



FCC Issues Programs List

2nd Quarter Issues List for Station KENW-FM

April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026

Section I. Issues

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our communities this quarter:

Covid 19: The problems caused by the pandemic in our area.

Education: Issues relating to education in our region.

Health Matters: The problems associated with health and healthcare in rural areas during a pandemic.

Governmental Matters: Matters of public interest involving government and government agencies.

Gender and Race: Matters concerning gender and race problems and discrimination.

Environment: Issues associated with climate change and the impact of other environmental problems.

Section II. Responsive Programs

The station has broadcast programming that deal with the issues listed above. Programming that discusses those various issues are listed below.

[A: Covid 19 -- KENW-FM, FCC Issues, Q2 --2026](#)

[B: Education -- KENW-FM, FCC Issues, Q2 --2026](#)

5/9/26, 5/13/26 - You Should Know - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a recent episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviewed Chef Lisa Campbell, the Culinary Arts Instructor at Eastern New Mexico University. Campbell highlighted the university's unique four-year culinary program, which offers diverse career paths, including dietetics and industry roles. She shared her background, noting her childhood inspiration from Julia Child and her journey from a military wife taking college classes to teaching culinary arts. The conversation explored the cultural significance of food in bringing people together and emphasized the importance of pursuing one's passion while gaining the required education for advancement in the culinary field.

4/27/26-- REPORT FROM SANTA FE -- 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In a conversation on "Report from Santa Fe," host Lorene Mills interviews Anna Sofair, a leading researcher on Chaco Canyon. Sofair recounts her pivotal experience in 1977 when she rediscovered the Sun Dagers, marking solar events with intricate rock formations. Her background in rock art and astronomy, influenced by her advisor Joseph Campbell, helped her understand the cultural significance of light and shadow in ancient rituals. Their dialogue highlights the mysteries of Chaco Canyon, a ceremonial center known for its monumental architecture and astronomical alignments, which remains enigmatic due to the civilization's lack of written records. Sofair's film, "Written on the Landscape," aims to unveil these mysteries, showing the extensive reach of Chacoan influence across a vast area, revealing further connections in Chacoan culture.

6/29/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

David Quammen, a noted science writer, discusses his journey from novelist to nonfiction author during an interview on "Report from Santa Fe." He highlights how a pivotal project with National Geographic led to significant experiences documenting wildlife and the scientists studying them, including an expedition across the Congo forest with explorer Mike Fay. Quammen's latest book, "The Heartbeat of the Wild," compiles 21 articles that explore concepts of wildness and conservation, sharing insights gained over four decades in the field. He emphasizes the emotional connection to nature and the importance of understanding and protecting it amidst humanity's encroachment.

6/22/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In a January 2020 episode of "Report from Santa Fe," host Lorene Mills interviews Lori Padas, director of the Santa Fe Raptor Center, alongside Vientosa, a female barn owl. Padas explains the characteristics of raptors, including keen eyesight, strong talons, and a preference for live prey. The Santa Fe Raptor Center focuses on rescuing, rehabilitating, and educating the public about these birds. Padas shares insights on the barn owl's behavior, including its unique dance to warn others and its excellent hearing. Mills recounts a personal experience rescuing a hawk and the center's successful rehabilitation efforts, highlighting the impact of their work in nurturing these majestic birds back to health.

3/30/26- – 4/1/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar, featuring hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and Dr. Johnston. Highlights include home games for softball against Texas Women's University and a four-game baseball series against St. Mary's. Track and field will compete in San Marcos. Additionally, the New Mexico Supreme Court will hold a civic program on campus, requiring RSVP for attendance. Tax preparation services are available through April 15th. Other events include a talk by a senior airman, the Student Research and Creativity Conference on April 2nd, and EMU Piano Day for grades 1 to 12 on April 4th. Finally, the Roswell campus will host its 23rd annual golf tournament on April 4th.

4/6/26- – 4/8/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar. Hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston discussed the upcoming busy month of April, highlighting various sports events, including softball and baseball matches. Notably, sports activities will primarily be away games. The Outdoor Track and Field team will be at the Joe Meeker Classic, also available on Flow Sports.

In music and theater, events include a piano duel recital, a Friends of Music Scholarship Competition showcasing high school talents, and a jazz concert featuring Dr. Willis Deloney and Dr. Paul McLaughlin on April 10th and 11th. Attend a faculty recital on Sunday at Buchanan Hall and visit the K-ENMU Juried

Art Exhibition in the Runnels Gallery, running until April 25th. Lastly, the annual Jack Williamson Lecture Series will feature author Ursula Vernon, honoring a tradition connected to the university's literary heritage.

4/13/26- – 4/15/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

The ENMU Weekly Events Calendar highlights upcoming activities at Eastern New Mexico University, including sports, arts, and lectures. President Johnston and host Evelyn Ledbetter discuss an intense period leading up to graduation, with various athletic events like rodeo, baseball, track and field, and softball scheduled. Key cultural events include a Creative Connections arts session, a Double Reed Studio Recital, a spring choral concert, and a Vocal Studio Showcase. The calendar also features a visiting lecture on conservation and the 27th Annual Cynthia Irwin Williams Lectureship. Additionally, the Blackwater Draw site will host an archaeological event, showcasing its importance and offering interactive learning opportunities for visitors.

4/20/26- – 4/22/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar. This month features several celebrations, including graduation ceremonies on May 7th, 8th, and 9th at Rio Rosso and the Wool Bowl, alongside a retirement celebration for faculty on the 22nd. Sports teams will compete in events at South Plains College and Texas A&M International. Upcoming music recitals include the Spring Steel Band Concert on the 20th and the Spring Saxophone Recital on the 23rd. Additionally, the University Theater will present "Luchadora" on the 25th. Various community events, including Hiss and Tell on the 21st and the reopening of the Roosevelt County Historical Museum on the 25th, are also scheduled. Many of these events are free and open to the public.

4/27/26- – 4/29/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

The ENMU Weekly Events Calendar features highlights from an upcoming semester ending, including commencement ceremonies in Rio Doso, Roswell, and Fortaleza. Dr. Johnston and Evelyn Ledbetter discussed the importance of graduation as a celebration of achievement and family. Upcoming events include softball games against UT Permian Basin and Angelo State, spring music recitals in Buchanan Hall, and a knife presentation by the Office of Indigenous Affairs. Additional activities on the Rio Doso campus include the Seed to Supper series and a classic cinema series screening of "Charade." The Roswell campus will host an artist lecture series. The calendar emphasizes preparations for finals and graduation festivities.

5/4/26- – 5/6/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

In the latest ENMU Weekly Events Calendar, hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston discuss the upcoming May commencement activities across various locations, emphasizing the importance of early accommodation for attendees. The events start on Thursday in Ruidoso, followed by Roswell on Friday, and culminate in Portales on Saturday. Additionally, they highlight the streaming option available for those unable to attend in person and cover other campus activities, including the Outdoor Track and Field Lone Star Conference Championship and upcoming art and music events at the university. The hosts express their excitement for the celebrations and appreciation for the support offered by university leaders during student finals week.

5/11/26- – 5/18/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

In the latest ENMU Weekly Events Calendar, hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston reflected on a busy week, highlighting graduation celebrations with over 1,400 graduates across the system. They discussed the importance of recognizing each graduate and also the challenges of recruiting new students. Johnston noted the Student Support Services Building's construction progress, reporting 94% completion and the imminent delivery of furniture. They anticipate a soft opening before the formal ribbon-cutting during homecoming. Additionally, plans for public art on campus were mentioned, underscoring the focus on enhancing the campus's aesthetic appeal. Upcoming summer camps for various departments were also teased for future discussions.

5/18/26 – 5/20/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

In the latest ENMU Weekly Events Calendar, hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston discuss summer activities at the university. They highlight summer class registration, emphasizing its importance for students seeking to maintain academic progress or transition back to college. Additionally, they mention exciting events such as a tour of the Roosevelt County Historical Museum, which provides insights into museum curation, and the "Eat, Read, Share" program at the Golden Student Success Center, promoting reading and discussion. The hosts also promote a kids' camp at the Ria Dosa campus, scheduled for June 1-5, which aims to engage children and foster interest in education. Overall, the conversation centers on enriching summer opportunities within the ENMU community.

5/25/26 – 5/27/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar. Host Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston discuss summer activities following the academic year. They highlight ongoing summer programs, including a choir camp, an art camp, various sports camps, and board games at the Golden Student Success Center. There are opportunities for children to develop skills in sports and arts, with early registration encouraged due to limited spaces. Upcoming camps include junior high volleyball and drama for various age groups. The session emphasizes the importance of these activities for youth development.

6/1/26 – 6/3/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar. Unfortunately, the scheduled program is unavailable at this time. Listeners are encouraged to check the website for updated events and activities on campus.

6/8/26 – 6/10/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar highlights ongoing summer activities and developments. Hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and Dr. Johnston discuss the anticipation around the upcoming shift of student support services to a new building. They mention several upcoming sports camps, including a football coach's clinic and prospect camp. A pledge drive for FM is set for June 22-28, emphasizing community support's importance for programming. Various boot camps, like a culinary skills camp for children and a financial literacy boot camp for ages 16+, are also featured, alongside an upcoming band concert and a community art exhibition running through July 24th at the Reynolds Gallery.

6/15/26 – 6/17/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

The ENMU Weekly Events Calendar features various upcoming activities, including ENMU Day at the Isotopes on June 21, offering tickets for \$28 that include a picnic and T-shirt. Volleyball camps for high

school recruits are scheduled for June 19-20, while the ENMU Theater Arts Drama Academy runs from June 22-26. Additionally, community events like the Creative Connections and Evening in Arts and Crafts are taking place at the GSSC, alongside art exhibitions. Lastly, an HVAC class called "Keep Your Cool" will be held on June 17 at the Roswell campus for practical tips on maintenance.

6/22/26- 6/24/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar, hosted by Dr. Johnston and Evelyn Ledbetter. Key events include the ongoing community juried art exhibition at the Reynolds Gallery and a Gusmacker three-on-three basketball tournament at the Steve Lloyd Family Foundation Stadium parking lot on June 27-28. An alumni event at the Isotopes game offers picnic lunches and T-shirts. Additionally, Roswell campus will host a women in automotive course on June 27, focusing on automotive maintenance. Ria Dosa will feature a community meal and classic film series on June 29. Lastly, the Alumni Golf Tournament on July 10 aims to raise funds for scholarships, having previously generated significant financial support for ENMU students.

6/29/26- 7/1/26 - **ENMU Calendar** - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar with hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston. This week is relatively relaxed due to a federal holiday on Friday, prompting some to take additional vacation days. Both hosts reflect on their tenure and express gratitude for their roles. While events are fewer, they highlight a community meal in Ruidoso and encourage checking local calendars for festivities. Emphasis is placed on safety during celebrations, especially over the Fourth of July, with thanks to veterans for their service. The hosts conclude by inviting listeners to join them again next week.

4/1/26, 4/3/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In a discussion about ethics, speaker Michael Sigrist reflects on the lack of ethical superiority among ethicists compared to the general population. He criticizes the tendency of various ethical systems to be presented as equal, particularly highlighting moral absolutism as a principled approach over situational ethics and moral relativism, which he views as unprincipled. Sigrist argues that ethical principles like honesty, impartiality, and honoring commitments should be emphasized, rather than getting lost in complex thought experiments. He advocates for a straightforward understanding of ethics, urging that the foundation should be doing the right thing simply because it's right. Jeff Gentry concludes with a call for a more principled ethical culture.

4/8/26, 4/10/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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Pierino Como, a talented barber and singer, faced a pivotal choice at 21: to leave his stable job for a music career amidst the Great Depression. Despite a significant pay cut from \$125 to \$28, he followed the advice of his father and fiancée, ultimately finding success with the Ted Weems Orchestra and later CBS and RCA. Como became a superstar with 14 number one singles and 100 million records sold, all while maintaining a family life with his wife Roselle for 65 years. His journey illustrates that sometimes, what seems like a dumb idea can lead to remarkable achievements.

4/15/26, 4/17/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In this segment, host Jeff Gentry discusses the downfall of Theranos, led by Elizabeth Holmes, who raised \$700 million with the promise of revolutionary blood-testing technology. Despite initial excitement and a \$9 billion valuation, the flawed Edison device resulted in fraud convictions for Holmes and partner Ramesh Balwani. Gentry critiques their lack of expertise, contrasting Holmes with Thomas Edison, who was never prosecuted for failure. He suggests that their defense could revolve around a lack of competence in biochemistry rather than intentional fraud.

4/22/26, 4/24/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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The 1904 Olympic marathon in St. Louis was a poorly organized event marked by extreme conditions. Held on a hot August day, with only one water station and dusty roads, it resulted in severe dehydration and distress among the runners. Many athletes dropped out, while others faced dangerous health issues, including Thomas Hicks, who lost significant weight but won despite nearly collapsing. This marathon, deemed a disaster, highlighted the need for better planning in such events, contrasting with the overall success of the Olympics. Jeff Gentry hosts the discussion about this infamous race.

4/29/26, 5/1/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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Charles Goodyear, an American inventor, famously struggled for years to make rubber practical. Despite numerous failures, he discovered vulcanization in 1839, which transformed rubber by making it durable and all-weather. Although his experiments and patent lawsuits left him \$2 million in debt and required time in debtor's prison, Goodyear valued innovation over wealth. His work laid the foundation for modern rubber applications in various industries, earning him recognition, including the Goodyear Medal from the American Chemical Society. Today, his legacy persists in the tire and rubber company that bears his name.

5/6/26, 5/8/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In a discussion about credit cards on "Dumb Ideas That Change The World," the speaker critiques the current system of revolving consumer debt, which has reached \$1.3 trillion. Historically, credit cards were required to be paid off monthly, but now many consumers make only minimum payments, misunderstanding compound interest. Finance professor Moritz Lucas points out that those who carry debt often face additional financial stress due to adverse life events. High interest rates benefit lenders, leading to increased profits from revolving debt, while responsible users earn rewards at the expense of those in debt. The speaker advocates for countries to limit credit increases for those trapped in debt and highlights that one does not need a credit card to build credit. Ultimately, he argues that widespread consumer debt weakens the overall economy.

5/13/26, 5/15/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In this commentary, speaker Jeff Gentry discusses the historical rivalry between Athens and Sparta in the 5th century BC, highlighting Athens' initial successes and subsequent failures during the Peloponnesian War. He notes that Athens, fueled by pride over the abuse of Megara, enforced an

embargo that provoked Sparta into attacking. Despite initial victories, including Sparta's surrender at Sphacteria, Athens later faced disastrous losses in Sicily. The war, lasting 27 years, culminated in Athens' defeat and marked a significant decline in democracy, lasting over 2,000 years, underlining a cautionary view on warfare and foreign policy. Gentry concludes by expressing skepticism about the sensibility of war and the brinkmanship that leads to it.

5/20/26, 5/22/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In this episode, speakers discuss the Darvaza Crater in Turkmenistan, a fire pit burning for over 50 years as a result of a 1971 oil drilling mishap. Historian Jaron Imparovic notes that attempts to burn off the leaked gas were simplistic, leading to ongoing methane emissions that are more harmful than carbon dioxide. Despite some reduction in flame by 2026, the crater remains a spectacle, attracting tourists who can roast marshmallows nearby. The World Bank highlights the significant issue of natural gas flaring globally, suggesting that solutions for capturing this wasted energy could be lucrative for innovators.

5/27/26, 5/29/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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The discussion highlights the evolution of calendars, focusing on Julius Caesar and Roger Bacon. The irregular lunar calendar posed challenges for commerce, prompting Caesar to adopt a solar calendar from Egypt, leading to the Julian calendar. Roger Bacon later identified inaccuracies in the calendar system, suggesting it was off by 11 minutes annually. Although his findings were initially ignored and he faced repercussions, they were eventually validated by a commission appointed by Pope Gregory XIII, leading to the widespread adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1582. This calendar, now nearly universal, required the deletion of 10 days due to drift from the Julian system. Bacon's solar year remains more accurate than the current calendar, which won't require further adjustments until the year 4000.

6/3/26, 6/5/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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Critical thinking is often discussed in higher education but lacks a clear definition, leading to misapplications. Social psychologist Heidi Grant identifies cognitive bias as a significant barrier to true critical thinking, as individuals often believe their viewpoints are correct while dismissing opposing ideas. The speaker suggests methods to enhance critical thinking, such as reassessing the strength of one's beliefs and actively seeking contradictory evidence. By challenging assumptions, individuals can broaden their understanding, as demonstrated with the example of divorce's impact on families. The program encourages listeners to engage in critical thinking exercises and explore more topics in future episodes.

6/10/26, 6/12/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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The discussion highlights the tragic outcome of the Yalta Conference in 1945, where Allied leaders Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin agreed to repatriate two million Soviet citizens from Western Germany. Many of these individuals, including Cossack soldiers and refugees, faced dire consequences upon their return to the Soviet Union, where they were labeled traitors by Stalin and met with

execution or forced labor. Journalist John Young noted the brutal treatment of the returning Cossacks, who, aware of their fate, resisted or committed suicide. The segment emphasizes the moral failure of the Allies in facilitating these returns, ultimately presenting Stalin with a grim gift rather than offering safety to the refugees.

6/17/26, 6/19/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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Polynesians settled the vast Pacific Ocean centuries before European exploration, achieving this without modern navigation tools. Initially, anthropologist Dr. Andrew Sharp proposed that they arrived by chance after being blown off course. However, Ben Finney argued that they were expert navigators, evidenced by his own voyage replicating traditional Polynesian methods. Accompanied by indigenous navigator Mau Pialug, Finney demonstrated the skills required for long-range sea travel. Supporting evidence from bioanthropology, linguistics, and archaeology, including the shared Aymaran and Maori term for sweet potato, confirms that Polynesians conducted purposeful exploratory voyages, even reaching mainland South America before Columbus. Thus, Finney and Pialug are recognized for their significant contributions to understanding Polynesian navigation.

6/24/26, 6/26/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In this broadcast episode "Dumb Ideas That Changed the World," the discussion highlights the historical practice of eunuchs in the Chinese Empire, whose primary role was to maintain the purity of the imperial harem, comprising thousands of women. Eunuchs, often castrated as boys, faced significant cruelty, with many subjected to maiming or death at a young age. Despite their conditions, they gained substantial influence in the court, managing various state functions and even participating in the overthrow of dynasties. The practice, which persisted until 1924, is discussed as a stark example of domination and control. The hosts conclude by reflecting on the dangers of power abuse.

4/2/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Historically Black Colleges and Universities are powerful American institutions. Cheryl Mango and Lisa Winn Bryan explore the culture, currency, and legacy of HBCUs.

4/9/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

What makes a court a court? Most people might answer something like this: there's a judge with legal training who makes a judgment, and if you don't follow their judgment, you get punished. Actually, that's how the American courts work, but all over the world there are courts that operate very differently. And: The Upper Mattaponi tribe has started operating its own courts. Chief Frank Adams explores what tribal justice looks like.

4/16/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Many adults are playing with Lego blocks these days and they've even have a cool acronym – AFOL or Adult Fans of Lego. It's a screen-free way to shut your brain off and create. Plus: Ouija Boards are sort of like a plushie of a monster—something wild and slightly dangerous that we try to tame. But Ouija Boards can also tell us a lot about our culture's uneasy relationship to spirituality.

4/23/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In the German novel “I’m Your Man” a couples therapist and her robot partner Tom explore the limits of post-human love and what happens when our perfect partner is a machine. Plus: An after-school philosophy club has elementary school children discussing deep ideas with undergrads. The college students are reading them Frog and Toad and Shel Silverstein books which are giving rise to conversations about bravery and infinity.

4/30/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

10,000 satellites orbiting Earth are teaching us about our human footprint and the evolution of society. And: The James Webb Space Telescope reveals that the ice layers that freeze in clouds of stardust are a key ingredient in the formation of the universe.

5/7/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In Cuba, internet access is so limited that people pass music to one another on USB thumb drives. This music sharing system is called Sneakernet. Sneakernet helps spread the rhythms and politics of Reparto music. And: What does it sound like when trees sing? Or rocks? Or city waterworks? We share the music of a sound artist who uses objects and nature to make music.

5/14/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

It’s time for our annual summer reading recommendation round-up! From a book that traces the Cold War history of our “Made in China” goods, to a witchy novel about an old woman in the woods, we’ve got suggestions for every kind of summer. We even threw in a few podcast recs!

5/21/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

A good teacher makes a world of difference. As a child Gary Dop (Randolph College/State Council of Higher Education) lived in 20 different homes and never really felt like he belonged. So he focuses on ensuring that students know that they belong – without that, he says, students can’t really learn. And: Cayelan Cary (Virginia Tech/State Council of Higher Education) spent her childhood in the streams, lakes and old-growth forests of upstate New York’s Adirondack Mountains. Now, she works to ensure that Virginia’s freshwater systems remain healthy.

5/28/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

A life steeped in literature fueled the rise of the nation’s first Muslim woman elected to a statewide office. Ghazala Hashmi discusses the power of storytelling and why she believes a well-worn novel is her secret weapon for navigating the high-stakes drama of government.

6/4/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Let’s be honest: avoiding conflict is easy, but it rarely fixes the problem. Emily Gerst joins us to explain why tackling friction head-on is actually an opportunity for growth. She breaks down the exact mindset shift we need to navigate tough moments—starting with a simple, grounding reminder: “I can engage in this conversation, and I am safe.”

6/11/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The author of the new book, It’s Dad Joke Friday: The Collection, fancies himself as a “connoisseur of fine dad jokes and tries a few out with us. Also: Being a dad is a huge responsibility. Santo Coleman talks about the power of fatherhood and some of the anxieties young fathers have about being a first-

time dad. Plus: While dads are more involved in the family than ever before, a study of the division of labor shows guys still have a long way to go to achieve parity.

6/18/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

A cold, dark summer in 1816 brought an extraordinary group of young writers together on the shores of Lake Geneva—including an eighteen-year-old Mary Shelley, who wrote *Frankenstein*. We tell the story of that summer and the conversations, dreams, and climate catastrophe that created *Frankenstein's* magic.

6/25/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

For nearly a century the National Park Service would tell you all about the civil war battles and tactics, but meticulously avoided the most explosive word in the American lexicon: Slavery. Former National Park Service Chief Historian Dwight Picaithley says that all changed in 1998, triggering thousands of protest letters and political threats and accusations that the Park Service was slandering the South.

4/7/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Few people may have seen St. Elmo's Fire, the mythical glow that appears on structures and ships at sea during thunderstorms. But a team of researchers has discovered the fabled phenomenon is quite common. You just need the right equipment to see it. And we'll discuss two recent landmark court decisions against social media companies that are part of the national discussion over the negative impacts of tech on young people.

4/14/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

A species of beetle found living in ant colonies has developed a cloaking system to go undetected – but it could represent an evolutionary dead end. And scientists believe the fossilized skeleton of a two-pound dinosaur found in Argentina may offer new clues into dinosaur evolution.

4/21/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. On this episode, we'll learn what's keeping more student nurses from graduating in New York. A newly identified species of tarantula is setting a record among large, furry spiders. And humans are not the only ones with an affinity for beautiful crystals.

4/28/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. On this episode, we'll learn about scientists testing a new theory of how to look for life on other planets. And a newly-discovered species of spider in the Amazon mimics an infamous zombie fungus.

5/5/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. According to a recent analysis, hundreds of private colleges and universities across the United States are at risk of closing in the next 10 years. On this episode, we speak with Jon Marcus, a journalist with the Hechinger Report, who recently reported on the impending closure of Sterling College, a tiny school in rural Vermont.

5/12/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. On this episode, we'll learn how an unusual fossil offered scientists a new glimpse into the evolutionary history of some of Earth's earliest animals. And we'll learn how pirate gold helped dispel a centuries-old rumor among seafaring European traders.

5/19/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. On this episode, we'll explore the phenomenon of musical daydreams. Our guest is Elizabeth Margulis, Director of the Music Cognition Lab at Princeton University. She writes about the ability of music to bring the listener to another time and place in her book, 'TRANSPORTED: The Everyday Magic of Musical Daydreams.'

5/26/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. A new scientific breakthrough is changing the way research think about our sense of smell. And we'll learn about a particular species of ant that spends its days cleaning ants of a separate species.

6/2/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. The commencement address has become a way for colleges and universities to make headlines – and maybe a viral moment – but, in the information age, some speakers carry a risk. And a recent study on remoras – the suckerfish that attached to large sea animals – has scientists rethinking the fish's relationship with manta rays.

6/9/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. The evolutionary history of turtles has remained something of a mystery. But a new study sheds new light on our shelled neighbors. And for some native birds in Hawaii, resulting to theft is sometimes the easiest way to build a nest.

6/16/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. Not all answers given by artificial intelligence-powered chatbots are equal. It can be that, based on what language users might ask their question, a chatbot may give a different response. We'll speak with a researcher who was part of a time that examined how government media control affects AI.

6/23/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. Scientists have analyzed the fossilized poop of prehistoric ground squirrels. The findings tell us a lot about life in North America 700,000 years ago. And an ancient gravesite found in modern-day Germany offers a new glimpse into the Bronze Age.

6/30/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. A new study finds that fish are similar to humans in how they sleep. And researchers used a drone to track honey bees. They found the insects have surprisingly precise flight patterns.

4/1/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

It wasn't until the passage of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act in 1974 that women gained the right to open bank accounts, credit cards, and loans in their own names, without a male co-signer. On this week's 51%, we speak with Kathleen Godfrey, CEO of Godfrey Financial Associates, about how women's financial independence has evolved over the past 50-plus years, and what women can do now to secure themselves for the future. We also meet the new head of the Susan B. Anthony Museum & House in Rochester, New York.

4/15/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

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6/13/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

Native American students face racism throughout their education, from racist mascots to the historical erasure of the American genocide from textbooks. In this passionate conversation, Indigenous Rights Activists Dakota Brown, Chiitaanibah Johnson, Jayden Lim, and Naelyn Pike share stories of their own experiences and how they are working to abolish racism in schools.

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5/2/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

Lisa Schmidt shares her rattlesnake encounter during a deer hunting trip in November 2020 near Portales, New Mexico. While hiking, she was bitten by a prairie rattlesnake after it struck without warning. Fortunately, her friend Cody, a herpetologist, was with her and knew how to respond. They remained calm, which helped manage the venom spread. Communication issues with 911 delayed help, as the call was routed to different dispatch centers. Ultimately, they learned that a tourniquet is no longer recommended for snake bites due to potential tissue damage. Schmidt emphasizes the need for public awareness on proper snake bite response.

6/27/26, 7/1/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

Dr. Greg Bobo, a chiropractor from the Portales-Clovis area, shares insights about his background and journey. He grew up in multiple states, and after serving as a missionary in France, he pursued higher education in Idaho and Georgia. Influenced by his mother's holistic approach to health, he became interested in chiropractic care while participating in a pre-professional club that allowed him to shadow local practitioners. He values the hands-on approach of chiropractors and the unique relationships they build with patients, contrasting it with more traditional medical practices. Dr. Bobo

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5/11/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The program features Lorene Mills interviewing Amy Owen, a certified beekeeper from New Mexico. They discuss the critical role of bees in ecosystems, highlighting that one-third of food relies on pollinators. Owen emphasizes the importance of flowering plants that require bees for pollination, and they mention an organization called AllVale, which installs beehives in urban areas for commercial buildings. They also touch upon the historical significance of bees in candle-making for the Catholic Church. Owen explains apotherapy, a therapy using bee products for healing, and discusses the New Mexico Pollinator Protection Plan initiated during the Obama administration to protect native bees tailored to each state. Lastly, they talk about different honey bee subspecies and how regional climates affect them.

6/1/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Dr. Wendy Johnson, a family physician and addiction specialist, discusses her book "Kinship Medicine," emphasizing the need for interdependence to heal both humans and the Earth. She shares her diverse experience in public health, including her roles at La Familia Medical Center and El Centro Family Health, and her advocacy for climate awareness through Healthy Climate New Mexico. Johnson reflects on her time in Chile, highlighting lessons in mutual aid and community solidarity gained during the Pinochet dictatorship. She critiques the healthcare system for addressing only 20% of health determinants, stressing that the remaining 80% involves socio-economic factors and community support.

4/15/26, 4/17/26 - Dumb Ideas that Changed the World - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In this segment, host Jeff Gentry discusses the downfall of Theranos, led by Elizabeth Holmes, who raised \$700 million with the promise of revolutionary blood-testing technology. Despite initial excitement and a \$9 billion valuation, the flawed Edison device resulted in fraud convictions for Holmes and partner Ramesh Balwani. Gentry critiques their lack of expertise, contrasting Holmes with Thomas Edison, who was never prosecuted for failure. He suggests that their defense could revolve around a lack of competence in biochemistry rather than intentional fraud.

4/22/26, 4/24/26 - Dumb Ideas that Changed the World - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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The 1904 Olympic marathon in St. Louis was a poorly organized event marked by extreme conditions. Held on a hot August day, with only one water station and dusty roads, it resulted in severe dehydration and distress among the runners. Many athletes dropped out, while others faced dangerous health issues, including Thomas Hicks, who lost significant weight but won despite nearly collapsing. This marathon, deemed a disaster, highlighted the need for better planning in such events, contrasting with the overall success of the Olympics. Jeff Gentry hosts the discussion about this infamous race.

4/21/26- The Best of our Knowledge - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. On this episode, we'll learn what's keeping more student nurses from graduating in New York. A newly identified species of tarantula is setting a record among large, furry spiders. And humans are not the only ones with an affinity for beautiful crystals.

6/30/26- The Best of our Knowledge - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

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4/18/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

In this age of global weirding where climate disruption has tumbled the Goldilocks effect into unruly surges of too much and too little water, the restoration of beavers offers ancient nature-based solutions to the tangle of challenges bedeviling human civilization. Droughts, floods, soil erosion, climate change, biodiversity loss - you name it, and beaver is on it. In this episode, Kate Lundquist and Brock Dolman of the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center share their semi-aquatic journey to becoming Beaver Believers. They are part of a passionate global movement to bring back our rodent relatives who show us how to heal nature by working with nature

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5/30/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

The infinitely curious author and science writer Michael Pollan embraces the mystery at the heart of the great mystery of life: What is the nature of consciousness? And how can we understand consciousness when our only tool is our own consciousness? Joined by interviewer and UC Berkeley Psychology Professor Dacher Keltner.

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4/11/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a recent episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews Scott Mitten, the city manager of Portales, who has been in the position for nine months. Mitten shares insights about his background, having transitioned from federal management of military bases in California to municipal management in Portales. He discusses his 25 years in the Army, particularly in special operations, followed by a civilian role at West Point as the chief of training, where he had the unique opportunity to meet high-profile figures including President Obama, Condoleezza Rice, and Colin Powell. Mitten reflects on his experiences at West Point, describing it as a fast-paced environment filled with young, high-achieving cadets and his interactions with notable leaders as highlights of his professional journey.

4/20/26– **REPORT FROM SANTA FE** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales reflects on his tenure during an interview with Lorene Mills. He discusses his time in the New Mexico Senate and the meaningful experiences of presiding over it as lieutenant governor. Morales attributes his leadership success to his background as an educator and coach, emphasizing the importance of communication and collaboration, especially in a politically charged atmosphere. He expresses gratitude for the tributes received from senators during his last session, highlighting the teamwork and mutual respect fostered among lawmakers. Morales also mentions key achievements of his final legislative session, including groundbreaking policies such as a child care bill aimed at benefiting families across the state.

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4/9/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

What makes a court a court? Most people might answer something like this: there's a judge with legal training who makes a judgment, and if you don't follow their judgment, you get punished. Actually, that's how the American courts work, but all over the world there are courts that operate very differently. And: The Upper Mattaponi tribe has started operating its own courts. Chief Frank Adams explores what tribal justice looks like.

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The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. Not all answers given by artificial intelligence-powered chatbots are equal. It can be that, based on what language users might ask their question, a chatbot may give a different response. We'll speak with a researcher who was part of a time that examined how government media control affects AI.

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5/9/2026 - BIONEERS 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

Jessica Alva. Khadija Rose Britton. Hanna Harris. Anthonette Christine Cayedito. If you haven't heard of these women, it's no surprise. They're four of the untold number of Indigenous women and girls who have been murdered, kidnapped or gone mysteriously missing. A significant number of victims are from communities that are subjected to the harmful presence of fossil fuel and mining companies. Add to this a dysfunctional police and legal hierarchy, and little recourse to prosecute predators for their crimes. In this program, powerful Native women leaders reveal this crisis, and describe how they are taking action and building growing movements, including with non-Native allies. Morning Star Gali, Ozawa Bineshi Albert, Kandi White, Casey Camp-Horinek and Simone Senogles.

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By around 2044, the U.S. will become a majority-minority nation. This seismic demographic shift has triggered a cultural earthquake, provoking a radical spike in hate crimes. In times of massive disruption and economic stress, what Carl Jung called the “shadow side of the psyche” comes into play: the pronounced psychological tendency in the collective psyche is to project these shadow qualities with unusual potency onto whomever people see as “the other.” But is there also a deeper story? Perhaps the question to ask is: Who benefits? We hear from Heather McGhee of Demos. She sees a direct connection between today’s extreme inequality and this peak moment of racial panic and white anxiety.

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5/23/26, 5/27/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In this episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews motivational speaker Juan Do, who shares his compelling life story. Born in the U.S. to Vietnamese parents who fled their war-torn country in 1984, Juan highlights the challenges of growing up in a demanding environment, feeling pressure to excel despite achieving a 3.7 GPA and being prom king. He discusses his struggles with depression and self-comparison, which were mitigated by supportive mentors, including a professor who helped him realize his parents' true wish for his happiness. These revelations led to improved communication with his parents and a transformation in their relationship.

4/27/26– **REPORT FROM SANTA FE** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In a conversation on "Report from Santa Fe," host Lorene Mills interviews Anna Sofair, a leading researcher on Chaco Canyon. Sofair recounts her pivotal experience in 1977 when she rediscovered the Sun Dagers, marking solar events with intricate rock formations. Her background in rock art and astronomy, influenced by her advisor Joseph Campbell, helped her understand the cultural significance of light and shadow in ancient rituals. Their dialogue highlights the mysteries of Chaco Canyon, a ceremonial center known for its monumental architecture and astronomical alignments, which remains enigmatic due to the civilization's lack of written records. Sofair's film, "Written on the Landscape," aims to unveil these mysteries, showing the extensive reach of Chacoan influence across a vast area, revealing further connections in Chacoan culture.

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6/15/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The program "Report from Santa Fe" features a conversation between Lorene Mills and David Suzuki, highlighting his recently published book "Letters for My Grandchildren." Suzuki reflects on his joy as a grandfather at 82, emphasizing the importance of sharing life lessons with younger generations. He discusses humanity's significant impact on the environment, noting our power to transform the planet and the unsustainable nature of our actions. Suzuki shares a story about his approach to engaging with business leaders in the oil industry, advocating for dialogue rooted in shared human needs over corporate identities.

6/22/26- – 6/24/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar, hosted by Dr. Johnston and Evelyn Ledbetter. Key events include the ongoing community juried art exhibition at the Reynolds Gallery and a Gusmacker three-on-three basketball tournament at the Steve Lloyd Family Foundation Stadium parking lot on June 27-28. An alumni event at the Isotopes game offers picnic lunches and T-shirts. Additionally, Roswell campus will host a women in automotive course on June 27, focusing on automotive maintenance. Ria Dosa will feature a community meal and classic film series on June 29. Lastly, the Alumni Golf Tournament on July 10 aims to raise funds for scholarships, having previously generated significant financial support for ENMU students.

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6/10/26, 6/12/26 - Dumb Ideas that Changed the World - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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The discussion highlights the tragic outcome of the Yalta Conference in 1945, where Allied leaders Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin agreed to repatriate two million Soviet citizens from Western

Germany. Many of these individuals, including Cossack soldiers and refugees, faced dire consequences upon their return to the Soviet Union, where they were labeled traitors by Stalin and met with execution or forced labor. Journalist John Young noted the brutal treatment of the returning Cossacks, who, aware of their fate, resisted or committed suicide. The segment emphasizes the moral failure of the Allies in facilitating these returns, ultimately presenting Stalin with a grim gift rather than offering safety to the refugees.

6/17/26, 6/19/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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Polynesians settled the vast Pacific Ocean centuries before European exploration, achieving this without modern navigation tools. Initially, anthropologist Dr. Andrew Sharp proposed that they arrived by chance after being blown off course. However, Ben Finney argued that they were expert navigators, evidenced by his own voyage replicating traditional Polynesian methods. Accompanied by indigenous navigator Mau Pialug, Finney demonstrated the skills required for long-range sea travel. Supporting evidence from bioanthropology, linguistics, and archaeology, including the shared Aymaran and Maori term for sweet potato, confirms that Polynesians conducted purposeful exploratory voyages, even reaching mainland South America before Columbus. Thus, Finney and Pialug are recognized for their significant contributions to understanding Polynesian navigation.

6/24/26, 6/26/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In this broadcast episode "Dumb Ideas That Changed the World," the discussion highlights the historical practice of eunuchs in the Chinese Empire, whose primary role was to maintain the purity of the imperial harem, comprising thousands of women. Eunuchs, often castrated as boys, faced significant cruelty, with many subjected to maiming or death at a young age. Despite their conditions, they gained substantial influence in the court, managing various state functions and even participating in the overthrow of dynasties. The practice, which persisted until 1924, is discussed as a stark example of domination and control. The hosts conclude by reflecting on the dangers of power abuse.

4/2/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

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5/5/26 - **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. According to a recent analysis, hundreds of private colleges and universities across the United States are at risk of closing in the next 10 years. On this episode, we speak with Jon Marcus, a journalist with the Hechinger Report, who recently reported on the impending closure of Sterling College, a tiny school in rural Vermont.

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Shrestha also meets an up-and-coming Albany, New York band showcasing the softer center of the hardcore rock scene.

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4/4/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

Over 7,000 languages are spoken around the world. Each one reflects a rich ecosystem of ideas – seeds that grow into a multitude of worldviews. Today, many of these immeasurably precious knowledge systems are endangered – often spoken by just a handful of people. We hear from two Indigenous language champions, Jeannette Armstrong and Rowen White. They reflect on the words, stories, songs and ideas that influence our very conception of nature, and our place within it.

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5/2/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

Lisa Schmidt shares her rattlesnake encounter during a deer hunting trip in November 2020 near Portales, New Mexico. While hiking, she was bitten by a prairie rattlesnake after it struck without warning. Fortunately, her friend Cody, a herpetologist, was with her and knew how to respond. They remained calm, which helped manage the venom spread. Communication issues with 911 delayed help, as the call was routed to different dispatch centers. Ultimately, they learned that a tourniquet is no longer recommended for snake bites due to potential tissue damage. Schmidt emphasizes the need for public awareness on proper snake bite response.

5/30/26, 6/3/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a conversation on the program "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews beekeeper Mike Terry, who shares insights from his background, including his transition from farming to education and now beekeeping. Mike explains his journey into beekeeping, which began when his

father sought a hobby. He discusses the life cycle of bees, emphasizing their short lifespan of about 40 days and the important role each bee plays within the colony, notably the queen's prolific egg-laying. Mike highlights how bees exemplify industriousness and purpose, reflecting on sayings like "busy as a bee" and "bee line" that illustrate their focused nature. The conversation underscores the essential functions bees perform for the colony's survival and their intricate behaviors within the hive.

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5/18/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In a recent episode of "Report from Santa Fe," host Lorraine Mills interviews Chris Schaum, a wildfire mitigation specialist and arborist, about wildfires and fire safety. Chris shares his extensive background, beginning with his work as a taxidermist at the Smithsonian and evolving into roles within the fire department and FEMA. He highlights the importance of understanding wildfires from multiple perspectives, noting that many professionals in related fields may lack a comprehensive view of fire mitigation. Chris emphasizes public unpreparedness when facing wildfires and the need for emergency preparedness, such as having a go-bag and understanding the rapidity of fire spread and ember behavior. He outlines that wildfires vary greatly based on environmental conditions, illustrating how different landscapes affect fire behavior, with some areas remaining untouched amid raging flames.

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6/1/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Dr. Wendy Johnson, a family physician and addiction specialist, discusses her book "Kinship Medicine," emphasizing the need for interdependence to heal both humans and the Earth. She shares her diverse experience in public health, including her roles at La Familia Medical Center and El Centro Family Health, and her advocacy for climate awareness through Healthy Climate New Mexico. Johnson reflects on her time in Chile, highlighting lessons in mutual aid and community solidarity gained during the Pinochet dictatorship. She critiques the healthcare system for addressing only 20% of health determinants, stressing that the remaining 80% involves socio-economic factors and community support.

6/15/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The program "Report from Santa Fe" features a conversation between Lorene Mills and David Suzuki, highlighting his recently published book "Letters for My Grandchildren." Suzuki reflects on his joy as a grandfather at 82, emphasizing the importance of sharing life lessons with younger generations. He discusses humanity's significant impact on the environment, noting our power to transform the planet and the unsustainable nature of our actions. Suzuki shares a story about his approach to engaging with business leaders in the oil industry, advocating for dialogue rooted in shared human needs over corporate identities.

6/22/26– **REPORT FROM SANTA FE** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In a January 2020 episode of "Report from Santa Fe," host Lorene Mills interviews Lori Padas, director of the Santa Fe Raptor Center, alongside Vientosa, a female barn owl. Padas explains the characteristics of raptors, including keen eyesight, strong talons, and a preference for live prey. The Santa Fe Raptor Center focuses on rescuing, rehabilitating, and educating the public about these birds. Padas shares insights on the barn owl's behavior, including its unique dance to warn others and its excellent hearing. Mills recounts a personal experience rescuing a hawk and the center's successful rehabilitation efforts, highlighting the impact of their work in nurturing these majestic birds back to health.

6/29/26– **REPORT FROM SANTA FE** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

David Quammen, a noted science writer, discusses his journey from novelist to nonfiction author during an interview on "Report from Santa Fe." He highlights how a pivotal project with National Geographic led to significant experiences documenting wildlife and the scientists studying them, including an expedition across the Congo forest with explorer Mike Fay. Quammen's latest book, "The Heartbeat of the Wild," compiles 21 articles that explore concepts of wildness and conservation, sharing insights gained over four decades in the field. He emphasizes the emotional connection to nature and the importance of understanding and protecting it amidst humanity's encroachment.

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5/21/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

A good teacher makes a world of difference. As a child Gary Dop (Randolph College/State Council of Higher Education) lived in 20 different homes and never really felt like he belonged. So he focuses on ensuring that students know that they belong – without that, he says, students can't really learn. And: Cayelan Cary (Virginia Tech/State Council of Higher Education) spent her childhood in the streams, lakes and old-growth forests of upstate New York's Adirondack Mountains. Now, she works to ensure that Virginia's freshwater systems remain healthy.

4/7/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Few people may have seen St. Elmo's Fire, the mythical glow that appears on structures and ships at sea during thunderstorms. But a team of researchers has discovered the fabled phenomenon is quite common. You just need the right equipment to see it. And we'll discuss two recent landmark court decisions against social media companies that are part of the national discussion over the negative impacts of tech on young people.

5/26/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. A new scientific breakthrough is changing the way research think about our sense of smell. And we'll learn about a particular species of ant that spends its days cleaning ants of a separate species.

6/2/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. The commencement address has become a way for colleges and universities to make headlines – and maybe a viral moment – but, in the information age, some speakers carry a risk. And a recent study on remoras – the suckerfish that attached to large sea animals – has scientists rethinking the fish's relationship with manta rays.

6/9/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

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4/22/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, WAMC's Sarah LaDuke learns about everyone's favorite comfort show, Parks and Recreation, with pop-culture writer and historian Jennifer Keishin Armstrong. "Parks and Rec" ran on NBC from 2009-2015, capitalizing on the success of The Office and a sense of political optimism following the election of then-President Barack Obama. It brought us Little Sebastian and Galentine's Day — but it was also always on the verge of cancellation. Keishin Armstrong's new book, Parks and Rec: The Underdog TV Show that Lit'rally Inspired a Vision for a Better America, dives into the program's history and what it means to viewers today.

4/4/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

Over 7,000 languages are spoken around the world. Each one reflects a rich ecosystem of ideas – seeds that grow into a multitude of worldviews. Today, many of these immeasurably precious knowledge systems are endangered – often spoken by just a handful of people. We hear from two Indigenous language champions, Jeannette Armstrong and Rowen White. They reflect on the words, stories, songs and ideas that influence our very conception of nature, and our place within it.

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The influences of Africans and Black Americans on food and agriculture is rooted in ancestral African knowledge and traditions of shared labor, worker coops and botanical polycultures. In this episode, we hear from Karen Washington and Bryant Terry on how Black Food culture is weaving the threads of a rich African agricultural heritage with the liberation of economics from an extractive corporate food oligarchy. The results can be health, conviviality, community wealth, and the power of self-determination.

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5/13/26, 5/15/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In a discussion about ethics, speaker Michael Sigrist reflects on the lack of ethical superiority among ethicists compared to the general population. He criticizes the tendency of various ethical systems to be presented as equal, particularly highlighting moral absolutism as a principled approach over situational ethics and moral relativism, which he views as unprincipled. Sigrist argues that ethical principles like honesty, impartiality, and honoring commitments should be emphasized, rather than getting lost in complex thought experiments. He advocates for a straightforward understanding of ethics, urging that the foundation should be doing the right thing simply because it's right. Jeff Gentry concludes with a call for a more principled ethical culture.

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Pierino Como, a talented barber and singer, faced a pivotal choice at 21: to leave his stable job for a music career amidst the Great Depression. Despite a significant pay cut from \$125 to \$28, he followed the advice of his father and fiancée, ultimately finding success with the Ted Weems Orchestra and later CBS and RCA. Como became a superstar with 14 number one singles and 100 million records sold, all while maintaining a family life with his wife Roselle for 65 years. His journey illustrates that sometimes, what seems like a dumb idea can lead to remarkable achievements.

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\$9 billion valuation, the flawed Edison device resulted in fraud convictions for Holmes and partner Ramesh Balwani. Gentry critiques their lack of expertise, contrasting Holmes with Thomas Edison, who was never prosecuted for failure. He suggests that their defense could revolve around a lack of competence in biochemistry rather than intentional fraud.

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The 1904 Olympic marathon in St. Louis was a poorly organized event marked by extreme conditions. Held on a hot August day, with only one water station and dusty roads, it resulted in severe dehydration and distress among the runners. Many athletes dropped out, while others faced dangerous health issues, including Thomas Hicks, who lost significant weight but won despite nearly collapsing. This marathon, deemed a disaster, highlighted the need for better planning in such events, contrasting with the overall success of the Olympics. Jeff Gentry hosts the discussion about this infamous race.

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Charles Goodyear, an American inventor, famously struggled for years to make rubber practical. Despite numerous failures, he discovered vulcanization in 1839, which transformed rubber by making it durable and all-weather. Although his experiments and patent lawsuits left him \$2 million in debt and required time in debtor's prison, Goodyear valued innovation over wealth. His work laid the foundation for modern rubber applications in various industries, earning him recognition, including the Goodyear Medal from the American Chemical Society. Today, his legacy persists in the tire and rubber company that bears his name.

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5/13/26, 5/15/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In this commentary, speaker Jeff Gentry discusses the historical rivalry between Athens and Sparta in the 5th century BC, highlighting Athens' initial successes and subsequent failures during the Peloponnesian War. He notes that Athens, fueled by pride over the abuse of Megara, enforced an embargo that provoked Sparta into attacking. Despite initial victories, including Sparta's surrender at Sphacteria, Athens later faced disastrous losses in Sicily. The war, lasting 27 years, culminated in Athens' defeat and marked a significant decline in democracy, lasting over 2,000 years, underlining a cautionary view on warfare and foreign policy. Gentry concludes by expressing skepticism about the sensibility of war and the brinkmanship that leads to it.

5/20/26, 5/22/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In this episode, speakers discuss the Darvaza Crater in Turkmenistan, a fire pit burning for over 50 years as a result of a 1971 oil drilling mishap. Historian Jaron Imparovic notes that attempts to burn off the leaked gas were simplistic, leading to ongoing methane emissions that are more harmful than carbon dioxide. Despite some reduction in flame by 2026, the crater remains a spectacle, attracting tourists who can roast marshmallows nearby. The World Bank highlights the significant issue of natural gas flaring globally, suggesting that solutions for capturing this wasted energy could be lucrative for innovators.

5/27/26, 5/29/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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The discussion highlights the evolution of calendars, focusing on Julius Caesar and Roger Bacon. The irregular lunar calendar posed challenges for commerce, prompting Caesar to adopt a solar calendar from Egypt, leading to the Julian calendar. Roger Bacon later identified inaccuracies in the calendar system, suggesting it was off by 11 minutes annually. Although his findings were initially ignored and he faced repercussions, they were eventually validated by a commission appointed by Pope Gregory XIII, leading to the widespread adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1582. This calendar, now nearly universal, required the deletion of 10 days due to drift from the Julian system. Bacon's solar year remains more accurate than the current calendar, which won't require further adjustments until the year 4000.

6/3/26, 6/5/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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Critical thinking is often discussed in higher education but lacks a clear definition, leading to misapplications. Social psychologist Heidi Grant identifies cognitive bias as a significant barrier to true critical thinking, as individuals often believe their viewpoints are correct while dismissing opposing ideas. The speaker suggests methods to enhance critical thinking, such as reassessing the strength of one's beliefs and actively seeking contradictory evidence. By challenging assumptions, individuals can broaden their understanding, as demonstrated with the example of divorce's impact on families. The program encourages listeners to engage in critical thinking exercises and explore more topics in future episodes.

6/10/26, 6/12/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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The discussion highlights the tragic outcome of the Yalta Conference in 1945, where Allied leaders Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin agreed to repatriate two million Soviet citizens from Western Germany. Many of these individuals, including Cossack soldiers and refugees, faced dire consequences upon their return to the Soviet Union, where they were labeled traitors by Stalin and met with execution or forced labor. Journalist John Young noted the brutal treatment of the returning Cossacks, who, aware of their fate, resisted or committed suicide. The segment emphasizes the moral failure of the Allies in facilitating these returns, ultimately presenting Stalin with a grim gift rather than offering safety to the refugees.

6/17/26, 6/19/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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Polynesians settled the vast Pacific Ocean centuries before European exploration, achieving this without modern navigation tools. Initially, anthropologist Dr. Andrew Sharp proposed that they arrived by chance after being blown off course. However, Ben Finney argued that they were expert navigators, evidenced by his own voyage replicating traditional Polynesian methods. Accompanied by indigenous navigator Mau Pialug, Finney demonstrated the skills required for long-range sea travel. Supporting evidence from bioanthropology, linguistics, and archaeology, including the shared Aymaran and Maori term for sweet potato, confirms that Polynesians conducted purposeful exploratory voyages, even reaching mainland South America before Columbus. Thus, Finney and Pialug are recognized for their significant contributions to understanding Polynesian navigation.

6/24/26, 6/26/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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In this broadcast episode "Dumb Ideas That Changed the World," the discussion highlights the historical practice of eunuchs in the Chinese Empire, whose primary role was to maintain the purity of the imperial harem, comprising thousands of women. Eunuchs, often castrated as boys, faced significant cruelty, with

many subjected to maiming or death at a young age. Despite their conditions, they gained substantial influence in the court, managing various state functions and even participating in the overthrow of dynasties. The practice, which persisted until 1924, is discussed as a stark example of domination and control. The hosts conclude by reflecting on the dangers of power abuse.

5/14/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

It's time for our annual summer reading recommendation round-up! From a book that traces the Cold War history of our "Made in China" goods, to a witchy novel about an old woman in the woods, we've got suggestions for every kind of summer. We even threw in a few podcast recs!

6/18/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

A cold, dark summer in 1816 brought an extraordinary group of young writers together on the shores of Lake Geneva—including an eighteen-year-old Mary Shelley, who wrote *Frankenstein*. We tell the story of that summer and the conversations, dreams, and climate catastrophe that created *Frankenstein's* magic.

6/25/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

For nearly a century the National Park Service would tell you all about the civil war battles and tactics, but meticulously avoided the most explosive word in the American lexicon: Slavery. Former National Park Service Chief Historian Dwight Picaithley says that all changed in 1998, triggering thousands of protest letters and political threats and accusations that the Park Service was slandering the South.

4/14/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

A species of beetle found living in ant colonies has developed a cloaking system to go undetected – but it could represent an evolutionary dead end. And scientists believe the fossilized skeleton of a two-pound dinosaur found in Argentina may offer new clues into dinosaur evolution.

5/12/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. On this episode, we'll learn how an unusual fossil offered scientists a new glimpse into the evolutionary history of some of Earth's earliest animals. And we'll learn how pirate gold helped dispel a centuries-old rumor among seafaring European traders.

6/23/26- **The Best of our Knowledge** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Best of our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. Scientists have analyzed the fossilized poop of prehistoric ground squirrels. The findings tell us a lot about life in North America 700,000 years ago. And an ancient gravesite found in modern-day Germany offers a new glimpse into the Bronze Age.

4/1/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

It wasn't until the passage of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act in 1974 that women gained the right to open bank accounts, credit cards, and loans in their own names, without a male co-signer. On this week's 51%, we speak with Kathleen Godfrey, CEO of Godfrey Financial Associates, about how women's financial independence has evolved over the past 50-plus years, and what women can do now to secure themselves for the future. We also meet the new head of the Susan B. Anthony Museum & House in Rochester, New York.

4/8/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Supreme Court has struck down a ban on conversion therapy in Colorado, deciding the law violated the First Amendment protecting free speech. On this week's 51%, we chat with Albany Law School's Vin Bonventre about why the Supreme Court ruled the way it did, and what this means for similar bans in other states, including New York. WAMC's Elias Guerra also speaks with a woman working to start the first Black trans-owned bookstore in New York's Hudson Valley.

5/16/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

History doesn't repeat itself, but it rhymes. From the historic Indigenous occupation of Alcatraz Island in 1969 to the fossil fuel fights throughout Canada and the U.S. today, Indigenous resistance illuminates an activism founded in a spiritual connection with the web of life and the human community - with Julian NoiseCat, Dr. LaNada War Jack and Clayton Thomas Müller.

6/6/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

By around 2044, the U.S. will become a majority-minority nation. This seismic demographic shift has triggered a cultural earthquake, provoking a radical spike in hate crimes. In times of massive disruption and economic stress, what Carl Jung called the "shadow side of the psyche" comes into play: the pronounced psychological tendency in the collective psyche is to project these shadow qualities with unusual potency onto whomever people see as "the other." But is there also a deeper story? Perhaps the question to ask is: Who benefits? We hear from Heather McGhee of Demos. She sees a direct connection between today's extreme inequality and this peak moment of racial panic and white anxiety.

6/27/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

As a backlash against LGBTQ rights escalates into an authoritarian crusade, acclaimed author and queer activist Taylor Brorby asks how we can still be fighting this battle? As a writer addressing the fossil fuel industry's acceleration in the midst of climate chaos, Taylor is forced to choose between the existential crises of the assaults on nature and on LGBTQ people. It's all connected, he says, as he seeks to reconcile nature, culture, diversity and belonging.

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4/18/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

Dr. Anu Ogunlehe, an Assistant Professor of Agriculture at the University of Enum, discusses her role and experiences in teaching various agriculture courses, including agricultural communications. She emphasizes the importance of effectively communicating scientific knowledge to diverse audiences, which she demonstrates through bringing her students to experience media interactions. Dr. Ogunlehe reflects on her background, including being raised in a family that fostered her love for cooking and agriculture, inspired by her mother's hard work. She shares her journey from aspiring doctor to agriculture, detailing her educational path with a bachelor's in agronomy, a master's in horticulture, and her research on aloe vera. Her passion for growing produce and educating others about food sources is a central theme of her conversation.

5/9/26, 5/13/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a recent episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviewed Chef Lisa Campbell, the Culinary Arts Instructor at Eastern New Mexico University. Campbell highlighted the university's unique four-year culinary program, which offers diverse career paths, including dietetics and industry roles. She shared her background, noting her childhood inspiration from Julia Child and her journey from a military wife taking college classes to teaching culinary arts. The conversation explored the cultural significance of food in bringing people together and emphasized the importance of pursuing one's passion while gaining the required education for advancement in the culinary field.

5/30/26, 6/3/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a conversation on the program "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews beekeeper Mike Terry, who shares insights from his background, including his transition from farming to education and now beekeeping. Mike explains his journey into beekeeping, which began when his father sought a hobby. He discusses the life cycle of bees, emphasizing their short lifespan of about 40 days and the important role each bee plays within the colony, notably the queen's prolific egg-laying. Mike highlights how bees exemplify industriousness and purpose, reflecting on sayings like "busy as a bee" and "bee line" that illustrate their focused nature. The conversation underscores the essential functions bees perform for the colony's survival and their intricate behaviors within the hive.

6/6/26, 6/10/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a recent episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviewed Mike Terry, a retired educator who now sells real estate and practices beekeeping as a hobby. Mike shared his journey into beekeeping, which began about 15 years ago after researching the topic sparked his interest. Initially facing challenges due to a lack of local resources, he found guidance from a distant beekeeper in Albuquerque. Mike emphasized how the internet has since expanded access to beekeeping information through videos and Facebook groups, making it easier for enthusiasts to connect and learn. He discussed the different components of a beehive, including brood boxes and frames, and highlighted the significant effort bees put into wax production, requiring ten pounds of honey for every pound of wax. The conversation underscored Mike's passion for beekeeping and his eagerness to share knowledge with others interested in the craft.

6/13/26, 6/17/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

Joey Martin, General Manager of Dairy Farmers of America in Portales, New Mexico, discusses his diverse background, tracing his roots from Alabama and experiences in food production. He has worked in various roles from managing food packaging facilities to overseeing manufacturing operations in pickle and specialty foods. After spending years in corporate roles, he sought a return to plant-level management, finding fulfillment in contributing to food safety and production that supports global needs, including previously supplying milk powder to Latin America. Martin reflects on the evolution of the food industry, highlighting changes in consumer trends around pickles and condiments.

4/6/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In a January 2024 broadcast of "Report from Santa Fe," Lorraine Mills interviews renowned food writer Cheryl Alters-Jameson. Jameson, known for her culinary expertise and radio show "Heating It Up," emphasizes the joy of food as a way to gather friends and family, especially during the winter months. They discuss the importance of communal meals, sharing experiences, and even resolving misunderstandings. Jameson highlights her accolades, including multiple James Beard Foundation awards, and her role as a tour guide for small culinary trips to Europe, notably to Provence and the Amalfi Coast. The conversation underscores her passion for food and the cultural significance of regional cuisines in America.

5/11/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The program features Lorene Mills interviewing Amy Owen, a certified beekeeper from New Mexico. They discuss the critical role of bees in ecosystems, highlighting that one-third of food relies on pollinators. Owen emphasizes the importance of flowering plants that require bees for pollination, and they mention an organization called AllVale, which installs beehives in urban areas for commercial buildings. They also touch upon the historical significance of bees in candle-making for the Catholic Church. Owen explains apotherapy, a therapy using bee products for healing, and discusses the New Mexico Pollinator Protection Plan initiated during the Obama administration to protect native bees tailored to each state. Lastly, they talk about different honey bee subspecies and how regional climates affect them.

6/1/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Dr. Wendy Johnson, a family physician and addiction specialist, discusses her book "Kinship Medicine," emphasizing the need for interdependence to heal both humans and the Earth. She shares her diverse experience in public health, including her roles at La Familia Medical Center and El Centro Family Health, and her advocacy for climate awareness through Healthy Climate New Mexico. Johnson reflects on her time in Chile, highlighting lessons in mutual aid and community solidarity gained during the Pinochet dictatorship. She critiques the healthcare system for addressing only 20% of health determinants, stressing that the remaining 80% involves socio-economic factors and community support.

4/1/2026– All About Ag - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Understanding livestock behavior is crucial for safe interactions with farm animals like pigs, chickens, and cattle. Despite domestication, these animals retain natural instincts to avoid predators. Dr. Temple Grandin's work highlights how animals perceive their environment through senses, revealing

stress signals like body language. Each animal has a "flight zone" for personal space, impacting reactions to perceived threats. Approaching farm animals calmly from the front and consulting handlers ensures safety. The information is provided by New Mexico Ag in the Classroom, a nonprofit aimed at agricultural education.

4/2/2026, 4/6/2026, 4/8/2026 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Agriculture is vital to New Mexico's economy, contributing nearly \$3.99 billion annually. Celebrated during National Agriculture Week in March, it encompasses ranching, dairy farming, and crop production. Livestock, particularly cattle, is the top commodity, generating about \$3.9 billion in 2023. Dairy farms are also significant, while crop production adds roughly \$898 million, with pecans and hay being notable contributors. Beyond economic figures, agriculture represents family traditions and dedicated workers, highlighting the importance of thanking farmers and ranchers for their efforts in sustaining the state.

4/7/2026, 4/8/2026, 4/13/2026, 4/15/2026 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Humans have utilized fire for millennia, recognizing its dual role in agriculture as both a beneficial tool and a potential hazard. Controlled burns, such as those used to manage weeds and enhance soil nutrients, play a crucial role in sustainable farming practices. While fire can aid plant growth and reduce wildfire risks, it also poses significant threats, including loss of crops and property. Community support during fire disasters is vital, as volunteer fire departments respond to emergencies in rural areas. Preventive measures, including understanding fire danger levels and adhering to burn bans, are essential for protecting ecosystems and reducing human-caused wildfires. The information is provided by New Mexico Ag in the Classroom, a nonprofit focused on agricultural education.

4/14/2026, 4/16/2026, 4/20/2026, 4/22/2026 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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In New Mexico, water is essential for daily life and agriculture, serving both personal and farming needs. Farmers employ innovative methods like drip irrigation and sprinkler systems to conserve water, supported by programs from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. While agriculture uses significant water resources, it is vital for food production. Everyone can contribute to water conservation through simple actions like fixing leaks and efficient watering practices. Collaborative efforts between farmers and communities can yield significant benefits, underscoring the shared responsibility of protecting this vital resource.

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In the segment "All About Ag," the speaker highlights the complex journey food takes from farms to consumers, emphasizing the financial aspects involved. Of every dollar spent on food, only 5.8 cents goes back to the farmer, while grocery stores receive about 14 cents and restaurants/cafes take 38 cents. Farmers are price takers; they do not set prices for their crops, which are influenced by global markets. Even when grocery prices rise, farmers often do not benefit from these increases. To support American farmers, consumers are encouraged to enjoy locally produced food. This information is

provided by New Mexico Ag in the Classroom, a non-profit program supported by the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau.

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Raising chicks can be a rewarding experience, but preparation is key. You'll need a brooder equipped with a heat lamp to maintain a warm environment (around 100°F on the first day). Ensure there's enough space for the chicks to move away from the heat to avoid overheating or getting too cold. Allow chicks to acclimate without handling them for the first 24 hours, providing warm water (90-100°F) and easy access to chick starter feed. Bedding should be large pine shavings or similar, avoiding small shavings that chicks might ingest. As they grow, ensure they have adequate space, clean environments, and protection from predators. Proper setup and care will lead to healthy birds. This segment concludes with acknowledgments to host Joshua Gonzalez and KENW.

5/19/2026, 5/21/2026, 5/25/2026, 5/27/2026, 6/16/2026, 6/18/2026, 6/22/2026, 6/24/2026 — **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Welcome back to All That Ag! Today, we explore the secret life of seeds, which consist of three parts: the embryo, cotyledon, and seed coat. The embryo will develop into the plant, while cotyledons provide essential nutrients. Seeds are classified as monocots, like corn, which have one cotyledon, and dicots, like tomatoes, with two. The seed coat protects the embryo and cotyledons until the right conditions for germination—moisture, warmth, and oxygen—are met. To demonstrate, soak a large seed, like a pinto bean, overnight, peel off the coat, and observe the cotyledons and embryo. This segment is sponsored by New Mexico Ag in the Classroom, which provides educational outreach on agriculture.

5/26/2026, 5/28/2026, 6/1/2026, 6/3/2026— **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Junior livestock shows at county fairs, rooted in the first fair established by Elkanah Watson in 1811, provide a platform for youth, particularly 4-H and FFA members, to showcase their livestock care skills. Participants learn responsibility, animal management, and financial budgeting through hands-on experiences. These events foster essential life skills such as sportsmanship and resilience, emphasizing personal growth over competition. Open to all youth, these programs encourage engagement beyond traditional agricultural backgrounds, with additional support available through local Extension offices and agriculture teachers. The segment is sponsored by New Mexico Ag in the Classroom, an educational initiative promoting agricultural literacy.

6/8/2026, 6/10/2026 — **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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Modern farming increasingly relies on GPS tractor technology, also known as auto steer technology. This satellite-based system enhances precision in guiding tractors and other equipment, leading to better accuracy in tasks like planting and harvesting, ultimately reducing overlaps and missed areas. While these systems provide operator assistance, the farmer's expertise remains vital for monitoring and adjusting to field conditions. This integration falls under the umbrella of precision agriculture,

aiming to improve efficiency and resource management. The technology supports farmers in making informed decisions, conserving costs, and utilizing limited farmland wisely.

6/23/2026, 6/25/2026 – **All About Ag** - 8:20 am - 2:34 minutes

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June is National Dairy Month, celebrating dairy products like ice cream, cheese, and yogurt made from cow's milk. Dairy cows, which are herbivores, only produce milk after having a calf. Their diet primarily includes specific plants and waste products from food production, delivered as a total mixed ration (TMR) twice daily. TMR consists of forage (e.g., hay and silage from crops like wheat and corn), grains for energy, and protein supplements from byproducts like soybean and cottonseed meal, alongside essential vitamins and minerals. In 2024, New Mexico's dairy cows produced nearly 6 billion pounds of milk, making the state 11th in production and 4th in cheese production, contributing over 6% of the nation's cheese. This segment is supported by New Mexico Ag in the Classroom, which offers educational programs statewide.

4/11/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

The influences of Africans and Black Americans on food and agriculture is rooted in ancestral African knowledge and traditions of shared labor, worker coops and botanical polycultures. In this episode, we hear from Karen Washington and Bryant Terry on how Black Food culture is weaving the threads of a rich African agricultural heritage with the liberation of economics from an extractive corporate food oligarchy. The results can be health, conviviality, community wealth, and the power of self-determination.

4/18/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

In this age of global weirding where climate disruption has tumbled the Goldilocks effect into unruly surges of too much and too little water, the restoration of beavers offers ancient nature-based solutions to the tangle of challenges bedeviling human civilization. Droughts, floods, soil erosion, climate change, biodiversity loss - you name it, and beaver is on it. In this episode, Kate Lundquist and Brock Dolman of the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center share their semi-aquatic journey to becoming Beaver Believers. They are part of a passionate global movement to bring back our rodent relatives who show us how to heal nature by working with nature

6/20/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

How does a virtue become a vice? How does a basic building block of life turn into a threat to life? And how do you turn that vice back into a virtue? In this half-hour we visit with two unlikely pathfinders who are helping to revolutionize farming. Calla Rose Ostrander and John Wick of the Marin Carbon Project are taking carbon out of the atmosphere and putting it back where it belongs: in the soil. In so doing, they're also revitalizing the soil, conserving water, and building agricultural resilience. Scaling up these revolutionary regenerative methods can offset the climate destabilization, which that threatens to confound agriculture and endanger our food supply.

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4/25/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

Tillman Stevens, a member service advisor at Roosevelt County Electric Cooperative and chamber president, discusses his background in an interview with host Evelyn Ledbetter. Originally from Baytown, Texas, he graduated high school as a three-sport athlete and later received scholarships to play football at Eastern New Mexico University. After living in various places, including Europe for football, he returned to Portales in 2019. Stevens has held multiple roles at the cooperative since starting as a staking technician, moving through safety coordination to his current position. He emphasizes the cooperative's history, founded in 1938 to provide electricity to rural areas that private companies deemed unprofitable.

6/13/26, 6/17/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

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6/15/26-- **REPORT FROM SANTA FE** -- 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The program "Report from Santa Fe" features a conversation between Lorene Mills and David Suzuki, highlighting his recently published book "Letters for My Grandchildren." Suzuki reflects on his joy as a grandfather at 82, emphasizing the importance of sharing life lessons with younger generations. He discusses humanity's significant impact on the environment, noting our power to transform the planet and the unsustainable nature of our actions. Suzuki shares a story about his approach to engaging with business leaders in the oil industry, advocating for dialogue rooted in shared human needs over corporate identities.

4/29/26, 5/1/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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Charles Goodyear, an American inventor, famously struggled for years to make rubber practical. Despite numerous failures, he discovered vulcanization in 1839, which transformed rubber by making it durable and all-weather. Although his experiments and patent lawsuits left him \$2 million in debt and required time in debtor's prison, Goodyear valued innovation over wealth. His work laid the foundation for modern rubber applications in various industries, earning him recognition, including the Goodyear Medal from the American Chemical Society. Today, his legacy persists in the tire and rubber company that bears his name.

5/6/26, 5/8/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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4/25/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

Visionary clean energy entrepreneur Danny Kennedy explores the promise and challenges of the epic civilizational transition to renewable energy. Without doubt, the shift has hit the fan, but will we make the transition in time to avert complete climate breakdown? Danny Kennedy says we can - and the real heroes and sheroes will be millions of clean energy entrepreneurs and startups, in partnership with the determined leadership of Indigenous Peoples arising worldwide.

5/23/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

Small farmers around the world are building an agro-ecological revolution based on self-sufficiency, food security, and freedom from fossil fuels and corporate control. In this program, we hear from two visionary agroecology innovators. Miguel Altieri is an agroecologist and entomologist at U.C. Berkeley who's showing how farmers who embrace agroecology are building a movement based on self-sufficiency, food security and freedom from fossil fuels and corporate control. Alex Eaton is the founder of "Sistema Bio". This game-changing company helps farmers implement a simple technology that converts waste to energy, builds healthy soils, and holds the promise of massively reducing greenhouse gases and lifting people out of poverty.

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4/4/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a recent episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews Kendra Trollinger and Casey Messick about Clovis events and music. Kendra, with a background in healthcare and social work, now serves as the Chamber President and a marketer for a home health agency. Casey manages the Citizens Bank of Clovis Event Center, which hosts over 40 events annually, including rodeos and music festivals. They discuss the upcoming Clovis Music Festival, featuring an array of performances, including an exciting debut by country artist Ty Sedelk from Melrose. The planning process for the festival involves selecting bands that will attract ticket sales and adjusting for various performances, showcasing a shift in the music industry's revenue model from album sales to live performances and digital views.

5/16/26, 5/20/26 - **You Should Know** - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In a recent episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews artist Beth Shelton, who began her artistic journey at age 30 after feeling a calling from God. With no formal training, her introduction to painting started with a simple tree project using acrylic paints from basic craft supplies. Despite initial fears about her skills and market response, she found success when her early works sold out online. Shelton described her strong support network, including professors who guide her technological and artistic pursuits, and emphasized her commitment to self-learning through

books and online resources. She also shared her experiences of teaching free art classes while working as a waitress, highlighting her unconventional path in the art world and the evolving dynamics of caring for her parents.

6/20/26, 6/24/26 - You Should Know - 10:30 am - 26:30 minutes

In this episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter interviews artist Andy Mason, who shares his diverse background. He grew up in Pittsburgh, moved to England in the 1980s, and later obtained his pilot's license in Florida. Seeking better opportunities, he relocated to New Mexico in the early '90s. Mason initially pursued an aviation science degree but eventually transitioned to music and teaching, earning a degree in English with a focus on ESL. He gained experience as a substitute teacher and later worked as a program coordinator for Upward Bound while actively performing music, particularly engaging with children at Head Start. He reflects on his musical journey, including collaborations with notable local musicians, highlighting his growth and experiences in New Mexico and beyond.

4/6/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In a January 2024 broadcast of "Report from Santa Fe," Lorraine Mills interviews renowned food writer Cheryl Alters-Jameson. Jameson, known for her culinary expertise and radio show "Heating It Up," emphasizes the joy of food as a way to gather friends and family, especially during the winter months. They discuss the importance of communal meals, sharing experiences, and even resolving misunderstandings. Jameson highlights her accolades, including multiple James Beard Foundation awards, and her role as a tour guide for small culinary trips to Europe, notably to Provence and the Amalfi Coast. The conversation underscores her passion for food and the cultural significance of regional cuisines in America.

4/27/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In a conversation on "Report from Santa Fe," host Lorene Mills interviews Anna Sofair, a leading researcher on Chaco Canyon. Sofair recounts her pivotal experience in 1977 when she rediscovered the Sun Dagers, marking solar events with intricate rock formations. Her background in rock art and astronomy, influenced by her advisor Joseph Campbell, helped her understand the cultural significance of light and shadow in ancient rituals. Their dialogue highlights the mysteries of Chaco Canyon, a ceremonial center known for its monumental architecture and astronomical alignments, which remains enigmatic due to the civilization's lack of written records. Sofair's film, "Written on the Landscape," aims to unveil these mysteries, showing the extensive reach of Chacoan influence across a vast area, revealing further connections in Chacoan culture.

5/4/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The conversation features Lorraine Mills interviewing acclaimed writer Sandra Cisneros, known for "The House on Mango Street" and "Woman Without Shame." Cisneros reflects on her journey, noting that at 70, she feels she is just beginning to understand her purpose. She emphasizes the value of failures in shaping her identity, likening her experiences to "exploding cigars of life." The discussion turns to creativity and fun, highlighting a whimsical 60th birthday party where she dressed as a cake. Cisneros also addresses aging, expressing a desire for open conversations about its challenges, such as health changes and the importance of discussing death and mindfulness in daily life.

6/8/26– REPORT FROM SANTA FE – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Sandra Cisneros discusses her literary journey and personal growth in an interview with Lorene Mills. Celebrated for her book "The House on Mango Street" and recipient of multiple prestigious awards, Cisneros reflects on aging and the lessons learned from both successes and failures. She emphasizes the importance of celebrating one's life with joy, illustrated by her unique 60th birthday party themed around pastries. She candidly addresses the challenges of aging, expressing a desire for more honest dialogue about the realities of growing older. Cisneros advocates for open conversations about aging and death, highlighting societal avoidance of these topics as a barrier to understanding life transitions.

4/6/26- – 4/8/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar. Hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston discussed the upcoming busy month of April, highlighting various sports events, including softball and baseball matches. Notably, sports activities will primarily be away games. The Outdoor Track and Field team will be at the Joe Meeker Classic, also available on Flow Sports.

In music and theater, events include a piano duel recital, a Friends of Music Scholarship Competition showcasing high school talents, and a jazz concert featuring Dr. Willis Deloney and Dr. Paul McLaughlin on April 10th and 11th. Attend a faculty recital on Sunday at Buchanan Hall and visit the K-ENMU Juried Art Exhibition in the Runnels Gallery, running until April 25th. Lastly, the annual Jack Williamson Lecture Series will feature author Ursula Vernon, honoring a tradition connected to the university's literary heritage.

4/13/26- – 4/15/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

The ENMU Weekly Events Calendar highlights upcoming activities at Eastern New Mexico University, including sports, arts, and lectures. President Johnston and host Evelyn Ledbetter discuss an intense period leading up to graduation, with various athletic events like rodeo, baseball, track and field, and softball scheduled. Key cultural events include a Creative Connections arts session, a Double Reed Studio Recital, a spring choral concert, and a Vocal Studio Showcase. The calendar also features a visiting lecture on conservation and the 27th Annual Cynthia Irwin Williams Lectureship. Additionally, the Blackwater Draw site will host an archaeological event, showcasing its importance and offering interactive learning opportunities for visitors.

4/20/26- – 4/22/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar. This month features several celebrations, including graduation ceremonies on May 7th, 8th, and 9th at Rio Rosso and the Wool Bowl, alongside a retirement celebration for faculty on the 22nd. Sports teams will compete in events at South Plains College and Texas A&M International. Upcoming music recitals include the Spring Steel Band Concert on the 20th and the Spring Saxophone Recital on the 23rd. Additionally, the University Theater will present "Luchadora" on the 25th. Various community events, including Hiss and Tell on the 21st and the reopening of the Roosevelt County Historical Museum on the 25th, are also scheduled. Many of these events are free and open to the public.

4/27/26- – 4/29/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

The ENMU Weekly Events Calendar features highlights from an upcoming semester ending, including commencement ceremonies in Rio Doso, Roswell, and Fortaleza. Dr. Johnston and Evelyn Ledbetter discussed the importance of graduation as a celebration of achievement and family. Upcoming events

include softball games against UT Permian Basin and Angelo State, spring music recitals in Buchanan Hall, and a knife presentation by the Office of Indigenous Affairs. Additional activities on the Rio Doso campus include the Seed to Supper series and a classic cinema series screening of "Charade." The Roswell campus will host an artist lecture series. The calendar emphasizes preparations for finals and graduation festivities.

5/4/26- – 5/6/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

In the latest ENMU Weekly Events Calendar, hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston discuss the upcoming May commencement activities across various locations, emphasizing the importance of early accommodation for attendees. The events start on Thursday in Ruidoso, followed by Roswell on Friday, and culminate in Portales on Saturday. Additionally, they highlight the streaming option available for those unable to attend in person and cover other campus activities, including the Outdoor Track and Field Lone Star Conference Championship and upcoming art and music events at the university. The hosts express their excitement for the celebrations and appreciation for the support offered by university leaders during student finals week.

5/25/26- – 5/27/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar. Host Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston discuss summer activities following the academic year. They highlight ongoing summer programs, including a choir camp, an art camp, various sports camps, and board games at the Golden Student Success Center. There are opportunities for children to develop skills in sports and arts, with early registration encouraged due to limited spaces. Upcoming camps include junior high volleyball and drama for various age groups. The session emphasizes the importance of these activities for youth development.

6/8/26- – 6/10/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar highlights ongoing summer activities and developments. Hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and Dr. Johnston discuss the anticipation around the upcoming shift of student support services to a new building. They mention several upcoming sports camps, including a football coach's clinic and prospect camp. A pledge drive for FM is set for June 22-28, emphasizing community support's importance for programming. Various boot camps, like a culinary skills camp for children and a financial literacy boot camp for ages 16+, are also featured, alongside an upcoming band concert and a community art exhibition running through July 24th at the Reynolds Gallery.

6/15/26- – 6/17/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

The ENMU Weekly Events Calendar features various upcoming activities, including ENMU Day at the Isotopes on June 21, offering tickets for \$28 that include a picnic and T-shirt. Volleyball camps for high school recruits are scheduled for June 19-20, while the ENMU Theater Arts Drama Academy runs from June 22-26. Additionally, community events like the Creative Connections and Evening in Arts and Crafts are taking place at the GSSC, alongside art exhibitions. Lastly, an HVAC class called "Keep Your Cool" will be held on June 17 at the Roswell campus for practical tips on maintenance.

6/22/26- – 6/24/26 - ENMU Calendar - 8:15 am – 7:18 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar, hosted by Dr. Johnston and Evelyn Ledbetter. Key events include the ongoing community juried art exhibition at the Reynolds Gallery and a Gusmacker three-on-three basketball tournament at the Steve Lloyd Family Foundation Stadium parking lot on

June 27-28. An alumni event at the Isotopes game offers picnic lunches and T-shirts. Additionally, Roswell campus will host a women in automotive course on June 27, focusing on automotive maintenance. Ria Dosa will feature a community meal and classic film series on June 29. Lastly, the Alumni Golf Tournament on July 10 aims to raise funds for scholarships, having previously generated significant financial support for ENMU students.

4/8/26, 4/10/26 - **Dumb Ideas that Changed the World** - 12:45 pm; 8:25 am- 2:30 minutes

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Pierino Como, a talented barber and singer, faced a pivotal choice at 21: to leave his stable job for a music career amidst the Great Depression. Despite a significant pay cut from \$125 to \$28, he followed the advice of his father and fiancée, ultimately finding success with the Ted Weems Orchestra and later CBS and RCA. Como became a superstar with 14 number one singles and 100 million records sold, all while maintaining a family life with his wife Roselle for 65 years. His journey illustrates that sometimes, what seems like a dumb idea can lead to remarkable achievements.

4/16/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

Many adults are playing with Lego blocks these days and they've even have a cool acronym – AFOL or Adult Fans of Lego. It's a screen-free way to shut your brain off and create. Plus: Ouija Boards are sort of like a plushie of a monster—something wild and slightly dangerous that we try to tame. But Ouija Boards can also tell us a lot about our culture's uneasy relationship to spirituality.

5/7/26 – **With Good Reason** – 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

In Cuba, internet access is so limited that people pass music to one another on USB thumb drives. This music sharing system is called Sneakernet. Sneakernet helps spread the rhythms and politics of Reparto music. And: What does it sound like when trees sing? Or rocks? Or city waterworks? We share the music of a sound artist who uses objects and nature to make music.

4/8/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

The Supreme Court has struck down a ban on conversion therapy in Colorado, deciding the law violated the First Amendment protecting free speech. On this week's 51%, we chat with Albany Law School's Vin Bonventre about why the Supreme Court ruled the way it did, and what this means for similar bans in other states, including New York. WAMC's Elias Guerra also speaks with a woman working to start the first Black trans-owned bookstore in New York's Hudson Valley.

4/22/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, WAMC's Sarah LaDuke learns about everyone's favorite comfort show, Parks and Recreation, with pop-culture writer and historian Jennifer Keishin Armstrong. "Parks and Rec" ran on NBC from 2009-2015, capitalizing on the success of The Office and a sense of political optimism following the election of then-President Barack Obama. It brought us Little Sebastian and Galentine's Day — but it was also always on the verge of cancellation. Keishin Armstrong's new book, Parks and Rec: The Underdog TV Show that Lit'rally Inspired a Vision for a Better America, dives into the program's history and what it means to viewers today.

4/29/26 - **Fifty-One Percent** - 3:00 pm - 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, WAMC's Sarah LaDuke speaks with actress and comedian Cecily Strong about her role in the new off-Broadway production of *What Happened Was...* in New York City. We also chat with writer Lori Carlson-Hijuelos, wife of the late Pulitzer Prize-winning author Oscar Hijuelos, about how they supported and pushed each other creatively during their 15-year marriage. WAMC's Sajina Shrestha also meets an up-and-coming Albany, New York band showcasing the softer center of the hardcore rock scene.

4/4/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

Over 7,000 languages are spoken around the world. Each one reflects a rich ecosystem of ideas – seeds that grow into a multitude of worldviews. Today, many of these immeasurably precious knowledge systems are endangered – often spoken by just a handful of people. We hear from two Indigenous language champions, Jeannette Armstrong and Rowen White. They reflect on the words, stories, songs and ideas that influence our very conception of nature, and our place within it.

6/27/2026 - **BIONEERS** 10:00 AM – 29 minutes

As a backlash against LGBTQ rights escalates into an authoritarian crusade, acclaimed author and queer activist Taylor Brorby asks how we can still be fighting this battle? As a writer addressing the fossil fuel industry's acceleration in the midst of climate chaos, Taylor is forced to choose between the existential crises of the assaults on nature and on LGBTQ people. It's all connected, he says, as he seeks to reconcile nature, culture, diversity and belonging.

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Education:

04/13/26 An agreement between the New Mexico State Land Office, the Department of Defense, and the New Mexico Land Conservancy will put 60,000 acres of state trust land under protection. The agreement is under an LURC, or Land Use Restriction or Condition, and it will be in place for a period of 75 years. Under terms of the agreement, the State Land Office received \$3.2 million that will benefit public education and other institutions in New Mexico.

05/06/26 A wind farm project in Torrance County could mean tens of millions of dollars for public schools. New Mexico Land Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard signed an agreement with AFE Cedarville Wind, LLC, to develop a wind farm just over 10,000 acres on state lands. A public auction at the State Land Office sold the lease for \$340,000. The project could potentially generate around 212 megawatts of renewable electricity, which could mean millions of dollars in revenue for public schools and energy to power more than 60,000 homes.

Public Safety:

04/13/26 The New Mexico Environment Department released its monthly Enforcement Watch, where the department highlights information about infractions and enforcement data impacting environmental protection, public health and worker safety. This month the agency highlighted its own Water Protection Compliance and Enforcement Bureau and how they issued an administrative compliance order to the US Department of Energy. The action came about due to a hexavalent chromium groundwater plume beneath Los Alamos National Laboratory.

04/21/26 The New Mexico Department of Transportation announced the beginning of a \$1.8 million pavement preservation project on US Highway 82 west of Lovington. During the project, NMDOT crews will remove and replace the top layer of asphalt that should enhance safety and extend the life of the road.

05/12/26 As we slowly approach the summer months, one organization is warning of a hazardous time ahead. WhistleOut provides research studies on various topics related to safety, and the organization analyzed crash data available through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that found New Mexico is the deadliest state for distracted driving, with 286 deaths and injuries caused over a single year, and the numbers show May is the most dangerous month.

Health:

04/03/26 The US Food and Drug Administration announced that Einstein Brothers Bagel Company has recalled one product- it's Honey Almond Cream Cheese Spread. The products were sold in New Mexico, as well as Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. While the lid of the product was labeled properly, the side of the container was mislabeled as plain whipped cream cheese spread, which could have some health consequences for those individuals that have allergies to almonds.

05/29/26 An agreement was reached between a medical system and a medical insurer in the state. Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico and Lovelace Health System ended their contract impasse with a new deal that will preserve network access for more than 700,000 members. The new agreement between the two is for four years, and will ensure that Lovelace facilities will remain in-network for Blue

Cross insurance and that includes plans across commercial, Medicare Advantage and Medicaid plans.

06/05/26 We reported yesterday about the first case of New World Screwworm in the United States since the 1960s. The New Mexico Department of Agriculture is urging vigilance from residents even though the screwworm has not been detected in New Mexico. The NMDA is encouraging anyone who has recently traveled or plans to travel to the affected area in south Texas with livestock, horses, pets, or other animals to closely monitor them and report any suspicious wounds or infestations.

Governmental

04/21/26 The New Mexico Supreme Court ordered incumbent Representative Rebecca Dow back on the June 2nd primary ballot. A state district judge had ordered her name removed from ballots for improperly filing screenshots of signatures gathered for the ballot instead of the physical nominating petition as required by the law. Dow had quickly filed an appeal after the determination in district court.

04/09/26 Some legislators have called for the Children, Youth and Families Department to be pulled from under the governor's oversight and to be made into its own agency. Representative Javier Martinez, Speaker of the House, said that the agency needs to answer to its own commission and needs to ensure that children are protected.

05/13/26 The 2026 New Mexico Law Enforcement Memorial and will honor Dona Ana County Sheriff's Deputy Antonio De Jesus Aleman, and Bloomfield Police Officer Timothy Ontiveros. The ceremony will be held at the Department of Safety Law Enforcement Academy memorial on May 22nd at 11 AM. Lieutenant Governor Howie

Morales and representatives from the New Mexico Department of Public Safety will speak at the event.

Environmental:

04/28/26 The City of Clovis recently hosted its annual Great American Cleanup, bringing together volunteers, community members and local organizations for a day dedicated to cleaning up the city. Total numbers provided by the city manager's office show that a total of ten teams participated in this year's event, collecting an astonishing 453 bags of trash from around Clovis. The city recognized teams for their efforts, with the Firefighters Association coming in first place with 108 bags collected. The Great American Cleanup is a national effort encouraging communities to promote environmental stewardship, reduce waste and enhance local quality of life.

05/15/26 The New Mexico Environment Department and the US Department of the Air Force have a verbal agreement in place to establish a groundwater sampling framework that will support the ongoing PFAS investigation and clean-up activities at Cannon Air Force Base in Curry County. Under the agreement, the Environment Department will lead the off-base sampling, including at multiple dairies, while the Air Force will provide funding and technical resources.

05/21/26 The Environmental Protection Agency will be sending nearly \$27.5 million to New Mexico to reduce lead in the state's drinking water. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund will be investing that funding into New Mexico and four other states. Communities will be able to use these funds for identifying lead pipes, planning removal projects, and funding replacement of these lead service lines.

History:

04/01/26 The US Postal Service announced that they will be commemorating the centennial of Route 66. USPS said that the anniversary of the Mother Road would be honored with a set of stamps. Those stamps will make their debut at the National Postal Forum held in Phoenix coming up on May 5th. Route 66 was established on November 11th, 1926 on a highway that originally stretched 2,400 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles. The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 provided funding for a new interstate highway system, and Route 66 was gradually replaced.

05/08/26 Xcel Energy said that portions of the state are now seeing 60 more days of acute fire danger than witnessed a few decades ago. This year's unseasonably warm and dry weather, combined with very dry vegetation is expected to increase those wildfire risks beyond what is considered normal. In historical context, it is only expected to get hotter and drier moving forward.

05/28/26 Officials with Kirtland Air Force Base said that their Explosive Ordinance Disposal technicians from the 377th Air Base Wing were able to work with State Police and state environmental officials by clearing an unexploded World War II-era ordnance that was located on lands belonging to the Pueblo of Acoma. During World War II, the military used large corridors of the New Mexico landscape for training, but in the process, many munitions were left behind.

Business:

04/22/26 There may be a new purpose for the Eunice Municipal Airport coming soon. A Dallas-based business is interested in setting up shop in the southeastern New Mexico city. Last week, city councilors agreed to begin drafting an agreement with Prius Intelli to use the single runway facility that has been shuttered since 2006. The

company provides high-resolution aerial imaging services that are mostly designed for oilfield clientele.

05/07/26 Eden Radioisotopes announced its plans to build a half-billion dollar facility that will be used to create medical isotopes. The construction permit was filed on Tuesday with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, or NRC, for the 90,000 square-foot facility that will be built on the Andrews Highway on a site situated south of the Urenco USA site. Eden Radioisotopes is an Albuquerque-based business that will produce as much as 50% of the global demand for Molybdenum-99, which is an isotope used for diagnostic imaging.

05/12/26 Ten creative businesses in New Mexico will be awarded state grant funding that will be aimed at improving operations, expanding their reach and building long-term stability. Two businesses on the eastern half of New Mexico will be awarded the funding. The first of these is Chandler Broadcasting in Carlsbad, who will be awarded \$25,000 to purchase a mobile studio van to expand its "Radio on the Road" program, bringing community access to rural areas across Eddy County. The other is MAD Embroidery and Ink LLC in Mora, who will receive nearly \$22,000 to add faster, higher-quality printing equipment to increase capacity and improve turnaround times.