# Between the Beans...

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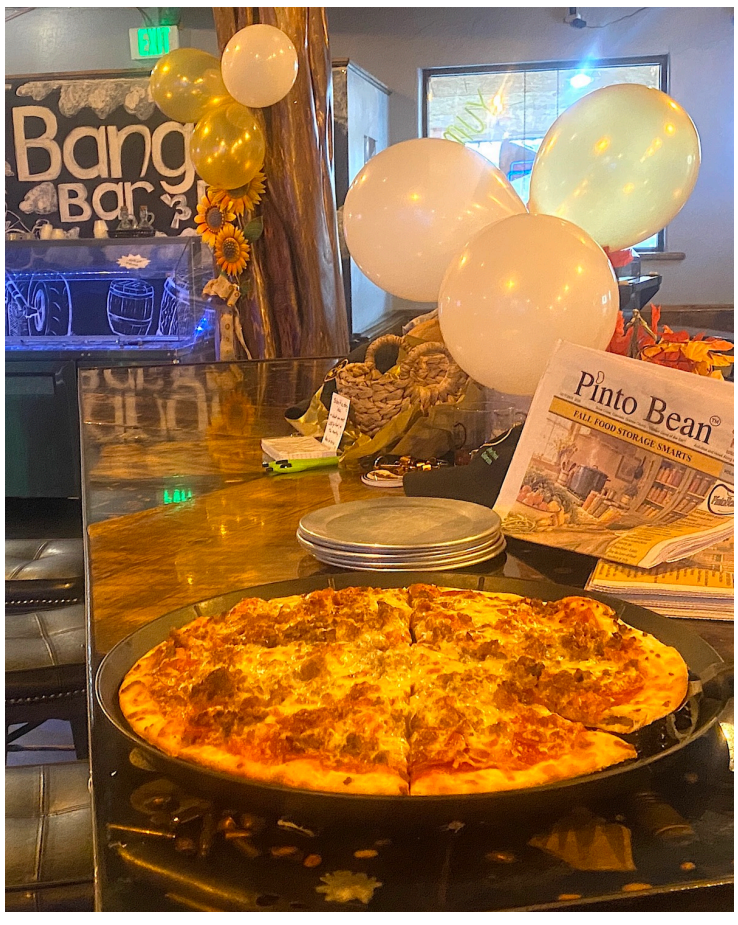
Photo CPW

The **2026 Rifle Hunting** seasons start this Wed., and hunters are gearing up not just locals, but an influx of out of town and out of state hunters too. As the fall is one of the most amazing times for getting out in nature, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) emphasizes the shared responsibility of safety among hunters, hikers, bikers, leaf peepers, wildlife viewers, and OHV users. "As most of Colorado's outdoors is multi-use, it's crucial for both hunters and nonhunters to show respect and courtesy to all users engaged in outdoor recreation.

Find locations to hunt using the Colorado Hunting Atlas.; find public land, save topographic maps, view big game migration corridors and concentration areas, and view OHV trails. The majority of public lands in Colorado are open to multiple types of recreational use. There is no need to limit your outdoor activities in the fall; however, nonhunters should recognize that hunters are on the landscape and take additional precautions."

## Pinto Bean Harvest Gathering

The Pinto Bean newspaper hosted a Fall Harvest Gathering in Dove Creek, to encourage readers to provide feedback on story topics, what they like or don't, with a big Thank You to everyone for their support - readers and advertisers alike - sharing conversation over a slice of pizza and a chance to win Pinto Bean merch.




## *Spilling the Beans...*

*By Kendra Cook*

Keep an eye out for your ballot, and you have the choice to mail it in or drop it off at the County Courthouse in Dove Creek. If you are concerned with the town sewer system for cost and service, the Town Board is having a special public policy meeting on Oct. 15. Proposed ordinance readings are scheduled for Oct. 27 and Nov. 10

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!

Local News and Info to Reach Your Neighbors Friends and Families.
Advertise in the Weekly Between the Beans - simple $6 / column inch rate, min. 2 week run
Deadline Fridays by 12pm
editor@pintobean.co

### DOVE CREEK FFA CHAPTER - FFA Leader

District Leadership Camp was held in Hesperus. Ag teacher Mrs. Lane posted "Wow, these kids are great! Bryson and Clayton rocked as District Officers and helped lead two amazing workshops. Dove Creek won the chapter volleyball tournament and Bryson and Clayton took first in the cornhole tournament! The kids also participated in the zip line. A special thank you goes out to Travis Randolph for sponsoring us at this event." CO FFA Association is split into 16 districts, this is Dist. III. Photo of the group right.






### DC VOLLEYBALL HELPS CARE & SHARE

Care & Share post "Shoutout to the Dove Creek Volleyball freshman and sophomores for coming down and helping unload the delivery truck!!! You were awesome.GO BULLDOGS!! And: BRAND NEW: Fresh Watermelons, lemons, potatoes, sweet corn, beets, tangerines, peaches, sweet potatoes, carrots and plums ALSO: Milk, multiple cheeses, butter, eggs and MUCH MORE.

### DC Schools: October's Bulldog Way focus turns to: GRIT!

Grit means sticking with something even when it gets hard. It means continuing to work when something doesn't come easily, learning from mistakes instead of giving up, and having the determination to finish what you start.

Throughout October, we will challenge our students to demonstrate grit in the classroom, athletics, activities, and everyday life.

Keep trying.
Learn from mistakes.
Finish what you start.
Bulldogs don't give up!

### SCHOOL WEEK CALENDAR:

**Oct 12** Jr Sr Field Trip
**Oct 13** High School Volleyball (H) Dolores
**Oct 14** Business Class Field Trip
**Oct 15** Mid Terms
Science Field Trip 6 & 7
High School Volleyball @Ouray
Middle School Boys Basketball (H) Nucla
**Oct 17** Boys Basketball @Ouray

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

### Proposed 2027 Sewer Rate Changes

A special public policy meeting will be held on **Oct. 15 6:30pm** at the Town Hall. 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." Written by Mayor Allen

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Meanwhile, a group of local business owners with commercial properties, have been working to provide a petition to "Reduce and Reform Commercial Sewer Rates" requesting to withdraw the proposed structure, establish a new base rate, charge an additional $3 per 1,000 gallons for monthly metered water usage exceeding 10,000 gallons, replace the commercial sewer rate provisions in Section 24-85 through appropriate legal action, and improve accountability and efficiency with the Town's wastewater collection and treatment system.

Businesses want to work with the Board towards a structure that allows everyone to remain economically sustainable.

## DOLORES COUNTY BOCC MEETING RECAP

The Dolores County BOCC held a regular meeting on October 5, 2026, after agenda and minutes acceptance, with no public comments, the first discussion was concerning the publication for legal notices and jobs. The Pinto Bean's Between the Bean published weekly, is recognized as a viable option as available with full designation to be addressed during the January restructuring process.

A letter of support approved for the Rico Geothermal project, CPW Motorized Trails, and the Dolores Watershed Collaboration. A land subdivision exemption was tabled to a special meeting segment on the upcoming October 8th budget workshop as the mylar was not present to be signed by all parties.

Resolution #10-26-02 extending the moratorium on land use and subdivisions changes, to Dec 16 2026, the planning commission will provide their input, there would be a public hearing and then amendment after that before Dec. 16 2026.

Malynda Evans Director Social Services provided the update on Aug financials which were approved, and a discussion on the changing governmental policies. BOCC dismissed the request to Vacate Road A following the last month's workshop.

Finally a discussion about how to deal with a Special Event to be held again in the County on private lands, involving a group LDS Youth Trek set for June 9-12 2027, with 200 youth and 50 adult leaders. It was unclear what has happened with this group as one year it is believed it was cancelled possibly from the fire dangers, the Farmington area pioneer celebration will need to assure there are contingencies for ems, porter johns, food and water and evacuation plan, as well as a check on communications on private lands, they will invite the organizer to meet with the BOCC but have yet to determine if an actual permit is required. The official meeting was adjourned. The next BOCC meeting (after the short one with workshop on the 8th) should be on October 19, 2026.

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### MONTELORES COALITION PROJECTS



The Montelores Coalition with the Rico Strike Team project started with old, derelict fencing scattered across the landscape and ended with a trailer full of fencing removed by the Southwest Conservation Corps crew.

Thanks to Rico Land Collaborative, USDA Forest Service - San Juan National Forest and Southwest Conservation Corps for working together to tackle this project and help care for the landscape around Rico.

## PUBLIC NOTICES & JOBS

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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
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**Town of Dove Creek**
**Community Center and Recreation Department**

Registration is now open for **Youth 3 on 3 Coed Basketball** for grades 1st-5th!

Costis $35 per participant. Limited scholarships are available. Reach out to Kristy Chadd for more info.

Registration **DEADLINE is Friday 10/23**

Season runs four weeks starting the week of 11/10

Registration forms are available at the elementary school and ready for pick up at upcoming parent teacher conferences.

For more info, registration forms, and more contact Kristy Chadd at
dcrecdirector@townofdovecreek.com

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## DOVE CREEK, COLORADO WEEKLY WEATHER OUTLOOK

| Monday Oct 12 | Tuesday Oct 13 | Wednesday Oct 14 | Thursday Oct 15 | Friday Oct 16 | Saturday Oct 17 | Sunday Oct 18 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cloudy breezy scatters showers with possible heavy thunderstorms | Spotty Thunderstorms possible | Mostly Sunny | Sunshine | Sunny | Full Sunshine | Partly Sunny |
| 63 / 47 | 58 / 42 | 53 / 41 | 57 / 44 | 58 / 43 | 57 / 45 | 60 / 45 |










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

## CHURCHES DOVE CREEK

**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 AMMorning Service: 11:00 AMAWANA: 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

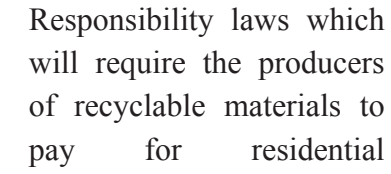
**DOVE CREEK SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**
970-677-2792
https://dovecreekco.adventistchurch.org/
607 N Pine Dove Creek CO
Saturday Service times:
Sabbath School: 10:30 A
Worship Service: 9:15 A
Tuesday Bible Study: 5:00 P

**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.

## AROUND TOWN....

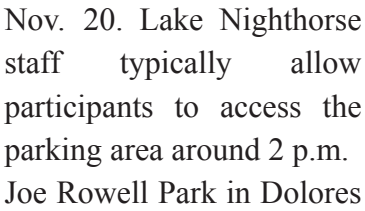



Dove Creek Superette is using A&Z local contractors to re-do the parking lot on the west entrance side, thank you for your patience as they work in sections to complete this phase.
Superette and Conoco Station 445 W HWY 491

BRUIN WASTE

Recently, Colorado enacted Extended Producer Responsibility laws which will require the producers of recyclable materials to pay for residential recycling services. This means eventually recycling service will be FREE for all residential homes. At Bruin, we understand the value of diverting waste from landfills and want to make this process as easy and accessible as possible for our customers.
If you'd rather discuss this option over the phone, please call your local office at:
Montrose County 970-901-2039
Mesa & Garfield County 970-285-9565
Montezuma & Dolores County 970-787-6700
Ouray, San Miguel & San Juan County 970-787-6700

## KOKANEE FISH



CPW conducts kokanee salmon giveaways to make sure meat from spawned kokanee is not wasted. Each year, thousands of fish are given away, but availability at each location can vary depending on the size of the run. To be eligible for the giveaway, a 2026 Colorado fishing license must be presented. Up to four youth may receive kokanee if accompanied by a license-holding adult.
Lake Nighthorse in Durango will host giveaway days at 3 p.m. Fridays from Oct. 30 to Nov. 20. Lake Nighthorse staff typically allow participants to access the parking area around 2 p.m.
Joe Rowell Park in Dolores is the giveaway location for Oct. 29. The giveaway will start at 3 p.m., and the fish are usually gone in 15 to 20 minutes, so people are encouraged to arrive early.
Those interested in the Dolores or Lake Nighthorse giveaways may call 970-247-0855.

CARE & SHARE

Get Fresh, Locally!
Supplemental & Emergency Food Local Nutrition Education
DOVE CREEK FOOD
DOVE CREEK CARE AND SHARE FOOD PANTRY, INC

**Wed Thur Fri 12-2pm**

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!




October Storytime at the Dove Creek Elementary School Library every Tuesday 10-11am for stories, snacks, songs, crafts, and Fun for ages 18 months to 4 years. Hope to see you there!
10/13: monster Craft Kits,
10/20: Light up Ghosts
10/27: HalloweenParty!



**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

# PUBLIC NOTICES LEGALS & JOBS

Under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of Dolores County Colorado for the period of August 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026, inclusive, in compliance with an act to publish such of their acts that relate to letting of contracts, abatements, and refunds of taxes and expenditures by them allowed and paid. Detailed personnel information may be seen in the Social Services Office during regular business hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and Friday 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Programs:
Colorado Works 3896.37
Adult Protective Services 1.71
Aid to Needy Disabled 248.00
Child Care 5621.56
Child Support Enforcement 5642.79
Child Welfare 18773.39
County Administration 19513.39
Non-Allocated Programs 622.35
CORE Services 2776.75
Food Assistance 35889.22
Home Care Allowance
LEAP
Managed Care 6000.01
Old Age Pension 139.17
Ormiston Fund
IV-D Retained
Cost Allocation
County Only
Other Intergovernmental 1092.95
Youth Mental Health
Grand Total *100,217.66
*Includes payroll, written checks, and programs
Payroll Total 47,852.89
Alpine Security & Electronics 52.00
AT&T 180.51
Ballantine Communication 37.84
Carhart Feed & Seed 34.90
Dennis Golbricht 916.50
Dove Creek Superette 306.76
Empire Electric Association 393.65
FTI WIFI 363.02
ImageNet Consulting 167.68
Montezuma Water Co 90.45
Silver Lining Recovery Homes 900.00
STUD/Onward! A Legacy Foundation 1,105.00
The Pinon Project 6,000.01
Town of Dove Creek 202.50
VISA 598.59
Checks Total 11349.41

I, Linda Yellowman, Chairman of the Board of Social Services, do hereby certify the above to be a correct statement for the expenses and tax abatements to date for the period of August 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026 inclusive.

Linda Yellowman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DOLORES COUNTY




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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
November 3, 2026
Election Date:
Election Type:Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC)
Days & Hours of Operation for VSPC Election Day Location:
By Mail: Ballot Drop Box Ballot Content:
ELECTORS OF DOLORES COUNTY Tuesday, November 3, 2026 Mail Ballot Dolores County Courthouse - Clerk & Recorder's Office 409 N. Main Street, Dove Creek, CO October 19-November 2, 2026 (M-TH) -8:00am-4:00 pm FRIDAY, October 30, 2026-8:00 am-4:00 pm Saturday, October 31, 2026 – 8:00 am - 12:00 pm November 3, 2026-7:00 am. -7:00 pm409 N. Main Street, Dove Creek, CO - Clerk & Recorder's Office ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE LOCATED ON EAST SIDE OF BUILDING Add appropriate postage and mail ASAP so it arrives by November 3. Drop Box - Available 10/12/2026-24/7 until 7:00PM 11/03/26,409 N. Main Street, Dove Creek (West Side) General Election
- Federal- State - County- School District In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Dolores this September 17, 2026 at Dove Creek Colorado.2026 at Dove Creek Colorado.
LaRita Randolph
Dolores County Clerk & Recorder
Dolores County, Colorado

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Dove Creek Town Board
Public Policy Meeting
Thursday Oct. 15, 2026
6:30pm
314 W HWY 491 Dove Creek CO
PUBLIC POLICY MEETING
1. Mayor-Meeting Structure
2. Proposed Ordinance Overview
3. Financial Presentation
4. Questions
5. Discussion
6. Proposed Changes to Ordinance

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Town of Rico Board of Trustees Meeting October 21, 2026 7:00 PM
Remote participation: If you would like to participate in the meeting via Zoom, please email townclerk @ricocolorado.gov no later than 5:00 PM one business day prior to the meeting. Requests received on the day of the meeting will not be accommodated.

# MEETINGS

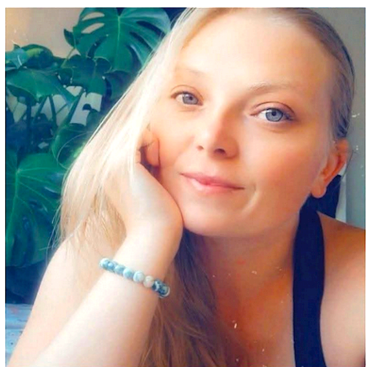
D C D C Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
Dolores County Development Corp.
Quarterly: October 2026 Meeting October 14, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Mountain Time
CSU Meeting Room 409 N Main St. Dove Creek
AGENDA
Welcome Guests Consent Agenda: Minutes Financial Report, Bills and other income Region 9 CEDs/CDAPs Update DCDC Window Cling Beautification Project Loan Status and Weber Park Tenant Update CHFA UpdateRegion 9 Update SBDC Update Local Business Situation, Commodity Prices, Energy Development Update Executive Session
For the good of the order

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Dove Creek Town Board Workshop and Special Meeting
Tuesday Oct. 13, 2026
6:30pm 314 W HWY 491 Dove Creek CO
Meeting ID 884 6611 8374
Passcode: 131855
WORKSHOP
1. Preliminary Budget
SPECIAL MEETING
2. Call to Order
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Executive Session - For Personnel Issue - Per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f)
a. Review applications Town Clerk/Treasurer
7. Reconvene Special Meeting
8. Action Items from the Executive Session
9. Adjournment

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Oct. 13, 5:30pm-7pm, RTA Board Meeting, visit RTA Calendar for discussion topics and online meeting link a few days prior.
ricotrailsalliance.org



## In Loving Memory Nicole Arney Watkins Apr, 28, 1993 - Sept.19, 2026

Memorial services for Nicole will be held Saturday October 17th at 1pm at the Dove Creek Community Center 403 7th Street with meal to immediately follow. In lieu of flowers, the family is accepting donations towards Dove Creek Lil' Runts Cheerleading, and Cortez Jiu Jitsu Academy Children's Programs. Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

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Rico Community open house on the Voluntary Cleanup Program VCUP. Share what's been accomplished so far, answer your questions, and talk about what comes next.

Thursday, October 15, 2026, starting at 7:00 PM
Rico Community Center 116 E Mantz

Food: Pizza and soft drinks provided
Everyone is welcome. No RSVP needed.
Drop in any time during the evening to look around and talk with the project team.
Property owners: access agreements available
If you own property in Rico, the open house is a good time to sign up for soil sampling or potentially cleanup work. Copies of the access agreements for sampling and for remediation will be on hand.
The project team can walk you through what each agreement covers and answer questions.