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Will there be an October Surprise?

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By Kendra Cook

The Forbidden Fruit... or Simply Fabulous

are you waiting for?

Courtesy Photos

'An apple a day keeps the doctor away' - well, they say that was true when real clean heritage apples were the norm. Thankfully, in SW Colorado, there are plenty of enthusiasts working to grow back an agricultural niche, and more, from bringing back species, to developing cooperatives, and enhancing the whole apple juice and cider scene.

Apple, pomme, Apfel, manzana, delicious fruits of a tree, with a wide range of varieties, a good and healthy food and very common in so much of our western diet; Apple sauce for all ages, apple juice, apples in deserts, apples in savory dishes, or simply a good raw apple to bite into or slice up. (see page 15 for a fun recipe)

In SW Colorado, an organization called MORP Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project (montezumaorchard.org) has been working diligently to restore old orchards, old varieties, and collectively work in the whole arena to create connections for apples and growers! Co-founders Jude and Addie Schuenemeyer together with the Montezuma County Historical Society, created MORP in 2008, "with the belief that the remarkable orchard culture and economy that once thrived in southwestern Colorado could be rebuilt." according to their website. This part of the four corners was once a thriving fruit growing center in the 1800s and early 1900s. Montezuma County was 'renowned for its quality fruit, winning three gold medals at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis MO. "By 2014, the effort organized into a non profit, and has since established school, community and conservation orchards to preserve Colorado's rare and endangered apple cultivars. Do you have more apples than you can handle? MORP and local cider makers seek your apples! MORP uses the apples for their juice production, selling juice to sustain their programs and efforts. Visit them at the Orchard Social Sat. Oct. 12th in Dolores the town, 13729 Road 29, 11am to 4pm. Lots of fall fun and an opportunity to buy your own tree. And recently they have added the ability to ship certain varieties through ordering online as well. The fall is a great time to plant an apple or fruit tree. What

MORP is not the only one looking for the desirable fruit! Fenceline Cider's Community Pick returns this year, as Mancos area orchards are invited to contribute their 2024 apple harvests to potentially become a Fenceline cider. Engaging the community, they assist those with trees on their properties in transforming their orchards into profitable venues, all while reducing the waste of unused fruit.

Last year they boasted a yield of 127,331 pounds of fruit from more than 75 different locations in Montezuma and La Plata Counties. If you are interested in this project, schedule ahead for a drop off, call 970-533-4005. If you enjoy a delicious hard cider, be sure to take some time at their taproom or patio, weather permitting, at 141 S Main Street, Mancos, CO.

If you visit Nucla CO, their 8th Annual Heritage Festival is held Oct. 5, driven by the AppleCore Project out of Norwood, their goal also is to preserve Western Colorado's fruit heritage and save rare genetics throughout San Miguel and Montrose Counties. (applecoreproject.org) At the event they will be pressing local heirloom apples in an old time press, while showcasing the many area varieties.

So although October is often taken over by pumpkins, you can look to a revitalization of the age old apple, to keep you happy and fill your fall with a new/old love.



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We all must work together for a successful election in November

By Lana Hancock

In Dolores County, we all know a lot about community. We look out for each other's children. We check in on our neighbors. And in November, we'll come together to create a safe and fair election.

As your county clerk and recorder, it's my responsibility to put in place that process that guarantees every vote counts and that you trust the results. But as with many things in our community, I can't do it alone. I need your active participation. Here are three ways you can help.

Make sure your voter registration is up to date. If you've moved or had other changes to your information, take a second to visit https://govotecolorado.gov to update your information. My office receives daily, weekly and monthly updates to voter roles, but there's no substitute for your confirmation.

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Dove Creek Bulldogs Sports teams start out very strong this fall. The HS Football 8-man team stands at a 4-0 record going in to October where they will meet their rival Mancos on the 4th.



Girls Volleyball is hitting their stride with a record of 12 to 1 as they head into October.



Dolores County School October 2024

Oct 2 MS Volleyball @Mancos

Oct 1-2 FFA Hesperus Leadership

Oct 3 MS Football Playoffs

Oct 4 HS Volleyball (H) Center HS Football @Mancos

Oct 5 MS Volleyball (H) Our HS Volleyball @Ouray PEE WEE FOOTBALL

Oct 7 MS Basketball First Practice

Oct 8 HS Volleyball @Monticello

Oct 10 Mid Term

MS Baskeball @Nucla

Oct 11 HHS Volleyball (H)Norwood FFA BIG conference HS Football (H) Norwood

Oct 12 MS Volleyball SJBL Tourn. HS Volleyball (H) Monte Vista

Oct 15 MS Basketball (H) Ouray

Oct 16 Board Meeting

Oct 18 HOMECOMING

Oct 19 Homecoming Dance
MS Basketball @Mancos Quad

Oct 21 Knowledge Bowl @Ridgway

Oct 22 MS Basketball @Mancos HS Volleyball @Nucla

Oct 24 MS Basketball @Dolores FFA Speaking Night

Oct 25 HS Football @Sargent

Oct 26 HS Volleyball @Ignacio

Oct 29 MS Basketball @Telluride

Nov 1 HS Football (H) Sanford

Nov 2 HS Volleyball @Ridgway

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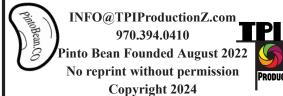
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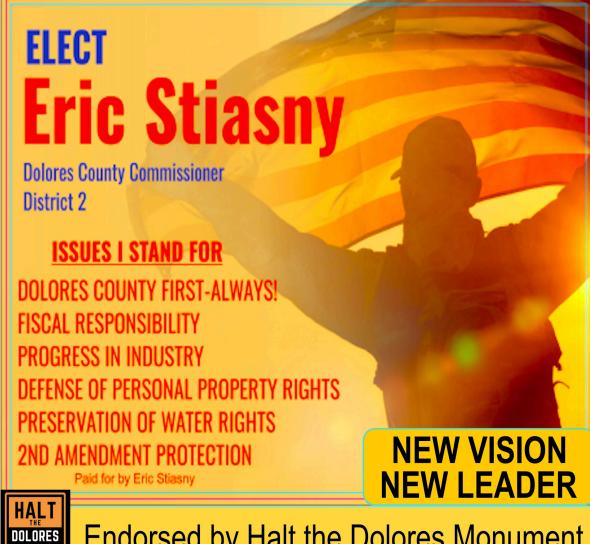
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This will allow you to be notified in real-time when my office receives your ballot and prepares it for counting. Make a plan for how you will ensure your ballot is returned by 7 p.m. on Nov. 5. You'll receive your mail ballot by Oct. 21. If your ballot doesn't arrive by that date, reach out to my office so we can reissue your ballot.

We have three convenient ways to vote in Dolores County. You can fill out the ballot you receive in the mail and return it to the mail by Oct. 28. Or, you can fill out the ballot you receive in the mail and drop it in a convenient drop box located in the front lobby of our office on North Main Street in Dove Creek. If you'd prefer to vote in person, you can do that at the Voter Service and Polling Center also located in our office at 409 N. Main St. in Dove Creek. It's important to remember that we must have your ballot by 7 p.m. on Nov. 5. Postmarks do not count.

This year's ballot will include a number of important statewide questions and local issues. And, of course, it is a presidential and congressional election year as well. You can see a sample ballot at our website https://dolocnty.colorado.gov Clerk and Recorder Dept, under the elections tab if you'd like to get a head start on researching your votes. In the coming weeks, you'll receive a booklet, commonly called the Blue Book, sent to you by state government staff that includes a non-partisan analysis of each statewide question. You may also receive a notice from local jurisdictions proposing a question connected to the Taxpayer Bill of Rights also known as TABOR.



As your elected clerk and recorder, I appreciate your help in ensuring that our election is safe and accurate. As with all things in our community, we all have a role to play.

The Dolores County Clerk and Recorders office serves the Dolores County residents. Services provided by the office include recording of important documents such as land titles and deeds, the processing of Dolores County new car registrations, license plates and tags and other auto-related documents, issuing of marriage licenses, and running elections for federal, state and local candidates and issues, as well as registering voters.

MOTE PHYLIS DANS

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR DOLORES COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

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.



" 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. "

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

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Elections—A Different View

By Dexter Gill

Election time is coming, **November 5th**; ballots for early voting come out **October 14th.** Candidates are all asking you to vote for them, "pick me, pick me, giving you the sense of power controlling their destiny! The decision is yours! "Choose you this day, whom you will serve", Joshua 24:15. Whoa!, they are to serve ME not me serve them! Correction, the elected officials "represent" you and many thousands more, all with differing values and desires, before the next higher authority in governance to maintain order under the Constitution and subsequent laws.

So who do I vote for to represent me and the other 300,000 people with all differing values? We have lift off of space ship USSA, Come in, come in, do you hear me now? Houston, we have a problem, we have drifted into an unplanned drift orbit, do we continue or can we get back on the original planned orbit? A vote of 1/3 of people on board say they want to get back to planet earth, 1/3 want to stay in the drift since it is free, the other 1/3 wants to know if the Broncos won and want more THC gummies.

In 1787, a new Constitution was developed to bring together the very different groups of peoples/states, for very specific and limited goals of common protection, economy and freedoms. Under a Republican form of government, (ie) the people picked their leaders to serve at the will of the people to govern under the Constitution. That elicited Ben Franklin's famous quote of "you now have a Republic, IF you can keep it". We have not! The "peoples" government has





failed to govern following the basic first principles of freedoms - life, liberty and private ownership. Our Constitution and economic system of Capitalism has gradually been adulterated and transformed into Godless Socialism.

Since the 1950's, many have predicted that our Capitalistic system would collapse and we would fall into Socialism, with the becoming Serfs under government they created! That is now in process, and the upcoming election will determine the future!!! The Constitution was developed following the basic tenets of the Holy Bible. Will we representatives and leaders that will be of the same mind, to follow those tenets of the Bible and Constitution in all matters, including new legislation? Who will you choose to follow? As for me, I will choose the Lord and as Joshua did, move forward in the battle!

Our space ship is floating in orbit, will we choose to stay in the socialist orbit or return to basics? That is the choice we each must make! Voting in a Joshua, does not solve the problem or win the battle. We have told our elected leaders, we will hold you accountable to your oath to do the job. Your vote for a leader is equally a stated commitment, to follow, back up and support the leader! That is from School board, County Commissioner to President!

CO BALLOT FIREARM AMMO TAX

By Dewey Cheatham



Taxing sales of guns and ammunition in Colorado is on the ballot as **Proposition** KK. To vote yes, would impose a 6.5% excise tax on the purchases of firearms, firearm parts, and ammunition, and use that revenue for crime victim services, mental health services for veterans and youth, and school safety programs (from the Blue Book). Any new taxes require a vote by the public to enact. Currently there is a federal retail tax of 10% for handguns, 11% for all other firearms and all ammunition. The feds the revenue to fund wildlife conservation and hunting programs. In CO, retail sales of firearms, parts and ammunition are already subject to state and local sales taxes applied to most goods.



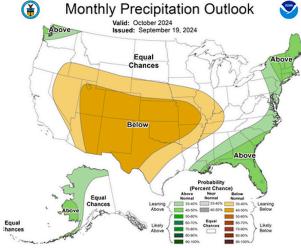


Three is an exemption for sellers with annual sales less than \$20K, as well as sales to law enforcement officers, agencies, and active duty military members. Private sales are also not subject to the new proposed tax. There is extensive info in the blue book backing up both pro and con positions.

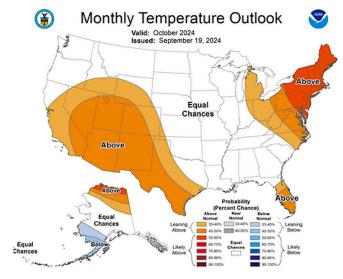
A common sense reaction is that this is a penalty fee on gun owners or would be owners, making it more expensive to legally own firearms and ammunition - a 2nd amendment right, making it less affordable to low income citizens. It seems to be part of an ongoing attack on our ability for self defense in an ever growing world of aggressive threats, for alternative agendas. Do your research and weigh the big picture pros and cons. One last question to consider, are your governing agencies managing the funds they currently have to the best outcome.. do you trust that more funding in this manner actually will help create better mental health, school safety, and victim services.







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I'm committed to improving communication and ensuring that there is transparency to the community. With financial uncertainty ahead, we need strong, experienced leadership for our County. I have lived in Dove Creek for the past 3.5 years and enjoy our farm life and all of the natural beauty Dolores County has to offer.

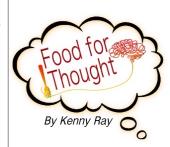
A County Commissioner's primary reponsibility is to provide leadership to county operations and to have fiscal oversight to the County, and its community. With my leadership and business experience of 40+ years, I am confident that we can move Dolores County forward while maintaining and protecting the life that we all love.

I will ensure there is INTEGRITY - HONESTY - ACCOUNTABILITY for YOU! Looking forward to serving as YOUR Dolores County Commissioner. I would appreciate your support in the upcoming November 5th election. Questions or Concerns Please contact me 970-394-0080

Dolores County District 3

By the end of October we usually see the cold settling in for the long winter months, even though there's one more month of 'fall'.

OCTOBER WEATHER **HOT & DRY FALL**



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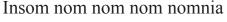
except yourself.

A friend asked me what the 9th letter of the alphabet was, it was a complete guess, but I was right



What do you call a hunter without a body or a nose? No body knows...

There's an actual clinical name for when you can't sleep at night, but go to the fridge and eat....





OCT WHAT'S UP

Birth Flowers – Calendula / Marigold Birth Stone – Opal / Tourmaline Zodiac Signs – Libra - Scorpio

Oct 4 Natl Taco Day

Oct 7 Natl Child Health Day

Oct 8 Natl Newspaper Carrier Day

Oct 9 Intl Beer and Pizza Day

Oct 11 Yom Kippur

Oct 12 Natl Farmers Day

Oct 14 Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day

Oct 22 Intl Stuttering Awareness Day

Oct 24 UN Day

- New Moon Oct 2 Oct 28 Natl 1st Responders Oct 17 - Full Moon

Oct 30 Mischief night

Oct 17 - Perigee

Oct 31 Halloween

Oct 2/29 - Apogee

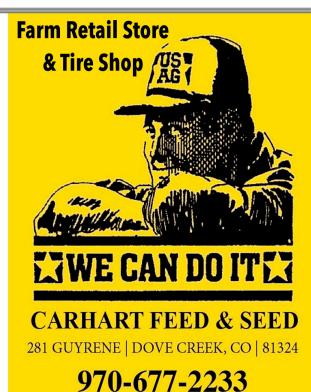
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Colorado: NO on Proposition 127 By Adam Warren

I remember a million years ago as a 10 year old, going on my first hunting trip with my dad. We were camping on the state ground at the boom of the switchbacks on the Lone Cone. Dad was pulling the camper with Goldie, a two toned gold and white 1974 Chevy Blazer. Dad, mom, me and my 3 sisters were headed to elk camp. It was usually just a camping trip for us kids and mom while dad went hunting because we were loud and couldn't keep up. But this one me, dad had decided I was finally old enough to tag along. I was so excited to go that I could hardly sleep. We got up early enough to drive around past Groundhog and up onto the Lone Cone where we would walk through to camp. We got out of the truck and started climbing the infamous Blue Ridge. I had been listening to stories about hunting on Blue Ridge for as long as I had been alive. I'd always heard the stories of Dad making it to the top of the ridge before daylight, seeing elk hundreds of yards away and putting a stalk on or setting up for some long-range shooting with his trusty 7MM Mag. I was finally going to get to be a part of it. The promise of the sun coming up was given away by the first stripes of pink and purple in the eastern sky at our backs. The air was crisp in the early morning, and I was thankful for my orange stocking cap mom had forced me to wear. We were climbing up the side of Blue Ridge when Dad stopped to lean against a tree. It seemed like a great idea as I was gasping for air. So, I leaned against the tree next to him. As a 4 foot something tall kid, in oak brush and aspens I couldn't see much. Little did I know there was a 4-point buck in Dad's crosshairs, and he wasn't leaning on a tree for a break. He was using it as a rest. The world exploded with the sound of the magnum sending a bullet through the rib cage of this buck. He dropped in his



tracks. In my recollection, I'm at least 85% certain I didn't scream or pee when the gun went off, but I can promise that it scared the bejeesus out of me. I walked up on the young buck laying in the grass on the steep slope in awe of the moment. I understood how important the circle of life is and had a great respect for the animals that fed us. As a kid growing up, we didn't go out to eat unless we were away from home on a trip. That wasn't a luxury we could afford. We ate a lot of beans and vegetables grown from our garden. We never would have gone hungry but times were hard then and deer and elk meat were a staple in our diet thanks to dad's hunting ability. We field dressed the buck and put him where he would stay in the shade for the majority of the day and went on hunting. We raced the sunrise to the top of Blue Ridge. When we reached the crest of the ridge, I knew it was one of the most beauful sites I would ever see in my life. Off the ridge we had just climbed, you could see pockets of dark timber broken up by meadows and streams. On the other side of the ridge was a big steep valley with meadows and aspen groves growing on hillsides so steep you would have to grab branches to help pull yourself up. We sat on top of the ridge watching for anything that moved. There they were! I had spotted a herd! There was a herd of 9 cows and a legal bull on the other ridge about 800 yards

away. They were on the move and headed down into a pocket of aspen. We watched them go in and they never came out. We had devised a plan. I would walk down through the aspens and push them out. Dad would be waing on a hill, with a good line of sight, so he could shoot the bull when he came out. Well being a 10 year old, I went off the hill excited to be an important part of the hunt. Unfortunately when you get into big country without much experience looking for landmarks, you're just as likely to walk through the wrong patch of trees as you are to walk through the right patch of trees. That's exactly what happened. I got too far downhill and pushed the wrong trees. I climbed the hill back to dad. He was calm about it and we went down to the right patch of trees together. As luck would have it, the bull broke out where I could see him but not where dad could see him. He had escaped. The rest of the hike through to camp was just as incredible. We stopped to eat lunch and a much bigger buck than the 4 point we had killed walked out under us on the hill about 20 yards away. Continued on page 12





Dolores County CO / Dove Creek Ambulance District voters will have this measure to vote yes or no Nov 5 2024:

Local Ballot Measures

Dove Creek Ambulance District Ballot Issue

SHALL DOVE CREEK AMBULANCE DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$550,000 ANNUALLY (\$225,000 IN 2025) AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FROM A SALES TAX TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2025 AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED 2%, SUCH SALES TAX TO BE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TAXES LEVIED BY THE DISTRICT, WITH THE THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, SUPPLIES, AND OPERATING COSTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: AVOIDING SERVICE LEVEL CUTS AND MAINTAINING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIMES; IMPROVING RESPONSE TIMES IN DEFICIENT AREAS: PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SAFETY AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING REPLACEMENT OF AGING EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING DOVE CREEK AMBULANCE DISTRICT FACILITIES AS WELL AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES TO MAINTAIN CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE COMMUNITY NEEDS?



The Dove Creek Ambulance District (DCAD) serves as a crucial provider of emergency medical services (EMS) for residents in Western Dolores County, CO. Originally established in the early 1950s by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post as the Dove Creek Volunteer Ambulance Service, the organization has evolved significantly to meet the needs of its growing community.

The service transitioned into a special government district in 2015. This change, supported by local voters, led to the implementation of a 2.5 mill levy (property tax) in 2016, initially generating about \$360,000 for the ambulance service's budget. However, funding from the mill levy has since steadily declined, contributing only \$220,000 this year - a reduction that threatens the sustainability of the district's operations.

During this period, DCAD has also contended with a 173% increase in the minimum wage, a 127% rise in ambulance costs, a 4% annual increase in medical supply prices, and a 4.2% increase in call volume since 2018. Despite these challenges, DCAD has managed to maintain its services using reserve funds and grants, although these are not reliable longterm solutions.

At this juncture, DCAD is looking to the 2% sales tax to generate the funds to enable enhancements such as replacing the aging vehicle, update facility systems, and offering more competitive wages to attract and retain qualified providers. Alternatively, if more funds are not acquired, DCAD has discussed reverting to volunteer service or to BLS only service (basic life support).

To find out more about the DCAD you can contact them at (970) 394-6266 or email chief.dcad@icloud.com

Into the Fire





Homeowners all across the west are being dropped from their insurance carriers for the simple reason of where they live. Wildfires and natural disasters from a worsening climate change are to blame. But is it really? The catastrophic wildfires due are to mismanagement of our forests, not climate change. Common sense and technology show us how to slow the spread of wildfires and protect homes and property. Timber removal, buffer zones and prescribed burns of overgrowth in the forests are the tools to solve this exact problem. So why aren't we utilizing it more?

Wilderness Areas and Monuments, and understaffed federal agencies are preventing and delaying all fire mitigation and fire fighting efforts. If the BLM and the Forest's Service hands weren't tied by bureaucracy brought on by expensive environmental lawsuits and the "let it burn naturally" mentality, then we wouldn't have the catastrophes we have today. Those mismanaged policies are forcing insurance companies to drop their long term, pay-their-premium-faithfully-every-month customers, based solely on their zip code.



(Photo: CO School of Public Health)

Grazing techniques can be efficiently utilized more to manage the undergrowth, but expensive lawsuits by anti-human and anti-invasive species (cows) organizations are overburdening our public land agencies where money and feelings, not science, is a driving factor in land management decisions. That leads me to water.

Runoff from previous burn scars rechanneling native streams and altering the flow of water and its depth. We have seen the effects of flooding on homes and neighborhoods based on where they live and the path of least resistance that the water travels. But are we taking advantage of the abundance of water that God is giving us? We are not building more reservoirs or expanding storage capabilities to capture the runoff but instead we are removing dams and allowing the rivers to flow freely once again. But at what cost? Massive amounts of debris flow, water quality, and uncontrollable flows are detrimental to homes, land and wildlife. Which brings me to the 5th amendment of the United States Constitution which is the Takings Clause.

In Armstrong v. United States, the Supreme Court explained the basis for the Fifth Amendment's just compensation guarantee further, stating that the doctrine "was designed to bar Government from forcing some people alone to bear public burdens which, in all fairness and justice, should be borne by the public as a whole." So because the federal agencies are sued into submission by environmental organizations to mismanage our land and water; wouldn't all fairness and justice state that the federal government provide fair and reasonable compensation to homeowners whose insurance has been dropped and whose safety and security is in jeopardy because of policies forced upon them?

My interpretation says yes.

Commentary - RANK VOTING

By Dewey Cheatham

"Ranked Choice Voting", on the November Ballot in Colorado: It is said to do away with the major two party primaries, being replaced with a system of second choice votes, third and fourth, that all factor in to who gets elected. On the proposition, this will affect only certain positions - all on the state level. It is confusing, and offers itself to a new range of political and money backed maneuverings to get to the first choice winner.

Some feel the Democratic party is no longer representative of what its members believed it to be, while many Republicans aren't a fan of how that structured party is working either. The US has had many 'parties' come and go over the past two hundred plus years, and there are those who would say the red and blue parties we have today are just two wings of the same bird. While we elect a "President", every four years, all of the elements behind the scenes keep things going without representing 'the people's choice'. Is the voting process just a way to placate the masses to feel like our voice is being heard? Is it time for shaking up the old system? Is 'ranked voting' the best way to do that?

In Colorado, a bill "recently passed by the state legislature forbids ranked-choice voting at the state level until it has been tried in 12 Colorado municipalities in counties of a certain size and with a specific demographic makeup." reported in Colorado

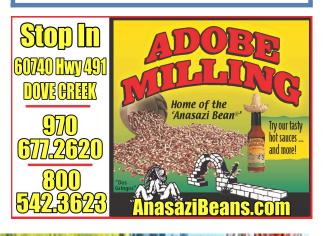


Politics. So if this does pass, it may take quite a while to enact the system. CP goes on to explain ranked voting: "voters will rank the four candidates 1, 2, 3 and 4. If no candidate gets a majority of the vote on the first round, the fourth-place candidate is removed and their second-, third- and fourth-place votes are distributed to the other candidates. This process goes on until one candidate has a majority of the votes and wins the election."

If you thought there was trouble in the system we have with transparency and responsibility within the voting structure, many who have tried this, have found it to be even worse in the end. Do your own research, and then be sure to make your vote count on Proposition 131.

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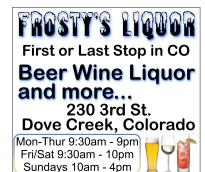
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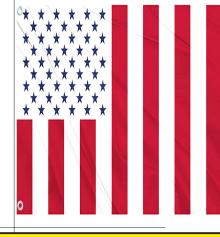






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What's on My Mind?



October 2024



You are Your Savior

Hang on for the October ride!

Perhaps like many of you, I feel like we are living in a James Bond movie; evil world powers trying to dominate, manipulate, with dangerous crazed villains, take over plots, staged pyrotechnic scenes, biological weapons, and more. All we are missing is a bald cat.. oh. Never mind, we have the insane cat memes too. Watch one 'news' channel and you hear about joy and togetherness, pride and good times a plenty... if you vote one way. Which critical thinkers see as absolute total hogwash, as that 'candidate' has already had the power to make changes, while those with hope and no facts are enamored with it.

Then listen to alternative outlets that are being oppressed and censored to keep their information from getting to the masses, and you hear whistle blowers in the secret service talking about stand downs, homeland security saying there are five 'teams' in the US they know of trying to kill the other political candidate, the actual economy showing a collapse ahead, a potential coastal port strike that could devastate supply chains, and all types of previous 'conspiracy theories' coming to light as the truth.

Examples abound on attacks on the constitution and the 1st amendment, 2nd amendment, really the entire Representative Republic structure (not a democracy which is rule by the majority, no voice for the few.)

The "Founders" of this unique nation supposedly created a system that would be the fairest mechanisms for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The bottom line seems to be a big choice for the upcoming Presidential election - bring the country towards the basics it was founded on as a Republic - or progressively move into Socialism, Communism or worse, where 'equity' does not mean 'equality' - and expansion on unabashed surveillance, from your car, to your phone, your TV to every corner in the cities, is not there to protect, but to keep you 'in line' with the powers that be, so this is your human dystopic future.

I had wanted to include a review of the newest David Icke book this month, the third of a trilogy called "The Reveal - the next stage of human awareness". Though it's 'out there' for most people, the thoroughly researched and referenced topics, issues, and projections, really provide a perspective most have not considered, yet.. the short story is that there is always more to learn. My take away is once again looking at the bigger picture and where we, as individuals that are part of a whole, really fit in with this crazy thing called life. And death of the body. These 'election' choices we are convinced we have, may or may not determine our personal outcome for the next four years or more. But one idea to think on, is that any choice we make in accepting a governing position, will not be our savior. You are your answer. The choices you make, the learning you undertake, the journey while here, where ever that is, will be what shapes and makes your world.

The countdown to this major election should be quite the piece of history, and yet just one part of the big puzzle of how we as a people, and a nation, move forward, along with our part in the world. After the Nov 5th day has come and gone, it is very likely that the next 76 days to inauguration will be even more chaotic. Perhaps at some point, we will respond to our evolving world simulation in a more positive and self empowering manner, instead of cowering into the fearful mode of 'things' being out of our hands - out of control.

Take control. Little by little, in one facet or another of your own life right in front of you. Making those choices ultimately will be much more important than the choices of this governing scenario. Though you may feel there is a great divide between 'parties' and 'platforms', you might be surprised how similar the actual long term agendas are. The big picture.

I have no crystal ball to say what the "October Surprise" could be in 2024, there are so many shocking stories being told, but whatever comes our way, you are the one with the power to determine how you react to it. Elect to vote YES for YOU this year, and for "Team Humanity". That, to me, is the best choice to make.

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Dove Creek CO Community Center's 32nd Annual Christmas Bazaar

Date: 11/2/24 Saturday Time: 10:00 am till 2:00 pm Cost: \$25 per table, plus completed Vendor Contract

Come get a jump on your holiday shopping and enjoy some great food and holiday treats!

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Vendors must complete a vendor contract and must also contact Kristy Chadd to verify booth reservations. To sign up for a table or for more information please contact



Dove Creek

Community Center and Recreation Department

HOMECOMING WEEK DOVE CREEK

Starts Oct 14th - theme is

"Dancing Through the Decades." Dress up days MS/HS:

Monday - Class decade (different decades) Tuesday - Bring anything but a backpack to carry your school supplies (no live animals) Wednesday - Dress like Adam Sandler

Thursday - Blue and Gold

Elementary school will release their days in the newsletter provided to parents.

Parade Thursday Oct 17th at 3pm

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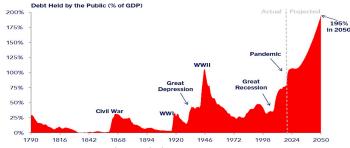
Long time resident of Dove Creek, Colorado, Ricky left this world on June 19th 2024. Ricky was born May 2, 1958 in St. Louis Missouri to Reuben Allen and Della Norlene (Turner) Cash.

He passed away July 19th 2024 at the Mancos Valley Inn Hospice after a long term illness, he was 66 years old.

While his departure brings great sorrow, we chose to celebrate his life.

Services are pending, internment will be in the Dove Creek Cemetery. Thank you to family and friends for your supprt.

Stag-flation - all about your Bucks



Financial Commentary

By Miso Poh

There's lot's of discussion about the fate of the US dollar - the possibility of the price of gold going to \$2600-\$3000 per ounce by the end of 2024 (don't forget to look at Silver as a good investment with room grow) - will the 'petro-dollar' as the world reserve currency be superseded by another country's currency or a new digital element on blockchain? There is plenty to listen to by pundits of all types. Common citizens are aware that the dollars they do get, don't stretch as far in the grocery stores or purchases and services.

But are we really looking towards a new financial system - a new Bretton Woods moment - it's now obvious to most that nearly all world governments are pushing towards this one world order, and a one world hold, over financial mechanisms.

The interest payment on the US debt has surpassed one trillion dollars gross recently - all of our income is going to pay the interest on the debt. A promised, "soft landing" is no where close to happening. There should be a lot of rate reductions coming, which puts us into fighting a recession but perhaps resulting in sky rocketing inflation and the horrible 'stagflation'. If you're not familiar, Stagflation is defined as (for today, they keep changing definitions); inflation, with slow economic growth and a high unemployment rate. Stagflation is tied to low productivity, and supply shortages. A coastal port strike and the supply comes to a halt. Not good.

Obviously rates have been too high for too long. The latest rate cut was in the early days of project COVID. The interest rate reduction is supposed to stimulate the economy - but if you don't have any money to spend, there is nothing to spend. Debt is so huge with wages down, taxes sky high, so the interest rates lowering may not have the affect they really want and imagine. Again, they will be forced to print their way out - so that inflation gets worse. But how long can this last?

For all those living at the margin, this looks to be very bad - we may avoid a recession and head to stagflation which is in fact, worse. Look for the economy slowing down, loosing jobs, people have less while prices go up. Late 1970s we hit the similar situation. Look to rates lowering, then they will have to go back up again.

Gold and silver does well when interest rates go up to try to slow down inflation. When interest rates come down, it usually signals to the public that there should be economic expansion, however you'll see where silver is needed in the industrial demand, along with those investing in precious metals as a safe haven, the pricing looks to go up for a complexity of issues. Saudi Arabia secretly bought 160 tonnes of gold in September. Along with many of the BRICS nations - they want to back their own currencies with real assets ie gold, knowing what's coming, as each wants to be the world reserve to replace the dollar.



On a local level, precious metals can be used as actual barter - no one would think we would get there, but look to Russia using gold to pay Chinese suppliers. Certain US States have allowed the use of precious metals to pay your taxes.

So we look towards another half point reduction before the end of the year - then 4 great reductions next year and two in 2026 if we get that far. Rate reduction results in flight for quality - under the pressures of escalating tensions in the middle east, in asia, ukraine, russia, houthis, hyper sonic missles and asymmetric war all over - all is an attack against western civilization. Data input keeps being manipulated with adjustments on points such as numbers of the labor market. Are we already in a chaotic point in the US and global economy and just don't recognize it or face up to the truth? Expect a harsh landing, not a soft one.

I'll look into Project Agora and its private sector partners joining this programable money project in next month's column.

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Who's Beautiful Balloon



By Sarah Toenin

Look, its a bird, it's a plane... well, it's sort of a weather balloon, but not like in the days of the 1950s. At least more people are taking a moment to look to the heavens, with a critical eye. In between the striping and geoenineering pulses and aerosols changing the previously pristine blue sky with fluffy clouds so much of the time, in September, a Stratollite Balloon was spotted from Denver to the Four Corners, shimmering white in the afternoon and early evening sky. This is not the first time a similar entity has been the talk of the town.

Back in 2019, the company that creates these next generation 'balloons', World View Enterprises (worldview.space), sent up units to test the duration and navigation of the new designs. At that time, the company was hyping its ability to not only provide better data by flying in the stratosphere at 50-70K feet elevation (most of the commercial flying is around the 35,000 feet 'troposphere') but also opening up the opportunity for 'space tourism' in these helium inflated contraptions.

Fast forward five years, and the floating attraction is much more advanced. In the case of the Sept. flights, reports were released that this unit was performing solar radiation data acquisition for NASA.

NASA has a facility labeled CSBF, the Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility, which was established in Boulder CO in 1961. It was moved and changed 'hands' several times as to its funding and operational management, it is currently managed by Peraton, a private American national security and technology company formed in 2017. "It is headquartered in Reston, Virginia. Its service areas include space,

intelligence, cyber, defense, homeland security, citizen security, and health." there remains a facility in Palestine TX, while administered through Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility on Wallop Island VA.

Salter Test Flight in Fort Sumner NM, was the launching point for this fall's balloon program campaign by NASA. Andrew Hamilton, acting chief of NASA's Balloon Program Office said on a press release, "Not only are we launching a large number of missions, but these flights set the foundation for follow-on missions from our longduration launch facilities in Antarctica, New Zealand, and Sweden." The first launch was August 21st, and the last of eight was tracking on a real time flight data tracking website called FlightRadar24.com at the end of September. There were many different experiments and missions piggybacking on the flights.



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We watched him for a couple minutes before I rolled a rock off and alerted him to our presence. He did the mule deer bounce all the way out of sight and I'll never forget it. We made it through to the camper and I told the story over and over to all three of my sisters until I had every part of the story perfected.

I'm so thankful for the opportunity to experience a trip like that. I would encourage all hunters out there to take your kid or your nephew or niece on a hunting trip. Not only will you make a lifeme memory, but they will remember it forever and you may create a hunter for life. I couldn't bear to think of a world where I wasn't afforded opportunity to hunt, to spend time in the woods. Unfortunately, there are forces at work trying to take this god given right away from us. Proposion 127 is on the Colorado ballot this year to be voted on. It would make it illegal to hunt bobcats and lions. The underlying purpose is to eliminate all hunting in Colorado. If an apex predator, (mountain lions) are allowed to have unchecked population growth, there will be no game to hunt in a very short me. Whether you are a lion hunter or not Proposition 127 will destroy your hunting heritage in Colorado. For the sake of the future of hunting,

vote NO on Proposion 127.



URAVAN CO

San Miguel Basin Forum reported: "Dr. Lesley Sebol, PhD and a senior hydrogeologist at the Colorado School of Mines, reached out to the Forum last week, since she's overseeing a study of well water in the local area this year — private wells, not municipal wells.

The Colorado Geological Survey (CGS), a department of the Colorado School of Mines, has been funded through a grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) to conduct a five-year study of baseline radionuclides and metals in groundwater, obtained from privately-owned residential water wells throughout Colorado. Right now, the study is in its third year. It's targeted different areas of the state the last two years— the West Mountains and Gunnison — and now the Uravan Belt region is up for study. CDPHE has no regulatory authority over private wells.. the study is focused on areas where Thorium and Uranium are present in the bedrock geology."



MONTICELLO UT

The SJRnews reported on the efforts in Monticello UT to keep the public safe with regard to golf carts, motorized scooters and ATVs. Both the City and Sheriff's office are examining "restrictions of Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV), scooters, and golf carts on certain city sidewalks and streets". An effort to educate the residents, both parents and children, will focus on age restrictions and safety gear. In the City meeting, it was also brought up that these vehicles need to be correctly equipped and insured, with proper registration and permits on the class of ATVs.

Safety requirements include wearing helmets and ensuring vehicles are equipped and insured, and registration and permits are in place in the case of ATV's. A special emphasis is placed on educating children about safety including making sure they understand age restrictions and required safety gear, such as helmets. The city and county also encourages parents to supervise their children and teach safe riding.

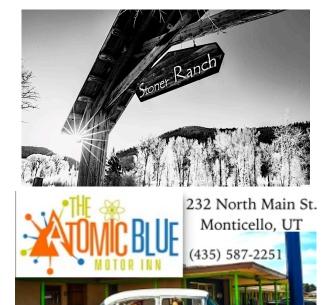
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STONER CO

The little spot near Telluride called Stoner, is the home of the historic Stoner Ranch which used to be the site of Stoner Ski Area. The current new owners are using the location for director Victoria Trofimenko to produce the first indie thriller film titled "Bonding". They planned to hire at least half of the crew from local area talent. Filming started in September, as Planet Telluride covered the story in August, reporting ""Bonding" is an indie thriller that hinges on an evening of family bonding — with a shovel. The film's plot follows three siblings who reunite at the ranch, but have a murder coverup on their hands." A press release notes that Trofimenko, a member of the European Film Academy and the Ukrainian Film Academy, is relatively new to Colorado since relocating from Ukraine and "continues to push boundaries and challenge norms".

The 300 acre Stoner Ranch is located off Highway 145. It had its start in the 1880s, where over time, outlaws are said to have stopped through including the Hells Angels and Butch Cassidy, before it became well known for skiing. Stoner Creek flows into the Dolores River, and is the name sake for the ranch. It was reported that the Colorado state film office is helping to make a student documentary on the filming of this production, with support for students attending Colorado Mesa University.





RICO CO

The new Rico playground was dedicated and opened Sept. 26th, a long term project that is very appreciated by the local residents. The old outdated playground did not meet safety standards of today, the new one exceeds not only safety levels, but also addresses the diversity of children's needs. This was made possible through a grant from GOCO - Go Outdoors Colorado. One of the highlighted features, is the Kompan Explorer Dome which provides all types of "climbing, balancing and social interaction" according to the Town's press release. An emphasis was put on imaginative engagement. They also included some of the old pieces to stand for a nod to the history of the area.



NUCLA CO

A Montrose County man is accused of starting a large wildfire this summer while trying to cremate his dog, which had earlier been ordered to be euthanized by local officials. The total reported acreage affected was listed at 7,202 acres. Police located a dugout where the man aledgely tried to perform a remembrance ceremony for his dog, including leaving a partially burned sign reading "Rocket Dog. Rest in Peace Buddy" at the location where remains of a dog were also found. There will be three felony counts brought against the man: a pair of arson charges as well as a seconddegree trespassing charge. The Bucktail fire, which was initiated on Aug. 1, also damaged several acres of private property and a cabin, according to the Montrose Press. They reported "The arrest affidavit estimates the Bucktail fire caused more than \$200,000 in damages, including damage to the cabin and privately owned land."

SAY WHAT?!?

By Linda Cunningham

They're trying to stop Donald Trump.

They thought they could stop him with indictments. It only made him stronger and more determined. They thought they could stop him by slapping a bunch of meaningless law suits against him. All that did was strengthen his resolve and encourage the pro-America and the profreedom loving Americans to stand strong and hold the line. They tried to stop him with a bullet, and by the grace of God Almighty, it just grazed him. How many people do you know could take a bullet, then stand with fist raised in defiance and yell, "fight, fight". He's "taken it on the chin" time and time again, but comes back stronger each time.

There is something "Devine" happening here, and yes, I do believe God has his hand on Donald Trump. The devil can't stand it when God's work and words are being spoken, it only makes the devil more ugly, and the Marxist leftist democrats are about as ugly as ever now.

They accuse Trump of using hateful language, and it's really them that are spewing all the hate. We MUST elect Donald Trump on November 5th, we KNOW he can fix what's broken because he's done it before, and this country and the American people can't survive another 4 years under this Marxist Evil regime.

"Much of the social history of the western world over the past 3 decades has involved replacing what worked with what sounded good".

THOMAS SOWELL

DROUGHTS TO FLOODS

By Sarah Toenin

Please stop with Climate Change already. The climate changes. Do you think no one remembers learning about the Ice Ages? Certainly there is an increase of incredible whiplashing weather - and the 'cause' certainly isn't the cows or the SUVs. Just stop it already, we the people aren't buying it! It's a control meme.

That said, the results of the extreme weather are showing us just how turbulent a 'planet' we live on. The recent hurricanes have devastated the south east, while we remain in a scorching south western landscape, with the threat of wildfires tantalizing everyone into a fearful state.

The drought isn't new here - it's been decades of persistent dry periods. We watched as the reservoirs nearly ran dry, and bounced back to a certain degree. Lake Powell is enjoyed by so many for recreation as well as the power of water. In September, officials with the National Park Service determined they were closing down a mid

Times like These Radio goes to the Dogs in Durango

Doggy FM, the first Durango radio station exclusively designed for dogs, launched at the end of September. They "Recognizing the intelligence and emotional depth of our canine companions, Doggy FM aims to provide a unique auditory experience that caters to their specific needs and interests. The station is designed to feature a carefully curated playlist of calming music, soothing soundscapes, informative content, and even dog therapy. Doggy FM offers a soothing and stimulating environment for dogs. The station's programming includes: relaxing music - nature sounds - educational content - and therapeutic sounds. If in the area you can listen in on 99.7FM, or find the live feed online on the visitfourcorners.com website. The station is a revamp of a Top 40s station recently acquired by Hutton Broadcasting.



lake fueling station named Dangling Rope Marina. This permanent closure caught some off guard. The decision was made due to low water levels, loss of water wells, and weather damage to the electrical system they said in a q&a session. They know it's important for boaters, and said they will work to find a way to provide a service, with federal funding, to design a new marina. All of those who love Lake Powell so much will be watching closely on this section.



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It's difficult to trust that once a powering marina is removed, a sufficient replacement will be forth coming. After all, the overall agenda of governing bodies is to remove the masses from 'the good spots' that rural America loves - and take that land, like in the Hunger Games, for elite use, disregarding all of us 'useless eaters' as we've been called.

It's hard to learn about 'conspiracies' showing to be truths, saying 'time will tell', as sometimes that becomes too late.

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An Apple a Day...

By kendra cook

Fall Harvest season is a fantastic flush of garden goodies, all needing to be eaten or canned or processed or stored. Apples ended up pretty plentiful in this area, while other fruit trees were hit hard by the winds and temps early on in the SW corner of Colorado. Besides apple sauce, butter (which isn't butter but more like a puree/coulis) and as on the front page - pressing the juice for drinking, freezing, or fermenting into hard cider, there are lots of ways to integrate the basic apple into some gourmet style eats! You might even want to investigate an apple chutney to pair with a fresh caught fish! This quesadilla recipe can easily be applied to a pizza or flatbread as topping too.

Recipe ..

Manzanita Quesadilla - (little apple cheese tortilla with bacon) Bake off bacon on a sheet in a 400°F oven until crispy. Drain and crumble to bigger chunks when cooled.

Thinly slice the apples, and coat with lemon juice Combine Gorgonzola to prevent browning. softened cheese with sour cream.

spread the cheese Making the quesadillas, mixture on the tortilla, arrange the apple slices on one, along with bacon and add more cheese - smoked gouda, Monterey jack or a cheddar blend, or play with a good melting cheese like



American Swiss. You can put another tortilla with the spread on top. Grill or pan cook the quesadilla turning over til both sides are crispy. Either serve with a drizzle of reduced balsamic or offer a dipping bowl of balsamic dressing. Garnish with an arrugla leaf or three for the presentation platter!

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Kokanee salmon spawn returns to CO

By kendra cook

Fall has returned to Colorado and the kokanee salmon have started to make their run for spawning season. For CO Parks and Wildlife aquatic biologists and hatchery staff, that means a busy month of collecting eggs. For fish enthusiasts, and those with a 2024 CO fishing license, or a Tribal ID card, Brunot fishing license or a state fishing license, the excitement is over bringing a cooler for the fall giveaways!

Giveaways will be at the Roaring Judy Fish Hatchery north of Gunnison, at Lake Nighthorse in Durango in November, Joe Rowell Park in Dolores twice in October, at Granby or Shadow Mountain, and possible giveaways at Wolford Mountain Reservoir. To call for whichever giveaway location you may be interested in, all of the numbers are on the CPW website. As they have had issues with too many people showing up when there were few fish, they are suggesting you call ahead. https://cpw.state.co.us



UTAH HUNTING

General-season dates

Hunt	Dates
General archery deer	Aug. 17-Sept. 13
General muzzleloader deer	Sept. 25-Oct. 3
Early general any legal weapon (rifle) deer	Oct. 9–13
General any legal weapon (rifle) deer	Oct. 19–27
General archery any bull elk*	Aug. 17—Sept. 18
General archery spike elk	Aug. 17—Sept. 6
Early general any legal weapon (rifle) any bull elk	0ct. 5–11
Late general any legal weapon (rifle) any bull elk	Oct. 12–18

General any legal

General muzzleloader

weapon (rifle)

spike bull elk

elk

General-season See page 35 for dates youth elk permit Draw-only youth any Sept. 14-22 bull/hunter's choice elk (see pages 34-35 for more information)

Oct. 5-17

Oct. 30-Nov. 7

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	RIFLE
DEER ELK Bear	Sept. rifle (bear): Sept. 2–30* 1st rifle (elk & bear): Oct. 12–16 2nd rifle: Oct. 26–Nov. 3 3rd rifle: Nov. 9–15 4th rifle: Nov. 20–24 Plains rifle (deer): Oct. 26–Nov. 5
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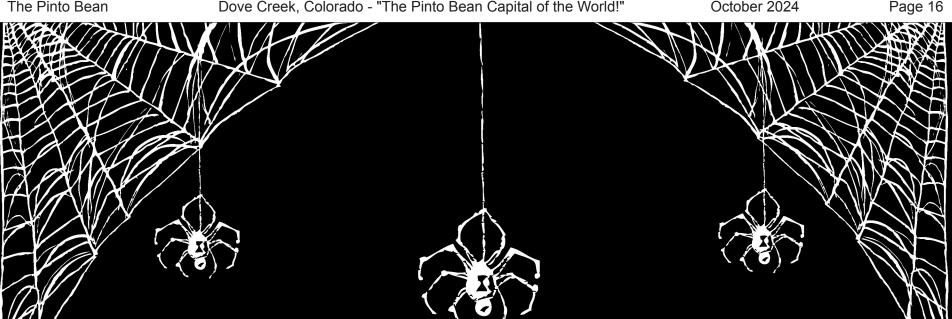
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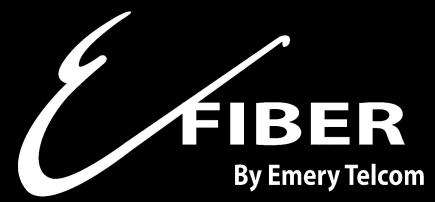
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