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Activities and News

BULLDOGS 8-MAN
CO STATE CHAMPIONS
2022

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023

Congratulations to the 2022 Bulldog 8-Man Football Colorado State Champions! Nov. 25th, the Dove Creek High School Football team went to CSU at Pueblo Colorado to fulfill the first goal - getting to play in the State Championship game! This would be the first trip to that final game in the history of the town's football program. Headed to the game versus Simla, the Bulldogs were undefeated, with just one more game, the possibility of bringing home the trophy was real.

That Friday night, half the town of Dove Creek and extended family around the state, made their way to the Bulldog's side stands, cheering non stop from the moment the team ran out on the Thunderwolves field.

The early points on the scoreboard gave the crowd hope for getting to the win. In the last few minutes of the game, with Simla gaining points quickly, the Bulldogs remained in the lead. The excitement intensified, the Championship hung in the balance, fans watching the streaming video at Banger's or in their homes, as well as those watching in person held their breath with anticipation. And then it happened.

History Making 2022 Bulldog Team and Coaches burst into a surreal celebration on the field with friends and family. With the scoreboard and jumbo-tron leaving 26 to 21 in bright lights, the Dove Creek team brought home the win!

Photos page 4...



Celebrating just after
the big game win....
Proud Coaches seeing
it through for the very
first State
Championship
Gage Buffington Most
Outstanding Player



SANTA CLAUS at the R.O.C.K. Community Christmas Party 'smores, caroling, fun and photos with the Big Guy! This annual event is free to the public, really kicks off the Holiday Cheer! For more activities happening in December, see page 5..

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Dove Creek Care & Share M-F 12-2pm Food Distribution for Anyone in Need Behind VFW

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County website QR Code





Pioneer Center

DOVE CREEK RECREATION DEPARTMENT

As was written up in the Nov. Town insert of the Pinto Bean, the Dove Creek Rec. Dept. shared an update on the Weber Park Playground Equipment project.

230 3rd St. Dove Creek Colorado 970-677-2225

The Dept. has been working with many community partners to secure funding for additional equipment for our children's use. A total of around \$24,000 so far was gathered through a combination of grants, donations, and lottery funds through the State of CO.

This project is scheduled to be accomplished in time for use starting in the summer of 2023. Empire Electric, and Community Prevention partnered on this project, along with the enthusiastic support of the CO Laureate Delta Beta Sorority local chapter - which has a current fundraiser, see details on Page 5 of this issue.

The DC Recreation activities calendar online shows all of the programs, including the games and schedules for both girls and boys basketball for the winter.

www.DoveCreekRec.com

NOTE: DCTV Daily News on Facebook, posts the Weekly Dolores County Sheriff's Roundup - where you can view the data of what the Office and Deputies were handling for the previous week.





https://www.facebook.com/DCTVDailyNews

Public Safety Survey CO

The organization called Public Safety Colorado released their 2022 Public Safety CO Survey. The group is an initiative of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, the Colorado Fraternal Order of Police and County Sheriffs of Colorado. Together, these groups are "committed to educating the public and community leaders about public safety issues, the work of law enforcement officers and their commitment to serving their communities."

"The survey's key findings include:

- 1 Law enforcement leaders and line officers responded that Colorado communities are less safe than four years ago and attribute at least some portion of that decline directly to policy changes at the state Capitol and anti-police rhetoric from elected officials and the media.
- 2 Respondents also state that officers' safety has declined due to policy changes and that decline is hurting morale, recruitment and retention.
- 3 Colorado law enforcement agencies have seen staffing and recruitment/retention issues get worse since 2020, with applicant numbers dropping and departures and retirements increasing. The top reasons for this, according to respondents, are policy changes at the state level and anti-police rhetoric."

The survey was held at the 2021 Fall Conference, with a reportedly great response rate. The Executive Director of the County Sheriffs of Colorado noted that 'this is just the beginning of our pro-active approach to this coming legislative session."

"The survey asked for recommendations from law enforcement professionals on policy changes to help make our communities safer, support the profession and turn around recruitment and retention challenges. The top issues that law enforcement would like to see addressed at the state Capitol include bail-bond reform, officer pay and benefits, Possession of a Weapon by A Previous Offender (POWPO),

and increased accountability for drug

December 2022

There were a total of 232 responses, including our local Dolores County law enforcement who were in attendance at the conference.

Specifically, recent legislation impacted law enforcement: "Among the new laws enacted was 2020's Senate Bill 217, which exposed law officers to unprecedented individual liability for even lawful and justifiable actions in the line of duty. Another measure, Senate Bill 271, passed in 2021, made it impossible to charge convicted felons with unlawful possession of a firearm in the commission of other serious crimes. Additional legislation significantly decreased penalties for drug possession, emboldening drug dealers, while sentencing and bond reform created a revolving door for criminals."

The report overview continues, "Overall, the policy wave lowered penalties, reduced incarceration and significantly expanded the pretrial release of criminal suspects, particularly in some jurisdictions. This, in turn, has contributed to rising crime rates across Colorado.

One consequence attributed to these and other justice-reform measures has been the state's soaring crime rate for violent and property crimes alike — a disturbing development that now dominates headlines and leads newscasts."

DCTV News is working with the Pinto Bean paper on continuing coverage of the state of our local, area, and state crime, illegal drug impacts, and other law enforcement issues facing our community.

Sheriff Don Wilson was re-elected in November, for another four year term to continue as head of the Dolores County office. The County will be building an evidence shop combined with the County Coroner's office in 2023. The location is near the growing 'campus' of buildings west of the school's Soper Sports Complex/ football field. Funding for the projet has been in place for more than a year.

Ballot Issues that Passed

Dolores County School District RE-2J
Passing 63.47% to 36.53%
"Authorizes debt increase to
allow for facility improvements
in conjunction with Best Grant Award"
through a range of Property Tax increases.

Town of Dove Creek Retail Sales Tax Increase
Passing 52.75% to 47.25%
Increasing the Town's Sales Tax by 1.1%
New Sales Tax in Town is 3.1%
1% will be exclusively for street and capital
improvements,
.1% to go exclusively for the Parks and
Recreation Department.

Dolores County Lodgers Tax
Implements a 2% lodging tax
on short term rentals
Passing 51.34% to 48.66%
(From the November 8, 2022 Elections)

Proposed Budget has been submitted to the Dolores County Commissioners, for the ensuing year of 2023. A copy is in the office of the Dolores County Commissioners for public inspection at 409 North Main, Dove Creek, Colorado during regular business hours (8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. M-F) Dolores County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on the budget at a regular meeting at 8477 Rd 7.7, Dove Creek, CO on December 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.



Election 'Month' continues as of publication, with our very own CO District 3 Congressional Representative race a national example of the division and suspicions on the election process on the whole. As eventually the ballots counted came down to a narrow win for incumbent Rep. Lauren Boebert, candidate Adam Frisch announced his concession and filed to run again in 2024, and the Sec. of State's office elected to perform the mandatory recount that is triggered when the margin is within statutory requirements. By Dec. 16th the recount should be finalized.

The local races resulted in incumbent Sheriff Don Wilson remaining in office winning 64.68% to candidate Mike Steele 35.32%. The Dolores County Assessor will be Amber L. Blackmore who won with 67.99% to candidate Christy Cressler at 32.01%. The Dolores County Commission District 1 race will seat a new member in January: Linda Yellowman, who won with 52.83% of the vote over incumbent Julie R. Kibel with 41.17%.

Congratulations and Thanks to All who participate in the political election process.



Help Wanted

Dolores County Public Health is seeking a full-time employee for Environmental Health.

This position is being funded through a Public Health Workforce grant for up to five years.

Applicant would be doing Health and Environmental inspections and required deliverables per the grants.

Applicant is required to have a bachelor's degree in a science related field.

Salary range is \$30,000.00 to \$33,000.00 per year depending on qualifications. Benefits include health, dental, vision, social security, Medicare, unemployment taxes, & retirement after one year of employment.

Applications are available at the Commissioner's office, 409 North Main, Public Health 425 N. Main or online at dolocnty.colorado.gov.

Applications are due back to the Public Health office by December 20th at 4:00p.m.



DOVE CREEK SCHOOL & BULLDOGS SPORT

MAKING HISTORY - Bulldog Football : Students - Coaches - Families - Friends and the Entire Town - We are Thrilled!

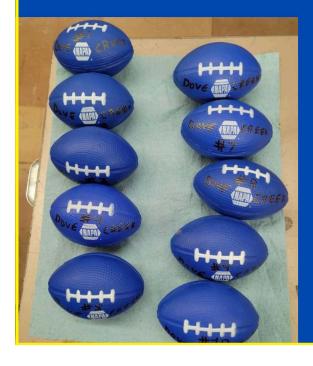






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Fresh off the end of the amazing Football winning season, the Bulldog boys Basketball team headed to and came in 2nd in the Centauri Tournament 12/1-3, with Kade Hankins pictured here, receiving the All Tournament award (Stacey Hankins photo).



The CHSAA has readjusted the classifications and created a 6A division, so that Montezuma-Cortez is in 3A, Mancos and Dolores in 2A, and Dove Creek remains in 1A. Ignacio goes to 3A, with Bayfield and Centauri, and Pagosa Springs and Alamosa moving to 4A. This is based on updated enrollment numbers.

The 2022-23 boys schedule shows 1/13 vs. Nucla, 1/20 vs. Ouray, 1/24 vs. Monticello (non league), 1/27 vs. Mancos, 2/1 vs. Bayfield (non league) 2/3 vs. Ouray, 2/11 vs. Dolores, 2/17 vs. Nucla,

Girls basketball has started up as well, making state quarterfinals last year after winning their league championship, several key players remain on the team. Their upcoming schedule includes a non league game vs De Beque 12/9, 12/10 Tournament TBA, 12/16 vs. Dolores, 12/17 TBA, 1/7 vs. Telluride, 1/13 vs. Nucla, 1/17 vs. Mancos, 1/21 vs. Ridgway, 1/24 vs. Monticello (non league), 1/27 vs. Mancos, 1/31 vs. San Juan (non league UT), 2/8 vs. Montezuma-Cortez (non league), 2/9 vs. Ignacio (non league), 2/11 vs. Dolores, 2/17 vs. Nucla.



2022-2023

Dec. 9 HS Basketball @Rangely Tourn. Jan. 6 HS Wrestling @Gunnison Dec. 10 HS Basketball !Rangely Tourn. Jan. 7 HS Wrestling @Gunnison HS Wrestling (H) Dawg Fight

Dec. 15 MS Winter Dance

Dec. 16 HS Wrestling @John Mall HS Basketball Bulldog Classic

Dec. 17 HS Basketball Bulldog Classic Jan. 14 HS Wrestling @Norwood HS Wrestling @John Mall

Dec. 19 Knowledge Bowl @Ouray Dec. 21 Elementary Christmas Program

Dec. 22 End of First Semester

Elementary Christmas Parties Dec. 26 Christmas Break continues til Jan 10

HS Basketball @Telluride

Jan. 9 Teacher Workday

Jan. 10 Second Semester Begins Jan. 13 HS Basketball (H) Nucla



at First Southern Baptist Church 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 18 First Baptist Church Dove Creek Christmas Program 6pm Dec. 21 Dove Creek Schools Christmas Program 6:30pm Memorial Hall

Dec. 22 Senior Center Christmas dinner @Pioneer Center Dec. 24 Candlelight service at Fellowship Baptist, Cahone. 5:00pm

Dec. 24 First Baptist Church Candlelight Service 6pm

Christmas Day Sunday Service

MEETINGS GOV. & ORGS

*Town of Dove Creek Board Meetings the first and third Thursday 6:30pm at the Town Office in person/zoom *DCDC Meetings monthly second Wed. 11-1pm CSU office in person/zoom *Dolores County BOCC meetings first and third Mondays and as schedule additions noted on their webpage. PSC meeting room. In person/Zoom

*Dolores County School Board meeting third Wed. District Office Boardroom 6pm. *DCVFD Every Wed. at the firehouse

*Dolores County Ambulance District Third Mondays 6:30pm Ambulance Barn.

*Get your Senior Monthly Newsletter in your mail box, every month! Call 970 677-2787



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

"The Colorado Laureate Delta Beta Sorority is proud to announce their Sweetheart for 2022 is Angela Beanland. Angela has been a member since 1991. She currently serves as our recording secretary. She holds an exemplar degree. She has received The Silver Circle award for 25 years of membership. Angela has given many volunteer hours this year working at the football field concessions. We are assisting The Recreation Department in obtaining playground equipment for Weber Park. Angela deserved to be thanked for her kindness. She has helped with a teddy bear and blanket program for our local ambulance. Angela ,Thanks for making our sorority a better organization." ~ Laureate Delta Beta Sorority Dove Creek CO

New Crop Nuts for the holidays. available in 1 lb bags: Pecans \$16 Roasted Almonds \$12 Pistachios \$13 Cashews \$12 All profits go back to the Dove Creek community through service projects & scholarships.

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Enjoy dancing, or just listening to a range of fun music? Ugly Sweater Party (Bangers) 12.17 and the New Year's Eve Party 12.31 (Stateline) VDJ +Ultra DJ/Lights til 2am! Taking requests, and following the crowd's desires... see you there!

Love your 1st Amendment Right? Learn more about what's happening in the U.S. and how you can support InfoWars.com - free daily programming on Banned.Video worth checking it out for All of our future....

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BOOKS AT SCHOOL

Atmos Energy, through its Fueling Safe and Thriving Communities program, donated \$10,000 towards the purchase of a book vending machine to inspire bright minds and reading success at 7th Street Elementary School in Dove Creek. Kurtis Paradisa, Atmos Energy manager of public affairs said, "By collaborating with our non-profit partner; Reaching out to Community and Kids (ROCK), we are making a difference in the lives of children by helping them read at grade level by third grade."

Teachers will be given tokens which will be shared with students as a reward and/or recognition. Students can then go to the THANK YOU DOLORES COUNTY
FOR PUTTING YOUR TRUST IN ME!
- LINDA YELLOWMAN

CONGRATULATIONS ON A REMARKABLE SEASON AND ON A WELL DESERVED STATE TITLE!

- MATT, JESSI, ADELAIDE & ROWEN STIASNY



ROCK - Raching out to Community and Kids, partner with Atmos Energy at the 7th Street Elementary School

Students excited to learn about the new Book machine on the November 9th unveiling party



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Atmos Energy's Mascot with Kurtis Paradisa

vending machine and "purchase" a book they can read at school, enjoy at home, and share with their families. "This book vending machine comes at a critical time when young learners may not have access to books at home," said Carol Marie Howell, Executive Director of Reaching Out to Community and Kids (ROCK). "ROCK is proud to support the 7th Street Elementary School by providing access to dozens of free books with this unique gift." The unit was introduced to the faculty and students November 9th 2022.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON OUR ELK?

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Seeks Input On Herd Management Plans for Southwest Colorado Elk Herds.

Plans now open to public comment through Dec. 20, 2022.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife seeks input on draft Herd Management Plans (HMPs) for 14 elk herds occurring in southwest Colorado. The draft plans are now open to public review and comment through Dec. 20. This includes the E-24 Disappointment Creek herd that encompasses Dolores, Montezuma and San Miguel counties (GMUs 70, 71, 71, 73, and 711).

The primary purpose of HMPs is to establish management objectives for each herd in terms of a desired population size range and sex ratio. The management alternatives selected in these plans will drive annual elk license setting decisions. License setting and the resultant annual harvest modulate elk population numbers to meet population and sex ratio objectives. Each plan also describes additional strategies and techniques that will be used to achieve the desired herd objectives. The goal for the 10year term of these plans is to manage to the most appropriate population level within the objective range based on climatic patterns, habitat conditions, forage availability and public desires.

To view the draft plans and to submit a comment please visit

https://cpw.state.co.us

Call or email District Wildlife Manager Becca de Vergie with questions: 970-422-2173 becca.devergie@state.cous



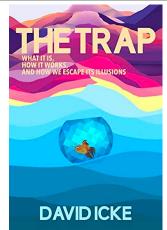
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otherwise it's just music.'

CORRECTION: 11.22 Photo of Women Hunters - one was misnamed - featured photo Chelsea Garchar. Apologies.









Books for research: David Icke's latest epistle also on audio book ...

Latest big whistle blower - Dr. Andrew G. Huff reveals details from within the system on more of the lies. (editor picks)

THE TRUTH ABOUT WUHAN

HOW I UNCOVERED
THE BIGGEST LIE IN
HISTORY

DR. ANDREW G. HUFF
FORMER ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE VICE PRESIDENT
AND SENIOR SCIENTIST





Here we are at the end of our calendar year, with long cold dark nights, compensating with holiday cheer of all sorts, and taking time to reflect on the past year, while making new plans for 2023. Celebrations of LOVE, and appreciation, are shown in many customs and traditions. Dove Creek is no different... while some families flock to home in SW CO, others fly to parts south, warmer destinations, or visit family and friends elsewhere. Yet wherever you may roam, reflections on the past, and hope for the future are omnipresent.

I hear many people repeat the phrase 'these are crazy times'. From my perspective, it's only 'crazy' when you aren't seeing the intentions behind the actions, understanding the long play behind the manipulations, knowing the players behind the scenes.

Knowing and understanding 'what's happening' has so many fronts: From fake news and censorship continuing to plague the means of communications; Economic pressures and uncertainties keeping many people on edge; Food and shelter stressors continuing to keep people preoccupied with those daily needs; to "Politics" that muddle every attempt for us all as human beings, to come together and work toward a common goal of health, wealth and happiness.

You've probably heard of the 'reset' that is happening world wide. Many changes are 'a foot' for the human population, the animals, creatures, the lands and waters as well as space. Our electromagnetic 'shield' is weakening, and solar activity is ramping up. So they say. With so many elements in flux, no one person will ever stay on top of it all. But there are books and resources online you can investigate so that you have a better sense of why things are 'crazy' and how you can navigate our future.

I truly wish for Peace at this time of year, and also Love for everyone this little paper reaches. Merry Christmas Happy New Year!



FARMS FOOD FUTURE

Paper or Plastic - the phrase commonly heard at check out counters for years, will change to "do you want to buy a bag for Ten Cents each?" at places like Walmart. That's right, Colorado law for plastic bag bans starts January 2023 with the 10 cent charge per bag at all major stores. Coming in January 2024, ALL single use bags will be banned completely at most stores unless they still have a surplus. Also - Polystyrene containers will be banned at restaurants or until they run out of stock. In 2024 you can still pay a minimum of 10 cents per paper bag. But wait, there's more, in July of 2024 local governments will be allowed to impose even stricter rules on plastics as the county government or municipality sees fit.

This applies to restaurants, major grocery stores and supermarkets, major convenience stores, major liquor stores, major retailers, and other major stores providing plastic shopping bags... you can see the trend that they state "MAJOR" as the type of establishment. So what about our small businesses - described as those with 3 or less locations, farmers and roadside markets, laundry or dry cleaning services, pharmacies, bulk stores, and frozen food, meat, seafood, plants and other items that could otherwise be contaminated are ALL exempt from the ban. So our retail food establishments that are restaurants and small stores that operate solely in Colorado and have 3 or fewer locations may still provide single-use plastic carryout bags.

For implementation of the ban, the state of Colorado is relying on local governments to do any enforcing, recommending fines for multiple violations as an example. This all was signed into law in 2021 under



USDA Farmers.gov

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December 13th- Montezuma County COC ballot counting, Montezuma County USDA Service Center 10:00am.

December 26th- Office Closed observation of Christmas Day

January 31st- 2022 Emergency Livestock Assistance Program Application for Payment

(ELAP Water Hauling and Feed

Transportation) FSA Deadline. Schedule and

appointment to bring in your water, feed/livestock transport documentation

complete your application for payment once done hauling for the

year.

January 31st- 2022 Livestock Forage Disaster Program FSA Deadline visit LFP Factsheet for more information.

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FSR 214 below McPhee Dam.

FSR 528 and 529 (529 F,D and H) (House Creek area)

FSR 568 (Rail Road grade)

FSR 240 and 241 (Ryman Creek area) McPhee Overlook trail

All other road closures are based on road

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