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### What's the Word - Tell me What's Happening...

By Kendra Cook

This August 2025 issue marks the 3rd year anniversary of the monthly Pinto Bean newspaper! It's an incredible journey, as the war on information kicked into full gear after the trauma of 2020 - the town of Dove Creek finally lost its weekly newspaper publication in '21, so obviously, the birth of the Pinto Bean was hatched in 2022. The newspaper is FREE online at the website, with daily updates on our Facebook page (@ThePintoBean) with 1.7K followers, instagram, and currently 4000 printed copies distributed to 636 locations in the four corners at last count.

News in general and 'journalism' are in the 'news' more than ever that I can recall. From 'hoaxes' to 'fake news', federally sponsored outlets losing funding, and national 'main stream media' being sued and infiltrated by intelligence agencies - yet 'news' likely has never been just the facts ma'am. That's just a fact. It certainly is a war on information! There are always some type of influencing factors that shape the narratives even if you try hard not to. Given the ever decreasing attention span of our society, many folks just glimpse at a headline to get all the 'news' they want. In the newspaper biz they used to say 'if it bleeds it leads' - meaning the terrible stories of what may seem like 'bad' news, get more attention than the lighter side of life stories. This is shown through the dramas on social media, what TV shows (if anyone is still watching) and movie themes continue to dominate the zeitgeist. I had heard the better writers don't make the news about themselves, but sometimes you need to toot your own horn...

So indulge me in the celebration month of August, to share the essence of the Pinto Bean: to remain as humble as its namesake, and as important as its nutrition. This month's publisher's editorial "Spill the Beans" details more of the 3 year evolution. The quick summary, is that the 'Bean is published out of Dove Creek Colorado, (Pinto Bean Capital of the World), a town of 635 inhabitants as of 2020, in Dolores County. To help bridge the loss of a local weekly, we include local news as available, news from neighboring cities and counties, as well as articles that might be of value to anyone, but especially in our rural area, along with event information, and tidbits of interest for tourists too.

We continue to work on the Southwestern Adventure Corridor as featuring all the little areas in between and along the corridors connecting Moab UT down towards Monument Valley, and looped over to Mesa Verde and Durango, around through Telluride CO. These 'mega' attractions help support a tourism industry, however there are plenty of wonderful adventure stories and businesses you might miss along the way. We hope the Bean provides a little taste of what else is available beyond the main attractions.

And then, there's a lot of QR codes here, and links at the website, so you can do further research on whatever article topic, and find out for yourself more in depth details to make up your own mind on what's what.

We truly appreciate all of the outlets that allow us to offer the free publication to their customers, clients and visitors; restaurants, hotels, RV and campgrounds, all types of stores, businesses, and waiting rooms. Delivery now takes 4 to 5 days (driver/deliverer and weather permitting). It's a unique paper that strives to be a value to its sponsors advertisers and readers alike.

# It's Back to School Time!

August is back to school month, please be aware of the school busses and their stops, and children in general, on their travels to and from school.



## Dolores County School

Welcome everyone - back for the 2025-26 school year! School offices are now open! Registration packets for new students are available on our website: [www.dc2j.org](http://www.dc2j.org)

Or stop by the offices Monday–Thursday, 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM Ice Cream Social – August 11th at 6:30 PM Come meet your teachers, bring your school supplies, and enjoy a sweet treat! First Day of School: Wednesday, August 13th We can't wait to see our students back in the classrooms! Let's make it a great year, DCSD families!

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# SOLAR FACILITIES - NOT A FARM

By Kendra Cook

In Dolores County, the Commissioners have submitted a proposed legislative priority for Colorado State 2026 under the Taxation Reform: To remove the "Status Quo" Classification of Energy Facilities. Translated and summarized, the current CRS (Colorado Regulatory Statutes) dictate that a variety of energy projects, including wind energy and solar energy facilities, on real property, shall not affect the classification on that property for value, and therefore taxing. So. As you read before, the so called "Solar Farms" that one would perhaps presume are categorized as being an energy producing facility and thereby obviously commercial/industrial, should pay the tax bracket accordingly. That is not the case - they remain "Ag" if they were so designated before.

This proposal to the state through CCI (Colorado Counties Inc.) is to strike C.R.S. § 39-4-102(1.5)(C) so that the Assessor can properly value that real property.

Commissioner Eric Stiasny spoke with Rep. Larry Don Suckla regarding this issue. In the proposal it states "Rep. Suckla gave the same initial statement as the majority of our citizens and many of my fellow commissioners: "I thought it was classified

as commercial." This view stems from the observation that energy facilities are obviously and glaringly industrial and commercial in nature, not agricultural. Rep. Suckla stated he would coordinate with the staff and seek a bill to rectify the issue."

### Stage 2 Fire Restrictions

Dolores County 8.1.25

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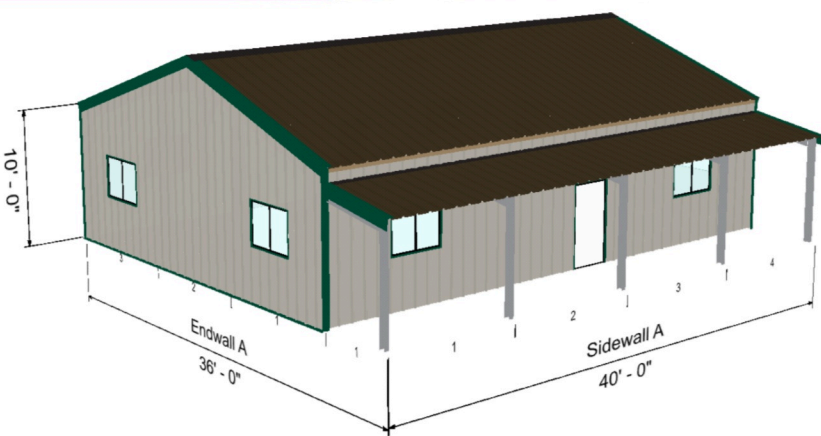
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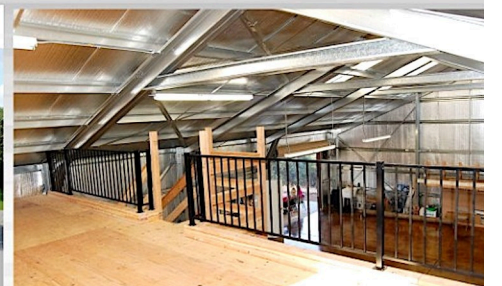
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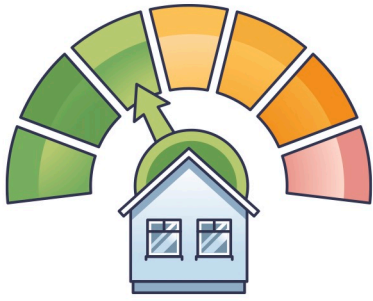
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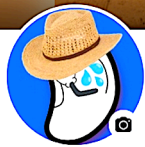
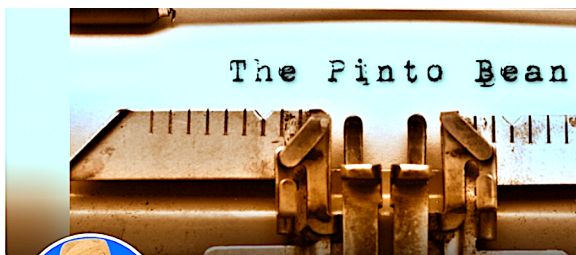
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# Town of Dove Creek

The Town of Dove Creek has been addressing their public service infrastructure and specifically water and sewer concerns, hosting an open public meeting July 17th 2025, wherein about 20 residents attended. Residents have been receiving water notices this year, as the CDPHE (Co Dept of Public Health and Environment) has been enforcing the TTHM level rates which were consistently greater than allowed. The Town Board hired an engineer firm, Souder Miller & Assoc., to assess the PER (preliminary engineering report). In simple terms, to find out how best to fix this!

They provided four basic paths forward. Flush the system as we are doing - Tighten up the chemical applications for greater efficiency - Address the nano bubbles and vortex mixture - And connect to bulk water from Montezuma Water Company, while keeping our water rights. Maintaining our water rights does not mean we have to pump the water, but we do need to show intention and maintaining the pumps.

At the Board meeting of July 22, 2025, it was decided to move forward on the water sourcing from Montezuma, which could be short or long term. (More updates in Sept.)

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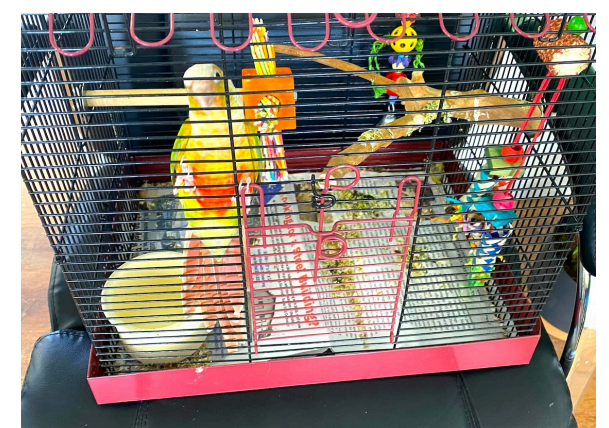


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After reading, it's also useful for starting your fireplace in the winter of course... washing windows, wrapping breakables, storing fruits and vegetables, packaging, training a puppy, composting, or lining a bird cage... Polly says Thanks too!





Branson Seely Congrats!

### A FISH TALE

Congratulations to Branson Seely age 13 of Dove Creek, he won the 12th Annual Ground Hog Tournament for the 11-15yr old category July 19 2025. Reported by his grandfather, he had a combination of 4 fish weighing 2 lbs 15 ounces and biggest fish measuring 14 and 1.4 inches long! Participation at the Edith Jarmon Memorial competition 'kids edition' was at its highest this year, coordinated annually by the Kiwanis Club of Mesa Verde as a free open event. Thanks to all who helped make it happen and everyone for participating!

### THANK YOU!

The Family of Linda Rehmert would like to thank our community for all the love and support during this difficult time. Thank you for all the food, phone calls, and thoughts and prayers.

#### DOLORES COUNTY FAIR

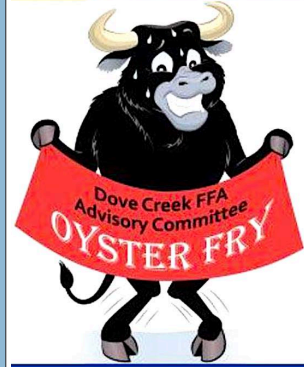
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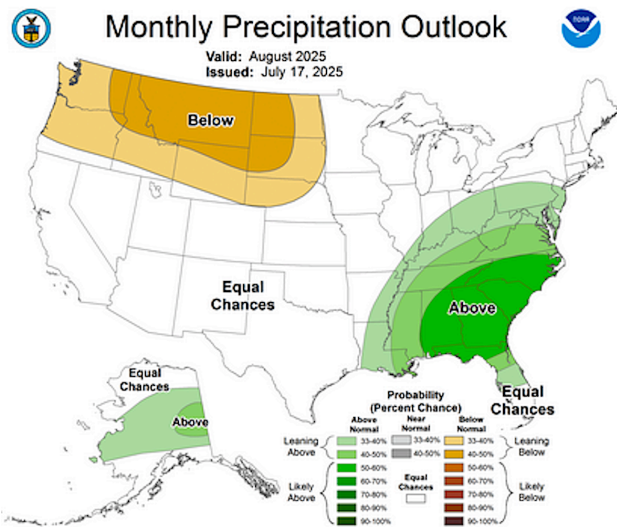
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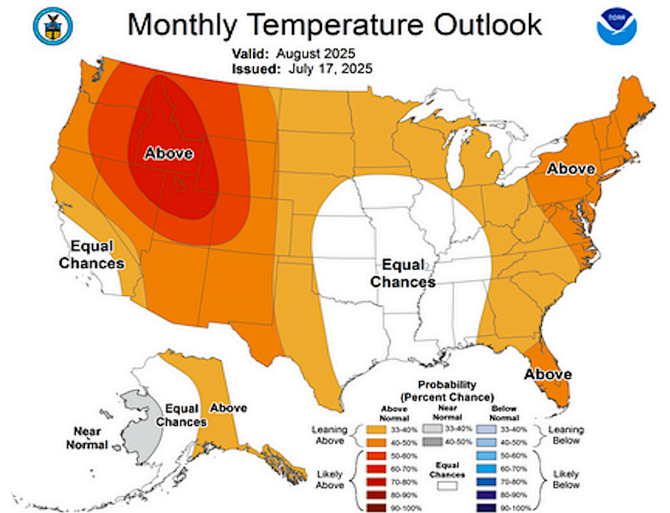


### AUGUST WEATHER

Summer Monsoons bringing the lightning scare for fires, we will see more moisture at the lower levels? or still dry and hot.

Have you not yet listened to the weekly "Bad News Broadcast" from GeonengineeringWatch.Org it will answer some of your questions.

Maps from Weather.gov



Dogs can't operate MRI machines. But catscan.  
 My mom texted me, "What does IDK, LY, TTYL mean?"  
 Me, "I don't know, love you, talk to you later."  
 Mom, "Ok I'll ask your sister!!"

What did the mama cow say to the baby cow?  
 - It's pasture bedtime.

Why do crabs never volunteer?

Because they're shell-fish.



### AUG WHAT'S UP

Birth Flower – Sunflower

Birth Stone – Peridot

Zodiac – Leo - Virgo

August 1 - Natl Pinball Day

August 3 - Natl Watermelon Day

August 4 - US Coast Guard Day

August 8 - Int'l Cat Day

August 10 - Natl Spoil your Dog Day (everyday)

August 15 - Natl Lemon Meringue Pie Day

August 20 - Natl Bacon Day

August 21 - Natl Burger Day

August 25 - Natl Park Service Day

August 26 - Natl Dog Day



Moon Phases

National Fishing Month  
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 National Golf Month  
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 AUG 09 - Full Moon  
 AUG 14 - Perigee  
 AUG 1/29- Apogee



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General Elk - Spike Units Archery	Aug 16 - Sept 5
General Elk - Any-Bull Units Archery	Aug 16 - Sept 17
Limited Elk - Bull Elk Archery (Early)	Aug 21 - Sept 17
Pronghorn - Rifle	Sept 13 - Sept 21
Youth Any-Bull Elk Rifle	Sept 13 - Sept 23
Limited Elk - Bull Elk Rifle (Early)	Sept 17 - Sept 21
Limited Elk - Bull Elk Muzzleloader	Sept 22 - Oct 3
Mule Deer/Pronghorn - Muzzleloader	Sept 24 - Oct 2
Limited Elk - Bull Elk Rifle (Mid)	Oct 4 - Oct 16
General Elk - Spike Units Rifle	Oct 4 - Oct 16
General Elk - Any-Bull Units First Rifle	Oct 4 - Oct 10
Mule Deer - Early Rifle	Oct 8 - Oct 12
General Elk - Any-Bull Units Second Rifle	Oct 11 - Oct 17
Mule Deer - Main Rifle	Oct 18 - Oct 26
Mule Deer - Limited Late Muzzleloader	Oct 29 - Nov 6
General Elk - All Units Muzzleloader	Oct 29 - Nov 6
Limited Elk - Bull Elk Rifle (Late)	Nov 8 - Nov 16
Limited Elk - Bull Elk Archery (Late)	Nov 29 - Dec 14

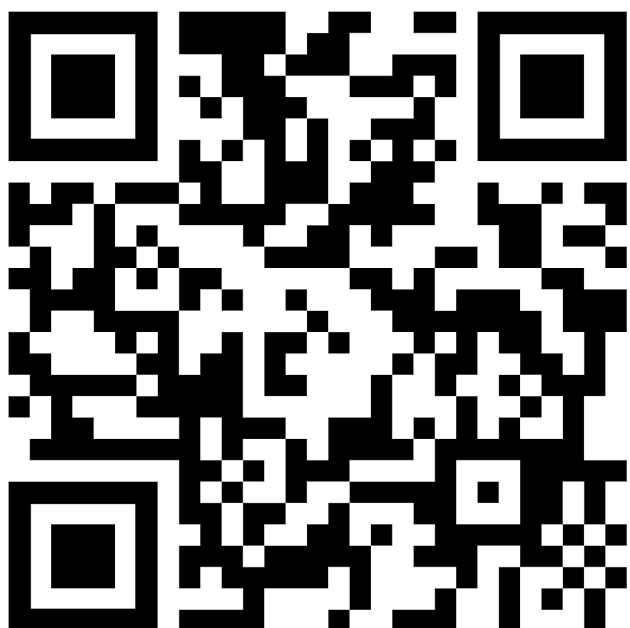
Aug. 5 at 9 a.m. MT: Over-the-counter (OTC), including add-on bear licenses, and remaining (leftover) limited licenses on sale online, in person and by phone.

### SEASON DATES: 2025

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Deer Elk Bear	Sept. 2-30*	Sept. 13-21*	Sept. rifle (bear): Sept. 2-30* 1st rifle: Oct. 15-19 2nd rifle: Oct. 25-Nov. 2 3rd rifle: Nov. 8-16 4th rifle: Nov. 19-23 Plains rifle (deer): Oct. 25-Nov. 4
Pronghorn	Aug. 15-Sept. 20*	Sept. 21-29	Oct. 4-12*
Moose	Sept. 6-30	Sept. 13-21	Oct. 1-14*

\*Unless otherwise noted in the hunt code tables.

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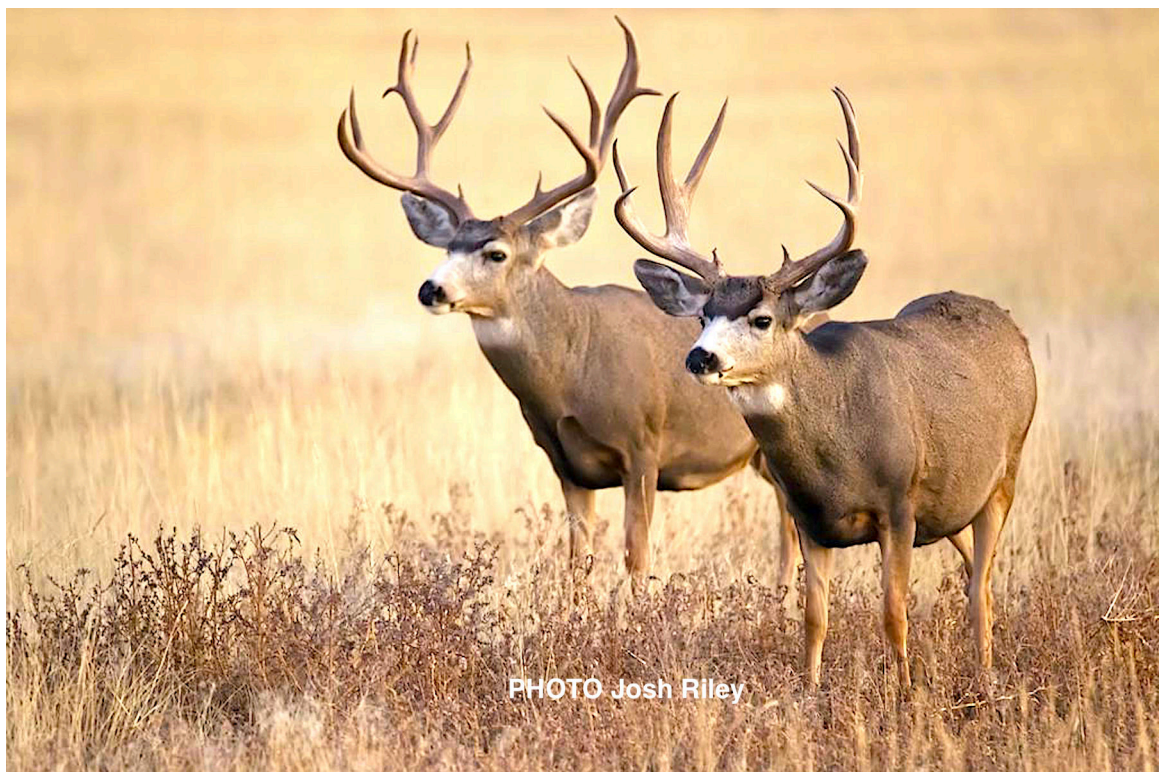


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## “A Seat at the Table”

By *Aimee Tooker*



In my past commentary I have written about the Coordination Process and how it is a tool to create harmonious relationships with the BLM and USFS. Land management is most effective when it's coordinated and collaborative.

What is really wonderful about the coordination process is that it brings both the towns, tax districts, and stakeholders together to help the land management agencies make decisions regarding policies, objectives and projects. This process and structure is one of the most positive ways to be proactive, minimize conflicts, support local economic growth, and grow effective and trustful relationships. By coordinating with our federal, state, and local partners, it ensure that our natural resources are managed wisely for generations to come.

I am excited to announce that the Towns of Naturita and Nucla have resolutions invoking coordination with the land management agencies, and the BLM has committed to coordinating. The draft processes will be presented to the Town of Naturita soon. We plan to continue to expand the coordination process to other federal land agencies including the United States Forest Service on Schedules of Proposed Actions and Travel Management Plans. There has been some reorganization within the agencies and with the National Environmental Policy Act and that will need to be navigated as we go.

BLM- The Secretary of Interior “shall ... to the extent consistent with the laws governing the administration of the public lands, coordinate the land use inventory, planning, and management activities of or for such lands with the land use planning and management programs of other Federal departments and agencies and of the States and local governments within which the lands are located. Land use plans of the Secretary under this section shall be consistent with State and local plans to the maximum extent he finds consistent with Federal law and the purposes of this Act.” (43 U.S.C. § 1712(c)(9))

USFS- And, “...The Secretary of Agriculture shall develop, maintain, and, as appropriate, revise land and resource management plans for units of the National Forest System, coordinated with the land and resource management planning processes of State and local governments and other Federal agencies.” (16 U.S.C. § 1604(a))

On August 3, 2017, 22 members of Congress sent a draft Executive Order and letter to President Trump in regard to ensuring effective coordination with state and local governments. This year Federal Lands Subcommittee Chairman Representative Tom

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Tiffany had advocated for coordination to be included in the Big Beautiful Bill. Because I believe that proper coordination is key to reducing conflicts and create positive communication and outcomes, I will continue to press our public officials to support the coordination initiative in Congress.

Coordinate means as “one that is equal in importance, rank or degree” to harmonize in a common action or effort. Can you imagine how many conflicts would be remedied and subdued with proper coordination and consistent meetings and dialogue with the land management agencies?

Can you imagine if the United States Forest Service properly coordinated road and trails closures and development? Rather than the reactive outrage from community members when they show up one day to their favorite trail only to find it closed. What if the community worked with the Forest Service at the same table to figure out what should stay and what should go and why?

Call me naive but I believe with proper coordination, supported by Congress, Executive Office, State, County and local governments, a lot of problems would be diverted.

I am excited to support this initiative and am looking forward to the positive outcomes this is sure to bring!



Commentary by Linda Cunningham

I met crazy in Walmart the other day, this person was bonafide. As usual I was wearing one of my political t-shirts, the one that has “#47... gulf of America” on it, one of my favorites by the way. As we passed in the aisle, each pushing a cart, she looked at my shirt pointed her finger, laughed and said, “ that’s b/s”. I stopped dead in my tracks and turned around, she had passed me by then....and I said “excuse me!”. She stopped, and at that moment a lot was going thru my head....could this be an opportunity to try and educate this imbecile or should I just shut up and move along and let her wallow in her own muck. I chose to try.

I asked her why she found my shirt so amusing, and what came out of her mouth, and I kid you not is, “Trump is an idiot and should be in jail”. So - this is how the conversation proceeded..

Me: why should President Trump be in jail, and why is my shirt so funny?

Her: because he’s ruining this country and he’s a communist.

Me: oh..so he’s ruining this country like when Biden and his border czar let millions of illegals cross into this country, and Americans were robbed and murdered by these criminals, you mean like that? Or when these criminals chanted “death to America” and burned our flag, you mean like that?

Her: well.....

Me: or when the Biden administration gave the citizens of Hawaii a measly \$700. after their city burned down....or when the Biden administration sent billions to Iran and funded Hamas, you mean like that?

Her: well....

(I am getting fired up now....)

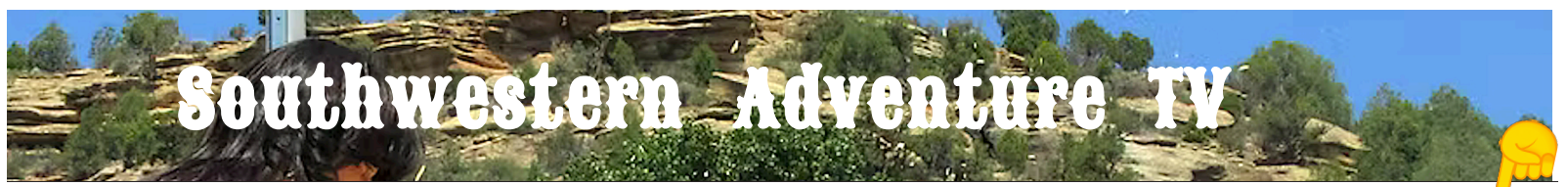
Me: you mean like when Biden allowed a Chinese spy balloon to fly across the country plotting our strategic sites, you mean like that, or when thousands of veterans were left to sleep in the streets while illegals were given 5 star hotel rooms and free food and cell phones....you mean like that??

At that point she put up her hands and turned and walked away and I was glad she did because at that point I was in robotic mode and there for the duration.

What I came away with and really what I already knew was, there’s just no hope for these people.

**“If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.”**

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#### Monticello

Aug. 2-9 San Juan County Fair

#### Blanding/Bluff

Aug. 15th,16th 17th Bluff Dwellings Couples Retreat  
Aug. 7-10 2025 Pecos Conference (Bluff Community Center)  
Aug. 23d Star Party (Bluff Community Center)

#### Dolores County

Aug 6th-9th Dolores County Fair  
Aug 9-10th Jr Rodeo Fairgrounds

#### Dove Creek

Aug 23 Car Show Stateline Bar & Grill

#### Cortez

July 26th - Aug-3d Montezuma County Fair  
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Aug 17th 5pm-8pm Chuckwagon Supper Canyon Trails Ranch Catering  
Aug 21st - 23rd Beginner Astrophotography Workshops, Mesa Verde National Park.  
Aug 31st Tie-Dying Class, Mesa Verde Hemp

#### Mancos

Aug. 16th Mancos Brewing Brewfest

#### Dolores

Aug 6, 13, 20, 27 Dolores Farmers Market  
Aug 9-10 Escalante Days (courtesy photo above)

#### Durango

Aug 2nd Buckley Park Arts & Crafts Festival  
Aug 22 - 23 San Juan Brewfest

#### Pagosa Springs

Aug 1st - 3rd Archuleta County Fair  
Aug 2nd Retro Cats at Pagosa Pines RV Park  
Aug 11th Stroll of the Three Sisters Tour @ Chimney Rock National Monument

#### Telluride

Aug 1st KOTO Duck Race  
Aug 8-10 Telluride Jazz Festival  
Aug 13th - 17th Telluride Mushroom Festival  
Aug 23d Telluride Mountain Run  
Aug 29th - Sept 1st Telluride Film Festival

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Aug 30 Live Music Little Wilderness  
Aug 31 Live Music Leah Orlikowski  
Sep 1 Live Music Harley Davidson

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Aug 10th Music on the Mesa  
Aug 11th Creative Core Movement Dance of the Belly

#### Nucla

Aug 6, 13, 20, 27 West End Farm & Craft Market @ Wild Gal's Market  
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Aug. 10th Sunday Naturita: Sunday Social Naturita Community Library

#### Farmington

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Aug 9th Wines of the San Juan Cajun Boil  
Aug 13th - 17th San Juan County Fair  
Aug 17th Annual Wine & Shine Classic Car Show  
Aug 29th Totah Festival  
Sept 3d - 7th World Extreme Rock Crawling

#### Flagstaff

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Aug 11th San Juan County Fair  
Aug 16th Mother Road Classic  
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### Three Years - So Much News to Share...

This issue marks 3 years of a monthly project, called the "Pinto Bean" paper. For those new here, the little town of Dove Creek Colorado, is known for amazingly delicious dry land pinto beans (Pinto Bean Capital of the World self proclaimed! look it up! Buy them at our founding sponsor Adobe Milling [anasazibean.com](http://anasazibean.com)). We had a long running weekly newspaper up until the fall of 2021. Falling into the commonly heard troubles of so many local papers across the country, the DC Press too was unable to maintain what was needed to cover rising printing and paper costs, alongside journalist input and advertisers, to release papers every seven days.

By the summer of 2022, I had been asked by several people to provide a paper for the town as I had run a several days a week TV local news program. The base income for many papers is being the 'paper of record' meaning the thousands of dollars city and county agencies spend for official notices to the public, are required to be in a paper that is printed weekly. Reviewing what could be done on a bootstrap scenario by myself, I developed the blue print for a monthly physical paper along side offering it online at a website and augmented daily with posts on a Facebook page. The August issue came out mid month (due to the online software interface printing it out in the Chicago area, then taking several days beyond the release online, due to ground shipping). The first 500 copies were released as a 11 x 14" newspaper printed 8 pages and was well received within the town. The next phase, was to expand the paper to include more information from the surrounding areas, distribute to more locations, and increase the advertisers and local donations, to print more copies and increase the page count. Simple, right?

As this endeavor grew throughout 2023 and 2024, we've had amazing contributions from writers, and though keeping a section of the paper for local news, we include all sorts of articles relevant to the four corners area and beyond. The delivery team has brought this free monthly paper to over 600 locations as of 7/25 - we appreciate each and every shop, restaurant, hotel, store, RV campground, that allows us to offer the paper to their customers. We remain FREE in print, and online for greater reach, through the [PintoBean.CO](http://PintoBean.CO) website!

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Now back to what's on my mind as the summer heat continues. The turmoil and agitation ramps up, from wildfires and droughts, to the cost of everything going up except your salary or fixed income. As a registered 'unaffiliated', I find the political squabbles indigestible, the overused phrase that right wing left wing same bird, might actually be the best way to express the 'system'. If you take a big step back - or the 33,000 feet balloon ride, looking at what is and has been happening in the United States appears to be a machine that chugs along on the same set of tracks no matter which 'team' wins. But dividing the playing field, allows those in the sky box to pit people against each other, avoiding the unified potential for "we the people" to live together for a better humanity.

On that note, what is with the BBB - Build Back Better - Big Beautiful Bill, and netherlands BBB BoerBurgerBeweging party... No matter who is the face of power at any time, the same big issues remain, of which using sex rape and ritual worship trafficking of children, should be a main focus of every individual to stop it and hold 'people' accountable. But it never happens. All sides find a way to kick the can down the road, sweep the scandal under a rug, seemingly at the expense of a majority of our species.

Within the Pinto Bean we hope you'll find info, links, leads, where you can follow up and research from lots of various resources to make up your own opinion - your own mind. Then bring your knowledge to your community to nurture and grow it locally. Thanks for celebrating 3 years with me - we'll be sharing a cake at Bangers in Dove Creek on Aug. 13th from 4-6pm - you are welcome to stop in and say hello!

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## Make Gas Cans Flow Again

By Sarah Toenin

Extra gas cans may be more of a rural fixture, as having gas for remote locations, generators, tractors, and vehicles, is a way of life not just in emergencies. For those old enough to recall the red metal or plastic 'cans' that had the hole on the back side with a stopper, adding gas to any tank was pretty basic... until in the US the regulations changed in 2009, so new cans needed to be Carb and OTC compliant, have an automatic closing self venting regulating and 'child resistant' cap. After years of consumer complaints, the EPA issued a letter to manufacturers of PFC or gas cans, encouraging them to add vents to ensure safe and effective refueling. Hopefully a dose of common sense will combine with regulatory agencies actually creating rules that both provide safety guidelines and allow citizens to be self responsible.

## BE INVOLVED - FIND THE PUBLIC MEETING AND KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!

### Dolores County CO

County Board of Commissioner Meetings  
2nd and 4th Monday's day time Courthouse  
Town of Dove Creek Meetings 1st and 3rd  
Thursdays 6:30pm Town Hall  
DCDC Meetings Quarterly a Wed CSU Office  
Dolores County School Board 3rd Wed. 6pm  
DCVFD Every Wed at the Firehouse 7pm  
Dove Creek Ambulance Dist. 3rd Monday  
6:30 at the Ambulance Barn

### San Juan County UT

County Board Meeting 1st and 3rd  
Tuesdays 11am Commission Chambers  
Monticello City Council Meeting 2nd and  
4th Tuesday 7pm Community Center  
Blanding City Council Meeting 2nd and  
4th Tuesdays 7pm City Office

## DOVE CREEK OBITUARIES



Richard Harold Ernst  
March 18, 1952 - July 3, 2025 Dove Creek

A Celebration of Life for Dove Creek resident Rick Ernst was held on Friday, July 11, 2025. Rick Ernst was born March 18, 1952, in Grand Junction, Colorado, the son of Harold "Buck" Ernst and Helen Mae Monger (Ernst). He passed away on Thursday, July 3, 2025, in Cortez, Colorado, at the age of 73.

Rick Ernst was a legend of Dove Creek and Silverton, Colorado. He graduated from Silverton High School, shining in football and baseball. A tough miner, he worked at Dixie Lynn for his dad, Old One Hundred, and many other gold and uranium mines across Southwest Colorado. He won Best All-Around Miner 13 times at Hardrocker's mining competition in Silverton, CO. A man's man, he endured shoulder, hand, foot, knee, back, hip, and wrist surgeries—his love for life and family kept him going through all ailments. He hunted elk and deer in Colorado and Utah with many friends and family, played basketball, softball, and golf with fire, sometimes tossing a bat in the dugout, and loved cutting firewood from the forest, which filled his spirit and led him to give back too many in need. His Lake Powell houseboat was for fishing and laughs, while Friday Afternoon Club in Dove Creek, where he lived, was his buddy time. He served on school and fire boards. What'll be missed most: his love for life, infectious laugh, and booming voice.

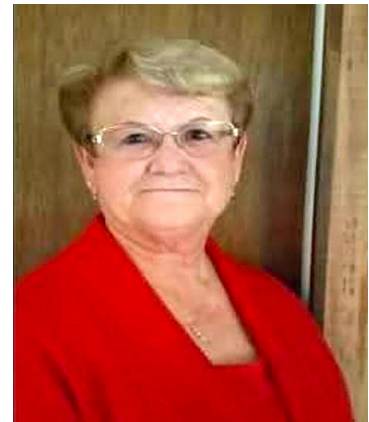
Surviving Rick Ernst are his loving wife Bernadette Patricia Ernst of Dove Creek; his children Dustin and Brooke Ernst of Katy, Texas, Misty Ernst and Remington Ursey of Dove Creek, Colorado, Ron Ernst of Durango, Colorado, and Jordan and Kiera Ernst of Surprise, Arizona; by 7 grandchildren, Hunter Ernst, Elijah Lucero, Gavin Ernst, Rylan Ernst, Braxton Ernst, Mia Lucero, and Keelin Ernst; his sister Dixie Mulligan, brother-in-law Mike Mulligan, and sister-in-law Laurie Ernst, all of Dove Creek; and countless nieces, nephews, and cousins. Rick Ernst was preceded in death by his father Harold Ernst, his mother Helen Mae Monger, his brother Ronnie Ernst and Michael Ernst.

### Montezuma County CO

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Cortez City Council 2nd and 4th Tuesdays  
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3rd Wednesdays 9:30-3pm 333 West  
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Linda Diana Daves Rehmert  
January 20, 1956 - July 5, 2025 Dove Creek

A Celebration of Life for Dove Creek resident Linda Rehmert was held on July 22 2025. Linda Diana Daves was born January 30, 1956, in Cortez, Colorado, the daughter of Floyd and Glennis Daves. She was the 11th of 12 children: 5 girls and 7 boys. Linda passed away on July 5, 2025, at the age of 69.

Linda was proud to be a Bulldog and attended Dove Creek schools for her entire education. Upon graduation in 1974, she went to a drafting school in Monte Vista for two years. After completion, she moved back to Dove Creek and worked at the State Line Tourist Trap for Lawrence and Jewell Calliham and part time for Dolores County starting in 1981.

During this time, she met and married the love of her life, Paul Rehmert June 30, 1984. A short time later, Paul and Linda moved back to Dove Creek and Linda began her full-time career with Dolores County in 1988 that would span almost 40 years. Linda was a valuable member of the community, serving on the Ambulance Board and as a driver for that service. She served on the Fair Board, Town Board, was a dispatcher, teacher's aide at Egnar, and a coach. She was a dedicated member of the ladies' sorority group. Most of all, Linda was a loyal Bulldog fan. It was said, "Walk in a room where Linda is, and you can find her instantly by her laugh."

Family meant everything to Linda. She always attended all celebrations. Paul and Linda had two Schnauzers they loved dearly, Pepper Jordan Daves and Jordan Daves. They enjoyed 34 years married prior to Paul's passing. Linda had many close friends in our community including Oma Fleming - their nicknames, Thelma and Louise, show their quest to travel and have adventurous fun. To so many she will always be Aunt Linda.

Linda is survived by son-in-law Paul Jr, and Tammy, and grandson Jacob Rehmert, sister Earlene White, sister Kay Daves, brother Woodie and Arlene Daves, sisters-in-laws Kay A. Daves, Susie Wofford, Peggy Daves, Charlotte Daves, and Margret Daves, and MANY MANY nieces and nephews, and cousins. She is also survived by 4 brothers-in-law: Steve Rehmert, Jack Rehmert, Rodney Rehmert, and Dennis Rehmert and their families.

Linda is preceded in death by a child, her husband Paul Rehmert, father Floyd Daves, and mother Glennis Daves, Paul's parents Dick and Betty Rehmert, sister Sue Dunigan, brother Bobby Joe, brother James Daves, sister Beverly Wood, brother Wayne Daves, brother Stanley Daves, brother Eddie Daves, brother Marlin Daves, and brother-in-law Mike Rehmert. Also, by several nieces and nephews: Dallas Daves, Mandy Daves, Willie Daves, Randy Howell, Madison Podgornoff, Dustin Brown, Jr. and James Matthew Wood.

Linda loved to laugh, she often told people when leaving: "Glad you got to see me!" She loved the ball games and yelling at the refs. We will miss her place in the Dawg House Gym and her place in our lives.

We love you, Aunt Linda.

# Dividing Waters

By Dexter Gill

Looking back at the history of these supposedly "united" States, it is interesting to note we have been at wars and battles with others and between ourselves about 14 times since 1789, which "averages" about Sixteen (16) years apart, realizing some were only 2-5 years apart. It would seem if we don't have somebody else to fight with, we start between ourselves. Today is the resurrection of the age old Land and Water wars.

Why now after 160 years? A quick look back, as the new states were being formed, the unclaimed Public lands within the designated state boundaries were never sold to the people to reimburse the new federal government, and for good reason, the geography, waters and climates were drastically different from the states to the east, and in the case of Colorado, the west half differed from the east side. The Rocky Mountain chain was the literal Watershed Divide separating the east from west states. The "Homestead Act" did not work well for most homesteaders to make farms in the high mountainous rocky regions and arid expanses. It was seen to encourage corruption just like today. As a result, the States seemed to operate quite well with the small federal agencies of Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management working with the local developing agricultural and mining communities as the Country experienced five(5) wars following the war, between the states up to 1975, a period of one hundred and ten (110) years, resulting in great economic growth. So, what was it with 1975? Actually in 1948, after WWII and the earlier Industrial Revolution actions, concern was started on a Clean Water Act, which was well warranted, however, by 1962, Rachael Carlson raised a concern over DDT and Eagles, which later proved unwarranted, although it kicked off today's environmental religious frenzy, which started with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in 1969 followed by President Nixon establishing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Clean Air Act to deal with Big city smog concerns, which empowered citizens to sue the government for not performing its duties. That opened the door for new Tax exempt environmental business opportunities; sue the government at tax payer's expense. The Clean Water Act was heavily amended in 1972 which was followed by the Endangered Species Act (the biggest disaster yet) in 1973. That brings us to 1975. Within only five (5) years, the environmental Non-Government Organizations (NGO's) had gained control of the two most important requirements in your life, the air you breathe and the water you drink. What else?

In 1975, the Environmental lobbies secured control over the western states LANDS by having Senator Henry (Scoop) M. Jackson, DEM from Washington, introduce and push the Federal Lands Policy Management Act



(FLPMA), which was passed in 1976, to retain/keep all federal lands in the State that had not been disposed of, in trust for the public of the United States. That is "ALL" public from New York to California, leaving Colorado not fully a State. A massive Federal State was created, setting the stage for the perfect Environmental Landscape. From that point on, you lost opportunity to obtain LAND as a place to be and create Economy. Did it end there? Nope, in 1992, President Bush Sr., at the United Nations Earth Summit, signed on to the international "Agenda 21", which premise is based upon no private ownership of lands and included a specific environmental program the "Wildlands Project". While the Senate did not approve as a "treaty", Michael Coffman, Ph.D. wrote in his book, Rescuing a Broken America, "Agenda 21 was converted into a 1996 United States Policy document entitled Sustainable America by the Presidents Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD), which changed the mission statement for every land-based federal

agency in the United States, without a vote in Congress. The mission was no longer to serve the citizens, but to control citizens to protect the environment and ensure sustainable development". Those policies are still in effect. Today's Climate Control of "Net 0" CO2 and the United Nations "Climate Agenda are continuations of the 1992 Conservation council of the UN. The Environmental NGO's are in control, who have no responsibility or accountability. Where do we go from here-is there hope? This started only 55 years ago, on or before most of our State government and many federal officials were born; they have no idea why they bow down to the altar of Environmentalism, and why having our own land and water is important to our economy and destiny. There is a challenge before us: How to retrieve the Land and Water that has been taken from us under the false narrative of "saving the environment"! As "people" of a County we will cease to grow and exist without control of Land and water to enable us to create economy!

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# "Sizzling with the Governor"

Commentary by Gary Lee Duncan

Grandpa Rollin had a 13 year old Holstein milk cow who would let us kids ride her. 4:30 in the morning, hand milk 17 head before breakfast. When you climbed up on her back, she'd instinctively head for the milk barn and the rest of the herd would follow her.

It would seem, on first look, like the State of Utah would hardly be the leader in smart curtailment of Electro-Magnetic radiation health effects, but it's long been my consideration that the basis of Conservative values begins in recognizing that beyond all else...country, home, state, even family...our very first responsibility has to be for the care and respect for the gift of life we've been given...number one. No brainer when I look deep....if I don't do that, there won't be anything to give to anyone else anyway...no matter how deserving.

Utah Governor Cox is a bass player in a Salt Lake City garage band...or was. This ultimate respect for family, life and responsibility I find most deeply ingrained in our artists. Likely it's innate.

In the middle of his address at the dedication/opening of the new Utah Raptor State Park north of Moab earlier this year, he whipped the smart phone out of his back pants pocket and started talking about his dream of State Parks without cell reception. Have this on video if you'd like to see it. He, like many and growing, is sounding the social media addiction alarm. Reading between the lines, is that due to family dynamics of his own at home??? Better question: who among us doesn't have them??

Utah State Legislature last session banned cell phones in public schools. Aspen did that two years ago. The stats coming in from France...typically way ahead of us...now years



"Turn it off when you're not using it...all of it. See for yourself if it doesn't make a difference."

into wifi/ cell radiation free classrooms... documents impressive improvements in behavior, exhaustion, absenteeism, autism symptoms and memory problems. No brainer for the Electro-Sensitization community. I've never owned one and the argument of mobile necessity pales against my resume (email you a copy if you want).

The key, though, is coming with the glass ceiling shattering around the actual physically addictive subliminal stimulus of wireless radiation. Notice the unconvincing (also unexplained) elation on the phone billboard ads?? That's what Jack Danials did for me...for about 20 minutes.

Julia Lupine is wrapping her second book on the cell phone safety joke. Shannon Rowan is releasing now her second book on wireless physical addiction. Like several of us...written from the perception of being clean and sober in the stimulus addiction recovery programs. Takes one to know one.

The EMF Health and Safety workshop at the Pioneer Center in Dove Creek (May 19) was easily the most heartening experience of

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late. Thanks to Dove Creek Thai Chi instructor Susan Manning for bringing that about. In response to the inquiries Kendra received at the Pinto Bean asking if there would be others...Yes. We're planning a Smash in the fall with Julia Lupine as reading guest author. If you'd like to put together a group or audience to host one, they are free and do not sell anything...email me. Meters, publications, lots of audience questions answered...based on 30 years doing this and a couple thousand cases in the region.

Devra Davis's book "Disconnect" (second edition) is now on the shelf at the Moab library...excellent... bringing their resource list up to 21 books, videos, online resources including a loanable RF meter that turns the wifi sizzle into audible sound, size of a deck of cards.

If you believe the industry spin about "no effect" from wireless...you might want to read what Devra saw over 40 years paddling the DC Beltway including measurable brain cell damage and cancerous DNA breakage in the first two hours of smart phone use...then how the multi-million dollar yearly telecom junk science Spin cover ups work...including the names and dates.

Summers I travel the Tabauache Corridor (Moab-Aspen-Santa Fe) in my hysterically popular barrel-roofed plywood pickup camper Geneva...a whole show all of her own ...at least as long as both of us last.

Riding milk cows...that's how you do it. 418 years old and I don't look a day over 80.

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### BLANDING UT

The Blanding City Council at a July meeting, was given two bids for demolition of city owned structures. They approved the lowest bid of \$17,020 by DB Building, which will cover the needed demolition, and hauling of debris away. The area is near the intersection of 200 South and Main Street. They are working with the county to basically waive the landfill fees in exchange for an unused city backhoe. The overall plan was to clean up that area for safety, as well as for the potential consideration to make the cleaned space into a Food Truck court area.

### GREEN RIVER UT



JWP Museum Courtesy photo

The John Wesley Powell River History Museum in Green River UT, has a mission to celebrate the significance of river history through the cultures and landscapes of the Colorado Plateau. They feature a "River Runner's Hall of Fame" to honor those who have made remarkable contributions for positive impacts to the river running community. The inductees for 2025 are "Loie and Buzz Belknap, guidebook creators and Sportyak pioneers; Gary Nichols, Utah's "King of Kayaking" and dedicated outdoor educator; and Brad Dimock, historian, storyteller, boat builder, and long-standing river guide. The committee has also chosen to induct Bessie and Glen Hyde, a long-overdue recognition of their historic 1928 attempt to navigate the Grand Canyon in a wooden sweep scow."

An induction ceremony will be held Saturday, October 4, 2025 as part of their major fundraising efforts.

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### West End Colorado

It is now confirmed that the Four Seasons will be developing projects in Mountain Village adjacent to Telluride, starting the fall of 2025, estimated to be completed within 3 years. The plan includes housing construction and long term employees from and in the surrounding areas. The Four Season website states, the project will "sprawl across upwards of 4 acres, with 52 hotel keys, 43 hotel residences, and 26 private residences."

The "west end" will be impacted the most; the towns of Norwood, Redvale, Nucla and Naturita. The company did confirm via a fact sheet, that they are closing on the Rim Rocker hotel for initial housing, the first of September. "Workforce is split between sites in the West End, Ridgway and Single-Family Homes scattered throughout San Miguel and Montrose counties." As for the RimRock, once the Four Seasons Telluride project is complete, the property will then serve transient operational staff. The Mountain Lodge in Ridgway will be leased starting February of 2026, with 52 "keys" for labor and staff.

Additionally, the stated "Workforce Barracks Housing" is scheduled to start in the beginning of 2026, with modular construction of a complex to house 200 people, with the likely site being a 20 acre parcel in Redvale. They say they have partnered with the "premier barracks builder for the US Military to provide the modular housing and the management/staffing for the site." The local area residents and elected officials are very concerned with the lack of transparency and communications with their towns and residents, citing emergency services as well as infrastructure not being able to absorb the potential new impacts. According to the San Miguel Basin paper, a stakeholder meeting is currently being organized between Mountain Village, Four Seasons, and local leaders.

### URAVAN CO



The Montrose County Historic Landmark Advisory Board presented the Rimrocker Historical Society and the BOCC with a plaque to commemorate the UraVan Ball Park as a designated Montrose County Historical Landmark.

The ballpark dates back to the 1880s, being one of the few remnants from what was once a thriving town during the boom of the uranium mining days.

Sean Pond, Montrose County Commissioner for District 3 was quoted: "The UraVan Ball Park is more than a historical site. It is a place where memories were made, friendships were formed, and community came alive. Preserving it ensures future generations understand the strength and spirit that built this corner of Colorado."

The UraVan Ball Park is available as a campground and day use park. For more details visit Rimrocker.org

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# SUMMER FIRES - WHERE ARE THE MONSOONS



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The hot dry summer has set the scene for a fierce array of fires for the South West - everyone is so thankful for all of the efforts by multi agencies coordinating to keep as much safe as possible. The Deer Creek Fire near La Sal UT that crossed into Colorado, is finally nearly fully contained at the time of print. At 17,724 acres, it began on July 10th 2025, and has been managed by various groups with assistance from fire fighters with water and retardent drops.

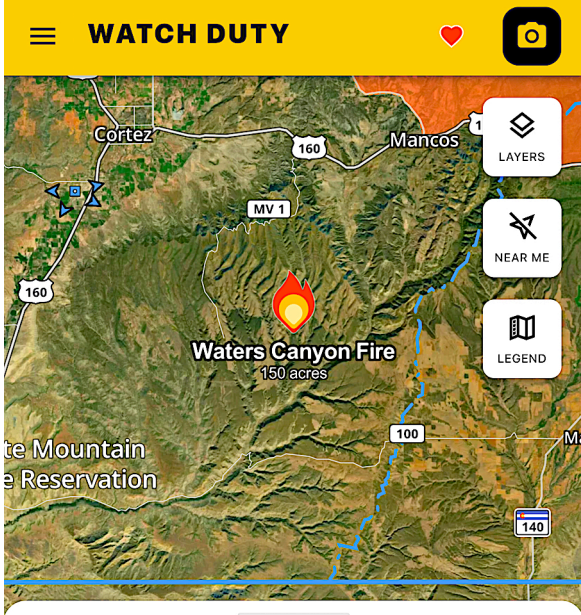


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The Deer Creek Fire received national attention online when the components created what officials called a "vortex/tornado ordeal" but what the public deemed a "firenado"! This occurred on July 12th two days into the event. Air support in all of these larger fires, is critical in such challenging terrain.



Cross Canyon Fire Pleasant View Colorado (photo Kara Cox) - if you see a smoke plume call it in - quick response contained this fire at 25 acres



### Waters Canyon Fire

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To be alert and award of any wildfires near you, there are several avenues of immediate information available online and through your phone. Of course the Pinto Bean will continue to share and update area fire info on the Facebook page - you can sign up for your local emergency text service, here it's a Nixl alert system. There is also a handy free (or donate) phone app called Watch Duty. You can find a fire and click to follow alerts and updates as they are added.

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## For the Love of Food

By Kendra Cook

Summer time veggies are the best - and the most plentiful in our area, is the summer squash. By September, getting 'zuded' is a thing - where gardens overflowing with oversized zucchini could be dropped at your door or in your vehicle! You might find a friend with chickens or animals that would also enjoy those submarine sized bombers that magically grew under leaves hiding from the picker until they become a BIG surprise.

Harvest the younger sweeter squash, and they are perfect for this easy summer bake. Slice the cleaned squash into thin rounds or chopped up in equal sizes. To a large skillet set to medium-low, add the olive oil, garlic, zukes and salt and pepper. When the zucchini is nicely softened and all is stirred together, add the red pepper flakes. Have your oven heated to 350 degrees. Bring water to boil and cook the pasta til 'el dente' - just 'teeth' chew softened, and save a half cup of the pasta water. Stir that water in with the pesto, and add the basil. Now you can mix the pasta zucchini pesto either in a baking dish or a large enough skillet that is oven safe. The ricotta cheese (some substitute cottage cheese, but make sure it's 'dry') can be dolloped evenly throughout

and gently mix together. The final step is the mozzarella on top, and maybe a little bit within the pasta. This bakes for about 20 minutes to melt everything together, serving immediately while hot. Top with fresh parmesan and basil to garnish.

### Try Zucchini Flour

There are many ways you can prepare the bounty of our lovely summer squash - did you try making it into a flour yet? That's right, zucchini flour is low carb, gluten free, paleo and keto (if you are following all the food trends these days.) Use this as a replacement for coconut flour as it's locally sustainable! Five pounds of squash makes about a cup of finished flour (this method of making a squash flour can be made with squash including pumpkins - with winter squash you'll only use the inside flesh). On average people will substitute 1/3 of the flour in a recipe with this, or it's fun for easy fresh tortillas too.

Wash the outside and cut off both ends, core out the seeds, then shred or grate the squash very finely so it will dry out fast and evenly. Use a dehydrator or freeze dryer and make sure it is completely dry (very important). Then use a food processor or blender to grind it into a powder.

### Melted Zucchini Ziti Bake



Photo: HowSweetEats

#### Ingredients

- 1 pound ziti pasta, or similar pasta noodle
- 1/2 cup reserved pasta water
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 4 medium zucchini squash, sliced into rounds or chopped
- 4 garlic cloves minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 3 tablespoons pesto
- 1 cup packed fresh basil, plus extra for topping
- 12 ounces ricotta cheese
- 12 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced
- grated parmesan cheese, for serving

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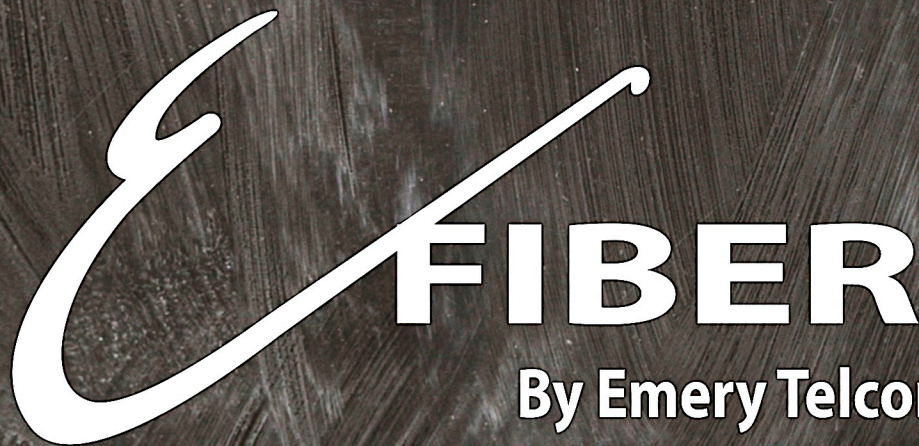


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