

Between the Beans

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COUNTY FAIR WEEK / FFA

Dolores County Fair was another creative year, beautiful entries, fun with the kids, animal 4-H successful even with having to be relocated due to the Ferris Fire having utilized the Fairgrounds. Annual Ice Cream Social was a blast Friday - a refreshing part of a very hot week.

And then there's the Dove Creek FFA Advisory Committee's Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry, this year it was held at the Elementary School, due to the logistical switcheroo. Tons of support as their major annual fundraiser. Door prizes, with 3 half hog cut and wrapped in a live auction. Monies raised go to the scholarship fund.



Spilling the Beans...

By Kendra Cook

First week of August finds many families scurrying for last minute summer fun, before the school year takes over their attention and scheduling. Fortunately there were great resources for free school supplies at the community event hosted by the ROCK at the end of July. The moment taken to recognize all of our local first responders, was well supported, and the whole event offered a lot of fun! County Fairs dominated the area, with a lot of Dove Creekers taking in the Lonestar concert in Monticello.

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The Schultz's of Dove Creek really represented at the **Escalante Days** festival in the town of Dolores Aug. 8. Stonertop Lumber hosted the long running Bill F. Ragland & Sons Logging Chainsaw Competition - always a thrill. Taking First place in the women's small engine category, Joey Schultz, courtesy photos (below). Husband Kyle and his father Mike Schultz took 1st and 2nd in the large engine, and Mike and Kyle respectively won 1st and 2nd in the small engine challenge. Congratulations!



STAGE 1 FIRE BAN

Stage 1 fire ban means the following:

Open fires are prohibited in unincorporated areas of Dolores County.

An "open fire" is any fire in an outdoor location where fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit, burn barrels and incinerators must have adequate screen to restrict ash. Propane grills or charcoal fires in an enclosed fire pan are allowed.

This fire ban is because of high wildfire danger for the immediate preservation of public health, safety, and welfare of everyone in Dolores County.

The fire ban shall apply to all unincorporated private lands within Dolores County, Colorado. Violations will be punishable by fine pursuant to C.R.S. 30-15-402.

The Dolores County Fire Ban Ordinance instated by the County Commissioners states that all individuals performing controlled burns not allowed by the current fire ban and not reported to the Dispatcher at the Sheriff's Office will be fined the following amounts:

- 1st violation \$50.00
- 2nd violation \$250.00
- 3rd violation \$500.00
- 4th violation \$1,000.00

If you have any questions about this fire ban, please feel free to contact the Dolores County Sheriff's Office at 970-677-2257. Let's all work together to keep our County, and public lands safe from Wildfires.

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SCHOOL LIBRARY

NEW SERVICE COMING SOON!!

Dove Creek School/Public Library is excited to share they are expanding the digital collections on **Hoopla Digital!** As part of this expansion, they will be discontinuing CloudLibrary, as well as moving the eBooks and audiobooks from CloudLibrary to Hoopla on August 18, 2026

Enjoy audiobooks, eBooks on a user friendly platform. Signup for Hoopla with your Dolores County Public/School card at HooplaDigital.com or download the Hoopla app from your apps store. Bring the latest eBooks and audio books to your computer or smart devices, including New York Times best sellers and hot authors.

Holds not fulfilled by August 17th will not be fulfilled. Any active checkouts on August 17th will be returned and will need to be borrowed again through Hoopla. If you have any questions, please contact them at 970.677.2389 or come to the library at 525 N Main, Dove Creek

Dove Creek Town Workshop
Aug. 11, 2026 6:30pm

DOVE CREEK TOWN BOARD
WORKSHOP

Tuesday August 11, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Location: Town Office
314 W. HWY 491, Dove Creek, CO

AGENDA
WORKSHOP

- 1. Kendra Cook – Discussion of weekly publication/record of publication – Changes as of 8/12/26
- 2. American Tower – Tower Lease Proposal – Rich Landreth
- 3. Town Manager Application Review
- 4. Discussion – Check Signing and Agenda Preparation – Lana Hancock

PINTO BEAN 4TH YEAR PARTY



We're having a birthday party for the 'Bean on Wed. Aug. 12th 4pm at Banger's Bar & Pizza 315 W. HWY 491 - Cake and Pizza - talk to the Editor, meet Bean lovers - cheer the community on for year number 5 !

Elementary Campus Landscape Update

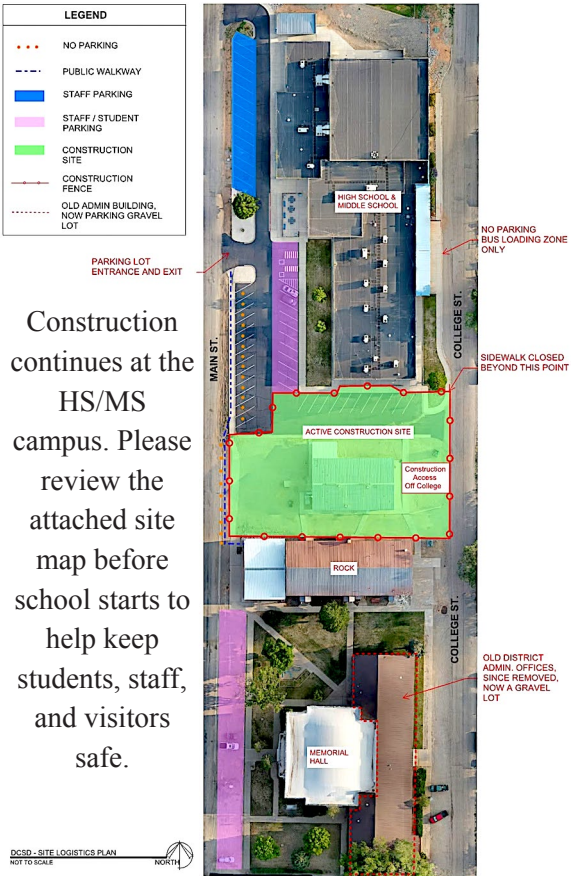
"We've received several questions about the landscaping around our new elementary school, and we'd like to share an update with our community.

The landscaping is progressing just as planned. The grass areas are beginning to fill in, and we're excited to see the campus continue to take shape. These areas were intentionally planted with native grasses, which are different from traditional manicured lawns. Native grasses are designed to grow taller, require less water, and thrive in our local climate. Because of that, they will not be mowed on a regular basis like a typical lawn.

As the grass becomes established, you may also notice weeds throughout some areas. This is a normal part of establishing new landscaping, and we are actively working with our landscaping contractor to control the weeds while allowing the native grasses to continue developing.

The landscaping professionals have assured us that the project is on schedule and that new landscapes like this typically take two to three growing seasons to reach their full potential. We appreciate everyone's patience as the campus continues to mature.

Thank you for your support as we invest in a beautiful, sustainable campus that will serve our students and community for many years to come." - Dove Creek Schools



Construction continues at the HS/MS campus. Please review the attached site map before school starts to help keep students, staff, and visitors safe.

DOLORES COUNTY
SENIOR / PIONEER CENTER

Dolores County Senior Pioneer Center

If you'd like to receive the monthly mailing, with menu and activities calendar, be sure to call 970-677-2787 For August the Birthday Dinner is on the 27th, please call to RSVP for any of the meals. They offer home delivery of meals, as well as frozen meals for certain cases, just call to make arrangements. There's a Luncheon Field Trip on the 12th of August, Local Shopping on the rest of the Saturdays, and the various activities continue in the air conditioned gathering room.

Dolores County BOCC Meeting on August 3, 2026:

Many of the past minutes were approved; Standard financial report from Social Services, and looking into options for AI transcriber services; Pinto Bean request for consideration as paper for legal notices after August 12th; Presentation by Montelores Coalition (an effort to coordinate Dolores and Montezuma Counties "Balancing sustainable outdoor recreation and conservation of natural, agricultural, and cultural resources to serve the unique needs of Colorado's Southwest Corner.") The presentation was to ask the County to be the sponsor (in kind matching value) on a GOCO /CYCA grant request to abate weeds in a treatment project in coordination with RTA for trails near Rico. Funds would support a 4 week project with SW Conservation Corp. for youth crew work and education. Montelores would do all of the project work, coordination and grant reporting in conjunction with SCC. Motion approved to be the lead entity as long as the Town Manger of Rico was contacted for support. (see YouTube for the full meeting)

Sat 8/8 11:50am "Frank11" Fire was started by human cause on BLM land, just over the San Miguel County line road, our DCVFD and Sheriff Deputy were on scene first for the 0.5 acre fire that was contained by early afternoon. BLM Law Enforcement will handle the investigation and San Miguel Sheriff Office coordinated the containment of the fire. No structures were damaged, the alleged suspect was taken to the hospital with burns on feet and legs.

DOVE CREEK WEATHER

Week Outlook

MONDAY AUGUST 10	TUESDAY AUGUST 11	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12	THURSDAY AUGUST 13	FRIDAY AUGUST 14	SATURDAY AUGUST 15	SUNDAY AUGUST 16
90/60	91/61	85/63	79/63	80/62	81/61	81/61
Hot, Mostly Cloudy, Spotty Afternoon Thunderstorms	Mostly Cloudy, Hot, Scattered Thunderstorms	Sun, Clouds, Afternoon Thunderstorms Possible	Partial Sunshine, Potential Afternoon Thunderstorm	Partly Sunny, Afternoon Showers Possible Thunderstorm	Mostly Sunny	Sunny to Partly Cloudy

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