

# Between the Beans

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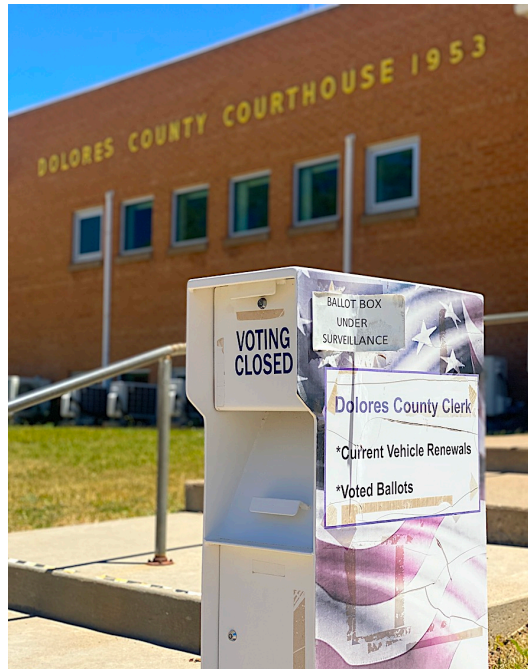
The DinnerBell is getting ready for July 4th and the 250 Celebrations by Glenda Hankins painting up the tractor in patriotic theme.

What are you doing to help beautify the town and show your Dove Creek spirit?

The Town of Dove Creek will be installing a pavilion at Weber Park to provide additional shaded area. The Recreation Department has already begun the summer youth programs that use the facilities, along with a variety of youth summer sports. And the Pick N Hoe is just a month away! Be sure to sign up for ROYALTY and plan for your float in the parade on the 4th - meeting at the airport by 8:30 parade to kick off at 9am. picknhoe@usa.com



Dove Creek's Ag Vocational Building is set to be replaced this summer. More details soon....



The office of the Dolores County Clerk will be mailing out the official ballots for the 2026 Primary June 8 - you will receive the ballot of your registered party at the address on your registration. If you have not received a ballot mid June, you should check with your registration information online or in the court house offices. If you are a registered "Unaffiliated" you will receive multiple ballots, and can select just one to return if you want to participate. Any questions, call the Clerk office, 970-677-2381 Sample Ballots availbe to view on PintoBean.CO

## Coming Up...

Dove Creek Town Meetings and workshops June 9th and 10th Summer Activites see ad

Stateline Bar & Grill Music & Events David Hagans with Music and Karaoke Sat 6/13 7pm

Rico Town Meetings Planning Commission June 10, 2026 6:00 PM Board of Trustees June 17, 2026 7:00 PM

Rico Trails Alliance Board Meeting June 9 5:30-7:30 Fiesta Annual Community and Membership Party 6:00 PM 9:00 PM Former Garden Bar lot, Main St., Rico

By Kendra Cook

Welcome to Between the Beans... we are looking at options to augment the monthly Pinto Bean newspaper to provide weekly information covering the towns of Rico, and Dove Creek, as well as the County in general. We appreciate your patience as we determine how and if this develops, assess the costs expenses and mechanisms for possible print circulation to make this a FREE informational outlet.

It is our hope, that the funding through advertisements and sponsors and potentially becoming the paper of record for paid legal notices, will be enough to support this endeavor.

These Between the Beans will be archived online on www.PintoBean.CO be sure to check that out. And @ThePintoBean on Facebook, is a location to share content, follow daily weather and traffic conditions, and any other up to the minute information you might want to follow - we are growing our following there now at 3.3 thousand followers - we invite you to join us!

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## SUMMERTIME!

Great time for family vacations, and lots of outdoor activities beyond the school. Be sure to check with the Dove Creek Recreation Dept. for a variety of available activities your child can participate in -wonderful offerings for such a small town.

The Summer Activities Program for Youth will begin 6/2 through 7/23. Activities take place every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the Community Center. Tuesdays run from 2:00-4:00, and Wednesday and Thursdays from 1:00-3:00. Your child must be at least 4 years old to participate. Cost is \$4 per day or pay a discounted summer rate of \$70 and come have fun with us all summer long! Drinks and snacks are provided each day. Forms can be found at the elementary school or you can register in person at the Community Center.

Tee Ball will begin July 7th and runs for four weeks. Age group is 4-6 years old. Cost is \$35 per participant. Registration will open June 15th so be on the lookout for more info to come. You can also register in person at the Summer Activities Program.

Swimming Lessons will begin July 20th through July 30th for a total of 8 sessions at the Monticello pool. Must be 5 years old or starting kindergarten in the fall to be eligible for participation. Cost is \$70 per participant. Registration will open June 15th so be on the lookout for more info to come. You can also register in person at the Summer Activities Program.

**Dove Creek / Dolores County LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS:**  
Public/School Library  
Mondays & Wednesdays/9am-5pm  
Children's Library  
Tuesdays & Thursdays/10am-4pm



## R.O.C.K REACHING OUT TO COMMUNITY AND KIDS

**FREE** Summer Meal Program  
5 Breakfasts and 5 Lunches a week for 8 weeks!!  
This summer, all kids and teens 5 years old to 18 years old can enjoy FREE healthy meals!  
No cost. No Sign-up. Just Show Up!

**BEGINS JUNE 4** **FREE!** AGES 5 AND UP  
**Summer Program**  
WEDNESDAY THURSDAYS 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
**ACTIVITIES**  
CRAFTS, LIFE SKILLS, HOT LUNCH, SNACKS AND FUN!

**School Supply Distribution FREE**  
July 29th @ The Community Center  
BBQ by Atmos  
Required school supplies provided to all Dolores County residents  
Thank you to all our sponsors for making this all possible

**ROCK**  
Reaching Out To Community and Kids  
10 YEARS AS OF 2023

## RICO

Matt Stiasny presented to the Dolores County BOCC, to update on the Geothermal Well project underway in Rico CO. The resource is privately owned under Rico, some of the hottest geothermal in the state. Unfortunately initial investigation determined the hot water is not enough to create energy production, but it is possible to provide heat. To address this possibility, a community led Rico Geothermal Coalition was created. Funding for Phase 1 came in May of 2024 to assess the opportunities. Phase 2 was funded by \$200,000 last June to support a monitoring well with modeling site preparation and drilling. There is currently \$50K available for the actual drilling. Phase 3 would be enacted if the data from the well can determine the prospects for success to create a geothermal network to effectively heat municipal and residential structures.

The area under consideration is at the north end of the town of Rico, where three surface expressions of hot springs already exist. The private land owner, Dave Bolsen, has come into an agreement to have the well drilled on his private land, monitoring data will be cultivated, and as he has acquired a replacement well permit, the well will then be turned over to the land owner in concordance with the DWR Division of Water Resources regulations. (it was noted that any well less than 3000' is handled by the DWR, further depth would be dealt with like any gas or oil well by the ECMC Energy & Carbon Management Commission of Colorado.)

### Road Grading and Magnesium Chloride Application Notice

The county grader has finally been repaired, and road grading work will begin Thursday, June 4. The county has been mobilizing equipment and is now prepared to begin work. Thursdays, June 4 crews will begin work on the west side of Highway 145, including River Street, Mantz, Soda, Depot Hill, West Rico, and Piedmont.

Monday, June 8 work will move to Silverglance and continue north toward Mantz.

Tuesday, June 9 crews will complete work in the northeast side of town.

Residents are asked to use off-street parking during the day their neighborhood is being worked in, or consider parking along Highway 145 or in the Depot Park parking lot.

Magnesium chloride will be applied Wednesday, June 10. All vehicles must be removed from roadways that day to allow equipment to operate. Failure to move vehicles may limit access and could result in some areas not receiving full treatment or improvement. Some areas of town may not receive work due to limitations such as bridge capacity and road width restrictions.

## DOVE CREEK

YES, the Town Offices remain locked, while business continues. As on the official website: "The Town Hall office is closed due to threats and inappropriate behavior directed toward Town staff and the Town Board. We appreciate your understanding as we prioritize the safety and well-being of our employees and officials."

Application for Board membership is open. "The Town of Dove Creek is now accepting applications from residents who are interested in an appointment to the Dove Creek Town Board.

If you have been a resident of Dove Creek for twelve consecutive months, are at least 18 years of age, are registered to vote, live within the city limits of Dove Creek, and have an interest in serving on the Board, send a Letter of Interest to the Town of Dove Creek, at 314 W. Hwy. 491, Dove Creek, Colorado, 81324 or bring your Letter of Interest to the Town Office at 314 W. Hwy. 491, Dove Creek, CO. Office hours are 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday, by appointment only or utilize the drop box. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, June 17, 2026 by 4:30 pm.

For additional information regarding the vacancy, please contact (970) 677-2255"

The June meetings will be Tuesday 6:30pm June 9 and 23rd 2026.

The Town of Dove Creek is currently hiring for: **Town Manager**

The Town Manager is under the general direction of the Town Board of Trustees to manage, direct, and supervise the daily activities and programs of the town. Provide professional guidance, leadership, and advice to the Town Board of Trustees. Direct the daily activities and programs of the Town through the Town's departments. Develops and maintains quality customer service to citizens and promote consistency and transparency in the Town's actions. Administer all Town departments, except the Town Clerk, Town Attorney and Municipal Judge. Serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees. Actively support and uphold the Town of Dove Creek's mission and values.

This position will be a full-time position, and the pay is bi-weekly with a salary of \$75,000.00 plus benefits annually. A background check, clean driving record and clean drug test will be required prior to employment and a drug test may be requested at any time during employment. A job description for this position and an employment application may be obtained at the Dove Creek Town Hall, (314 W HWY 491, Dove Creek, CO 8324) M-Th 7:30am-4:30pm or online at <https://townofdovecreek.colorado.gov>. Any person interested in applying for this position must submit a cover letter, resume, list of references, and employment application. Please send all correspondence, completed applications, or direct any questions to [info@townofdovecreek.com](mailto:info@townofdovecreek.com), 970-677-2255.

## DOLORES COUNTY

June 1st was the County BOCC regular meeting, covering the Geothermal presentation described in Rico news to start. They also addressed a revision to the Fire Ordinance to make it more formal in its details of penalties and enforcement procedures. It also defines the 3 stages of fire bans such that being part of this modified ordinance, will be available for everyone to read and adhere to in the community. The BOCC approved publication of the 2026-02 ordinance replacing the 2011-2 version as read by title. You can find it on the PintoBean.CO website, there will be a public hearing set to consider amendments and adoption next month.

Social Services presented their updates and numbers, and had a discussion of how to best protect residents, particularly the older residents, from falling pray to various phone internet and mail scams. One possibility discussed was establishing a phone line for people to call for help with dealing with propositions or the aftermath of being scammed.

The Director of the Pioneer Center/ Senior Center that is a part of the County government, brought up changes to their use form, to make sure every use is treated equally and that the facility was not abused or elements broken or needing repair were not coming out of their funding. Users will be charged a cleaning and or damages deposit that will be released once the check list is reviewed after the use.

Further discussion over the state mandated wildfire code adoption, brought forward how other counties have been dealing with building codes in locations where there are no building codes permits or enforcement mechanisms. It is likely the existing information package on what materials to build with if the building is adjacent to mapped out wildfire potential areas, will be given to those paying for new driveway permits, as a way to provide the intent of the state's initiative.

The BOCC's next meeting will be June 15th. The Agenda will be available on June 11th, with pre meeting zoom registration link at the top of the page. Meeting recordings are available on the County's YouTube channel. The public is welcome to the public portion of any BOCC meeting and encouraged to participate in public hearings.

**DCAD held a workshop on June 1st to discuss FAMILI Opt-in correspondence review and potential resolution, final review and approval for the Employee Handbook and Position Descriptions, License required Policies. Status update on the State License and Provider Grant equipment. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 15th 222 S. Guynere St Dove Creek. 970-394-6266 [board@dovecreekems.org](mailto:board@dovecreekems.org)**

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