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JULY FIREWORKS - NOT WHAT WE EXPECTED



Photo by Wildlife Through Hopes Eyes (facebook)

The Fireworks turned out to be on the Mountains to our west, and in our beloved Dolores River Canyon to our east. The Sunday 7/12 update showed the Ferris Fire at 64,369 acres with 23 % containment. They continue to reinforce control lines and attack spots with aerial resources that have been a constant hum in our skies.

As of writing, the Ferris fire has required four sets of evacuation procedures for areas where the flames were approaching, being concerned by the turbulent weather and winds, with the utmost of precautions. Some left, some stayed, and the fire containment continues, as it pushes to the north both to the NE and NW.

Spilling the Beans...

By Kendra Cook

Week two of the Ferris Fire near Dove Creek taking over much of everyone's time and attention - some areas had to evacuate, moving people animals and things, and are now back in their homes, while new areas have been moved to evacuation status. The smoke and heat have caused many to stay indoors or leave the area. The Babylon fire in Monticello is still raging well over 100,000 acres. And Sunday night, the start of an afternoon series of potential thunderstorms brings both hope of rain, and fear of lightning. Stay safe everyone! Between the Beans is archived online on our website www.PintoBean.CO check that out if you also are online. And @ThePintoBean on Facebook, is a location to share content, and follow us daily. We will be adding this weekly pdf to a Substack page, so you can subscribe for free and be emailed when it is uploaded to view. Thank you for your feedback, we are still waiting on quotes for printing and timing for a launch date.

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DOVE CREEK WATER TRANSITION

July 13 2026

Monday will be the official start of the transition from Dove Creek's long time local water supply to the Montezuma Water source from McPhee. The Town office is offering a limited amount of bottled water starting at 10am in front of the Town Hall, first come first serve. The Senior Center / Pioneer Center, will have supplies for local seniors, Director Alisa Schultz noted they would be able to assist any town senior resident during this change over.

Again, as the letter sent out to all residents and businesses, the change may cause some turbidity in the water, which may result in discoloration, however, as the notice indicated, they have given instructions on the water remaining safe in most conditions. and are not able to indicate how long this transition may take. There will not be any anticipated service interruption per say.

There is a Town special meeting and workshop on Tuesday evening, 6:30pm, the agenda is available on their website, with the zoom information at the top of that page.

On page two, you'll find the Town Manager position is still open, though an interim manager is handling daily tasks.

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

The community is thankful for our local emergency personnel and the now up to 1031 personnel assigned to the fire. The base 'camp' has mostly been established around the Dolores County Fairgrounds on Road 3.7 off highway 491; thus producing a morning parade of trucks of all types heading east to work the fire for the day.

Daily updates are available on facebook, as well as in front of the Superette Conoco station, and around town at local businesses where the information on the fire, the air quality, and a map are provided daily.

All personnel continue to request that you stay away from the fire areas, as they call them 'looky loos' just get in the way of those trying to do their best job. The Bradfield Bridge and Campground remains closed, along with all access around the river corridor where the fire has or continues to burn.

San Miguel County is also now involved, as they manage areas across the County line, from the Dolores canyon west to highway 141, and areas approximately one mile east of the Dolores River Canyon rim. The weather may provide some help this week, as we look to more humidity and rains.



Town of Dove Creek
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BOTTLED WATER AVAILABLE



BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026, AT 10:00AM

This will last until all water is gone or until 4:30pm and then will resume the next day and continue until the water is gone.

-  The water will be for **Town residents** with a maximum of **2 cases per household**.
-  On a **first come, first serve** basis.
-  Available at **Town Hall**
314 W HWY 491, Dove Creek, CO 81324
-  The Town has a **limited amount** of bottled water that will be available.

July 13 2026 the water switches to Montezuma Water as the source, expect some discoloration in the water, but it is safe - review the letter you received for details.

School Supply Distribution **FREE**

July 29th @ The Community Center

BBQ by Atmos



Required school supplies provided to all Dolores County residents

July 29th



Reaching Out To Community and Kids

10 YEARS AS OF 2023





Dove Creek Farmers Market Kick Off!
Saturdays 9am Locals Market in front of the DC Town Hall - all are welcome, come visit, buy sell local produce, baked goods, hand made items. Last Saturday the Pinto Bean had posters for the kids to draw Thank You notes for the firefighters.



Town of
Dove Creek

TOWN MANAGER POSITION

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 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 **August 6, 2026 by 4:30pm** to be considered for the position. Failure to include all requested information will result in the application not being considered for any position with the Town of Dove Creek.

BULL DOG AG



You may have seen construction work to the south of the High School on Main street - where the old 'Ag Building' was being torn down. That is because thanks to the School Disctrict, through reserve funds and a BEST grant, a whole new up to code, facility will be completed by the spring of 2027.

On Wednesday July 8, a hand full of students, administrators and teachers were on hand for the official Ground Breaking ceremony.



The building will be set close to the existing high school, with additional parking on the south end where the old building used to stand. The facility will have classrooms, bathrooms, and separated areas for the wood working and the welding shop areas.



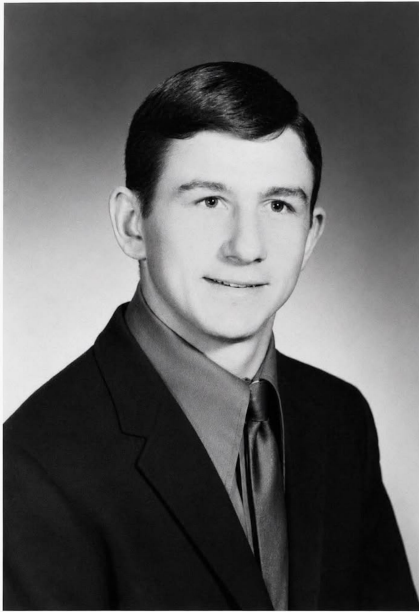
Bradfield Bridge Campground July 10 2026 Not burned. Photo courtesy Ferris Fire Info

The Ferris Fire was declared a CO State Disaster Emergency on last Wed. 7/8 by Gov Polis. As of writing no structures were destroyed, and the beloved Bradfield Bridge Campground area was protected while fire raged around the area.

Obituary

Daniel Ray Cressler

November 18, 1952 - July 5, 2026



Daniel Ray Cressler, a beloved dad and grandpa passed away on July 5, 2026, after a short illness. He was 74. Dan will be lovingly remembered by his children, Sherry Musselman Robinson (Greg), Shane Musselman (Melody), and Jill Cressler Kennedy (Rhett Noteman); his brother, Roy Dean Cressler; 17 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was welcomed home by his wife of 50 years, LeAnn Sober Cressler; his parents, Arthur “Crock” and Flora Dumbreck Cressler; his daughter, Stacy Musselman Johnson, and grand-daughter, Charlee Noteman, who preceded him in death.

Dan grew up with a strong competitive spirit and was a standout athlete at Monticello High School, where he participated in wrestling and football. He graduated from MHS in 1971. He went on to play football at Dixie College in St. George, UT.

Throughout his working life, Dan was known for his skill and steady work ethic as an underground miner and heavy equipment operator. He excelled in both lines of work and earned the respect of those who worked beside him. He and LeAnn also owned and operated different businesses over the years. In 2020, Dan retired so he could devote himself to caring for LeAnn when she needed full-time assistance.

Dan had a lifelong love of hunting and the outdoors. He started archery hunting and found his passion. He was entering archery competitions as recently as 2024.

Family and friends are invited to gather in Dan’s memory at a memorial service at San Juan Community Church in Monticello, Utah, on July 17 at 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY JULY 13	TUESDAY JULY 14	WEDNESDAY JULY 15	THURSDAY JULY 16	FRIDAY JULY 17	SATURDAY JULY 18	SUNDAY JULY 19
Hot, Mix of Clouds Afternoon Scattered Thunderstorms	Hot Mix of Clouds Afternoon Thunderstorms	Mostly Sunny again Afternoon Thunderstorms	Hot partly cloudy, gusty thunderstorms	Mostly cloudy a bit less hot	Mostly Sunny	Partly Sunny a Few Thundershowers
93° 63°	92° 61°	90° 61°	91° 59°	85° 66°	85° 67°	87° 65°

The Four Corners monsoon pattern begins to strengthen this week, bringing daily chances for afternoon and evening thunderstorms. The hottest days will be Monday through Thursday with highs near 90°F.

A welcome cool-down arrives Friday and continues through the weekend, although scattered thunderstorms remain possible each afternoon. Localized heavy rain, gusty outflow winds, and frequent lightning are possible with stronger storms.

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