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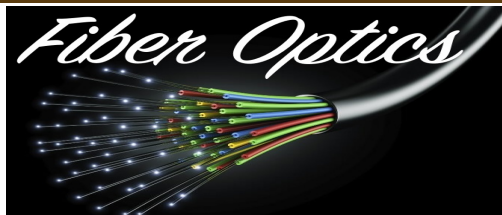
## THANKFUL & GRATEFUL FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

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### HIGH SPEED INTERNET

Super fast internet is becoming a type of 'utility'; needed for a majority of households to replace the telephone wired lines, the satellite or cable, and or a communication tool for both distant learning and home office business. In Dove Creek, there are several options currently available: AT&T and Verizon cell phone service, using a phone as a hot spot. ZumaCom L.O.S. internet with a view to the Bean tower on the west side of town. Farmer's Telecommunications, with L.O.S. to the courthouse tower. CenturyTel, with DSL lines to businesses and homes. And now Elon Musk's Starlink units, small satellites in low Earth orbit. Then there is fiber optics. Through a federally backed program, to reach rural areas with high speed Internet through a fiber line; Enter Emery.

Emery Telcom CEO Jared Anderson provided an update back on June 21st with the Dolores County Commissioners. At that time, they were waiting for the permits from CDOT in order to have Empire Electric make ready line work on the poles in June. The install in Dove Creek itself was awarded to Fibertel. First phase of the Dove Creek install was to begin in two months, such that September was the estimated



start date, with fiber service lit 'this fall'. There was a 10 x 16 building ordered to be setup on a small lot they purchased across from the Family Dollar property.

Emery system is also a certified telephone provider so those interested in land line service can bundle with the wifi services. After that, Phase 2 encompasses the Egnar area, and Phase 3 extends down to points south of town. All installations need to be completed by 2025 to comply with the USDA grant. In the summer, the project was currently six months behind the original schedule due to permitting delays.

The most recent request for an update in mid October, stated "The fiber build from Monticello to the Utah/Colorado State line is complete. We were able to bury the route on the Utah side in partnership with UDOT. As you know, we have had significant delays on the Colorado side in attempting to work with CDOT to continue the buried fiber route. They are demanding that we pay for their infrastructure in exchange for a right-of-way permit.

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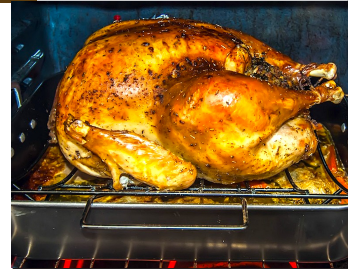
### THANKSGIVING NOV. 24TH..

A holiday based on celebrating and appreciating the fall harvest, historically it's something you find in cultures across the world. Officially a 'holiday' date in the US since Pres. Lincoln declared it so back in 1863. In 1941, Pres. Roosevelt declared it be held the fourth Thursday of the month of November, so the actual date changes from year to year, this year, falling on the 24th.

Can't predict the weather, but forecasters are showing possible rains, dare I say, a little snow, in the forecast for the second part of November and yes, Thanksgiving day in the 40s possibly and freezing temps overnight. But that never keeps families and friends from joining together, visiting or for a meal, and being thankful for the many blessings in our lives.

Turkey is a commonly featured centerpiece of the meal celebration, and this year, the price may again be higher on average. USA Today's data insists the costs for farmers for feed fertilizer and labor, have combined towards higher checkout pricing. That, combined with a presumed HPAI or avian flu cutting back flock numbers as well.

Many will find deals around our area, with some turkey give aways through food distribution facilities. Nov. 21st is the ROCK's Annual Turkey Distribution for Dolores County & Egnar residents.

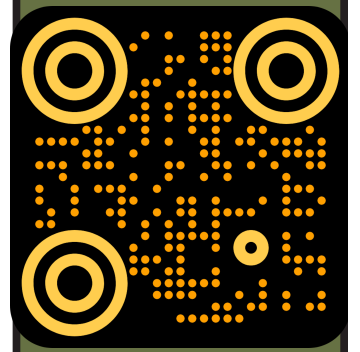


Dove Creek Care & Share M-F 12-2pm  
Food Distribution  
for Anyone in Need  
Behind VFW

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# What's Up Dove Creek / Dolores County

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County website QR Code



## DRONES

The Dolores County Sheriff department works on many community issues, including working with the vast BLM and Forest Service land authorities, as those acres make up nearly 62% of our county.

Undersheriff Matt Purkat addressed the County Commissioners about pursuing a grey and black marijuana grant - specific for enforcement and prosecution or both. As most illegal grows are on federal lands both forests and blm, the Sheriff's office is looking to implement fly overs of the vast lands not able to be seen from roadside access, to better identify and be pro active on investigations, and spreading out the man power as much as we can, Purkat said at the meeting.

The Department is looking at \$15K plus certification to operate the drone - at \$300 per person, and digital training in house. The opportunity is to become more pro active and preventative towards attracting illegal activities, where people tend to take advantage of the seclusion opportunities for illegal grows.

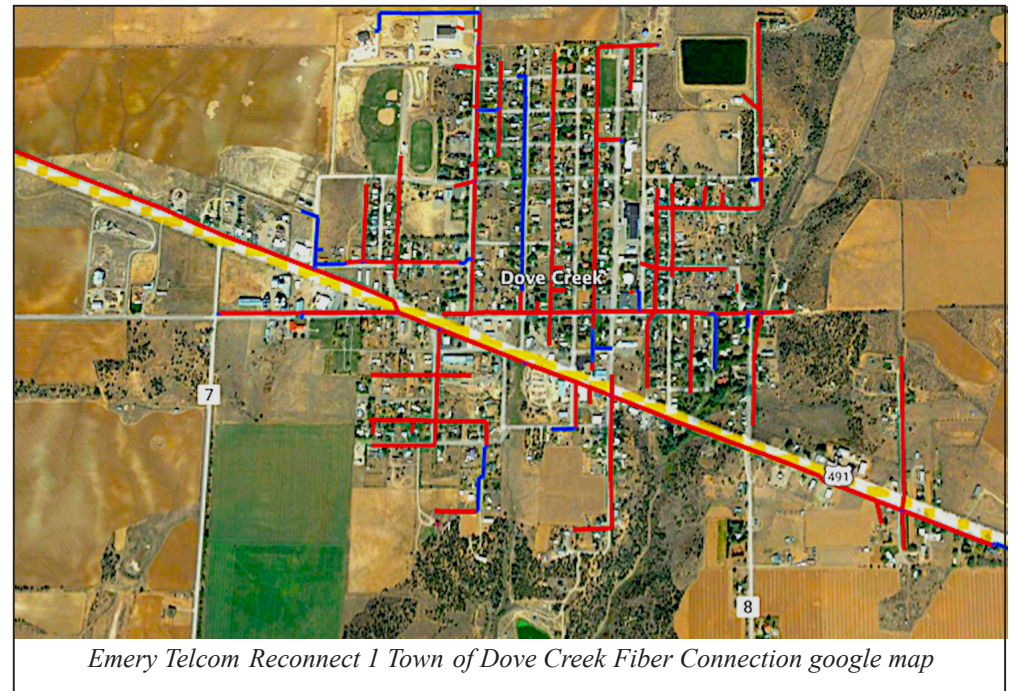
Ronda Lancaster is working with the Sheriff's office on this grant proposal. The commissioners need to approve the action, and address training and incarceration expenses, and payments possibly needed for informants.

## EMERY TELCOM

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This would add hundreds of thousands of dollars to the project, which is unfeasible.

As a result, we will be building the route aerial from the State line to Dove Creek. The contract from the State line to Dove Creek has been awarded to our subcontractor FiberTel, and construction should begin in approximately 3-4 weeks. They will be constructing the fiber route along highway 491, and then building the distribution to the homes identified in Dove Creek Reconnect 1."



Emery Telcom Reconnect 1 Town of Dove Creek Fiber Connection google map

Mr. Anderson continued, "We were also awarded USDA Reconnect 2 grant funds for a second-phase build to Lewis and Egnar. We were relying on supplementary funding from the Colorado State broadband program to assist with funding. Unfortunately, the Colorado Broadband board denied our request stating that they didn't want to contribute because we already had partial Federal funding. Lack of State contribution combined with difficulties resulting from inflationary increases in materials and labor have made this project difficult to justify. As a result, we are evaluating options with USDA and determining how to proceed. USDA recently announced supplemental funding due to this nationwide issue, but we are unsure whether or not it will be sufficient to keep this project on track. We will follow-up as soon as we have additional information from USDA regarding Reconnect 2 supplemental funding." Maps show the areas in the program coming in to Reconnect 1.

## DOLLAR GENERAL BIG BOX DELAY

Curious as to what's happening with the new Dollar General store not yet being open? Initial grand opening was scheduled for mid July. The company hired on five local employees, who have worked within the store, as well as traveling to out of our area stores, in order to retain the job filling hours of employment. Initial delays in construction have been overcome; the store is ready, the parking lot ready, but the connection to ample power has yet to be accomplished.

Electricity was to be ready in early October, but the existing setup did not supply enough. The next step to access ample power was to run lines under the highway to connect to a pole on the south side of highway 491. In requesting updates on what is holding up progress, a first contact to Empire Electric provided the response from Shawna McLaughlin that the "EEA engineering team completed all the design work and released the project to the crews in August. The construction crews have inset the new power pole and completed as much work as possible, but are now waiting on the DG contractor to obtain the CDOT permit to cross under Hwy 491 with a bore for our underground conductor."

Request for CDOT to update they replied that they would "check on that", with no further response to date. Dollar General media relations replied "Thank you for reaching out. We are currently anticipating our Dove Creek location at 60634 Highway 491 to open in late fall 2022 as we complete construction. We are also working with employees during this time. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause our customers and employees and look forward to welcoming customers to our store soon."

It appears that the CDOT permit is what is holding up further completion and opening. Meanwhile, the location is operating at minimal capacity through the use of gas powered generators. An official 'grand opening' date has yet to be released.

# HUNTING

By Becca deVergie  
courtesy photo

It is second rifle season as I write this. Hunters are out in mass, elk are moving out of the high country and the big bucks have gone into hiding (according to everyone with a buck tag). I've heard of a few locals who have gotten their first kill, a 330 class bull, or some other trophy they're proud of. I love to see that!

Unfortunately, I have also gotten reports of six animals shot and left in the field in the past three days; three bucks and three spike bulls. In four of these cases the animal had been there over a day and I have no information to point me to who might have let our wildlife go to waste.

In light of this, I want to take a minute to share some information regarding this type of wildlife crime. Most of these cases fall under Willful Destruction of Wildlife (Title 33-6-117 if you want to look it up in Colorado's state statutes), where a hunter intentionally abandons an animal they have killed. For big game, this is a class 5 felony! Yep, that scary word FELONY, where the guilty party has to go to court, loses their right to have guns, owes lots of money, etc. It's one of only two wildlife charges that is a felony, the other being Illegal Sale of Wildlife (IE illegal outfitting). In other cases, where the animal was not intentionally abandoned, but was still left in the field by accident, charges can include Waste of Game and/or Failure to Follow up on a shot. These are not felonies, but carry fines of up to \$200 and 10 to 15 license suspension points.

I highly encourage any hunter who accidentally shoots the wrong animal to call myself, another CPW officer, or the Dolores County Sheriff's Office. For self-reported mistaken kills, the ticket is almost always \$139.50 with 5 license suspension points. We have to seize the animal and donate it, but in most cases the hunter can keep their license and continue to hunt if they wish. I promise you, any wildlife officer in this area would much rather write that ticket than a felony summons.

I know that small town relationships and dynamics can make it difficult for people to



Spike shot and left in the East Pines.  
Reported Sunday, 10/30

report crimes that they witness. For those who do not know me yet, I grew up in Meeker, CO, which is a small town in the Northwest part of the state (not quite as small as Dove Creek, but very similar culture), and I've been in tricky situations like that myself. That's why I want everyone to know about our Operation Game Thief (OGT) program. It allows reporting parties to remain completely anonymous, even from the wildlife officer if they want to.

You can share pictures, videos, GPS locations, etc., and all of the information will be passed to the wildlife officer who covers that district. The OGT staff do a great job. In my experience, I usually receive reports within 30 minutes of the reporting party calling or emailing, and sometimes even faster. If you need some extra persuasion (besides the good feeling of doing the right thing) if you report a wildlife crime through the OGT program and we are able to catch and convict the guilty party, you will be eligible for a monetary reward, or possibly a hunting license or preference point through our Turn In Poachers (TIPS) program.

As your local District Wildlife Manager, I am asking for your help to prevent and solve wildlife crimes. It's my job to protect the wildlife of Colorado for everyone, but my fellow wildlife officers and I cannot do that as



<https://www.facebook.com/DCTVDailyNews>

Facebook online has many issues - people like it and hate it... all of the social media platforms bring up concerns, from censorship, privacy, to nastiness, while also offering sharing birthday wishes, prayers, finding lost animals, or selling items... In Dove Creek, many families and businesses utilize a facebook page or group, to communicate quickly with one another.

Having a phone that goes online, or a computer or laptop, can be wonderful tools to be used in so many positive ways - 'users' need to be the ones in control of how the internet is a benefit to one's life.

For 'in between the Bean' issues, facebook is a great resource to find times and dates for football games or events, asking references for dentists or where to find hay... the DCTV Daily news page as well as others in and around Dove Creek, post updates and notices daily. For many, the old type of TV news just isn't informative or relevant so much of the time. Check out the many ways that social media could be helpful.

You might be surprised!

well without your help. If you see or hear of a wildlife crime, or hunters trespassing, that you would like to report do not hesitate to call myself, Ryan Lane, Dove Creek Dispatch, or Operation Game Thief. Sometimes even the smallest details can help us, so don't worry about wasting our time. For more information on the OGT program go to

<https://cpw.state.co.us> Search OGT

Save all of these numbers in your phone right now!

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## YOU CAN HELP STOP POACHING!

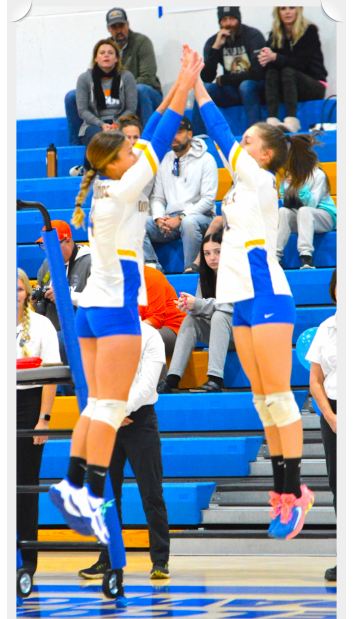
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# SCHOOL TEAM SPIRIT FUN - BULLDOGS WINNING

**CONGRATULATIONS Bulldog Football & Volleyball Winning Seasons!**

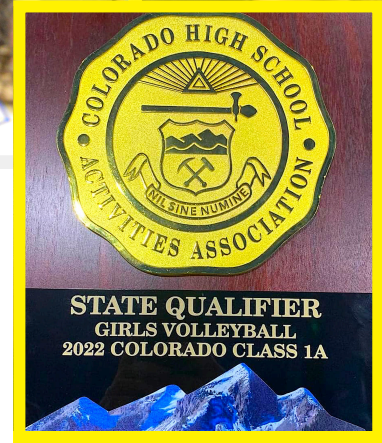
*Photos Courtesy Katti Gardner*

The Lady Bulldog Volleyball Team jumped into the Championship - and now, headed to the State Volleyball Tournament Nov. 11 and 12. Led by Coach Lacey Murphey, the team has worked cohesively to rally to state with an undefeated season. Go Lady Bulldogs!



Rounding out the Bulldog football season, the team handily beat Dolores 63-0 at the Senior farewell night that also included a Booster club community tailgate party, and the pee wee cheerleaders. With that win, the team takes the top spot in the Mountain League as Champions.

At time of print, the Bulldogs tore into the Post Season 8-man State playoff brackets, winning their first home game vs. West Grand on Nov. 5. The next level finds #2 ranked Dove Creek again at home, vs. Merino Rams #10, while Mancos #3 meets the Lyons also on Nov. 12th. #1 ranked Haxtun is fighting it's way to the Championship game on the top side of the brackets. There's a good chance Bulldogs rechallenge the Bluejays on the 19th, working towards that Final Championship State game on the 25th of November, fingers crossed.



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## DOLORES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2J



2022-2023

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| Nov. 10 HS VB State Tournament Denver                                    | Dec. 1 HS Basketball @Centauri                      |
| Nov. 10 Veteran's Day Lunch@Elementary                                   | Dec. 2 HS Basketball "                              |
| Nov. 11 HS VB State Tournament Denver                                    | Dec. 3 HS Basketball "                              |
| Nov. 12 HS VB State Tournament Denver                                    | HS WR @Moab MS BBB SJBL Championship                |
| HS FB Quarter Finals MS BBB@Telluride                                    | Dec. 5 Knowledge Bowl @Nucla                        |
| Nov. 14 First Practice Winter Sports Board Meeting - in person or google | Dec. 6 Student Health Fair                          |
| Nov. 15 MS BBB (H) Mancos  | Dec. 7 Board Meeting                                |
| Nov. 16 FFA District Speaking MS B Basketball (H) Ridgway                | Dec. 8 FFA District Gathering                       |
| Nov. 19 HS FB Semi-Finals MS BBB @Ouray                                  | Dec. 9 HS Basketball @Rangely Tournament            |
| Nov. 21-25 Thanksgiving Break  | Dec. 10 HS Basketball @Rangely HS WR (H) Dawg Fight |
| Nov. 25 HS FB State Finals   |   |
| Nov. 29 MS BBB (H) Telluride   |   |

# CALENDAR

**SANTA AT ROCK BUILDING**  
**DECEMBER 5TH, 5-7PM**  
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We want to extend a special thanks to San Miguel County allocating \$4,300 of their funds toward this safety update.



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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 8pm until winter hours.
- \*Dolores County Ambulance District Third Mondays 6:30pm Ambulance Barn.
- \*Get your Senior Monthly Newsletter in your mail box, every month! To subscribe call 970 677-2787



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Board of Trustees of the Town of Dove Creek, Colorado, at the Town Office, 505 W. 4th Street, Dove Creek, Colorado, on Thursday, November 17, 2022 beginning at 6:30p.m. or approximately thereafter. This hearing is to receive input and comments on the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 243, Series 2022, an Ordinance Setting a Speed Limit on All Streets Within the Town of Dove Creek. Ordinance No. 243, Series 2022 can be reviewed at the Town Office during regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday. NOTE: The Budget will also be available to review at this meeting in November.

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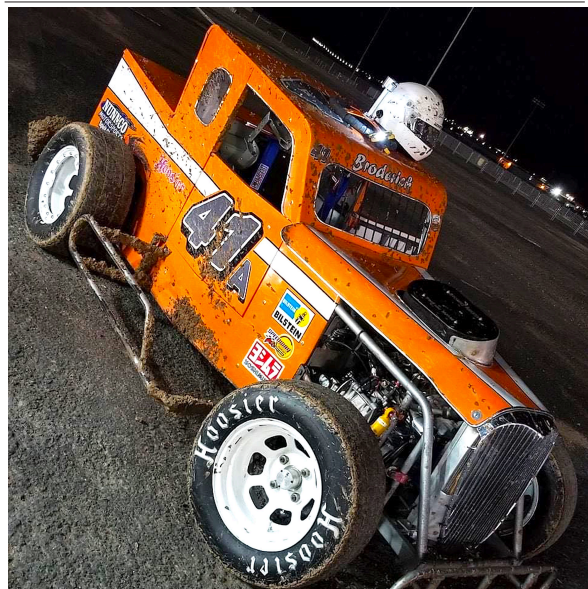
## Classifieds

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# Go Racing...

Greater Dove Creek has quite the number of families involved in the racing world - that's right. The "racing family" is a community, just like rodeo families as an example - in great part due to the many miles traveled to attend events at arenas or race tracks all around the four corners, and beyond.

And, our local racers continue to perform very well in their respective categories, with top rankings and bringing home any number of trophies during the year.

One type of race car is the Dwarf / Modlites, which don't seem to get as much attention in the media. Michelle Broderick provided these courtesy photos and stats to introduce you to some of the action happening in our region.

The next generations are continuing to enjoy the many wonderful benefits of working together on projects, honing skill sets, and having a great positive attitude with friendly competition, to assure the race car sports families roll on!



Randy Broderick #41A modlite Dove Creek. Owner of DK Ag Auto for over 20 years, he rode dirt bikes all his life, started racing in 2009, then a broken back incident ended that career. Always mechanicing, a great fit for running a local parts supply business, he later moved into dwarf/modlite racing in 2018.

Randy loves racing as a passion and family tradition he's passing on to the next generations. DK Ag Auto is on the east end of Dove Creek on Hwy 491, auto, ag supplies, he is also an authorized FFL gun dealer.

Cauy Ludwig #18 modlite From Bayfield. "Been racing for 3 years. Race in co, nm, and ut. Been around it my whole life because my dad used to race when he was my age (22). Love the sport and the class I race with are like family, we all help each other out."



Dakotah Broderick #14 dwarf Starting racing May 2021. Dirt bike raced with my dad for several years which involved hare scrambles, arena cross and motocross. Dirt track racing has become a shared family hobby and I enjoy racing with the dwarf/modlite class. Being around motorcycles most of my life it makes working on these cars a little easier because they run motorcycle engines also.

Rafe O'Brien #117  
"I've been racing cars for 4/5 yrs now. Mostly run Co, Az, Ut and NM tracks. Raced BMX growing up, motocross, flat track quads for a yr, and rode stand up jet



skis. Born and raised in Cortez CO. Dad built cars for friends so I grew up at the track and Dad helped build the cortez track. They would go weld each night and do the bleachers and fence, so we have always had a love for this track especially."



Blaine Olsen #12B modlite "I've been racing two seasons now. I've raced at Yuma Aztec Cortez and Price. Got into racing because of my sister and rafe."



"For what is a man, what has he got?  
If not himself, then he has naught  
To say the things he truly feels  
And not the words of one who kneels  
The record shows I took the blows  
And did it my way"

- Paul Anka for Frank Sinatra



## FROSTY'S LIQUOR



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## Schools: Dove Creek 9th 10th grade PSAT scores rank #1 over regional schools

Good news coming from the Dove Creek Schools. High school testing on the PSAT shows Dove Creek students topping the regional ranking for both reading and math for the 9th and 10th grade classes.

The PSAT is a Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test taken during the early high school years, followed by the SAT. The SAT scores, a national standardized test, is often used by colleges and universities of higher education across the country, as part of the consideration for admittance.

The comparative "benchmarks" are established by the department of education as percentages. The testing is performed in the spring, and for the 9th grade, students increased their scoring in both math and evidence-based reading writing, 10th grade up in ERW, slightly down in math.

Shane Baughman, Dove Creek High School Principal, said that he feels retaining the teachers is a big help in increasing the student learning, which is reflected in the success of these testing scores.

Currently, the student registration total is 86 total enrollment 9th through 12th grades, and of those, there are 37 students taking some type of dual credit college courses. The school district pays for those classes, and credit applies towards the higher education in a Colorado college automatically. Many of these courses are basic college general education, so that a student entering into a higher educational program will have already completed a number of credits. Several students are also enrolled in CTE courses, for career technical educational classes such as welding or automotive work, that provide students class credits, while working towards certifications to be prepared to go directly into the workplace after high school.

The School District is dedicated to providing the best possible educational experience for the youth of Dove Creek. The scores also show that for 9th grade Reading and Writing and Mathematics, Dolores County RE No. 2 was 1st in local regional ranking, ahead of Bayfield, Archuleta, Manco and Dolores (and vice versa for math), Montezuma-Cortez and Ignacio. The 10th grade PSAT also resulted



in Dolores County RE No. 2 District as ranked 1st in both read and writing, and mathematics, ahead of Bayfield Dolores Mancos Archuleta, Iganacio and Montezuma Cortez for r/w, and ahead of Bayfield, Mancos, Archuleta, Dolores Ignacio and Montezuma-Cortez in that order for math.

Thanks to the hard work of the students and teachers alike, our regional reputation for education is enhancing, as we are above the Colorado state all district rankings, and topped the list of our regional districts PSATs 2022 9th and 10th grades,

The 7th Street Elementary school, has also been able to retain all of the staff, to continue to provide a solid base for children's education. The 2022 report showed the kids testing MAPS program above the 50% norm for most every category (3-5th grades reading was just shy with 47% , and grew significantly on the school year). The letter from Principal Charlotte Forst said "gaps are getting filled, and achievement is rising."

*Spill* **THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR ~ PUBLISHER**  
*Othe Beans* Kendra Cook



Many of you have reached out to let me know you are happy to have a newspaper in Dove Creek, if only on a monthly basis. My Sincerest Thank You! This publication is released monthly, in part due to providing a communication tool on printed newspaper, along with a copy online for greater reach beyond the handheld version. The printed version takes over a week to get delivered. More on that later.

We drop off most of the free copies at the Dove Creek Post office, along with local businesses and agencies. If you or your location needs copies, feel free to give a call text or email!

We also drop off copies in Monticello and Blanding UT, and along the way to Cortez and Dolores CO. Having it be a "free" issue, allows for greater distribution.

Some of you have asked how you can support 'the Bean' when there is no current subscription option - and several of you have delighted me with a donation check, or cash drop off and online paypal or venmo funding... at this point, every little bit helps, and we are so appreciative. Our advertisers are the major help to keep this project going. Please let them know you appreciate their continued sponsorship.

Many local small town newspapers are under siege it seems, with the actual printing options dwindling as facilities close, or are put out of business by the "bigger guys". Costs to make small runs in a timely turn around time, are not feasible in most cases. The search for a closer printer, for faster release continues...

The Pinto Bean IS a community effort, as we start to expand to include articles and information from all corners of local interest, and a input from a variety of residents to make an interesting and valuable product. The "value for value" model - for now, will remain monthly. Thank you to ALL who are supporting the effort!

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# FARMS FOOD FUTURE

Email your favorite local food tip to share with every Pinto Bean reader!

Pumpkin Butter - crazy right? Apple Butter is a staple for adding a taste of fall into November, how could I have missed Pumpkin Butter all these years? One taste, and your imagination starts to spin on ways to integrate this new find into your dishes.

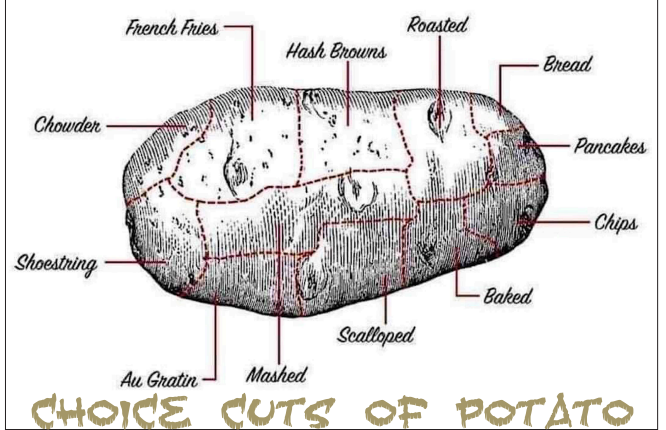
Not an expensive purchase, or better yet make it yourself in a slow cooker with pureed pumpkin and spices, extend the life of that jack o lantern and bring it to the table at Thanksgiving.

Serve it with pancakes for a special breakfast treat, spread it on a home baked banana bread, or lather it on toast. It was so inspiring for fall, there's even a popular drink called the Fall Dark and Stormy with orange juice, pumpkin butter, spiced rum and ginger beer, try one at the Stateline but hurry, only available as one of their specials through November! Many stores carry this seasonal treat - or here's an easy way to make your own:

Recipe ~ A simple recipe mixes 2 15oz cans of pumpkin puree with 3/4 c. spiced apple cider, 2 tsp. cinnamon, 1 tsp. ground ginger, 1/2 tsp. ground cloves, 1 c. 1 tsp fresh grated nutmeg, 1 tsp pure vanilla extract, 1/4 tsp sea salt, brown sugar and 1/2 c. granulated sugar heat for 3 hours on low in a slow cooker, stirring occasionally. Put up in jars and give as holiday gifts!



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FSA Deadlines and Reminders....  
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 December 1st- 2022 NAP coverage for Alfalfa, Grass, and Mixed Forage for all uses FSA Deadline  
 January 31st- Emergency Livestock Assistance Program Application for Payment FSA Deadline  
 January 31st-Livestock Forage Disaster Program FSA Deadline  
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 2022 NOL filed: 2022 production due 60 days following the end of coverage/final harvest date.  
 December 14th for Alfalfa, Mixed Forage, and Sorghum Forage.  
 December 30th for Barely, Beans Dry, Oats, Triticale, and Wheat (forage)  
 January 29th for Sunflower and Safflower  
 February 8th for Corn (grain, forage/silage) and Grass  
 No 2022 NOL filed: 2022 production due by July 15, 2023.