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70th Annual Pick-n-Hoe Celebration

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Dove Creek, Colorado

July 2, 2026 - July 5, 2026

Weber Park

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The 70th Pick n Hoe is getting ready for July 2-5th, the latest schedule is on their facebook page, and will be distributed in town as we get closer to the date. Generally, Thursday the DCVFD beer tent opens, 7pm with a dance at Weber Park, Friday starts with Volleyball, Horseshoe and Washers, with Food Vendors all day, beer tent, two Live music acts into the evening. July 4th parade and usual games at the park and vendors, with Live music before and after the fireworks, Sunday may be softball or flag football... go to Dove Creek Pick-n-Hoe on facebook for the latest.



Dove Creek VFW POST 5181 was graced by a fresh new sign mounted on the front of the building on HWY 491 - perfect! Hope you had a Happy Flag Day on June 14th, if you need a flag properly disposed of, contact the VFW they offer that service. Meetings are first Tuesday of every month. 214 US-491, Dove Creek, CO



Photo Alex Williams Nucla 1-29 & 6-10
Dove Creek Bulldogs played Nucla here in Dove Creek on Saturday June 13 2026.

Happy Founding Day Dove Creek! 87 Years old!! The Town of Dove Creek is an incorporated Municipality, Statutory Town. Under Colorado law it was incorporated on June 15, 1939 and became the Dolores County seat in 1947.



DOVE CREEK WATER MEETING

Wed. June 17 6pm Town Hall
CDPHE approved the SOP to change over for the town water system to Montezuma Water, and the infrastructure adjustments will be completed likely this week. Discussion with the Board will be on how to alert the community, and what date would be best to actuate the change.
Zoom 890 7011 2724 PW 642411

By Kendra Cook

June is flying by like all 'summer' months do, and fire watch is high due to continued winds and low humidity sunny days. Last week there were a couple of fires up near Paradox, BeeHive 88% contained. If you are online, find the Watch Duty App, it's free or pay if you'd like, and provides the latest info on fires through an interactive map.



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For Youth in Dove Creek

Reminder of the Town of Dove Recreation Dept. Summer Activities Program for Youth runs through 7/23. Activities take place every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the Community Center. Tuesdays run from 2:00-4:00, and Wednesday and Thursdays from 1:00-3:00. Your child must be at least 4 years old to participate. Cost is \$4 per day or pay a discounted summer rate of \$70 and come have fun with us all summer long! Drinks and snacks are provided each day. Forms can be found at the elementary school or you can register in person at the Community Center. Tee Ball will begin July 7th and runs for four weeks. Age group is 4-6 years old. Cost is \$35 per participant. Registration will open June 15th so be on the lookout for more info to come. You can also register in person at the Summer Activities Program. Swimming Lessons will begin July 20th through July 30th for a total of 8 sessions at the Monticello pool. Must be 5 years old or starting kindergarten in the fall to be eligible for participation. Cost is \$70 per participant. Registration will open June 15th so be on the lookout for more info to come. You can also register in person at the Summer Activities Program.

Dove Creek / Dolores County Library
Public/School Library
Mondays & Wednesdays 9am-5pm
Children's Library
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am-4pm

Bears seen in Dove Creek



The Dolores County Sheriff's Office has been contacted regarding a recent bear sighting within the Town of Dove Creek. According to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, natural food sources in the mountains are limited right now, causing bears to travel into residential areas in search of food. Residents are encouraged to help prevent bear encounters by removing attractants around their homes. Please remember to:

- Keep all trash secured and picked up.
- Clean grills thoroughly after use.
- Remove bird feeders and hummingbird feeders.
- Do not leave pet food or other food sources outside.

Taking these simple precautions helps keep both our community and local wildlife safe. If you encounter a bear, give it plenty of space and report any concerns to local authorities. Thank you for helping keep Dove Creek bear-aware. - Dolores County Sheriff Office

RICO

Fire Ban In Effect June

"Due to ongoing drought conditions and heightened wildfire risk, the Town of Rico has enacted a fire ban in accordance with Ordinance No. 2022-03. This fire ban is automatically triggered when the San Juan National Forest enters Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, which is schedule to begin June 12, 2026

What’s Prohibited Within Town Limits:

- All open fires — including campfires, fire pits, and burn barrels (unless screened).
- Use or display of fireworks of any kind.

What’s Still Allowed:

- Fires in permanent gas-fueled fireplaces.
- Use of liquid- or gas-fueled stoves, lanterns, and devices equipped with an on/off valve.

Violators will be prosecuted. Fines may reach up to \$1,000 per day, and imprisonment may be imposed for up to one year. The fire ban will remain in effect as long as the San Juan National Forest maintains fire restrictions. When the Forest lifts restrictions, the Town’s fire ban will be lifted automatically.

Report any fire or smoke immediately by calling 911.

For more information about public land restrictions, call San Juan National Forest: (970) 247-4874

Let’s work together to protect our homes, forests, and neighbors." - Town of Rico

Town of Rico Board of Trustees

2 Commercial Street– Rico Town Hall

June 17, 2026 7:00 pm

Action items

- Consideration of ARCO Declaration of Use Restriction for Dolores County Properties

- Consideration of letter of support for the Southwestern Water Conservation District, Southwest Colorado Domestic Water Resilience Assessment and Drought Management Strategy grant request

Discussion items

- Rico Geothermal Coalition update
- SMPA Mirco Grid Battery location
- Voluntary Clean Up update
- Sewer design work session
- Hybrid meeting pilot program

Dove Creek Ambulance District

June 15th Board Meeting

222 Guyrene St Dove Creek CO 81324

Administrative Business

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and Chief update

Adjournment

Zoom link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89447344261>

Have a meeting or notice or news you want to share with residents of Dolores County - email Editor@PintoBean.CO

DOVE CREEK

The Dolores County Sheriff office released a letter to the public last week, regarding a “barricaded subject incident leads to two arrest on Pine Street”. The incident occurred on the morning of June 7th, as officers responded to a water line break called in after 0800. Once at the infrastructure situation, a deputy observed and confirmed an individual with outstanding warrants was at the residence. After fleeing into the residence the subject reportedly refused to exit, resulting in a barricaded subject situation.

The permitter was secured, and the team of professionals resolved the incident safely. The incident took several hours as a search warrant was obtained and executed, and the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

The original suspect was “arrested on a misdemeanor warrant out of La Plata County, one misdemeanor warrant our of Dolores County, and two felony warrants out of Dolores County. A second individual ... was also arrested during the incident for six outstanding warrants, including one felony warrant from Cortez Police Dept. and five misdemeanor warrants also out of Cortez Police Dept.” Both suspects were transported to Montezuma County Detention Center. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The Town of Dove Creek is currently hiring for: **Town Manager**

The Town Manager is under the general direction of the Town Board of Trustees to manage, direct, and supervise the daily activities and programs of the town. Provide professional guidance, leadership, and advice to the Town Board of Trustees. Direct the daily activities and programs of the Town through the Town’s departments. Develops and maintains quality customer service to citizens and promote consistency and transparency in the Town’s actions. Administer all Town departments, except the Town Clerk, Town Attorney and Municipal Judge. Serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees. Actively support and uphold the Town of Dove Creek’s mission and values. This position will be a full-time position, and the pay is bi-weekly with a salary of \$75,000.00 plus benefits annually. A background check, clean driving record and clean drug test will be required prior to employment and a drug test may be requested at any time during employment. A job description for this position and an employment application may be obtained at the Dove Creek Town Hall, (314 W HWY 491, Dove Creek, CO 8324) M-Th 7:30am-4:30pm or online at <https://townofdovecreek.colorado.gov>. Any person interested in applying for this position must submit a cover letter, resume, list of references, and employment application. Please send all correspondence, completed applications, or direct any questions to info@townofdovecreek.com, 970-677-2255. All information must be received by June 25.

DOLORES COUNTY

The Dolores County Senior Services who operate out of the Pioneer Center, are holding another annual fundraiser to assist with program funding. To purchase a Chicken Enchilada dinner for \$15, service starts at 12pm to 1:30pm at 8450 Road 7.2 in Dove Creek CO. Additional info on the chance drawing and 50/50 tickets is included in the advertisement.

Dolores County Senior Services Annual Chicken Enchilada Fundraiser Dinner Thursday - June 18th

Homemade Chicken Enchiladas Spanish Rice, Beans Chips & Salsa and Dessert Price \$15.00/plate

CHANCE DRAWING TICKETS FOR

Traeger Grill Package including a Traeger Grill, bag of pellets, BBQ tools, \$100 box of assorted meats and a 25lb box of assorted bratwurst donated by Keith and Renae Schear with Hensley's Processing.

Tickets are \$10 a piece or 3 for \$25.

All proceeds go directly to services and programs provided by Dolores County Senior Services.

Split the Pot 50/50 drawing

Winner takes half and Dolores County Senior Services takes half

Tickets are \$5 a piece or 3 for \$10

All Tickets are available at the Pioneer Center

Serving at the Pioneer Center from 12:00 pm until 1:30 pm

Orders available for pick-up at the Pioneer Center starting at 12:00 pm

Reservations appreciated but not required

8450 Road 7.2 Dove Creek, CO

MONTEZUMA WATER CO

When Dove Creek changes over to Montezuma Water this summer, the water is sourced out of McPhee reservoir, and instead of being treated with Chlorine, they have used Chloramines since 2004 in the Dove Creek portion, and by 2011 the rest of their system. They have around 1000 miles of mainlines “servicing parts of three Counties. The treatment is done for disinfecting pathogens, controlling tastes and odors, oxidizing inorganic and organics, and suppressing microbiological growth in distribution systems. They also are found to produce fewer total trihalomethane (TTHMs) than free chlorine”, according to their website.

Though Chloraminated water is safe for drinking bathing washing cooking, for everyday use, their site states, “however, there are two groups of people who need to take special care with chloraminated water: kidney dialysis patients and fish owners.”

There are already 537 individual members in District 9 that covers areas around Dove Creek in Dolores County. Once the Town Board determines the date and process for residents, it will be published here and on posters in town to alert the general public.

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