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Don't Fall for the Press

By Kendra Cook

Fall in the Four Corners area offers a range of beautiful "Leaf Peeping" - enjoying the palette of red, orange, and yellow golden color changing before we get into full on winter. A sort of fireworks tribute to the end of the growing season, as we then watch as the leaves swirl around in the ditches, revealing the bare tree limbs as nutrients are pumped back into the underground network of roots for the next season. It's a great front page photo eye catcher, but is that really what you want from a printed paper? While still taking time to enjoy the nature around us, the shared chores and gatherings that come with fall, preparing our 'nests' for the winter months both literally and potentially figuratively, no matter where we live, the feelings of something big in the mix coming this winter or in 2026 is as palpable as the wood logs that warm us multiple times through cutting, splitting, stacking, and burning.

Without fear or panicking - just before printing, Pentagon Chief Pete Hegseth ordered a meeting of hundreds of top military heads without a stated reason, other than to feature an address on military standards and the 'warrior ethos'. This could be something simple, or something more foreboding. You'll know something more throughout October. Meanwhile, through all distractions that are thrown in our way, important issues like the coming collapse of the primary life support system of the planet (according to certain resources), isn't being brought to the front pages across the Nation. No, this isn't 'climate change' and the 'green deal'. But between the solar activity and the coming magnetic pole shift that many aren't even listening to the scientific data on, what are reporters providing the public to be able to help them critically think. Good to see more people

challenging the official narratives, not just swallowing what they're feeding you without question.

JFK had a speech titled "The President and the Press" delivered on April 27, 1961 shortly before he was executed - "the very word secrecy is repugnant in a free and open society and we are as a people, inherently and historically opposed to secret societies, to secret oaths and to secret proceedings.

Today no war has been declared--and however fierce the struggle may be, it may never be declared in the traditional fashion. Our way of life is under attack. Those who make themselves our enemy are advancing around the globe. If you are awaiting a finding of "clear and present danger," then I can only say that the danger has never been more clear and its presence has never been more imminent. ... It requires a change in outlook, a change in tactics, a change in missions--by the government, by the people, by every businessman or labor leader, and by every newspaper. For we are opposed around the world by a monolithic and ruthless conspiracy that relies primarily on covert means for expanding its sphere of influence--on infiltration instead of invasion, on subversion instead of elections, on intimidation instead of free choice, on guerrillas by night instead of armies by day. It is a system which has conscripted vast human and material resources into the building of a tightly knit, highly efficient machine that combines military, diplomatic, intelligence, economic, scientific and political operations. Its preparations are concealed, not published. Its mistakes are buried, not headlined. Its dissenters are silenced, not praised. No expenditure is questioned, no rumor is printed, no secret is revealed. Without debate, without criticism, no Administration and no country can succeed--and no republic can survive. *Continued Page 3...*



**DOVE CREEK
DOLORES COUNTY
SCHOOL SCHEDULE**
Check calendar at
www.dc2j.org

- Oct 1 5th grade Field Trip
- Oct 2 MS Football Playoff
HS Football (H) Mancos
- Oct 3 HS Volleyball @Center
- Oct 4 MS Volleyball @Nucla Tri
(Telluride)
HS Volleyball (H)Ouray
- Oct 6 MS Boys Basketball Practice
KB Dove Creek
- Oct 7 MS Volleyball (H)Mancos
- Oct 7-8 FFA Hesperus Leadership Camp
- Oct 9 MS Volleyball @Norwood
HS Volleyball (H)Monticello
- Oct 10 FFA Big Conference HS Freshman
HS Football @Norwood
- Oct 11 MS Volleyball SJBL Championship
HS Volleyball @Monte Vista
- Oct 14 HS Volleyball @Dolores
- Oct 15 School Board Meeting
- Oct 16 HS Football @Dolores
- Oct 20 KB Ridgway
- Oct 21 HS Volleyball (H) Nucla
- Oct 23 FFA Chapter Speaking Night HS
- Oct 24 HS Football (H)Sargent
- Oct 25 HS Football (H)Ignacio
- Oct 27 FFA Fruit Sales Fundraiser 2wks
- Oct 28-Nov 1 FFA National Convention
- Oct 28 HS Volleyball @Norwood
- Oct 30 DCE Halloween Parties



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Oma Fleming.



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Sophomore Attendants: Alyssah Johannsen & Dakota Hassell
Junior Attendants: Kaybree Smith & Cael Beanland
Princess: Hadley Hatfield, Prince: Nic Aragon
Queen: Kaylen Trejo, King: Josh Kibel
Elementary: Juniper Bridge, Quinn Stiasny, McCoy Morgan, and Pierce Halper

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Ignacio Veteran/Rancher Receives New Kubota Skid Steer Through "Geared to Give" Program

Local veteran and rancher Donald Woodmansee has been awarded a brand-new Kubota SVL65-2 skid steer and attachments through Kubota's national "Geared to Give" program. The presentation was made possible with the support of Southwest Ag, Inc. (SWAG), the local Kubota dealer based in Bayfield.

Woodmansee, a U.S. Army National Guard and Marine Corps veteran, served 20 years with deployments in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Bosnia. Today he operates Sambrito Ranches, LLC and Fire Chief Beef, raising grass-fed beef on 72 acres in Ignacio. The new equipment will help him expand irrigation, handle ranch work more efficiently, and grow his herd through regenerative ranching practices.

"Receiving this equipment will make a tremendous difference in our operation," Woodmansee said. "From digging irrigation lines to moving hay, it will help us keep building a sustainable future for our ranch."

Through the Geared to Give program, Kubota partners with the Farmer Veteran Coalition to support farmer veterans across the country. Southwest Ag, Inc. was proud to play a role in bringing this award to a local veteran, reflecting their commitment to community, stewardship, and the hardworking people of Southwest Colorado.



Photo left to right - Rich Hillyer SWAG Inc. Jen and Donald Woodmansee

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That is why the Athenian lawmaker Solon decreed it a crime for any citizen to shrink from controversy. And that is why our press was protected by the First Amendment-- the only business in America specifically protected by the Constitution-- not primarily to amuse and entertain, not to emphasize the trivial and the sentimental, not to simply "give the public what it wants"--but to inform, to arouse, to reflect, to state our dangers and our opportunities, to indicate our crises and our choices, to lead, mold, educate and sometimes even anger public opinion.

It was early in the Seventeenth Century that Francis Bacon remarked on three recent

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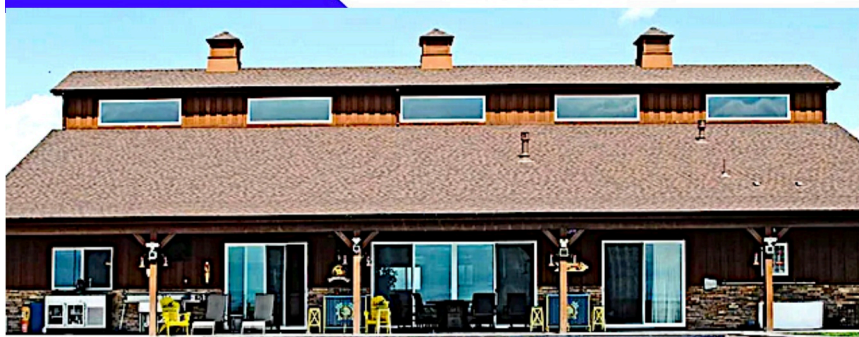
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inventions already transforming the world: the compass, gunpowder and the printing press. Now the links between the nations first forged by the compass have made us all citizens of the world, the hopes and threats of one becoming the hopes and threats of us all. In that one world's efforts to live together, the evolution of gunpowder to its ultimate limit has warned mankind of the terrible consequences of failure. And so it is to the printing press - to the recorder of man's deeds, the keeper of his conscience, the courier of his news - that we look for strength and assistance, confident that with your help man will be what he was born to be: free and independent." How relevant are these words to today.

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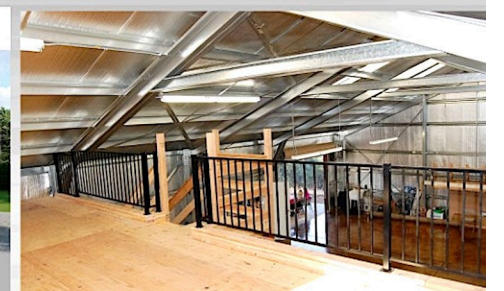
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U.S. Mined and Processed Rare Earths Successfully Manufactured into Permanent Magnets for Use in EVs and Hybrids

U.S.-based Energy Fuels receives final confirmation from leading global automotive supplier that its high-purity NdPr oxide, mined in Florida and Georgia and processed in Utah, has been qualified for use in rare earth permanent magnets (REPMs) for drive unit motors used in electric vehicles (EVs) and hybrid EVs. Energy Fuels Inc. (NYSE American: UUUU) (TSX: EFR), a leading U.S. producer of uranium, rare earth elements and other critical minerals announced in September that high-purity neodymium-praseodymium (NdPr) oxide produced at its White Mesa Mill in Utah has been manufactured into commercial scale REPMs by South Korea's largest manufacturer of drive unit motor cores, pursuant to a previously announced MOU, and has passed all quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) benchmarks for use in EV drive unit motors sold to major automotive manufacturers. This included the successful manufacture of Energy Fuels' NdPr oxide into NdPr metal, neodymium-iron-boron (NdFeB) alloy sintered blocks (45H grade), and high-performance, high-temperature NdFeB REPMs.

What that means, is successful production of REPMs from Energy Fuels' NdPr oxide marks a decisive breakthrough in building a "mine-to-magnet" supply chain independent of China, using rare earth oxides (REOs) produced in the United States. Energy Fuels'



Courtesy Photo: Energy Fuels has received 25 kilograms of the 45H grade NdFeB sintered block alloys

NdPr oxide has now been qualified for use in high temperature drive units, which are installed in EV and hybrid vehicles manufactured by major automotive companies across North America, the EU, Japan, and Korea. Drive units powered by Energy Fuels' NdPr oxide are expected to be installed in new vehicles and be available in the marketplace within the next few months. Now that Energy Fuels' NdPr has been validated, the parties now intend to engage in negotiations for a potential longer-term supply arrangement.

"We are excited to announce that rare earth oxides mined, processed and produced in America are expected to be powering EVs and hybrids for sale around the world very soon, representing a major achievement in restoring domestic critical mineral supply chains" said Mark S. Chalmers, CEO of

Energy Fuels. "Commercial validation of our rare earth oxides at scale is a significant triumph for Energy Fuels, proving we have the capacity and expertise to produce rare earth materials that meet both commercial and defense requirements, at scale and to appropriate purity and performance specifications. Energy Fuels also recently announced that we are producing pilot quantities of 99.9% purity dysprosium oxide, a critical 'heavy' rare earth and another key ingredient in NdFeB magnets. We plan to construct 'heavy' rare earth oxide capacity in 2026 at our White Mesa Mill in Utah, thereby 'closing the loop' on this important non-China supply chain."

RARE EARTH ELEMENTS - REE

Rare earth elements (REEs)—a group of 17 metals like neodymium, dysprosium, and yttrium—are vital for modern tech, from electric vehicle motors and wind turbines to smartphones and defense systems. Despite their name, REEs aren't rare; they're often dispersed in low concentrations, making extraction challenging. Globally, China dominates 80% of supply, spurring U.S. efforts to tap domestic sources amid supply chain vulnerabilities. In the arid badlands of southwest Colorado and southeast Utah, REEs lurk in an unlikely ally: coal deposits. Recent research by the University of Utah, in partnership with state geological surveys and the U.S. Department of Energy's CORE-CM project, has uncovered elevated REE concentrations in fine-grained shales above and below coal seams along the Uinta coal belt. These findings build on Utah's broader critical minerals portfolio, which includes REE potential from beryllium tailings and coal byproducts, alongside established uranium and vanadium output.

Winter Window Energy Tip

As winter nears, it's essential to detect air leaks around your windows to maintain warmth and reduce heating costs.

- Look for daylight around the edges of window frames.
- Listen for rattles.

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**LOCAL SPOTLIGHT -
2024-2025 CO OUTSTANDING AGRICULTURE
TEACHER AWARD**

Congratulations to Weld RE-4 School District Windsor High teacher from Dove Creek Colorado, Melinda (Fury) Spaur, who was the recipient of the Colorado Vocational Ag Teachers Association (CVATA)'s 2024 - 2025 Colorado Outstanding Agriculture Teacher Award: celebrating the dedication to foster boundless classroom and limitless learning for their students, their role in shaping the future, honoring contributions to the next generation of citizens and ag leaders and more. Spaur has been a teacher at Windsor High since 2008, teaching every class offered in the Ag Dept, as well as the advisor for the FFA Chapter. The Windsor FFA Chapter has earned state and national honors and awards. For the 2025 - 2026 school year, Spaur will

Congratulations!

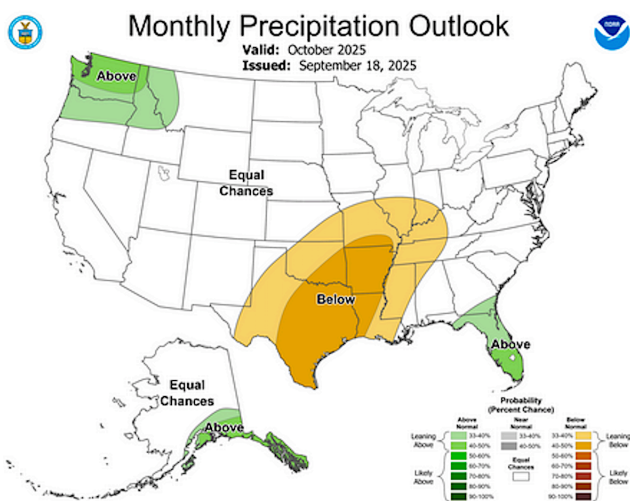
Photo Courtesy:
Melinda (Fury) Spaur originally of Dove Creek Colorado



lead the Wizard Workshop, a student-based enterprise experience. Spaur earned her bachelor's in Agriculture Education from Colorado State University in 2006 and her master's in Agriculture Education from Colorado State University in 2010. As this year's CVATA recipient, Spaur is eligible to compete in a regional award. Winners of the regional award are eligible to become finalists for the National Agriculture Teacher Award presented at the NAAE Convention, December in Nashville TN.



Dove Creek Recreation Dept - Weber Park upgrade new metal fencing will last for many years to come.

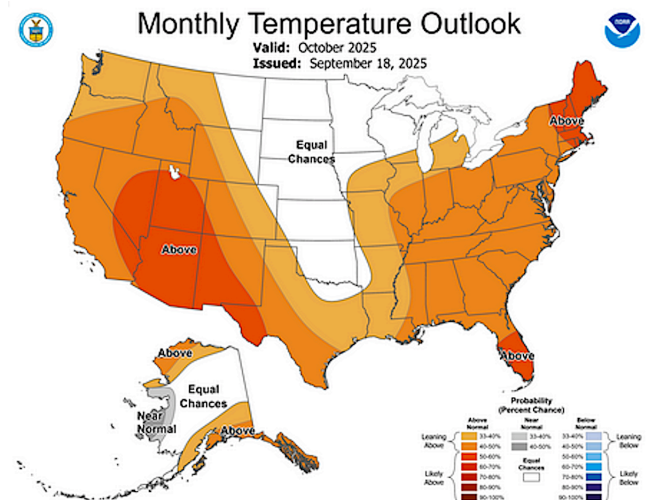


OCT WEATHER

Definitely fall continues, with much needed moisture, though the drought levels remain.

Have you not yet listened to the weekly "Global Alert News" radio show from GeonengineeringWatch.Org it will answer some of your questions. Show is weekly on Saturday afternoons.

Maps from Weather.gov



Why did the chicken sit on the clock?
Because it wanted to be on time!
Why do cows wear bells?
Because their horns don't work

Why did the can crusher quit his job?
Because it was soda pressing.
Police have confirmed that the man who fell off the roof of a nightclub was not a bouncer.



OCT WHAT'S UP

- Birth Flower – Marigold
- Birth Stone – Opal
- Zodiac – Libra - Scorpio



- Oct 1 - Internatl Coffee Day
- Oct 4 - Natl Taco Day
- Oct 10 - World Mental Health Day
- Oct 12 - Farmers Day
- Oct 13 - Columbus/Indigenous Day
- Oct 15 - Natl Mushroom Day
- Oct 17 - Natl Pasta Day
- Oct 18 - Intl Archaeology Day
- Oct 21 - Natl Apple Day
- Oct 22 - Natl Nut Day
- Oct 26 - Natl Pumpkin Day
- Oct 28 - Natl First Responders Day
- Oct 31 - Halloween
- National Pizza Month
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month

FULL HARVEST MOON

Moon Phases

- OCT 21 - New Moon
- OCT 07 - Full Moon
- OCT 08 - Perigee
- OCT 23 - Apogee



Guest Writer

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Hauling Ass Up the Pass:

The Thrill and Tradition of Burro Racing in Colorado

In the shadow of Colorado's jagged peaks, where the echoes of pickaxes and gold pans still linger from the 19th-century mining boom, a unique sport endures - one that blends rugged history, high-altitude endurance, and a healthy dose of stubbornness. Pack burro racing, Colorado's official summer heritage sport, isn't your typical trail run. It's a human-donkey partnership navigating treacherous mountain terrain, where the real wildcard is the four-legged teammate who might decide to stop for a snack mid-race. As the state celebrates over 75 years of this quirky tradition, burro racing continues to draw adventurers, locals, and tourists to small mining towns, proving that in Colorado, even the animals get to set the pace.



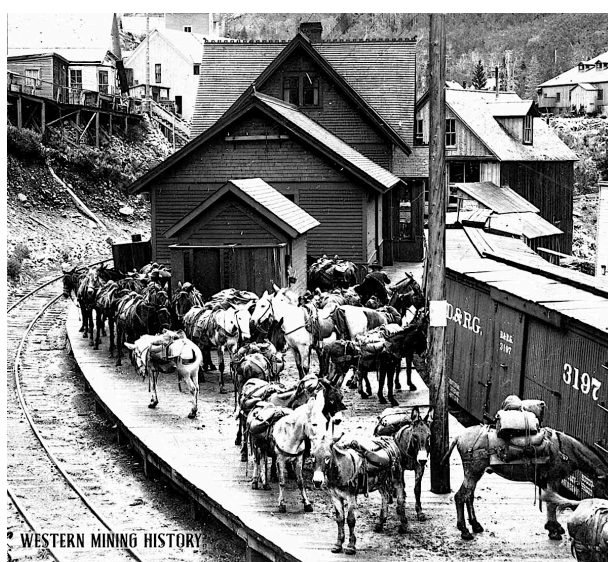
Next Naturita's Pack Burro Race OCT 11 2025

Burro racing traces its origins to the gritty days of Colorado's gold and silver rushes. Miners, prospecting through the unforgiving Rockies, relied on burros—Spanish for donkeys—to haul tools and supplies over steep passes. These sturdy equines, known for their sure-footedness and endurance, couldn't carry a rider alongside their loads, so prospectors ran alongside, leading them by rope.

The first official race kicked off in 1949 between Leadville and Fairplay, organized by local chambers of commerce to revive fading mining towns.

In 2012, the Colorado Legislature formalized pack burro racing as the state's official summer heritage sport, recognizing it as the only indigenous competition in the Centennial State.

The Western Pack Burro Association (WPBA) oversees the sport, enforcing rules



Ophir CO Burros for Mining
 Photo Western Mining History

and promoting animal welfare. Burros must carry a pack saddle with mining gear: a pick, shovel, and gold pan (no longer the full 33 pounds required in earlier days). The lead rope can't exceed 15 feet, and riders are forbidden from mounting. Though FairPlay, Leadville, and Buena Vista get top billing in the state for the races, the BurroFest event in Mancos and Naturita's newer Pack Burro race are growing!

CO Big Game Hunting Dates

- o Rifle seasons
 - 1st season - Oct. 15-19, 2025
 - 2nd season - Oct. 25 to Nov. 2, 2025
 - 3rd season - Nov. 8-16, 2025
 - 4th season - Nov. 19-23, 2025

UT Big Game Huntin Dates

Limited Elk - Bull Elk Muzzleloader	Sept 22 - Oct 3
Mule Deer/Pronghorn - Muzzleloader	Sept 24 - Oct 2
Limited Elk - Bull Elk Rifle (Mid)	Oct 4 - Oct 16
General Elk - Spike Units Rifle	Oct 4 - Oct 16
General Elk - Any-Bull Units First Rifle	Oct 4 - Oct 10
Mule Deer - Early Rifle	Oct 8 - Oct 12
General Elk - Any-Bull Units Second Rifle	Oct 11 - Oct 17
Mule Deer - Main Rifle	Oct 18 - Oct 26
Mule Deer - Limited Late Muzzleloader	Oct 29 - Nov 6
General Elk - All Units Muzzleloader	Oct 29 - Nov 6
Limited Elk - Bull Elk Rifle (Late)	Nov 8 - Nov 16
Limited Elk - Bull Elk Archery (Late)	Nov 29 - Dec 14

Local Poetry Corner



The Choice Not Mine

Sean M. Pond

I wake to a future not shaped by my hand,
 decided by others, yet here I stand.
 The ground is unsteady, the path unclear,
 but freedom's call is the one I hear.
 I've carried the weight, I've done my part,
 with pride in my country and fire in my heart.
 Yet fate tilts on choices I cannot control,
 testing the steel of body and soul.
 Do I remain, holding the line,
 fighting today for what's still mine?
 Or do I rise when the moment is near,
 to lead the charge without doubt or fear?
 Though tomorrow may rest on another's will,
 my oath to this nation holds steady still.
 For liberty lives where patriots fight,
 and I will not surrender what I know is right.

**SEE SOMETHING
SAY SOMETHING**

By *Aimee Tooker*



Growing up we were taught to stand up for what is right and speak out when you see something wrong. We were taught to stand up to bullies, to have faith that God will take care of all things in due time, to do the right thing even when no one is looking, and to be charitable without boasting about being charitable. When our beliefs and our principles come from a higher power it is even more important to stand up for what is right and to tell truth.

We have taken God and his teachings out of our schools. At what cost? This is the cost. Where people are targeted, assaulted or even killed for conversations, debates, or posts. We have seemed to come to a place where rather than jumping into intervene or speaking out against hate and lies, we have to pause and decide if it is worth the backlash from not just social media but from our neighbors.

September 10th was an emotional and life changing day; not just for me as a parent, a wife, a mother but for humanity in general. I have a young teen, and I am constantly conflicted with what content she sees online and on tv that I and God are competing with. I try to instill the importances of faith, empathy, gratitude, honesty, and most of all a family that loves her. I also try to instill the importances of public service and volunteering for her community. And that the most impactful and important changes start locally and radiate out, and yes that it is important to be at the table, so we aren't on the menu

There are some days that I struggle with it all, I have my doubts that I am doing the right thing and saying the right thing or pushing for the right policies. Those days that I really struggle, the Lord always finds a way to give me encouragement and that keeps me going. Whether it is a random phone call of encouraging words or an email from someone that wants to learn more. I hope that all of my kids find encouragement from me, our family and from the Lord's mysterious ways.

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Commentary by Linda Cunningham

If you're a patriot, if you're a conservative, if you love God and the freedoms endowed to us by our creator you felt it. You felt the change that took place on September 10th after the political assassination of Charlie Kirk.

I honestly put a lot of the blame on the left leaning media. The rhetoric that has been spewed from the mouths of these hate filled people, who are supposedly educated and in positions to be unbiased as they report news, have been turned into activists pushing hate and evil. With words like 'nazi' and 'hitler' being repeated over and over again and again ... it's no wonder why we have so many brain washed or brain dead people who couldn't see the truth if it hit them in the face.

The fight is on now... there's no going backwards. Stand strong, evil is everywhere.

"You're allowed to scream, you're allowed to cry, but do not give up".
Author Unknown

READERS' RESPONSES

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From Jane Kosut, Atlantic Beach, FL

DEAR EDITOR:

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Green River

Oct. 3-4 River Runners Hall of Fame Festival
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Oct. 18 SCCDC Annual Trunk or Treat
@Green River Child Development Center

Moab

Oct 3-5 Outer Bike Expo
Oct 4 Arches Marathon & Half
Oct 10-15 Moab 240 Endurance Run
Oct 18-19 Red Canyon Powwow
Oct 17-19 Scots on the Rocks
Oct 23-25 Jeep Jamboree Moab
Oct 23-26 Moab Ho Down Mountain Bike Festival
Oct 25 Canyonlands Ultra
Oct 25-26 Barrels 4 Bucks Old Spanish Trail Arena
Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat @ Moab Food Truck Park
For: Underdog Animal Rescue and Rehab-Moab

Monticello

Oct 11/25 Astronomy Tour @ Glamping Canyonlands

Blanding

Oct 18 Four Corners Lecture Series
Paradigm Lost: The Origin of Clovis in North America
@Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum

Bluff

Oct 3-5 Bluff Dwellings Couples Retreat
Oct. 6,13,20,27 Night Sky Program at Natural Bridges
@Natural Bridges National Monument Visitor Center

Dove Creek

Oct 31 Halloween Party Stateline Bar & Grill

Cortez

Oct. 16,14 Annual Pretty In Pink Fashion Show
@Four Seasons Greenhouse & Nursery

Mancos

Oct 11 Mancos Gear Share @ Boyle Park
Oct 13 Mesa Verde Motel - Kitchen ONLY
@Mancos Community Center

Dolores

Oct 4 Dolores Harvest Fest
Oct 18 Dolores Chamber Banquet

Durango

Oct 1-4 Durango Cowboy Gathering @Doubletree
Oct 3 Hauntings & History Downtown Ghost Tour
@Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Train Depot
Oct 4-5 Purgatory Resort Last Summer Days
Oct 3 10th Anniversary Harvest Festival
Oct 4 Animas Palooza "When Pigs Fly"
@Animas Air Park
Oct 4 Genuine Old West Chuck Wagon Breakfast
@Across from train station
Oct 4 Cowboy Parade @10:30am / Main Avenue
Oct 4 2nd Annual Harvest Festival Car Show
@12:00pm / ELHI Community Center
Oct. 5 33rd Annual Toy Run Before Christmas
@10:00am Starts Durango Harley-Davidson Ends Bar D
Chuckwagon
Oct 17 -18 Downtown Balloon Glow
@Narrow Gauge Railroad Depot.
Oct 25 Elevated Auto Enthusiasts & Durango Harley-
Davidson 3rd Annual Trunks or Treat
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Pagosa Springs

Oct 3,6,10,13 The Stroll of the Three Sisters Tour
@Chimney Rock National Monument
Oct18 Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs' 10th Annual Jewels
& Jeans Barn Dance

Telluride

Oct 10 Telluride Horror Show
Oct 20 Gondola Closed for Maintenance
Oct 31 Halloween on the Hill

Norwood

Oct 11 Harvest Dinner Celebration
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Oct 11 Pack Burro Race
@Down Town
Oct 4 Hanging Flume 50K



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Oct 1st Red Hot Chili Pipers
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@Shiprock Fairgrounds
Oct 4 Aztec Highland Games and Celtic
Music Festival
@Riverside Park
Oct 4 Road Apple Rally
@Lions Wilderness Park
Oct 10 New Beginnings Masquerade Gala
@Farmington Civic Center
Oct 11 Aztec Fall Festival and Car Show
@Minium Park
Oct 11 Fall Navajo Song & Dance
@Farmington Indian Center
Oct 24 9th Annual Robert's Halloween
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What's on My Mind? *Spill the Beans*

THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR / PUBLISHER



Kendra Cook

You Control Your Response

First thoughts to share, is do not be fearful nor panic. I tell myself this as well. For each person, that's a different process. We can't always work our plans the way we'd want, and bad things happen, but when something happens, we CAN control HOW we react. The recent videos showing the stabbing and shooting attacks highlight for many that we are in a type of war. A war on our spirit and our humanity. But don't let the media fool you. There are tragic shooting and stabbings in many cities everyday. What comes across a news desk and gets highlighted is far fewer than actually happen. Sadly, too many instances are propelled into high rotation as media features - be it tv radio or social media. Many events happen quietly without fanfare if they aren't of 'use' to someone's agenda. It's 'tell a vision' after all.

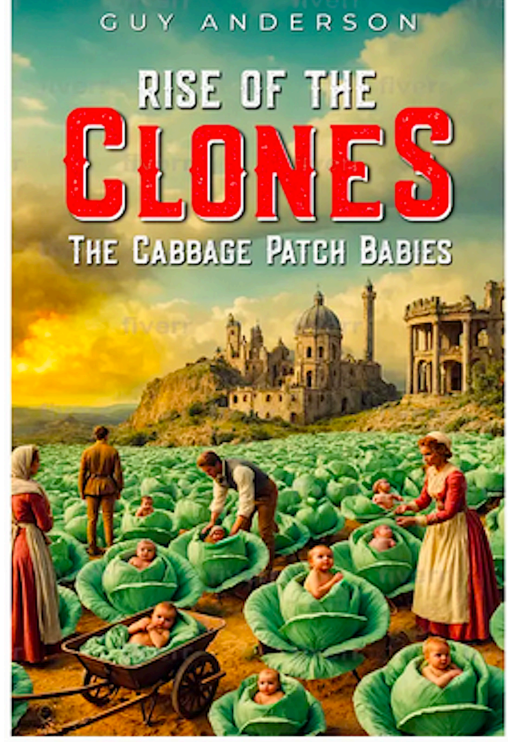
The American people are starting to realize there is more happening than we are told. If we as a general society were able to ask critical questions, consider and review the data points, with open debates, and actually listen to each other, we might change the path we are on. There is no room for violence in a civilized society. Instead, many minds are being told who to hate, how to justify whatever action, and often you need to look at the source to determine if the information you are using, is actually the truth - or is it a spin or lie to use you?

The 'powers that be' have powerful tools and techniques employed to capture the zeitgeist, shape the opinions of as many as possible - if you - if we let them. Growing up I had no idea about all of the manipulations of all aspects of media on the people at that time. As I did more listening than talking (I often see written we have two ears and one mouth), I have since learned there are many more levels to everything in this world - if you take the time to open up and think for your self.

Blind rage and anger on either side of differing views, just wastes time and energy and supplies the 'archons' with 'loosh' - the unseen nourishment they feed on. (do your own investigation into all of that). Back to wanting more security, when you look to your governors to take care of you, you ultimately take away both your privacy and freedom. The United States was established as a representative Republic - getting away from the top down hierarchy of a Kingdom which is what was fought for to establish our liberty. At least in theory. One has to think that our country is not worth saving if we don't hold on to our American historic culture on what it was originally based upon.

On and on we go with increased levels of emotion, but to what end. Love. Love as I've said before, is always the answer. The end goal. Everything is in flux, changing all the time, just like we cycle through the seasons, we individually surf the ebb and flow of life. Certainly the best way to keep afloat is not to panic, don't throw the oars overboard, don't blame someone else for your journey - hold fast to your rudder with your core moral compass leading the way. If we do have the gift of free will - then you are the one captaining your own ship.

Book Feature (All of the highlighted words are worth researching on your own to form your own conclusions) - the book is 'Rise of the Clones' - it "explores the idea that **cloning** isn't new, but an ancient technology rediscovered. Civilizations like the **Sumerians** and **Anunnaki** may have engineered humans for labor, not worship - and myths like Adam and Eve could be coded records of this past. The book suggests that occultists like **John Dee** continued secret cloning traditions, and that the 1776 "Great Reset" wiped out **Tartaria** to usher in a new world order. Events like the **Orphan Trains** and **World's Fairs** may have hidden mass repopulation programs, possibly involving cloned children. Even Victorian-era **Cabbage Patch**



postcards may hint at industrial-scale child creation. Today, DNA companies and institutions like the Vatican may be gathering genetic data for purposes far beyond ancestry - perhaps to control or recreate ancient bloodlines. Packed with images, Rise of the Clones questions everything we know about human origins and who's really shaping our future." This is the second book from author Guy Anderson, who has been exploring various theories for 30 years before drawing conclusions on the hidden empire of Tartaria and the Old World Reset which led him to put pen to paper. You can follow him on facebook or on his website thetartarianempire.co.uk Books available on Amazon.com also as an Audible recorded book.

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Lawrence "Larry" Deremo, beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and community leader, passed away peacefully in his home in Dove Creek, Colorado, on September 16, 2025, at the age of 94.

Larry was born on June 6, 1931, in Elbert, Colorado, to Eloise and Clyde Deremo. In 1933, he moved with his parents and older brother Merrel to Egnar, Colorado, where the family homesteaded. He graduated from Dolores County High School in 1950.

Larry's life was marked by service, innovation, and deep ties to his community. He attended Western State College in Gunnison, CO where he met his wife JoAnn Bieseimeier whom he was married to for 66 years before her passing in 2020. In 1953 he was drafted into the military and served in a guided missile unit defending Washington, D.C..

Throughout his life, Larry wore many hats. He worked as a driller for Johnson and Yevon Drilling Company during the uranium boom in Egnar and Disappointment Valley, and he taught science and math at the Egnar School. He earned his real estate license in 1970, his private pilot license in 1975, and his commercial and instrument pilot ratings in 1977.

In 1960, the Deremo family established Delmac Farms. Larry loved being a farmer, and spent more than 50 years farming alongside his sons, Lyle and Rick, and his grandchildren. He

poured his energy into improving and advocating for his community. His many contributions included serving on the Dove Creek City Council for eight years, as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, President of the Ophirama Company, and as Dolores County Democratic Chairman. He was Chairman of the Dove Creek Soil Conservation Board for 12 years and was named Soil Conservationist of the Year in 1995. He also served as Chairman of the Dolores County Rural Water Board and was a director of the Dolores Water Conservancy District for 20 years. For 24 years, he represented the Southwest Water Conservation District, making multiple trips to Washington, D.C., to lobby for critical infrastructure including the Dolores and Animas-La Plata Projects and the Ben Nighthorse Dam. His other roles included Chairman of the San Juan Watershed Board, Civil Air Patrol member, President of the Dove Creek Airport Association, Farm Service Agency representative for eight years, and serving on the Advisory Committee for Dove Creek's secondary water system.

Larry is survived by his sons, Lyle Deremo (Ginny Craig) of Durango and Rick Deremo (Linda) of Dove Creek; his grandchildren Drey Deremo (Veronica Ortiz), Kalen Deremo, Karsten Deremo, and Kellie Halper (Tim); his great-grandchildren Reagan, Sloane, and Pierce Halper. He was preceded in death by his wife JoAnn, his parents, his brother Merrel and many other cherished family members. Larry's legacy of service, leadership, and love for the land will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and the community he helped shape.

A celebration of life was held at Ertel Funeral Home Wednesday September 24 from 5-7 PM. A private family graveside service was held at the Dove Creek Cemetery.

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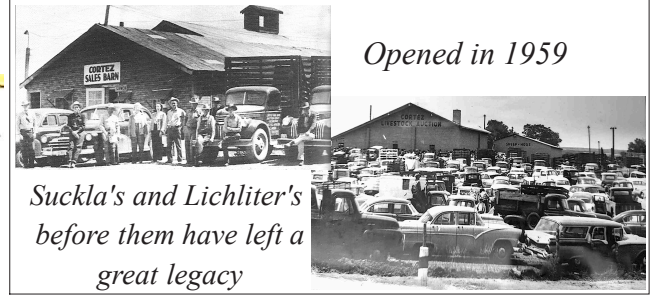
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SALE BARN - New and Old

The Cortez Sale Barn new ownership has a passion to preserve the western heritage they grew up around. Lisa Passell grew up in Cortez, is a 6th generation Montezuma county citizen as her great great grandad started Wark Milling in the early 1920's on north Market St (now Cortez Milling). She graduated from MCHs and went to college in Lubbock, TX studying Animal Science and minoring in Accounting. Tim Passell grew up in Bastrop TX on a small ranch with a strong passion for FFA and all that goes into working a ranch.

The Cortez Livestock Auction is a four generation undertaking; Lisa's dad, Sam Sparks, spent many years managing ranches across the state of Colorado and hauled cattle out of the Cortez Sale Barn for Johnny Green. Following in line with Sam his grandson, Ryan Greene, grew up outside Dolores CO helping with the family cattle enterprise while participating in 4H and FFA. Each generation wants to see the western heritage and agriculture lifestyle preserved. They all learned the value of hard work and hours meant "Sun up to well past sundown". Ryan is general manager focusing on the the daily operations at the sale barn while also managing a part time business as a local building inspector.

Ryan moved back to the area with his wife Zoey to raise their family around the environment they grew up in with small



Suckla's and Lichliter's before them have left a great legacy

hometown hard working values. Zoey is the daughter of the late Bryce Young (James Tree Farm) and Michelle Kline from Dove Creek. She serves as the kitchen manager for the cafe and is the talent behind the home cooked specials and desserts. The Suckla's and Lichliter's before them have left a great legacy and they are working hard to preserve this piece of western heritage.

Updates so far are bringing in technology to help speed the process of each Wednesday's sale, keeping track of the accounting for the buyers and sellers to be able to provide checks for their sellers just minutes after the livestock has sold. They have also added TVs above the sale arena to show more of the behind the scenes of the operations of bringing livestock into and penning back the animals. They continue work on remodeling and renovating the buildings and the kitchen. They are grateful for the Suckla family to continue to

assist with consulting, operations, office as well as both Rowdy and Larry Don Suckla having returned as auctioneers for special sales. Longtime employees Andrea Jeter, Monty Risenhoover, Herbert Claw, Thelma Gregory, Yvette Calvillo and Chris Jeter bring their vast experience to preserving the legacy.

The Sale Barn is a well seasoned Montezuma County business having started back in August of 1959, where buyers compete without the veiled presence of online bidding paying homage to livestock pioneers who worked hard to make it a historical landmark in this community.

Cattle prices are at record highs and they are seeing records broken across the western US almost weekly. Several weeks ago some 3 and 4 weight steers brought over \$500 cwt at Cortez Livestock Auction. "We are regularly seeing market prices that are competitive with any markets in the area. Our sheep and goat market is outstanding with large numbers of livestock on a regular basis. We look forward to continuing the preservation of this historic property while being active supporters of our local communities. Stop in, have a cup of coffee and introduce yourself."

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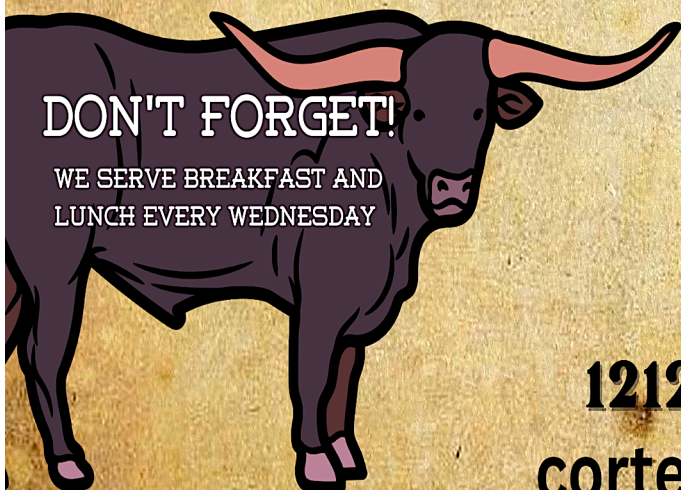
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FIRE, WATER, AND LAND

By Dexter Gill

Land, a place for man to be, grow food and create economy. Water, a necessity to sustain all life forms, provide transportation, and part of creating economy. Fire, a necessity for cleansing in nature, provide heat source for sustaining life for man, and in creating economy. This year, we have seen massive fires and floods damaging the land, vegetative resources, watershed health, and local economies. The blame is being placed on "man caused climate change" by using the natural resources for man's benefit and survival. The real cause is man's deliberate attempt to change the climate by NOT managing and using the natural resources for man's survival and economy. Passing of man's laws to change our Creator's eternal laws will not cut it. Importing wolves to save the Colorado River won't change the river or climate, but it has already changed the economy of the State!

We must return to managing and using the land and resources our Creator provided for our health, safety and welfare (economy). That is going to be a difficult task since the land and resources in question are in federal control within the eleven (11) western States and Alaska, with the States and local peoples of the Counties having no legal jurisdiction or control over the land and resources. The thirty five (35) eastern States in Congress do not know, or maybe even care what the problem is for the west. The current federal administration is seeking to return to management and use by proposing to rescind the 2001 "Roadless Rule" on Forest Service lands that ended road access and timber harvest on 60 million acres. This will allow land and resource management and use to once again take place. This proposal to rescind that Rule does NOT apply to Colorado and Idaho, as these two had agreed to establish

Roadless Rule as State designated, obviously without consent of the Counties that are impacted. So, Colorado's Public Lands Counties will continue to lose management and economic opportunities, as the watersheds continue to burn up, eroding soil, and silting the streams.

On the bigger picture in January of this year, Congressional Bill "Fix Our Forests Act" HR 471 was presented, that established requirements for managing federal forests to reduce wildfires, improve and protect watersheds, improve local economics, and limiting litigation issues. It passed the House, stuck in Senate, being opposed by the faux environmental NGO's, so it probably won't pass. Interestingly, Colorado's two Senators support an alternative Bill, "Headwaters Protection Act" of 2025, H.R. 605., which amends the old Healthy Forests Restoration Act. Of 2003, that did not do any of what the name implied. This Amendment Bill is "designed to support aquatic restoration and conservation efforts", using "partners with demonstrated capacity and success in designing...Restoration projects", "to be designed to improve, (I) resilience to climate change; or (II) watershed and fire resilience. Then "(3) LEADERSHIP BY NON-FEDERAL PARTNERS-- The Secretary shall facilitate a leadership role for non-federal partners in carrying out assessments, planning, project design, and project implementation under this section." Who could that be? In 2024, the EPA awarded the TNC \$200M to do that very thing for four eastern States. Under this Bill, watershed and forest restoration here would be planned and facilitated by environmental NGO's, not the Counties or State. This Bill is widely supported by the many NGO Environmental groups, I wonder why?

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There's a new Makerspace opening up in Cortez Colorado, established through Fundamental Needs which is a non profit that "provides communities with the resources necessary to become their own solution". This "Makerspace" building is at 209 W Main Street. As it develops, it will be a state of the art workforce development hub offering training in trades, technology and entrepreneurship to students and community members. According to their website, "Inside the space, you'll find: 3D Printing Lab for rapid prototyping. - CNC Machining Lab and Woodshop for trades-based learning. - Laser Cutting Studio and Digital Design Suite for creatives and entrepreneurs. - Commercial Kitchen for food-based business startups. - Youth Innovation Zone – including the student-led NirvaNA sober bar. -Community Hub for meetups, exhibitions, and collaborative projects."

Thanks to partnerships with institutions like Fort Lewis College and CU Boulder, they'll offer access to micro-credentials, research opportunities, and workforce development programs.

This year through their Oasis project, Fundamental Needs installed 170+ off grid water systems across the Navajo Nation, providing clean water and solar power. Their Youth Entrepreneurship Program expanded curriculum at the Southwest Open School (SWOS) for business planning market research and real world problem solving. Pitch competitions connect students with local businesses and mentors. Many are excited for this new hub in Cortez, to help individuals, businesses and the community at large.

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NAVAJO NATION - FLC



Justin Succo grew up on the Navajo Nation and understands firsthand the infrastructure challenges many families face. He's an alumnus of Fort Lewis College, and as solar project developer with the energy company AES he's working as a volunteer with FLC's Village Aid Project Solar Initiative. AES and Marathon Petroleum have donated handsomely to help move the project to reality. Succo joined students, alumni and faculty in Shonto, Arizona, for one of three solar installation trips completed during the 2024-25 academic year. In all, the program has completed 15 projects since 2023. Coled by Engineering Professor Laurie Williams and Keith, and supported by two AES interns, the initiative is connecting more Navajo homes to reliable power each year. Looking ahead, Succo said both AES and FLC share a commitment to supporting Indigenous communities and creating sustainable, long-term impact.

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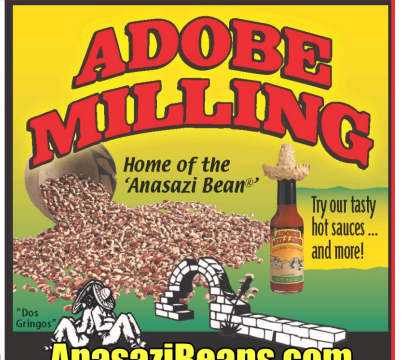
The Jr. Aggies Academy, an early care and education program for the children of faculty, staff and students who attend Utah State University Blanding, has received national recognition.

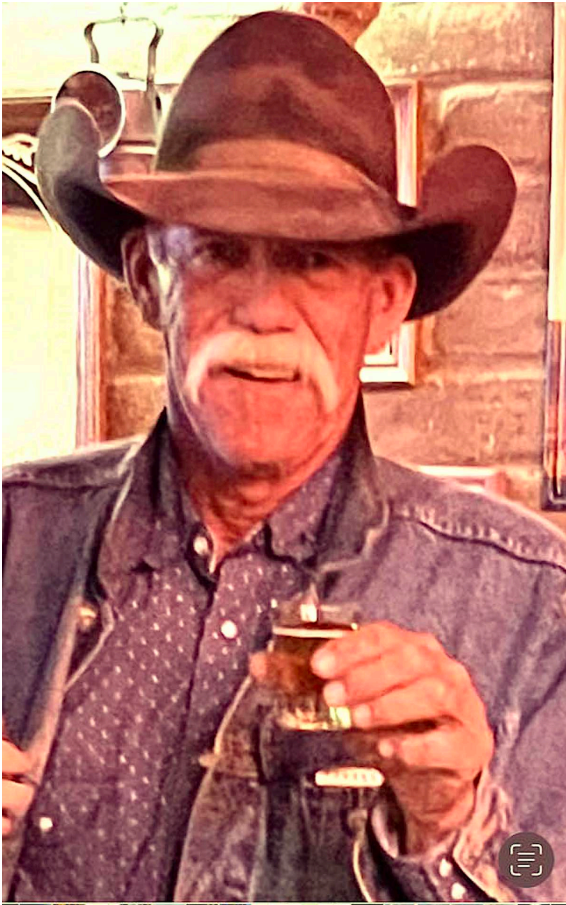
The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) officially recognized the child care center for its commitment to quality and continuous improvement within their early childhood program serving children ranging from infant to preschool. Programs who achieve NAEYC recognition provide evidence of successfully meeting the following standards: applied knowledge of child development and learning, work with families and communities, use of assessment and documentation, the practice of teaching and learning, content area knowledge, becoming an early childhood professional, and providing field experiences in a variety of settings with a variety of age groups.

The Jr. Aggies Academy has three different classrooms, ranging from children as young as 6 weeks old, to preschool aged children. All classrooms utilize curriculum tools according to developmentally appropriate practice. The director and lead preschool teacher both have advanced degrees in Early Childhood Education.

"As both a parent and staff member who uses Jr. Aggies, I've seen firsthand the incredible impact this center has on children's learning and growth. Their confidence, communication, and ability to connect with others have truly blossomed — kudos to the amazing staff, who set the standard for excellence in care and education.." stated Priscilla Arungwa, director of student services.

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Cow Puncher's Life - Jeff Osbourn

Well I've been up here north of Odessa for a few weeks now, working for a big Veterinarian clinic. Yes I'd rather be sitting on a good horse, but this is a job when there didn't seem to be one anywhere. Since I've been up here, the Permian Basin has not disappointed as far as it's windy reputation. We have had some days that I was glad I wasn't on a horse, it was blowing so hard.... I got to thinking about one spring on the Diamond A in AZ quite a few years ago. Ed Ashurst was running the wagon, we had one of the biggest crews of cowboys I had ever been around. We moved a huge bunch of cows from Rosewell camp to the Bull pasture over by Black Tanks camp. We held the cattle up at a water storage and some drinkers called Tank Car. The wind had been getting harder and harder all morning, Ed started cutting dry cows and the wind was taring it up, I remember every so often you would see somebody's hat fly off. Sam Gould was way across the herd from me but I remember watching his hat fly off and the wind was taking it at a pretty good clip across the plains to the east. Sam left at a high lope chasing his hat, quite away out to the east was big bloated dead cow, Sam's hat was bouncing along with Sam loping behind. Yep the hat blew right in between the front and back legs and settled. He slid his horse to a stop and leaned over the saddle horn and looked at it for a long time. I'm sure he was wondering whether he needed it or not , but if I remember right he got off and retrieved it... In the meantime I remember seeing Ed finally literally rolled his hat up and tied it behind his saddle. Eventually they got done working herd and we all rode in, there wasn't a white face in the crowd, all you could see was white eyes and white teeth ... I literally wouldn't take for the miles I've made on horse back, but the elements sure made it challenging.

Have a good rural story - farming, ranching, roping, homesteading - let us know so we can share it with others to share how the 'other' folks live!



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New innovative robotic systems are planned to transform apple harvesting from a back-breaking manual chore into a precise, efficient operation, promising to alleviate workforce woes and boost yields without compromising fruit quality. They say.

At the forefront is Tevel's Alpha-Bot, an autonomous harvester that made waves during its October 2024 trials in Washington state. This towering machine deploys eight tethered drones equipped with vision-guided suction cups to scan tree canopies, identify ripe apples, and gently pluck them one by one. The drones hover with a high-pitched whir, using cameras to assess ripeness before depositing the fruit onto a padded belt that feeds into storage bins. Early tests showed it handling the delicate task with minimal bruising, operating day and night to pick up to a ton of apples daily—far surpassing initial prototypes. Is this the trend of putting humans out of mundane work tasks?

Selective harvesting—targeting only mature fruit—addresses the delicacy of fresh-market apples, which bruise easily and demand peak ripeness for storage and sales. Growers are adapting too: "Robot-ready" orchards with dwarf rootstocks and trellises allow machines easier access, reducing the need for ladders and heavy bags. High upfront costs, orchard redesigns, and AI refinements for variable weather and tree shapes are some of the challenges to move forward with automated options.

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For the Love of Food

By Kendra Cook

Regional cuisine, or dishes authentic to a specific state or region, support the old saying 'when in Rome do as the Romans' - highlighting local ingredients or historical cultural input into the food. These are 'must try' fare to take in literally, the local flavor. There's a tradition that came out of Ohio, specifically Cincinnati, and has become popular across the US - a special chili served on spaghetti noodles! If you haven't heard of it, look it up, it really is a 'thing'. This is not spicy chili, think of Italian spaghetti and meat sauce, and just change the Italian seasoning with heavy tomato flavor with a medley of deep rich flavored spices. The original recipe harkens back to the Greek chili from immigrants from the Mediterranean that settled in the rust belt region. The hamburger meat is still front and center in the mix, and then there are 'ways' to top it off!

Order two way - spaghetti and chili - or make it a 3 way and you pile on cheddar cheese on top, and we mean piled on, then 4 way or 5 way adds beans and or chopped onions.

I had the privilege to enjoy my first bowl just 3 way, at a restaurant called Camp Washington Chili that was started in 1940. They earned a James Beard Award as an "American Regional Classic" and have been featured on TV shows



and in the Press. Since then, our meal plan includes this simple to prepare dish every once and awhile. This is perfect for fall and winter eating!

(To make it your own - why not try it with different chili meats - from venison to adding in pork - and adjust your seasoning to taste! One thing though - it has to be cheddar cheese to make it more authentic.)

Get the Chili started by cooking the ground beef in a large pot or Dutch oven with 2 cups of water and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium high, crumbling up the meat into smaller pieces and continue cooking about 15 minutes.

Next add in the onions, garlic, crushed tomatoes, tomato paste, Worcestershire, chili powder, oregano, cinnamon, allspice, cloves, salt, and pepper and return to a boil. Reduce to a simmer, stirring and adding more water in as necessary for about 2 to 3 hours til you have your wanted thickness. This can also be done in a slow cooker. When ready, add the vinegar and chocolate if you desire that mole flavoring, taste and adjust as needed.

Ingredients for the Chili

- 2 pounds 90/10 ground beef (or half pork)
- 2 cups water or chicken stock
- 2 medium yellow onions, finely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons chili powder, more to taste
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon allspice
- ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 ½ teaspoons sea salt
- Freshly cracked black pepper
- 2 tablespoons unfiltered apple cider vinegar
- 1 ounce unsweetened chocolate (optional)

Also

- 16 ounces spaghetti, cooked
- 4 cups shredded cheddar cheese (or more)
- 1 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1 cup dark red kidney beans, drained and rinsed

Sometime during the chili making, boil up a pot of water and cook the spaghetti, drain, and hold for plating. The spaghetti goes in the bowl first and gently ladle the chili over the top. The cheddar cheese then gets piled high on top. If adding onions and or the beans, they are usually sprinkled on top of the chili layer and under the cheese.



Shout out to Kenny Smith on his official 'retirement' from the world of weed spraying retiring from the Dolores County Weed District Oct 1 - which just means he'll have more time to work the family homestead working the all natural Arcadia Farm with his wife Patsy Smith who had officially gone into retirement the previous year. Founding Pinto Bean supporters, he's one of many readers that mail out the paper to family and friends all across the Country! Thank you for being a 'Bean fan and Congratulations!

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