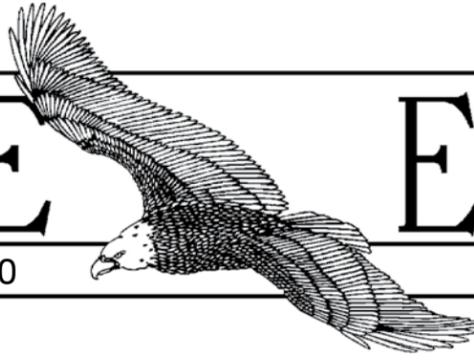


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## Saguache County sales tax for public safety on the ballot

by Lisa Cyriacks

On the November ballot citizens will have the opportunity to vote on an 1.5% sales tax for public safety. The funds will be dedicated to meeting Saguache County's statutory obligations to provide adequate law enforcement operations for the county. The new tax will be in addition to the current 1% sales tax imposed by the County and any municipal sales tax in place for the towns of Center, Crestone, Moffat and Saguache.

The County Commissioners and Sheriff Warwick have been

struggling to find sources of funds to address overcrowding in the jail and adequate equipment for law enforcement patrols.

The Board of County Commissioners has considered an ad valorem tax increase on taxable property but opted for a specific countywide sales tax. The proposed tax, if approved, would be paid by anyone making a purchase in Saguache County. The cost of the tax would be shared by tourists and non-property-owner residents.

At a recent forum, the primary focus was on the amount to be

raised and what guarantees are in place that funds will be used for the purpose as requested.

One resident specifically asked about the excise tax monies and what purpose those funds have been used for. The short answer is that not enough funds have been raised to make a significant difference for law enforcement. The ballot question for the excise tax allowed for those funds to be delivered to the general fund and to be spent at the commissioners' discretion.

Based on an average of the

current sales tax from 2014 to 2017 of the current 1% sales tax collected, it is estimated that about \$410,000 could be raised by the proposed 1.5% sales tax.

The resolution calling for the ballot measure also calls for the creation of a special fund, to be known as the "Saguache County Public Safety Fund," to segregate

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## Saguache man charged in fatal shooting

by Mary Lowers

At around 4:30am on Friday, September 7, emergency dispatchers received a call that there was a body on the roof of the Lumber Mart at 550 Denver Ave. in the town of Saguache. Saguache ambulance and fire went there quickly but the victim, Richard Wharton, 42, a town resident, was pronounced dead at the scene from a bullet in the back. The fatal shot was fired by Steven Gregory Heimberg, 58, longtime Saguache resident and

owner of the Lumber Mart who, Sheriff Dan Warrick said, "is liked by many in town."

Heimberg was booked into the Saguache County Jail on charges of second degree murder. He bonded out that day on a surety bond of \$250,000. Undersheriff Jim McCloskey interviewed Heimberg during a daylong investigation including the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Safe Streets Team. According to Mc-

Closkey, Heimberg was woken by a banging noise around 4am, and when he went outside to investigate he saw a figure on the roof at the northwest corner of the walled compound which includes his residence and business. The figure was banging a pipe on the roof and calling for help.

According to the story Heimberg told investigators, the man advanced from the side of the roof he was on toward the side where

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## Thanks for Stables underwriting

Dear Editor,

The Baca Grande Stables would like to thank the Baca Grande Property Owners Association for once again underwriting a portion of several students' tuition at this summer's Children's Riding Program at the stables. It was another wonderful summer of riding—the kids learned a lot and had a great time. Thank you POA.

In addition to offering many trail rides and lessons for local community members and visitors to Crestone, we were also able to provide therapeutic riding for visiting high school students who were survivors of a shooting at their school. It was a meaningful experience for all.

Joanna and Eli Dokson  
 Baca Grande Stables

## Emmy Savage's story appreciation

Dear Editor,

Emmy Savage's vivid account of her hike into the Rio Alto-San Isabel, a trail the Forest Service deems difficult, stands with other fine writings about the natural world and our relationship to it. She writes as a being within wilderness describing the wonders and fears that make it so relatable. She found the essence of her adventure distilled in the memory of filling her water bottle in a rivulet amid flowers, the cloud shadows, the rushing water and a marmot's cries. It is a moment where matter and spirit merge.

Her article illustrates why wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity. As Edward Abbey said, "We need that wilderness inside us as well somewhere out there." For those of us who cannot make that trek 11,000 feet up she placed herself, her dog Sarah and us, the readers, inside the wonder of a unique place, evoking it so we all can share its preciousness.

Sandia Belgrade  
 Julia Voss

## Spay & neuter clinic thank you

Dear Crestone, Baca & Moffat residents,

We had yet another successful spay/neuter clinic in September, with 79 dogs and cats in just over two days, and raised a healthy donation for Pet Partners. It would never have been possible without the help of so many people and I'd like to thank all of you involved:

Our incredibly hard working volunteers: Melinda Davis, Pam Gripp, Lisa Haskins, Matt Johnson, Mary Lowers, Scott Miles, Liz Paup, Denise Peine, Jane Samson, Jade Vigil, Lucia Waterman, and Cat Young.

Our generous sponsors: the

Baca Grande POA (including thanks to Shawn Hollmer and the maintenance crew), Cho Ku Rei Ranch, the Crestone Brewery, The Crestone Eagle, the Crestone Mercantile, Elaine Johnson and Steve McDowell, One:Eleven, and Mandala Pizza.

And a huge thanks to Lisa Petri of Colorado Animal Welfare League and all of the people who brought their dogs and cats to us—without you we would never be able to do this!

Linda M Behrns, DVM  
 Crestone Mobile Veterinary Service

## Crestone Energy Fair thank you

Dear Editor,

A huge thank you to all who attended, participated, volunteered . . . especially Lisa Bodey, Nick Nevares, Mary Lowers, Ginny Ducale, Kathy McCallum, Paul Shippee, and others at the 2018 Crestone Energy Fair. It was a pleasure being the main coordinator for this event. Please see the link below and complete the survey if you have input to give us or want to volunteer or participate on any level for next year's event: <https://tinyurl.com/yhktewf>.

Nathan Good

## Not for Sissies

To the Editor:

The last word in the September Not for Sissies goes to Dennis Neuhaus, who played the online angel and restored sanity to my laptop (and life). The trolls that hacked my computer (on the same day security protection lapsed!) did not do major damage, at least as of this writing. The only money I paid was to Dennis who backed everything up and installed new security. You can reach him at 256-4110.

PS. The day after I wrote this they came at me again! "This is an alert. Your computer has been hacked. Press one to speak with Apple Care."

Come on folks, earning honest money can't be that bad.

Tom deMers

## David Peak, POA Board candidate

Dear BGPOA & Neighbors,

I am happy to ask for your support in voting for me, Dave Peak, to become a member of the POA Board of Directors. My wife Pamela and I have been members of the POA since 2008 when we bought our first home in the Grants. Since then, many things have changed in my life but not my love of Crestone and the surrounding area.

I have watched many Board members come and go. The current Board is doing its best to provide strong, positive leadership to keep the community stable with its efforts in running the POA. Together with their expertise, insight, and forward thinking I know I can add experience that will benefit the Baca and its citizenry.

During my 35 years of service in local government as a Special District's Manager, i.e., Parks and Recreation, Water and Sanitation

and Metropolitan Districts, I have worked with numerous governmental entities to create agreements between homeowner associations, municipalities, counties, special districts, schools and the State of Colorado to help provide important facilities and services for communities. This expertise will benefit the Baca Grande currently and in its future planning.

If I am elected to the Board, I will work diligently to maintain your property and home values by fairly enforcing the POA's covenants and policies. Also, I will support the POA staff to ensure greater fiscal transparency in how, where, and why members' dues are spent. In addition to supporting the POA staff, I will support our emergency services, fire department, and community and committee volunteers. My goal is to create a healthy and safe work and living environment for the Baca Grande POA community and its membership.

Thank you for voting and for voting for me.

Best regards,  
 Dave Peak

## Support for Trish Gilbert

Dear Editor,

I, Rebie S. Hazard, wish to clarify that I am not running for Saguache County Clerk and Recorder. I do however endorse Trish Gilbert for the position.

Thank you,  
 Rebie S. Hazard  
 Saguache County Resident

## Vote for Diane Mitsch Bush for Congress

Dear Readers,

Please vote on November 6, for Diane Mitsch Bush for U. S. District 3 Congressional Representative. These are critical times we're living in and this election is of utmost consequence. We need a real representative for rural Colorado, one who knows our communities and issues. Diane's the one. She's right on the issues and right for Crestone and Saguache County.

Here's Diane on some key issues:

Health care: "I support universal, single-payer healthcare. Healthcare is a right. Everyone should have access to affordable, high quality healthcare, and the opportunity to live a healthy life."

Energy and climate: "Congress must act immediately to reduce carbon and methane emissions, expand development of renewable energy, and prepare for impacts of climate change."

Women's rights: "Equal rights for women in schools and the workplace, the right to family planning and reproductive health services, and freedom from fear and violence are the foundation of economic independence for women."

Public lands, water, and wildlife: "I will seek strict standards and regulation for oil and gas leasing on federal lands to protect natural values on the surface. Insist on science-based protections for endangered species and the habitat they occupy."

Economy and employment:

## Editor's Notes

### Listen to the women

Of every 1000 rapes, 310, less than a third, will be reported. Of those, 57 reports lead to an arrest, 11 cases get referred to prosecutors, 7 cases will lead to a felony conviction, and 6 rapists will be incarcerated. —Criminal Justice System statistics.

Why don't women immediately report sexual assaults? Fear, shame, and most importantly they see, repeatedly, that they will not be believed. Instead, they will be retraumatized. A huge burden of proof is placed upon them. Even if they have physical evidence, the man says it was "consensual" and it's he said, she said, and he wins. Over and over.

Often, not only is a woman not believed, she is blamed. In our country women are harrassed, shamed, shunned or worse for speaking out about being sexually assaulted. In other countries a woman may be beaten, have her face marred, or be cast out for "bringing shame" upon her family by being raped. She may even be killed—stoned or set on fire to preserve her family's "honor". This happens often. Do you think those women will speak up about being raped? Hell no.

Center stage in US politics is the question of wether or not a woman has ownership of her own body. Is it controled by men, the government, a church? Can she choose to bear a child or not and make her own medical decisions? Does she forfeit her right to be safe in her own body if she drinks too much, goes out on a date, shows up at a party?

It seems obvious to me that a woman has absolute ownership of her own body—and I'm not alone in that belief. Stop, when a woman says "NO". Back women up when they ask to be heard. Listen to the voices of women as they testify, march . . . and vote.

—Kizzen

“We must expand economic opportunity for all and create an economy that works for everyone, not just the top 1%. Incentivize small business expansion and growth of jobs that pay living wages. Raise the minimum wage and permanently index it to the cost of living.”

You can learn more at about Diane at: [dianeforcolorado.com](http://dianeforcolorado.com).

If you're voting by mail please make sure your ballot is mailed as early as possible. It's recommended you mail no later than eight days prior to election which is October 29. All ballots must be received prior to 7pm on election day in the County Clerk's Office to be counted. Please make sure your ballot has adequate postage. There is a 24-hour ballot drop-off box located on the south side of the Saguache County Courthouse that will be opened for use from October 22 until 7pm on election day.

If you need to check your voting status go to: [govotecolorado.com](http://govotecolorado.com).

Please vote.  
John Loll

## Vote for Dan Warwick for Sheriff

Dear Editor,

As the Crime Reporter for the *Eagle* for many years, I think it is important in the upcoming election to get and keep Saguache County on the right track. Voting for Sheriff Dan Warwick is very important in creating a peaceful, safe and secure future in our neck of the woods. During his time in office Sheriff Warwick and his team have worked to solve unsolved crimes. Cases like the murder of Mike Rust, when solved, not only bring peace to grieving loved ones but show the public that you cannot get away with murder in Saguache County.

Sheriff Warwick has worked hard to fairly enforce the County and State regulations on legal marijuana growing operations. The first anniversary of the Bonanza pot bust has just passed. The Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) did the investigation leading to the arrest of several people growing illegally and quite possibly for organized crime. SCSO, under the leadership of Dan Warwick, has directed law enforcement to help the fledgling marijuana industry in our county grow legally and generate much-needed tax funds. The warrant sweep that has been ongoing since late spring is letting criminals know this is not the place to hide out. Not showing up to face your actions in court will not keep you out of jail in Saguache County.

Despite county economics which mean we are lucky to have four deputies on the road at any one time, the sheriff has made the law enforcement we have work for us. SCSO deputies and staff are some of the lowest paid in the state and there is a high turnover due to the low pay and lack of benefits. Our jail is the worst facility of its kind in the state. Sheriff Warwick works with County Commissioners to improve pay and get benefits for deputies and staff, and he is also working toward a new jail. It seems silly to me to elect a new sheriff

when Dan Warwick is doing a great job and making progress on issues which hinder us from having the best law enforcement for our needs.

To me the most compelling reason to keep Dan Warwick as our sheriff is because he takes to heart the oath he took to uphold our constitutional rights first and foremost. He will not be compromised by offers of money and military armaments which come with strings attached. The sheriff is upholding our rights as citizens of Saguache County, the state of Colorado, and the United States.

As a lifelong Democrat I would like to point out that the Sheriff should not be a political office. I may not always agree with Dan Warwick's personal politics or he with mine, but I know as sheriff he will do the best job he can for his constituents regardless of personal politics. He's the best man for the job; let's keep him in office.

Mary Lowers

## Elect Lovato as County Commissioner

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in support of re-electing Tim Lovato as Saguache County Commissioner for District 3. From 2006-2010, I served Saguache County during its Master Plan process and was an Alternate on the Planning Commission from 2008-2009. From this and other community involvement, I know what it takes to run Saguache County effectively.

Tim Lovato is a Saguache County Commissioner who knows all the issues of the county and serves diligently to ensure it is administered properly. As a lifelong Saguache County resident, he knows our land issues as a rancher and land owner; our water issues from working on several water commissions since 1976; and he has volunteered at the Moffat Consolidated Schools and Mountain Valley School Board, Saguache Town Council, and Fire Department. As a current Saguache County Commissioner, he has assisted in updating the Land Use Code and is concerned with cleaning the marijuana blight that is raging through our area.

I know Tim Lovato is dedicated to equal representation for everyone, an open line of communication with the public and County employees, fiscal responsibility, conscious economic development, better services for the public, and the protection of private property rights—which are so vital to our rural life.

Re-Elect Saguache County Commissioner Tim Lovato because he lives, works, and serves Saguache County. Tim Lovato is the very best candidate to serve, based on his experience and dedication to Saguache County.

Thank you,  
Leigh Mills

## Why I support Tim Lovato

Dear Editor,

Over the last year, I have been directly involved in two projects that were somewhat out-of-

the-box, yet of great importance to many in our community. One is a citizen-driven Groundwater Group that was formed due to very high groundwater occurring in the Town of Saguache that affected many of us last winter. The other is a Transit Services (Bus) Group that was formed due to the recognition that people living in the small towns in the San Luis Valley need help getting to the larger towns like Salida and Alamosa for a variety of activities like shopping, appointments, etc.

In both of these cases, I reached out to Commissioner Tim Lovato for help. Commissioner Lovato was instrumental in helping me organize a group of people to discuss the terrible groundwater problems we were having as well as helping the group formulate plans to work together and identify a way to monitor and, maybe someday, better control the groundwater when it becomes threatening. He continues to be involved with this project.

During the same time period, an opportunity arose for a group of towns, counties, and non-profits to form a committee to seek funding for future bus services in the San Luis Valley. Once again, Commissioner Lovato was contacted and he quickly become involved as a Saguache County representative and committee member for the Western San Luis Valley Transit Committee. Today, the Eagle Line Shuttle service is in operation thanks to the support of committee members like Commissioner Lovato.

Community development requires reaching out to create relationships that foster a conscience of inclusion and understanding. And then leveraging those relationships to make things happen. Commissioner Lovato has demonstrated that kind of commitment to me and to those we worked together with this last year on these two important projects.

Recognizing the importance of these projects, Commissioner Lovato extended his reach beyond the administrative and legislative duties of a County Commissioner. He has been instrumental in helping us move forward. He demonstrated, to me, a real desire to help out his neighbors and make the Town of Saguache and Saguache County a better place to live.

Barry F. Van Sant

## Vote Diane Mitsch Bush for Congress

Dear Editor,

Vote in November as if your rights depend on it!

We need a check on the current administration. We need to elect Diane Mitsch Bush and flip the House of Representatives.

Mitsch Bush will work for you—for all of us—towards ensuring affordable, quality healthcare; protecting our planet; providing safety, security, and a path forward for immigrants; taking care of veterans; stopping endless wars and so much more. She says *we* are her employer; she is our employee. Her record as a State House Representative to bring bipartisan legislation to the floor and get it passed is strong and clear.

Tipton gets hundreds of thousands of dollars from corporations, then votes for their interests, not ours. He's voted 95% of the time with Trump's positions. He voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act and for the Trump tax bill, which enriches the uber-rich and dramatically increases the deficit. Mitsch Bush takes *no* corporate PAC money and will vote for the people's interests.

Tipton voted to make it easier to sell federal public lands. League of Conservation Voters gives him a 6/100 on environmental issues. He expressed support for ICE and denounced calls for its abolishment. He voted to reauthorize warrantless spying and for officials' ability to search and read private messages. He voted to ban abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, to penalize states and localities that have "sanctuary" laws on immigration, and to dismantle financial regulations put in place by the Dodd-Frank Act.

Make your voice heard—vote for change, for someone who cares about you. Vote for Diane Mitsch Bush!

Barbara Tidd  
Chuck Tidd  
Mikela Tarlow  
Philip Tarlow  
Bonnie M. Orkow  
Rick Barandes  
Leslie Griffith

## Vote for Phil Weiser for Colo. Attorney General

Dear Editor,

In Phil's words, "I will work tirelessly to protect our constitutional freedoms, stand up against executive overreach, and fight for equal justice for all. As Attorney General, I will make Colorado a leader in the fight for equal pay for equal work and a woman's right to choose."

"I believe in competition and enabling Colorado's entrepreneurs to start companies here. I also believe that we need to make sure Colorado consumers are treated fairly and protected from predatory practices. Just as I did when I served in the U.S. Justice Department, I will stand up against monopoly abuses and challenge harmful mergers that reduce competition"

"Every Coloradan has the right to clean air, land and water. As Attorney General, I will advance innovative policies that support a clean energy economy while working to conserve Colorado's natural beauty for future generations.

"I am inspired by my mother and grandmother, two great women who survived the Holocaust and instilled in me the core values of freedom and opportunity for all." Phil is a former Dean of the University of Colorado Law School. With his experience as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Bryan White, top leadership positions in the U.S. Justice Department and service advising President Obama on technology and innovation, Phil is uniquely qualified to be Colorado's lawyer.

In the words of Ken Salazar, Former United States Secretary of

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## Shooting

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Heimberg was standing with a handgun in his bathrobe pocket. This advance caused Heimberg to fear for his life and property. He fired two warning shots in the air about twenty seconds apart but this did not appear to stop Wharton banging and raging on the roof. Heimberg got a shotgun from his residence and took a position under the roof eaves; he then climbed on a trailer to get a better shot he reported..

He said he fired around three rounds while he was fifteen or twenty feet away from Wharton. Heimberg thought he had hit Wharton in the chest, but the victim was hit in an arm and in the back. The spent shells were found on the scene. A barbed wire fence on the street side of the roof hindered Wharton's possible escape.

Sheriff Dan Warrick would not comment on any relationship that may have existed between Heimberg and Wharton. As we go to press this investigation is ongoing.

## Letters

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the Interior, United States Senator and Colorado Attorney General, "Our next Attorney General must be an effective leader who can defend our freedoms and fight for equality. Phil Weiser is that leader."

Be sure to vote for Phil!  
Submitted by Sarah Tiers

## Trump, Tipton, & American democracy

To the Editor,

Jeff Sessions met twice with the Russian ambassador, which he failed to disclose in a Congressional hearing. He had no choice but to recuse himself from matters arising from the unanimous conclusion of our intelligence services that Russia criminally interfered in the 2016 elections and is an ongoing threat.

It fell upon Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein to appoint a special counsel to conduct an investigation which, together with related prosecutions, has in the course of 16 months yielded indictments of about 25 Russians and indictments, convictions, or guilty pleas of, among others, Trump's former campaign manager, former deputy campaign chairman, former national security adviser, former long-term personal lawyer, and former campaign foreign policy adviser, and probed numerous contacts, meetings, and transactions between Trump associates and Russians operatives or oligarchs closely aligned with Putin. Trump vehemently opposes the investigation and wants to end it.

The *Montrose Press* reported that at the Montrose County Republican Women's luncheon, August 17, Scott Tipton said, "I've been very disappointed with Attorney General Sessions [recusing himself from matters relating to Russian interference in our elections]"; "Eliminating himself from the equation, I think, is counter-productive"; "as long as [the investigation] has gone on, it ought to be coming to a conclusion"; "it has morphed to the point where we're going off on rabbit trails"; and the President "probably could" end the investigation.

Trump and American democracy are at odds. It's obvious which Tipton thinks is more important to protect.

Edward Packard  
Durango, CO

## Vote NO on Amendment 73 say County Assessors

Dear Editor,

Citizens in this area have seen how many of our special districts (fire, water, library, health) have had to cut back on their operational capabilities because of eroding revenues caused by property tax laws in Colorado that are driven by the real estate markets along the Front Range. The biggest problem has been the Gallagher Amendment to the Colorado Constitution that passed in 1982.

This year, Amendment 73 will appear on our November ballot. That amendment will raise \$1.6 billion in new income taxes every year for school districts across the state. Our schools would likely benefit from some of those new tax dollars. But there is a problem.

Amendment 73 also makes changes to our property tax system. In fact, it creates what would be in some ways a duplicate property tax system for school district levies with different assessment rates for residential and nonresidential properties than would still be used for taxing authorities that are not school districts (fire, water, health, library, towns, and the county).

At first, it was assumed that those new assessment rates for school district tax levies would have no effect on the property taxes levied and collected by the other, non-school district authorities. Now, there has been analysis that those other district levies and revenues might be significantly and negatively impacted. That is not what our special districts around here need.

Amendment 73 is too big and complicated, and it will make the problems we've experienced under Gallagher even worse. Plus, it would stuff things in the constitution that don't belong there. Voters should reject the amendment this year.

—Steve Miller, Larimer County Assessor. Submitted by Pete Peterson, Saguache County Assessor

"Anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that 'my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge.'"  
— Isaac Asimov

## Saguache County crime report

by Mary Lowers

As we move into fall drivers may be slowing down to drink in the colorful foliage. Most speeding tickets this month were for ten miles over the posted limit while most prior months' citations show folks getting speeding tickets for driving 20mph over the speed limit. It could be noted that slowing down for beauty saves money on tickets.

The warrant sweep that has been going on through the summer continues. Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) booked a Moffat woman, 47, into jail on fugitive from justice charges. Her bail was set at \$2000. A Center woman, 41, was jailed on failure to appear charges with a \$200 bail amount set. A bail of \$500 was set for a Center man, 20, jailed on fugitive from justice charges. Two failure to appear charges landed a homeless man from Albuquerque, NM in jail with \$6000 bail set.

An Apache Junction, AZ man, 43, went to jail on charges including: criminal mischief and first degree criminal trespass. His bail was set at \$50,000. A Baca woman, 64, jailed on cruelty to animals and assault charges had no bail amount listed. Ten thousand dollars bail would release a Center man, 20, from jail on robbery charges.

No bail amount was given for a Oolagh, OK woman, 36, who was jailed for false reporting to authorities, third degree assault, domestic violence and criminal mischief. Contempt of court charges put a Center man, 39, in jail with a \$5000 bail listed. A Center man, 35, was jailed for violation of a restraining order, disorderly conduct and criminal mischief with no bail listed. A Moffat man, 25, was summoned to appear in court for the unlawful ownership of a dangerous dog.

## Sales tax

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the revenue from other funds including the general fund.

The ballot question outlines the law enforcement operations as follows:

"Law enforcement operations including, but not limited to, hiring, employing, training and equipping deputies, investigators and civilian support staff; conducting investigations; replacing

obsolete and failing equipment necessary to law enforcement purposes and providing for general operating expenses of law enforcement operations; and

Any funds generated by this tax would be in addition to funds budgeted by the County for operation of the Sheriff's office/detention center . . .

The question will be decided at the November 6 General Election. You can check your voter registration at [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com).

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- **DON'T** use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement, or garage or near a window.
- **DON'T** run a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open.
- **DON'T** burn anything in a stove or fireplace that isn't vented.
- **DON'T** heat your house with a gas oven.
- **DON'T** use a generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine less than 20 feet from any window, door, or vent.

## Saguache County Candidates Forum to be held in Crestone October 10

by Barbara Tidd on behalf of League of Women Voters of the San Luis Valley

Join us Wednesday, October 10 for a meet-the-candidates forum. Forum starts at 6pm with a Meet & Greet—refreshments will be served. All local candidates are invited.

At 6:30-8:30pm there will be a forum on contested races only.

This will be held at the Crestone Charter School, 330 E. Lime Ave.

Come and meet those who are running for local office: County Assessor, Clerk, Commissioner (District 3), Coroner, Sheriff, and Treasurer, and bring your questions for Clerk, Commissioner, and Sheriff candidates.

Please arrive by 6:15pm to sign in and provide written questions or write them out when you arrive. Volunteers will collect them and ask as many questions as possible in the time allotted. The same question will be asked to each candidate running for a particular office.

There will be 2 breaks allowing time to talk individually with candidates.

## Local chapter formed, League of Women Voters of the SLV

by Lisa Cyriacks

Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The League of Women Voters of the United States was born of the women's suffrage movement. It was founded on February 14, 1910 in Chicago, Illinois when it became apparent that the Nineteenth Amendment to the US Constitution, guaranteeing voting rights to women citizens, would finally be ratified. In Colorado, the League of Women Voters (LWVCO) was organized in 1928.

Membership is open to all men and women without respect to age or citizenship status.

Initially formed in response to a movement securing the right to vote for women, the focus remains to expand voter participation and give a voice to all Americans.

The League is currently sponsoring statewide events in support of Amendments Y & Z on the November 6 General Election ballot. Proposed Amendments Y and Z propose the creation of 12-member independent commissions comprised of an equal number of Democrat, Republican and unaffiliated voters to redraw legislative and congressional boundaries as required after the 2020 census. The intent behind the proposed constitutional amendments is to prevent gerrymandering and create fair and competitive districts representative of all voters in Colorado—not just those affiliated with the two major parties. Additional information on

### CANDIDATES (alphabetically)

#### Commissioner (District 3)

Terry Gillette - Unaffiliated  
Tim Lovato - Democrat  
Lisa Rosen - Unaffiliated

#### Assessor

Peter Peterson - Democrat

#### Clerk

Trish Gilbert - Republican  
Renee Hazard - Democrat

#### Coroner

Tom Perrin - Democrat

#### Sheriff

Nobel Havens - Democrat  
Dan Warwick - Republican

#### Treasurer

Connie Trujillo - Republican

Sponsored by League of Women Voters of the San Luis Valley. For more information call Lynne at 719-754-9163.

these amendments can be found at: [www.fairmapscolorado.com/background-2](http://www.fairmapscolorado.com/background-2) (see September *Crestone Eagle*).

Known primarily for encouraging voter participation, the League is committed to providing fact-based information so voters can make informed decisions. The local chapter will be sponsoring a forum on October 10 at the Crestone Charter School. A local candidates "meet-n-greet" will start at 6pm with a forum for the contested local races—County Commissioner, Sheriff, and County Clerk—to begin at 6:30pm.

Residents of the valley, including Saguache County, are invited to join the League "dues-free" through the end of the year. The Saguache County contact person for those who wish to join is Lynne Thompson, 719-754-9163.

"We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate."—League of Women Voters



## Clips from the Clerk

### 2018 General Election Information

by Trish Gilbert

Saguache County Clerk & Recorder

Colorado is an all-mail ballot state (aka absentee ballot). Every active registered elector will be mailed a ballot. Ballots for the November 6th General Election will be mailed on October 15-19.

Households can expect to receive TABOR notices booklets after October 5.

Saguache County Voters: Postmarks don't count in Colorado! If you are returning your ballot by mail, use 2 stamps and mail before October 29, so your County Clerk receives them by November 6.

After October 29, bring them to our VSPC (Voter Service and Polling Center) in the Courthouse, or take them to our County outside ballot drop-off location (not a Post Office), which will be open 24/7 from October 22 until 7pm on Election Day, November 6.

The 24-hour outside ballot drop box is located in the south parking lot at the Courthouse (501 4th St.) in Saguache.

#### Voter registration

##### Eligibility requirements:

- \*At least 16 years old, though they cannot vote until they are 18
- \*Citizen of the United States
- \*Resident of Colorado for 22 days before the election

##### There are several ways a person can register to vote:

- In person at the County Clerk's office
  - By mail (including fax and email)
  - At a Driver's License office
  - At a voter registration agency (Human Services office, WIC office, disability office, etc.)
  - In person at a Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) up through election day
  - Through a Voter Registration Drive (VRD)
  - At a high school
  - Online at [www.GoVoteColorado.com](http://www.GoVoteColorado.com) to register to vote and/or update your voter registration
- Other offices such as Post Offices, municipal clerk's offices, libraries, etc.

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Daniel Frelka

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a community-based  
newspaper/magazine/website to  
serve the northern San Luis Valley.

# Saguache County News

by Sandia Belgrade  
County welcomes new  
County Administrator

The Commissioners have offered the position of County Administrator to David Bitler effective September 4. He has landed on both feet and immediately energized the position and those around him. Bitler, who is from Loveland, CO and now lives in South Fork, has 30 years experience in executive positions in the non-profit arena. He has a diverse background in community relations, court administration and social services. How-



David Bitler, new Saguache County Administrator.

ever, it is his experience in financial areas and management that will best serve the County's needs. At the second meeting in September he dove right in. First, Bitler stated his goal to set up a finance department utilizing the skills of April Quintana and others already on staff. Then, given that the County's been talking for months about the need to provide more space for departments, Bitler came prepared with plans and details for moving departments into new spaces while providing for security, wiring, and internet needs. The costs required are within budget parameters. He hopes to tackle the elevator situation at the courthouse and strengthen Human Resources. Bitler says he hopes to make step-by-step improvements. He's already taken giant steps.

## County's election preparedness

There's an important election coming up next month and our County is ready. Colorado, whose election systems are ranked among the nation's safest, held a cyber-security and disaster exercise in September for state, county and federal election officials to bolster the state's preparedness and boost public confidence in November's midterm elections. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristjen Nielsen made an appearance, praising Colorado as a national leader in safeguarding elections. Cyber experts from her department worked with County

elections clerks and staffs to create a sequence of scenarios. According to Trish Gilbert, Saguache County Clerk & Recorder, one training exercise included role-playing various election disaster scenarios. Gilbert gained a better understanding of the full scope of cybersecurity resources available to counties.

She said her team thought it was a great experience that gave them a new perspective on their jobs as they pertain to election security. All they need now is voters.

## Sheriff's department

The rash of violent deaths in the county this summer has prompted the call for more law enforcement. Ken Wilson of the Saguache County Sheriff's Office explained the November ballot measure that will appear before the County Commissioners and at public forums. The proposal is for a 1.5% public safety sales tax specifically for hiring, employing, training, and equipping deputies, investigators and civilian support personnel; conducting investigations; replacing obsolete and failing equipment; and facility maintenance. The revenue generated from the sales tax will help meet statutory obligations of Saguache County for adequate law enforcement operations.

## Significance for residents

In simple terms, 1.5% of a \$10 purchase amounts to 15¢. Not much to ask to remedy the outdated jail conditions and lack of ample law enforcement coverage, with citizens demanding more coverage around a very large county. Any revenue left at the end of the fiscal year would be in an escrow account with the goal of showing the ability to make payments on a loan for an eventual detention center. This would eliminate the need for a bond initiative asking property owners to pay for the facility. Saguache County residents think nothing of going to Walmart in Alamosa where the sales tax is 7%, and benefits Alamosa. Bringing the department closer to modern standards and creating a safer environment for detention staff, inmates and residents might be worth the pittance they are requesting.

## Kiosk Homewav phone system

The County has moved to accept a contract between the Sheriff's Department and the Kiosk Homewav phone system which allows detention facilities to enhance or replace their traditional telephone and in-person visitation programs with video calling technology. Families can access the app through their phones and use it anytime. It allows inmates face-to-face communication with children. Visits as brief as one minute may be initiated by the inmate with no need for advance scheduling or operator assistance. This leads to marked savings in time, labor, and overhead costs, as well as a significant drop in security and safety risks. The video visitation equipment comes at no cost with no monthly fees or revenue deductions. Full installation, training, maintenance, upgrades, and support are included at no charge. Added benefits: It is free to the

County and the Sheriff's Department receives 40% of the revenue through HomeWAV's per-minute usage fees. The family won't have to travel to Alamosa if the inmate is being housed there. Additionally there is access to a law library. Periodically inmates have a trial coming up and need help with their court visit.

## Dollar store coming to Moffat

During the Road and Bridge session it was announced that Vaquero Moffat properties is proposing to build a dollar store in Moffat. The store will be located on the west side of Road T near the road that goes to the Moffat school, and they need the road improved. There are several varieties of dollar stores—some 14,000 of them are located mostly in poor rural areas. Such a discount store could be an asset to the County and residents.

## Fourth driest year for the Rio Grande

Division of Water Resources Division 3 Assistant Division Engineer James Heath said the annual index flow for the Rio Grande makes it the fourth worst year on record.

"It is a significant drought," he said but he projects precipitation to be above average for our region from September through November. Rio Grande Water Conservation District General Manager Cleave Simpson said this is the first decade in recorded history when the Rio Grande never hit 700,000 acre-feet and the first 20-year period where the Rio Grande never exceeded 800,000 acre-feet annual flow. The drought of 2002 dropped the aquifer by 400,000 acre-feet. Since January of this year the aquifer has lost 160,000 acre-feet—that's the impact of Rio Grande flow on the aquifer. Late September rains offer some hope that more precipitation might be in store.

## Tired of driving to the DMV?

Saguache County residents can now renew vehicle registrations through their cell phones. Vehicle tag renewals have been made possible through Gov2Go is a technology platform that serves as a personal assistant making it possible to interact with many levels of government. Among its benefits, Gov2Go lets citizens "Skip The Trip" to the DMV for vehicle tag renewals. You can download Gov2Go at [www.colorado.gov/sipa/gov2go](http://www.colorado.gov/sipa/gov2go). The app reminds citizens of renewal deadlines, securely stores payment information and digital receipts for verification until tags arrive in the mail.

## Land Use

Carna J. Anderson of Field of Green, LLC, appeared for a Conditional Use request for organic marijuana cultivation. She is maintaining the well water within the laws and complying with the division of water. Anderson said she had to clear out a lot of garbage that was there because she wants to maintain a clean facility. Wendi Maez, Land Use Administrator, noted that the Planning Commission recommended her application. The Commissioners approved the permit. Sheriff Warwick noted that with better code enforcement, illegal grows are hard to find.

## Land use code violations

The County is still working out the language for land use code violations which will soon be implemented. There will be a 2-tier penalty system for violations. Residents need to keep in mind that violations include not only marijuana, but all land use violations such as sewerage disposal. A Colorado ordinance for violations provides a range of misdemeanors with fines and jail times. The Land Use code would impose fines on infractions such as building or fence violations to avoid court time. The code enforcement staff decides if there is a violation and they have 5 days to correct. In the case of marijuana violations (for example too many plants) that would constitute a criminal offense. It could involve a court summons. Ben Gibbons, County Attorney, prefers to leave in the judge's hand what the penalty will be for not being in compliance.

## 2018 Cycle #2 Sales Tax Grant decisions

The County has awarded the whopping amount of \$123,858 in the areas of Emergency Services, Renewable Energy and Youth and Senior Services. While the list is too long to print *en toto*, a few awards stand out and deserve recognition. In Center, the schools, their Boys and Girls Club, the Town and Conservation District received approximately \$14,000. In Crestone, Neighbors Helping Neighbors and the Food Bank received approximately \$15,000. So it is not just the county government which benefits from the sales tax but residents and citizen groups all around the county benefit by submitting an application. Few counties do this. Congratulations to those working to make our lives better and safer.

## New meeting place in Crestone

Twice a month, on the second and fourth Tuesday, a County Commissioner will be available to meet with residents at the former Indian restaurant in Crestone to discuss issues or answer questions.

## Baca Land Use Administrator

Connie Estrada is now the Land Use Administrator. She replaces Charlie Sommers, who recently passed. He will be missed for his competent, level-headed management.

## Nurses in the schools

David Daboll, Public Health Director, has funds to assure that there is a nurse available for schools in the county. Moffat is going on their own to choose school nurse rather than a public nurse via the Department of Health. Daboll said his department might share a nurse with Rio Grande County.

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### September 10 Board of Trustees meeting

The meeting began at 9:30am and was held in the meeting room located at 111 S. Alder Ave.

The Board of Trustees passed the following motions:

- To approve the agenda as presented
- To approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting from August 13, 2018 and Special Board Meetings of August 20 and August 30, 2018
- To approve paying the bills and approve the financial report as presented by the Treasurer
- To amend the Town's personnel handbook mileage policy to include elected officials, and to change any language of "town administrator" to "town clerk"
- To approve spending up to \$200 for retreat expenses including lunch in Monte Vista for the annual one-day Board retreat
- To approve holding the annual retreat on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 739 1st Ave, Monte Vista, CO
- To direct Municipal Judge Friesell to always collect state and municipal mandated fees for the Town and that if he offers community service hours to defendants in lieu of fines or in addition to fines then the hours must be completed by working in specific areas as directed by the Town Board
- To approve the following names and addresses for the official 911 SLVGIS mapping system:
  - "Creekside Park"-300 W. Silver Ave.
  - "Town Hall Park"-150 W. Galena Ave.
  - "Little Pearl Park"-165 W. Silver Ave.
- To authorize Trustee Kinney and Mayor Danforth to review the plans for the cemetery expansion with Public Works Coordinator Andrew Martinez after the corners have been located and fencing installed on the east side
- To appoint Trustee Pace to work as an interim building inspector as needed for duties such as checking setbacks for building permits and at a rate of \$15 per hour and with Trustee Goergen as a secondary backup.
- To authorize Mayor Danforth to sign a change order from DOLA to receive an additional \$54,954 to supplement the CDBG Phase II project
- To approve a special events liquor license permit for Neighbors Helping Neighbors' Halloween fundraising dance on October 27, 2018 from 3:30 to 11:30pm at the Cloud Station, 222 S. Cottonwood St.
- To rescind the Stage II fire ban enacted by Ordinance #2018-004 and revert to Ordinance #2012-002 already in place.
- To go into an executive session at 3:30pm for the purpose of discussing employee job performances and evaluations
- To leave the executive session at 5:22pm
- To approve a \$1-per-hour

raise for the office aide/administrative assistant

- To amend the water turn-off procedure as follows: Once the Treasurer has confirmed that three late notices have been sent to the customer, the water system manager shall shut off the customer's water without notice or further discussion with the customer
- To amend the fee schedule for business license late fees beginning in 2019 as follows: \$10 shall be added to the bill for the first month late; an additional \$50 added to the bill for the second month late, and an additional \$100 added to the bill for the third consecutive month, thus, fees are cumulative, and tickets shall be issued for each month late thereafter
- To adjourn the meeting at 5:40pm

#### Public/citizens' comments

Resident Lonny Roth expressed his displeasure with the new San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative franchise fee. He felt that charging 2% extra for electricity each month, without providing a specific service, was an illegitimate act.

#### Reports

The Treasurer presented a detailed financial report and the month's bills for approval. The following was discussed with the Trustees:

- The 2018-2019 budget is available to view in Town Hall until the end of October
  - Sales tax revenue for last month totaled \$22,063
  - At the current rate of spending, the Town reserves will be depleted by the end of 2018
  - The Town Hall loan will be paid off on December 3, 2018
  - SLV Behavioral Health wrote that they will be ending their lease later in September
  - Holding off on planting new landscaping until spring 2020 and reviewing what the Town's water usage will cost
  - Expanding the Town's mileage policy to include elected officials
  - There is currently only \$2,000 available for the 2019 Code Enforcement budget
  - During the month of October, the 2019 draft budget will be available in Town Hall for public viewing and written public comment.
- Mayor Kairina Danforth discussed the following in her report:
- Research about home rule. She requested forming a home rule committee to start the process, or prospective committee members will be sought and an announcement will be posted.
  - At least two elections will be required for the process to ask the town voters to change Crestone's status from a statutory town to home rule
  - Expects to receive \$10,000 in grant funds to put toward playground equipment in 2019. Trustees thanked her for all of her volunteer time spent in securing funds to improve the town.

### Clerk Allyson Ransom discussed the following in her report:

- The Crestone Museum will be closed and winterized from November 1, 2018-May 1, 2019
- All parks need to be named with their addresses submitted to SLVGIS for 911 purposes and the Board's discussed options
- Court Training in Gunnison was attended by the Court Clerk and discussion for the Board to formally direct the Municipal Judge to collect the municipal and state-mandated fees even if community service is offered in lieu for fines
- Need to expand the primary cemetery area; lots at the nearby Cielo Azul Pet Cemetery have already started selling
- Request for an interim building inspector to do site inspections and other small zoning duties as needed a couple of hours each month

### Water Manager Ann Bunting discussed the following in her report:

- The Town's water budget (with the input from Water Manager Ann Bunting); watering extra planters causes wear and tear on pumps; and chlorinators need extra generators which significantly raises the cost to the Town and concern about the water used in the planter beds
- Since being installed in 2017, the planter beds built during CDBG Phase I have used a total of 499,900 gallons of metered water
- Ann Bunting met with the Department of Water resources, who offered support for re-permitting town well #6 in the park to be used for watering the planter beds
- Karen Kenney of Block 59 is moving forward with her project. Jim McCalpin's water extension request was reviewed by Allen Davey, who suggested that he pump from the system during low demand hours (at night) once hooked up to Town water
- The Town is preparing for its three-year water audit and annual testing for lead and copper.

#### Planning Commission:

Trustee Goergen gave an update of their recent meeting and the multiple complaints to the Commissioners from town residents regarding personal property being placed in the town right of ways, alleys and platted streets. Trustee Pace agreed to talk to those specific citizens who had piles of dirt, rocks, logs, and cars on the town land adjacent to their properties.

### Attorney Eugene Farish discussed the following in his report:

- Mary Lowers, representing Neighbors Helping Neighbors, was present to apply for a special event liquor license and all required documentation had been turned in.
- The Trustees discussed whether or not another codification work session was necessary and the importance of finalizing the zoning code in order to complete the Town's codification project with Municode. The Board requested one more review by the Planning Commission, and that the 8' front setback requirement in the commercial district shall be maintained for all new buildings.
- Further discussion included a request for the Clerk to bring the previous fire ban document to the

October meeting.

- Discussion of a resident's correspondence; and Attorney Farish stated he would research ADA compliance information and provide a formal response to the resident.

#### Important announcements

A public hearing will be held at the next Board meeting November 12, 2018 to review the 2018 Water-Sewer Budget Supplement required by DOLA.

The Cielo Azul Pet Cemetery lots are now available for purchase at Town Hall. Denise Peine and other volunteers created a beautiful pet cemetery, which can be found by turning left at the main cemetery gates (end of W. Galena Ave.). Plots range in price from \$25-\$75 and are for the purpose of burying beloved cats and dogs or their cremains.

Free brush pickup for town residents takes place at the beginning of each month. Contact Town Hall to schedule a pick up. Only trimmings, weeds and brush piles are accepted in one pile at the edge of the road. Please contact the Saguache County Landfill at 719-221-1956 for disposing of trash, old appliances, batteries, lumber scraps, etc.

#### Just in case (you did not know)

- Crestone is a small statutory town with a seven-member, Mayor-Trustee form of government with the following elected officials: Trustees Diane Birstow, Terry Goergen, Kizzen Laki, Adam Kinney, Sam Pace, Bob Prather and Mayor Kairina Danforth. They meet together at least once monthly for their board meeting on the second Monday of each month at 9:30am in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 111 S. Alder St.
- You may contact your board members via email links from our website at townofcrestone.org under the "contacts" tab. They may also be met with individually during their "Hear to Listen" sessions held every first Monday of the month from 10am-noon at the Cloud Station, 222 S. Cottonwood Street.
- Planning Commission meetings are held in the meeting room on the first Monday of each month at 5pm.
- Crestone is a designated Court of Record with Judge Friesell presiding every other month on the third Friday at 10am in the meeting room. The next court dates are October 19 and December 21, 2018. Court dockets are posted outside the meeting room door at least 24 hours in advance.
- Public notices and agendas are posted in the following public locations:
  - Locked bulletin boards outside the Town Hall front door at 108 W. Galena Ave., outside the meeting room at 111 S. Alder St. and inside the Post Office lobby. Online locations include the Town of Crestone's website and *The Crestone Eagle's* online calendar.
  - A Certified Notary Public is available during regular office hours in Crestone Town Hall; the cost is \$5 per signature being verified, as per the Colorado Secretary of State Guidelines.
  - If you would like to receive agendas and meeting minutes via email, you may join our listserv by contacting Andrew in Town Hall at 719- 256-4313 or email your request to townhalloffice@gmail.com.

# POA News: Crestone/Baca Resiliency group in full swing, presents long-term goals for the Baca

by John Rowe

The regularly scheduled monthly POA Board Meeting was held on Thursday September 20 at 10am at the POA Hall. All five directors were present as were about fifteen audience members. The meeting lasted nearly three and a half hours and a wide variety of agenda items were dealt with.

After an amended agenda was approved, the meeting opened with Member Forum commentary from several property owners. Traffic problems along Carefree Way in Chalet II were detailed. It seems as if much of the traffic going into Chalet II goes right through Carefree, including an increase of construction vehicles over the last two years. Two people complained of excessive speeds by many cars and lots and lots of dust. The Board was sympathetic but had no real answers to this issue except to raise awareness among Baca motorists to increase safety to pedestrian and equestrian traffic and significantly reduce dust by slowing down—way down.

Four members of a neighborhood watch group came and made an impassioned plea to the Board to try and help think of ways to solve a continuing problem of disturbances in the western Grants. Lost and disoriented people wandering around,

frequent police and fire department visits, and lots of late night vehicular traffic in and out of the neighborhood have become commonplace. There are at least two houses that look more like they belong in a bombed out inner city neighborhood than in a beautiful small mountain village that seem to be the center of the problems. The County, including the Saguache County Sheriff's Department, don't seem able or willing to do anything about all this, although just about everyone agrees that the situation is unacceptable.

One of the concerned citizens reported that in over twenty years of living here, they have never seen anything like this before. There are families with small children in the immediate vicinity who find this truly frightening. The Board could only reiterate that they are using the law to do what they can but reminded everyone that they have no enforcement capacity of any kind to deal with this kind of thing. They could only suggest calling in the State Patrol, as they have jurisdiction everywhere in the Colorado. That, and keeping the Sheriff's office apprised of suspicious activity.

A group of community activists calling themselves the Crestone/Baca Resiliency Group gave a progress report of what their mission is and made a presentation in hopes of securing Board support for what they hope to accomplish in the next few years. Over 100 Baca residents gathered together with facilitators and mapped out directions they would like the Baca to pursue. They have organized as a 501(c)3 and encourage all who are interested to participate. One of their goals is to make us more energy efficient with a long-term goal of 100% solar-generated power. They would like to see

us produce perhaps a third of needed food here locally and encourage everyone to buy all food in the valley, wherever possible. They would like to see fundraising for large projects and hope for a paradigm shift towards eco-awareness and a real connection with nature.

They want the Baca to have a larger say in county and valley-wide affairs, as we supply one third of the tax dollars Saguache County brings in but have little in the way of real representation. This will be an ongoing process and representatives can be reached and background attained at their website, crestone-

bacaresiliency.net.

Other meeting issues included farming out accounting needs to Fromm and Associates, a move calculated to save the POA many thousands of dollars. The Board will explore the viability of purchasing around 70 acres from the County that is adjacent to the golf course and Casita Park. There is real concern that the County could auction off lots and the parcel could turn into another area like that just north of KV Estates. The Board is still undecided on a new POA logo and will consider how to proceed in the immediate future.



## Annual Members Meeting & Election Notice

The Baca Grande POA has three (3) Board of Directors positions open and your vote counts! This year there are seven (7) candidates running for the three open seats.

The Board of Directors Election will take place at the Annual Members Meeting, which is set for Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7 pm. The Annual Members Meeting will take place in the Baca Grande POA Hall located at 68575 County Rd T, Crestone, CO 81131.

To vote, you must be a member in good standing which means as a property owner in the Baca Grande, all dues or fees are paid in full. If you did not receive a ballot and believe you should have, please contact the POA Office at (719) 256-4171.

Seven (7) candidates are running for three (3) open POA Board of Director Seats. They are: Joanna Theriault, Brandon Bussard, Mark Repp, Ed Sbarbaro, David Peak, Joy Hill & Bruce McDonald.

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##### • Transparency and Accountability

*The commissioners have started recording board meetings to show transparency and posting the minutes on the county web site.*

##### • Fiscal Responsibility

*The commissioners have implemented a budget process that lets department heads and elected officials justify the increases to the next year budget. We have maintained a balanced budget for the last four years and have given employees a three percent increase in 2017 and 2018.*



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Retired from the Division of Water Resources, State of Colorado, Sep 2003 after 28.5 years of service

1972 graduate of Mountain Valley School, Saguache, Colorado

#### AGRICULTURE/BUSINESS BACKGROUND

Rancher (1978 - present), first leasing then purchased ranch in 1990  
General Contractor (1979 - present), working for local, state and federal governments as well as the private sector  
Ranch Manager (1982 - 1987)

#### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Incumbent Saguache County Commissioner (2015 - present)  
San Luis Valley Well Commissioner (Mar 2000 - Sep 2003)  
Duties included:  
Evaluation of exempt and non-exempt well applications pursuant to state statutes, ground water policies, court decrees, and county land use regulations  
Issuance of well permits  
Saguache Creek Water Commissioner (Apr 1976 - Mar 2000)  
Daily administration of surface water pursuant to state statutes, policies and court decrees  
Served on board for hiring of water commissioners and an assistant division engineer

#### VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICE

Representative for the Saguache Creek Water Users Association, serving on the San Luis Valley Rules and Regulations Committee (2009 - present)  
Mountain Valley School Board (2005 - 2008)  
Volunteer at Moffat Consolidated Schools and Mountain Valley Schools (2000 - 2006)  
Saguache Town Council (1980 - 1984)  
Saguache Volunteer Fire Department (1977 - 1982)  
Kiwanis (1976 - 1982)

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# Crestone first municipality in SLV to earn national recognition for wildfire preparedness

by Adam Moore

The Town of Crestone has received recognition as the San Luis Valley's first Firewise USA community that encompasses an entire municipality, after completing the criteria required of the national Firewise USA community program.

The Crestone Town Board spearheaded the Firewise recognition effort, and indicated in its application to the program that "they were motivated to pursue the Firewise status as a way to help recognize fire mitigation efforts and to help motivate and educate residents." The Colorado State Forest Service presented the Firewise USA recognition materials to the Town of Crestone on Sept. 5.

Recognition efforts to mitigate wildfire risks can benefit homeowners when seeking property insurance coverage, said Supervisory Forester Adam Moore of the CSFS Alamosa Field Office. He adds that federal and state grant opportunities often give weight to a Firewise USA designation when determining who gets competitive funding.

The CSFS works with the National Fire Protection Association to implement the Firewise USA program in Colorado, and provides technical assistance and education to interested landowners and communities to help them take action in preparing their homes against the threat of wildfire. Steps required for a community to receive the national designation include obtaining a wildfire risk assessment from the State Forestry Agency or a local fire department, forming a Firewise board and creating an action plan based on the wildfire risk assessment.

Foresters with the CSFS Alamosa Field Office worked with Crestone officials to conduct the wildfire risk assessment and create an action plan for the community. The plan involves identifying realistic action items that will improve the community's wildfire readiness, such as implementing fire mitigation grants, creating defensible space around homes and furthering resident fire education.

"The Alamosa Field Office has started working more closely with the Town of Crestone over the last few years on fuels mitigation efforts, and becoming a Firewise community was the next logical step to increase community participation," said Moore.

The Crestone Town Board and the CSFS expressed their appreciation to Crestone's citizens for their active part in working to create defensible spaces as a step of community engagement toward becoming a Firewise community.

Other communities or municipalities in the SLV interested in pursuing the Firewise designation can contact Moore at 719-587-0915.



Hauling slash during a mitigation workshop held on the Crestone Charter School's property this summer as part of Firewise USA training.



Firewood produced during the mitigation workshop.

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## Desiree Faraci October featured artist at Shumei; Symposium Oct. 21



Join us at Shumei International Institute for Desiree Faraci's Art Symposium October 21 from 3 to 5pm.

### Shumei International Institute

Desiree Faraci's work will be on display at the Shumei Gallery in Crestone for the month of October. A symposium with Desiree will be held on Sunday, October 21 starting at 3pm. A reception will follow.

Desiree (Desi) Faraci has a unique and expressive style of painting. Her appreciation for art began in her childhood in upstate New York. She considers her love to create a trait inherited from her father, Nicholas Faraci, who was an oil painter for over 25 years. Desiree herself has been a professional artist since 1989.

Desi was the owner of two art galleries and the founder of Dragonfly Productions International Inc., established in 2000, offering fine art sales and art consulting services to corporate and private clients in North Carolina. When she moved to Florida she took a needed break from the art world to raise her two children. At that time, she became a hand drum percussion facilitator, teaching music to the local community.

Airbrushing is Desi's original medium. These days however, she overlays acrylics with oils using a palette knife technique. Portraits of Native themes are subjects she admires most. Her passion includes painting portraits, abstracts and landscapes. Many recent works are inspired by her journeys to Central

America and the Wild West of America. Her main objective as an artist is to create a body of work that grabs the attention of the viewer to create an emotional response.

Desiree's art and business has been published in international magazines such as *Art Business News*, *Art World News*, *Décor Magazine*, *MD News* and more. Her art and design have been collected by a wide variety of clients from biotech facilities, doctor's offices to private patrons.

Desi now resides with her family in the rural San Luis Valley of Colorado. She with her husband, Greg, are the owners and operators of Mandala Pizza in Crestone, offering New York style pizza as a 4th generation baker. You can connect with Desi on her Facebook page by typing the search name, Desi Faraci or Faraci Studios, or by calling 719-480-5121.

The paintings exhibited this month will be a mix of current works, past projects as well as treasured pieces from her private collection through a variety of subjects from portraits to abstracts to landscapes.

Come meet Desiree and learn more about her work on Sunday October 21, 3 to 5pm. This event is free to the public. Please visit [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) or call 256-5284 for more information. Please call the office to confirm the office is open.



Mito de Soto returns to Shumei in Crestone Sunday, October 7 at 3pm.

photo by Alan Hill, [alanhillphoto.com](http://alanhillphoto.com)

## Mito returns to Shumei October 7 for Flamenco & classical guitar

Shumei International Institute is happy to welcome back Flamenco guitarist, composer, musician, and vocalist Miguel "Mito" de Soto on Sunday, October 7 at 3pm.

Presently, Mito is based in Santa Fe. Mito is a multi-instrumentalist in which these talents are utilized in his recorded music. Live, he is a powerhouse of sound.

Trained in classical music at the U.W.-Milwaukee, Mito's Flamenco and classical compositions are personified by his ability to mask complex chord structures under a searing melody line. Although Mito continues to have many of his classical compositions performed publicly by various chamber ensembles, he professes his enduring love for Flamenco music.

There are many music styles worldwide that influence and shape a musician throughout his/her life. For Mito, paternal and maternal family members have always been "instrumental" at in-

roducing him to a diverse montage of musical instruments, such as: mouth harps, various stringed instruments, flutes, guitars, clapping (palmas), rhythmic stomping and of course plenty of singing.

Mito took Masters' classes with world-renowned percussionist Alex Acuña which taught him the use of poly-rhythms of five beats against three beats (accenting beat one for each measure). He has also studied poly-metric (multiple changing beats per piece) drumming time signatures with master drummers from Senegal & Ghana, as well as East Indian rhythms in 9- and 10-beat measures, and of course, the 12/8-beat measures in Flamenco music. Come celebrate the musical culture of Flamenco and classical "Music de Mito™".

Tickets for the concert are a \$10 suggested donation, and all proceeds benefit the artist directly. He brings with him his latest CD. For information call 719-256-5284 or visit [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org).

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# Crestone Artisans Gallery news

by Paula Hudson

Shenanigans! What a great word for Halloween doings. The Gallery will be adding its bit to the spooky fun for October. Our event, "It's Alive!", will be October 31, from 5pm to 7pm. Come by the Gallery for some "tricks or treats" and enjoy our costumes and show off yours.

Join in on the shenanigans going on about the streets of Crestone, too. Moms and dads will be parking their cars and treating trick-or-treaters walking about town. Don't forget to stop in the Gallery on your way around.

### Artist features

Pay special attention to one of our under-sung heros. Sasha Lovelace. Sasha is a jewelry and card artist. Her work is in the case and racks at the front desk. Her jewelry is striking in its splashes of color and silver. Ah, the word I was searching for is "dramatic." Her work is that and it is romantic as well. Pay special attention to her handmade cards. They are exquisite in their construction. They are small works of art that could be easily framed for placement in small intimate places. Take a close look when you come into the gallery.

On the big grey wall in the back, we are featuring Kay Litz's constructions. She uses environmental objects and her own clay objects to make fascinating hanging constructions. One of



Sasha Lovelace and her beautiful, handmade greeting cards.

her newest is called the Goddess Necklace. The piece combines the strength of metal with the softness of feathers and handmade paper which the artist feels is analogous to the feminine existence. Kay has been influenced by living in both South America and the American Southwest. Except for its size (68 inches tall) it reminds me of a native American breast plate.

We are searching for new painters and other artists working in two dimensions. These are active memberships which means that the artist would be involved in the work of maintaining the gallery. The benefits include social media advertising and a wonderful place to show and sell your work. Contact [harryr@sopris.net](mailto:harryr@sopris.net).



The goddess necklace by Kay Litz



Painting by Zienna Brunsted Stewart.

## Zienna Brunsted Stewart to hold major art exhibit in Santa Fe

While Zienna Brunsted Stewart was a student at Crestone Charter School she completed a mentorship with local painter Marika Popovitz which started her love of oil painting.

Zienna graduated from high school at Idyllwild Arts Academy, partly funded by a local fundraiser. After a year in Denmark she moved to Santa Fe, piecing together her own education.

Zienna, now 22 years old, has studied with renowned painters like Norwegian Odd Nerdrum, heralded as one of the worlds leading modern Renaissance painters, the accomplished figurative painter Sean Cheetham and Daniel Sprick who excels in extreme realism.

On Friday October 26 at 5:30-7:30pm the reception for Zienna's first large exhibit will be held at Argos Studio/Gallery in Santa Fe. She will show 30 of her more recent paintings.

Friends, classmates, community members and art lovers are all welcome to come join the party.

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# Halloween dance October 27 at The Cloud Station

The Saturday before Halloween, October 27, Neighbors Helping Neighbors will host a dance at the Cloud Station. Guests may choose to go just to the dance or, for a nominal additional price, they can partake of the horrifically fun Cocktail/Mocktail hour prior to ShowTime. The Cocktail/Mocktail hour will feature appetizers, ambient music and a cash bar featuring exotic beverages. This part of the evening will be held at 5:30-6:30pm. The dance will commence at 7pm.

The Cloud Station will be transformed for the event. The dance part of the evening will be-

gin with live music and dancing, followed by an intermission featuring a costume contest. Costumes are encouraged but not required. After this interlude a second band will take the stage. Beer and wine as well as soft drinks and waters will be available during the dance for revellers. A small selection of treasures will be part of a silent auction at the event. Tickets may be purchased beginning October 15 at the Cloud and from Neighbors Helping Neighbors Board members.

The veil is thin between the worlds; folks, come out and party with us this Halloween.



Amulya Beechwood gives some candy to Max Carpenter at last year's Trunk-or-Treat with husband Doug Beechwood looking on. photo by Lori Nagel



Some trick-or-treaters from 2017's Trunk or Treat. photo by Lori Nagel

## Halloween "Trunk or Treat" returns to downtown Crestone

Last year Halloween was super fun, wasn't it? Well, if you love being creative, enjoy delight in a child's face or just like to play, please consider joining us on Wednesday, October 31, starting at 5:30pm downtown.

This is how it works: as part of the usual trick-or-treat scene you can decorate your car, dress up, or just keep it simple—park around town (spread out so the kids have to walk: in front of the gallery, the brewery, the parks, the Post Office, the school, the Merc—grab a few friends and make clusters around town, tailgate-style) and as the kids go door-to-door they can also go car-to-car. Think outside the box.

If you have young kids and you want to walk with them, offer a friend some treats to hand out on your behalf. Or join in the fun by donating treats for others to give

out. Decorate your car for a neighbor, or just stand on the sidewalk with a bag of treats. Let's fill those sidewalks with kids and kids at heart! Fun, right? Let's get creative! Look up "trunk or treat" for ideas.

Do you live in the town of Crestone? Are you going to be accepting trick-or-treaters this year? Please consider placing something outside your house to make it obvious you're accepting trick-or-treaters.

And that's not all! Keep an eye out around town, as some local businesses are planning on adding to the Halloween festivities, and the Crestone Charter School will be hosting an event as well! The gallery will be decorating and accepting trick-or-treaters and I'm sure other businesses will be as well. Grab a dinner downtown and make an evening of it!

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# Unmasking death with enjoyable October events

by Gussie Fauntleroy

In October it seems we're most willing to let death out of the closet—a fake skeleton threatening to tumble out on Halloween, or families honoring those who've gone before on the Day of the Dead. For the Crestone End of Life Project (CEOLP) and its educational outreach branch Informed Final Choices (IFC), October is a time to open our thoughts and hearts to the shared reality of death as an integral part of life. This October CEOLP/IFC has an especially wonderful lineup of events—something different each Saturday this month.

**Oct. 6: Death Café**, 2 to 4pm at the Desert Sage Restaurant. Join us for this free event, open to everyone and beginning promptly at 2. Over tea and cookies with friends, neighbors, and strangers,

we'll have the rare chance to share thoughts on any aspect of death on our minds and in our hearts. "This is an opportunity for intimate conversation in a warm and inviting setting—no agenda, no philosophy, and no pre-determined outcome," says CEOLP founder Stephanie Gaines. To register or for more information, call 719-588-7415. Visit [www.deathcafe.com](http://www.deathcafe.com) for more on the international Death Café movement.

**Oct. 13: CEOLP Registration Party**, 10am to 1pm in the Town Hall meeting room on Alder Street (look for the banner.) This is the easiest and most enjoyable way to register. Remember, CEOLP can only serve those who are registered at the time of death. Registration packets and light refreshments will be available and volunteers will be on hand



Shar Jones, from the film *Tomorrow Never Knows*.



Participants at a previous Art to Contemplate Mortality workshop use simple art materials to explore thoughts and feelings around death.

to answer questions and guide you through the process. Also at the ready: a copy machine and Notary Public, allowing you to complete the CEOLP registration paperwork in one sitting. A \$10 donation is requested for printing/handling, and a \$5 charge is paid directly to the Notary Public for each of the 3 pages that require notarization (4 for those living outside the immediate Crestone/Baca area).

Please bring addresses and phone numbers for your physician or caregiver, as well as for next of kin or family members or legal guardians who will act as your representatives. The Crestone End of Life Project supports all disposition choices, including conventional burial, cremation, and green burial. It is important to note: You are not considered registered with CEOLP until your paperwork is completed and filed with CEOLP's registrar. For more information, contact CEOLP registrar Denise Peine at 256-4644 or [rabinalense@hotmail.com](mailto:rabinalense@hotmail.com).

**Oct. 20: Art to Contemplate Mortality: a Workshop**, 9am to 3:30p.m. Location information when you sign up. Co-facilitated by Noah Baen, an artist and art educator, and artist and death midwife Allison Wonderland. This transformative hands-on workshop intersperses periods of meditative quiet and reflection with immersive, even playful forms of art expression. Intentionally approachable "kindergarten-level" art materials will be easy for anyone to use. No art experience is required. "We'll use the senses to get beyond mental thoughts and concepts and engage heart and spirit in an exploration of personal questions as we sink deeply into the emotional and spiritual levels, and the unknown," Noah says.

The experience takes place within a safe, open, supportive and non-judgmental environment

that honors and shares the diversity of people's experiences and attitudes. The workshop cost is \$35, which includes all materials. Snacks and beverages will be provided; participants should bring a bag lunch. Pre-registration is required and space is limited to 12 participants. Scholarships are available. For more information and to register, contact Noah at [noahbaen@yahoo.com](mailto:noahbaen@yahoo.com) or 917-392-6962.

**Oct. 27: Premier Crestone screening of the new film, *Tomorrow Never Knows***, directed by Adam Sekuler and produced by Baca resident Darci Meyers. Free, 4pm at Colorado College. This sensitive documentary looks at the life and death of Shar Jones, a transgender person living with early onset Alzheimer's, and the difficult choice he and his wife Cynthia Vitale faced as the couple struggled to figure out how to proceed amidst his decline. It highlights the couple's journey as they set a course to Shar's final days. This moving love story offers profound implications for increasing awareness about choice in living and in dying.

*Tomorrow Never Knows* has been screened at film festivals in London, New York City, New Orleans, San Francisco, Chicago, Norway, Singapore, and Quito, Ecuador, among others. The film was honored with the Radical Emphasis Award at the Chicago Underground Film Festival in June. Sekuler is the creator of *Open Air* (2015), a short, powerful film documenting the CEOLP-facilitated open-air cremation of Crestone/Baca resident Robin Ross.

Doors open at 3:30. The event begins with an introduction by Meyers, and Cynthia Vitale and Meyers will answer questions following the screening. For more information on the film and to see the trailer: [tomorrowneverknows-film.com](http://tomorrowneverknows-film.com).



## Need Help Paying your Winter Heating Bills?

Do you need assistance with your heating bill; starting Nov 1, 2018 the LEAP program can assist you with that portion of the cost. LEAP is designed to assist low-income households with paying their winter home heating cost but is not intended to pay the entire cost of home heating or utility usage. LEAP benefits are available to all eligible persons/households without regard to race, color, and sex, age, handicap, and national origin, political or religious beliefs.

You can pick up an application at the Social Services office serving two locations, Center branch located at 220 Worth St. in Center and 605 Christy Ave in Saguache, if you are unable to pick up an application at either office you can call any of the locations, you can call the Center office at 719-754-2308, and ask for Gloria Quintana and she can assist you with any questions you might have, and mail you an application if needed, you can call the Saguache office at 719-655-2537 and ask for Ilene DuPont, and she can also assist you with any questions you might have about LEAP.



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**Oct. 6: Death Café**  
**Oct. 13: CEOLP Registration Party**  
**Oct. 20: Art & Mortality workshop**  
**Oct. 27: Screening of Adam Sekular's new film, *Tomorrow Never Knows***  
 See the article in this month's Eagle for details on all these events.

Monthly open meeting **Wednesday, OCT 10**, at 7pm, at the Fellowship Hall of the Little Shepherd Church, Crestone. Call 719.588.7415 for information/directions.

# HAPS

## Participate in Gallery Stroll census building

Did you participate in the Gallery Stroll at this year's Energy Fair? What is a Gallery Stroll, you ask. A Gallery Stroll is a visual way of sharing information that allows everyone's voice to be heard equally. Numerous attendees shared input on a variety of topics at this year's Energy Fair. You can find these questions on the Crestone Energy Fair FB page. Please join in this initial census and information-building movement by adding your input. As an ongoing effort, bi-monthly Gallery Stroll questions will be posted at the Cloud Station and in the *Eagle* to support the Energy Efficient Guidelines update. Your participation in this endeavor paves the way for the future of the Crestone/Baca area. Contact Donovan Spitzman to partner with this project.

## Free presentation October 2 The many faces of addiction—It's not just drugs

The Colorado Nurses Association District 6, SLV AHEC and the Women's Citizenship Club of Alamosa invite you to attend the free presentation "The Many Faces of Addiction—It's Not Just Drugs" by Aimee Techau, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. The presentation will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 6-8pm at the First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullins Ave. in Alamosa. Aimee will cover: the science of addiction; when substance use become abuse; other addictions including video gaming, gambling and sex addictions; and a review of treatment options available.

Learn how we can come together as a community to address these issues.

For further information, call Charlotte Ledonne, SLV AHEC at 589-4977.

## Free Afro-Cuban drum workshops in Salida

Master polyrhythmist Bones is offering 6 free Afro-Cuban Drum Workshops, sponsored by the William Boddy Passion to Learn Scholarship Fund. Classes will focus on the magical rhythms that create amazing dance music of Cuba.

All ages and abilities welcome. Congas, Bongos, Timbales, Bells, Claves, Guiros, Maracas and Drum sets provided!

Tuesdays at 5pm, Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30; Nov. 6 and 13 at the Salida Community Center's Band-Cave, 305 F St, Salida.

Contact [bonesdrums@gmail.com](mailto:bonesdrums@gmail.com) for more information.

## 19th annual NHN pre-Thanksgiving potluck at the Crestone Charter School Sunday November 18

Do you remember the wonderful, warm, community feeling of last year's pre- Thanksgiving Potluck?

On Sunday, November 18, from 12:30 – 5:00 pm at the Crestone Charter School, Neighbors Helping Neighbors will again set the tables for their 19th annual community event.

Volunteers are needed to buy and cook a turkey or donate a turkey for someone else to cook. Volunteers are also needed to help with set up, decorating, serving and clean up. Bring a potluck dish that will serve at least 10 people. (This is a hungry crowd.) Some suggestions are: cranberry dishes, salads, vegetables, lots of different potato dishes, especially mashed potatoes, other creative family favorite side dishes, bread, desserts, pies, cakes, cookies, apple sauce, apple cider, and other drinks.

Coffee, teas, sugar and cream will be provided. You are asked to bring your own plates and eating utensils. Donations of money are also needed to purchase additional supplies.

Call Judie Rose at 256-5110 with questions or to volunteer.

## Bus services making headway in the SLV

The West SLV Transit Committee, a mix of stakeholders and interested parties, has been meeting regularly for the past six months to discuss strategies for bringing bus services, similar to the Bustang Outrider service currently running along Hwy. 17 from Alamosa to Salida, to the US 285 corridor.

The West SLV Transit Committee, through its fiscal agent, Neighbor to Neighbor, was recently awarded a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation to complete a thorough study of the routes, ridership, and opportunities for reestablishing an inter-city and inter-regional bus service along the Hwy. 285 and Hwy. 160 travel corridors, with the hope of expanding and interconnecting services all the way from Pagosa Springs to Salida and on to Denver.

In the meantime, the West SLV Transit Committee and Neighbor to Neighbor, Inc. of Salida have already begun a shuttle service running from Del Norte to Salida on Tuesdays and from Saguache to Alamosa on Wednesdays. This new service is called the "Eagle Line Shuttle".

If you are interested in voicing your support, becoming a volunteer bus driver, and/or adding comments or concerns about this much needed service, call the Saguache Chamber of Commerce at 719-322-7298 or Neighbor to Neighbor at 719-530-8980.

You can find a copy of the Eagle Line Shuttle bus schedule on the Saguache Chamber website at <https://saguachechamber.org/saguache-colorado-transit>.



All the artists on this year's Crestone Artists Open Studio Tour gathered at Bob's Place on September 21, for a beautifully catered reception in which each participating member brought a sampling of the art they'd be showcasing that weekend.

photo by Lori Nagel



Jane Kwan explains her artist's techniques to an interested audience in her house studio September 23 during the Crestone Artists Open Studio Tour.

photo by Lori Nagel



Jeff Beard (2nd from R), sculptor, stands behind one of his creations as a large group from Shumei International Institute visits during the Crestone Artists Studio Tour September 23.

photo by Lori Nagel

## SLV Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Friends to meet October 3

The Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 3 at 7pm in the downstairs meeting room at the Carnegie Public Library in Monte Vista. All members and the public are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Tim Armstrong at 852-2452.

## Shaykha Fariha returns October 27

Shaykha Fariha Fatima al Jer-rahi ([nurashkijerrahi.org](http://nurashkijerrahi.org)) will lead a public Sufi dhikr on Saturday, Oct. 27, beginning at 7pm. This special event will be held at the Dancing Music Mountain Sanctuary, aka Sacred Arts Club, 3564 Double Tree Overlook. All are welcome to participate in this ancient Sufi ceremony of Sacred Remembrance, as well as to engage in dialogue with Shaykha Fariha. Donations will be gratefully accepted, but not required. For more information, email [katesplace303@gmail.com](mailto:katesplace303@gmail.com) or phone Hamida Nur at 719-588-8602.

Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go. — Unknown

# Community Calendar—October 2018

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The print calendar is free for non-profit events; for-profit classes/events are \$5 per

## Monthly Events

### Friday, September 28

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training – BGPOA Meeting Room All Day SaguacheCounty-co.gov 719-588-0197

### Saturday, September 29

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### Sunday, September 30

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### Monday, October 1

- "Here to Listen" Session – Cloud Station 10:00 am-12:00 pm 719-256-4313
- Town of Crestone Planning Commission Monthly Meeting, Alder Meeting Room 5-7pm 719-256-4313

### Tuesday, October 2

- The Many Faces of Addiction, First United Methodist Church 6-8pm Free 719-589-4977

### Wednesday, October 3

- Friends of SLV Nat'l Wildlife Refuges – Carnegie Public Library 7:00 pm 719-852-2452

### Thursday, October 4

- Art & Writing Workshop, Baca Nat'l Wildlife Refuge 9am-noon Free [www.nps.gov/grsa](http://www.nps.gov/grsa) 719-378-6395
- Rumi Study Circle. All Welcome! – 4:00 pm-6:00 pm [nurashkijerrahi.org](http://nurashkijerrahi.org) 719-588-8602
- Dakini Tsok (Feast Offering Potluck), Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple (Choying Dzong) 6-8 pm

### Friday, October 5

- Whimsical Reef – Joyful Journey Hot Springs 3:00 pm-5:00 pm 719-256-4845

### Saturday, October 6

- Death Café – Desert Sage Restaurant 2-4pm Free [www.deathcafe.com](http://www.deathcafe.com) 719-588-7415
- Sand Dunes abstract painting workshop – Great Sand Dunes Nat'l Park & Preserve 2:00 pm-4:30 pm Free [www.nps.gov/grsa](http://www.nps.gov/grsa) 719-378-6343
- Whimsical Reef – Joyful Journey Hot Springs 3:00 pm-5:00 pm 719-256-4845

- 3 Centuries of Guitar with Philippe Holmes, Cloud Station 7-9pm \$10 <http://philipholmes.wixsite.com/holmes-guitare> 310-292-7495

### Sunday, October 7

- Sampai at Shumei International Institute – Shumei Sanctuary 10:30 am-12:00 pm free [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) 719-256-5284
- Flamenco at Shumei w/Miguel "Mito" de Soto, 3-5pm \$10 Suggested Donation [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) 256-5284

### Monday, October 8

- Columbus Day – All Day
- New Moon – All Day
- Town of Crestone Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, Alder Meeting Room 9:30am-5pm 719-256-4313
- New Moon Fire Ceremony followed by a Meal – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:00 am-12:00 pm [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org) 719-256-4108

### Tuesday, October 9

- New Moon Riwo Sangchö (Outdoor Smoke Offering) – Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple (Choying Dzong) 10:00 am-11:00 am
- Start of Fall Navratri, the Divine Mother Festival 10/9-10/17 Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:00 am-12:00 pm [babajashram.org](http://babajashram.org) 719-256-4108

### Wednesday, October 10

- Saguache Co. Candidates' Forum, Crestone Charter School, 6-8:30pm
- Crestone End of Life & Informed Final Choices open meeting – Little Shepherd Church 7:00 pm-9:00 pm [informedfinalchoices.org](http://informedfinalchoices.org) 719-588-8602

### Saturday, October 13

- Crestone End of Life Project Registration Party – Town Hall Meeting Room 10am-1pm \$10 donation; \$5 charge for notarization 719-256-4644

### Sunday, October 14

- Children's Ceremony, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10-noon [babajashram.org](http://babajashram.org) 719-256-4108

### Friday, October 19

- Crestone Municipal Court – Alder Meeting Room 10:00 am-12:00 pm 719-256-4313
- Guru Rinpoche Tsok (Feast Offering Potluck), Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple (Choying Dzong) 6-8pm

- BGPOA Annual Members' Meeting & Board Election, POA Meeting Room 7-9pm [bacapoa.org](http://bacapoa.org) 256-4171

### Saturday, October 20

- Art to Contemplate Mortality Workshop, 9am-3:30pm \$35, includes materials 917-392-6962

### Sunday, October 21

- Desiree Faraci's Art Symposium, Shumei Gallery 3-5pm free [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) 256-5284

### Wednesday, October 24

- Full Moon – All Day
- Full Moon Fire Ceremony & meal, Haidakhandi Ashram 10am-noon [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org) 256-4108
- Full Moon Riwo Sangchö (Outdoor Smoke Offering), Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple (Choying Dzong) 10-11am

### Thursday, October 25

- Sufi Dhikr. All Welcome! – 4:00 pm-5:30 pm [nurashkijerrahi.org](http://nurashkijerrahi.org) 719-588-8602

### Friday, October 26

- Friends of BG Library Board Meeting – Crestone Town Hall 3:00 am-4:30 pm 719-256-4045
- Zienna Stewart exhibit & reception, Argos Studio/Gallery 5:30-7:30pm [cargocollective.com/ziennastewart](http://cargocollective.com/ziennastewart)

### Saturday, October 27

- NHN Halloween fundraising dance – Cloud Station 3:30 pm-11:30 pm
- Film Screening, "Tomorrow Never Knows" – Colorado College Conference Ctr. 4:00 pm [tomorrowneverknowsfilm.com](http://tomorrowneverknowsfilm.com)
- Public Sufi Dhikr – Dancing Music Mountain Sanctuary 7:00 pm 719-588-8602

### Wednesday, October 31

- Halloween – All Day
- Trunk or Treat – Downtown Crestone 5:30 pm

### Sunday, November 4

- Set clocks back – 12:00 am

### Monday, November 5

- "Here to Listen" Session – Cloud Station 10:00 am-12:00 pm 719-256-4313

### Tuesday, November 6

- Mid-term general election 7:00 am-7:00 pm

## Daily/Weekly Events

The Crestone Eagle does not carry events over to the following month automatically.

### Daily

- Morning Aarati, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 7-8am, 256-4108, [info@babajashram.org](mailto:info@babajashram.org), [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org)
- Jyorei, Shumei Sanctuary, please be seated by 7:50am and 5:50pm, 256-5284
- Tours, gallery and Jyorei, Shumei, 9am-5pm, 256-5284.
- Open meditation & prayers in Vajra Vidya Retreat Center Shrine Room 9-10am daily; Traditional Buddhist Shrine Room available till dusk;
- All welcome to come and practice. 719-256-5539 [vajravidya.com](http://vajravidya.com)
- Tours, Temple, & Gift Shop ~ Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 256-4108, [info@babajashram.org](mailto:info@babajashram.org), [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org)
- Evening Aarati, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 6-7pm. Chanting in Sanskrit and Hindi. All are welcome. 256-4108, [info@babajashram.org](mailto:info@babajashram.org), [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org)

### Sunday

- Pastor Appreciation Day – Crestone Baptist Church 10:00 am-12:00 pm

- Drop-in meditation (sitting & walking) Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple (Choying Dzong) 10am-1pm
- Sunday Softball Games Baca Park 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Free 719-256-4108
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Town Hall 7:00 pm-8:00 pm [www.slvaa.org](http://www.slvaa.org)

### Monday

- Al-Anon weekly meeting Little Shepherd Church 1:00 pm-2:00 pm Donation 719-298-9133

### Tuesday

- Babies & Toddlers Story Time Baca Grande Library 11:00 am Free 719-256-4171
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5:00 pm-6:45 pm By donation
- Tai Chi Little Shepherd in the Hills Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm-7:00 pm By donation 719-256-4531
- Afro-Cuban Drum Workshops, Salida Community Center 5pm Free [rokskool.org](http://rokskool.org) 719-207-3422
- Narcotics Anonymous open meeting, Little Shepherd Fellowship Hall, 7:30 pm-8:30 pm 970-309-0710, [slvaa.org](http://slvaa.org)

### Wednesday

- Yoga Fundamentals & Refinements Shakti Sharanam 8:30 am-10:00 am By donation [shaktisharanam.com](http://shaktisharanam.com) 719-256-5668

- Virtual job fair 2:00 pm-3:00 pm <https://fsoutreach.gdcii.com/Outreach> 1-888-844-9904 access code 7662084#
- Wednesday night Bible study Crestone Baptist Church 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
- AA Meeting, Clubhouse at Lazy KV 7-8pm

### Thursday

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Baptist Church noon-1:00 pm [www.slvaa.org](http://www.slvaa.org)
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5:00 pm-6:45 pm By donation [shaktisharanam.com](http://shaktisharanam.com) 719-256-5668
- Tai Chi Little Shepherd in the Hills Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm-7:00 pm 719-256-4531

### Friday

- Energy Workshop w/Fay Ferris Little Shepherd Church 12:45-2:45 pm donation 719-937-7684

### Saturday

- Saturday Prayer Breakfast – Crestone Baptist Church 8:00 am-10:00 am
- Narcotics Anonymous open meeting, Little Shepherd Fellowship Hall, 9-10am, [slvaa.org](http://slvaa.org)
- Crestone Saturday Market Kathi McCallum 10:00 am-4:45 pm \$5.00/vendor, [www.crestonecan.org/satmart](http://www.crestonecan.org/satmart) 303-715-0356



*This year's Energy Fair brought lots of new information, music, sharing and laughter into our community, and was filled with all kinds of presentations & entertainment. Everyone really pulled together to make it an extra special event!*  
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## Seven Mirrors of Dzogchen with Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche November 9-11

Dzogchen, also known as the “great perfection,” is a path of self-liberation and the highest form of teaching in the Bön tradition. For practitioners with the capacity, it offers the potential for liberation during a single lifetime and within a single body. The Seven Mirrors of Dzogchen is a powerful heart-essence teaching from the Tibetan Bön tradition, offering a direct introduction to the clear, open awareness of the dzogchen view as well as methods for maintaining this state.

The seven mirrors are: the heart mirror of the view, the heart mirror of the meditation, the heart mirror of the result, the heart mirror of conduct, the heart mirror that explains the pure realms and lands of samsara, the heart mirror of six-fold consummation, and the heart mirror that explains the benefit of meeting with this teaching. In this third retreat of the series, we will review the practice of the rainbow light circular breathing, and consider the result, conduct and benefits that arise from the practice and view. All are welcome

to join, and special instruction will be provided for those who have not attended the earlier retreats on this topic.

The retreat will begin Friday at 9am and conclude early-afternoon on Sunday. Meals will be included and provided by the Desert Sage: Friday lunch, Saturday lunch, and a traditional feast on Saturday evening with lively entertainment provided by sangha. The annual auction will be held on Saturday afternoon prior to dinner. This year’s retreat will be at the Colorado College Auditorium on their Crestone campus which is along the beautiful Crestone Creek and hiking trail. Sang Chod will also be offered during the retreat at the Chamma Ling Retreat land. For registration and further information: Colorado.ligmincha.org.



Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche

# Chamma Ling

## The Essence of the Seven Mirrors of Dzogchen, Part 3

with Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche, November 9 - 11

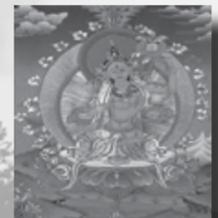
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### Location

Colorado College Auditorium at their Crestone Campus

Meals provided by The Desert Sage  
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## October events at Baca National Wildlife Refuge & Sand Dunes

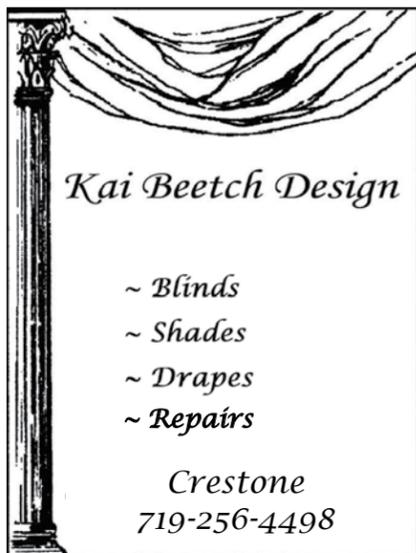
The Baca NWR will welcome Ranger Amy Kaplan for an art and writing workshop exploring “place” at the Baca NWR Visitor Center on Thursday, October 4 from 9am-noon. Participants will explore how personal and environmental change impacts our connections to the places we live and the places we love and the environmental grief we may, knowingly or unknowingly, experience as a result. Participants are asked to bring a journal and writing tools but additional art materials will be supplied. Open to ages 12 and up. This free workshop is limited to 10 participants; reserve your spot by calling 719-378-6395.

Colorado abstract painter Paula Jo Miller will be hosting a workshop at Great Sand Dunes visitor center on Saturday, October 6 from 2-4:30pm. Materials will be provided at no charge but visitors can bring their own canvas and

paints. Great Sand Dunes, with their sweeping forms and colors, are abstract art in themselves, so an abstract approach is a natural way to capture the subtle colors and shapes of the dunes and their surroundings. Class is limited to 8 participants. Reserve your spot by calling 719-378-6343.

### Ongoing through October

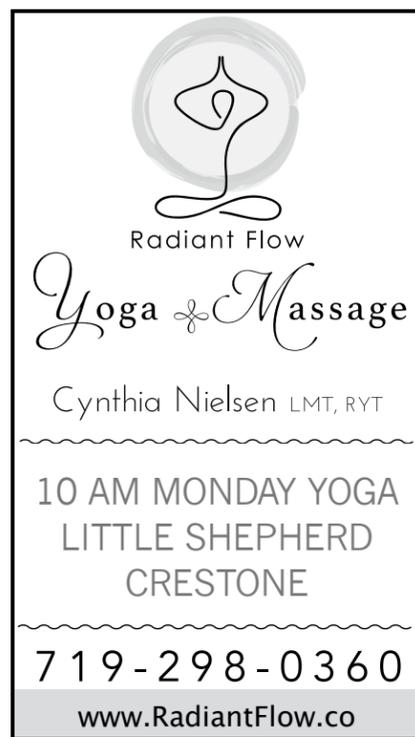
Free afternoon, sunset and evening ranger programs will be offered in September and October at various park locations. Visit the park visitor center (open daily), check the park website at [www.nps.gov/grsa](http://www.nps.gov/grsa), or call the visitor center at 719-378-6395 for a full schedule of ranger programs and special events.



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## New Library District Board member needed from Crestone/Baca Grande; start January 2019

The Northern Saguache County Library District has a managing Board of Trustees, and two of the Trustees are from the Crestone region. One of these positions is open, to begin a term at the first Board meeting of 2019. Regular meetings are generally held monthly, on the second Monday of the month, and there are other meetings and special tasks. The term of the assignment is 2 years, until December 31, 2021.

### Qualifications to be on the Library Board

You must be at least 18 years old and you must reside in the library district. In the case of a Board member representing the Crestone area, you must live in community of Crestone or the Baca Grande subdivision.

### How to apply

Pick up and fill out the application for new Board members. Copies of this are available at the Baca Grande Library. This application is also available in PDF form on the website at <http://nscld.colibraries.org>. Hover your mouse over the “About” tab, then hover over “Library Board of Trustees” and you’ll find all the relevant information.

The *Handbook for Trustees and the Bylaws of the Library District Board*, as PDFs, are also on the website at the same location and a reading copy of each is at the Baca Grande Library. The application asks if you have read them, as they will give you an idea of what is involved in the position. In a nutshell, members of the Board are mandated by Colorado law to adopt and oversee the budget, develop and adopt policies, conduct strategic planning, and hire and evaluate the Library Director.

Return your application to the Library District Director, Sarah Koehn Frey, at the Saguache Public Library, 702 Pitkin Ave, Saguache, or mail it to P.O. Box 448, Saguache, CO 81149.

Applications are due by Friday, November 30 and you will be emailed or phoned regarding your application. Thank you!

## Get out and VOTE! Tuesday November 8, 2018

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### Writing Workshop

Baca National Wildlife Refuge  
Thursday, October 4  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



#### What Ground Do You Stand On?



#### A Micro-art and Writing Workshop Exploring Place and Self

Join National Park Service Park Ranger, Amy Kaplan, on a short, easy morning hike exploring “place” at the Baca National Wildlife Refuge. During a creative writing and map-making workshop, participants will explore how personal and environmental change impacts our connections to the places we live and the places we love and the environmental grief we may, knowingly or unknowingly, experience as a result.

Bring a journal and writing tools. Art materials will be supplied. Hiking shoes, water, snacks, and hiking poles are recommended.

The free workshop will be offered to 10 participants, ages 12 years and older. Please RSVP to Ranger Amy at [Amy\\_Kaplan@nps.gov](mailto:Amy_Kaplan@nps.gov) or 719-378-6395.

## Make Your Voice Heard The Right Leadership for Saguache County

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Vote by Tuesday, November 6th

# The philosopher's stone: Creating order out of chaos

by Ruth E. Pulver

Jordan Peterson is a clinical psychologist from Canada, professor, author and public lecturer, who has a huge audience on YouTube. In my view, he is one of the new stars out there on the internet-horizon, dedicated to the understanding and deepening of human consciousness.

As a clinician over many years, he observed that the only thing that really cured a patient was the truth. Healing came about when a patient confronted his own personal truth, stopped living in illusion and denial; only then could he find new and honest solutions to the often deathly-serious conflicts, just as in "the truth will set you free"! That includes also acknowledging one's shadow and even meeting the hidden monster in oneself.

Jordan, having studied the human psyche for decades and being a person believing in transformation, is someone who was always looking for meaning and a reason for responsibility in and for life; he invites us to go beyond our comfort boundaries and moves us towards a sensitive, scientific and, by the metaphysical wisdom of the ages, inspired understanding of the function of our brains, emotions, aspirations, experience of karma, of suffering and successes, in the context of more complex and constantly changing rules and societies. Finally, based on all this researched material, backed up by experience, he points to what our purpose and role in life could be.

Indeed, he is almost delivering the philosophers' stone and leads us in this direction, finding answers and clues in old stories from mythology and religions, the Old and New Testament, the Tao, Buddha and the story of the Israelites. Also in much scientific research, in the findings of innovatively thinking men like Freud, Jung, Adler and Piaget, as well as by studying chimpanzees, modern brain research, especially the two hemispheres with their two distinct functions, complementing each other, the ying and the yang.

The destiny—I am interpreting his suggestions—of humans beings gifted with consciousness is to create order out of chaos in each of those realities we find in our experience, like heaven and hell, light and the dark, good and evil, the

stable and the moving, the passive and the active, the orderly and the chaotic, the terrible and the blissful. Yes, chaos is real too, especially happening when humans give up on their option to choose.

The human yearning to create order out of the wild since we became conscious in the Garden of Eden, at least metaphorically, where we also became vulnerable and discovered our nakedness, is the story of humankind ever since consciousness was present; to create and to be destroyed, to tear down and to build up, to unite and to separate, to conquer and to surrender. But what for? Just for the sheer fun of it? You may ask here, what's the point of it all?

There are intrinsic values, embedded in humanity, like honesty, courage, intelligence and responsibility, humility, charity, being of service to others. They were transmitted to us over ages of civilizations, cultures and spiritual traditions, and may very well have divine origin, just like the gift of consciousness, so unique in the animal kingdom.

By becoming conscious, we also became responsible. We have a choice between chaos and order, or for anything in between. And sometimes we need a bit of chaos too (but not for too long please!).

Peterson does not hide from ethical or political questions; societies have to function! He believes in marriage and family (no wonder he calls himself a "radical conservative"), and above all believes in development of consciousness, thus being able to become smarter and wiser at life and better equipped with the tools for conflict-resolution, finding a meaningful and empowering place in society, and being motivated to create a better and more humane world for all. He gives me hope! He shows us a way back in.



Avery Bechtel of Salida recently donated 352 ounces of her breast milk to the Mother's Milk Bank Donation and Outreach Center at Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center. Bechtel said she wanted to "pay it forward" and expressed gratitude to the hospital's Family Birthing Center for a positive birthing experience earlier this year. For more information about the Mother's Milk Bank, call 719-530-2277.

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# Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

September has been another full and lovely month. We continue to pray for rain at our daily fire ceremonies. We picked up our old tradition of Sunday afternoon softball games at the Baca Park this last month. They will continue from 1-3pm each Sunday as long as it remains warm enough. The Ashram will bring bats, balls, mitts, chai, and other goodies. It is a really fun afternoon for the whole family. Please spread the word.

Fall Navratri, the Divine Mother Festival, will begin on Tuesday, October 9. For nine consecutive days we will have extra morning pujas to the Divine Mother of the day beginning at 8am and fire ceremonies at 10am followed by discourses on the Divine Mother. This will all be followed by a meal with Indian feasts on the weekend. We will also honor our children on Sunday, October 14 after the fire ceremony. For inquiries about any of this please call the Ashram at 719-256-4108.

The new-moon fire ceremony this month is on Monday, October 8 and the full-moon fire ceremony is on Wednesday, October 24. The fire ceremonies begin at 10am and are followed by a meal. Morning aarati is at 7am and evening aarati is at 6pm. At 8am there is generally a small fire ceremony when we do not have a large one. Call us at 719-256-4108 for proper protocol for attending fire ceremonies, and any other questions.

This year the Festival of Lights, Diwali, falls on Wednesday, November 7. We will begin aarati that evening at 5pm followed by sharing songs and chants of peace and light, which will be followed by an Indian feast at about 7:30pm. We hope you can join us as it is always beautiful and special.

The Maha Lakshmi Shop has just received 13 boxes of items from India and India Arts. We have lots of new statues, singing bowls, jewelry, wooden boxes, bed spreads, incense burners, yoga pants, men's shirts, bags, and other cloth items. We still have lots and lots of yards of beautiful silks and other yummy fabrics, which we are selling for only \$2. The shop regularly stocks an array of wonderful items, many from India: there are anklets, both wooden and stone malas, brass statues, hand-decorated deity candles, cloth items, earrings, bracelets,



Divine Mother Festival, Fall Navratri, will be celebrated at the Ashram from Tuesday, October 9 through Wednesday, October 17 with daily fire ceremonies at 10am and Honoring our Children's Day on Sunday, October 14 at 11am. All are invited.

oils, incense, purses, hand-made silk cases for your glasses and cell-phones, CDs, eye pillows, Benares silks, soaps, wooden carved boxes, and much more. We also have an overflowing amount of gently used clothes, which are 50% off this month. The shop is open every day from 10am until 5pm. We invite you to come in and look around. We deeply appreciate your support. If you mention this article you will receive 10% off your purchase, except for sale items. You may view some of what is in our shop on our website at <http://mahalakshmi-shop.wazala.com>.

For more information about the Ashram, please visit our website at [www.babajiashram.org](http://www.babajiashram.org). All are invited to our Ashram Board of Directors' meeting, which is Sunday, October 21 at 10am. Please call the Ashram for an agenda. We also invite you to visit the Ashram at any time. We love to share Shri Babaji's and Mother's home with others. Just drop by or give us a call at 719-256-4108.

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# Sri Aurobindo Learning Center Desire

by Dr. Eric Weiss, MFT

People often express a wish for peace in our world. It's easy to see that if we want peace in the world, we need to start by finding peace in ourselves. If we take the need for peace in ourselves seriously, how can we cultivate it?

The first step in cultivating peace is to develop an understanding of desire. In our everyday lives, every movement we make is driven by some desire or another. Some desires are needs, and satisfying those needs keeps us alive. Some desires are simple wants, the satisfaction of which is optional. And some desires, the desires that power addictions, just get bigger even as we provide what they say they want. All of these desires share several characteristics:

- Desires happen to us, or arise within us, without our volition. We hardly ever decide what to desire—rather we discover what it is that we desire. We find the desires already existing and then we go along with them or we struggle against them—but we do not drive our desires, rather they drive us.

- The finite desires to which we are subject are many, and often in conflict with each other.

- A life dedicated to the pursuit of finite desires leads inevitably to frustration and agitation that is incompatible with peace. The satisfaction of one desire is often incompatible with the satisfaction of conflicting desires. Also, the world around us is constantly changing, and the changes that the world undergoes are largely outside of our control. For that reason, it is very difficult to satisfy specific desires, and the satisfaction that we do, occasionally, experience is always short-lived.

In short, we are driven by un-chosen, often contradictory desires to dedicate our lives to the pursuit of satisfactions that are difficult to obtain and always short-lived. The life of desire is incompatible with peace. To achieve peace, we have to orient ourselves towards something that is beyond the many desires.

We will discuss the next step next month.

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## Reflections on first time in the San Luis Valley

by Fr. Bill Sokolowski

It was a great pleasure, honor and blessing to participate in the sacramental wedding for Jim Vastola and Jen Judson at the chapel at Nada Hermitage in Crestone, Colorado, in the last days of October 2017. While the weather was a typical and important element (perfect each day!), it was the landscape's beauty that could not but impress itself upon someone like me and those who choose to live in the shadow of the mountains.

Nada Hermitage, situated on the lower foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, overlooks the vast plain between the San Juan Mountains and the mentioned Sangre de Cristo Mountains. I was told the valley was 250 miles long and 75 miles wide, the distance between the two mountain ranges. I was also told that the valley was considered "sacred" by the native Indians because no battle had been waged there, no blood saturated the ground, no resentment, antagonism or hatred reverberated off the mountains.

The October air may have been dry and comfortable because of the atmospheric pressure, but it was the peace, beauty and expanse that enveloped one in a unique way.

While all of this may seem expected and somehow natural to the place, for a Nutmegger like me coming from the stamp-sized state of Connecticut, the contrast is staggering. Most times travelling within my state, the roads are like narrow valleys bordered on either side by a variety of high trees. The sky is either directly above or up in front. It is almost as if one could touch the trees on either side by stretching out one's hands.

The comparison between that scene and the San Luis Valley is quite remarkable.

Does scenery in nature actually fashion and mold our thought processes? Does the narrowness of the lanes on which one drives cause thoughts to be so focused, so narrow, that mental perceptions also become narrow and focused? When trees close in on either side, one has a clear perception of oneself. One's own identity stands out.

In contrast, while standing before the valley, one is absorbed by the vastness of space. The length and breadth of the valley somehow transported me to its middle where I was dwarfed, unseen, with the domed sky cupping itself over me as a glass might encapsulate a lightning bug. Instead of seeing myself as some kind of agent, a doer, within a small lane, I now saw myself—perhaps that is a wrong term—I felt myself as an insignificant blip in the enormity of the area, small in relation to the mountains, invis-



Connie Bielecki, Fr. Eric Haarer, Jim Vastola, Jen Judson Vastola, Fr. Bill Sokolowski, and Suzie Ryan. (Connie, Suzie, and Eric at Nada Hermitage were wonderful in helping make this marriage blessing absolutely perfect!)

ible on the floor of the valley, blending into its fabric, one temporal event amongst the vast eternity of nature. The earth and the power of nature overwhelmed me, causing me to focus not on myself and my own identity, but putting me in a momentary spot in the vast stretch of time and nature. I was part of nature and not nature a part of me.

Yet, while the prodigiousness of the plain absorbed everything within it, there was also something else happening.

By definition, a valley is created by the presence of the two mountain ranges. If the ranges were not there, there would be no valley. It would be something else. And, so, the vastness of the area was the blind result of geological forces, making it be what it is.

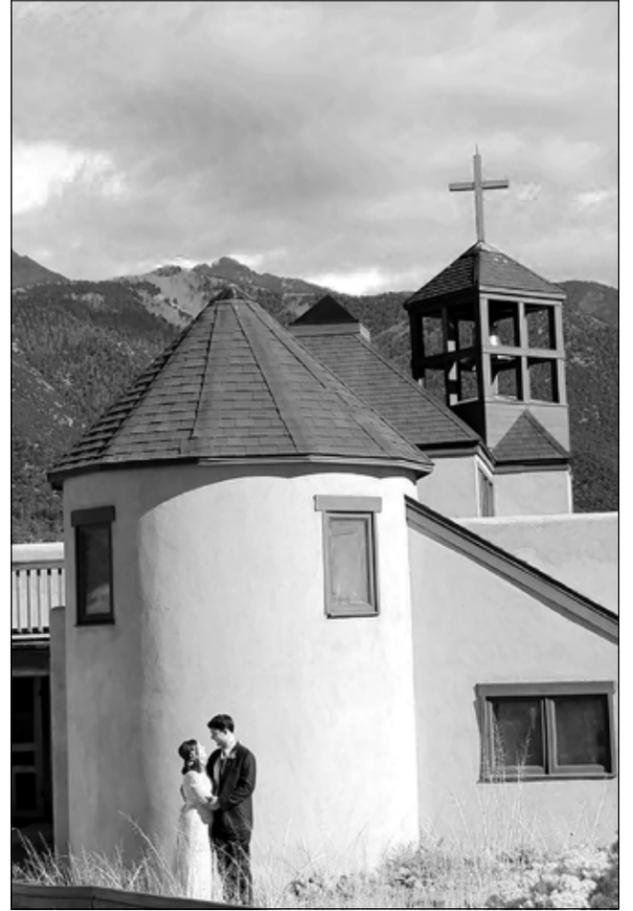
At the Nada Chapel, Jen and Jim, likewise miniscule in the face of the endless scope of valley and mountains, were not there because

of mute geological forces, but to express a choice, setting a certain future for themselves with their marriage vows. The freedom they experienced at that moment by stating their choice was lighter than the vastness of the mountains and valley. They chose their future, they pledged their loyalty, they accepted the responsibilities that come with truly caring for one another. With joy in each other they acknowledged and bowed before God's presence in the united lives. Such majestic beauty of this human act of dedication and love soars higher than the height of the mountains. It had a spiritual quality that transcended the valley.

So, we have the contrast of the creative act of two finite human

beings deliberately fashioning a future within the vast, majestic facticity of the mountains and valleys. Thank God for the beauty of the earth. Thank God for the creative beauty of human choice.

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Sin separates Me from you. When you sin, you choose to believe yourself instead of Me like Adam and Eve. The farther you walk away, the more into darkness you go. Your eyes become weak and blinded, and you stumble and fall. Destruction is right in front of you and you cannot see it coming.

"My Spirit convicts you in righteousness because I go to the Father..." The Father's heart and My heart are to have you close to us, and to enjoy each other. To accomplish this, you must be righteous which can only happen when I become your Lord. You take My righteousness, and the Holy Spirit gives you the power to walk in it. Sin makes you unrighteous, but I have made you righteous by

My blood. My Spirit convicts you of your sin by reminding you that you are loved and desired by the Father and Me. The Spirit reminds you that if you confess your sins (John 1:9) We are faithful and just to forgive all sin and cleanse you from all unrighteousness by My Blood. This is when you turn around (repent) and run back into our arms of love and mercy.

I have made you for True righteousness by My sacrifice on the cross. Do not forget that. Now, if you are in Me, you were also with Me on that cross. You were crucified with Me and your sins are paid for and washed away as you repent and determine to turn from them. The Spirit convicts you also of judgment because the prince of this world stands condemned now. Even people of the world have an idea that God is good and Satan is bad. Only My Name can overcome evil. Only truth overcomes deception and lies; only My righteousness overcomes unrighteousness.

Judgment is the exposure of evil that is hidden away in your heart. Spiritual judgment is conviction. My judgments are for your good. The sooner you allow the Holy Spirit to convict you of your hidden sins, the sooner you will be free to walk the way of life, and the sooner We can enjoy one another. Once you repent, it is finished. The evil one is judged and sentenced. Let Me be your Lord and bless you.

All My love to you Jesus

## WalletHub study's 2018 best & worst states for women's equality

With Women's Equality Day around the corner and the U.S. ranking No. 49 out of 144 countries on the Global Gender Gap Index—falling 4 spots since the previous year—the personal-finance website WalletHub released its report on 2018's Best & Worst States for Women's Equality as well as accompanying videos.

In order to determine where women receive the most equal treatment in American society, WalletHub compared the 50 states across 16 key metrics. The data set ranges from the gap between female and male executives to the disparity in unemployment rates for women and men.

### Best states for women's equality

- 1 New York
- 2 Minnesota
- 3 Maine
- 4 Nevada
- 5 Hawaii
- 6 Delaware
- 7 Alaska
- 8 North Dakota
- 9 Washington
- 10 New Mexico

### Worst states for women's equality

- 41 Oklahoma
- 42 Florida
- 43 Arkansas
- 44 Louisiana
- 45 South Carolina

- 46 Virginia
- 47 Arizona
- 48 Texas
- 49 Idaho
- 50 Utah

In every state, women earn less than men. Vermont has the lowest gap, with women earning 9.8% less, whereas Utah has the highest, 30.1%.

In nearly every state, women represent the highest share of minimum-wage workers. Delaware has an equal ratio of females to males. Missouri, Alabama, Mississippi, New Hampshire and North Dakota have the highest minimum-wage workers gap at 50%.

Alaska has the highest unemployment-rate gap favoring women, with 2.9% more unemployed men. Arizona has the highest gap favoring men, with 1.3% more unemployed women. The unemployment rate is equal for men and women in Mississippi, South Dakota and North Carolina.

In every state legislature, male lawmakers outnumber their female counterparts. Arizona and Vermont have the lowest gap, with 33.33% more males. Wyoming has the highest, with 87.50% more males.

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# How to talk a family member into a hearing aid

**By John Donovan, WebMD**

The scene is played out in homes across the U.S. every year. An aging parent or grandparent at the dinner table, lost amid dueling conversations. A raised voice. A blank look. A plea to get help. A quiet retreat.

If you have a family member with a hearing problem—and 25% of Americans 65 and older have a disabling hearing loss—you know how hard it can be on everybody in the family.

Sometimes, the solution can be as easy as seeing your doctor or an audiologist, scheduling a hearing test, and getting your loved one fitted for a hearing aid.

But that's tricky. Only about 17% of Americans ages 20 to 69 who need hearing aids ever use them. The number goes up for people 70 and older, but only to 30% or so.

## It's a family thing

The decision to go with hearing aids can be an intensely personal decision. But the person making that choice isn't the only one affected. It goes much deeper than that.

"There are tremendous family dynamics that take place around this issue of hearing loss. People don't want to be told they have a problem," says Debara Tucci, MD, an ear surgeon with the Duke University School of Medicine. "They would really rather deal with it as best they can and blame the difficulty in communication on the circumstances—on the spouse who mumbles or something like that."

But that leads to hard feelings and often a pullback by the person with hearing loss. The condition can be dangerous to them and can take a big toll on a family.

"We get a lot of older family

members who basically sit at the dinner table and, because they don't understand what's happening, they tend to withdraw," says Larry Eng, the president of the American Academy of Audiology, "and that leads into a whole spiral of other issues."

Withdrawal can lead to social isolation and depression. Untreated hearing loss has been linked to cognitive decline and dementia. All of that can be devastating to others in the family.

Sarah Klegman is a writer and baker in her 20s who was fitted for her first pair of hearing aids last year. She went through some family turbulence, then saw it smooth out once she opted for the devices.

"You can't help but be annoyed with someone if they don't hear you. You can't. Even if you're a saint," she says. "So there was tension. And some of that tension has been relieved. They don't have to repeat themselves as often. And you can respond to everything they're saying more deeply. You can just connect with people more deeply."

## What's the hang-up?

"I think there's a lot of denial," Tucci says. "Hearing loss is associated with aging, so a lot of people don't want to admit that they're losing their hearing."

In a quiet, well-lit room with someone directly in front of them, where the speaker is clearly visible, those with hearing loss often can get by. Denial works. But throw in a blaring TV, a comment from another room, lots of talking at the dinner table, or a bunch of background noise, and communication becomes much harder.

"They say, 'I have no problem hearing the TV,'" Eng says, "but

they're not the one sitting in the room with them [with the TV volume blaring]."

Denying the problem is natural, but other reasons for refusing to get help pop up, too:

**Cost.** The average price of a digital hearing aid is about \$1,500. Top-of-the-line devices cost up to \$10,000.

**Expectations.** The newest hearing aids help millions of people, but they can't help everyone. Some people have an idea that you pop 'em in and suddenly you can hear everything. When that's not the case, it can seem disappointing.

"Hearing aids are great. They amplify things. They amplify everything," says Laura Friedman, the communications and programs manager at the Hearing Health Foundation. She's worn the devices for years. "They don't clarify, they don't distinguish the person standing in front of me from the person standing behind me or the dog barking in the apartment next to me. I have to do that."

Eng says that "trying to get an 80-year-old [help] who has, say, moderate to severe hearing loss—something that should have been taken care of a long time ago—it's very difficult to try to work with these folks and their expectations."

**Motivation.** Eng also says some people "just don't think that it's worth it for the time that a lot of them think that they have left on Earth. I think a lot of it is [a lack of] motivation."

Still, the reasons for using hearing aids can outweigh any perceived negatives.

"I liken my hearing loss to people that probably should wear glasses that, like, don't wear glasses," Klegman says. "You don't realize what you're missing. And it's so much. It's sooo much."

## How to start the conversation

If you have a family member who could use hearing aids, opening the discussion is hard enough

sometimes. For those in denial, a hearing test with an audiologist might be a good place to start.

"I was very unsuccessful at getting my grandpa to wear hearing aids, even though I wear hearing aids," says the HHF's Friedman. "When I was in his house, I'd say, 'If I have to wear mine, you have to wear yours.'"

"There is no one solution to get someone to wear hearing aids. I guess a good place to start is making it a game. Take a test. Go into [a store]. Say 'I'm really curious' to get them into it. Make it like getting your eyes checked."

Eng has a simple solution: Hear them. "I think one of the things you have to do is really find out where they're coming from. And listen to what they say. Listen to what's important to them."

## Other suggestions include:

See if test-driving some hearing aids will help. Most states offer a 30- or 60-day trial period, and many doctors will work with you to make sure the devices will be of benefit before anyone pays for them.

If your family member worries about appearance, show him the newer hearing aids, which are more discrete than ones that were used only a few years ago.

"Look, people are going to judge you regardless. And they're going to judge you more if you seem disconnected," Klegman says.

"It's truly heartbreaking that the amount of stigma stops so many people from getting hearing aids," he says. "I think they will never really fully understand how much of a difference it can make in their lives. And how much people, honestly, don't really care that much that you have things in your ears. They're much too worried about themselves to be looking in your ears."

Appeal to your loved one's sense of family. Make it known that this is a possible solution for everyone, not just the one with hearing loss.

Remind your loved one how much life can change when you hear better. "It's hard. It's a tough conversation. You can't really strong-arm someone into it," Klegman says. "You say, 'Just try it.' You say, 'What's the harm?' You say, 'This could improve your life, and it doesn't mean that there's anything wrong with you.' How is this different than the glasses I wear or the inserts I put in my shoes? We are imperfect beings, and that's OK."

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## He, she, them, they?

# Understanding gender identity & pronouns

by Mela Goske

Some people might be wondering why it's necessary to write an essay explaining proper use of gender pronouns. Those of you asking this question are likely cisgender persons who have given little thought to the matter. The term cisgender refers to people who identify with the gender assigned at birth. The reason this information is so important is because there are people in this community who identify with other genders and are not being validated. In many cases, sex is used to determine one's pronouns rather than their actual gender. Sex is defined by the biological body. A cisgender person's identity is congruent with their sex, whereas a transgender person's gender differs from their assigned sex. Genderqueer serves as an umbrella term for a variety of genders such as; agender (identifying as neither a man nor woman), gender fluid (moving between genders) bigender (identifying as both male and female), or nonbinary (meaning their identification lies beyond the male/female binary). Gender binary refers to the system which separates its members into two sets of gender roles and identities based on the shape of their genitalia. The important thing to understand is that sex does not define gender, as one's body does not determine their soul.

In the past I have encountered the negative viewpoint derived from this binary of cisgender as normal. Through the normalization of your cis-identity you are committing an act of violence on other persons that do not associate with what you identify as. Nothing is normal because there is no standard. Because we are not the same, there is no one type that can be imposed on everyone.

Many uninformed persons say things like "this is a fad" or question, "Why should someone

impose their ideological beliefs on me?". Something they are unable to grasp is the fact that when a person takes the time to explain their gender and pronouns with you, they have shared a piece of their identity with you. It doesn't matter if the thought of using they/them pronouns makes you feel uncomfortable, it is not your body, and your personal beliefs should not hinder respecting that person. It doesn't matter if it's hard for you to remember. Keep practicing and don't be offended if someone calls you out on proper pronoun usage. It doesn't matter if you've known this person all your life and suddenly they're asking to be called he after years of using she/her pronouns. Do what they ask because they're your friend and you love and recognize who that person is.

If you are unsure of someone's pronouns, share yours first. Even if you identify as cisgender, this will show you are an ally. By taking the time to show you are aware of proper pronouns, you relate that you will make the effort in validating their gender. Unfortunately many who identify other than cisgender have been harassed and bullied. The other person may not be ready to share that information at this time. Be a friend to them and when they are comfortable they will share more about their gender identity.

When someone does share their pronouns with you, it is time to recontextualize their identity

in your mind. If I tell you I prefer they/them pronouns, that means I may have been born into a female body, but my identity goes beyond the casing of my bones and organs. I want you to understand this because I want you to understand my identity as a genderqueer person. It does not matter that my gender expression leads more towards womanly at this time. When I tell you I use they/them pronouns it is not a matter of preference, it is simply what is, these are the facts. Some people do not connect with their gender assigned at birth. Rather than adhere to the ill-fitting expectations society has placed on them, they embrace both their bodies and non-cisgender identities. Everyone's concept of personal gender may be different and move beyond what is societally imposed. It is our job as allies to embrace everyone's authentic self beyond a constructed standard.

The idea of a plural pronoun for a singular person can be confusing. An example of appropriate pronoun usage is "We are meeting Mela in the park. They are bringing a picnic to share with us." If someone responds with, "Great, what is she bringing?" You should respond with "They are bringing homemade empanadas. Mela does not use she/her pronouns. Please use they/them pronouns as that is their preference." If you continue to struggle, ask for assistance. A person will help you appropriately use their gender pronouns when

you show you are willing to be informed.

If you identify as cisgender, your identity has always fit in the gender construct. You have never felt alienated by a system that controls both language and societal expectation of how you perform your gender role. Non-cisgender persons are twice as likely to commit suicide. The idea that their gender is wrong is pervasive, found in media, religion, politics and most cultural standards. Not only does society discriminate against their identity, it has raised reactionary cisgender persons that commit physical, emotional, and psychological acts of violence against nonbinary persons. They are constantly threatened by their gender identity, like the 20 transgender persons already killed this year. Because of these facts, it is our job as a community to create a safe space for people of all genders.

Now that you've learned more about gender pronouns, you might be wondering what else you can do. Challenge misinformation that you hear in public spaces. In many cases uninformed people will make jokes or rude remarks about gender identity. Even if they do not receive your information, calling someone out on bigotry language is an important step in creating a more accepting space. Always use someone's correct pronouns and name, even if it differs from what they were assigned at birth. Another way to be a good ally is to become more informed. When you are unsure of something, take the time to look it up. Being an ally is a proactive choice that you practice every day.

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## School year starts with CPI drama, carnivals & shows

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In August our Youth Enrichment Program (YEP) joined forces for the first time with the Creed Repertory Theatre and we are helping to produce shows through October in Saguache, Moffat and Crestone. The play *Seeds of Change* is being presented and is inspired by Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. This story explores topics in environmental science, deforestation, ocean plastic, and habitat loss. Next came a single show at the Crestone Charter School on September 28 featuring the Zikr Dance Ensemble from the David Taylor Dance Theater. The company employs some of the finest ballet-trained dancers from numerous companies. This school demonstration followed the previous evening's public performance.

October will see Leon Joseph Littlebird in Saguache schools October 11 and 12. Leon brings Navaho traditions and culture in an entertaining and engaging way. A master flautist, Leon weaves his flutes, guitar and percussion together through looping to create a beautiful background for his stories and folklore. Next, we are booking

the extremely popular bi-lingual, positive message Hip Hop group 2MX2. We will again adventure into Salda schools and also here in Saguache County. Stay tuned!

So what else? Our Kids Carnival will be in Moffat October 4 and in Center October 19. The cost to kids is \$5 for unlimited play. Prize tickets are awarded for playing games and are redeemable at the prize booth full of cool stuff. The cost and production of the Carnivals are sponsored by CPI and Saguache County. The Carnivals are free to the schools and the proceeds



A pile of goodies for the carnival kids. Come join the fun hosted by Crestone Performances.

go towards school education programs. This is a new service we are offering in our efforts to expand our educational and recreational impact on schools and youth. Be sure to check our website, [crestfest.org](http://crestfest.org), for current events and highlights of recent shows. To date, we have produced 214 shows by 42 different presenters over sixteen years plus 4 carnivals. Saguache County shows and carnivals are provided at no cost.

If you would like more information or would like to contribute to our efforts through sponsorship or donation, please go our website, [crestfest.org](http://crestfest.org) and/or give us a call at 719-256-4533. Our address is P.O. Box 6, Crestone CO 81131. Thanks for your time and stay tuned! Crestone Performances Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit community service organization now in its 17th year! All donations are tax deductible.

## Rocky Mountain region hosts virtual job fairs by phone

### Over 900 temporary jobs available in CO, KS, NE, SD & WY

The Rocky Mountain Region of the USDA Forest Service will host virtual job fairs by phone for job seekers interested in working for the USDA Forest Service next year. Over 900 temporary positions are available for the 2019 field season throughout national forests and grasslands in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

During the one-hour, toll-free call, recruiters will introduce job seekers to the USDA Forest Service; provide information regarding available jobs; provide an overview of the application process; and answer questions.

#### Virtual job fair schedule

- Every Wednesday from Sept. 12-Oct. 10, 2-3 pm MDT

#### Call-in information & instructions

- Dial the call-in number: 1-888-844-9904
- Enter the access code followed by the number sign: 7662084#

Temporary jobs are available in a variety of exciting and rewarding occupations such as fire, trails,

forestry, engineering, wildlife, recreation, fisheries, archaeology and administrative support.

Job seekers can apply for temporary jobs through USAJOBS during these time frames:

- Sept. 14-Oct. 12: Wildland fire jobs and other early season temporary jobs
- Sept. 14-28: Recreation, fisheries, forestry, engineering, and other jobs

Temporary job opportunities are searchable online at [www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r2/jobs](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r2/jobs). Job seekers can apply through USAJOBS during the applicable time frames at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). Temporary and permanent job opportunities can also be found online at: <https://fsoutreach.gdcii.com/Outreach>.

Below are resume tips to support job seekers in applying for jobs with the Rocky Mountain Region:

- Include all required information (e.g., name, address, previous work history with dates and hours worked per week, etc.)
- Tailor your resume to each job announcement
- Spell out acronyms
- Be honest
- Write clear and concise statements
- Use active verbs
- Proofread your resume

The Forest Service is a federal agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture that manages 193 million acres of land, roughly the size of Texas. The Rocky Mountain Region includes 17 national forests and seven national grasslands located in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

For questions about the virtual hiring call, accessibility, or to request an accommodation, please contact Lawrence Lujan at 303-275-5356 or [lmujan@fs.fed.us](mailto:lmujan@fs.fed.us).

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**September & October Events**

- Creede Repertory Theater - Moffat, Aug. 29 (past)
- Zikr Dance Ensemble - Crestone Sep. 28
- Creede Repertory Theater - Crestone Oct. 8/ Saguache TBA
- Leon Joseph Littlebird - Moffat/Crestone/Saguache, Oct 11, 12
- 2MX2 - Salda/Center/Saguache TBA
- Carnival - Moffat Oct. 4/Center Oct. 19

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## Moffat School news: Grants for teachers



Isiah Wellman-Wheeler building a new chair cart for the school during his industrial arts class with Mr. Wood. Mr. Wood was nominated by his colleagues as the September Teacher of the Month.

*by Jillian Sciacca*

A grant to support teacher retention and professional growth is in the works.

One of our initiatives for the 2018-2019 school year is to recruit, train, and retain highly qualified teachers. In order to address our need for highly qualified and certified teachers in the valley, I am working with Regis University to write a grant that will allow all Moffat teachers to earn the first twelve of sixteen credits towards a master's degree in education for free. Also, we are working on another proposal that will support employees of our district who have at least an associate's degree to complete their bachelor's degree in education and earn their initial teacher's license at a significantly discounted price. All coursework will be offered online.

Two million dollars of funding will be divided amongst winning grant proposals. Each proposal can be funded up to \$125,000. The director of K-12 partnerships, Dr. Karla Esser from Regis University,



Melissa Zeck, the new Moffat School Secretary, answers the phone with a smile on her face. She was nominated by her colleagues as the September Team Member of the Month.

came to the Moffat School on September 21 to share details about this exciting growth opportunity with Moffat Schoolstaff during our professional development day.

We are thankful for our community's support and dedication to our school.

We are thrilled with the events that Crestone Performances is bringing to our school. On September 27, students in Preschool through 12th grade enjoyed a performance from Leon Joseph Littlebird. On October 4, there will be a fall carnival at the Moffat School from 4 to 6pm. The community is welcome to attend this

exciting fundraiser for our school. Both events have been made possible through Saguache County Tax Grant funding acquired by Crestone Performances.



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Find Peter Peterson on Facebook!



The solution to the crossword puzzle from page B-17.

# Crestone Charter School's annual fall all-school camp out

by Ayla Sirois, CCS junior

A big part of what we believe at the Crestone Charter School and what we are taught is community. From mentors to parent volunteers, there are a lot of ways that the community works together to best support the students at CCS. Our biggest and most fun community event is the beginning of the year all-school camp out.

Every year the whole school takes a trip to camp out together and get to really know one another. As has been the tradition, we go out to Robin Blankenship's magical Earth Knack campus at Cottonwood Creek. All together as a school and a community, students of all ages work together to set up their tents. Next, the high school students cook and serve

dinner for the whole school, as well as the parents who come to volunteer.

All the students, teachers, and parents coming together, in one place to celebrate unity and the Charter School values, leaves everyone with a feeling of appreciation, community and love. The good vibes are prominent and everyone leaves the next day feeling the love. The skits are pretty entertaining, too!

It's a special part of the school that's unique and important to the students, as well as the school community. The students get the chance to mix and get to know each other. It is also sweet to see the high schoolers help out the younger kiddos!



Crestone Charter School's Early Elementary students performing a skit at the beginning of the year all-school campout.



Charter School students at the campfire.

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# Don't be fooled by misleading ballot measures, do your research

by Lisa Cyriacks

There's a lot of talk about fake news and misinformation these days. This presents challenges to voters preparing to cast an educated vote.

Of all questions on a ballot, sometimes the most confusing are ballot measures amending the constitution or state statutes. Colorado is one of the few states that allow citizens to refer by petition in addition to the General Assembly proposing amendments. 2018 is no exception—there are 13 proposed amendments statewide on the ballot. Plus one question for a county-wide sales tax dedicated to public safety to be decided by local voters.

Two ballot measures in particular affect taxes. Colorado's Amendment 73 asks voters to change the state constitution to raise income taxes on high-earners, as well as hike the state's corporate tax rate, to improve K-12 education.

Opponents to the measure say the ballot title is misleading and could have unintended negative consequences for other special districts including fire districts, library, water and sanitation districts, and municipalities by diverting revenue from these districts so that the school districts get more.

Amendment 73 would set up a separate property tax system for school district taxes—in effect, two assessed values on every piece of property in Colorado. Over time, in

order to preserve the balance of the Gallagher ratio, the total assessed value of all property in the state would continue to drop resulting in further restricting budgets and reducing essential services provided by local governments.

Amendment 74 proposes to change the state constitution to require that any property owners who have experienced any reduction in their property value as a result of state laws or regulations be compensated for said loss.

In addition to adversely impacting local zoning and other regulations, local and state governments could potentially face endless litigation—draining resources from necessary services. For example citizens could face expensive legal bills to protect themselves from the ramifications of oil and gas development. Local governments could face frivolous lawsuits, at taxpayers expense.

Opponents to Amendment 74 say the measure would likely have a chilling effect on regulators, who would soften up on regulations on various industries to avoid paying hefty sums to affected landowners.

Online sources like Ballotpedia tie this ballot measure to Proposition 112. Proposition 112 requires setbacks for new oil and gas development (including fracking) to be at a minimum distance of 2,500 feet from occupied buildings such as homes, schools, hospitals, and other areas designated as vulnerable.



They're making progress on the construction project on Cottonwood St., with all the curbs done and now starting to pour the concrete for drainage and sidewalks.

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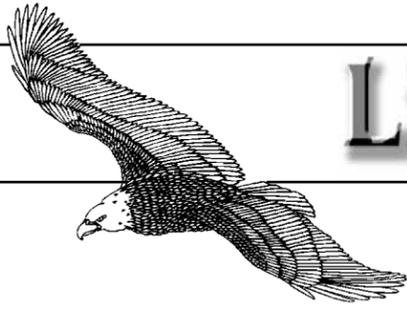
Some personal experiences that make me uniquely qualified:

- Grew up working around the farm with livestock and crops.
- Have 20+ years working in the management of small businesses.
- Served as an Elementary Committee Chairman for several years.
- Have served as a City Councilman/Town Trustee for several years.
- My military training provided me emergency management training.
- Law Enforcement Academy graduate, served as a Police Officer
- Years of service with veteran service organizations

I fell in love with the natural beauty of the Rockies at an early age and have explored them from Alberta to New Mexico. When elected I will work diligently to protect them for future generations to enjoy. Economic development is important in order for the County's ability to be self sustaining but I believe businesses should also be environmentally friendly.

If you share these values, I would appreciate your vote this November. If you have more questions you can reach me on Facebook or at [electgillette@gmail.com](mailto:electgillette@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

**Terry M. Gillette**



# Living on the Earth

## Hugelkultur gardening

by Heather Shaffer & Dawn St. Clair

Hello neighbors! We are Heather Shaffer and Dawn St. Clair and we own Pink Flamingo Farm. We have lived in the Baca since Autumn of 2016, and this is our first year gardening in high altitude desert. Dawn has gardened in the Front Range, but all of my gardening experience has been in Seattle. Such a change of climate for me! Sandy loam and a temperate maritime climate makes for pretty easy gardening! Being aware of the challenges (cold and dry with rocky, sandy, alkaline soil) we wanted to set ourselves up for success! The most important thing we did was build our garden beds using the Hugelkultur method. Hugelkultur is a German word that means “mound or hill culture”. The development of hugelkultur was influenced by Rudolf Steiner’s biodynamic agriculture.

I will explain how to build hugelkultur beds, but first . . . why? Why go to the trouble of gathering the materials and doing all that work? If you have tried to garden in the sandy, rocky soil here in Crestone, you know that the water percolates right out of the soil. The soil is alkaline, sandy and doesn’t have enough organic matter or nutrients to really grow the kinds of fruits and veggies that make life tasty. Conditions like these lead to disappointment and too much water use! Not to mention wasted time. So we

need to create growing conditions that provide ample nutrients and retain as much water as possible.

The bottom layer is created using materials that decompose slowly, then build up to the top using progressively finer organic matter, finishing off with a good layer of fine soil for your seedbed.

Hugelkultur beds are simple to build. They are not as easy as knocking together some wooden raised beds and filling them with soil from the nursery, which is what I have done in the past, but the results you’ll get for years to come are well worth the effort you put forth.

First decide where you want to site your garden. Once you have outlined where your beds will be, decide if you want to build from the ground up, or if you want to dig down. Either is fine. We chose to dig down and had an excavator come and dig our garden about two feet deep. The raised beds were built from the stones we sifted out of the soil. If you choose to build from the ground up, you can build wooden sides or rock raised beds to hold the materials you’ll be adding, or simply start piling them on the ground for the traditional mounded shape, leaving about 2-foot-wide paths in between. Your beds should be no more than four feet wide, making it easy to reach the middle of the bed from either side. The beds can be any length at all and can be a straight line or meander around.

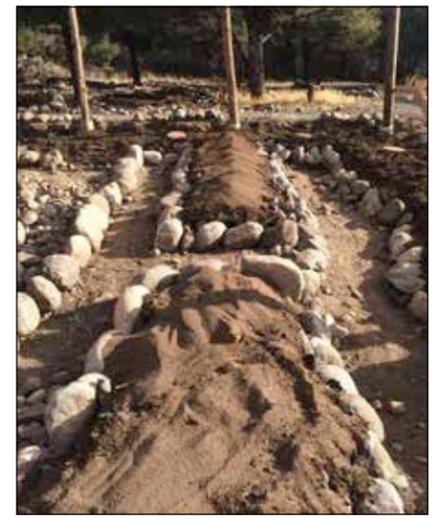
The materials you will need are dead wood,



The first layer, cottonwood.



Next, layer in soil and manure.



Top it off with fine soil.

leaves, grass clippings, kitchen waste, manure, compost (partially finished is fine) and additional soil. For those who have read about or used the lasagna method of building beds, this sounds familiar, right? The difference is the first ingredient, wood. Dead, dry cottonwood is full of mycelium spores. Mycelium will grow down there among the roots of your plants, helping them take up nutrients and provide immunity from disease for your plants. The wood, as it swells with water, forms a rich mycelial sponge that is capable of holding water deep down so your plants can put down deep roots. Deep roots mean stronger, healthier plants. Once our beds were built and we started soaking them with



Finally, water well and plant.



Lush growth in the first year.



Heather Shaffer and Dawn St. Clair, owners of Pink Flamingo Farm in Crestone. Hugelkultur is great for greenhouses, too.

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by Kim Malville

Mars continues to be the most dramatic planet of the month. Red and more brilliant than any star, it dominates our evening skies. When you consider the increasing evidence for bodies water beneath its surface, it becomes an object of great fascination. Although we no longer fear an invasion of Martians, life may have formed there during its wet youth billions of years ago.

**October 11:** Jupiter is in the southwest some 30 minutes after sunset, close to a delicate three-day-old crescent moon.

**October 14:** Some 45 minutes after sunset look to the south southwest for the crescent moon and Saturn to the left in the constellation of Sagittarius.

**October 17-18:** Watch the increasingly fat gibbous moon pass Mars in Capricornus.

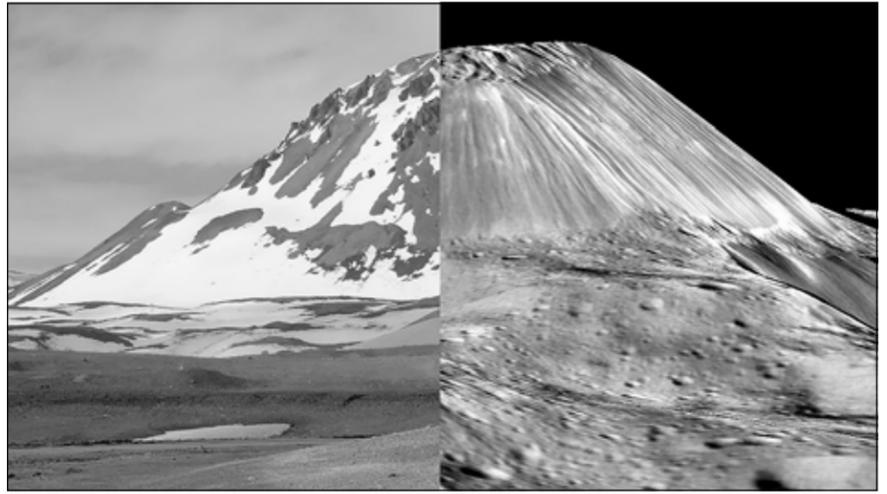
**October 24:** Full moon, known variously as the Hunter's Moon, Dying Grass Moon, Falling Leaf Moon and Blood Moon or Sanguine Moon.

ber of the Kuiper Belt, of which Pluto is the largest.

On March 6, 2015, NASA's Dawn spacecraft became the first probe to orbit two objects in the asteroid belt: the asteroid Vesta and the dwarf planet Ceres. Vesta is too irregularly shaped to be a dwarf planet. Ceres has a nearly spherical shape, and it is the largest member of the asteroid belts of which there are millions. More small fragmentary asteroids are constantly being produced due to collisions, some falling to earth as micrometeorites.

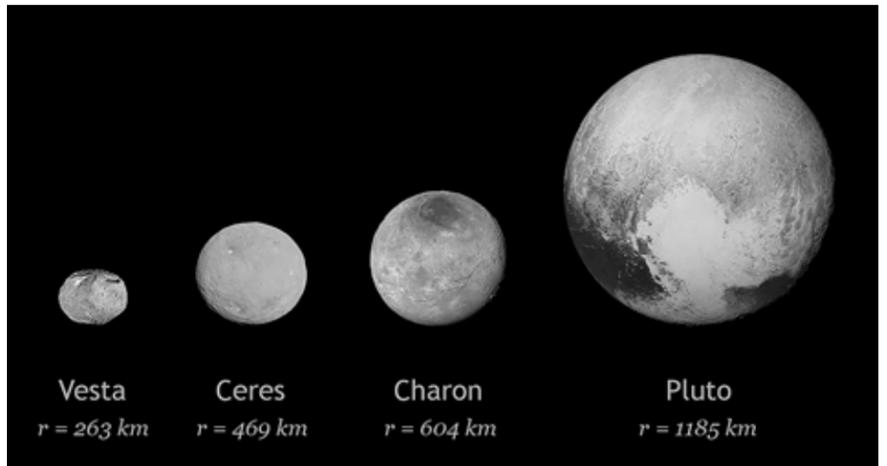
The surface of Ceres is generally as reflective as freshly poured asphalt, punctuated by shining white spots. The brightest region is centered in the photograph taken by Dawn, which is a 56-mile-wide crater known as Occator. Brine from the interior ocean has oozed out following a crack in the crust produced by an asteroid impact some 30 million years ago.

There are the remains of 22 cryovolcanoes (ice volcanoes) on

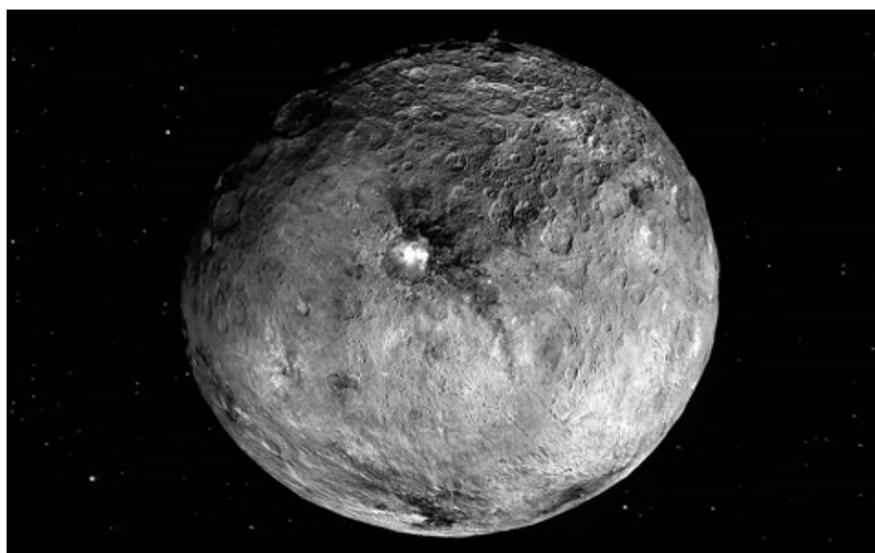


Ceres' Cryovolcano (21,000 feet) and Iceland's Hlloarfjall (3,600 feet)

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Pluto with other dwarf planets and an asteroid.



Ceres with ice-filled crater, Occator, in the center

photo courtesy of NASA

**Ceres, a strange and wonderful blob of water floating in the asteroid belt**

Three years ago, Nasa's New Horizons raced past Pluto, revealing ice mountains, glaciers, convection cells of frozen carbon monoxide, dunes formed by particles of frozen methane, and more. The Pluto-huggers such as my friend Alan Stern feel it is so unfair that it is now called a dwarf planet and identified as the largest member of the Kuiper Belt. To Alan, anything as complex as Pluto must be a planet. But if it should be called a planet, there are some 200 other dwarf planets that would join the crowd. Pity the children who may have to memorize the names of all the planets if Pluto ever gets returned to the fold!

This coming New Year's Eve, if all goes well on board this small robot operating extremely far from home, New Horizons will treat us to images of the most distant body ever explored, a small irregular object some 30 km across, now named Ultima Thule. It is a mem-

Ceres that spewed forth water instead of magma. The highest, and most recent such volcano is Ahuna Mons, "lonely mountain," at a stunning 21,120 feet, amazingly high for this the smallest of the dwarf planets. It seems remarkable that a thin crust can support such a mass. But the small dwarf planet doesn't have very much gravity. It has been proposed that Ahuna Mons formed as a cryovolcanic dome. It is roughly diametrically opposite to the largest impact basin on Ceres, 170-mile-diameter Kerwan. Seismic waves from that impact may have been focused on the opposite side of Ceres, fracturing the outer layers of the area and squeezing muddy water ice onto the surface. The time would have been several hundred million years ago.

Ceres has a density of 2.09 grams per cubic centimeter, suggesting that approximately a quarter of its weight is water. By contrast the earth has a density of 5.5 grams per cubic centimeter. Ceres probably has a rocky core, covered

by a dwarf planet-wide ocean, similar to that of Jupiter's moon Europa. This much water would give the dwarf planet more fresh water than Earth contains. In 2014, plumes of water vapor were detected. What a wonderful place to visit.

Though Ceres is the largest asteroid belt object, its gravity is still only less than 3% of Earth's gravity. Ceres is one of the few asteroids you could walk around on. One could leap some 37 feet but still return to ground. There are extreme shifts in temperature from cold to very cold: -100°F in the day (a cold day on the South Pole) and -225°F at night. But it would be an extraordinary place for geologists to explore. And, astrobiologists would love to look for life in its ocean. Its low mass and closeness to the earth means it could be a site for manned landings and a launching point for manned deep space missions. We may indeed have already have been visited by Ceres. A number of meteorites containing organic material have been identified as probably coming from Ceres, blasted off its surface by collisions.

Potentially the most interesting aspect of Ceres is that objects like it in the asteroid belt may have carried water to earth. The early Earth would have been initially a

dry rock. Any water it held on its surface would have been vaporized when a large object collided with us to form our moon. For a long time, it was thought that comets might have delivered water to the Earth after the collision that formed the moon. Recent measurements on comets indicate that most comets don't contain the right kind of water for our oceans. New studies are indicating that watery objects in the asteroid belt like Ceres might have created our oceans. Only a few of these, swinging into the inner solar system and colliding with Mars, Earth, and Venus could have carried water to the planets of the early solar system. Only Earth has been able to retain that water and give birth to those curious and questioning human beings that we have become.



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Sun sign trends

There are several astrology sun signs that won't be especially activated in October. Because there are no planets transiting through these Sun Signs this month, Aries, Gemini, Cancer, Virgo, and Sagittarius are less likely to experience much drama this month, except for personal aspects, which are outside the scope of this column.

**Libra**

Librans will be active socially until the challenging Full Moon on Oct 24, after which things quiet down. Venus, ruler of Libra, goes retrograde in Scorpio on October 6, confounding diplomacy for the rest of 2018. #MeToo may have setbacks as well, but will recover.

**Uranus in Taurus**

Taurans will experience a lot of unexpected changes with Uranus in their sign until mid-2025, so do not make commitments lightly, Taurus, or you may not be able to keep them because you can't see what's coming! Saturn trines Uranus this month, so combining realism and innovation can yield constructive results. Uranus also squares the Moon's Nodes which suggests that many proffered changes may not support our "destiny path" after all, or at least not in the intended way or timeframe. Also, because Uranus conjuncts

the Full Moon on the 24th and opposes the Sun, we *all* can expect an extra-chaotic Full Moon period this month, especially for Taurans. (*Caution:* With Venus conjunct Sun opposed Uranus/Moon at Full Moon, protect yourself against unwanted pregnancies.)

**Leo**

The North Node (NN) in Leo suggests that projects begun by Leos within the last 18 months may wrap up this month, move into a new phase, or be shelved for awhile. Your focus is about to change from "outgoing" to "private" as NN enters Cancer (family and hearth) in November. Finish up this month and get ready to move on to new horizons with a new perspective.

**Aquarius**

The South Node is in Aquarius for its final month too, encouraging reminiscing about events from the past, reconnecting with old acquaintances, and revisiting past lessons. Aquarians are especially active physically this month and into November, due to the presence of energetic Mars in their sign, making it a good time for an exercise or athletic program (but *don't* overdo it!) It's time to build, remodel, reduce, move, travel, or stand up for oneself. Use your energy wisely, while toning down possible surges of anger, ego, argument, arrogance or selfishness. This too will pass.

**Pisces**

Pisceans may find themselves supersensitive and feeling vulnerable because their sign's ruler, Neptune, will be languishing in Pisces through 2025. Spiritual and creative instincts are being activated, especially for Pisces artists and musicians. Neptune develops our inner and other-worldly talents, but is hard-pressed to make its impact felt in the material world, so "success" is subtle for these folks. However, intuition, meditation, channeling, ceremony, art and music are encouraged now. Mystical experiences are possible. Chiron in the final degrees of Pisces squares transiting Saturn, so rules and regulations are questioned, frustration is felt, and "alternate facts" are offered. Chiron also trines Jupiter as ethics, principles and spirituality aspire toward a "higher-minded" future for sincere people.

The Sun Signs most impacted by multiple planets in their sign now are Scorpio and Capricorn. Scorpio hosts only positive planets—Sun, Venus, Mercury and Jupiter—which bestow blessings, enhance relationships, sharpen mental abilities, and bring abundance and happiness. October is a lucky month for Scorpios, so make the most of it!

**Capricorn**

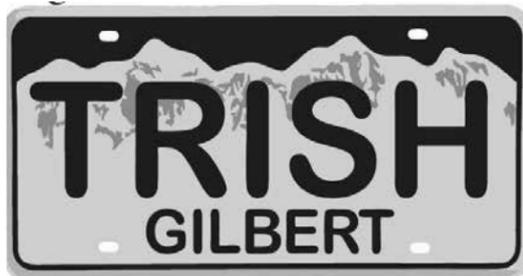
Meanwhile Capricorns are heavily laden with both malefics in their sign—Saturn, Capricorn's ruler and strict task-master, and Pluto, the "karmic avenger". These won't doom all Capricorns, but any benefits will be hard-won. Hard work is favored (Saturn) and in-

tegrity is required (Pluto)! Where "Caps" have *not* attended to detail or acted responsibly, they may find themselves accountable. Consequences may result—actual or psychological. But for the conscientious, there could be accomplishments, even rewards . . . although delayed. Saturn remains in Capricorn until the end of 2020 and Pluto won't pass into individualistic Aquarius until 2024. Although difficult, Saturn and Pluto deepen us, driving us to self-reflection and self-correction. But without accountability or doing the "inner work", Capricorns may suffer.

**The national chart**

As October begins, transiting Mercury, then the Sun a week later, conjoins our national Saturn in the 10th house of government. This marks a good time for implementing government plans, but vague ideas may backfire. It's time for precision, not broad brush strokes. So this administration's not-well-thought-out plans will likely stall.

Also in early October Jupiter enters the 12th house of secrecy and containment, signaling behind-the-scenes talks, a lessening of global influence, plus possible impeachment of some of our leaders during this national "dimming of the light". Jupiter (luck and abundance) will transit the National 12th house for ~3 months, like a speeding train entering a dark tunnel. The USA can expect to emerge in early 2019. Luckily, this is an extremely fast sweep of the 12th house, but it may mark impeachment time.



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# Who We Are

## Erin McGrath:

### *Spreading a belief in bounty*

by Gussie Fauntleroy

For almost two years after high school, Erin McGrath was a backpack traveler in Central and South America and India, including four months living in a Guatemalan village. What she saw opened her eyes to the social, environmental, and economic impacts of a global corporate presence in those parts of the world. Already her empathy meter was finely tuned—as a child she had watched her mother co-found and run a nonprofit to bring third-world children to the United States for medical treatment.

Yet she also grew up watching her quiet, smart, hard-working father establish a successful mechanical engineering firm as a young man. Both her parents' models—serving others and finding success on society's terms—have played out in Erin's own life. Now, at 34, she has cast her lot solidly on the side of service, not only helping people in need but also creating opportunities for others to give.

#### Movement

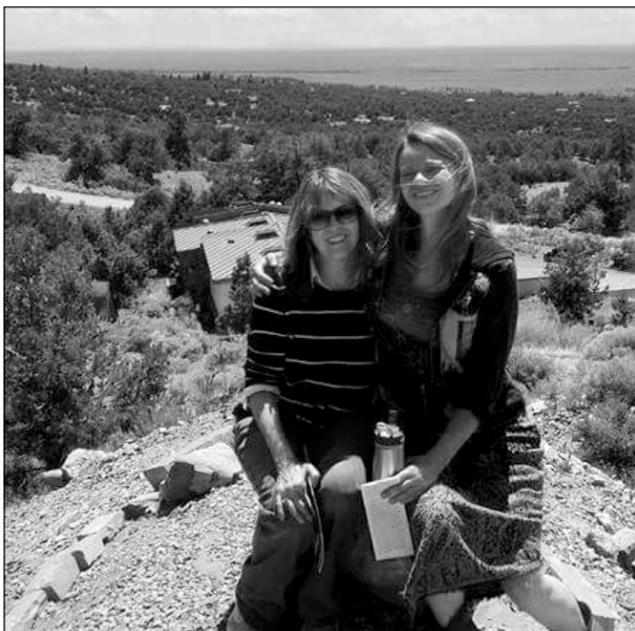
In the small Colorado mountain town of Conifer, Erin grew up athletic, playing soccer and basketball and becoming certified in scuba diving at age 12. After her parents divorced she watched her mother return to school, become a teacher and later a principal. On summer vacations her mother took Erin and her sister on road trips around the West and into Canada and Mexico. "She inspired me to want to travel," Erin says.

So after high school, she did. Back in the United States, she enrolled at Prescott College in Arizona, which accepted her travel experience for credits and gave her a home base for rock climbing nearby. It was on one of those climbs that a moment of inattention changed her life. She had just returned from a couple of months of travel and was excited to once more be free climbing among the mammoth boulders of Granite Dells. At 25 feet up, her hand slipped. She fell between two boulders, landing on her feet because there was no room for anything else.

Among her injuries were a torn pelvis and sacrum and nerve damage, leading to years of health challenges. The doctors wanted to fuse her pelvic bones with screws. She declined all surgeries except one for her knee, aware that surgery's long-term consequences could be worse than the injuries themselves. Instead she turned to intensive phys-



Erin and Sam the cat.



Erin with her mother, Lisa, on a visit to Crestone.

ical therapy and alternative therapies including Roling. Told she would probably never walk again, she spent several years in a wheelchair. "I never believed them," she says. "I persevered." It took almost ten years to regain her mobility to the point it is now, with some pain but walking and active again.

#### Success

Once Erin had recovered enough she transferred to the University of Oregon. There she used the school's pool for physical therapy and earned a degree in international studies with a focus on environmental issues, spending her final semester in Querétaro, Mexico. Following graduation she lived a few years in Washington state and Moab, Utah, working in banking and real estate portfolio management. In Moab she divorced after a ten-year marriage and opened what became a top-rated bed-and-breakfast, growing much of her own food and raising chickens and goats. She met Arnie Hector Alba



Aha and Erin toast tortillas for a Feel Free Ministry meal.



(left to right) Jennay Nguyen and Izzy Geremia visit with Erin at one of the Saturday free meals.

(also called Aha) and the two became partners in work and life.

At some point, Erin remembers, "I realized I wasn't as free as I thought I'd be. There's more to life than being successful in business—I also wanted to live with the earth, to live naturally." She and Arnie decided to move to her home state. Colorado friends had said she should check out Crestone. When she did, in 2013, she knew immediately it was right. "Our hearts felt so strong that we belonged here," she says.

#### Filling a need

She also had a strong desire to help others, inspired by her mother and by the example of Christ, whose fundamental teachings Erin aspires to follow. She and Arnie began attending monthly services at the tiny log cabin church downtown, Little Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Chapel. At the same time they were meeting people, many of them transient, with overlapping needs for physical and spiritual nourishment. "We saw people living in a mentality of scarcity and lack, and that was causing tension in the community—the idea that there's not enough to go around," she says.

In November 2017 Erin and Arnie established the non-profit Feel Free Ministry, affiliated with the Little Shepherd Church. Every Saturday the ministry provides a free meal (and food to take home)

for dozens of people. With generous donations from local gardeners, businesses and spiritual centers, the bountiful and beautifully prepared food is available at the church's fellowship hall on Alder Street from noon to 5 each Saturday. It is open to all.

Erin and a core group of volunteers prepare the food, while many who come to eat and find community stay to help clean up. "There are a lot of people looking for ways to serve," she says. She adds that the ministry's name represents an invitation for people to "feel their freedom from fear, to know Creator

is guiding us, and of course feeling free to be nourished, accepted, and loved."

#### In tune

For Erin, spiritual nourishment takes the form of artistic expression as well, creating jewelry using coral, turquoise, shells, feathers, and other natural materials, which she sells in Crestone through the Gift Horse. She and Arnie also co-create musical performances with plants. Employing a device that picks up and amplifies plant vibrations as sound, the couple uses intention, voice, and instruments to harmonize with plants. "It definitely opens a space to connect with ourselves, with our hearts, with Creator, with Creation," Erin says of the venture they call Frequency Healers.

Aside from these activities and her garden, most of Erin's time these days is devoted to the Feel Free Ministry, where she describes her primary role as listening and surrendering to what the community needs. "Creator/God is the one directing the work," she says. "I always really wanted to be part of a community where people care for each other and are able to work for common goals. I think that's happening here."

Gussie welcomes ideas for this ongoing series on Crestone area residents: [gussie7@fairpoint.net](mailto:gussie7@fairpoint.net), [gussiefauntleroy.com](http://gussiefauntleroy.com)

# Shine one corner of the world

## *A Zero Carbon vision for Crestone Mountain Zen Center*

by **Christian Dillo**

Much of what we call global warming is outside of our perceptual immediacy. The underlying processes are cumulative, gradual, and collectively caused. However, some of the consequences such as unusually intense storms, floods, droughts, and wildfires are now daily news—and often affect people we know.

What are we going to do about this looming planetary catastrophe—as individuals and as a small community? And what are we all going to do nationally and globally?

At Crestone Mountain Zen Center, we have committed to transforming our twelve buildings into a Zero Carbon Campus. We hope to achieve carbon neutrality by 2020.

insulated our leakiest dormitory, replaced the windows and installed a new heating system. We installed energy shield blinds in 65 windows across the campus, replaced 300 light bulbs with LEDs, and mounted 15 programmable thermostats so that we can remotely control temperatures in all of our guest rooms. According to the audit, all of this should reduce our energy consumption by an estimated 15%.

We cannot do this alone. We need the help of individuals, businesses, and NGOs. Currently, we are working with Resource Engineering Group from Crested Butte and local contractor Steven Harrell on how to eliminate propane and convert all of our heating and domestic hot water systems to electrical. To then switch to renewable



Apple tree almost ready for harvest. CMZC is currently developing the soil for a 2000-square-foot expansion of its vegetable garden and an edible forest garden of fruit trees and berry bushes.



The meditation hall (Zendo) at Crestone Mountain Zen Center. The plan is to exchange the propane-fueled boiler with an 18kW electric boiler and connect into the existing radiant floor heating system.

Of course we know climate change requires national policy decisions, international cooperation, and global political responses. We can participate in these political processes—cast our vote, maybe even run for office, join advocacy groups, support projects. But it is also the case that transformation happens one action, one person at a time. So we have decided to act as wholeheartedly as possible in our immediate situation and in our larger San Luis Valley community. We hope our actions will reach beyond our Center and influence those who work with us and practice with us.

Earlier this year, after completing a comprehensive energy audit, we implemented a number of energy efficiency measures. We

energy, we plan to build a 100kW on-site and net-metered solar array, which will eventually cover nearly all of our energy needs.

However, the San Luis Valley Rural Electric Coop (REC) has a policy which limits residential solar arrays to 25kW per meter. Financially speaking, this stipulation makes the project virtually impracticable. It would require us to reconfigure our electrical campus infrastructure at a cost of up to \$100,000 as we would need to break up the solar installation into four 25 kW units and feed them into separate meters. REC is currently evaluating the possibility of a policy change to allow aggregate

metering. It would simplify our system, reduce cost, and help us stay on schedule with our 2020 goal of achieving carbon neutrality.

Eventually, Crestone Mountain Zen Center wants its cars to be powered by solar-electric energy as well. This is still difficult to realize in our area because battery capacities, while rapidly improving, are still too limited for longer rides to the Front Range. In the meantime, we are offsetting all of the Center's car and air travel by supporting a tropical reforestation program through Carbonfund.org. "Negative" carbon activities such as reforestation are essential to the effort to reverse global warming. Nevertheless, such offsets only make sense in conjunction with a committed effort to continually reduce one's carbon footprint. This is why our current focus is to switch to renewables as soon as possible.

Our Zero Carbon Initiative is

part of a larger vision to develop the Center as an ecologically responsible, sustainable, and regenerative residential community that embodies the change the world urgently requires. Thus, we are expanding our vegetable gardens and helping to develop local food systems. We are approaching a zero waste lifestyle, even though our area does not yet have a fully functioning recycling program. And we are holding a vision of building ecologically and economically regenerative community relationships, through which individuals, the community as a whole, and the-more-than-human world can truly thrive. Underlying all of this is our commitment to deepening our sense of place, continually finding out how our actions can be a skillful response to our particular circumstances.

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# In Search of Economic Reality

*Is America losing the long-term economic war?*

by Ed Lyell

I am angry again over America not improving the skills of its youth. Why do we tolerate a system that keeps over half of our children illiterate and without job skills? I must show high school graduates how to fix stuff around my house and I learned that I cannot give them a manual since they cannot read. I must find a YouTube video for them to watch. What was my school tax money used for, sports? Local business owners have complained to me for years that they cannot find good help in this valley. Now I understand that it is because valley schools' graduate some students labeled as ok when they are illiterate.

On a national level America is losing the international economic war. Yes, it is as important as a shooting war, especially since it occurs on American soil. World history demonstrates that a country that invests in its human capital (education) will increase its economic prosperity over the long run. China is one of many nations doing this today. They are following America's successful long-term strategy that started in the late 18th century and started declining in about 1980.

In 1983 the book *Nation at Risk* came out and demonstrat-

ed that Americans were falling further behind most every other nation in math, science, reading and writing English. President Reagan stated: "Our nation is at risk. Our once unchallenged preeminence in commerce, industry, science, and technological innovation is being overtaken by competitors throughout the world. If an unfriendly foreign power had attempted to impose on America the mediocre educational performance that exists today, we might well have viewed it as an act of war."

Recently the OECD international education report stated: "The lackluster performance of American high school students is also evident in international assessments. Every three years since 2000, the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) has tested 15-year-olds in math, reading, and science. Since the first test results in 2003, American performance has not changed significantly in any subject; but it has fallen behind other countries. The United States scores lower than 14 other countries in reading, 36 countries in math, and 18 countries in science."

The newest US student achievement scores released last week show that our children are

the same or worse than 25 years ago. The education bureaucracy (teachers, boards, administrators and parent groups) take their normal position, of discounting the value of the test being used. Expect this to be the case on the newest scores where last week the Colorado Department of Education stated: "more than half of the test takers in each grade did not meet or exceed expectations. The highest percentage of students meeting or exceeding expectations in the English language arts was 47.4% in fifth grade." Expectations is the newest jargon for percent of students who are grade level proficient. Thus, more than half of the students in Colorado schools are not grade level proficient.

Over the 40 years that I have been involved in Colorado education as a parent, professor and state board member, student proficiency has stayed about the same, whatever the test. Schools celebrate a 1% improvement in overall student scores when what happened is going from 35% proficient to 37%. Local school districts set their own low graduation standards, and many continue to graduate illiterate students who only show up for football or another sport. State policy says that a stu-

dent is eligible to play even if they are flunking some courses. What would happen if we required students to be grade level proficient in all subjects to be eligible to play their sport?

A federally funded research study done in the 1980s videotaped sample classrooms of students of all grades in 8 states. The researchers reviewed the tapes and concluded that students were only actively learning 8% of the time in school. All of us that saw the results were sworn to secrecy and the study vanished. (I'm old and in bad health, so I want to expose this before I am gone).

So, what should be done?

We do need to change total communities, not just schools. Parents need to be more involved, and sports need to be limited to academically proficient students. Whole communities need to pay more attention to student learning than high school sports. We need to follow examples from successful magnet and charter schools that emphasize 24/7 learning. They include technology-driven learning and community project learning. Local schools need to be accountable to national needs, standards, and assessment.

I ask you, my reader, to send me ideas for improvement. We need transformative solutions, not minor changes. Help me think and write about the solutions.

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# OWNER/BUILDER CONVERSATIONS

## Living off the grid and loving it

by John Rowe

Cindy and John Hefty have a neat little frame house out on the southern edge of the Grants that they had built for them by a variety of local sub-contractors. They acted as general contractors themselves, used recycled materials whenever possible, and kept it small and simple, all in order to keep the price reasonable. They have three lots, a horse corral and shelter, well and septic, a two-bed-

all their needs. They have lights, a full sized refrigerator, washing machine, big screen TV and internet, well pump, and enough power to run guitar amps and power tools off of. As Cindy says, "what else do we need?" John stresses that "you need to be part of the system, making sure to turn lights off, unplug phones, the TV and the like, when you are not using them." Both stress using common sense, such as running the wash-



Cindy and John's cozy off-the-grid home in the Baca Grants. Their 6 solar panels supply all of their electricity.

room 960SF house that seems plenty roomy, and enough solar to run all of this. The total cost for this has been under \$100,000 and they have everything they need for a comfortable life.

Deciding to live off-grid is a large part of what makes this all work so well. First of all, land where no easily accessible power is to be found is much cheaper than lots where the grid is right out your front door, just waiting to be tapped into. Secondly, they have no water, sewer, or electrical bills and run their only fossil fuel needs, their cook stove and an on-demand hot water heater, off of a 20lb. propane canister, the same size as many people run their BBQs off of. They also use about a cord of wood every year, testament to the wisdom of building a small and snug home that is easily heated even in our sometimes severe winters. Thirdly, they shake their heads at the notion that to run a full size household takes \$25,000 or more in solar equipment, as some experts say. They have about \$10,000 invested in their power plant and think they have plenty of electricity to serve

ing machine and power tools judiciously. They have six solar panels, four batteries, a power inverter and a generator for cloudy spells. John says he would ideally like to have a couple of more panels but really doesn't need them. Batteries cost \$300 apiece and need to be replaced every five to seven years, inverters last ten years or so, and panels last twenty years. So there are maintenance costs associated with off-grid living but solar equipment is becoming better and often cheaper all the time.

And of course, there are the reasons to go off-grid that are good for the soul, in addition to being a long term strategy that is good for the pocketbook. The love being independent and not at the mercy of power outages and electrical bills that always seem to go up, and never down. To live simply and in direct contact with nature in beautiful rural settings goes hand in hand for them with small simple houses, sun-generated electricity, wood heat, and a smidgen of propane. This is a design for living that travels extremely well and has helped enable Cindy and John to live away from the city for most of

their 40-year marriage. Cindy, despite being Philadelphia-born and raised, "has always wanted, since I was very young, to live in the woods, have a bunch of kids, and stay home to raise them myself." And wouldn't you know it, she has done just that; she and John have six children, and she did indeed get to be a stay-at-home mom for all of them. Cindy would like it to be noted that they were all born at home, including her youngest by the light of an oil lamp. And for his part, Detroit-born John has gotten to live out his two major loves in life, his family and his music, by supporting his brood being a studio musician and rock-and-roll band member who played all over Michigan to keep his family in groceries.

They both dug in and built their home one room at a time, as family needs for room kept expanding. Cindy and John are both very grateful that their children had the chance to grow up out-of-doors and have developed a degree of self sufficiency many kids do not have. Cindy and John realize this is not the life for everyone but stress that for those for whom it is, off-grid energy strategies can be an integral part of a simple and direct way of being, away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Cindy says that "to truly tread gently on the earth, you have to have no energy at all. After all, our solar array and generator took fossil fuel generated energy to manufacture. But," she smiles, "this is pretty close." John says that not a day goes by that he "doesn't have gratitude for where I live and that we are able to



Cindy and John Hefty.

demonstrate our care for the environment by living off-grid."

And what advice would they offer to those looking to go off-grid? They think people really need \$10,000 to have a suitable solar system or be prepared to live without much in the way of electricity at all. Off-grid-living folk should be prepared to learn and understand the mechanics of their solar systems and be mindful of their limitations. Both Cindy and John stress the necessity of expertise in installing residential solar power plants and both are sold on spending the money to have a professional design and install one for you. Pros also have relationships with equipment manufactures and can get wrong or faulty parts replaced more easily than a homeowner can.

And the disadvantages of off-grid? Both Cindy and John think that these are darn few but do allow that a \$10,000 upfront cost for a reasonable size solar plant is a big hit and that a water well and state approved waste disposal system is even a bigger one. But for Cindy and John, this sacrifice is well worth it, and they have never looked back.

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# Baca Grande energy efficiency checklist update

by **Donovan Spitzman**

Recently, the POA Board and EA&C Committee have requested that the Baca community begin the revision process for our "Energy Efficiency Checklist". These pages were removed from our Design Guidelines due to difficulty with implementation and outdated information. A small collective, endorsed by the POA Board, has created a working document from our old Checklist, combined with new information from communities around the world, as a starting point for discussion and conceptualization. Please take some time and review the current document and provide some suggestions towards our collective future. The working document can be found on the Crestone Energy Fair FB page.

The recent attention Crestone/Baca has received has brought an influx of new residents. It is vital we assist these new residents to become acquainted with their new community. Currently, we have studies conducted by the Sonoran Institute and Westwind Management that concur on our local demographics. They found our "Community Values" consist of things like: small community, natural beauty, sustainability, rural lifestyle, alternative lifestyles/green building. Our "Local Concerns" are: ensuring green building innovation continues, maintaining high quality of natural resources, ensuring natural scenic beauty of

the area is maintained, promoting energy sustainability. Things uniquely Baca Grande are: alternative building materials and designs, alternative life styles, alternative building methods, alternative energy, leader in alternative building codes, people looking for an alternative lifestyle without the high cost. Additionally, the Baca has one of the oldest adopted sets of Energy Efficient Guidelines in the country. We are also host to the longest continuously running Energy Fair in the nation, making the Baca one of the oldest communities committed to environmental stewardship through building and lifestyle.

The new checklist will be a list of construction and lifestyle suggestions for our pending future. Previously, the checklist was a voluntary point-based system that provided a small discount on building fees. Accumulated points equate to a "benefit," either financial or recognition based.

The questions for us now become . . . What is the next level of housing? And what infrastructure will support our regenerative future 50-75 years from now?

Contact Donovan Spitzman on FB to assist with this project.

### Reference

The Sonoran Institute Study can be found on the Saguache.gov site; The Westwind Management analysis can be found on the POA website.



Juniper Good demonstrates the consistency of the concrete needed to build during his Cordwood Building Workshop at this year's Energy Fair Saturday, September 8.

photo by Lori Nagel



Goldie and Matt Mariola gave a presentation on Earthship Biotechture at the Energy Fair. They showed how to fill tires with dirt and start a wall, giving their audience an idea of how to make this type of building a reality with their own projects.

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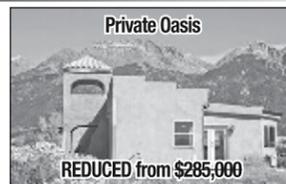
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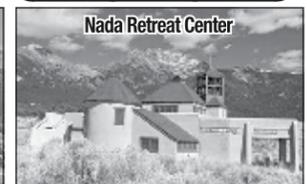


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This is a clean 3BD/2BA 1993 mobile home on a completely fenced treed lot. Huge 30X40 shop w/ 20' doors, heat, water and electric. Ready for a mechanic's dream. One block off of Hwy 17 in Moffat.

**Chalets**



**1974CR Highland OL - \$648,000**  
Beautifully designed by Bodhgaiya Architecture and built by Teahen Construction, this one of kind 2005sf 2bd/2ba w/study maximizes the 2.651 acre site w/exquisite views and contemporary architecture. Priced under cost to build.



**3681CR Enchanted Way - \$497,000**  
One of a kind custom built 2700sf cordwood 2-story 4bd/office/2bath/2 living areas w/greenhouse and storage on 1.354 acres. Master and great room upstairs w/ amazing views. Solar/electric hot water heating, passive solar, trombe wall.



**437C N. Chaparral Way - \$479,000**  
Built by Paul Koppa 2020sf 4 bd/2 ba strawbale home + detached oversized 2-car garage w/potential apt is designed non toxic materials and energy efficiency. On 2.09 Acres bordering greenbelt of Crestone Creek w/ Sauna & outdoor oven.



**1967C Rockyview Way - \$432,000**  
Luxurious 3BD/2.75BA/Office/3-car Garage 2953sf home sits on 2.374 acres & has a 2-room upstairs Master Suite. Beautifully landscaped courtyards & gardens with custom fence & deck, great views.



**3959C Cheerful Court - \$424,000**  
Custom Cathedral Style Mt Home. Approx 2700 sq/ft, located on 2.16 acres by Cottonwood Creek. Many architectural features incl Brazilian cherry hrdwd flrs, diamond plaster walls. Features 30x16' Art Studio.

**Chalets**



**3461 Splendid Way - \$259,000**  
This newer 1,356sf two story 2 bd/1.5ba home with attached 660sf garage is truly well built and beautiful. The living and bedroom space is upstairs w/ screened porch, great windows, modern kitchen and bath. Energy efficient w/ in-floor heat.



**2210 Lone Pine - \$234,000**  
Well built, cheery 4BD/1.5BA 2-story adj to Spanish Creek greenbelt. 2 living areas, lg storage rm & xtra bonus rm. 2 wdstoves w/ elec basebd bkup. Extra lot avail. @ 2208. Fresh paint & stain. Private setting at end of cul-de-sac. Deer fence, chicken coop.



**1880 Sentinel Point - \$205,000**  
Pueblo style 2BR/1BA w/fabulous views located on 1.02 acres at end of cul de sac. In-floor hot water radiant heat & wood fireplace. Lg deck overlooking the valley w/ lots of privacy. 1-car garage.



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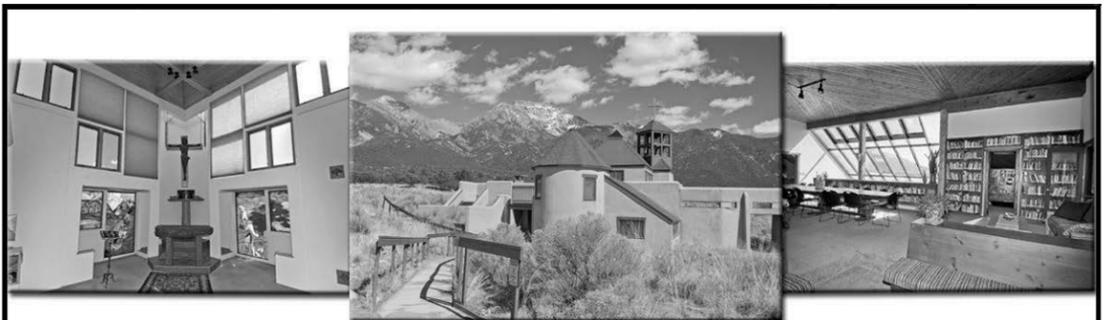


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499C Willow Trail	\$350,000	SOLD*
274 N. Willow St.	\$299,000	SOLD
56 Wagon Wheel	\$299,000	SOLD*
999C Badger Road	\$289,000	SOLD*
22 Alpine OL	\$279,000	SOLD
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542 Cottonwood	\$275,000	SOLD
359 Chaparral Way	\$269,000	SOLD
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# EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers  
About Our Environment

## Applying the lessons of ozone depletion to fight global warming by Roddy Scheer

Dear EarthTalk: You never hear anything about ozone depletion anymore. Have we solved this problem and if so why can't we get a handle on global warming as well?

—Lia Smith, Reno, NV

Global warming is certainly a hot subject in the news right now, what with all the oppressive weather we've been having, but it doesn't mean we've solved the myriad other environmental problems facing us.

That said, ozone depletion, while still problematic at certain times of year (especially in extreme southern latitudes like Antarctica) is a shining example of how we could be working together to make things better.

Researchers first noticed four decades ago that the ozone layer in the stratosphere above the clouds was starting to shrink. A 1974 research paper by Sherwood Rowland and Mario Molina from the University of California at Irvine detailed how a class of synthetic chemicals called chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)—then widely used in refrigerators, air conditioners and aerosol spray cans—were working their way up to the stratosphere where the sun's rays would break them down into their constituent parts. One of these parts, chlorine, reacts with the sun's rays and breaks down ozone molecules, thinning the ozone layer that all life on the planet has evolved to depend upon for protection against harmful ultraviolet-B (UV-B) rays.

Less stratospheric ozone means more UV-B rays from the sun get through to the Earth's surface, causing skin cancer and cataracts in humans and myriad

problems for wildlife as well. Extra UV-B also inhibits the growth of phytoplankton, the lowest rung of the marine food chain. Researchers fear this culling of phytoplankton could reverberate with negative population impacts up the food chain.

Recognizing that outlawing CFCs could solve the problem, the nations of the world came together in 1987 in Montreal and agreed to phase out the production of CFCs altogether. While it will likely take another half century for the extra CFCs to filter out of the atmosphere and stop causing seasonal damage to the ozone layer, at least we're moving in the right direction. The Montreal Protocol, ratified by 197 nations, still stands out to this day as perhaps the most successful international environmental agreement the world has ever known.

So what can we learn from our efforts to solve problems like ozone depletion that we can apply to fighting global warming? The major takeaway from the ozone depletion solution is the fact that working together across partisan lines and national boundaries is key. In 1987, the governments of the world came together, played nice and got down to business crafting an international treaty with some teeth that forced an international weaning off CFCs.

Of course, we have tried addressing global warming this way, with mixed success. Like the Montreal Protocol three decades earlier, 2016's Paris Climate Accord was a landmark agreement where virtually all of the nations of the world agreed to cutting pollution (albeit voluntarily). But the fact that national leaders can easily pull their countries out of the climate agreement—as Trump did with the U.S.—or just simply reduce their commitments (given its non-binding terms) means that only time will tell if the Paris Accord will go down in history as the turning point in the battle against global warming—or just a footnote in the longer history of our environmental demise.

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We've had some striking fall colors this year.

photo by Lori Nagel

## Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno

August 21 to September 20

### Total precipitation for period:

Liquid precip (includes melted snow): 1.04"

Snow: 0.0"

Measurable precipitation fell on 8 days.

Measurable rain fell on 8 days.

A trace of rain fell on 3 days.

2 thunderstorms occurred.

No hail storms occurred.

No measurable snow fell.

### Total precipitation year to date:

Since Jan 1: 5.45"

### Total snow to date:

Since Jan 1 (for 2018): 13.7"

Snow Season\*: 16.7"

\*Snow season runs from July 1 to June 30

### Temperatures for the period:

High temp: 85.0°F on August 30

Low temp: 39.3°F on September 14

Avg. high: 78.4°F

Avg. low: 46.5°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 80°: 14

Number of days with the high temperature above 70°: 30 out of 31

Number of days with the low temperature below 40°: only 1

### Winds for the period:

Avg. speed: 2.8mph

Highest gust: 36mph on August 27

Main direction: Out of the east at night, out of the southwest during the day.

### Weather summary:

For the tenth straight reporting period, temperatures were above normal in the greater Crestone/Baca area. Two record high temperature readings were recorded during this time: on September 11 it reached 82° (old record was 81° in 2017), and on September 18, the high was 84° (old record was 82° in 2010).

Precipitation was below normal, with most of the rain falling on just 3 days. We also saw no hailstorms once again during this time frame, with only 2 hail events reported for the entire year so far, making it more likely that the all-time record low for such storms (6 in 2016) will be broken this year. After September the hail season usually is over in our area.

### Outlook for October

This month usually sees things drying out, especially since the turn of the century. We have only seen above-average rain and snow in 5 of 17 Octobers. The most precipitation in the month took place back in 2006 when 3.38" was reported, and with the lowest October reading of only .04" in 1995. The most snow seen in the month was 17.5", way back in 1984, and like overall precipitation in October since 2000, we have only seen above-average snowfall four times since then.

Temperature-wise, as you might expect, things start on the mild side, with highs and lows averaging 65° and 35° in the first few days of the month, but cooling down to just 52° and 25° by Halloween. The warmest October day ever seen was 80° on October 1, 2010, while the coldest day saw a reading of just 2° on October 30, 1993.

The 30-day outlook issued by the NWS for this October is calling once again for above average temperatures, but at least there's slightly better than a 50/50 chance we might see a bit above average rain and snow during this time. We shall soon find out of this holds true or not.

Note: For current Crestone weather conditions visit Keno's web site: [www.keno.org/vws](http://www.keno.org/vws).

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# Hugelkultur

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water, we saw mushrooms popping up within a week! Dig down and you will see the spider web of mycelium under the soil. Good stuff!

The type of wood you use is important. Hardwoods are out because they decompose much too slowly for our purpose and some, like Black Walnut, are toxic to other plants. Pine and Juniper are too aromatic and resinous. They decay too slowly and have properties that may impede plant growth. Have you noticed that not much grows under our pines? Fortunately, we have access to an abundant supply of dead cottonwood, free to anyone who wants to pick it up off the ground, and perfect for hugelkultur. So the first layer should be dead and dry cottonwood logs and branches. Some of the logs we used were easily a foot in diameter. Lay them down within the confines of your bed, and fit them together tightly. Fill in gaps with smaller branches and twigs.

The rest is easy! Just start

alternating layers of your native soil, manure, clippings, leaves, compost, etc., until your beds are roughly four feet wide and however long you want them to be. The last layer should be soil. You can make straight beds or curve them about in creative ways. I saw a hugelkultur bed that was built in a beautiful spiral. You can even create water-retaining swales if you are gardening on a slope, or a labyrinth. We chose to dig down and then build the beds up, creating a sunken garden. This was a fun way to use all those big rocks the excavator dug up!

One of the greatest advantages to raised beds of any type is how much faster the soil warms up in the spring. Once the last frost is past, it's time to plant your beds. If you dig down and hit wood, don't worry. Just plant and the roots will grow down into the wood. As the wood softens and decomposes, it will provide nutrients for your plants. You can build these beds and plant into them immediately after a good soaking, though some say you should let them rest for a period of time. We chose to use seeds that were tested, tried and true right here in the valley, from



*The results of Hugelkultur gardening in the first year.*

seed swaps and High Ground Gardens, so I'm sure that's one reason our first year garden is so lush, but the amazing qualities of hugelkultur pushed every thing over the top.

I'm so glad we took the time to build our garden this way. Not only have we had amazing productivi-

ty in a smallish garden, we really haven't had to water much, even in a drought year. The only drawback is the initial work involved, but we did it the hardest way possible. Building from the ground up instead of digging down will save loads of time and work. Happy gardening!

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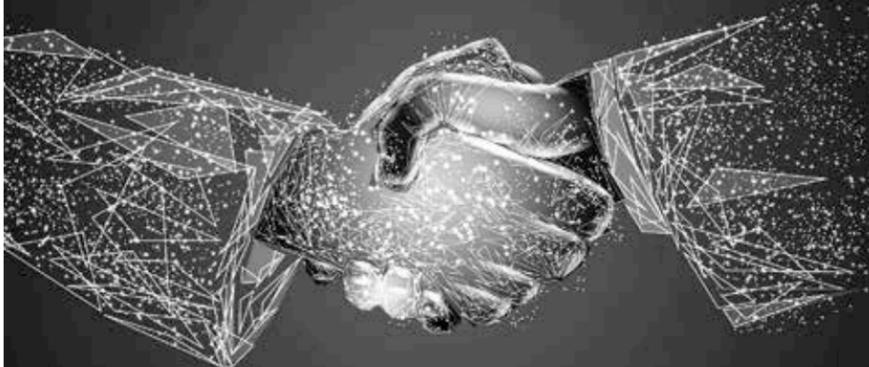
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# Baca Grande Library News



by **Suzanne McGregor**

First of all, we apologize for any inconvenience that the closing of the library for the last week of September might have caused you. We are trying to get all of our

renovations done in a timely manner and with as little disruption as possible. However, it means moving shelves, books, videos, equipment and supplies around so that the flooring can be installed. There will be another time we will have to close for a few days to get the carpeting done in the back room, but you will be given plenty of notice in advance. The sprucing up of our library is for *you* so that you have a cleaner and more comfortable space in which to work!

Welcome back to our youngsters this fall! The library is offering the Babies and Toddlers Story

Time Program on Tuesday mornings at 11am until anyone gets cranky! Facilitated by Penny from Saguache Public Library, this popular program includes stories, arts and crafts, and healthy snacks. Please bring your little ones in for stories and socialization. There is no charge for the program, and drop-ins are welcomed. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to stay and to give a helping hand if they choose to do so.

For those of you who would like to manage your library account online, it is a simple process. You will be able to see what

you have checked out and when items are due, renew items, place requests, and search over 100 other AspenCat libraries for items that you want. Also shown on the website are all the *new* books and videos available here and at all other libraries in our union catalog. If you are unfamiliar with the process or are having problems or questions, the staff will be happy to walk you through it. The address is: <http://nscld.catalog.aspen.cat.info>.

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 000 Lime Ave, 4.62 Acres. \$159,000 Rare opportunity to own acreage in Town of Crestone with no covenants, city water and sewer, SLV electric at street.	 263 Rainbow Trout Rd. 15.52 rolling acres at the end of the Baca Grande. \$130,000. Secluded, quiet, this property backs to the Great Sand Dunes National Park.	 BLK 49 Copper Ave, Lots 7 through 10 \$50,000. Wonderful opportunity to purchase Lots in the town of Crestone. Near the Crestone Charter School. No Covenants.	 BLK 64 Copper Ave, Lots 3 through 6 in the town of Crestone. \$50,000 Fantastic opportunity. Close to the Crestone Charter School. No Covenants.	 000 County Rd 55, Moffat 40 Acres \$42,000. Road access. Survey available. Domestic well rights to drill. Nice views, and secluded.	 339 Cottonwood Creek, \$15,000 Fantastic opportunity to purchase this 3.30 acre lot with well already installed. Gate on front, stand for solar panels, & cleared area for building.

# Garden Guru

Season's wrap



**by Matie Belle Lakish**

It's been an extraordinary year, with almost 5 months of frost-free weather and very little moisture. It's feeling a bit like Arizona these days. As in Arizona, irrigation has been our savior. And our gardens have been a savior for many of the birds and insects that would normally be seeking nectar and foliage in a wider, wilder environment. I have seen a greater concentration of birds and insects in my garden this year than in the past. Birds are loving the small patches of Sunflowers that grow at odd places in my garden with just enough irrigation water to help them thrive. Hummingbirds have really appreciated the Penstemons and Hollyhocks, and I am enjoying the Hummingbird Moths that come out in late afternoon to sip the last of the day's nectar.

But all this abundance has come at a cost—mainly the cost of water. I live in the Baca Grande Chalets, and can buy water, but many residents have seen their wells go way down and farmers are facing greater than normal water restrictions and shortages. Years like this make gardeners look closely at how we can get the most from every drop. Using soaker hose is looking better every dry day that we have, and if you haven't done so already, consider putting it in for next year. If you need help, let me know.

It is also in dry years like this that soil health becomes very important. Humus and organic matter in the soil absorb and hold what little water we are able to give it, and mulch keeps the soil from drying out as quickly as it would without this "top layer". Earthworms, another garden savior, like the more even temperatures and mois-

ture they find in all that humus protected by mulch. Over time, they do an amazing job of converting that mulch into the magic we call topsoil.

Speaking of worms, my latest animal husbandry project is my worm bin. At the Earth Day fair this year I got a half-dozen Red Wiggler earthworms from Jason Anderson, who has been generous in sharing his worm abundance with the community. My Red Wigglers have multiplied amazingly! I put them in a plastic tub with drainage holes in the bottom, and fed them various garden scraps—the finer textured kind, along with a few cups of oatmeal and soy flour for protein, and those six have become millions! The babies are now about 3/4 of an inch long, and are so much fun to watch. While Red Wigglers aren't usually hardy enough to do well over the winter in our climate zone, Jason says he puts them in his compost pile surrounded by straw bales for insulation. I'll try it and let you know. Our native earthworms are more hardy than Red Wigglers and do fine in the garden, but don't seem to multiply as rapidly.

A great blessing this year was fruit. Most of the apple trees in town are loaded, and two of my apricot trees, as well as my plums and peaches, had decent crops, although the fruit was smaller than normal. I attribute that to lack of water. Unlike last year, when we had no fruit, the heavy frosts left us before the heaviest bloom time. I am planning to re-work my small orchard's soaker-hose irrigation system next month to accommodate the needs of the growing trees. If you want to participate in that activity and learn more about the process give me a call.



A hummingbird moth visits penstemon flowers.

photo by Ron Dessain

As a result of the drought, some of my food yields were lower than usual. Most of my winter squash look like single-serving size. Next year I will work on increasing humus in that bed by adding more compost.

As the summer season has been longer and hotter than usual, the outdoor tomato crop has thrived. I tried several varieties that were new to me this year, and liked some of them very well. Brandywine, which is a long-season tomato and often doesn't mature here, put on and ripened some seven-inch tomatoes. I also had good results from some yellow and orange tomatoes that I got from Janet's spring plant sales. Nice baseball-sized fruits with wonderful flavor. Smaller cherry and pear tomatoes also yielded abundantly. Janet had a pale-yellow cherry that doesn't look very enticing, but has an amazing sweet fla-

vor. Try it next year.

The Chinese Cabbages that were given out to gardeners at the Earth Day fair did very well, and I am still planning to try Kim-chi. Maybe next week. Cabbages are smaller than usual. Again, the drought. They will make good sauerkraut for winter, however. Beets planted alongside the soaker hose filled out nicely. Mmm, borscht! And carrots are yielding well, another good storage food for fall and winter. Pack beets, carrots, and turnips in moist sand in a dark and cool, but not freezing, place to store for winter meals.

Bryon Pike of High Ground Gardens, a local seed company, gifted me with two corn packages in the spring. I planted a small patch of Painted Mountain flour corn and Yukon Chief sweet corn, both open-pollinated. I have tried both for fresh eating and was very pleased. Both varieties are starchier and more filling than the hybrid sweet corn from the store, but were very satisfying. The Painted Mountain are smaller ears, and remind me that the early Native American corn looked very different from today's hybrids. I am leaving the rest of the Painted Mountain to dry, and will try grinding it or making hominy, a Native American staple. I love working with America's native foods.

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## There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root, RH (AHG)

Herbs and such for staying healthy through the winter



This morning was the first snow on the mountains! Winter will indeed be here before long and with winter comes all kinds of gnarly health challenges like colds and flus. Can we head them off at the pass? Let's give it a go!

First let's talk about prevention. Supplementing with vitamin D has been shown to reduce the risk of getting the flu. It takes a few months to raise blood levels so best to begin early in the season. Vitamin C helps boost the immune system on a daily basis, and is especially helpful if you've been exposed to the flu. The amount to take is individual, so best to see what works for you before that happens. "Bowel tolerance" is the usu-

al measure. If you take too much for your system you'll get diarrhea, so back down a bit from that dose. Mullein leaf is a lung tonic and can be taken in small doses as a tea or tincture daily to keep the lungs strong.

Sugar suppresses the immune system for several hours after intake and dairy can cause excess mucus. Know what your tolerance levels are - summer and winter can be different. Best to avoid both completely while trying not to get the flu!

Here are some things to have on hand if you do get the flu. Now is a good time to stock up! This is my personal protocol

1. Oscilloccinum is a home-

opathic remedy taken at the first sign of flu symptoms or after having been exposed. It can prevent, shorten, or lessen the symptoms of flu.

2. A good antimicrobial formula (I use an usnea, echinacea, yerba mansa, osha, red root, mullein tincture formula).

3. Vitamin C - high doses

4. A good anti viral herb such as Isatis tinctoria.

5. A liver tonic such as dandelion root and/or burdock root

6. Teas - ginger, echinacea-elder flower, Traditional Medicinals Throat Coat

7. Elderberry syrup (use in tea or dilute in hot water).

When we first moved to Crestone my husband continued to work in Boulder and came down on weekends. He came home one time with the flu, and I had to leave to go to Boulder to work. I left him with these instructions posted on the inside of a cupboard door. When I came home a week later, he was well, and he had grown a beard which he has to this day!

In health!

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# ... NOT FOR SISSIES

**The tipping point**  
by Tom deMers

Last month I was invited to a birthday party for Ami Kohn. I don't really know the man, but it was a pleasure to be there and see that he neither looks nor acts his age, which someone said was 84???? In the rustic elegance of Robin Blankenship's Earth Knack community we came and celebrated, eating, drinking and of course, talking. It's what humans do, right? In one pod the conversation turned to climate change, which, I thought later, is what we call aging in the life of an individual. Someone asked: "Have we passed the tipping point?"

"Absolutely," said a young father of three, the children playing around us as we spoke. He and his wife are taking their family to live "somewhere" in South America. Where or for how long they don't know. "It doesn't matter," he said. "We only get this one lifetime. We have to live it."

The sense that we are running out of time is growing as the culture storms its way into the future as if global warming is meaningless. A woman in the group said she was flying to Australia soon. She knew the plane was dispersing its toxic tailwind into the atmosphere. She hated it, but the plane would dump its chemicals with or without her. She shrugged; she was going.

The cloud hanging over the conversation, at this otherwise delightful event, was the human end game. How would we respond, how would world populations react, when the awfulness that climate change only hints at becomes a reality? A mortal threat? People of a certain age, like me, and perhaps you, won't be around for the worst of it, and let's skip the blame game: how guilty we should be for messing up our gorgeous Earth. Plenty.

Instead, here's a vision I had a few days after the party. There will assuredly be families bunkering, wild partying, apocalyptic celebrations, but what if the end times also fostered a vast cultural embrace across racial, religious and ethnic divides, ethnic blending instead of ethnic cleansing? It's not out of the question that we might join hands in one Earth tribe, actually loving one another when all the power plays and head butting became meaningless. Utopian? Perhaps. We could turn to cannibalism and M-16s. But how ironic if climate change were to create the brother/sisterhood that would have prevented climate change from becoming the Sixth Extinction.

And if children lived through those terrible times, what birthday party might they hold for a new world? My sense is that Ami would like to be there.



## DISPATCH from the edge

by Peter Anderson

And they go . . . hoo yip hoo yip hoo  
Whoodle do yip who do yip hoo hoo  
Hoo yip hoo yip hoo  
Whoodle do yip who do yip hoo hoo

—"Coyotes" by Don Edwards as heard at:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGGEfl8GzK8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGGEfl8GzK8)

Yip, Yip.

We kind of like that song that some of you-hoo humans sing. I say kind of because it's about as close as you-hoo can get to speaking coyote, though it still ain't quite right. We do-hoo hoo and yip but we don't whoodle; that there's some kinda cowboy yodel. You-hoo may not know it, but we can also growl, huff, woof, bark, and whoop, dependin' on the occasion. Not all us do-hoo it the same way. In fact, we all do-hoo it different. And we can tell who-hoo's yippin' by the way they do-hoo it, even when they're a mile or two-hoo away. Some of you-hoo may wonder what it is we're sayin. Or maybe how a couple of us can sound like half a dozen. Here's how we do-hoo it. Lotta times it's just the wife and me gettin' out of the den for a little stroll in the moo-hoo-nlight. I lets out a howl, then she'll yip, yip, yip, and then I'll howl right quick after her. Hoo-Yip-Yip-Yip-Hoo. It gets to soundin' like there's a whole bunch of us out there even though there ain't.

It may surprise you-hoo to learn that we don't have that much to say: maybe just "we're over here" or "let's hunt." Why then, you-hoo may wonder, do-hoo we keep a yammerin'on like we do-hoo? Same reason cowboys yodel. Cause we like the way it sounds. And we like it when you-hoo turn yer lights on and poke yer heads out the window after yer little Fifi gets her poodle up. Little dogs have a lot to say from a distance. We have no idea what they're saying, but they amuse us and they make good snacks. It has come to our attention that some of you-hoo—hunters mostly—like to imitate us right around this time of year. Well, good luck with that. If you-hoo don't slam your door or skyline yourself, we'll probably smell you-hoo comin'. If you-hoo really want to speak coyote, just go out somewhere by yerself and howl for a good long while. When the sound you're puttin' out makes the hair on the back of yer neck stand up, why then yer startin' to get it.

Yip, Yip.

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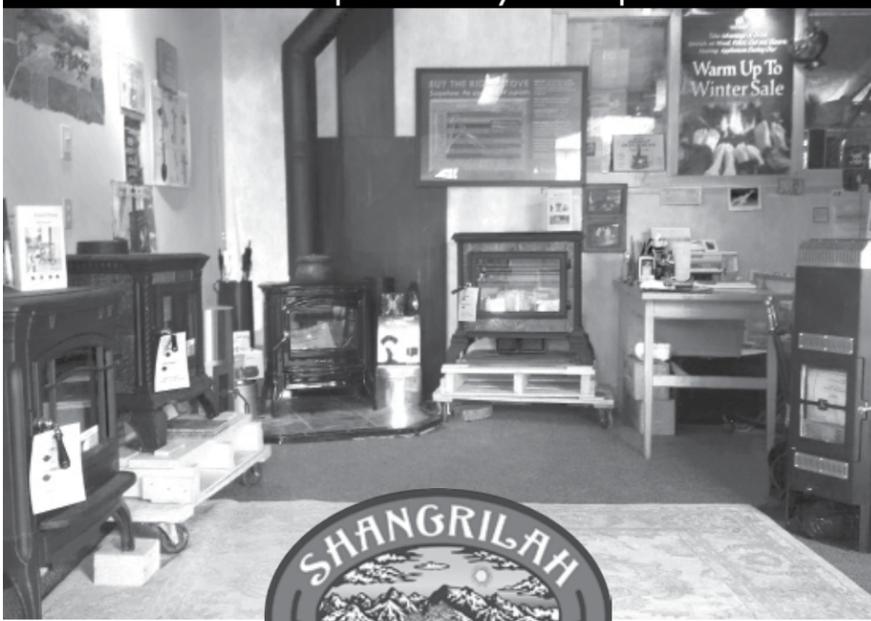
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## The Jokerster

What kind of roads do ghosts haunt?  
*Dead ends.*

How do you make a witch itch?  
*Take away the W.*

What kind of monster loves to disco?  
*The boogiemer*

Why are ghosts so bad at lying?  
*Because you can see right through them!*

What is a vampire's favorite fruit?  
*A nectarine!*

When is it bad luck to be followed by a black cat?  
*When you're a mouse.*

Why do ghosts make good cheerleaders?  
*Because they have a lot of spirit.*

What do you get when you cross a duck with a vampire?  
*Count Quackula!*

Why are graveyards noisy?  
*Because of all of the coffin!*

Why are vampires tough to get along with?  
*Because they can be a pain in the neck!*

"Mommy! The kids are picking on me! They say I look like a werewolf!"



Settle down son, it's time for dinner. Go wash and comb your face!

Where does Dracula keep his money?  
*In a blood bank!*

Why is there a gate around cemeteries?  
*Because people are dying to get in!*

What do ghosts eat on Halloween?  
*Ghoulash!*

Why is a skeleton so mean?  
*He doesn't have a heart.*

What goes around a haunted house and never stops?  
*A fence.*

Where do ghosts buy their food?  
*At the ghost-ery store!*

What is a scarecrow's favorite fruit?  
*Straw-berries!*

What do ghosts like for dessert?  
*I scream!*

What's a monster's favorite play?  
*Romeo and Ghoullet!*

What's a haunted chicken?  
*A poultry-geist!*

Why is it safe to tell a mummy your secret?  
*It'll keep it under wraps.*

## FIND 10 DIFFERENCES



Why was the jack-o-lantern afraid to cross the road?  
*It had no guts.*

Why don't ghosts like rain?  
*It dampens their spirits.*

Why didn't the scarecrow eat dinner?  
*He was already stuffed.*

How do you make a skeleton laugh?  
*Tickle its funny bone.*

What do you get when you cross a witch with sand?  
*A sandwich!*

What breed of dog does Dracula have?  
*A bloodhound!*

What do you call a skeleton who won't work?  
*Lazy bones!*

What's big, scary, and has three wheels?  
*A monster riding a tricycle!*

What do witches ask for at hotels?  
*Broom service!*

## TARANTULA



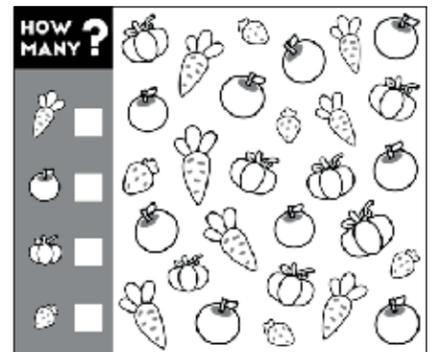
Chilien Rose Tarantula - Grammostola rosea

Tarantulas are part of the family of spiders called Hairy Mygalomorphs. There are about 700 species of Tarantulas, and scientists believe they have been around for millions of years.

They live in the rainforests and jungles of South and Central America, Africa and in the southern part of North America.

They live in burrows underground and use their silk to create doors and soft walls in their

burrows, but do not spin webs. They rarely bite humans, and if they do, it is comparable to a bee sting. They can go for over 2 years without food.

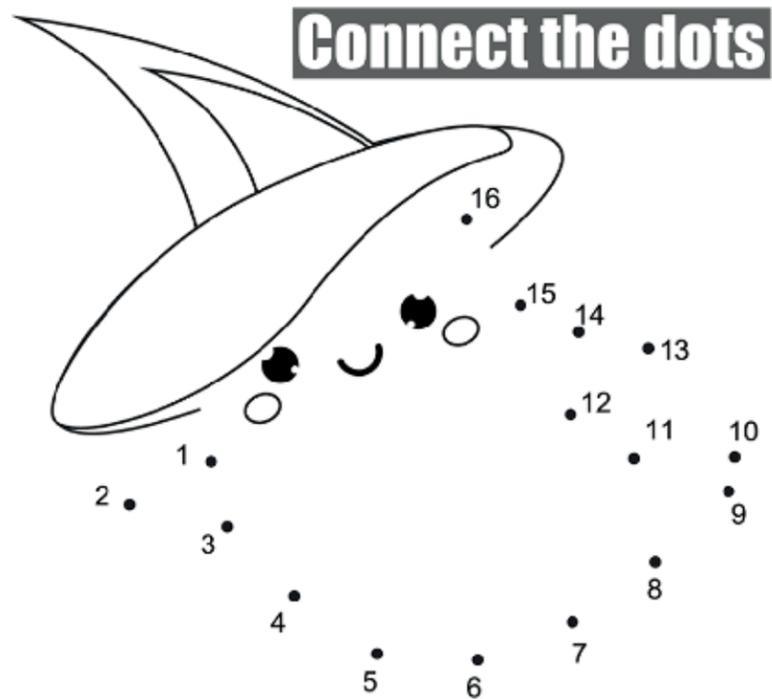


## VAMPIRES AND JACK-O-LANTERNS



Halloween is thought to be a time when the veil between our world and the world of the spirits is very thin. In ancient times when people were more superstitious, they hollowed out large turnips and pumpkins and carved scary faces into them to frighten away evil ghosts, spirits and the undead. Jack-O-Lanterns were thought to be especially useful in scaring away vampires.

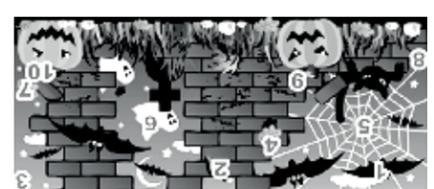
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ghost, witch cauldron, bat, pumpkin, spidecr, skull



# THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

## —MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



### THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY by Ish

**1/ Arrival:** (2016) ★★★★★

A sci-fi mystery unfolds as 12 unusual monolithic spaceships scatter throughout the earth and a linguistics professor leads an elite team of investigators and army personnel. She and her crew are racing against time as the world powers are on the verge of global war and she takes a leap in finding a way to communicate with the extraterrestrials that could threaten her life and possibly mankind's. Stars Amy Adams and Forest Whitaker.

**2/ Stealth:** (2005) ★★★★★

The Navy develops a fighter jet piloted by a computer that is placed on an aircraft carrier to learn maneuvers from the human pilots. But the computer develops a mind of its own and goes rogue while the humans are charged with stopping it before it incites a war. Stars Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel, Jamie Foxx, Sam Shepard, Joe Morton.

**3/ The Commuter:** (2018) ★★★★★

Action, crime, mystery. A hard working insurance salesman and ex-cop has been commuting by train for the past 10 years. Unexpectedly things take a turn for the worse when a passenger puts forth a cryptic yet tempting and generous offer. Trying to find an unknown commuter or face dire consequences, the conundrum unfolds. Stars Liam Neeson, Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson.

**4/ Cloud Atlas:** (2012) ★★★★★

If you are a fan of the Wachowski brothers (now sisters, The Matrix) imagine 6 movies in one with 6 different directors and yet the characters are the same but with wide ranging differences in time and unprecedented sequences. Very interesting. Stars Tom Hanks, Halle Berry, Hugo Weaving, Hugh Grant.

**5/ Our Kind of Traitor:** (2016) ★★★★★

Based on the novel by John le Carré this thriller keeps you on the edge. A seeming happenstance meeting turns into an unsuspecting couple being asked to broker a defection from a Russian Mafia boss who is fleeing in hopes of saving his family. Stars Radivoje Bukvic, Stellan Skargård, Ewan McGregor.

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  - Enlighten
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  - Swedish shag rug
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  - One of #35 Across
  - "Miss America" contest, e.g.
  - \*"Star Wars" creator
  - Shoemaker without shoes, e.g.
  - Hose woes
  - \*Captain of Nautilus
  - "La Vie en rose" singer
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#### General Services

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### NOTICE OF 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

Per Colorado Revised Statute 1-5-205, Saguache County Clerk & Recorder, Trish Gilbert, announces that the 2018 GENERAL Election will be held on Tuesday, NOVEMBER 6, 2018. Ballots will be mailed to all active, registered voters beginning on OCTOBER 15, 2018. The ballot packet will include: 1 Ballot, 1 Secrecy Sleeve/Instructions, and 1 Return Envelope. Voters will mark their ballot, insert it into the Secrecy Sleeve/Instructions, insert this into the Return Envelope, SIGN the envelope where indicated and mail or return the voted ballot to the Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) at the Clerk's office in the Saguache County Courthouse, 501 4th St., Saguache. The VSPC will be open from Monday, OCTOBER 22nd through Tuesday, NOVEMBER 6th, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.; on Saturday, NOVEMBER 3rd, from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.; and on Election Day NOVEMBER 6th, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Voted ballots may also be deposited into the Ballot Drop Box located in the south parking lot of the Courthouse. Beginning OCTOBER 22nd, the drop box will be available 24 hours each day until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Ballots must be received by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Ballots received after 7:00 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted. Postmarks do not count.

Trish Gilbert, Saguache County Clerk & Recorder

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▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲	
Deceased	Case Number:
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): Robert L. Preeo PREEO SILVERMAN GREEN & EGLE, P.C. 6455 Greenwood Plaza Boulevard, Suite 1025 Centennial, Colorado 80111 Phone Number: 303-296-4440 E-mail: rpreeo@preeosilv.com FAX Number: 303-296-3330 Atty. Reg.# 6731	2018PR30013 Division 3 Courtroom
<b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO §15-12-801, C.R.S.</b>	
<b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b>	
Estate of Sidney Gaylen Clements, a/k/a Sidney G. Clements, a/k/a Sidney Clements, a/k/a Sid Clements, Deceased Case Number 2018PR30013	
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Court of Saguache County, Colorado	
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**Recycling**

Bring your recyclables to the parking lot across the street from Aventa the first & third Saturdays of each month, 10am-1pm. Waste Free SLV will be asking \$10 for the average household, less for small amounts, more for larger. We also do pick ups. Call or text 719-588-2703

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**Job Opening**

Saguache County Department of Social Services is now accepting applications for the position of Child and Adult Protection Caseworker. Bachelor's degree in one of the behavioral sciences is required. Previous experience in Colorado Child

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Protection system and Trails, and/or the Adult Protection system is desired, but training will be provided. Basic job description includes being part of a team to assess risk and safety of referrals, and working with families, youth and children, or senior population to provide services for stability and safety. Spanish-speaking advantageous but not required. Starting salary is \$15.45 per hour and increases depending on experience and certification in the Colorado Child Welfare system. Send cover letter and resume to PO Box 215, Saguache CO 81149, or linda.warsh@state.co.us. Applications and complete job descriptions are available at 605 Christy Ave., Saguache, CO 81149, by visiting the Saguache County website @SaguacheCounty.net or by calling 719-655-2537 and requesting one be mailed. This position announcement is open until October 5, 2018. Saguache County is an E.O.E.

**Misc. for Sale**

**Moving Sale**

Sunday Oct 7th 9am - 4pm 174 Moonlight OL. Many items must go!

**WATER TANKS and GAS TANKS FOR SALE**

- 1) 25 gallons Xs 4, \$50 ea.
- 2) 100 gallons Xs 2, on rack with locking casters, \$250.
- 3) 125 gallons Xs 2, on rack with locking casters, \$275.
- 4) 165 gallons Xs 2, on rack with locking casters, \$300.
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**TABOR NOTICE**  
**Amended Title**

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAGUACHE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO: 2018-5 Amended

RE: A RESOLUTION DESCRIBING A PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (1.5%) SALES TAX FOR THE DIRECT FUNDING OF URGENT PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS REGARDING SAGUACHE COUNTY'S STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF SAGUACHE

The Saguache County Board of Commissioners enacted a Resolution on June 19, 2018 referring a ballot measure requesting voter approval of a one and one-half percent county-wide sales tax to be used for purposes set forth in Resolution No. 2018-5; and

The Saguache County Board of Commissioners have been requested to refer an amended ballot measure, which changes only the Ballot Title, and not the content of the ballot measure itself; and

The Saguache County Board of Commissioners refers the Amended Ballot measure to the Clerk and Recorder for presentation at the November 6, 2018 election with a change in the title to: CREATION OF A SPECIFIC ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (1.5%) COUNTY-WIDE SALES TAX INCREASE; and

Except as specifically amended herein, the remaining provisions of Resolution No: 2018-5, as recorded on June 20, 2018 and re-recorded on 8-8-2018, remain in full force and effect.

READ, ADOPTED AND SIGNED the 4th day of September, 2018.



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# ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2018

## VOTE AS IF YOUR RIGHTS DEPEND ON IT!

### Register to **Vote.**

**ONLINE:** If you have a Colorado driver's license or ID card you can register online at [govotecolorado.com](http://govotecolorado.com).

**TEXT:** Text the word "Colorado" or "CO" to 28683 on your smartphone.

**IN PERSON:** Voter registration is offered at the County Clerk's office.

### Ballot by **Mail.**

Your ballot will mailed to you the week of **Oct.15**. Mail in your ballot by October 31. You can drop off your ballot anytime after Oct.22 at the Saguache County Courthouse 501 4th Street, Saguache or at the Dropbox in S. Parking Lot.

**QUESTIONS?** Call 719-655-2512

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**TIM LOVATO**  
County Commissioner



**NOBEL HAVENS**  
Sheriff



**TOM PERRIN**  
Coroner



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### Election **Day.**

You may register & vote on Election Day, November 6, 2018 Saguache County Clerk's Office  
POLLS OPEN 7:00 AM. to 7:00 pm. Gov. ID required.

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