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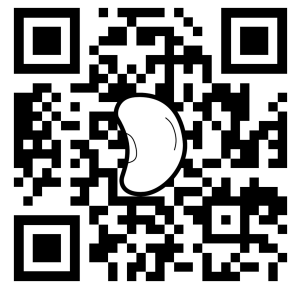
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How much snow did you accumulate? Local area showed a foot or more depth over the course of the storms, with everyone challenged by the conditions, but thankful for the moisture.

It's been since the winter of 2010 that Dove Creek really had a good amount of winter snow that stayed packed covering the ground with moisture soaking in for the winter months. From the end of December through the beginning of 2023, it's hard to find an exact amount measured for snow and water equivalent - but the SNOTEL report as of Jan.5th shows the San Miguel, Dolores Animas and San Juan basin snow water equivalent at 123% of normal based over the 1991-2020 median. Anecdotal reports ranged from a serious of 4-6 inches stacking up during several of the storms that came through, with heavy wet snow compacting down, light fluffy snow causing a bit of drifting, and icy rain sleet capping off the top, alternating with slush as it warmed up.



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 Grand Marshal page 5



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County website QR Code

FAIRGROUND HEAT



The Fairgrounds Board is working on the project of installing an HVAC system at the fairgrounds, so that the building facility can be heated and cooled. This has been in the planning for years for the county community facility. They received multiple bids.

The Fairground board was established through the County with a "goal to create a family friendly Rodeo and Fair, where we can educate and influence the area youth in becoming all-around skilled adults and cowboy or cowgirl athletes." The facility is off Highway 491, 6798 C.R. 3.7. It is annually used for the Junior Rodeo series, as well as the County Fair in August. In conjunction with the CSU Extension office, the County Fair and 4-H results and programs are showcased.

The facility can also be reserved for family functions hosting wedding receptions and reunions. The FFA also utilizes the building for their annual Oyster Fry fundraiser. The Dove Creek Chamber had utilized it for the 3 Sisters Ag Fest in past years.

The Fairgrounds is also home to the Dolores County Range, used by the Sheriff's office for training, and open to the public to apply for membership for use.

The December 28th BOCC vote of commissioners was split, as Commissioner Garchar insisted this was a larger project than needed. Commissioners Cook and Kibel voted yes. The funds will be coming out of the ARPA funds, not the general funds. Emergency Manager Keesling also noted that with climate control in the building, it would be a better shelter facility for potential use in an emergency.

Dickson Electric was awarded the contract pending bond and final signed document, materials will be ordered and work begin thereafter. The Fairgrounds board can be contacted at 970-677-2283 dcweed@fone.net

DOLORES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

The new facility to house the Dolores County Public Health Director and nurse facility, is almost ready for move in. The structure has been set in its final spot south of the Social Services building.

They are currently waiting to finalize the electrical connections, as well as some of the finishing structural additions to customize the site. We will have more details on the new facility and new services available upon completion.

Happy New Year FROSTY'S LIQUOR



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TIRE MORATORIUM TO EXPIRE

Last year, the BOCC established a 6 month moratorium on determining potential rules or enforcement options regarding the use of used tires in the County - this time was used to evaluate and do further research.

At the first meeting of 2023, the BOCC determined what the best response would be to protect the health and welfare of County residents with regard to waste tires. This action was taken in response to a concern and complaint that had been raised about the potential for a property stacking tires and having tire piles that are not only an eye sore, but moreover could be a health hazard, breeding ground for mosquitos or other rodents, unstable stacking could be a hazard, potential tire fire issues, as well as the excessive number of tires being dumped on a property at a time.

The Commissioners' final decision was to look to the CDPHE (Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment) for guidance for any issues related to the use of waste tires. The issue of waste tires will be referred to as part of a public health issue, and not any County specific regulation.

LOCAL NEWS - WORLD VIEWS

The Pinto Bean was launched to provide an outlet for sharing local small town news. Sometimes, taking a wider view of news is important; the state, national, or worldwide events and issues eventually affect the individual in a small town.

If you are still watching what is called "main stream media" (or by many other names...) for the most part, you are seeing the same stream of information that is being guided by a handful of sources; with an agenda. The message is the same propaganda, not original content. You can look up the 6 Big Corps. that own almost everything - and the billionaires that own them. These are some of the 'elites'.

We are fortunate to have a growing range of 'alternative' media to listen to, to read and check accuracy for ourselves, enjoy a fresh take on issues, and discern carefully from a multitude of points of views.

If anyone wants some suggestions, email me, I have a pretty comprehensive list of places to go! That list could get censored on our FB page. One newspaper that is getting a lot of attention these days, is called "The Epoch Times". You can subscribe and receive an actual physical newspaper, or subscribe to read articles online. Like many subscribers are doing, after reading the paper, they pass it along.

Recently a local reader dropped off a specific opinion piece torn out of the paper, that they felt should be shared with our community - from our seniors to our students - to help people understand what is happening in the US. I don't have room to do a reprint, but the summary points and positive take away included these issues: Cut the Debt, Secure the Border, Tap Natural Resources, Oppose Discrimination, Disrupt and Reform Higher Education, Revive the Armed Forces, Fix Voting, Upend the Welfare State, Drain the Swamp, and Restore Norms. (the article by Victor Davis Hanson is titled "If you really want to destroy the US, then..." and describes how each of the situations are currently being destroyed).

Can I affect what's happening in Washington DC? Or in the BIS in Brussels? Nope. But what I and each one of you can do, is stand up for your

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GREY WOLF RELEASE

By Kendra Cook

By now everyone in SW Colorado is aware of the pending reintroduction of the Wolf population, directed by a majority of Coloradans from the metropolis Denver area voting in 2020, to put endangered grey wolves on the western slope.

The discussion and studies have continued, and a draft management plan was released in December 2022 by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife agency. Bottom line is there will be wolves dropped off (re-homed) in the western portions of the state by 2024, along with providing financial compensation for anticipated loss of livestock in one form or another.

So what's the plan? Capturing 10 to 15 wolves a year from Wyoming, Montana and Idaho and releasing them not closer than 60 miles from the borders of New Mexico Utah or Wyoming. Just like the sage grouse, wolves can detect state lines, ok, no they can't. The drop off will occur on state land or private lands, with GPS tracking collars on each released animal.

The wild wolf is an 'endangered species' as declared under state law. The best science



Photo credit John and Karen Hollingsworth USFWS / CPW

has indicated their goal number is around 50 to 150, and if their numbers increase significantly beyond that, there are plans for controlling that. They will also reserve the right to kill wolves that are found repeating kills on livestock or game population. And ranchers will be eligible for some method or compensation for losses.

So where are we now in this process? The agency has an open public comment period til February 22, 2023, with the final vote in May. The CPW website hosts a replay of the 4 hour meeting from December, along with the draft plan and other information for the public and an online input form. <https://cpw.state.co.us/>



THANK YOU HON. JUDGE BACA FOR YOUR SERVICE 2023 LOCAL JUDGE VACANCY

The 22nd Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Dolores County Combined Court on Jan. 23, 2023, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for Dolores County. The vacancy will be created by the appointment to the La Plata County Court of the Hon. Anthony Baca. The vacancy occurred on Dec. 27, 2022.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Dolores County at the time of investiture and have graduated high school or attained the equivalent of a high school education as indicated by the Department of Education, based upon the record made on the General Education Development test. The annual salary for this position is \$35,181, and it is a 20 percent position. The initial term of office of a county judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent county judge, if approved by the voters, has a term of four years.



Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Monica M. Márquez, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Eric Hogue, 409 N. Main, Dove Creek, CO 81324. Applications also are available on the court's home page at <http://www.courts.state.co.us>

The completed application must be e-mailed to the address listed in the instructions below no later than 4 p.m. on Jan. 10, 2023. Late applications will not be considered. Any person wishing to suggest a candidate to fill the vacancy may do so by letter to be submitted to any member of the nominating commission, with a copy to the ex officio chair, no later than 4 p.m. on Jan. 6, 2023.

The members of the nominating commission for the Twenty-second Judicial District are: Bryson McCabe of Dolores; Erin Johnson of Rico; Darwin Whiteman of Towaoc; Peter Ortego and MB McAfee, both of Lewis; and Tazewell Vass and Clarisa Feuilly, both of Cortez.

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BOX CHAINS MORE ISSUES

The first notice is regarding the Family Dollar store located at the west end of Dove Creek. The store manager confirmed that the location will be closed beginning the 21st of January, with estimates to reopen by April 1st. After having received the approval to include the sales of beer and wine, and expanding the building to the north, a store renovation will mean shutting the store for 70 days plus or minus. No new inventory will be added prior to the temporary closing.

Meanwhile, on the other end of Dove Creek, the Dollar General store continues to move towards the illusive grand opening date. The latest response from their corporate office to the Pinto Bean, 12/28 "Dollar General currently plans to open its new store located at 60634 Highway 491 in Dove Creek, Colorado in the coming weeks to Dolores County customers." CDOT had a response to Commissioner Garchar looking into what has delayed the project from their point of view, their response was:

Dollar General Access Permit: Work on CR 8.2 & 491: The Dollar General started construction in CDOT ROW at CR 8.2 & 491 without a notice to proceed from CDOT.

This means they did not have permission, proper meetings with CDOT and/or all submittals necessary to start. This is risky as we do require approved materials to be used.

During this time they paved and installed a culvert at the intersection of CR 8.2 & 491. Keep in mind this was completed with no oversight from CDOT as an NTP was not issued.

When CDOT access got word this was completed, an inspector was sent out to look at the work.

It was found that materials used (paving, sub base, culvert) were not CDOT approved and the actual construction of the culvert would not work. The culvert grade would not allow it to drain properly and the cover (depth of pavement over the culvert) was insufficient.

Unfortunately all this leads to a re-work of CR 8.2 & 491. Currently the team is waiting for updated Methods of Handling traffic and Specifications of HMA from the permittee to move to the next steps in the permit."

With the electric connection work proceeding, the opening may well commence this month.

Let's Go Bulldogs!

Basketball Season

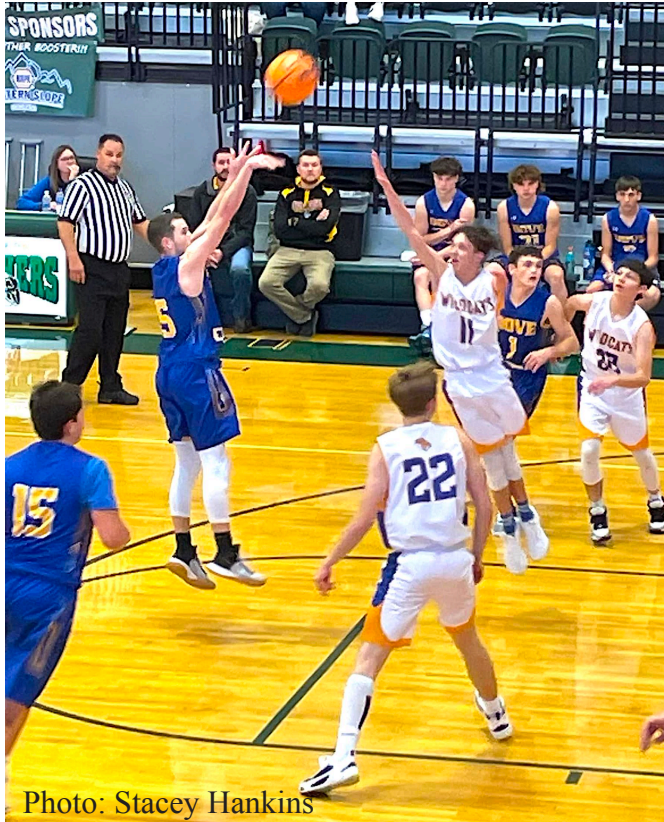


Photo: Stacey Hankins

BULLDOG BOYS FINDING THEIR FOOTING

The boys Basketball team kicked off the season last year with winning energy coming off of the football win, several players transitioning from the field to the court with enthusiasm. Among other games, at the Bulldog Classic in Monticello they scored victory, with Coach Aaron Hankins encouraging the dedication to being able to pivot from offense to defense for a solid game play. It's working, as the boy Bulldogs took the holiday with a record now at 6-2 on the season.



Photo: Amber Wood Hickman

LADY BULLDOGS 'TENACIOUS'

Dove Creek lady bulldog Basketball continues to push hard for the wins. Under the coaching of Julie Kibel, they took home the Western Slope Winter Classic trophy with a 57-31 win over the lady Panthers in Dec. As the Bulldog Classic championship trophy remains in Dove Creek, Lady Bulldogs' headed into the winter break with a record of 6-2.

See the Jan/Feb Schedule on page 5

Wrestling Season



BULLDOG WRESTLING TAKING TO THE MAT

Dove Creek Wrestling continues strong, they competed in the John Mall in December, with 6 wrestlers, they took 10th out of 28 teams. The Bulldogs walked away with one tournament champ, Tyson Beanland, and Gaige Cressler took third. They all wrestled their hearts out. Congratulations and keep it going through 2023!



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No, You will not have to talk during the group. The workbook helps sort thru our emotions and personal situations. People from all belief systems (and people who do not practice a faith) can find their Grief Share groups beneficial. Our teachings are "Christ Centered". The only expense is a workbook purchase.

Grief Share Classes
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2022-2023

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| Jan. 13 HS Boys Basketball (H) Nucla | Feb. 1 HS Boys Basketball @Bayfield |
| Jan. 14 HS Wrestling @Norwood | Feb. 2 Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
HS Wrestling @Dolores League Tourn. |
| Jan. 16-19 FFA National Western Stock Show | Feb. 3 HS Boys Basketball (H) Ouray |
| Jan. 17 HS Wrestling (H) DC Quad
HS Girls Basketball @Mancos | Feb. 7 HS Boys Basketball (H) Ignacio |
| Jan. 18 Knowledge Bowl @Ignacio
Winter Sport Pictures
School Board Meeting 6PM | Feb. 8 HS Girls Basketball @Cortez |
| Jan. 20 HS Boys Basketball @Ouray | Feb. 9 Chili Dinner & Auction |
| Jan. 21 HS Wrestling @Paonia
HS Boys Basketball @Ridgway | Feb. 10 HS Wrestling Regionals @Buena Vista |
| Jan. 23 Knowledge Bowl @Telluride | Feb. 11 HS Wrestling Regionals @Buena Vista
HS Boys Basketball (H) Dolores |
| Jan. 24 HS Boys Basketball @Monticello | Feb. 14 Elementary Valentine's Day Party |
| Jan. 27 Teach In Service 1/2 Day
HS Boys Basketball (H) Mancos | Feb. 15 School Board Meeting 6PM |
| Jan. 28 HS Wrestling @Ignacio | |
| Jan. 31 HS Girls Basketball (H) Blanding | |

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- *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
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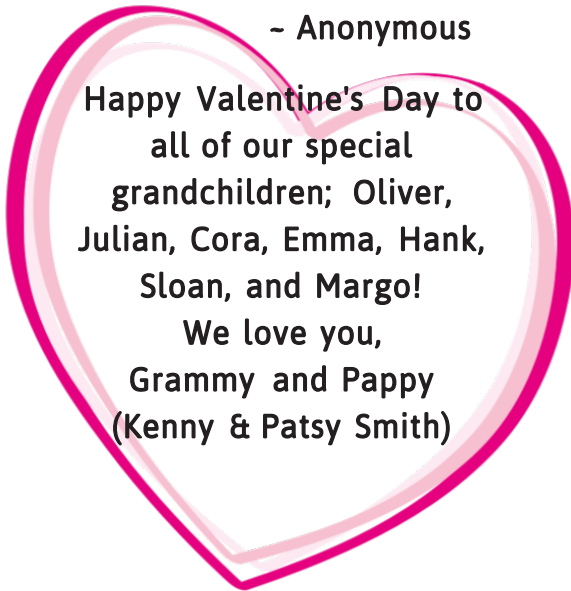
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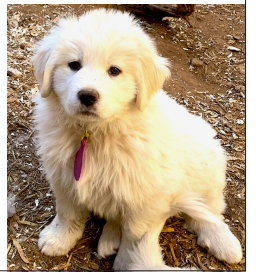


Happy Valentine's Day
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Love is the Answer
- Anonymous



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Local & World News & Views continued from page 2

individual concerns, align with the common sense of a connected consciousness. Say 'no' to demands that aren't aligned with our constitution, and more importantly, our individual core values. (There are many more of us than them.) Common sense would show there is room for all views and opinions, and not for any of those to be imposed on one another. We find common ground. We look at each situation from a point of love and compassion with the intent for all human beings to

succeed. Navigating our tumultuous times will mean being informed.... read, listen, talk, share. Being open to input, both on the small local level and in the grand scheme of things, separating data from emotion, will go a long way towards working together for a good life and making sound decisions together. Here's to 2023!

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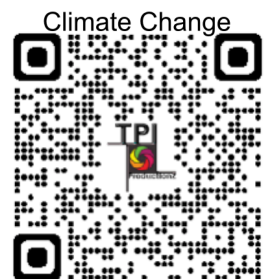
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Truth of Man Made Climate Contributor - Hayden Pate

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(You can view the documentary The Dimming online, and the DVD FrankenSkies is another documentary covering the patents and implementations of geo engineering and how it affects not only the USA but the whole planet. Photo the QR codes for links)



Does the Government Really Care for Your Health?



HEARING AIDS... LISTEN UP

By Kendra Cook

Last October the FDA changed a regulation that creates a new class of "hearing aids" that don't require a medical exam, a prescription and other specialty evaluations, and cost very little. However, "listen up".

There is more to this story of the government helping those with failing hearing. According to NIH statistics, about 15% of adults in the US report difficulty hearing, this impacts a large portion of the population. Read, it's big business.

It appears to be governmental bureaucratic manipulation - changing the definition of a hearing aid, to include low quality ear boosters which are already low cost, because they are low quality and not fitted to an individual's hearing. An actual hearing aid, in the old terminology, is one that is specifically assessed by a professional audio engineer of sorts, to adapt to the individual ear, to which frequencies are limited or lost. The fee for each unit and the examination process is costly. The expert must do a fitting, and a custom piece is created for the patient, with estimates in the range of \$4-\$6,000. Whereas with this new 'hearing aid' definition, the FDA has created the concept that the government is making hearing aids more affordable. For some, a one size fits all unit may be what is needed. Just be aware of what you are really shopping for with regard to this new change.

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GUNS IN COLORADO

Attorney Generals from 18 states are asking for clarification on policies by UPS and FEDEX for tracking on shipping guns.. without a warrant. The states include Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

The issue and claim from the Ads is that companies are requiring FFA licensed entities to create "Separate shipping accounts" for firearms, parts and other related products. This is being seen as providing undo access to info on gun owners without a warrant. This may not be against the law, but clarification is being sought as to how much of this information is being shared with various governmental agencies.

A significant divide widens in the US , brought to light between those who feel basically, guns are bad, versus 2nd amendment supporters who feel by law they are a right. The irony of how much and many guns are being sent or funded by American dollars to the country of Ukraine by the same people who purport to limit or take away gun ownership in the US, has become a deliberate point of contention.

It seems that the high profile shooting incidents within Colorado have occurred near the metropolitan areas of Denver, with a recent night club shooting initiating another highlight of gun laws in Colorado as a whole. Once again there is a push for reforming of the laws of gun ownership to address specific individuals who enact violence with a gun in Colorado specifically.



The position of those who oppose more regulations and laws, is that based on the 2nd amendment of the United States Constitution, is that the right to bare arms is more a matter of protection against an infringing tyrannical government. Following that train of thought, if a government is looking to take away the right to freely own the gun, the potential for that government to infringe on other rights such as liberty, quickly follow. At least they have historically in other countries. 2023 will be yet another year of the discussion and legislation addressing how Colorado will deal with firearm rights and regulations.

Spill THOUGHTS
FROM
The THE EDITOR ~
Beans PUBLISHER
Kendra Cook



New Year resolutions - seems to me it's just rewriting my "to do" list that hasn't gotten done? For those that might not know me, one of my other to do tasks in Dove Creek, is coordinating the Annual Pick n Hoe event through the Dove Creek Chamber. I've overseen the event since it almost dropped in 2019, was throttled by project COVID in 2020, came back in 2021 and 2022.

Although the actual event isn't til the 4th of July holiday weekend, which seems far away, many volunteers start working on the plan as soon as the last one ends. For 2023, the DC Chamber will host the **3rd Annual Big Truckin' Car Show at Cahone Park on Saturday July 1st**. It looks like there will be more weekend events, in particular bringing back a softball tournament. This year the

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4th falls on a Tuesday with all the games parade and fireworks - so that Monday may also be filled with various tournaments and activities at Weber Park where the Town works hard on preparations.

The funding for all the free fun, comes from community fundraisers, volunteers, local business support, and outreach to donations from agencies and non profits through the Chamber. The 'royalty' element of fundraising has not been picked up by anyone to make that happen, if this is something you want to bring back, let me know and I'll be happy to help promote it!

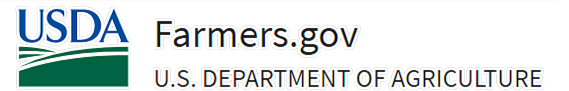
As everything goes up in cost, all event happenings are also affected. The Pinto Bean will be glad to help promote this year. It literally takes a community to pull this off! But it is well worth it, and a key component of the character of Dove Creek and tribute to Dove Creekers.

And if you want to participate let me know. This is a 'community' happening that happens because of all of YOU! Look for monthly Pick n Hoe updates as the countdown is on! 167 days from Jan. 15th....



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Chocolate and flowers are sure to please, why not try a special fizzy drink to kick off your special breakfast lunch or dinner date! Combine cranberry juice, with vodka, fresh raspberries and prosecco to make a splash with this ruby-red cocktail featured on "GoodFood" online.



PARTY FOOD

A cute spin on 'pigs in a blanket' snack plate for say a Superbowl party - poking a couple of holes in the end of a cut in piece hot dog, with nicely placed triangle ear cut outs of the pastry wrap, and maybe some black food dye to mark out the eyes, and you'll be sure to keep the party going with a delicious and adorable snack plate. Be sure to provide plenty of optional dipping sauces!

January 19th-21st- Annie's Project provided by Montezuma County CSU Extension Register by January 9 , 2023, Click to Register, See flyer below.
January 31st- 2022 Emergency Livestock Assistance Program Application for Payment (ELAP Water Hauling and Feed/Livestock Transportation) FSA Deadline. Schedule an appointment to bring in your water, feed/livestock transport documentation and 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.
March 15th- 2023 Agricultural Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC) FSA Deadline visit ARC/PLC Factsheet for more information.
March 15th- 2023 Non-insurable Crop Insurance (NAP) for corn, oats, safflower, sorghum, sorghum forage, and sunflower Application for Coverage FSA Deadline visit NAP Factsheet for more information.
July 15th- 2023 Spring crop, CRP, and perennial acreage reporting FSA Deadline

WHEAT BOOM COMING?

A recent report from CNBC's Jim Cramer, looks to certain commodities making a comeback very soon. Commodities such as wheat futures, are always seeing a boom and bust pattern, analysis Carley Garner provided some insight on how this might play out in 2023. CNBC reports that the volatile markets from last year, due to a mixture of global issues, from foreign war, weather, and geopolitical economics, impacted various commodities. Right now, the high pricing from early 2022 that crashed back to a more normal channel, will remain mostly in that average \$8-\$10 dollar range overall, trending back to the high end.

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Starting on January 1st, 2023, Colorado state park passes will be available at their new, reduced price of \$29 - down from \$80 Keep Colorado Wild Pass is available during your annual vehicle registration through the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

Agriculture Risk Loss-Price Loss Coverage Program (ARC-PLC)
Enrollment is now open for the program March 15, 2023 is the enrollment deadline for the 2023 crop year. ARC-PLC provides financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms. FSA offices have multiple programs competing for the time and attention of our staff. They ask to please start enrollment asap. Call the Dolores/San Miguel County FSA Office, 970-677-2229 ext. 21 fsa.usda.gov



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- Funds trails and local projects
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