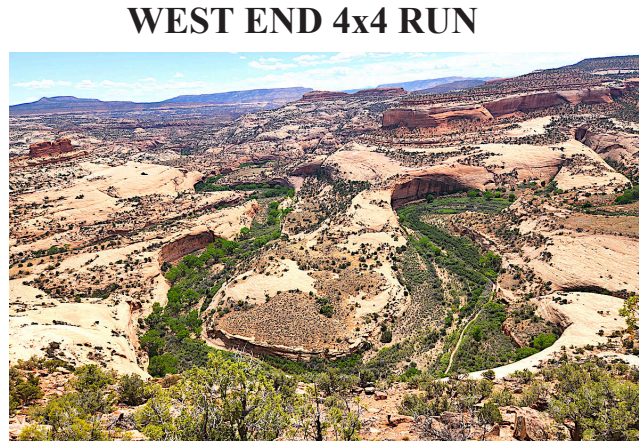
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PERMITTED
You can have a fire in Forest Service-provided, manufactured fire grates and grills within Forest Service developed campgrounds and picnic grounds.

Stage I Fire Restrictions go into effect on the San Juan National Forest July 1 at 12:01am



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The San Juan National Forest Fire Management Staff are implementing Stage I Fire Restrictions in lower elevations beginning at 12:01 am on Tuesday, July 1st. The minimum fine for violating campfire restrictions in Stage I on National Forest System Lands is \$530 in Colorado. Fire restrictions are being implemented in close coordination with other jurisdictions across Southwest Colorado.

Fire restrictions on the San Juan will only be implemented in lower elevations to account for variable conditions across the forest. Low elevation areas are more susceptible to wildfire risk due to rapid vegetation curing and dry surface fuels, while higher elevation areas are still green and maintaining higher fuel moistures. There are no fire restrictions in the higher elevation areas of the #SanJuanNF. Under Stage 1, campfires are only allowed in developed Forest Service campgrounds with a metal or concrete fire ring. There are also limitations on smoking, operating a chainsaw, and other activities.

This annual event is sponsored by the Nucla Naturita Area Chamber of Commerce and held as a fundraiser for the West End Visitors Center, which is owned and operated by the Chamber.

27 registered participants this year, cap is 30. They rolled with 25-ish plus 5 trail bosses. The tour is different each year and this year's tour/poker run was on Wray Mesa. It included amazing 360 degree scenic views throughout the tour and two overlook stops (Coyote Wash photo). A nine hour day ended with a Trails End dinner catered by Alaskan Cod fish fry and Saucy Mama's strawberry shortcake. Randy Skees was acknowledged for being the event founder, with door prizes, live auction and poker winners, they are grateful for all the sponsors and participants year after year.

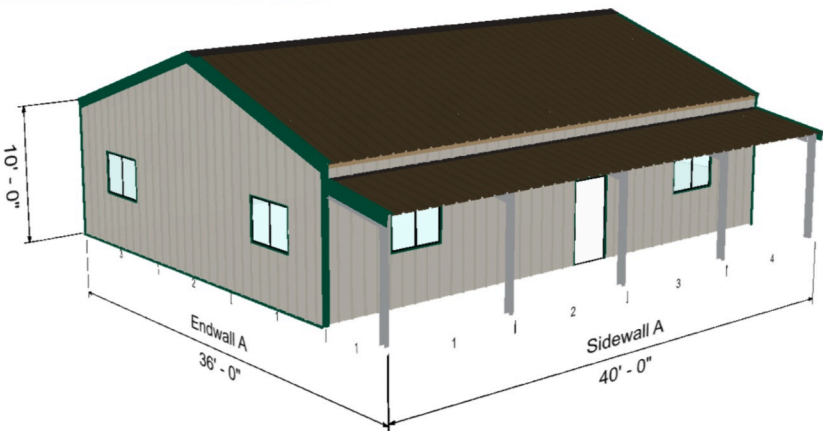


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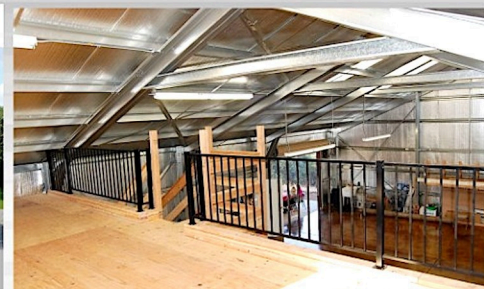
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From the Soil to the Stone

From PicknHoe Chairwoman Teresa Martin

For the Mulligans, not only is Pick-n-Hoe a tradition, it's a part of their story, and all of their family's story.

Dixie was born in Dove Creek and was there for the first Pick-n-Hoe. She worked in the school lunchroom for 5 years, when she met a handsome sailor, Mike Mulligan, who had come to Dove Creek with her cousins for the 4th of July. It was love at first sight. She, along with her sons Dean and Mark, moved to California to be with him. Even then they would come back for the 4th of July celebration. It was on one of these trips home that they got married. On July 2nd, 1966 they stopped in Las Vegas on the way to Dove Creek and got married. That's right, 59 years ago!

They lived in CA for 3 years, adding a son, Sean, to the family before moving back to Dove Creek in 1969. Mike worked in the Deremo mines for 10 years before getting transferred to Bishop, CA in 1979. During that time they added their daughter Kerry to complete their family. Even living so far away, the 4th of July was a priority and the whole family came home to Dove Creek every year. They have added many, MANY grandkids over the years, most of whom make it home for the 4th every year. The tradition goes on...

In 1999 Mike and Dixie moved back to Dove Creek. They supported their community in many ways, including

**Grand Marshals
for
Pick-n-Hoe
2025
Mike and Dixie
Mulligan**



volunteering at Pick-n-Hoe. Dixie took over the cook shack for 6 years, while Mike has helped with the fire pit almost every year. Mike was a volunteer firefighter from 1969-1979 and was president of the fire district board for 12 years after they moved home. Dixie worked at the local bank, and helped out at the elementary school and public library for 5 years. She was also on the DC Clinic Board, the Dolores CO Public Library Board and is still a member of the Colorado Laureate Delta Beta Sorority. But it is their service to their town that stands out. Mike and his fellow "Creekers" are always on standby to help their neighbors out, whether it's blowing out water lines, doing some electrical work, or anything that needs done. Sometimes because they need it, sometimes just for a hug, maybe a little whiskey, and always a cold beer. Whatever you need, the Mulligans are willing to help. Just have your beer (or in Dixie's case tea) cold and your hugs ready and they will be there!

69th Annual Pick-n-Hoe Celebration
FROM THE SOIL TO THE STONE
Dove Creek, Colorado July 3, 2025 - July 6, 2025 Weber Park

FREEDOM FORGED IN FIELDS AND MINES

Thursday - July 3, 2025
5:00 pm - Dance at the Memorial Hall
Featuring Ray Young with Country Feedback
7:00 pm - DCVFD Beer Tent Opens
8:00 pm - Dance at Weber Park
Featuring Crossroads

Friday - July 4, 2025
8:30 am - Parade Entries at DC Airport (Free)
9:00 am - Food & Craft Vendors all Day
9:00 am - Community Parade Begins (DC Airport to Weber Park)
9:30 am - Awards, Royalty, Honors and Color Guard
10:00 am - DCVFD Beer Tent Opens
10:00 am - Kids Games Begin
11:00 am - Greased Pole Begin (AFTER KIDS GAMES)
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 (AFTER PIG CHASE)
6:00 pm - Live Music at the Football Field
Featuring Ray Young with Country Feedback
9:30 pm - DCVFD Fireworks Display
10:30 pm - Weber Park Live Music
Featuring Crossroads

Saturday - July 5, 2025
7:30 am - Volleyball Registration
9:00 am - Volleyball Tournament
9:00 am - Food Vendors all Day
10:00 am - DCVFD Beer Tent Opens
10:00 am - Horseshoe Registration
11:00 am - Horseshoe Tournament
4:30 pm - Washer Tournament Registration
5:30 pm - Washer Tournament
7:00 pm - Weber Park Live Music
Featuring Jacob Hyde

Sunday - July 6, 2025
9:00 am - Softball Registration
10:00 am - Softball Tournament
10:00 am - DCVFD Beer Tent Opens

NOTICE: Individuals participating in any of the activities, must inherently understand that the individuals enter at their own risk. Please be courteous, and use the garbage cans provided and pick up after children. NO DOGS allowed in Weber Park. We ask you to be respectful to our park neighbors, regarding noise and garbage. There is no alcohol allowed in Weber Park (except in areas where permits have been established).

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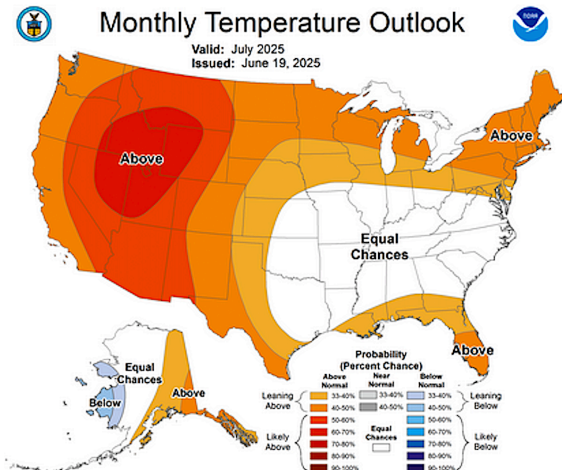
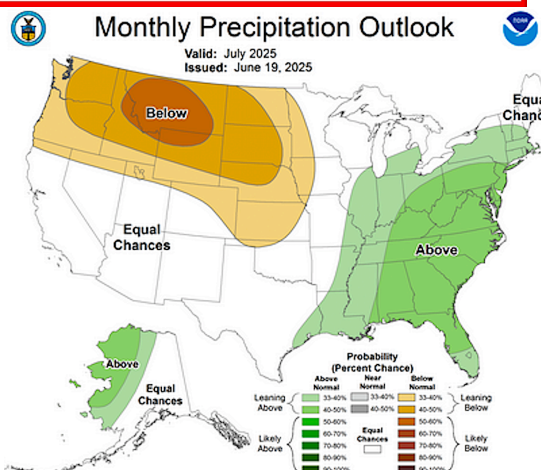
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JULY WEATHER

HOT - yes and Monsoons ahead? Or will they miss the four corners? 50-50 chance. Otherwise dry with fire bans imminent as the drought levels continue.
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I had a dream I was a muffler and I woke up exhausted
What kind of shoes do frogs wear? Open-toad sandals.

I once swallowed a book of synonyms It's given me thesaurus throat I've ever had.
What do you call a French man wearing sandals? Philippe Fallop.



JULY WHAT'S UP

Birth Flower – Larkspur

Birth Stone – Ruby

Zodiac – Cancer - Leo

July 2 - National Made in the USA day

July 4 - Independence Day

July 5 - Natl Apple Turnover Day

July 7 - World Chocolate Day

July 12 - Natl 'Freedom' Fries? Day

July 13 - Natl Barn Day

July 15 - Natl Horse Day

July 16 - Natl Hotdog Day

July 20 - Natl Ice Cream Day

July 25 - Natl Wine and Cheese Day

July 26 - Natl Day of the Cowboy

July 27 - Natl Tree Day



Moon Phases

- JULY 25 - New Moon
- JULY 11 - Full Moon
- JULY 23 - Perigee
- JULY 07 - Apogee

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By Kenny Ray

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SAVE "OUR" PUBLIC LANDS?

By Dexter Gill

Save our public lands!! Save our rivers!! Keep our public lands public!! No kings!! Who is talking to whom about doing what, and do they know what they are saying? I would posit that most making such statements do not know. The ones that do know, are in the background urging the vocal ones on. One thing that is obvious is that a lot of people have got their knickers in a twist over something that is not theirs, nor their responsibility, yet causing great dissension among our people. Two critical resources are the center point of the fights, both of which are necessary in all peoples lives. Land and Water! Land as a place to "BE" and to provide minerals to grow and provide food and basis for developing economy for all. Water is 66% of man's body, and life for all life forms. The fight to control Land and Water has been the focus between all People's since the beginning of time, and continues today . What is the concern over selling some federal lands? They were never supposed to be any federal lands ! So what has happened? The story starts 250 years ago.

Going back to the Colonies, the King controlled land and economy, thus the people. After years of fighting the "system", the Declaration of Independence was drafted, many of you know the phrase of "Life, Liberty and pursuit of Happiness". But did you know the first draft written was "Life, Liberty, and Land."? Depicting the importance of every man having land to live on and free to create economy to sustain his life. The later word change to "pursuit of Happiness" expanded mans opportunity beyond the single issue of just Land. Importance was each man's land, no kings land., and freedom!

Following the Revolution, about 60,000 of the Kings faithful, bailed out and went mostly to Canada. The new "Sovereign States" agreed to build a Constitution to guide development of new States with limited LAND sizes, to prevent growth and size to overpower adjacent Smaller States. That was accomplished through Congress developing a Legislated policy procedure, which was referred to as the "Northwest Ordinance". Under the new Constitution, the new "General Government", now federal, was allowed to have limited LAND for specific purposes as designated under the new Constitution in Article I, Sect. 8, Clause 17, as may be approved by the individual State Legislatures. This went along pretty well, expanding and developing new States from old and new territories acquired for that purpose as per Article IV of the Constitution for about 70 years; resulting in about 35 States from the original 13, all with the people of the States controlling the land and resources creating economy. Man will be man, so a "new" revolution occurred resulting in the beginning of today's Social and Economic problems in eleven (11) new western States, related to LAND!

Colorado Boundaries were identified and admitted as a State in 1876, and stating "state of Colorado shall consist of all the territory within the described boundaries—". As previous "Territory", the land was "Public" land open for claiming and settling by individuals. Once the State was established, that ended, and a new procedure was declared in Sec.4 of the Statehood Compact, stating "that the PEOPLE inhabiting said territory do agree and declare that

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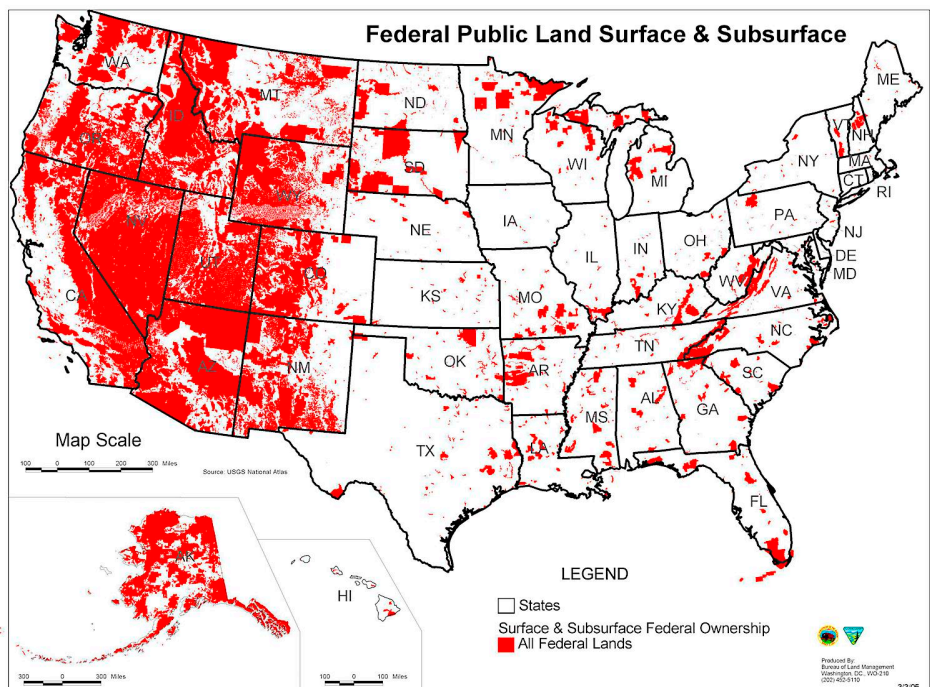


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they forever disclaim all right and title to the unappropriated public lands lying within said territory, and that the same shall be and remain at the sole and entire DISPOSITION of the United States;". That was a new and opposite direction from the previous 80 years of establishing the 35 eastern States under the Northwest Ordinance. There were some valid reasons, but that is a story for another day. The Government FAILED to dispose (ie) sell the lands to the people on behalf of the new State, to reclaim the costs of the uncivil war.

One Hundred years later, in 1976 the Congress passed the Federal Lands Policy Management Act (FLPMA), stating in "Sec.1701 Congressional declaration of policy (a) The Congress declares that it is the policy of the United States that—(1) the public lands be retained in Federal ownership, unless as a result of the land use planning procedure provided for in this Act, it is determined that disposal of a particular parcel will serve the national interest;". That appeared to violate the Constitution and the Statehood Compact, which has resulted in nearly 36% of the State being federal held which are predominately most of the critical watersheds, forests and minerals of the entire state, creating a return to 1776 with the Kings LAND controlling the economy and lives of the people. The west half of Colorado is about 70% Kings LAND controlled by Federal Secretary's of Interior and Agriculture. During the Obama administration the Secretary of Interior was a board member of The Nature Conservancy, controlling lands, waters and wildlife throughout the West.

The Existing Land and resource status of Colorado and all Eleven (11) western States must be reviewed and new measures established to bring land ownership status back into line with the "First Principles" of the Constitution and be on equal status with the 35 eastern states.



The sky is falling!

Public Lands are not for sale!

By *Aimee Tooker*



I am going to come down the middle on this one. No one wants to see billionaire homes sitting in the middle of a National Monument or Wilderness area.

I and many others have been advocating for affordable housing in the West End for decades. And this problem is everywhere. While there are programs and processes that help with that, there are not many conclusions and solutions that are being implemented. Affordable for some communities is \$300,000 to \$400,000 homes; others it is \$130,000 to \$180,000 homes.

I have jumped to conclusions before (yes, I will admit that, and I have learned many valuable lessons that way). I have vowed to investigate and research thoroughly before voicing my opinion. The public land sale attached to the reconciliation bill drew widespread panic and criticism.

In the West End of Montrose County and surrounding the Town of Nucla there are many parcels of BLM land. They serve no resource or recreational purpose. It continues to sit and collect dust with no real value to the property tax districts or to the economy of the West End. Some of these parcels are close to the airport, infrastructure and town amenities. So, I can see rural communities utilizing these parcels for affordable housing and community development. Clearly the bill that was introduced was broad and could be interpreted in several ways. That type of program would need to be scaled down, slowed down and methodically rolled out. Water is valuable and community stability and sustainability needs to be studied first and foremost.

Another concern I have with this bill is public access to public lands. There are many parcels that are land locked by private property owners. Some owners provide no access to the public lands and can use the lands exclusively without paying property taxes or upkeep. The public would need to be dropped in by helicopter in order to access "our public lands". I see that as a big issue that needs to be solved. So while I applauded the overall efforts of the bill, it was rolled out too largely, broadly and quickly. The representatives, congressmen, and Senators whose interns have overdramatized the bill on social media need to understand the heart of the issues and come up with tangible solutions that can be rolled out sooner rather than later. Once again if you're not at the table, then you are on the menu. And the only starving ones are the residents and communities who need affordable housing and community development in order to survive.



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By Linda Cunningham

It wasn't that long ago we watched hordes of people flood our southern border. We watched as young military age men, from every part of the world cross into the United States. Many of these un-vetted men and women were loaded up onto airplanes in the middle of the night, and flown to places all over the country. Is it any wonder we are now seeing acts of terror in our city streets? Rioting in a country you broke into... waving the flag of the one you escaped from... while burning the flag of the one you're begging to stay in. None of this makes a bit of sense.

In light of the recent bombings to destroy the nuclear facilities in Iran, this country and our troops are on heightened alert for retaliatory attacks. I'm confident if or when anything should happen in this country, and I pray it won't, will be dealt with using as much force and as swiftly as was the attack on Iran.

After all the dust settles, we need to get back to the business of finding those accountable for the open borders and start issuing the appropriate charges where needed, and jail time for some. Americans need to know just WHO was in charge during the 4 long and destructive years of the Biden administration.... because it sure as hell wasn't Biden.

The work has just begun for President Trump, but he's off to a great start, with a great bunch of people working by his side. Americans can be a proud people once again, I know I am!

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Half way through 2025 - woohoo! Some of you may remember when the Deagel report came out in 2014, showing projections of large depopulations in countries worldwide by 2025. Did you miss that one? Deagel is a company that forecasts on military resources and demographic data in nations all across the world, and in a report that startled many at the time, they projected changing population levels, including a 68.5% decrease in the American population in 2025. At the time it seemed far out and non sense, how would that happen. As we fly through this year, dodging news clips and getting whiplash from following who is doing what where in the world, who is good or who is bad, which side is up - it seems more plausible that there actually could be massive decreases in populations from lower birth rates to higher deaths. But from what?

War is an obvious 'cause of death'. (Why do we continue to do this as humans - is this some sort of genetic script part of our hive mind manipulation?) When the powers at the top of the food chain make decisions to hurt others, both sides or all sides of a conflict loose. War, is no longer throwing sticks stones or lead at one another, and not even the remote dropping of bombs from above. Cyber war is another front that can result in people dying, when cutting off power grids or resources for any length of time.

And then there are "Sleepers cells". Sounds scary, like a plot in a sci fi action suspense movie? Sure does. But is it also an actual 'thing' that experts from the intelligence community have shared IS happening, and happening here in the good ol' US of A. Could there be foreigners planning to physically attack the power grid, or nuclear power plants, Washington DC buildings attacked, or poisoning municipal water sources? FBI has said they are everywhere and can attack at any minute. Who are these cells - what are their loyalties - who's paying them or blackmailing them?

We find ourselves more critically at the whim of these deep state and intelligence agencies able to manipulate and blame any attacks on whomever they need to which would move the excuse of why to go to war here or there.

Just one more thought.. could war fear mongering all be a distraction, are we actually on the edge of a worse biological attack. (perhaps again?). Prior to the lockdowns in 2020 in reaction to a said viral spread, many elements in our lives changed. Authorities watched as they took notes on who and how people would behave in response to their mandates (and lies). This was all laid out in an exercise/drill called "Event 201" in which leading world 'experts' discussed how ever country would cooperate in the case of a bio release code name "SPARS". The following months and years aligned with that conference report. Fast forward to last year's "Exercise" entitled a "National Blueprint for Biodefense" by a Bipartisan Commission on Biodefense, it creates a scenario in which a massive bioattack occurs in the USA on July 4th 2025, killing 280,000 people, blamed on the Russians or the Chinese. (Hopefully after this paper comes out, we enjoy a calm safe and sound celebration of the Country's 249th Independence days all over the states... the QR code on the front page takes you to these documents to research yourself.) The past year has seen all sorts of media attempts to bring out health scares, from monkey pox to measles, avian flu, to "razor throat"? More people are not falling for the propaganda or psy ops, which doesn't mean we should not be working on our own health which is the best line of defense. Fear feeds the 'archons', I don't want to be part of their buffet.

Who are these 'archons' - are they entities invading humans to manipulate our society? More on that in August. For now, I've heard people indicating the Carnegiean endowment and others run the CIA? This is what the 'deep' state looks like - a deeper level of manipulations and governing that's happening so far behind any political regimes, most people don't have time to do the research, and it's difficult to know what is truth or what is misdirection. One thing I do believe, is there are not just 'sides' to take - this is not a sports-ball game - the complexity of our reality is unfathomable, but to me, the real play must be for being pro humanity. Be kind, listen, critically think, and love one another while on this crazy journey, and we may be able to shift the 'system' from doom and gloom, to love and light.

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OBITUARY



James Andrew Fisher
November 28, 1939 — June 9, 2025
Dove Creek, Colorado

James Andrew Fisher was born November 28, 1939 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin the son of Elmer Andrew and Linnie Lee (Burk) Fisher. He passed away on Monday, June 9, 2025 at his home in Dove Creek, Colorado at the age of 85.

Jim met the love of his life, Pearl, and together they built a life rich in love, adventure, and unwavering commitment. Married on June 3, 1961, they raised four children—two daughters and two sons, instilling in them the values of perseverance, passion, and family first. Jim and Pearl moved from Muskego, Wisconsin to Dove Creek, Colorado in 1967.

Jim and Pearl shared 64 years together, a partnership built on love, resilience, and the kind of unwavering devotion that was evident to everyone around them. Their bond was more than a marriage—it was a lifelong adventure, filled with laughter, some heartache, and a love that stood the test of time. During his childhood and adolescence, he traveled from Wisconsin to Oregon, Utah and New Mexico where he lived with his Aunts and Uncles. Each journey was quite an adventure, and his children and grandchildren were fascinated with his countless stories and escapades along the way. These memories will remain in the hearts of his loved ones forever.

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His legacy lives on in the stories told (and there are many), the lessons shared, and the countless moments of encouragement he gave to those around him. Those who knew Jim, including his long list of friends, will forever carry the echoes of his laughter, the steady guidance of his hand, and the unwavering love he showed to both family and friends.

Surviving Jim are his spouse Pearl Fisher of Dove Creek; his children, Jamie Huskey (Darrel) of Dove Creek, Torie Davis of Dove Creek, Race Fisher of Dove Creek, and Ty (Rena) Fisher of Tuxedo, Texas; his grandchildren, Jacy Huskey of Dove Creek, Jade Huskey (Natasha) of Cahone, Colten Huskey (Lindsay) of Dove Creek, Michelle Davis of Challis, Idaho, Chase (Kristen) Davis of Cahone, Summer (Scheis) Anderson of Cortez, Skye Veach of Dove Creek, Savannah Barr of Blanding, Sheena (Ray) Ivie of Fruita, Samantha (Scott) Dickson of Grand Junction, Amanda Fisher of Farmington, Brandy Fisher of Dove Creek, Kali (Anthony) Martinez of Clifton, Joey (Kyle) Schultz of Dove Creek, Brandon (Ashley) Fisher of Jacksonville, Alabama; 25 great grandchildren with another one on the way, four great, great grandchildren; one sibling, Ron (Jacque) Fisher of Cañon City; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents Elmer and Linnie Fisher, sisters Jean Rhoda and Betty Barron, two grandchildren Devan Rae Huskey and Brylan Davis, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Written in Stone

By Sarah Toenin

We always heard about the 'truth' being written in stone. Look at all of the historic knowledge we learn from rocks with hieroglyphics in Egypt, pictographs, the Rosetta stone, and rock art found world wide. Then the Sumerian tablets with cuniform writings have unveiled even more historical precedent, bringing up more questions than answers for many. We have yet to tap into what information may be stored in rocks like crystals and geodes.

Another way rocks tell a story, is in their use in structures. Please don't tell me men like us, made the pyramids, absolute poppycock. Monolithic structures are found all across the lands - and even underwater. What is meant by monolithic architecture are buildings or residual ruins that show carved, cast or excavated huge rock structures, with 'seams' that defy known technology, giving rise to theories of previous civilizations being actually more advanced than the commonly taught linear history suggests.

Göbekli Tepe in Turkey, UNESCO's World Heritage Site, is known as a neolithic architecture site, referencing an estimated time of now nearly 10,000 years before the designated zero year 'before christ' or 'before common era', depending on who's writing the history books. The immense stones, the largest weighing an estimated 900 tons, show straight 'cuts' that are truly impressive as to how they got there, and how they were 'made', and what they may



have been used for. Academic archeologists will retain the narrative they've been taught and pass on for the most part, however, more exposure of unique and unexplained unveiled 'sites' are having an impact on what our history and time lines may actually be.

In Cambodia there's Angkor Wat that is a megastructure using advanced hydraulic technology. In addition to the awesome sandstone towers, the canals, dykes and water ways at such scale make it a fascinating and true mystery as to why the structure was setup in this magnificent manner. South America is host to sites now becoming more well known and further questioning the history of our planet, with sites like Sacsayhuamán in Cusco Peru, with immense pillowing 'stones' that a razor blade cannot slide in between the joints. Look up what is called "Star Forts" and you'll be amazed to see similar designs built with water surrounding the 'forts' all over the world, from West Point NY and more in the US, to all over Europe and beyond. Why were the stone structures and the water designed in this fashion and why don't we do this now?

Photo Robert Shantz



Locally, some interesting set of stones that are cut in non 'naturally decaying' patterns, can be found south of Blanding UT. Recently getting more attention on Google maps, you used to be able to see the jagged 90 degree angles along the edge of a mesa, at time of print, the images are now blurred. Muley Point and Muley Point East, SW of Valley of the Gods, are overlooks providing panoramic views of Utah and Arizona, as part of Glen Canyon National Recreation area. What or who made these cut rocks, with so much rock decay all over the canyons, why in this spot are they specifically apparently cut in right angles? More mysteries for us 21st century humans to research.



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Best of Show also won the Best Classic, Congratulations to J.R. Sellers, with his 1929 Ford Sedan Delivery vehicle.

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Four Seasons development in Mountain Village Telluride, is said to be closing on the old Rim Rock hotel property in Naturita CO, likely to be refurbished for subsidized housing for around 150 employees according to the report in the San Miguel Forum. Becoming an expanded “bedroom” community for the workers in Telluride who can’t afford to live in the resort town they work in, is a common development and expansion in many communities that surround expensive high end towns and cities. There is a SMART — San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation — bus stop outside of the hotel which would facilitate commuting transportation for employees of Telluride businesses.

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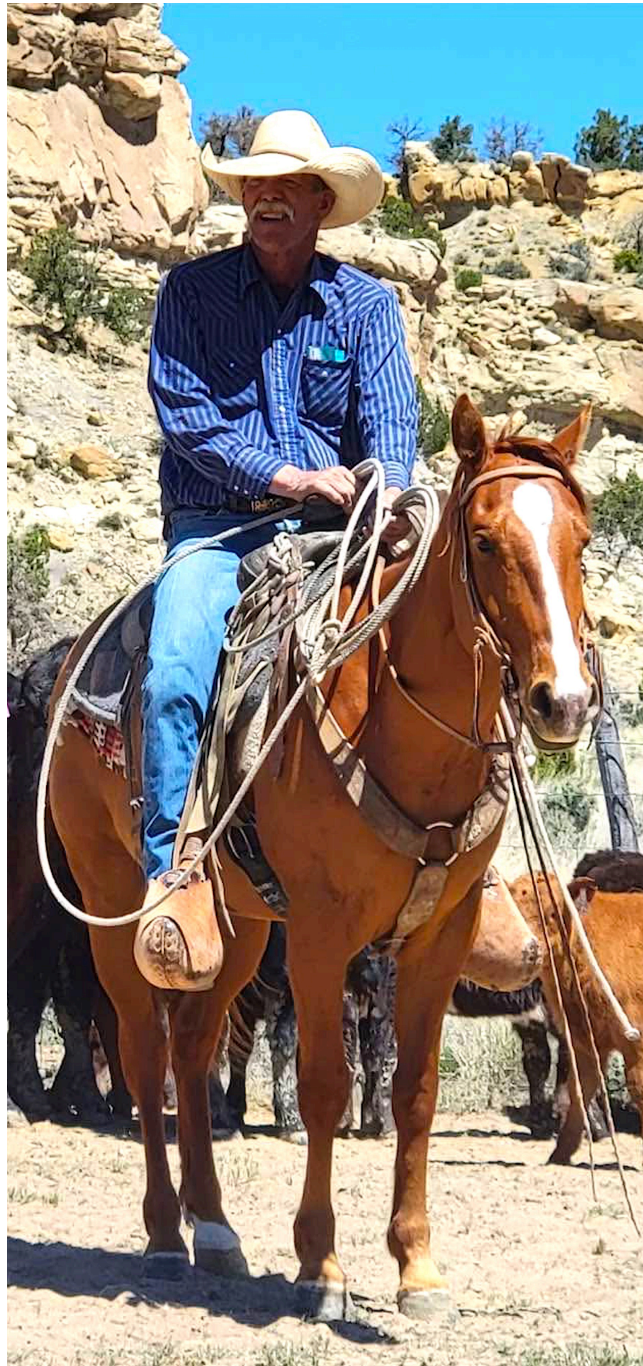
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It's really cool to see the interest in the cowboy, that seems to have exploded around the world. When I started out, it was totally personal, I had listened to my dad and uncle tell countless stories about their adventures on ranches, I had friends and more relatives that had experienced it in some form or fashion. I had a couple of older uncles, I met one of them, Gene Avery, and Clarence Avery. I had the privilege when I was pretty small to visit with Uncle Gene a few times, he told me a few stories and I was mesmerized. Never got to meet Uncle Clarence, he had passed sometime before I was born, but I guess according to my dad and a few others, he would ride your bucking horses and rope your wild cattle, and possibly drink your whiskey, I guess he was quite the rounder..... Anyway I was on a mission to learn the cowboy trade, and yes, I didn't come close to knowing what I thought I knew. I got lined out so many times, I was questioning whether I was gonna make it or not. But I guess that's what it's all about, staying hooked through the good and the bad. As time passed over the years, the ass eatings got to be fewer and the attaboys came a little bit more. So I've been a mile or two since those days, raised a family, all the while figuring I wasn't doing my kids any favors by making them live the life that I loved, but I've visited with them here and there and they seem to be good with it. I guess where I'm going with all this is, although I'm somewhat of an old man now,



I've run into some of the up and coming Cowboys/cowgirls on some of these ranches in the last few years that seem to somewhat look up to me because I lived the life that I thought nobody else wanted to. I realize I'm not, but some of these kids that think a lot of me treat me like royalty, all because I'm a COWBOY!!!! How cool is that!!!

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For the Love of Food

By Kendra Cook

Beef brisket is a favorite dish for summer BBQ, with everyone having their own favorite recipe. The Dove Creek traditional beef pit cook takes 2000 lbs of beef seasoned and wrapped in cooking bags then burlap sacks, layered in the dug out dirt pit that has been heated with wood fire and kept hot after reburied for another day and a half! That's ambitious for a family cook, but if you don't own a smoker, electric or special grill setup, can you make a smoked brisket in your oven? Yes.

Some name it 'faux-b-que' and indeed, it's not going to knock your socks off with a ton of smokey flavor, but for some, a little less smoke is preferred.

Line a baking sheet with foil extend over the edge for the wrap around. The brisket should be rinsed and dried, and laid on the sheet fat side down. Next is the oven smoke juice - a marinade I found from Uncle Jerry's Kitchen online. This 'juice' consists of proportions of molasses, liquid smoke, Worcestershire sauce, and chipotle sauce or sauce from a can of the peppers. I like to add minced garlic, additional brown sugar to taste, and thinly sliced onions.



Coat the brisket with the liquid, flip to fat side up, and continue to smother the meat in this marinade. Season with salt and pepper and optionally celery seeds. Wrap the meat well sealed in the foil, and place in the 220 degree oven for 8-9 hours - or a big slow cooker can do (without the foil). To finish it with a 'bark like' top you can set it under a broiler for a few minutes. Taking it out of the heat, allow it to rest for 10 minutes before slicing.

Ingredients

Brisket:

1 4-6 pound beef brisket

"Smoke Juice" Marinade:

1 Tbsp molasses

1 tsp liquid smoke

2 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce

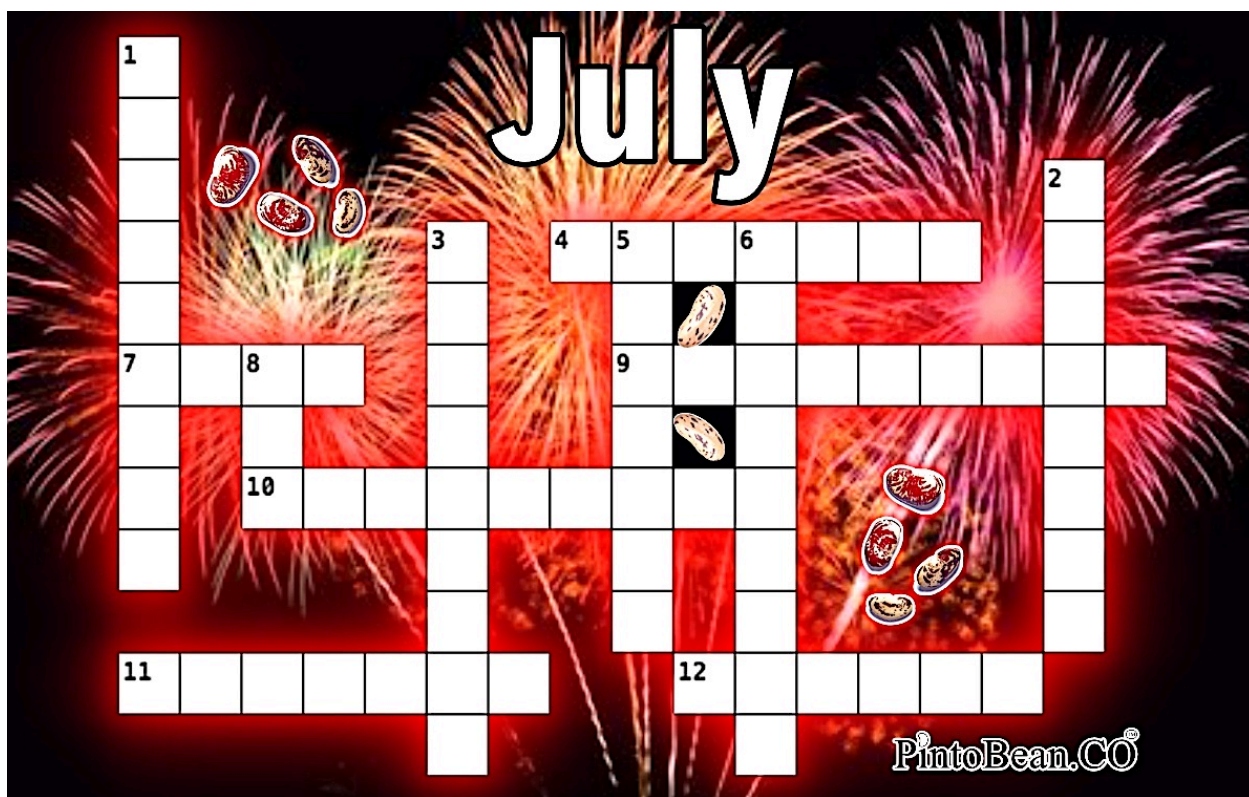
1 -2 Tbsp chipotle sauce (Or the liquid from a can of chipotle peppers in adobo sauce)

1tsp minced garlic

1/2 c brown sugar

medium onion

salt and pepper to taste



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- 4. Biggest signature on American Constitution
- 7. Birthstone in July rarer than diamonds
- 9. Chinese developed incendiary devices
- 10. July month name prior to Julius Caesar
- 11. Summer weather pattern of afternoon rains
- 12. Zodiac sign July and medical term

- 1. Most popular bar drink tequila based
- 2. Dove Creek's 69th celebration farmer miner Independence Day event
- 3. CO reservoir named after this critter
- 5. Local popular crop grown on irrigated fields
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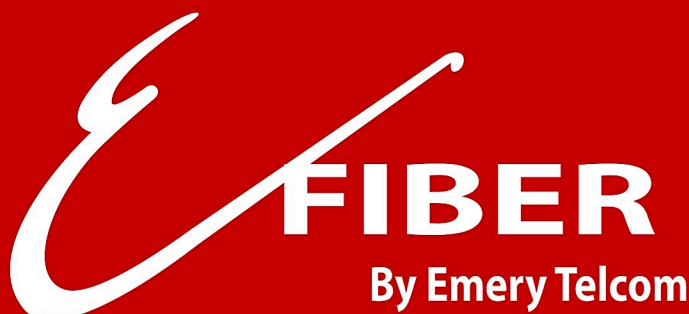
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