

Opinion from America's Outback

TURN ON THE LIGHTS

RANGE magazine is a beacon of enlightenment for those of us in the East, many of whom have absolutely no idea how our nation's ability to produce food is being attacked by foreign entities! Marjorie Haun's recent article on the demise of our sheep industry was a real eye-opener.

JAMES PASS JR., GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

From the Summer 2024 issue: I admire (envy) those youngsters growing up in the saddle on Kathy McCraine's ranch in Arizona. God bless them. And from "Up Front," never stop hugging the Constitution and waving Old Glory, which flies at my home 20 feet up 24/7/365 and never will come down. For decades I've carried in my back pocket a version of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States printed by

the Heritage Foundation. I believe during this time I've had at least four that got tattered and torn and took the shape of my right butt. When I pass on and get cremated, I've asked to have my latest copy cremated with me. If you ever think you're alone in your thoughts, read *RANGE* and know you are not alone.

JOE GRISAFI JR., HOUSTON, TEXAS

White elitism prevails in your magazine.

ANONYMOUS, DENVER, COLORADO

WATCH THE FLOOD PLAINS

Here in southwest Oregon they are tearing down dams. This changes watercourses, infrastructure and surveys. Some of the older surveys say high water mark. Some say to the middle of the river. The Rogue Basin is filling up with concrete, shopping centers and housing projects. As a fireman and forest ranger, I have seen the high water after winter storms. They are building homes and shopping centers in the floodplains. When we get a big storm, there will be a lot of damage from the high water. The B.L.M., "Bureau of Large Men," or "Bureau of Long Meetings," has gotten together with the "U.S. Forest Circus." With this coordination, they are doing nothing. No campgrounds, no logging, only meetings. Fighting forest and range fires in the West is now big business. Very few federal fire people, only contractors to manage the fury.

PHIL CARDINAL, CENTRAL POINT, OREGON

Outstanding magazine. Fantastic stories—informative, trustworthy.

BRUCE JOHNSON, FOLSOM, CALIFORNIA



My little nephews Axel and Wesley live in Morin-Heights, Quebec, Canada, and truly love the subscription we got them for Christmas. We hope this photo of them will make it in your magazine.

JOSEÉ & CHUCK LEHMAN
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN

BORED FROM BOISE

In general, your articles focus on anti-science, anti-government positions, and the agriculture industry is under the thumb of "big brother." Victimness. Remember: every pancake no matter how thin has two sides. Nothing changes in *RANGE*. I find it very boring.

ANONYMOUS, BOISE, IDAHO

You continue to do the most wonderful job with *RANGE*. There are not many bright spots in today's world, mostly thanks to this current administration. They can find so many ways to attack our way of life and western agriculture. We, individually and our industry organizations, spend so much time

A LIFE WELL LIVED

I had the opportunity to meet a great *RANGE* supporter in person recently. Army Vannier's life weaves an interesting story, beginning with being born in a dugout in historic Fort Cobb, Okla., in 1939. Fort Cobb is in Caddo County and Army is a member of the Caddo tribe.

Army's journey of life has taken him to many places including moving to California when he was four. His mother worked as a welder during World War II to support the family, a fact he's proud of.

Army served in the U.S. Navy as petty officer gunner's mate third class and became a sergeant major in the U.S. Army. He was a deputy sheriff in Tehama County, helped a sister run a dude ranch near Quincy and a



PHOTOS BY DEANNA DICKINSON MCCALL

TOP PHOTO: Army holding the bow used on a movie set many years ago with his copy of *RANGE* always within reach. ABOVE: Army on one of the California movie sets in full headdress holding the bow pictured above.

construction business in Lancaster. He also worked in the movies. "I'd help John Wayne with his horse, Dollar, and with his tack. John Wayne was a great guy."

Army is proud to support *RANGE* magazine and its values. "I pray for our country every day. We have to save and support our freedom and way of life or it will be taken from us!"

After 85 years, Army knows what he's talking about and *RANGE* is proud to have supporters like him who have fought for and know the value of freedom. Thank you, Army, we all salute you!

DEANNA DICKINSON MCCALL
LOOKEBA, OKLAHOMA

See page 46 to check out "120 Years of Tradition," Deanna's latest story.—Ed.

and energy and a tremendous amount of resources defending our professions.

My grandfather came to Wyoming in 1907 and ultimately built a ranch for his family and the succeeding generations. He was so positive about this land of opportunity that I thank God he isn't here to see what is happening to our country now.

BOB INNES, GILLETTE, WYOMING

I have a friend north of Spanish Springs who has goats. She called and asked if I'd pick up a couple bales of alfalfa mix and drop them off. The two bales fit nice and snug in the back of my old Jeep Comanche pickup and I didn't



even have to tie them down.

The alfalfa is stored in a trailer, seen in the photo. I was going to unload it there, but figured she'd want at least one down by the goats, so I went inside her house to ask. Turns out she was cooking breakfast, and I joined her. When I went back out to unload the bales, what did I see but a herd of wild mustangs eating out of the back of my truck like it was a feed tray! I had no idea they were down in a ravine, out of sight but close by. The *fun* part was to get those mares away from my truck. No matter what I did or how politely I asked, they weren't interested—except for that big off-white stallion guarding them. He sure was "attentive"! I low-crawled to the passenger door, got inside, slid over, started the truck and drove to the goat pen. Fortunately they didn't follow. I'd guess they didn't like the exhaust.

ANDREW HYSLOP, SPARKS, NEVADA

HOODWINKED

Here is a question that maybe someone at *RANGE* can answer for me.

How can anyone have the power to simply cancel a pipeline, or drilling rights, or gas stoves, for that matter, that have passed inspections, paid permits, etc. We are just being hoodwinked, in my poor old nail-pounder, manure-scoopin' Missouri opinion!

DAVIS M. BURRIS, MEMPHIS, MISSOURI

Not a farmer, nor a rancher, but they are my neighbors and I have great respect for them, what they do and provide, and their lifestyles. For this reason, we like supporting *RANGE*.

ANNE VERES, NANTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

I loved Rebecca Wells Dolph's "Profile of a Steward" in Summer 2024. Such an "in your face" to the progressive left, hell-bent on redoning this great country and its Constitution.

JUDY NUZUM, TROPHY CLUB, TEXAS

Enjoy the finest periodical in the U.S.A.!

MORTON SULLIVAN

MOUNTAIN RANCH, CALIFORNIA

FAITH IN THE ALMIGHTY

Just an itty-bitty short note. Born 1/20/1945. We had no electricity, no running water, no TV, no A/C, no phone. Our transportation was our farm wagon, pulled by as fine a pair of heavy horses God ever made. I went to town in that old wagon. Now I ask myself, have I progressed or regressed?

RANGE is a wonderful magazine. My only concern is that the hateful, evil, democratic, communistic party will attempt to shut ya down. May God bless you, in Jesus Christ!

JERRY DOBSON, "A SON OF LIBERTY"

WILBURTON, OKLAHOMA

AUTHENTICITY

I am enclosing the full subscription cost, despite being eligible for the early renewal discount. *RANGE* is the only authentic voice of a marginalized American subculture that helps feed the world, yet is nonetheless targeted for extermination by elites who do not fully understand what they are doing. *RANGE* needs all the support it can get.

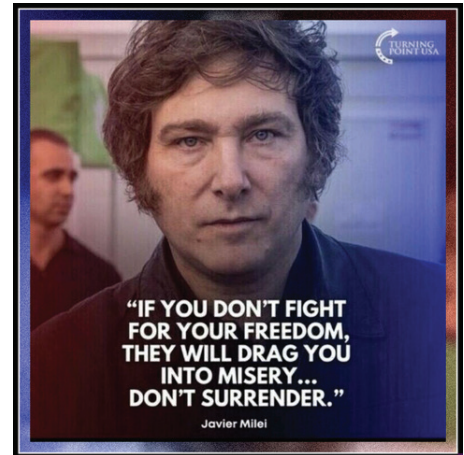
BRYAN COWAN, HORN BROOK, CALIFORNIA



Due to "D.O.U.P." by Marjorie Haun in Summer 2024, our family will no longer support or renew our subscription. By the way, neither are the two ranchers down from us.

ANONYMOUS, PORTLAND, OREGON

Sorry to offend by reporting what our Department of Interior finds most important and will affect all good resource providers. We will sincerely miss you and your neighbors.—Ed.



The story on Bertha Schell by Kathy McCraine in Spring 2024 was really enjoyable. Bertha bought hay from my dad's farm in Chino Valley. I would load the bales into her old truck, but she would never get close to the stack. She was afraid of starting a fire, so we always had to drag them to it and buck them on. One day she came to the house and noticed a beautiful antler mount on a deer head. She said the two did not belong together. It turns out that when dad got the antlers, he did not have money to mount it, so he saved the antlers and mounted it on a different head. She knew it immediately, but it was news to me. She could tell some good stories. The pictures of her and the truck are just like I remember.

JOHN BATES, WARDEN, WASHINGTON

A GREAT HUMANITARIAN

In a world that seems to go madder by the day, thank you, Bill Jones, for reminding us we can still go down the back trails of our memories and find a little joy and sanity.

As a young'un in the early '50s I gathered with a bunch of boys around a Zenith TV at a great neighbor's and watched Roy and Trigger round up the bad guys. Then after all those years, just before they moved the museum to Branson, Missouri, I got to visit. What a treat. I left the gift shop with an armful of treasures. Somewhere in all those memories, Roy's wife said she didn't know when Trigger died. And when she found out Roy had Trigger stuffed, she was so mad she told him, "When you pass away, I'm going to have you stuffed and stuck on that horse." Ol' Roy, true to character, says, "Just make sure I'm smilin.'" When Roy died, a reporter

asked Gene Autry if he'd like to say something about Roy. Gene replied for all of us: "He was a great humanitarian."

DALE TERRILION
PROCTOR, MONTANA

I am a 92-year-old veteran of the Korean War and served with the 1st Marine Division. I also enjoy beef from time to time. I cut a story about lithium mining out of the latest issue of *The American Legion*. Who will get to mine it? Could it be the illegal Chinese? Just sayin'.

BOB CELLI
LAKE ZURICH, ILLINOIS

Hope this small extra can help with something. *RANGE* is the only truth teller of the destruction of America. I'm almost 80 and never thought I would see the demise of this country in my lifetime.

JACKIE SOUSA, EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

I made a copy of the form because I could not bear to cut up the Tim Cox picture on the next page. The gift subscription is for my son, who lives a town away from Tim and admires his paintings as I do. *RANGE* is the best publication I've ever read and hope it stays in print.

DONNA INGLE, DORRIS, CALIFORNIA

Greetings from Montana. Thought I would share this picture of our steer cooling its jets. Taken in Rosebud County on May 16, 2024.

TJ GILLIN CAPE, FORSYTH, MONTANA



AI VIA DALL-E3

Put \$60 in the kitty! Thanks for all the entertainment and knowledge.

DAN BELISLE, ROBERTS, WISCONSIN

TOUGH TO CLEAN

The actions of the Biden administration are part of the Great Reset to reduce the human population by 40 to 50 percent. Washington, D.C., has become so deeply evil and corrupt only fire and brimstone will cleanse it.

ROLAND WEST, ODESSA, MISSOURI

I WANT YOUR SANDBOX!

Most of us by now are familiar with the latest social experiment and its acronym DEI which attempts to "levelize" the workforce and modify our history. Admittedly, the history wasn't always moral but it wasn't always negative.

Look up what the Emancipation Proclamation is and all who died to make it happen. Or what about the World War II fascism and all civilized peoples who died stopping those atrocities. Well, in my opinion, the net result of this latest social experiment has been the greater Division Exclusion Inequity or it's been an obvious failure in terms of "unifying" our country.

There are two things that irk me when politicians are telling me how it is and those are: (1) talking to me like a second grader; and (2) bald-face lying. Another one, I suppose, is the "blame game," which reminds me of a kid on the playground who never did anything wrong but had an overused index finger. I really don't see a lot of adult-generated problem solving on the global scale: "I want your sandbox" or "That's my tractor!" It all seems, sadly, pretty juvenile.

CHARLES BULLINGER, BISMARCK, N.D.

THE WHOLE THING IS FISHY

"The Dam Grab" by Spike Clifford only touches the tip of the problem about our Snake River dams. The original intent of the dams has long been forgotten and the environmentalists and tribes are getting control. The whole thing is fishy, which opens up a whole army of supporters from fishermen, and most of them out of state.

With the dams gone, there will be no shipping of forest products and grain to international customers. As if that wasn't bad enough, throw in the loss of power generation. My heart is bleeding for those poor folks and their electric cars.

The whole economy is tied to the Snake River, and all the Indian tribes will starve to death. I'm looking for that guy who is going to make everything great again. I'm trying to die laughing, but too bad it is so painful I'm crying instead.

JOHN GILLIAM, LEWISTON, IDAHO



In reading the article "In the Crosshairs" by Alex Newman in Summer 2024, I wonder if anyone has seen the menus for all the dinners the elite climate-change folks enjoy. I can't help but wonder if they are eating the plant-based food they desire the rest of us to eat or, by chance, are they dining on T-bones, filet mignon or prime rib? It would be interesting to know just what they eat at these conferences to which they all jet in their private planes leaving gobs of "carbon footprints" behind. Anyone know?

JOAN MEYER, COLUMBUS, OHIO

RANGE brings the sunshine into all the lives you so dearly touch. "Up Front" in Summer 2024 says it all. God Bless America.

KARA AUSTIN, CLAUDE, TEXAS