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Activities and News

FALL IS UPON US - HARVEST DAYS AHEAD

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Dolores County is known for vast wheat production, various hay producers, crops from sunflowers, safflowers, and of course, beans. Fall crops abound. A new and unique addition to our ag profile includes the HHH Farms, established in 2019 as a small family hemp farm that quickly grew into a large scale CBD oil processing plant. The transformation of the old sun flower oil processing facility in Weber Business Park, to a state-of-the-art closed loop ethanol extractor took some time and significant investment.

HHH Farms is currently running shifts 24/7 to accommodate all of the incoming material, with truck loads arriving from Colorado as well as from as far away as Oregon.

The process is performed in a clean room, to extract high quality full spectrum crude and distillate oil.

Hemp and marijuana are the same species of plant — Cannabis sativa.

But the difference is in their specific growth



habits and applications. Industrial hemp became legal to grow in research programs through the 2014 Farm Bill, and in 2018, Congress passed a new Farm Bill which allows all states to create legal industrial hemp programs. In Colorado, growers register their acreage and follow strict regulations for this re-burgeoning U.S. agricultural crop.

Currently HHH is not selling any of it's product as retail, but as they grow the facility, they are looking at plans to make a CBD oil or various products directly available through their brand down the line.

Their business has been a great addition to the business park, and a great economic boost to the Dove Creek area by providing over a dozen local well paying jobs. HHH Farms (970) 570-9897



Hemp

Low THC (<0.3%)
108-120 days growth cycle
Non-psychoactive
Adaptable growing
Clothing, body care



Marijuana

High THC (5-35%)
60-90 days growth cycle
Psychoactive
Carefully growing
Medical and recreational uses



In cannabis extraction, ethanol is mixed with the cannabis plant to remove cannabinoids and terpenes.

Dove Creek
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Please let us know about your events and notices to add to the paper free! The Pinto Bean is also online as an eNewspaper format

Best viewed on a desktop to zoom in. Find it on Facebook and the DoveCreekChamber.com website and PintoBean.Co

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Estimated release dates mid month - confirm by deadline the 1st of each month

RE-ELECT

Nov. 8, 2022

Paid for by Don Wilson for Dolores County Sheriff

SHERIFF DON WILSON

Keeping Hometown Values & Dolores County Safe



Town website QR Code

County website QR Code



TOWN & COUNTY HAPPENINGS....

FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFO, GO DIRECTLY TO THE TOWN AND COUNTY WEBSITES BY POINTING YOUR PHONE AT THE "QR" CODES SHOWN LEFT AND RIGHT - IT'LL BRING YOU DIRECTLY TO THEIR WEBSITES

New Office Hours

505 W. 4th Street
Monday - Thursday
 8am to 4PM
Friday
 8am to 12 noon



Town of
Dove Creek
 970-677-2255

The Town of Dove Creek has changed their office hours on Friday, closing at 12 noon. Residents may pay their water/sewer bills at the office or go online to their website at any time.

The bi-monthly Town Board newsletter has been on hold due to technical difficulties, however, please look to the Pinto Bean insert this month, direct from the Town for their most recent updates.

The Town has approved several ballot questions involving marijuana, and the sales tax increase "From 2% to 3.1% and the Local Use Tax From 1% to 2.1%, 1% to Fund Street and Capital Improvements, 1% to Fund the Parks and Recreation Dept. The full text of those are available through their office upon request. On the Sept. 1 meeting they approved the issues titled "Concerning Whether the Town of Dove Creek Should Levy a Municipal Excise Tax on the First Sale or Transfer of Unprocessed Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facilities. Concerning Whether the Town of Dove Creek Should Levy an Occupation Tax on Retail Marijuana Centers. And, finally the Marijuana Authorization question. ###

GRASSROOTS GROUP LOOKS

AT TAX BALLOT ISSUES

A grassroots group has been formed by local residents to promote and educate the public around the two upcoming sales tax ballot initiatives:

- 1) the general sales tax and
- 2) the lodging sales tax.

INVITE TO PUBLIC FORUMS

The group has scheduled two public forums to be held at the Dove Creek Community Center at 6:30pm on Sept 29th and Oct 18th. In addition, the group has scheduled meetings with community organizations that have expressed interest and/or have been impacted by the loss of mill levy tax revenue over the last five years.

A primary emphasis of the group is toward educating the community to the significance of tax revenue losses to both county government and community organizations. In addition, the group drafted a process that has been favorably reviewed by the commissioners for evaluating funding needs by organizations impacted by mil levy losses. The intent of this process is to make distribution of sales tax revenues from either or both tax initiatives as equitable as possible. This process is also part of the education content created by the group. Anyone interested in having the group present or discuss issues surrounding the sales tax initiatives should contact Gregg Liming at 937-830-2958

County News

The Dolores County Commissioners continue to work on many long term projects, along with the general operating business, which includes the development of the budget for 2023 which should be presented Oct. 15th.

Some recent concerns being addressed include the development of a facility for the Coroner's office and Sheriff's office for storage and evidence processing. After several discussions, they have returned to the concept of creating a new building on the 'south campus' area near the Social Services building. This general land space will also be the home to the new Public Health Building going into production in October, expected to take 6 weeks. Colorado law dictates Counties to build and maintain courtrooms and related facilities, to address this, a 20 year needs assessment has been completed showing we need a lot of improvements. More info on the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Planning grant will be in next month's issue. The Commissioners are looking to hire a new septic inspector soon, a notice will be posted.

Regarding the upcoming County Ballot issues, the commissioner's office released a letter earlier in June of this year, attempting to communicate why they have put the question of a sales tax to a vote. They wrote, "A County Wide Sales Tax will help offset the decline of oil and gas revenues in Dolores County since 2015. Over the past 7 years we have lost over 1.6 million dollars of oil and

DOLORES COUNTY WASTE TRANSFER STATION



Winter Hours 

Saturday & Sunday
 9am to 5pm
 12817 Rd. M Cahone, CO 81320
No Friday hours starting after October 7th til May 5th

Dolores County Weed District posted their Noxious Weed Spray Special For more info contact Oma 970-677-2283

The State & County have a noxious weed Law that you must control your noxious weeds.

gas revenue. A steady decline of permitting and any future development shows this to be a continuing impact to a resource stream that is currently 62% of our annual income. We have already been notified by our Assessor's Office that we will lose another 10-13 million dollars in our assessed value this year from oil and gas. The thought process behind a sales tax is it taps into the tourism industry, on-line sales, non-local hunters, recreation users, individuals traveling through doing business transactions, businesses being built outside of Dove Creek city limits, and the burden of the tax is not just to our local Dolores County residents. " If you have questions, please participate in the upcoming community forums that are on Setp. 29th and Oct. 18th at the Community Center 6:30pm as listed in the adjoining article on this page.

October 1st



FALL CLEANUP TOWN-WIDE CLEAN UP FALL CLEANUP

Dove Creek Town Residents Can participate on That Saturday for Clean-up Day

Look for Flyer for Details



CALL (970) 677-2258 on the evening before your scheduled Jury appearance date.

After months and months of COVID related interruptions in our judicial systems, the courts are back and working on catching up through their backlogs. In Dolores County, October has several jury trials on the docket, that may need to seat full juries, with a small population, be prepared to see at least one jury duty notice at your mailing address. Here's what you need to know on what to do.

The court webpage states, "Please bring your entire jury summons and complete the juror questionnaire portion of the summons prior to arrival. Thank you.

All persons will be required to go through security upon arrival and be searched. We encourage you not to bring any bags or purses as it will slow down this process. You may bring an unopened bottle of water.

CALL (970) 677-2258 on the evening before your scheduled appearance date. A recorded message will verify if you will be required to appear for jury service. You may also verify your service by going to the Judicial website at www.courts.state.co.us and click the jury tab.

Regarding POSTPONED OR DISQUALIFIED, your request must be in writing or submitted through the Judicial website at www.courts.state.co.us, jury tab. Please include a phone number or email address on your request."

It is important to note that you can not be released from jury duty over the phone, your request must be in writing either through the website or in person. Calling the phone number after 5pm the night before the jury duty request, will let you know if there have been any changes. If you have questions, the Jury Commissioner is Anne Deyell-Lawrence, she can be reached at 970-677-2258 which is also the jury line after hours, or by email: doloresjury@judicial.state.co.us

General info on a jury: To be qualified for jury service, a person must be a citizen of the United States; at least 18 years of age; able to read, write, speak, and understand the English language; and must reside in Colorado and in one of the counties within the jury division in which he or she is being summoned. If you are unable to report for jury service or need to be excused because of a hardship, you must request an excuse in writing on the qualification questionnaire. Failure to respond or report may lead the court to issue an order to the United States Marshal to have you brought before a judge to explain your noncompliance. Any person who fails to show good cause for noncompliance with a summons may be subject to a fine up to \$1000, imprisonment up to three days, community service, or any combination thereof. " according to cod.uscourts.gov

Advertisement for Dove Creek School Bond Committee. Text: "Dove Creek One day TODAY we will have a new elementary for our kids ONCE IN A LIFETIME CHANCE! to replace our 1952 elementary school with a BEST grant covering 55% of the total cost". Includes an image of a school building and the text "Ballot Issue" and "New Elementary design will be finalized after bond passage with community input".

Dove Creek School Bond Committee will be knocking on doors to provide additional information on the Nov. 8th ballot question to fund the rest of the Elementary School replacement building project. They will also be hosting a Town Hall on Oct. 6th 6-8pm at the 7th Street Elementary School - residents should receive a post card in the mail in the next weeks.

Social media links for Facebook and DCTV Daily News. Facebook icon and text: "facebook https://www.facebook.com/DCTVDailyNews". DCTV Daily News logo.

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To the Voters and Residents of Dolores County,

I am writing this letter to proudly and publicly endorse Amber Blackmore for the position of Dolores County Assessor. I believe electing her as the next County Assessor will prove to be a great thing for Dolores County. She has the values, work ethic and character to serve the county well and will take your vote of confidence seriously!

Amber has been my employee for 9 years. She began working for me as a part time administrator. She has shown maturity and professionalism beyond her years. Her first job was research of severed minerals which requires intense focus on details. She displayed good work ethics from the very beginning and eventually began helping her co-workers with their workloads. This gave her the opportunity to learn all aspects of this office including working with me on my budget which she grasped easily and has a good concept of it. She has also taken over the oil and gas valuation which the knowledge of this is crucial to this county. She has shown great learning capability and has gained knowledge in the laws and procedures that are mandated by the state.

This experience and her commitment to continue the current approach makes her a very valuable asset to the Assessor's Office. She also is now a licensed appraiser which is no easy feat! She did this on her own time without her daily work being affected! It was never a requirement that she become licensed; she simply took the initiative to learn. This has been and will be in the future quite beneficial to this office.

On a personal note she is kind, considerate and an all-around very good person. She is a good listener and goes above and beyond to help people that come into our office with questions or concerns. I've heard her deal with unhappy taxpayers and is at ease as she listens and works at resolving issues as much as the law allows. Amber will be a great assessor as her values and work ethic align with the citizens of Dolores County. She will undoubtedly use her experience, comply with the laws and work hard for all of us as Dolores County Assessor to preserve the way of life our county loves and is so proud of!!!!

Sincerely,

Berna Ernst

Dolores County Assessor

Large advertisement for Amber Blackmore for Assessor 2022. Features a star border and the text: "AMBER BLACKMORE FOR ASSESSOR 2022 ★ I Value Dolores County ★ Paid for by Amber Blackmore for Assessor".

LOCAL SCHOOL SPORTS ARE RISING TO THE CHALLENGE



Re-elect Julie R. Kibel as your District 1 Dolores County Commissioner

- *16 years of experience as an elected official involved in all statutory requirements as a County Commissioner – devoted, dedicated, hardworking
 - *Proud to serve Dolores County and protect our quality of life
 - *Member of the Dolores River Working Group that established legislation for the National Conservation Area (NCA) to keep the Dolores River under local control and out of Wild & Scenic designation since 2007
 - *Worked on Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Travel Management Plans
 - *Established Dolores County as a Coordinating County to work with Federal Agencies on local public land issues
 - *Currently serving as the Co-chair of the Gunnison Sage Grouse County Coalition and the US Fish & Wildlife Executive Oversight Committee
 - *Serving on Board of Directors for Area Agency on Aging (AAA) elected Chairman of the Personnel Committee
 - *Dolores County Senior Advisory Board Member
 - *Serving on local STUD Advisory Board
 - *Currently researching and writing all comment letters for Dolores County Board of County Commissioners
 - *Advocate for private land use and protection of private landowner rights
 - *Proactive with service need and building infrastructure to provide for the taxpayers of a growing county and communities
 - *Maintain fiduciary duties of taxpayers dollars
 - *Seeking to find other income sources for Dolores County due to steady decline of oil and gas revenue
 - *Striving to work on growth and development of tourism attractions
- Grateful for your past support and thanks for your continued support!

Paid for by Julie R. Kibel



Photo: Katti Gardner

Dove Creek High School Football is off to a Tremendous Season - as of publishing, the first 3 game wins: Rangely 60-2 then Plateau Valley 54-0 and at Melrose 64-34 Check out the Senior Football players' Banners on the 'home' bleachers! Thanks to Katti Gardner for amazing photos.



Katti Gardner



Lady Bulldogs are taking this season's Volleyball efforts to Great Heights Taking 1st place in the Rangely Panther Invitational Tournament. Dove Creek (9-0, 1-0 2A/1A SJB�) is getting state attention as of publishing, ranked No. 3 in the 1A class by the CHSAA coaches poll.



Christy
Cressler
for
Assessor
Experienced Assessor and Appraiser

Paid for by Christy Cressler

Wanted: local talented artists, jewelry exhibitors, photographers, cooks, and more to showcase their talents and treasures at the Dove Creek Community Center's 30th Annual

Christmas Bazaar

Date: 11/5/22 Saturday
Time: 10:00 am til 2:00 pm
Cost: \$20 per table, plus completed Vendor Contract



Come get a jump on your holiday shopping and enjoy some great food and holiday treats! Vendors must complete a vendor contract and must also contact Kristy Chadd to verify booth reservations. To sign up for a table or for more information please visit our website www.dovecreekrec.com or contact Kristy Chadd at dcrecdirector@gmail.com.



Katti Gardner

Become a Bulldog BOOSTER! Look for the Fall Tailgate Community Party

Paid for by Linda Yellowman



Dolores County Commissioner
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Dove Creek School Staff 2022-2023



Events & Notices

If you have an event or notice you want to share, email it in: info@TPIProductionZ.com with the details.

- 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.
THE PUBLIC - COUNTY TAX BALLOT MEETING - Sept. 29 and Oct. 18 6:30pm at the Community Center - Everyone is invited in person.
Sept. 17 Senior Center Open House Fundraiser Food & Washers tournament - music and silent auction
Get your Senior Monthly Newsletter in your mail box, every month! To subscribe call 970 677-2787
No charge for subscription - Donations welcome!
CSU Apple U-pick Sept. 17th 9am to noon. Research center.
Look for Candidate Conversational Meeting Notices and public forums. As of print deadline: (correction not R. host)
Sept. 19 - 7pm All candidate invite Meet and Greet at the High School Commons - public can ask questions.
Oct. 1 - Meet and Greet with candidate Sheriff Don Wilson 9am to 12 noon at the DC Rack Haus.
Be sure to email Info@TPIProductionZ.com by Oct. 1 if you have an event listing you want included next month

DOVE CREEK'S LOCAL MARKETPLACE
314 W. HWY 491
SATURDAYS 9-12NOON
email: Manager@DoveCreekChamber.com



Starting Sept. 10th, EACH Saturday 9am to 12 noon, come out to the Dove Creek new Town Office PARKING LOT - LOCAL MARKET! For local produce, crafts, art, cottage industry - Come out and setup a table or tent for selling, sharing, gifting, or just marketing your local products or services, setup a fundraiser, or bring a chair and hang out! Right now there is no charge to setup, but sign the holdharmless waiver and review common sense rules. No electric, no water, no trash or bathrooms. Just straight up community grass roots happening on Saturday mornings. If you do sell something, it is your responsibility to abide by permits laws taxes licenses etc. it's up to You, the area resident to do your due dilligence. The DC Chamber is spearheading this effort to generate more local communications. The waiver and rules are linked off the front page of DoveCreekChamber.com or there will be copies at the parking lot.

DOLORES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2J 2022-2023



- Sept. 20 HS VB@Mancos MS VB@Norwood
Sept. 21 Board Meeting
Sept. 22 MS FB (H) Dolores
Sept. 23 Teacher in service half day
HS VB@Norwood HS FB@Monticello
Sept. 24 VB (H) Telluride
Sept. 26 Knowledge Bowl @DoveCreek
Sept. 27 MS VB (H) Mancos
Sept. 29 MS FB (H) Nucla
Sept. 30 HOMECOMING TBA
HS VB (H) Center
HS FB (H) Sanford
Oct. 1 MS VB (H) Our
Oct. 4 FFA Hesperus Leadership Camp
HS VB (H) Monticello
Oct. 5 FFA Hesperus Leadership Camp
Oct. 7 HS FB @Mancos
Oct. 8 MS VB SJBL Championship
HS VB@Sangre Tri
Oct. 10 Knowledge Bowl @Iгнаico
HS JV FB (H) Norwood
Oct. 12 Sport Pictures / FFA Chapter Speaking
Oct. 13 School Pictures / MS/HS Elementary
Mid Term - HS VB (H) Dolores
Oct. 15 VB @Nucla
Oct. 19 Board Meeting

CALENDAR

Where did summer go?

Mornings are a little cooler. Pre-booking of stove pellets is available through the end of September. \$10 discount per ton purchased 5% discount for cash or check payments Brands: Woodscape, Arizona, Red Fir out of Idaho.



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Western Colorado Conservation Corps field crew and restoration experts complete a Zuni bowl and one rock dam at Chance Gulch. Photo © Andrew Breibart, BLM (aka Zeedyk structures) Nature.org

Information Evening for Land Owners & Managers

Calling All Land Owners in Dolores County - Want to improve your sage brush habitat with no cost to you! Join to learn more about the value of wet meadows, low impact restoration techniques, find out available funding.

You are invited to an evening of information - Wednesday September 28th 5-7pm at the Stateline Bar and Grill 69576 Hwy 491 Dove Creek CO. Dinner will be served at 5:15pm - PLEASE RSPV by Sept 20th to guarantee your free dinner and desert. Call Text or Email Karelia 970-749-9543 GUSG.DOLORES@Outlook.com Hosted by Dolores & San Miguel County Gunnison Sage-grouse Habitat Coordinators and Montezuma Land Conservancy.

| Season Dates Overview | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|---|--|
| Archery | | |
| Deer/elk (west of I-25 and Unit 140) | Sept. 2-30 | Sept. 2-30 |
| Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140) | Oct. 1-28 and Nov. 9-30 and Dec. 15-31 | Oct. 1-27 and Nov. 8-30 and Dec. 15-31 |
| Moose | | |
| Pronghorn (bucks only) | Sept. 10-30 | Sept. 9-30 |
| Pronghorn (either sex) | Aug. 15-31 Sept. 1-20 | Aug. 15-31 Sept. 1-20 |
| Muzzleloader (by draw only) | | |
| Deer/elk/moose | Sept. 10-18 | Sept. 9-17 |
| Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140) | Oct. 8-16 | Oct. 14-22 |
| Pronghorn | Sept. 21-29 | Sept. 21-29 |
| Rifle Deer/Elk/Moose | | |
| Moose | Oct. 1-14 | Oct. 1-14 |
| Limited elk (1st season) | Oct. 15-19 | Oct. 14-18 |
| Deer/elk (2nd season) | Oct. 29-Nov. 6 | Oct. 28-Nov. 5 |
| Deer/elk (3rd season) | Nov. 12-18 | Nov. 11-17 |
| Limited deer/elk (4th season) | Nov. 23-27 | Nov. 22-26 |
| Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140) | Oct. 29-Nov. 8 | Oct. 28-Nov. 7 |
| Late plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140) | Dec. 1-14 | Dec. 1-14 |
| Rifle Pronghorn (by draw only) | Oct. 1-9 | Oct. 7-15 |
| Black Bear | | |
| September Rifle limited (by draw) | Sept. 2-30 | Sept. 2-30 |
| * Archery (over-the-counter and/or limited) | Sept. 2-30 | Sept. 2-30 |
| * Muzzleloader (over-the-counter and/or limited) | Sept. 10-18 | Sept. 9-17 |
| ** Rifle (over-the-counter and/or limited) | (see 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Deer/Elk rifle season dates above) | |

* Archery and Muzzleloader Add-On Bear licenses are available in unlimited numbers this year. Hunters can 'add-on' an over-the-counter bear license for archery or muzzleloader seasons if they hold a deer or elk license for the same method of take and at least one unit overlaps. Look for the paw print in the regulation brochure.
** Hunters do not need to hold a deer/elk license to purchase an over-the-counter rifle bear license.

FROSTY'S LIQUOR



**Beer
Wine
Liquor**

230 3rd St Dove Creek CO

Classifieds

\$10 gets you a text only spot that fits into 11pt Times font up to 3 lines of the entry. The Classified section will be 3" wide just like this.

Attention: Class of 1978 Class reunion schedule for Oct 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Stateline Bar and Grill R.S.V.P BY calling 970- 739 - 3692

Land for Sale - 240 acres, or one of 3-80 acre parcels. Gorgeous views, power at the road, remote but not far to Hwy 491 970- 739 - 0410

Job Opening: Court Room Security. Dolores County Sheriff Office. Start after Oct. 10 2022. Details and part time pay info 970-677-2257

LOOK FOR THE PINTO BEAN INSERTS!

This month, there are two inserts in the Pinto Bean - the Town of Dove Creek update information - it's a valuable read! The R.O.C.K. Flyer - an important non profit in our community - be sure to see all that's happening this fall with ROCK! And share the Pinto Bean Online version by going to PintoBean.CO



Southwestern Adventure Corridor projects include an upcoming regional newspaper for tourism - digital signage boards with cross promotions - TV programming - podcasts - with coverage of events and things to do all across the four corners... stay tuned!

MAIN SUPPLY

**HARDWARE * HOUSEWARES
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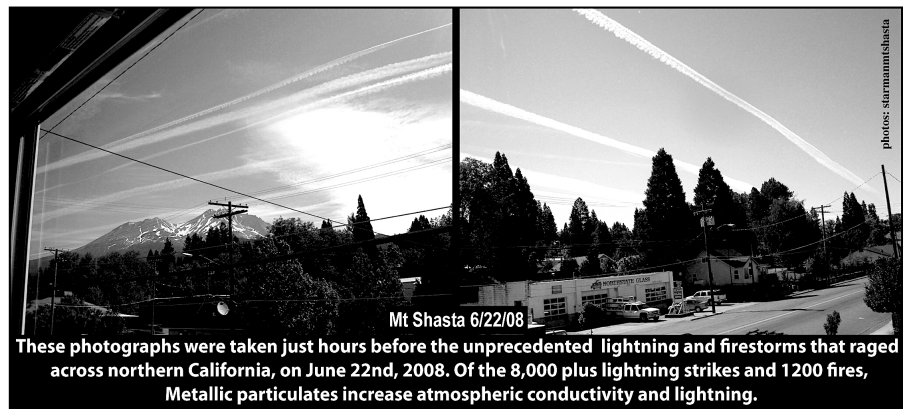
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Milling Around in the Rockies

by Hayden Pate

I have got to admit it, I have a Lifetime Lust for Wood. Lumber that is.

O'ya HomeDepot turns me on too. Logging camps and timber mills historically abound here in the rockies. Most of the mills are family owned, and have long traditions passed down through generations... definitely not your run of the mill Lowes or Home Depot lumber either.

A little local history, The New Mexico Lumber Company in Dolores was Colorado's largest mill in 1924. As in most cases, the company started a company store, then lodging and on it goes establishing a small town ie. the company store. The origins of the town of McPhee began in 1892, when a subsidiary of the New Mexico Lumber Company was formed by McPhee and two other co owners. The town featured a lumber mill, housing for approximately 1,500 employees and the last logging railroad in Southwestern Colorado.

The town site was named McPhee and the mill and town now live stuck in time, deep under water as the McPhee Reservoir.

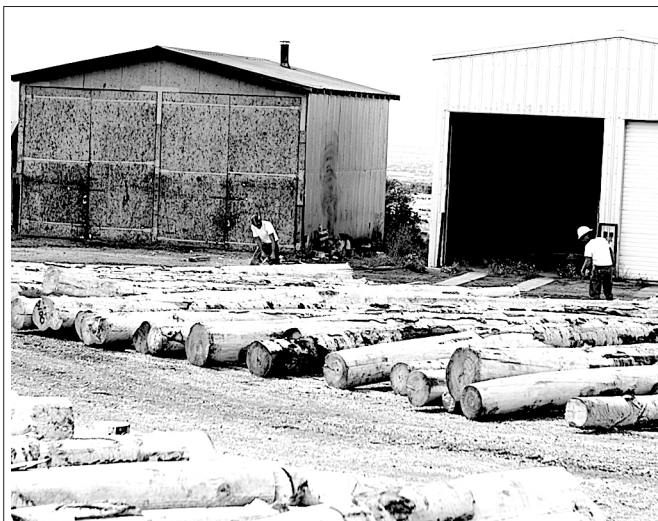
One of Colorado's longest lived Civilian Conservation Corp camps was situated 20 miles north of Dolores, called Beaver Camp. Operational between 1933 and 1945, it added yet another group of transients to the McPhee community. The CCC men sometimes shopped at the commissary and attended local dances. Local worshipers started a church there, which was moved to Dove Creek in 1949 where it received a stucco covering.

The pricing on lumber has gone up and down throughout these past two economically insane years, and many projects have been put on hold. Looking to create an addition or even plan to build your dream home here in southwestern Colorado? Here are a few local businesses where can you find some locally sourced building material (remember, if it's 'green' wood, meaning recently cut and milled, it may be quite wet and could twist, so be prepared!):

Search out your local working milling operation's such as Stonertop Lumber, 23966 Highway 184, Dolores, CO, (970)



882-2350 - Owned and operated by the Ragland brothers Harold & Douglas since 1989. Another family owned and operated mill in Mancos is Otts Mill 46007 Highway 160 , Mancos, CO (970) 533-7997 Or find a wood worker's dream at Aspen Wall Wood (970) 882-7366 on 31405 County Road S, Dolores, CO



Aspen Wall Wood is the original Aspen paneling facility and established leader in harvesting, milling and producing sustainable Aspen wood panelings for over 25 years. Started back in the mid-'70s making primarily pine paneling and lumber. In the 80's the founders transitioned to Rocky Mountain Aspen.

In the mid 90's they sold the company to Dewayne and MaryAnne Findley who had been owners of the primary logging company that supplied the mill Aspen saw logs. The Findleys operated and maintained the mill until they sold the mill to David Sitton and Sean Stafford in May of 2016. Sean has been the mill superintendent for nearly 15 years and understands which Aspen timber will make the premium Wall Wood paneling.

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Spill the Beans

Thank you all for your support of the monthly Pinto Bean - I truly appreciate the comments and compliments, and take it to heart to do the best I can in producing a fun and useful paper!

There's so much going on this fall, just on a local level ... particularly the three local political races, the various local ballot issues, and the CO state issues I haven't even addressed here.

Then there's all the school activities that keep so many families busy and on the road with all the sports. Fall hunting season is serious business in Dove Creek! Both for putting meat in the freezer for the winter, and an influx of money from hunters from out of the area. It's also one of the important times for farmers finishing harvests, and ranchers taking cattle to sale. Preparations for the winter months invade our autumn days of enjoying the cooler temps, but we are well aware that cold and snow are not far away.



I'd also like to thank all those that are participating in the Saturdays' Local Market - coordinated by the DC Chamber (I'm also manager), meeting at the new Town Office building parking lot (old sundial) 9am to about 12 noon as long as weather and interest permits! We have local cottage industry sales of baked goods and canned goods, fresh produce, artisans and craft makers - come out and say hello or find out about a table or tent on dovecreekchamber.com Everyone is welcome - it's time for our community to get together. This provides an amazing opportunity, thank you Town of Dove Creek for the use of the parking lot!!!

Kendra Cook

FARMS FOOD FUTURE

Have a baking, canning, gardening, preparedness tip to tell - email it in to share with every Pinto Bean reader!



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FSA Deadlines and Reminders 970-677-2229
 Sept. 30th - Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program(NAP) application for coverage wheat for forage, winter barley FSA Deadline

Oct. 10th - USDA Service Centers CLOSED in Observation of Columbus Day

Oct. 15th - 2023 Agriculture Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage Program opens FSA Program

Oct. 31st - Organic Cost Share OTECP and OCCSP see article below for more information. FSA Deadline

Nov. 11th - USDA Service Centers CLOSED in Observation of Veteran's Day

Nov. 15th - Acreage Reporting for fall-seeded crops FSA Deadline

It's that time! Bountiful Squash to share with family and friends. After grilling, baking, putting in sauces, or even dried chips, here's another way to extend the gift of gourds.

Squash Flour - yes, this is a thing. New to me, the low carb flour is useful for those looking to substitute in gluten-free, paleo, and keto elements for baking. It's also yet another way to store your bounty of fall squash to extend its usefulness.

In one example online, they utilized about 5lbs of yellow squash for each cup of finished squash flour. Zucchini can also be used, both may add a touch of color to the final product.

Start by shredding it, then spreading it out in a dehydrator until completely



dry. It's critical that there is no moisture left, or mold could emerge and create a mess. Next, the dried squash is put in a blender to produce a fine powder. Store in an air tight container with one of those silica packets and it can store up to 6 months.

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 Beans \$45.00 cwt
 Wheat \$12.50 cwt

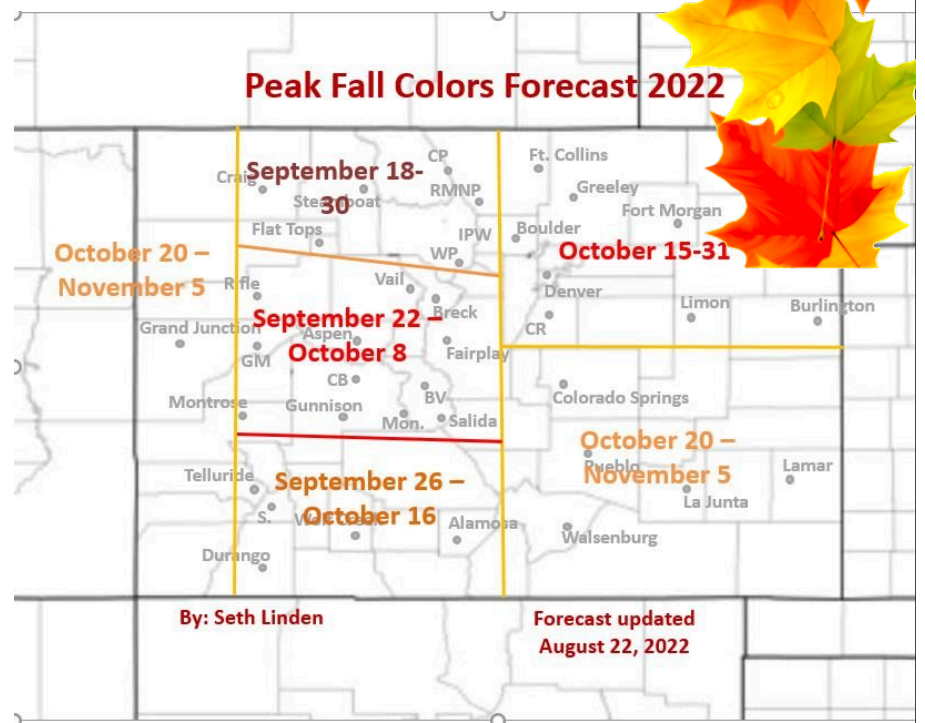
FALL COLORS ON THE WAY

Say it isn't snow....

Fall is here. Meteorological Fall started Sept. 1, though the astrological change is dated at the Fall Equinox of equal sunshine and night sky hours around the 22nd.

Many local forecasts are showing a continued pattern of the mid to upper 70s and down to lower 50s and plenty of sunshine throughout September and October, with cold and snow possible mid November. At this point, not much precipitation is showing likely in September, however, as you research the weather manipulations, flows and patterns can be changed fairly quickly to impact areas with either more drought, or significant flooding conditions. The western US has been maintaining a heated pattern while keeping the east coast under fairly moderate temps. The mid west and south east, meanwhile, have been pounded over the past several years, with a lot of flooding activity.

According to Seth Lindon who created the foliage changing forecast seen right, he's expecting later fall colors to peak in October, while some leaves have already started to change in our area early September!



COLORADO DOVE IDENTIFICATION

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| | <p>► MOURNING DOVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 inches long from tip of beak to end of tail Grayish-brown color Long, pointed tail Rapid wing beat, erratic flight path Soft call — "cooAHoo" — followed by several coos | |
| | <p>► WHITE-WINGED DOVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slightly larger than mourning dove Gray-brown color Long, moderately rounded tail White bar on upper wing surface Soft call — "hoohoo-hoohoo" — with the last note descending | |
| | <p>► EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 inches from tip of beak to end of tail Larger, heavier than mourning dove Dark grayish-brown Long, squared tail Thin black band on neck with white upper border Gray belly and undertail coverts with black on tail Rapid, three-part cooing — "coo-coo-coo" — middle coo is longest | |

There are three types of doves in Colorado.

Knowing how to identify each is important to avoid violating the law while hunting. White-winged doves are not common in Colorado, and live mostly along the Front Range. The white-winged dove is pioneering new habitats north of its historic range in the southwest U.S. Eurasian collared-doves are sporadic throughout the state, and is considered an invasive species.

DOVE BANDING

Mourning doves are banded in Colorado and other states as part of a program to monitor their status. Hunters should report banded mourning doves to the USGS Bird Banding Lab: www.reportband.gov

Know Your Dove - Small Game

DOVE: MOURNING, WHITE-WINGED
 SEASON: Sept. 1–Nov. 29 AREA: Statewide
 DAILY BAG LIMIT: 15 singly or in aggregate
 POSSESSION LIMIT: 45 singly or in aggregate

DOVE: EURASIAN COLLARED SEASON:
 Year-round AREA: Statewide DAILY BAG
 LIMIT: Unlimited POSSESSION LIMIT:
 Unlimited NOTE: Eurasians must be fully
 feathered while in the field and during transport,
 unless counted as part of the mourning and/or
 white winged dove bag limits. NOTE: A license
 is not required, as these are considered an
 invasive species. All details on cpw.state.co.us