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DOVE CREEK HOME COMING WEEK 2026



Home Coming in Dove Creek was another enthusiastic week of crazy dress up and team building - peaking on Thursday with the pep rally, parade, games, and bonfire.

Royalty was also announced after the football game, with Camey Hankins the Grand Marshal. Even without a varsity football team, the focus on the younger grades, and bulldog spirit feels like a regrouping and re-purposing to build a future in concordance with 'the bulldog way' - with

students, teachers, parents and the community all working together!

The week finished off with games on Saturday, and the Home Coming Dance.

Plenty of wonderful photos of everyone getting dressed

Bulldog Way characteristic focus: TEAMWORK!

"doing your part, encouraging others, listening to different ideas, and understanding that we accomplish more when we work together. Being a good teammate also means noticing when someone needs help and being willing to step in. Bulldogs do the right thing - and Bulldogs support one another! "

to the nines, with doting parents and grandparents taking copious photos, and celebrating at the Grand March during the dance.

Homecoming Royalty:
Freshmen attendants: Hagan Short and Kara Harrington. Sophomore attendants: Nevaeh Lien and Connor Horn. Junior attendant: Brooklyn Ivey. Princess: Mykaela Fury and Prince: Will Arellano. Queen: Stormy Beanland and King Gavin Gill. Elementary children: Kynlee Beanland, Cohen Morgan, Elliot Evans, and Cadence Raney

**A huge thank you to
all of the teachers
and volunteers and
parents who helped
to make the best
memories for 2026!**

Spilling the Beans... AG Shop & Parking Lot Construction Update

By Kendra Cook

Home coming week with the school, thankful for the rains, and it clearing up for the parade! The school sports continue to keep parents busy driving here and there. Next week on Monday Oct 12 remember it's a 'holiday' when many facilities will be closed. Columbus Day or Indigenous Day and Thanksgiving Day in Canada!

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 Have a blessed week!

'We (School Admin) have heard questions from community members about the pace of construction on the new Dove Creek Agricultural Education Shop, and we want to provide some additional context about what has been happening on the site. While progress may have appeared slow from the outside, much of the work during this phase has involved underground utilities and infrastructure, grading, foundations, and site preparation. This work is critical but does not always result in noticeable changes from day to day. Weather and the sequencing and coordination of different trades have also affected when portions of the work can occur.

Recently, the project has moved into more visible foundation and concrete work, and the community should begin seeing greater

changes as construction moves into the next phases. The district continues working closely with Neenan Archistruction, Artaic, and the project team to monitor the schedule, with completion of the AG Shop still targeted for spring 2027.

Parking Lot Update: Work on the parking areas is also being coordinated with the overall construction project. The AG Shop area asphalt is currently scheduled for October 12, with the main HS/MS parking lot scheduled for October 26. These dates remain dependent on weather and construction conditions.

As we get closer to the parking lot work, the district will provide a parking and access logistics plan for students, staff, families, visitors, athletic events, and other school activities. The plan will identify available parking areas, building entrances and exits, student drop-off/pick-up locations,



VoAg building being constructed on the south end of the Dove Creek High School

pedestrian routes, and any temporary changes to traffic flow. Our goal is to communicate these changes in advance so everyone knows where to park and how to safely access the building during construction.

We appreciate everyone's patience as we work through these important improvements. We recognize that construction and parking changes create inconveniences, and we appreciate our students, staff, families, and community working with us while we invest in the future of Dove Creek Schools.' (facebook)



SCHOOL WEEK CALENDAR:

Oct 5 Boys Basketball
Middle School starts practice
KB (H) DC
Oct 6-7 FFA Hesperus
Oct 6 Middle School
Volleyball (H) Mancos
Oct 8 High School
Volleyball (H) Cortez
Oct 10 Middle School SJBL
Volleyball Tourny
High School Volleyball
(H) Ouray
Middle School Boys
Basketball @Telluride

For full month schedules you can look at the monthly Pinto Bean and online click the calendar at <https://www.dc2j.org/>

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Dove Creek Reviews Proposed 2027 Sewer Rate Changes

The Town of Dove Creek is reviewing a proposed new sewer-rate ordinance that would change how sewer charges are calculated, with much of the proposed change affecting commercial businesses using the Town’s sewer system. Mayor Grant Allen said the Town Board is seeking public input before adopting the new ordinance. The proposal would replace the current commercial billing approach with a system that considers both water usage and the type of wastewater produced by a business. The Town is also proposing a separate capital charge to show customers how much of their bill supports major sewer projects and infrastructure. Two commercial-rate approaches are currently being considered. Both would use metered water consumption and business classifications based on the expected impact of wastewater on the sewer system. The Board has not yet assigned individual businesses to classifications. The public review period runs Sept. 23 through Oct. 14, followed by a special public policy meeting on Oct. 15. Proposed ordinance readings are scheduled for Oct. 27 and Nov. 10, with the new methodology and 2027 rates proposed to take effect Jan. 1, 2027. Businesses or other sewer customers wishing to make a formal presentation at the Oct. 15 meeting must notify the Town at least 24 hours in advance and are encouraged to submit supporting information ahead of the meeting. The Town says the goal is to develop a more consistent and sustainable sewer-rate system while generating enough revenue to operate, maintain and improve the system.

Dolores County BOCC

The Dolores County BOCC meeting Sept 21, 2026 was held in Rico, with various housekeeping approvals, followed by citizen comments: a Rico resident brought up the desire for a secure ballot box in Rico. Security issues made it difficult to assure the box was monitored. The resident said the internet is better. The Commissioners met for Department heads updates at the end of the month meeting, and will bring this to the Clerk’s office. Ballots mailed out mid month. Matt Stiasny provided an update on the Rico Geothermal project, As part of Phase 2, they were given an extension for the grant, to drill in the spring, reporting data by July 2027. Representatives from the Town of Rico shared updates on various grants and project status, while the BOCC offered their support wherever the County can support applications. The board approved a funds transfer, discussed Insurance

PUBLIC NOTICES & JOBS

The Town of Dove Creek is currently hiring for:

Town Clerk/Town Treasurer

The Town Clerk/Treasurer performs and manages a variety of duties, including administrative, operational, financial, court, human resources, and statutory functions of the Town of Dove Creek. The Clerk/Treasurer also ensures that accurate records are kept of all the official acts of the Board of Trustees and acts as custodian of the Town records and the Town seal. This includes maintaining official minutes and records of Town Board proceedings, processing applications for licenses, managing municipal elections, managing municipal court, providing administrative support to the Town Board, and ensuring the accurate and timely performance of all financial duties for the Town including but not limited to payroll, performs human resource duties, administrative work in conducting the treasury and administrative functions including managing the Town’s risk insurance program, health insurance plans, retirement plan, and assists the Town Manager.

This position will be a full-time position, and the pay is bi-weekly with a salary range starting at \$40,000 to \$57,784 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. 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 fill out an employment application form from the Town of Dove Creek and return it completed with a cover letter, resume and references attached. The deadline for submitting the required information is October 13, 2026, at 12:00 noon to the Town of Dove Creek at 314 W HWY 491, Dove Creek, CO. Failure to include all requested information will result in the application not being considered for any position with the Town of Dove Creek.

Shooting Range Upgrade

Courtesy Sheriff Office

Thanks to the Dolores County Search and Rescue, Inc as well as all of the volunteers who assisted the Dolores County Sheriff’s Office in making big progress in upgrading the Dolores County Shooting Range. Everyone’s hard work is greatly appreciated as we continue the upgrade process.

In honor of everyone’s efforts today in improving a safe environment to practice one’s firearm skills we would like everyone to remember the 4 primary rules of firearm safety.



The Four Primary Rules

- Treat every gun as if it were loaded: Always verify the chamber, receiver, and magazine yourself every time you pick up a firearm. Never assume it is unloaded.
- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction: Ensure the barrel never points at anything you do not intend to shoot or destroy, accounting for potential ricochets or penetration.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot: Practice strict trigger discipline and rest your finger along the frame or outside the trigger guard until your sights are on target and you have made the decision to fire.
- Know your target and

options with the Town Manager, and finally approved expenditures prior to adjourning the meeting.

The next BOCC Meeting will be October 5 2026 9am at 409 N Main in Dove Creek CO at the courthouse, citizens are welcome to attend in person or register for the zoom link to listen to the meeting. All meetings are recorded for the youtube channel.

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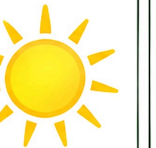
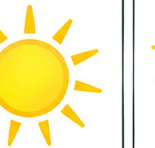
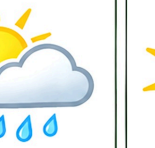
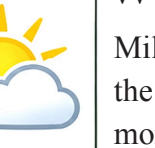
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what lies beyond it: Be fully aware of your surroundings, your target's identifying features, and the maximum travel distance or backstop required for your ammunition.

Questions about the Shooting Range contact the Dolores County Sheriff Office 970-677-2257. Dolores County Search and Rescue - contact (970) 769-0005. For all Colorado Gun Laws, go online: <https://publicsafety.colorado.gov/> colorado-gun-laws

MONDAY Oct. 5	TUESDAY Oct. 6	WEDNESDAY Oct. 7	THURSDAY Oct. 8	FRIDAY Oct. 9	SATURDAY Oct. 10	SUNDAY Oct. 11
 Mostly Sunny	 Warmer Sunny with some Clouds	 Sunny	 Sunny	 Continued Sunshine	 Spotty chance morning showers Mostly Sunny	 Mix of clouds and sun
74° 49°	75° 49°	71° 54°	73° 53°	72° 52°	71° 51°	71° 51°

DOVE CREEK CO WEEKLY OUTLOOK

Mild fall temperatures throughout the week, mostly sunny, chances of morning showers possibly a couple of days, but overall a classic week of lovely fall weather. Whole month looks pretty calm, with rains and possible snows not arriving until perhaps mid November.

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Dove Creek Dolores County Resources

CHURCHES IN
AND AROUND
DOVE CREEK CO

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of DOVE CREEK
(970) 677-2230
<https://www.firstbaptistofdovecreek.com/>
firstbaptistofdovecreek@gmail.com
303 N. Main St. Box 85 Dove Creek, CO
Service Times Sunday: Sunday School: 10:00 AM
Morning Service: 11:00 AM
AWANA: 4:00 PM
Teen Group: 5:30 PM

FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH of DOVE CREEK
970-677-2578
518 N Guyrene St. Dove Creek CO
firstsouthern@fone.net

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CAHONE
51252 HWY 491 Cahone CO
fellowshipbaptistcahone@gmail.com

DOVE CREEK SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
970-677-2792
<https://dovecreekco.adventistchurch.org/>
607 N Pine Dove Creek CO
Saturday Service times:
Sabbath School: 10:30 A
Worship Service: 9:15 A
Tuesday Bible Study: 5:00 P

THE DOVE CREEK CHURCH
thedovecreekchurch@gmail.com
601 N College St Dove Creek CO
Sunday worship at 11:00.
Stay for fellowship and snacks after the service.
Thursday evenings for 5:45 supper & 6:30 Bible studies for men & women. Childcare provided.
Potluck after worship on the first Sunday of each month.

DOVE CREEK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
970.677.3683 (DOVE)
DoveCreekAssemblyofGod@gmail.com
412 West Guyrene St Dove Creek CO

ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH
432 N Pine St, Dove Creek, CO 81324
Phone: (970) 565-7308
Sunday Mass: typically 3:00 PM
Part of the Montelores Catholic Community.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

ROCK Reaching Out to Community and Kids 128 E. Hwy 491 , Dove Creek, CO
Ocotber 9 2026 3pm - 4:30pm















Diapers for Infants and Toddlers available from WeeCycle.

MONTHLY
FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Celebrate Recovery meetings in Dove Creek Mondays 7pm. at First Baptist Church, 303 Main Street 505-333-8151



Dolores County Public/School Libraries
~LIBRARY HOURS~

Adult Library
(970-677-2389)
Monday - Thursday
7 :30am - 6:00pm
Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

Children's Library
(970-677-2356)
Monday-Thursday
7:30am-11:30
12:30-4:00pm
Storytime for Ages 18 months to 4 years
Every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:00 am
Stories, Songs, Food, Crafts and FUN!

CARE & SHARE

DOVE CREEK FOOD
DOVE CREEK CARE AND SHARE FOOD PANTRY, INC
Wed Thur Fri 12-2pm



**CO Elk & Deer
Hunting Season
Rifle:**

- First Season:
Oct 14-18
- Second Season:
Oct 24-Nov 1
- Third Season:
Nov 7-15
- Fourth Season:
Nov 18-22
- plus Deer Plains:
Oct 24-Nov 3

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