

Between the Beans

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DC WATER UPDATE

Dove Creek's Water Update. By now if you are a resident of the Town of Dove Creek or on their water/sewer system, you are aware of the base and water per gallon price increases this year, voted in to help sustain State compliant operations and a change to the supply source (for the time being). The Town will be switching over to having Montezuma Water supply the potable water into the existing system and supply lines. This will likely occur in mid July with notices, mailings, and posters to be disseminated so that all will know what's happening ahead of time.

The current system is disinfected using 'chlorine' as that is functional for short distances and has been what was used. The water traveling longer distances to reach Dove Creek from Montezuma County, requires their system to use "Chloramine" as the best longer sustaining disinfectant. That is made from a combination of ammonia and chlorine, is safe for humans and animals, though kidney dialysis patients, should ensure appropriate water treatment procedures are in place, and aquarium owners need to know that chloramine is harmful to fish and aquatic animals unless the water is treated with a conditioner specifically designed to remove chloramine. Temporary discolored water is expected during the transition, as the change over process can loosen accumulated mineral deposits and or sediment.

Spilling the Beans...

By Kendra Cook

A long hot week, we remain in the same pattern of hot dry low humidity and those winds just drying out everything. There may be rains coming at the end of the week. Next week will be the release of the original "Big Bean" the monthly newspaper, so the next issue in this format will be the week of July 6th.

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Pioneer Center Fundraiser



Another fantastic turnout for support of the Dolores County Senior Services with serving 190 meals bringing in over \$10K on June 18th. The 50/50 and Grilling package chance drawing is still to come...



Director Alisa Schultz and Holly Aarons

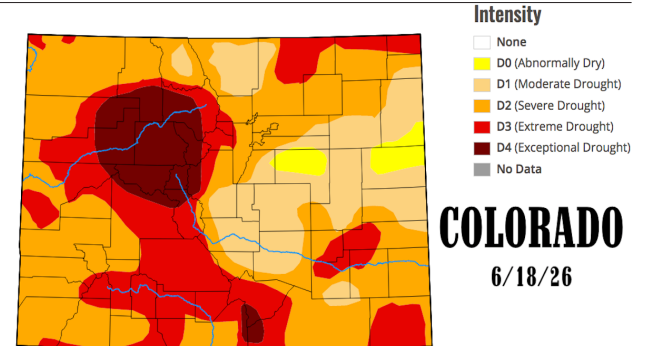
For Youth in Dove Creek

Town of Dove Recreation Dept. Summer Activities Program for Youth 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



Dolores County has been hot dry and windy for several weeks in a row, a possibility for some scattered showers at the end of June, see the new Week in Weather graphic page 2.



R.O.C.K. Summer Youth programs included 250-America birdhouse painting - every day's activities are varied, and include take home food and meals and more. cmhowell@dovecreekrocks.com

SUMMER RODEOS

Dove Creek Jr Rodeo kicked off their first of the series on June 20th, reformatting to single day rodeos - the first event was cancelled due to equine illnesses reported in the state. The next two dates will be July 11 and August 8th. To qualify for prizes you must attend at least 2 of the 3 in the series.

Question: Becky 970-739-0911

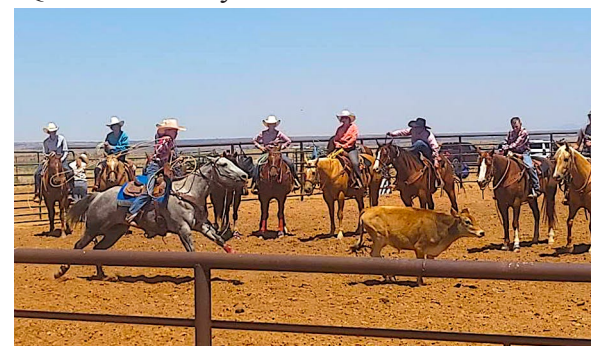


Photo from Facebook page of one of the 2025 Jr Rodeo event weekends.



Located 4 Miles West of Dove Creek at 6798 CR 3.7

Dolores County Fair will be August 5 - 9 for 2026 at the County Fairgrounds 6798 CR 3.7 Look for the Fairbook throughout the town of Dove Creek - or call 970-677-2283 The Ice Cream Social and Small Animal Show for ages 3-12 will be held on Friday Aug. 7th. 4-H Beef Yak Pig and Goat shows on Thrus. Aug. 6.

RICO

For news from Rico online, be sure to sign up for the OreCart.info and on Facebook, find and join the Rico Bulletin Board. Recent article on FTI WiFi potentially applying for a BEAD grant to provide connectivity in the Rico and Dolores River corridor.

July 4th in Rico

The Independence Day celebration in Rico starts on the 2nd with a Puzzle Comp, July 3 10-4pm is the Women’s Club Craft Fair and 6pm Bentley Monk music. For the 4th, 10am Sharp! Bake Sale, 10-4pm Craft Fair continues, 11am Rico Parade lineup at Rico Church, the Grand Marshal is Glen Baer. The Four Corners Community Band plays at noon next to the Fire Station with a few food vendor options. 12-3pm music by Escape the Badlands at the Enterprise Bar and Grill. 3pm is the infamous Duck Race drop ricofire.org fundraiser. Solar Herman and the Tone Unit play at the Pavillion from 3:30 to 6pm, then Sitton Shotgun will play 6-9pm at the Enterprise right up to the fireworks display (weather permitting). Sunday is the last day of the Craft Fair 10-4pm with a picnic pot luck at the town park starting noon, corn hole, watermelon eating contest, tie dye shirt station and volleyball tournament, with High Desert Strays playing at the Enterprise starting 3pm.



THURSDAY
JUNE 25
TRIVIA
NIGHT

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Look for the PnH Royalty Jars around town!

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

CAHONE



This is the 6th annual year for this fun event in the Cahone park on HWY 491. I had to step back this year, but Cody Lingo has taken the reigns to continue with the festivities. Free to the public 10-2pm, food vendors, and live music from the Flyaways this year - bring your lawn chair - or enter your vehicle in the show!

DOVE CREEK ROYALTY

The Pick n Hoe is just around the corner in Dove Creek - Royalty used to be the primary means of supporting the event, it’s gone through several reincarnations, and not as many people are participating this year, fortunately jumping in at the last minute. If you see a ‘decorated jar’ around town, take a look at the photo, that’s who you are donating to for Pick n Hoe fundraiser. The Pioneer Queen or King is for 65 years and older - Pick n Hoe Queen or King is the 11-18 year old group, Princess or Prince is for ages 5-10, and Little Miss or Mister is ages 4 and under. All candidate are responsible for their own fundraising efforts - from bake sales, to car washes, keep an eye out and help participate! Proceeds go to the Pick n Hoe There are cash prizes for winners in each category and all contestants must be present for opening ceremonies on July 4th. Contact Amber for questions 970-529-3557 Look in town for the Pick n Hoe posters.

DOLORES COUNTY

Dolores County School District RE-2J is seeking a Middle/High School Exceptional Student Services (ESS) Teacher for the 2026–2027 school year. August 19 2026 is the first day of the school year. The June School Board meeting was held on June 17, 2026, the next school board meeting on their school website shows August 26 2026

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As of June 19, 2026

DOLORES COUNTY

STAGE 2

FIRE BAN

FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR COMMUNITY,
NATURAL RESOURCES, AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

PROHIBITED:

- Open burning of any kind, including campfires, charcoal grills, and fire pits
- Smoking, except in enclosed vehicles of buildings
- Operating chainsaws or other equipment powered by internal combustion engines without a spark arrestor
- Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame
- Using explosive materials (fireworks, blasting caps, etc.)
- Firing tracer rounds or incendiary ammunition

EXEMPTIONS:

- Liquid fluid or gas field stoves and lanterns
- Persons with valid written permits from the County Sheriff

VIOLATIONS MAY RESULT IN FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT

STATELINE
BAR & GRILL

SATURDAY JUNE 27 7PM
RAY YOUNG - COUNTRY
FEEDBACK

LIVE MUSIC on the Patio...
69576 HWY 491 Dove Creek /UT Border

DOVE CREEK WEATHER

Sourced from Accuweather

MONDAY JUNE 22	TUESDAY JUNE 23	WEDNESDAY JUNE 24	THURSDAY JUNE 25	FRIDAY JUNE 26	SATURDAY JUNE 27	SUNDAY JUNE 28
Very warm Sunny	Full sunshine Hot	Partly cloudy	Sun with some clouds	64% chance spotty Showers Thunderstorms afternoon	Full Sunshine light breeze	Hot sun
92 / 55	93 / 60	89 / 68	87 / 64	87 / 65	86 / 63	91 / 62

Full Moon Coming up June 29th Strawberry Moon

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