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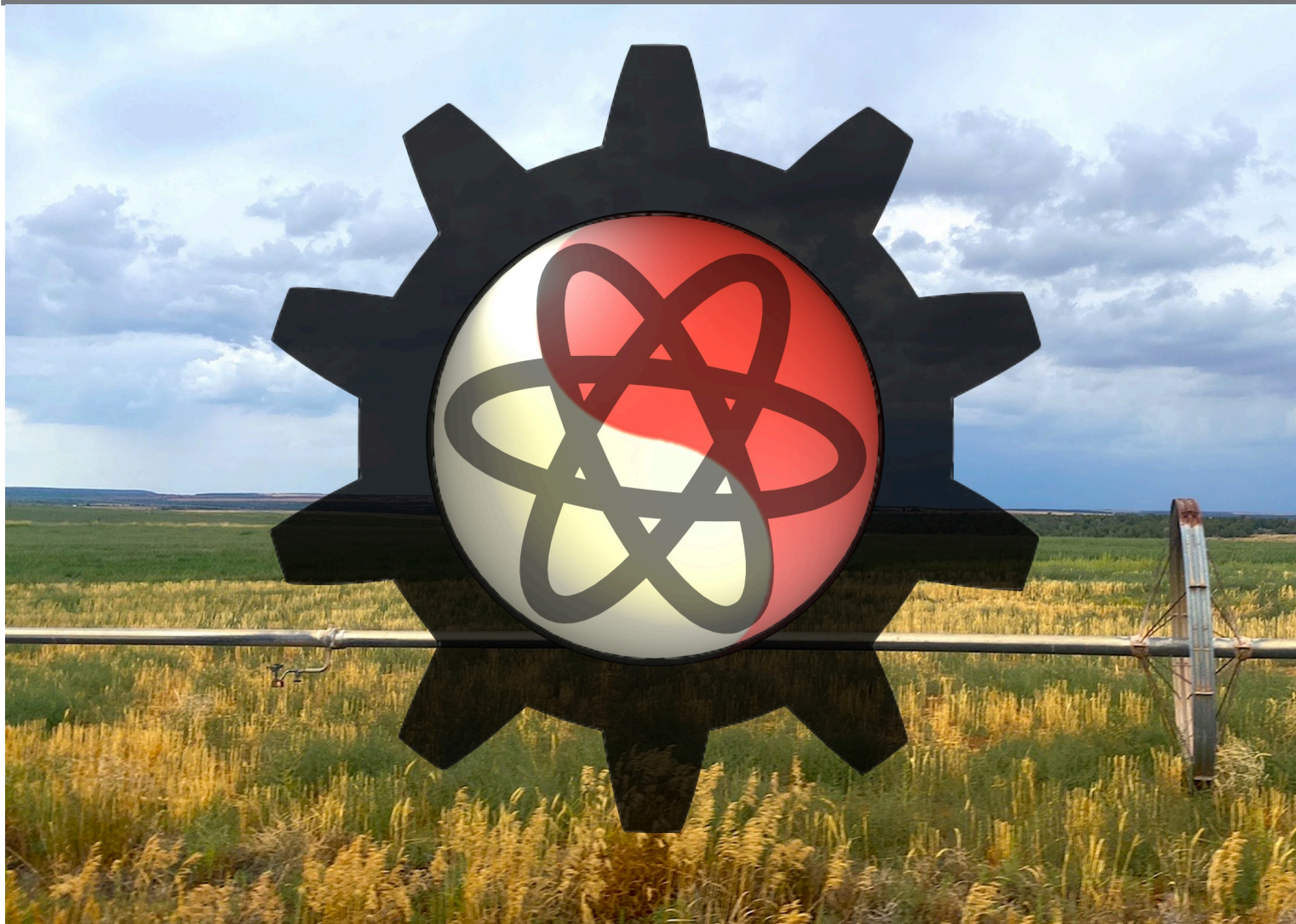
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### Technocracy is an act of Genius ?

By Kendra Cook

Is money already digital? Crypto currency is a world wide scheme, where banks and other data gatherers can monitor your actions and control your money. Most populations have pushed back on the Central Bank Digital Currency proposals, where you need a unique digital wallet - basically a Digital ID. The Digital Euro may roll out in October, while 137 countries and currency unions, are preparing for a crypto digital currency, with the Bahamas, Jamaica and Nigeria already having launched theirs.

Here in the US, as part of the recent GENIUS ACT, the 'Stablecoin' is set to lead the world in crypto as far as the administration is concerned. The only differences between this new "Stablecoin" and the CBDC (Central bank digital currency) is who is backing it - in the case of CBDC it's private, while Stablecoin is public. Both will be programmed to the nation's financial policies, and both can operate a carbon tax and social credit score. One by the central bank, the other by a corporation - perhaps a big fish like Blackrock with Larry Fink, CEO, an associate of Pres. Trump, who was recently appointed interim co chair of the globalist group the World Economic Forum. Is there a slippery slope of where we are headed with our economy and our 'freedoms' through economic control - the right or privilege to buy and sell? Could the seemingly inevitable transformation be away from cash, while propping up the theoretical dollar, to being fully tracked and traced for your financial transactions. This requires proof that it is attached to you, and thus a digital ID will need to be established. Something you may need, for instance, at check points, or to prove that you are a citizen?

Then who needs physical checkpoints, when the scanning technology provided by companies like Palentir can scan you from a distance. Connecting some dots, the VP JD Vance was shot onto the public scene with the backing of Peter Thiel and Silicon Valley funding. Are we seeing a transition that the people will accept without a challenge? Will we have a choice at the time we are given scenarios arranged that would make many feel there is no other choice? Pay attention to what is transpiring as it will effect all of us.

This move to all digital, is part of a way to transfer funds and debts into a new structure. Empty out the pension fund of their assets and swap in treasury bonds, where a beneficiary has traded actual money for an IOU from themselves as a tax payer. The baby boomers have been a big concern regarding pension funds and social security for the last twenty years or more. The current system has slowly drained value and purchasing power - with one way to balance the books, to lower the life expectancy - sadly we have seen policies that align with that; Predatory lending, pills approved without adequate review, and more specifically in 2021, the 'pandemic'.

So how genius is this GENIUS Act, to align Stablecoin essentially as a tiny bit of a treasury bill, collateralize by treasuries or high quality bank deposits. Now the administration is saying they are dictating to other countries, that the money negotiated through tariff arrangements will be invested into corporations that the President will determine. Stablecoin will be centrally regulated and controlled by the banking regulators. Stablecoins are not FDIC insured. They leave room for approval of non financial institutions to issue the coins along with potentially foreign banks. There will have to be very tight central control.

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**DOVE CREEK  
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SCHOOL SCHEDULE**  
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- SEP 2 HS Volleyball (H) Telluride
- SEP 4 MS Volleyball (H) Telluride  
MS Football (H) Dolores
- SEP 5 HS Football @Rangely
- SEP 9 MS Volleyball (H) Dolores  
HS Volleyball @Nucla
- SEP 10 MS Football @Ignacio
- SEP 11 No Elementary School
- SEP 12 FFA Chapter Officer Leadership  
Training @Bayfield  
HS Football (H) Escalante
- SEP 13 MS Volleyball (H) Norwood
- SEP 17 HS Fall Sport and School Photos  
School Board Meeting
- SEP 18 MS Football (H) Monticello
- SEP 20 HS Volleyball @Ignacio  
MS Volleyball @Mancos  
Tri (Dolores)
- SEP 22 HOME COMING WEEK  
KB Norwood
- SEP 23 HS Volleyball @Mancos  
MS Volleyball (H) Nucla
- SEP 24 MS Football @Mancos
- SEP 26 HS Volleyball (H) Norwood  
HS Football (H) Monticello
- SEP 27 MS Volleyball @Ouray
- SEP 30 HS Volleyball @Ouray

**DOLORES COUNTY FAIR**



Congratulations to Blake Carhart for winning the 2025 People's Choice Award and the \$50 award. Blake's 4-H wood working project

then went to the Colorado State Fair where his blue pine nightstand came in second place Reserve Grand Champion.

**FFA CHAPTER**

Jarret Cressler of Dove Creek CO, earned his American FFA Degree through Diversified Crop Production and will be awarded the American FFA Degree at the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo. Nov. 1st, 2025, in Indianapolis where they will receive their certificates and degree keys.



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### LOCAL SPOT LIGHT

### DOLORES COUNTY ALUM MAKES MARK IN MINISTRY, ACADEMIA



ANDERSON, MO — Dr. Cecil Hall, a 1982 graduate of Dolores County High School, has reached a major milestone in his lifelong ministry journey, recently earning both a Doctor of Sacred Studies and a Master of Theology from Christian Life School of Theology Global.

Known for his steadfast leadership and deep commitment to faith, Hall has served the community of Anderson, Missouri, for nearly four decades. After marrying his Bible college sweetheart, Mista Martin, in 1986, the couple moved to Anderson the following year. There, Hall began his pastoral service as Associate Pastor and, shortly thereafter, took on the role of Senior Pastor—a position he continues to hold today.

In addition to his pastoral work, Hall is preparing for a new chapter. This fall, he will join the faculty at Crowder College, where he will bring his theological expertise and realworld ministry experience into the classroom.

“I’ve always believed in lifelong learning and the value of passing wisdom on to others,” Hall said. “Teaching at Crowder is a chance to mentor students who may be exploring their own faith journeys or future roles in ministry.”

Cecil and Mista have raised two children, Jedidiah and Abigail, both now adults pursuing their own paths.

Dr. Hall’s accomplishments serve as a source of pride for both his Missouri congregation and his hometown roots in Dove Creek. His journey—from smalltown graduate to respected pastor and now college instructor—reflects a life dedicated to service, education, and unwavering faith.

Do you know someone with a great story to tell that lived or lives in the Pinto Bean area? Let us know so we can share that with our readers - email [Editor@PintoBean.CO](mailto:Editor@PintoBean.CO)

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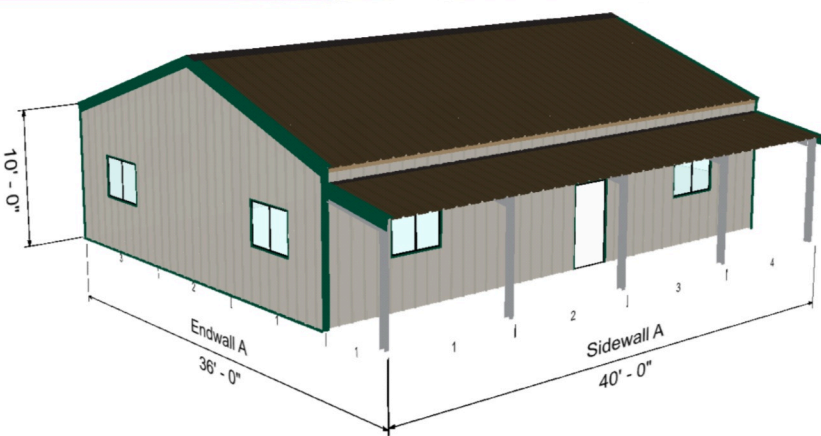
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The biggest take away is that the Genius Act has a plug and play programability, for example a social credit or other control system and surveillance integration. This could present as a stablecoin in your wallet that may not work the same as one in someone else’s, depending on your permissions. Lock down policies or restrictions on purchases. What an algorithm can already do. Look at what has happened in China as our example. There is not much difference here from CBDC that so many rallied against. This is not human freedom. Are we on the same course crossing technocracy and globalism as before and we haven’t realized it yet?

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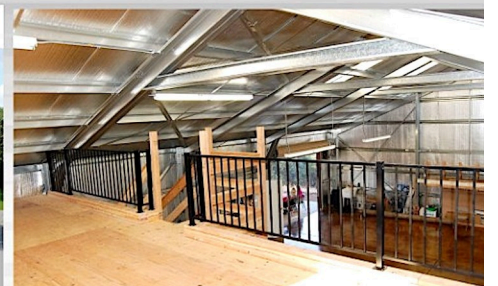
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# Not Just for BAKING - SODA

By Sarah Toenin

Likely you already have a box of baking soda somewhere in your home - did you know how many things this inexpensive powder is good for? Baking soda has been available for a long time - in the 1920s doctors used it to fight the flu, and current research is investigating how it could fight cancer cells and reduce inflammation. Baking soda is 100 percent sodium bicarbonate, alkaline, so it helps neutralize excess acidity that accumulates from diet and stress. Simply adding 1/2 teaspoon to water has been known to help move your body to Alkaline. It is also helpful in boosting oral health by using it to brush your teeth - definitely dump the fluoride if you haven't already. It's a natural antacid - a teaspoon in water can quickly neutralize stomach acid and calm digestion without any added ingredients.

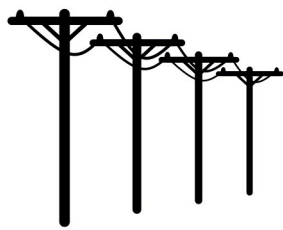
If you are exercising a lot and get lactic acid buildup, creating fatigue and soreness, baking soda can help buffer that acid allowing for improving endurance and recovery time. It binds with the hydrogen ions within the muscle and pulls them out.

Baking soda can also help regulate the immune response and reduce systemic inflammation with just a small daily dose in water.

How about boosting your kidney function, they filter around 50 gallons of blood every day, and are sensitive to acid buildup. The baking soda neutralizing excess acid can help elevate the work the kidneys need to do.

# Safety

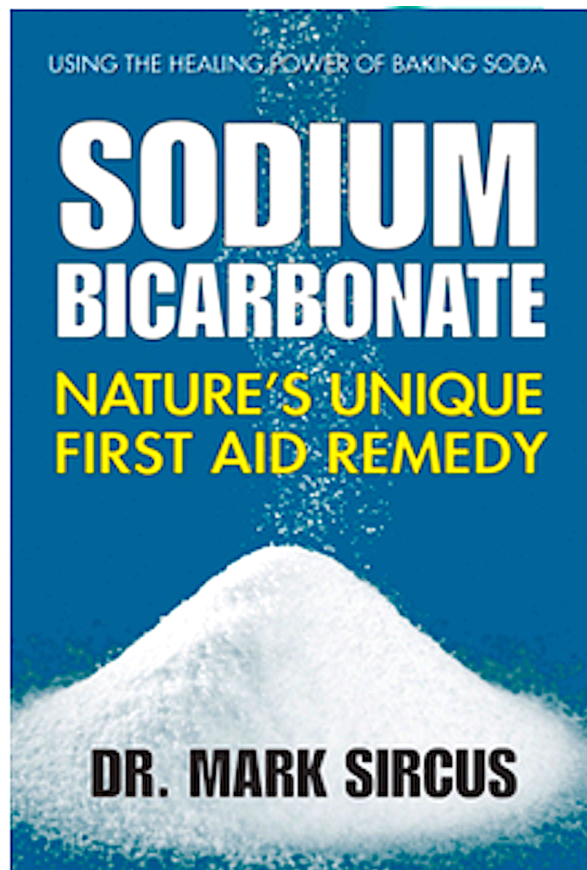
ON THE FARM



As farm equipment grows larger, the risk near power lines increases. Stay aware of overhead lines, choose routes that avoid them, and maintain at least a 10-foot distance at all times.



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Book resource: Sodium Bicarbonate: Nature's Unique First Aid Remedy By Mark Sircus

The whole rebalancing of the acid alkaline in your stomach can help digestion and breaking down your food more naturally than an antacid off the shelf.

And what about all the fuss of deodorants having unnecessary chemicals right in your armpits? Baking soda acts as a natural deodorant, absorbing moisture, and free of toxins. Just what it does in your grandmother's fridge to absorb odors and keep it fresh.

Of course cleaning with baking soda provides a great paste for all sorts of surfaces, or add it to your clothes washing, or even soak your feet in it!

So perhaps all this about Baking Soda is not just b.s. - you might just want to stock up on some extra boxes, just to have on hand.

(PS - there is never aluminum in baking soda - now baking "powder" is different, and you'll want that product for a leavening agent in your baking to be aluminum free). Brand difference: Arm & Hammer is probably the most available brand. The difference between that and say Bob's Red Mill (or Frontier or other natural brands) is that they are mined directly from the ground in their natural sodium bicarbonate state (also known as nahcolite). Trivia - Bob's Red Mill is mined in Colorado, so kinda like buying local, though pricey. Arm & Hammer baking soda uses a "chemical reaction process through which trona ore is mined, then heated until it turns into soda ash. Then the soda ash is treated with carbon dioxide", and baking soda results through the science.

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# BEAVER MANAGEMENT IN COLORADO

By Kendra Cook

The Beaver population is on the target for the CPW to assess their populations, and how they may be able to be a 'natural tool for ecological restoration'. Colorado Parks and Wildlife is crafting a strategy for conservation and management of the critters. Once at risk of extinction, Colorado assessment believes there are between 60 to 90,000 in the state. Beavers provide benefits for other wildlife species that depend on wetlands for habitat, so the agency invited members of the public to weigh in with their input. There will be more public scoping and engagement in the upcoming months. The beaver is said to be a 'keystone' element in the environment.

The agency plans to release the draft Beaver Conservation and Management Strategy in October for public comment and aims to have the final plan ready for approval by the commission in February 2026.



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Another Quilt of valor ceremony at the Dove Creek POST 5181 on August 26, 2025.

A local Quilters group donated five new unique handmade quilts of valor to members of the Dove Creek post: Tom Parry, Krista Schear, Bob DeGroff, Dave Mccuskey, Mike Mulligan.

They were told not to save them away, but to use them as a reminder that they are appreciated and loved!

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5181 is open for meetings the 1st Tuesday every month at 214 HWY 491 in Dove Creek CO.

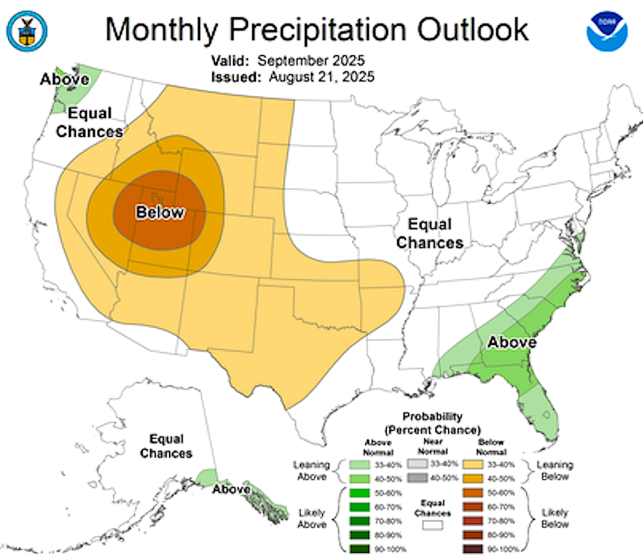


# 2025 FALL COLOR

**SEPT 15-29 Steamboat Springs**  
**SEPT 17-30 Frisco Denver area**  
**SEPT 20 - Oct 3 Aspen to Salida**  
**SEPT 22 - Oct 4 Ouray South of Denver**  
**SEPT 25 - Oct 10 Pueblo to the NM border**  
**Oct 1 - 16 SW CO San Juans**

**Moves mostly from North Colorado  
South Sept 15 to Oct 15**

If you are planning to go color 'peeping' this fall - some predictions indicate that due to the weather, the trees may change color a bit earlier for 2025. Be sure to be aware of the various hunting seasons as well as where the wildfires have caused damages.

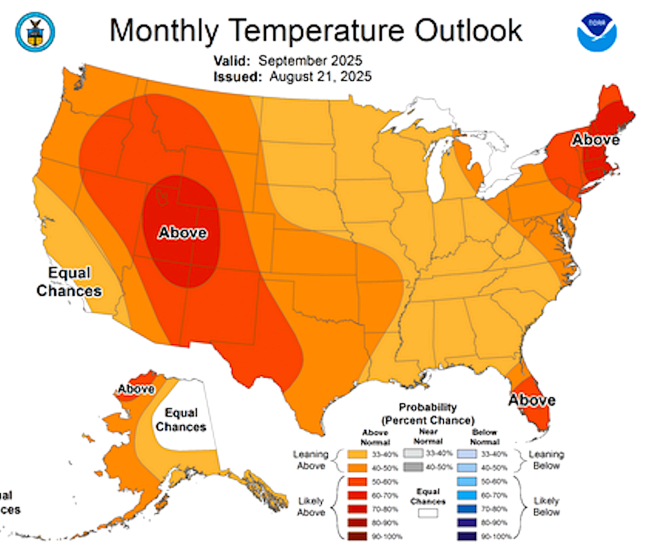


### SEPT WEATHER

Effectively September is "fall", temps cooling down, just how much needed moisture will we get to quench this dry thirsty land.

Have you not yet listened to the weekly "Bad News Broadcast" from GeonengineeringWatch.Org it will answer some of your questions.

Maps from Weather.gov



What do you call a paper airplane that can't fly?  
Stationary!

Do NOT give Rice Krispies to young children. I ate them as a child. Now when I stand up I snap, crackle, and pop!

I told my plants I loved them.  
Now they're rooting for me.  
I named my horse Mayo  
and sometimes Mayo neighs



## SEPT WHAT'S UP

- Birth Flower – Aster
- Birth Stone – Sapphire
- Zodiac – Virgo - Libra

- Sept 1 - Labor Day
- Sept 4 - Natl Wildlife Day
- Sept 7 - Natl Beer Lover's Day
- Sept 11 - Natl Patriot Day
- Sept 13 - Natl Peanut Day
- Sept 14 - Grandparent's Day
- Sept 17 - Constitution Day
- Sept 18 - Natl Cheeseburger Day  
Air Force Day
- Sept 20 - Oktoberfest
- Sept 21 - International Day of Peace
- Sept 22 - Autumnal Equinox
- Sept 25 - Natl Daughter's Day
- Sept 27 - Natl Public Lands Day
- Sept 29 - VFW Day



Full Corn Moon



Moon Phases

- SEP 21 - New Moon
- SEP 07 - Full Moon
- SEP 10 - Perigee
- SEP 26 - Apogee



Remind yourself that your task in life is to be a good human being.  
By Kenny Ray

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Utah Hunting Season Dates	2025
Mule Deer/Pronghorn - Archery	Aug 16 - Sept 12
General Elk - Spike Units Archery	Aug 16 - Sept 5
General Elk - Any-Bull Units Archery	Aug 16 - Sept 17
Limited Elk - Bull Elk Archery (Early)	Aug 21 - Sept 17
Pronghorn - Rifle	Sept 13 - Sept 21
Youth Any-Bull Elk Rifle	Sept 13 - Sept 23
Limited Elk - Bull Elk Rifle (Early)	Sept 17 - Sept 21
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

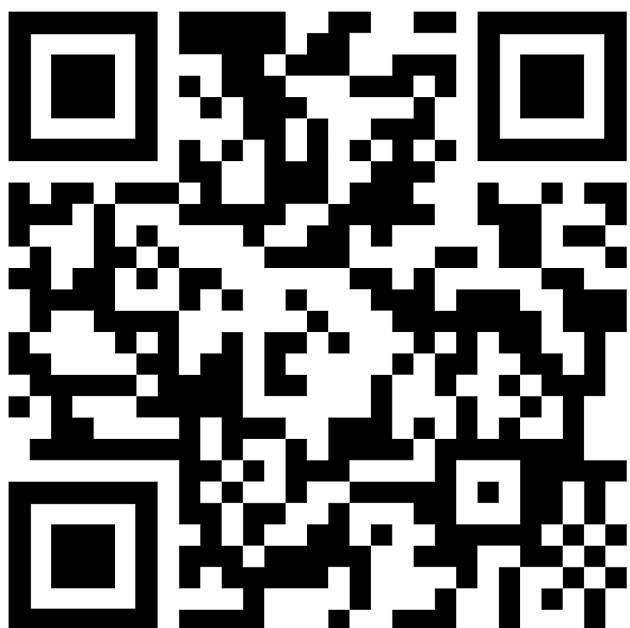
Aug. 5 at 9 a.m. MT: Over-the-counter (OTC), including add-on bear licenses, and remaining (leftover) limited licenses on sale online, in person and by phone.

### SEASON DATES: 2025

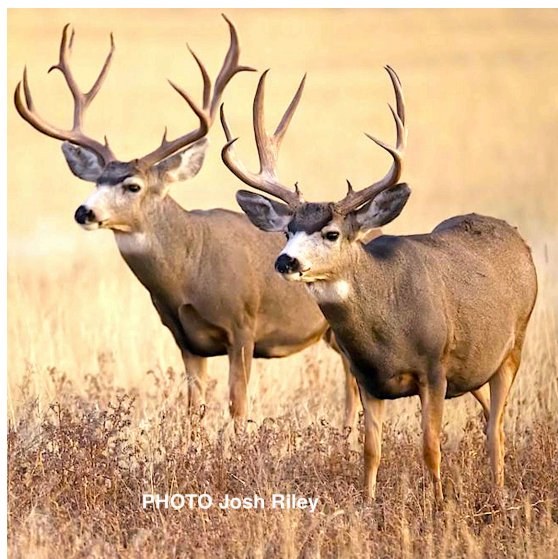
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<b>Be sure to check the hunt code pages for additional species-specific season dates!</b>			
Deer Elk Bear	Sept. 2-30*	Sept. 13-21*	Sept. rifle (bear): Sept. 2-30* 1st rifle: Oct. 15-19 2nd rifle: Oct. 25-Nov. 2 3rd rifle: Nov. 8-16 4th rifle: Nov. 19-23 Plains rifle (deer): Oct. 25-Nov. 4
Pronghorn	Aug. 15-Sept. 20*	Sept. 21-29	Oct. 4-12*
Moose	Sept. 6-30	Sept. 13-21	Oct. 1-14*

\*Unless otherwise noted in the hunt code tables.

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## Public Service

By *Aimee Tooker*



What do I expect out of public officials that represent me?

Honesty, empathy, accountability and above all else integrity.

Public service is about recognizing the needs of the community and working diligently to address those needs. Public servants face challenging situations and make personal sacrifices to ensure the well-being of others. I have high expectations as to the use of my taxpayer dollars and how they are spent. If a public official expects to get the municipality's financial house in order, then I expect that public official to have their personal financial house in order.

Public trust and credibility are the cornerstones of effective governance. When public servants are perceived as credible and trustworthy, they can better serve their communities, implement policies, and maintain social order. Without trust, the relationship between the government and the people is weakened, leading to inefficiencies and a lack of cooperation. Your values and principles speak to the person and character you are.

If you are someone who has repeatedly broken state and federal laws. You will not get my vote. Police recruits and applicants must pass a background check and polygraph test. I expect the people in charge of those offices and their budgets to be able to also.

If you are someone who has disregarded transparency of public donations or use of taxpayer funds. You will not get my vote.

If you are someone who treats those less fortunate with meanness and disdain. You will not get my vote.

If you are a party that elects or appoints someone like this and does nothing to rectify the situation. You will not get my support, nor will you get my allegiance.

If you are someone who has taken responsibility for your past and has demonstrated empathy and a willingness to learn, then that speaks to the true character of a person and I will absolutely sit and listen and ask questions before casting my vote and making a decision.

When public servants are perceived as credible and trustworthy, they can better serve their communities, implement policies, and maintain social order. Without trust, the relationship between the government and the people is weakened, leading to inefficiencies and a lack of cooperation. So, to all the candidates out there running for office or thinking of running for office; we the people demand accountability, integrity, empathy and for you to make decisions based on data and facts not unsubstantiated claims and divisive rhetoric. Yeah for the rain!

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## Politicking Never Sleeps

By Dewey Cheatham

It's only September of 2025, and yet the gears of the political machines are already in motion, looking ahead to the 2026 'mid term' elections. Often not as big a ballot turn out than on Presidential election years, there are still a range of Governors and Senators, Representatives as well as County and local races that have already started to assemble their strategies.



Commentary by Linda Cunningham

Democrats seem to have all the answers, at least they think they do. They're so quick to point out what they think are all the wrong things the republicans are doing, meanwhile ignoring what's really important to the country and the people. President Trump can hardly get a sentence out before someone on the left starts talking smack and ripping apart his words to suit their narrative. I find it funny, that after all these years of the left bashing everything this man has said, and after making up false accusations against him ... he doesn't and WONT give them the time of day.

President Trump has brokered deals with countries that past presidents could have only dreamed of, President Trump got it done. President Trump has brought peace to countries that have fought each other for so long, neither one could even remember why they started fighting in the first place, President Trump got it done. President Trump secured our southern border faster and tighter than any President has EVER done, and he is working day and night to keep it that way. President Trump is ridding American streets of gangs and illegal thugs and making it safe for Americans again.

So "thank you" President Trump, thank you for being the brave man you are and stepping up to do the job no one else could have ever done!

**"The world is a dangerous place to live, not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it"**  
**Albert Einstein**



Here in Colorado, the Governor race currently has 33 candidates listed in the Sec. of State database. One of the Unaffiliated Candidates was making stops around SW Colorado, to begin his grass root campaign. In the October issue, we'll share an interview with Chaz Evanson, who stopped in at the Dove Creek Dinner Bell to connect with the locals.



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The first casualty of war is the TRUTH.

Though September has an International Day of Peace this month, at the time of writing, the anticipated 'civil' war (ironic name), has not yet come to pass, and perchance all will pass without Americans fighting each other on domestic soil. As always (if you're keeping count) there are rumors of wars and wars and rattling of swords and actual killing each other for those in power, all over the world - all the time it seems. If you've followed the 'Bean, you've heard the phrase "there's an info war" - additionally, and perhaps even more crucially, there is a war out for your mind. That reminds me of the 1987 PSA TV campaign showing an egg, saying this is your brain, then cracks it into the frypan, voice over says 'and this is your brain on drugs'. That was part of the 'war on drugs' era, that apparently has yet to be 'won' coming up on 40 years later.

If you enjoy the range of info in this paper, I hope you're familiar with George Orwell's book "1984" written in 1948. Take a deep dive on all that is Mr. Orwell if you like interesting rabbit holes and connections, along with the big events that happened in the critical years of 1947-48. We are truly living out much of what Orwell wrote about.

Back to critical thinking and freedom for your mind - what could be called **cognitive liberty**. If you haven't researched the effects of frequencies, on your cells, your brain, and your very being, there's a lot to look at. There's also a lot of speculation about the possibility that many people's minds are not wired the same as a 'critical thinker' - someone who challenges what they are told if it doesn't make sense to them, is open to listening and weighing information from a range of sources, and makes up their own mind. However, there is research on many minds that don't engage an inner monologue, just go through days going from task to task, without self reflection - not uneducated, not lazy, but something else may be going on. By some they are referred to as NPC - what gamers call Non Player Characters (don't get me started on minds absorbed into video games and the metaverse). It's like they are "background people" that follow simple behavioral loops. When bringing up an objection on any topic they have set in their profile, they are programmed to shut down and dig in, and possibly counter with charging the other person with the very issue they are exhibiting. They may not actually be malicious, it's just how they are programmed.

That thought brings me to the 'not going away anytime soon "Epstein" saga'. Yes, you might think that's a bit odd, but a not well covered part of the saga is the New Mexico property Epstein was involved with - the Zorro Ranch. Not for cows and pigs, this 'facility' was found to be involved in various scientific interests involving cloning. This is another 'rabbit hole' you'll want to go research, along the lines of gene manipulations not being a relatively new discovery or technique, but actually written about in ancient texts. Read about how in Sumeria, the Anunnaki god Enki, with his sister Ninhersag, worked to design a new 'race' that would be based off of an existing hominid, while genetically engineering or splicing in some additional code to create a slave race to mine the gold for them. (so, that's basically us). Many thousands of years ago. And then, if I haven't already lost most people reading this far, further examination into whatever was going on in Germany before World War II with manipulations of human races, will reveal more than you were taught in text books. And then on the gene front, the famous "Dolly" the sheep clone in the late 1990s, and the Tartarian history along with 'cabbage patch kids' and the 'orphan trains', there's so much we are re-examining and just relearning, and finding perhaps truly there is nothing new under the sun. Being chronically in a state of 'war' on something, where does the truth lie... If we don't protect our minds, and continue to actively critically think, we may all just have to live in the lies, as the truth is hidden and becomes the occult, or yet again, a casualty of history.

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**Seth David Boyd**  
**May 26, 1977 - August 18, 2025**  
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Seth David Boyd, born May 26, 1977 at home in Redondo Beach, California to Philip and Charmaine Boyd, was a 16-year resident of Dove Creek, Colorado until his unexpected passing on August 18, 2025, at the age of 48, in Dove Creek, CO.

Seth was a loving and devoted husband to his wife, Yvonne Boyd of 25 ½ years. He grew up living in Redondo Beach, graduated from Redondo Unified School District and afterward entered the United States Army, serving honorably from 1995 to 2009, which included two tours in Iraq. After his time in the military, Seth and his wife, Yvonne, relocated to Dove Creek, Colorado to be closer to his family. Seth was a loyal employee of RW Trucking in Cortez for 16 years. When not at work, Seth enjoyed spending his free time at his property, on the old family farm, at Summit Point in Monticello, Utah, where he often took long walks, explored the back roads on his ATV and simply enjoyed the quiet time watching old movies in his cabin. He also enjoyed time on the family shooting range with his brother, Ethan. Seth was an adventurous man who loved exploring, seeing new places and long motorcycle rides. When possible, he took his beloved dog, Boone, with him, as his side kick. Boone

enjoyed those bike rides and long walks with him. Seth was also a lifetime student of Shepard's Chapel in Gravette, AR, and his all-time favorite gospel was those sung by Elvis Presley. He was a man of faith and a deep love for his Heavenly Father.

Seth is survived by his wife, Yvonne Boyd (Dove Creek, CO), his best bud and dog, Boone, his mother, Charmaine Boyd (Monticello, UT) and siblings: Laverna Brown (Sacramento, CA), Athena (Douglas) Spigner (Monticello, UT), Elena (Dana) Huskey of (Dove Creek, CO), Eric Boyd (Dove Creek, CO ), Ethan (Athena) Boyd (Dove Creek, CO), Jonathan Boyd (Buckeye, AZ), Rebekah (Cameron) Braveheart (Montrose, CO), and Joshua Shepard (Monticello, UT). He is also survived by his Uncle Charles (Julie) Boyd (Monticello, UT) and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Seth is preceded in death by his father, Philip H. Boyd (Monticello, UT), nieces, Ayla M. Boyd and Anastasia F. Braveheart, and nephews, Landon D. Spigner, Joseph A. Spigner, Lamar Gasaway.

Although Seth Boyd's physical presence may no longer grace our lives, his spirit, having touched so many lives, will continue to live in the memories and hearts of his wife, his family and his friends. While earth grieves for its loss, heaven rejoices for its gain.

A Celebration of Life with military honors will be held on September 5th, 2025, at 11am, located at the First Baptist Church, 303 Main St., Dove Creek, CO. A reception will follow at the Dove Creek Community Center at 403 7th St. Dove Creek, CO.

Ashes will be laid to rest in a private family ceremony at Fairview Cemetery on the family farm in Summit Point, Monticello, San Juan County, UT, at a later date.

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## WHY THE FIRES?

By Dexter Gill

There has been a lot of excitement and concern over wildfires this year, and as a result, a lot of questions about why it seemed some fire starts did not appear to have been put out, some may be encouraged to spread, and why do they take off so quickly, and so on. When asked, I can only say, "every fire start has its own criteria and setting to evaluate for action, and we learn from each one, what to do or not do next time". The firefighter is at the mercy of what has occurred, or not, on that site prior to the fire start. The simple answer to those questions is often a yes.

Having been fighting fires, and prescribing them for forest and range management since 1959, I found the three constants of Oxygen, Fuel and Heat are controlling factors in either fighting or prescribing fire. There-in lies the issue of much of the wild fires of today, the one constant you can control is FUEL! Sadly beginning in 1976, fuel was encouraged to build up on the Public Lands of Forest Service and BLM due to reducing, even ending, planned management and use of much of forest and range growth of trees, shrubs and grasses on much of the land, resulting in continuous buildup of woody and fine grassy FUEL. This fueled the battle cry of today, "Graze it, Log it, or watch it burn".

After one hundred (100) years of managed use for grazing livestock and farming, producing food and clothing, timbering and mining for construction and economy, wildlife and watershed improvement had come to an end, on much of the public lands in the Southwest, all due to the faux new environmental laws, regulations and policies. The new policy was/is to protect the environment from man! The result has been to Watch it Burn.

The Fire issue is of special concern to me as it is a very good and necessary tool in management along WITH grazing and timbering, NOT in place of timbering and grazing! The question became, how to manage vegetation and fuel in the forest without wood product use and removal, and livestock use of the grass and shrubs, the two principle sources of FUEL for fire. The new generation of environmental controllers answer was to prescribe burn under controlled conditions. For that to happen takes considerable time and expense under federal NEPA rules under the watchful eyes of enviro NGO's whose knowledge and experience is in legal litigation, not natural resource management. Consequently," it has become common practice to utilize natural fire starts as "managed wildfires" when and where conditions are appropriate, thus circumventing the NEPA process and the costly litigation issues with the Enviro NGO's.

The questions circulate on whether the Stoner fire began as a "managed wildfire", and has there been similar ones in the past? The Stoner and past suspected ones have and will end without serious damage to surrounding properties. The concern now is to prevent future loss of watershed and economic value and to return the Public Lands to active management and use of the vegetative resources, in coordination between the Counties and the Public Lands agencies for the highest priority of WATER.

## Wildfire Wrap Up

By Kendra Cook

Mid August the state of Colorado had 24 wildfires burning while a total of 52 large fires burned across nine main areas in the US. In the 8 months of 2025, a total of 43,787 wildfires were reported. When a fire is near - and pre evacuation orders are released, it's not a time to panic if you were already prepared. To be living "Wildfire Ready" there are some simple obvious steps to take. Grasses, shrubs and trees provide fuel. According to a useful website from Colorado State Univ., they say if your home is located in or near natural vegetation, be it

grasslands, scrublands, foothills or mountains, they call it a wildland-urban interface, and could be at risk.

First steps: Store firewood at least 300 feet from your home, never on or under your deck. Clear leaves and pine needles from your decks, roof and gutters - rake and remove pine needles and leaves at least 5 feet from the home - remove items under a deck to take to a storage area - Prune branches that overhang your roof and keep at least 10' away from your chimney - screen attic roof and eaves and foundation vents and wall in areas below decks and stilt foundations with 1/8" meal mesh - Clear brush, shrubs and other plants within 10 feet of propane tanks and gas meters - Mow grasses to 4 inches or less within 30 feet of your home - Remove flammable material within 6 vertical inches of your home's siding.

Making a plan and preparing a 'go bag' is a sound idea for any potential home threat. If you have a check list, and can follow that in a time of crisis, you are most likely able to calmly accomplish the best result to keep you and your family and pets safe.

The Deer Creek Fire in SE Utah was fully contained at almost 18,000 acres mid August, though the burn scar has caused concerns during heavy rains. The Sharps Canyon fire was contained around 400 acres, but the cause believed to be human, is still under investigation. The Dolores Canyon Solar 'farm' caught an area of panels on fire in that blaze, the clean up and hazmat issues will be addressed at the Sept 15 Dolores County BOCC meeting. The Stoner Mesa Fire started July 28th by lightning strike, and has stayed around the 10,200 acre mark at the end of August, while they still monitor and work the perimeters, the pre evacuations in the area were lifted.



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# Cow Puncher's Life

By Jeff O. 'Sam Elliot Eat your Heart out'

I'm guessing at dates, but I'm thinking it was spring of 1989, I was trying to make a hand on the Diamond A/ Big Boquillas (probably spelled wrong), I had come and gone a few times, like a lot of us did. Seems like every time I came back, of all the horses they cut me, I always wound up with a little bay horse I called Checkers. He was just a plain little bay horse, not great to look at, but not terrible either, just a ranch horse. I was just as bad as any kid, I wanted to put a notch in my reputation. We made a pretty good sized drive on the north side of the ranch one day, by the time we got to the water lot, it was crowding dark thirty. We penned a pretty good sized bunch of cattle, left em in the water lot till the next morning..... The next morning we hauled over in two or three rigs, as we were coming in close to the water lot, there was a cow and calf, and a high headed long yearling bull that had been lured in by all the bawling cattle. The boss says, I want that bull. If you've ever been a young cowboy on a cow outfit you can imagine the way I took that. A bunch of us surrounded them in the vicinity of the gate into the water lot, while one man opened the gate. Myself and several others were jacked up . The cow and calf seemed glad to take the gate, but the young bull on the other hand wasn't having it, he ran and blew snot at a couple of different people, then lined out between me and another guy. I was young, and that's what I was hoping for, I bathed Checker's ass in bridle leather and built to him ( I didn't mention he was



coming four and I had never ran and roped anything on him ) he ran hard and Checker's gathered him up, I raised up and roped him, Checkers gathered another gear and went by him to the left, I was dallying that day, so I took my cranks. As I went by him I was trying to plow rein my horse to face him. All we did was turn across in front of him at a high rate of speed, as things were coming tight I could feel the rope rim firing me and my horse, the little bull was bouncing at an angle behind me. Pretty quick the rope had me hanging off the side of my horse, I hit the ground. I'm thinking someone else might have followed me with the bull, NOT. I sat up after the dust cleared, hear a loud snuff, and here comes the bull, he wooled me all over for a while then pulled out, I looked up and here came the Calvary. At least I slowed him down for them.

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### SE UTAH

Sage Potash Corp. is a Canadian company focused on developing its Sage Plain Potash Project located in the Paradox Basin, Utah. In August they announced the appointment of The Honourable Stockwell Day to the company's board of directors. He is a Canadian political leader, having served in Parliament between 2000 and 2011. The company has another key appointment with the COO Tim Mizuno. The company is well set with permits and mineral leases in place for solution mining, which can be brought to operations incrementally. A recent Executive Order elevated Potash to the US Critical Minerals List for food security concerns.

### SW COLORADO

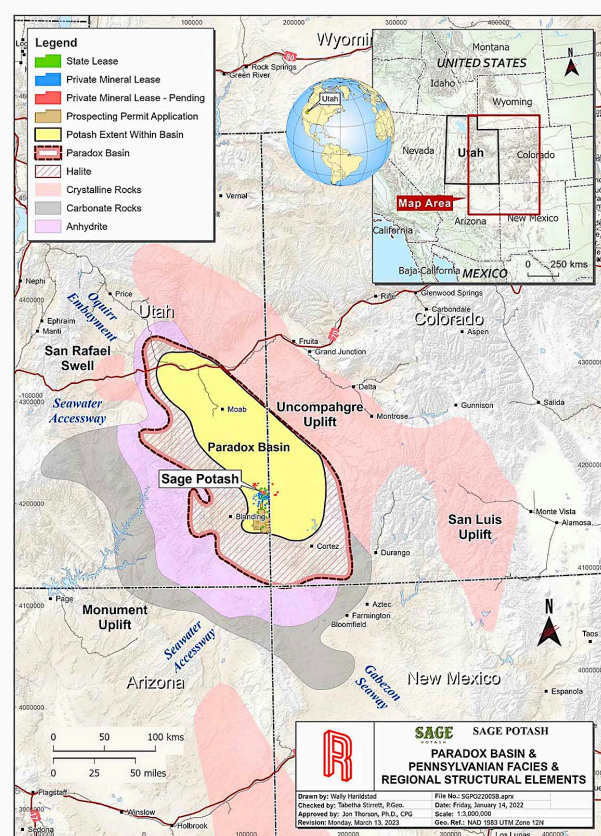


Girl Scout Troop 22619 is unique that they have girls from Cortez, Mancos and Dolores and they go to a variety of the schools in the area. This allowed them to make a large donation to the firefighters working the Stoner Mesa Fire. The recipients were overjoyed to meet them and deliver the much-appreciated gifts to the teams.

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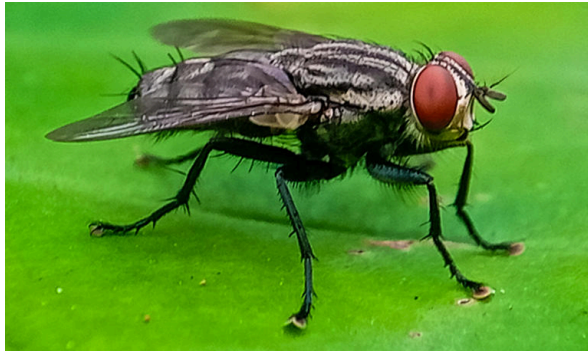
## New World Screwworm

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced at the Texas State Capitol, alongside Governor Greg Abbott and stakeholders from across the country, a comprehensive plan to combat the northward spread of the New World Screwworm (NWS) from Mexico into the United States. New World screwworm (NWS) is a species of parasitic flies that can cause myiasis and feed on live tissue. It primarily affects livestock, but it can also infest people according to the CDC.

This announcement builds upon the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) five-pronged plan issued in June to combat this devastating pest, which poses a significant threat to American livestock and the national food supply. Secretary Rollins emphasized the urgency of the situation, stating, "NWS is a formidable foe, but we have faced it before and emerged victorious. Today, we recommit ourselves to this fight, armed with new tools and strategies."

The five-pronged plan includes:

1. Innovate Our Way to Eradication: USDA will invest up to \$100 million in viable innovations, supporting both short-term solutions ready for immediate scale-up and longer-term research projects focusing on new sterile NWS production techniques, novel NWS traps and lures, NWS therapeutics, and other preparedness and response tools.
2. Protect the United States Border: USDA will construct a sterile fly production facility in Edinburg, TX, at Moore Air Force Base, capable of producing up to 300 million sterile flies per week. This facility, in tandem with those in Panama and Mexico, will form a barrier against NWS, helping to push the pest back toward the Darien Gap.



3. Wildlife Migration Prevention: USDA will bolster border surveillance by hiring more mounted patrol officers, known as "Tick Riders," and training detector dogs to sniff out NWS infestations in livestock and other animals. The agency is also working with the U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Customs and Border Protection to monitor wildlife migration.

4. Stop the Pest from Spreading in Mexico: USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is collaborating with Mexico's National Service of Agri-Food Health, Safety and Quality (SENASICA) to contain NWS south of the border. This includes enhancing surveillance, improving case reporting, and providing resources to prevent further spread.

5. Ensure United States Food Safety: USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service is vigilantly inspecting animals and carcasses at slaughter to keep the food supply safe from NWS.

In the wake of recent detections in Mexico, Sec. Rollins closed southern ports of entry to livestock trade in May and July. USDA is also investing in Mexico's sterile fly production capacity and conducting audits to improve the country's animal health controls. NWS infestations are very painful, and can exist as skin lesions that won't heal, bleeding from open sores, and can be seen in humans where these flies are present. The agency is coordinating with federal, state, and private sector partners to ensure a robust and unified response to the NWS threat.

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## For the Love of Food

By Kendra Cook

What is a Dutch Baby? Well, it's often called a German pancake, Dutch puff, Hooligan or even Hootenanny - basically it's a play off of the classic Yorkshire pudding. Only in a cast iron pan and much larger. Called a type of 'pancake', it is not cooked on a griddle, but in the oven. You can also think of it as a type of popover, as there is no baking powder for leavening. The sweet version is commonly found in Dutch influenced parts of the US such as in Pennsylvania, served with butter, sugar and lemon. But they are now trending towards being served in a savory fashion too.

It's pretty simple, but the technique needs to be respected just like baking a soufflé. You have to keep the door closed for the first 15 min. of cooking so it won't deflate. Want to give it a try?

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Take your nice seasoned 10" cast iron skillet, add 2 tablespoons of butter and put in the oven to preheat and brown the butter for 5 minutes. Blend together the eggs, milk, flour, salt and 2 tablespoons butter til smooth (about a minute). Combine the parmesan cheese the herbs in a bowl. Take the skillet out, and pour the batter in and sprinkle with the cheese herbs mixture. Don't dilly dally, carefully place the skillet back into the center



of the oven baking for 20-25 minutes til it is puffed and browned on top. While that is cooking, toss the arugula with the lemon juice and season with the salt. When done, remove the Dutch Baby and top with a small pat of butter. Finish with the burrata cheese, prosciutto, arugula and a grind of black pepper.

The toppings I enjoyed are some arugula with lemon juice, burrata cheese and prosciutto, but you can make this your own creation with whatever fresh and local ingredients you enjoy this time of year!

## SAVORY DUTCH BABY

### Ingredients

- 4 tbsp butter, plus additional butter for serving
- 4 large eggs, at room temperature
- 2/3 cup whole milk, at room temperature
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 3 tbsp grated parmesan cheese
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme leaves
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh chives
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh basil, plus more for serving
- 1 cup baby arugula
- juice of 1/2 a lemon
- 8 oz fresh burrata cheese, at room temperature
- 2 oz thinly sliced prosciutto, torn
- optional black pepper, for serving

Bon Appétit selects the best of the best 'cooking wise' yearly, and for 2025, in the cast iron skillet category, they picked best overall, a Lancaster No. 8, secondly the Stargazer brand, and for best budget they like the Victoria. But they concede that the diehard fanbase loyal to USA own's Lodge, remains a fan favorite.

No. 8

Lancaster is a 10" skillet, at \$175 for the pan, I hope you can turn carrots into gold with this pan!



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Pinto Bean - For the Love of Food beyond the Bean cookbook that is being worked on for a hopeful release in 2026.

If you have a local interesting recipe you'd like to share, you can email Editor@PintoBean.CO and when we do pull this keep sake together, we will let you know how to order one from the website! Meanwhile - happy harvest and cook well - and always with great love !

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