

Between the Beans

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STATELINE CAR SHOW
Stateline Bar & Grill's Annual Car Show continued the tradition on Saturday August 22, hosting a wide range of cars showing off all around the building, while a party on the Patio offered bouncy house fun, DJ pulling tickets for the chance drawing prizes, and three bands played in the morning, afternoon and evening. They also hosted a corn hole tournament and stick horse obstacle course race - for which several contestants have been working on their style since the first competition launched last year. Great food and drinks, and quite cooler due to the clouds and occasional sprinkles that didn't dampen spirits.



Spilling the Beans...

By Kendra Cook
Feels hot but you can tell fall is approaching, the afternoon thunderstorm pattern is set for all this week, though in Dove Creek there hasn't been much moisture making it into the ground. It's exciting to anticipate the Town Board may be hiring the new Town Manager, former board member JP Funk is up for that position, the regular meeting will be Tuesday August 25 2026 if you want to attend in person or by zoom. We are still working on the best newspaper paper printing costs of having this weekly newspaper available - meanwhile 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. If you have a news story or lead that's local, get in touch, or to advertise, which supports the Bean being able to be printed and distributed - email Editor@PintoBean.CO

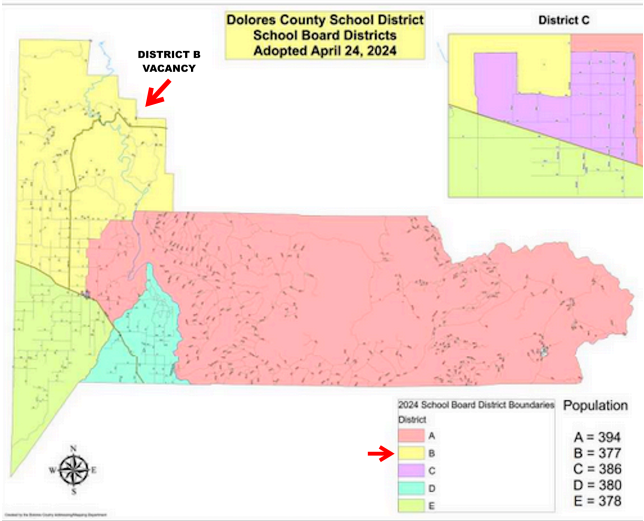
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Dove Creek Booster Club organizing the 2026 Back to School Team Tailgate Party

Dove Creek Middle and High School Team Spirit party, a moment to gather on August 31st at the School, and cheer on the students, the teams, with an ice cream social, and lots of Bulldog fun!
SCHOOL WEEK CALENDAR:
August 26 School Board Meeting
August 27 Middle School Volleyball @Norwood, and the Middle School Football (H) Mancos
August 28 Teacher Work Day
High School Volleyball @Center Tourney 28-29th.
August 29 Middle School Volleyball @Ridgway

DOLORES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT - B VACANCY MAP



NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY AND REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

The Board of Education of the Dolores County School District RE-2J is accepting applications from persons interested in serving on the Board of Education from the date of appointment until the next regular biennial school election in November 2027. To be eligible for appointment, each candidate must be a registered elector of the school district for at least twelve consecutive months prior to the date of appointment. The applicant must also be a resident of the director district "B" in which the vacancy exists. Any person who meets the qualifications and who desires to be considered for the appointment is invited to file a written notice of such intention with the secretary of the Board of Education, Crystal Jarmon by September 10, 2026 at 813 North Main, PO Box 459, Dove Creek CO 81324. The Board will interview prospective candidates on September 16, 2026 at a public meeting. For further information, contact Stacy Hankins, Administrative Assistant, DCSD 970-677-2522.



The Colorado Search and Rescue Association posted on facebook that “August and September are awards season for CSAR, and we especially enjoy seeing the nominations roll in for the Colorado Mountain Club-sponsored Valor Award. We'll be showcasing each of the nominations over the next few weeks. The volunteer members of Dolores County Search and Rescue, Inc were nominated for going above and beyond by contributing over 1000 hours of service to the Ferris fire efforts. They manned several checkpoints/road blocks 24 hours a day for 23 days straight. Most of the time, they manned these checkpoints in smoke that was so thick that you couldn’t even see the length of a football field. They responded to this call unpaid and using personal vehicles to get to their duty stations. They took days off from their employment, families and 4th of July festivities and put their personal lives on hold for their community. They also staffed the EOC, emergency evacuation center and emergency food pantry. They responded to an emergency page in the middle of the night to move a checkpoint a mile down the road when incident command called for the checkpoint to be evacuated before it was overrun by the fire. The winner of the CMC Valor award will be announced at SARCon at the end of September.”

Banger's Bar & Pizza

Open
11am
Everyday

Dine In
Take Out

315 HWY 491 Dove Creek CO
970-677-2465

FRIDAY
AUGUST
28th
6th Year
BIRTHDAY
PARTY
6PM
& Trivia Night

TOWN OF DOVE CREEK

Town of Dove Creek special meeting last week, went over the applicants for the Town Manager position, and pending negotiations and finalization at the regular board meeting on Tuesday August 25 2026 6:30pm, former Board member JP Funk will be offered the job. As of Sunday night, the Agenda for the Tuesday meeting was not yet on the website, you can find it there and or on the front doors of the locked Town Hall offices at least 24 hours ahead of the meeting time.

SINK HOLE ROAD 141 UNDER REPAIR



On August 20 at approximately 8 p.m., the Colorado Department of Transportation opened Colorado Highway 141 between Slick Rock and Naturita to both passenger vehicles and CMVs. A temporary steel plate will remain in place at Mile Point 24 until final paving operations are completed in the coming weeks. Motorists are urged to slow down and use caution while traveling over the steel plate and uneven road surface.

EMOTIONAL SCARS & BURN SCARS



Most roads are in good shape, however as the thunderstorms come through the potential for debris flow could change the roads. Photo Jesse Raby

After the Ferris Fire area roads opened back up, many locals have found time to drive through to their favorite spots to see what the condition is at this point. The fire devastation is described as being somewhat mosaic - meaning spotty, though certain areas were seriously burned out completely, in other spots you can find partial growth, and even new scrub oaks poking through the ash covered surface.

Summer of 2026 will be remembered for the drought and fire, and ongoing discussions about how large a 'control' area is established to cover the nearly 65,000 acres. The year of the bears coming to towns looking for food and water due to both the fire and drought, For our local fire, no structure or loss of life is a great relief, but the emotional impacts will be retained for years to come.

Colorado Hunting Season Dates 2026

Colorado Elk Hunting Season

As mentioned earlier, 2025-2029 marks a new Big Game Season Structure (BGSS) for Colorado. So, if you're relying on information or processes from prior years, you'll want to double-check the latest information to make sure you plan a hunt during the right dates and can get your license before your hunt.

- **Colorado Elk Archery Season:** September 2 – 30, 2026
- **Elk Muzzleloader:** September 12 – 20, 2026
- **Rifle:**
 - **First Season:** Oct 14 – 18, 2026
 - **Second Season:** October 24 – November 1, 2026
 - **Third Season:** November 7 – 15, 2026
 - **Fourth Season:** November 18 – 22, 2026

Additional season dates are available for limited license hunts.

Hunting seasons are right around the corner - be sure to check that the roads are accessible, and be aware of displaced wildlife that are hungry and thirsty and have little water or food.

Deer Season in Colorado

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- **Muzzleloader:** September 12 – 20, 2026
- **Rifle:**
 - **First Season:** Oct 14 – 18, 2026
 - **Second Season:** October 24 – November 1, 2026
 - **Third Season:** November 7 – 15, 2026
 - **Fourth Season:** November 18 – 22, 2026
 - **Plains:** October 24 – November 3, 2026

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WEATHER OUTLOOK | DOVE CREEK, CO

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 24	August 25	August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30
Mix of Clouds and Sun Afternoon Spotty Storms	Sunshine, Afternoon possible Thunderstorms	Partly Sunny with Chance of Afternoon Storms	Mostly Sunny, Same Afternoon Storms possible	Sunny Dry	Full Sunshine	Sunny and Hot
86/61	86/58	89/60	88/66	89/67	87/64	90/62

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