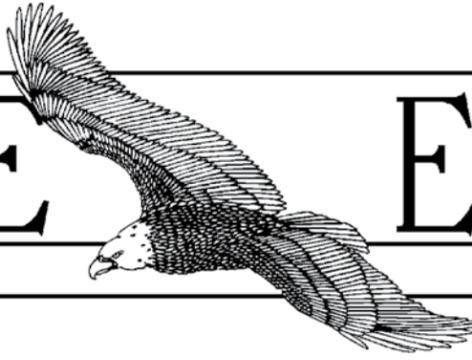


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Colorado's open primaries are June 26—Go vote!

by Lisa Cyriacks

Primaries for the two major parties are June 26. Colorado will be implementing something new for 2018—an open primary system. What this means is that an eligible unaffiliated elector is entitled to vote in the primary election of a major political party without affiliating with that political party.

Primary elections in the past have only allowed participation by affiliated party members.

Here are some things you may need to know in order to be prepared.

- Colorado permits online voter registration. www.govotecolorado.com

- Colorado utilizes a vote-by-mail system for all elections.

- Voters must be at least 18 years on Election Day, a citizen of the United States and have lived in Colorado for 22 days prior to Election Day.

- Colorado voters can register through Election Day, but must register at least eight days prior to Election Day to automatically receive a ballot in the mail.

- Voters who register after that point can pick up a ballot and vote at a Voter Service and Polling Center. In Saguache County, this is the courthouse in the town of Saguache.

- If voting in person, voters in Colorado are required to present a valid form of identification at the polls.

- Polls are open on Election Day from 7am to 7pm.

As of May 7, 2018, the Colorado Secretary of State reports that out of the 1.2 million unaffiliated voters

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John happily fishing at his favorite "Secret Spot" in Crestone. photo by Lori Nagel

See our special section for Summer Fun & Events

Fire restrictions declared on Forest Service & BLM lands

The Rio Grande National Forest and Bureau of Land Management's San Luis Valley Field Office initiated Stage 1 fire restrictions on May 21. The low snowpack and warm temperatures have created unusually dry conditions for this time of year in the foothills and mountains that surround the San Luis Valley.

Stage 1 fire restrictions prohibit:

1. All open fires, campfires, charcoal-fueled fires, or coal- or wood-burning stove fires unless in an established fire grate in a de-

- veloped campground. Petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices are allowed.

2. Smoking, unless within an enclosed vehicle or building, in a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least 3' in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

3. Operating a chainsaw without a USDA- or SAE-approved spark arrestor properly installed, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A kept with the operator, and one round point shovel with an overall

- length of at least 35".

4. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame except when in a cleared area of at least 10' in diameter and in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of at least 2A.

As a reminder, the use of explosives and incendiary devices, including fireworks, are prohibited on all federal lands.

For more information contact the Rio Grande National Forest at 719-852-5941 or the San Luis Valley Field Office at 719-852-7074.

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A bear of a problem

Dear Editor,
 Goldilocks seems to have developed a serious sense of guilt (liberal or otherwise) over having invaded the home of the bears and taking tastes of their soup. To deal with this guilt she started putting out goodies for the bear family: garbage in easy containers the night before pickup, pet and human food within easy reach, windows open for night snacks. Soon it was not just the three-bear family, but grandparents, cousins, nephews and friends started coming for the easy food. Goldilocks felt trouble was brewing. What to do?

Goldilocks consulted with the sages and good witches of the kingdom about the situation. To the person they told her that this feeding of bears was not a good thing for her, her neighbors, the village, even the bears. It would only lead to more trouble. Someone was inevitably going to get hurt or killed and all the king's men and hunters would have to intervene. It would not be good for the bears either.

Goldilocks listened to the wisdom of her elders, stopped feeding the bears, they went back to their old ways of living, and they all lived happily ever after.

Crestone/Baca residents, let's all work on having this fairy tale have a good end.

Jose Villa

Thank you

Dear Editor,
 The Atalanta Community Garden would like to say thank you to everyone who supported the fund raising effort to purchase our table-height raised beds. We were also able to purchase eighteen fruit trees and twelve berry bushes. Many thanks to those who helped plant them and put up the new hoop green house.

With gratitude,
 Joanna Dokson, for the Board members of Atalanta

Spay & neuter thank you!

Dear Readers,
 We had yet another successful clinic in May—70 dogs and cats were spayed or neutered. So many people helped make it all possible. The people who signed up and brought their dogs, cats, puppies and kittens out to us so early in the morning. All of our hardworking volunteers—Jade Vigil, Liz Paup, Mary Lowers, Tilly Reed, Katie Getchell, Pattison Kane, Rosalea Anderson, Pam Gripp, Melinda, Andrew, Jo and Nesta Davis, Jane Samson, Patti Leake, and Karen Caddis. The Crestone Mercantile for helping with everything from scheduling at the outset to feeding us on the last day. The Crestone Eagle for helping to get the word out. The Baca POA,

Shawn Hollmer and all the maintenance crew for providing the space for the clinic and making sure it was ready for us. Higher Elevation, Mandala Pizza, Gracie's Farmstead, and the Crestone Brewery for feeding us. Ryan Hiatt and Becky Smith of Royal Highness Botanicals for providing the B&B. And most of all Lisa Petri with Colorado Animal Welfare League. It would never get done without all of us pitching in. A very deep felt thanks to you all!

—Linda M Behrns, DVM

Come to meetings

To the Community:

If you like and stand behind the current POA Board, please come to meetings. You are so needed. The current Board is dedicated to sorting out many thorny issues that have resulted in a kind of swinging fiercely one direction and then the next with preceding Boards. They are committed to upholding the Covenants unless the community changes them. There is a dignity and fairness with this group which is not popular with some. Currently the majority of people who show up at the meetings loudly disagree with this Board. This is their right to show up but it causes a voluminous imbalance that does not reflect the community's real feelings. In other words, don't just show up when you don't agree, but come and support your team if you do agree.

Thank you,
 Zoe de Bray

An invitation & view of May 17 POA meeting

Good day, people,
 Voices of reason supporting fair process, customer service and communication regarding POA policy were heard. POA members who didn't receive notice about fee and other policy changes were brought to light, members felt blindsided by policies that they didn't vote for or had no awareness of. We have hired a Communication Director and this is a good first solution.

A well know longtime resident said something like; "There is violence being directed at you, (referring to the POA BoD and employees). This is unacceptable, don't allow this! Call the sheriff and get help if you need to."

A young family and new POA member (from my observation) said "The POA seems to favor the privileged members who can afford these high fees. I thought we were moving to a place that was cool and away from the city gentrification."

Our POA governing documents state that they are designed to create a "first-class community."

Our current POA President stated at the meeting, "These policies are working." This statement was regarding the \$5000+ in deposits to homestead. I see these policies hindering low income members from building in the POA. Also, many of us did not consent to the above nor paying for litigation, trespassing, and threats or harassment against our brothers and sisters, which is paid for by our POA membership dues. According to the POA paperwork, we spent \$0 for lawsuits in 2013, and each year increased this

spending, reaching \$77,000 in 2017.

We the People will meet again at the POA Hall on June 9 at 10am. We are inviting those who are in agreement. However by law, any POA member can observe our peaceful process.

We are for justice. Our community will likely become further gentrified and the average family may no longer be able to live in the community if we don't stand together. What kind of village do you want to live in?

In service,
 Nathan Good

Kudos to the POA Board members

Dear Editor,

I just attended the latest POA Board meeting and compared to what I used to sit through, this meeting was a cake walk. I was impressed with Steve Dossenback who presided with grace and equanimity. Time for members' comments had been expanded to an hour and the Board listened with attention and allowed all points and counter points from the members in attendance.

The issue of how the POA Hall could be rented (an issue of great controversy in recent months) was discussed in great detail with the Fire Chief present to point out that capacity for a building is based on the restrictions of fire codes and our ED, Alya, pointing out the issue of insurance rates being affected as well.

The many signs throughout the POA building indicating 40 Maximum Occupancy. That alone should have been a major clue to the recent event planners that their request to the Board was going to be "a No Go", knowing they were planing an event way over the fire codes for our facility. Still, this provided an opportunity for the Board to review the current rules for using the POA facility, and they are. Some of the arbitrary rules are likely to be deleted and added will be: No alcohol or drugs, no use of the parking lot as an extension to an event other than parking.

I cannot see where there was any "miscommunication from the Board". Had the Board been informed at the time the request was presented, i.e., of the number of people expected, that would have immediately been rejected due to the violation the occupancy rules per the fire department and insurance-related issues.

The POA facility is adequate for the groups that lease it now, i.e. various local committees, political action groups, classes, etc. As a member of the POA I do not support this facility for "big parties" that can affect our safety and insurance overhead.

Claudia Wolfe
 POA member

Peterson for Assessor

Dear Editor,

We are writing in support of the incumbent Saguache County Assessor, Peter Peterson. As fellow assessors, we have had the pleasure of working with Peter on appraisal and assessment issues of state-wide concern for the last 3½ years.

Editor's Notes

Summer high

Campstove, day pack, check. Fishing poles, trekking poles, check. Dog and dog food, check. Cooler. All good. Chips, cookies and all kinds of junky food we don't normally eat. Yep—we could get stranded—or be overcome by cravings while ten miles from anywhere!

I love summertime in the high country. High lakes, hidden canyons, grassy alpine meadows, wildflowers, great rocks and sweet fishing spots.

Our family reunion campout is always in June. We explore a new place every year. This year it will be the Black Canyon of the Gunnison. My adult children, their kids, a few extra kids in case we run out, maybe an ex or two still on camping terms.

I love camping with the family. Telling stories, catching up, practicing outdoor culinary skills (charred is the taste of the great outdoors). We'll have the annual freestyle horseshoe pitching contest. Stand back everyone! Grab that kid! I'll see if I can hang on to my solid second place.

I love seeing the grandkids sharpen their outdoor skills. Comfortable in the woods and wilds, having been drug around there since they were babies. Knowing how to canoe, tend a fire and stop minor bleeding. 9-year-old Sam might very well catch the biggest fish this year. He's got the touch.

We'll watch the stars and night birds. I'll claim my favorite camp chair by the fire and be the grandma matriarch. I'll trade mountain lore and the names of things for fresh cups of coffee and a plate of cookies delivered to my blanket-covered lap.

I love summertime in the high country spent with friends and family. Get out there and breathe deep. It's why we're here.

From the top of the Rockies,
 —Kizzen
 (Pray for rain, it's ok. Rain gear? Check.)

Peter's integrity, passion for the job and work ethic are beyond admirable. It shouldn't be a surprise to any Saguache County resident who lived in the county prior to Peter's tenure, that Saguache County had been the focus of a state reappraisal order and subsequently on the state audit watch list. A reappraisal order is rare, and was done to Peter's predecessor. The County Commissioners can cause a reappraisal order by not allocating sufficient resources to the Assessor's office, or it can be incompetence on behalf of the Assessor. Either way, it is expensive, embarrassing, and avoidable. Saguache County is one of the few counties in the state that has that stain on their reputation.

Peter has taken the Saguache County Assessor's office out of the morass that caused the reappraisal order, and has modernized the office with the software necessary to maintain what is likely the largest database in your county. The Assessor database contains all information about all property in Saguache County since dirt was created. This is incredibly valuable information.

We understand that Peter's opponent has zero experience in assessment law or appraisal. There is no good reason to bring an inexperienced person into this office just as the Assessor's office is gaining traction and much-needed credibility.

If you haven't yet had the pleasure of talking with Peter, stop by and see him. He's in the office 6 or 7 days per week. You will find, as we have, that Peter is very smart, very kind and very funny.

You are lucky to have Peter as your Assessor, and we are lucky to have him on our team of the 64 County Assessors across the state. We wouldn't be writing this letter if we didn't believe in him.

Kind regards,
Kristy McFarland,
Gunnison County Assessor
Beverly Breakstone,
Summit County Assessor

Peterson for experience

Dear Editor,

I would like to encourage the Crestone/Baca community to vote for Peter Peterson as Assessor for Saguache County in the upcoming election.

If you own property in Saguache County, you want a person in office that works for, and with, the people. You want someone who thinks fairly and maintains the balance necessary between the needs of our county and the needs of the property owner. As an incumbent,

Peter Peterson has the experience and expertise to continue this difficult job for our Saguache County.

Remember that voting in our local elections is one of the best ways to make our voices heard.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J Byer

Partner, Elephant Cloud Market,
Saguache County property owner

Diane Mitsch Bush is our best chance to defeat Tipton

Dear Editor,

Diane Mitsch Bush is a master legislator for the people and has won 5 elections, even in conservative districts like ours. We have heard her speak a few times, and she is powerful and has integrity. She has visionary solutions for income inequality, similar to Bernie Sander's message, and is a proponent of Medicare for All.

She is aware of local issues and can speak directly to the district that she represents, and with her at the helm, she will fight for better jobs, strengthen our economy and protect public lands and our environment from the interests of big gas and oil.

We hope she gets the recognition and respect she deserves as an exceedingly powerful force for positive change, and we need that now! Let's send her to Washington D.C. to represent our beautiful state and vote for her for CD3!

Kristian Sandberg
& Dawn Boiani

Elect Diane Mitsch Bush for Congress

Dear Editor,

Why elect Diane Mitsch Bush to run against Scott Tipton in 2018? If you've met Diane, as I have, you know she's smart, she's tough, and she's also able to get things done. She supports universal healthcare with a Champion rating from the Colorado Foundation of Universal Healthcare. She's taken the No Fossil Fuel Pledge. She works for public education, environmental protection, and economic equality for all. She's been named Legislator of the Year by the Truckers' Union, the Rocky Mountain Farmers' Union, the Colorado Livestock Association, and Conservation Colorado. That's an admirable cross-section of Congressional District 3. She's been endorsed by Progressive Democrats of America (PDA), Ken Salazar, and

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Jacob Mendel

August 4, 1940 - May 4, 2018

Jacob "Joe" Mendel passed at home on May 4. An open air cremation was held May 8.

Joe was born Aug 4, 1940 in Minsk, Belaruz. He came with his family as a small boy to New York City through Ellis Island.

Eventually the family made its way to California. Joe attended College in Newport Beach. He honorably served in the US Army. He did real estate for years in southern California, Orange County, then northern San Diego County.

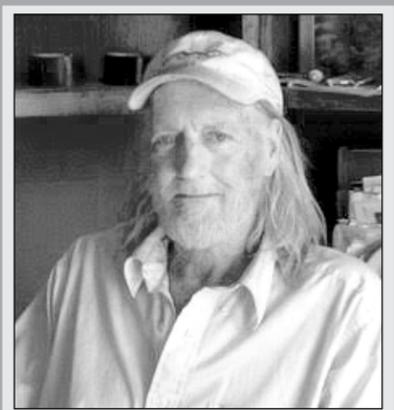
Joe married Cheyenne Mendel in 2002 and they briefly lived in Chewelah, WA then moving to Moffat, CO to the present day.

Joe and Cheyenne bought the White Eagle, and then the Casa Del Soul in Crestone and hosted spiritual retreats and other travellers for several years. Joe loved the San Luis Valley and the Crestone lifestyle. He loved his family. He supported La Puente Shelter in Alamosa.

He is survived by his sister Maria Lell, his wife Cheyenne Mendel and step daughter Liberty Nelson.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother Jakob Lell and Lena Gotlieb as well as his sister Lena Huffman.

In lieu of flowers or cards you can send a memorandum to La Puente, PO Box 1235, Alamosa, CO 81101 www.lapuente.net development@lapuente.net.



Tomas Nelson Tucker (Glider)

June 7, 1945 - March 30, 2018

Tom Tucker, known to many in Crestone as Glider (or Glyder; he used both spellings) was born on June 7, 1945 in Covina, California, one of four sons of Charles Robert Tucker and Wilma Suzanne Tucker. His formative years in the foothills of East Los Angeles instilled in him a lifelong love of—and advocacy for—the natural world. His older brother Steve remembers Tom as a boy wandering contentedly through the hills, fields, and orange groves near their home. Tom's twin brother Jerry recalls Tom's deep love of the ocean.

Tom studied journalism and fine art photography in California and later earned degrees in southwest studies from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff and community counseling from Adams State University in Alamosa, CO. In the Huerfano Valley on the east side of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, he farmed, lived in an intentional community, and co-managed a co-op for many years. After leaving farm life he taught psychology and child development at Trinidad State Junior College and worked as a counselor in the Wet Mountain and San Luis Valleys. In 1991 he settled in Crestone, whose beauty and quiet he worked to preserve.

Over the decades Tom's activism for the earth and its people included working with Friends of the Hopi toward the establishment of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act; co-founding the Huerfano Valley Citizens Alliance to fight mining interests; working to end low-altitude, high-speed military flights over the San Luis Valley; co-founding the Crestone/Baca Land Trust; and founding the Crestone/Baca Watershed Council.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, Lawrence Owen Tucker. He is survived by his older brother Stephen Charles Tucker and wife Kathy and by his twin brother Jerry Walter Tucker and Jerry's wife Carole. He is also survived by his daughter, Shana Michelle Lynch Arthurs, son-in-law Dave Arthurs, and grandchildren Cosi Isabella and Beckett Crawford Arthurs.

Tom/Glider lived close to the earth in the foothills near his beloved Crestone and never stopped following his own path, guided by his relationship with Jesus and a lifelong quest for inner peace. He added to the blessings of life through his music, his thoughtful, kind, and gentle spirit, and his positive vision of how this world can be.



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the Colorado AFL-CIO, among others. She's a principled representative who has stood up to the NRA, the oil and gas lobby, and will stand up against the Trump agenda. She's also a skilled legislator with the experience to get things done the moment she steps into office.

Some try to imply that after five consecutive wins for public office as a 2-term County Commissioner and 3-term State House Representative, Diane is a career politician. In fact, Diane is a career public servant. Contrast this with her opponent, Karl Hanlon, who has not won even one election, grew up on a ranch, but now he's a development and municipal lawyer who likely wants to become a career politician. She's not running for her family (that's what Hanlon says). She's running for you and me.

We need to vote for the candidate who has proven her ability to win, has proven her dedication to the democratic process, has proven her service to her constituents, and who is the only candidate who can unseat Tipton in CD3. That would be Diane Mitsch Bush. *Vote for Diane in the June 26 primary.*

Chuck Tidd
Moffat, CO

Karl Hanlon can win as Rep. from CD3

Dear Community members,

Karl Hanlon is our candidate in District 3 to topple Tipton from the U.S. House of Representatives in November! As of April 19, 2018, Karl has traveled 7,396 miles to 30 cities to meet with constituents within our very large, rural district. He has been to Crestone three times! His Democratic opponent in the Primary is Diane Mitsch Bush.

Although Diane is a qualified candidate, we think that Karl has what it takes to win. Karl and his experience are impressive and particularly relevant to our concerns. Karl is a rancher, a water-rights attorney and worked as a park ranger committed to preserving open land. His breadth of knowledge about our land and water is critical. Karl listens to his constituents and readily commits to his positions on key issues. He supports a ban on assault weapons and wants to clean up sales and registration requirements and loopholes. (See karlhanlon.com for more.)

Finally, Karl has the advantage of not having a record that can be distorted/misconstrued in attack ads funded by PAC groups. The last three candidates to lose against Tipton were all competent and experienced State Representatives like Diane Mitsch Bush: Gail Schwartz, Abel Tapia, and Sal Pace. They all lost with only 36%-41% of the vote.

Karl is a moderate. *The New York Times* describes moderates as "exactly the kind of candidate who leading Democrats believe the party should field in Republican-leaning districts to bolster the majority they hope to win in the House in November."

Karl connects with rural and small town voters for whom land and water are our sacred heritage

and prized possession. Karl will get their votes and beat Scott Tipton!

Remember to register for the June 26 Primary at www.govote-colorado.com or at the Saguache County Clerk's office. Ballots will be mailed the first week in June.

Sincerely,
Meryl Ennis, Alcia Mason
Miller, Leslier McMenemy

Diane Mitsch Bush is our most electable candidate for CD3

Dear Editor,

Diane Mitsch Bush is our strongest candidate if we want to beat Scott Tipton. She will fight for the issues that matter: single payer health care, preservation of public lands, renewable energy, income equality and education.

- A 3-term State legislator, elected by large margins in a Republican leaning district, she got things done. She was awarded Legislator of the Year by the Truckers Union, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Colorado Livestock Association, and Conservation Colorado.

- She is the only candidate who has stood up to lobbyists, including the oil and gas industry and the NRA who ran smear campaigns against her after she voted for background checks and limits to magazine capacities.

- Accolades from her peers are overwhelming. Ken Salazar, Bill Ritter, Ed Vigil, dozens of leaders and elected officials across the district have endorsed her.

- Endorsed by Progressive Democrats of America, rated a CHAMPION by the Colorado Foundation for Universal Healthcare, took both the OFF Fossil Fuels Pledge and the Clean Campaign Pledge; plus won by a large margin at the State Assembly in Denver last month.

Why should you care? Democrats can take back the House and win this district. We need a candidate who draws grassroots support across the political spectrum with a strong track record of winning even in a Republican leaning district. Diane is the only candidate who can say this.

With all our heart, we urge you to vote for Diane Mitsch Bush in the primary for Congressional District 3.

Mikela Tarlow, Barb Tidd and Jan Foster Miiller of America (PDA), Ken Salazar, and

Cary Kennedy is the Governor we need

Dear Editor,

I had the pleasure of seeing Cary Kennedy in Alamosa last week. I was already a supporter but her presentation was beyond amazing.

As State Treasurer she pioneered the BEST grant which allowed us to build all 4 new schools in our county: Center, Moffat, Crestone Charter, and Mountain Valley is breaking ground this summer. BEST grants are a life saver for rural schools throughout Colorado.

In 2007, Cary had the foresight to move Colorado funds into safe, secure investments. When the crash happened in 2008, we were one of two states who did not suffer financial loss.

She is a practical visionary. Her ideas are stellar and she knows how to get them done. At her Alamosa talk, she described in detail how Colorado could provide affordable health care buy-in for everyone, raise teacher's salaries and create affordable housing. She shared her in-depth commitment and knowledge of rural issues, especially protecting public lands and advancing renewable energy.

You'll be getting your primary ballots any day now. Please vote for Cary in the primary for Governor. She will be a game changer for our state. She would also be our first woman Governor which is pretty cool too!

Philip Tarlow

Everyone has a stake, or do they?

Dear Editor,

In my ongoing pursuit in order to determine how much excise tax has been collected in Saguache County and what it is being spent on, I stumbled upon an anomaly.

Documents provided by the County show that excise tax is being collected from four or five retail marijuana cultivations, despite 50 plus applications on file as of March 2018.

Recently a member of the County Commission confirmed for me that it is indeed true that not all retail marijuana cultivations are treated the same in Saguache County. Those located in Moffat (or with a Moffat mailing address?) do not pay the excise tax.

I was assured that this was because Moffat is a home rule town—as if Moffat is not also part of Saguache County . . . or the State of Colorado . . . or perhaps, even the United States of America? The Colorado Municipal League database lists Moffat as a statutory town.

So what gives?

At the time of the election for the excise tax question, here were comments prepared and submitted by the County Commissioners to encourage a vote for the excise tax: *"The excise tax represents a fair share contribution by those benefiting from the cultivation operation being located in the County to offset the effects of those operations on the County of Saguache."* And, *"The excise tax is a revenue source to maintain and expand county services . . . the services being provided include law enforcement, code enforcement, land use services and road and bridge services . . ."*

The County's current policy of exempting some commercial marijuana cultivations from the tax is an abuse of most people's idea of equal and fair.

Under state law (CRS 29-2-114), if Moffat collected its own excise tax, then County would not

be allowed to collect its five percent excise tax—but that is not the case. Moffat voters have never approved an excise tax nor does Moffat collect an excise tax from growers within its boundaries.

Instead of selectively enforcing the excise tax, the County should be encouraging all marijuana cultivations to conform to the law and pay their **fair share**.

Or, alternately, they could exempt all commercial marijuana cultivations from paying the tax and circumvent the people's vote that way.

—Lisa Cyriacks

Cyriacks is a fair government advocate and freelance writer.

Ellen Cox, candidate for Commissioner

Good Day,

I am Ellen E. Cox, I am pleased to be a candidate for the position of Saguache County Commissioner.

I look forward to meeting you and talking about your concerns and questions soon.

I have lived in Saguache County for more than 35 years. My grown children are County natives as are my five precious grandchildren. I am the proprietor of a small B&B called Grandma's House in Saguache, where I enjoy meeting new people and giving them a unique look at our beautiful County. I enjoy hiking, driving in our mountains and collecting antiques for my 109 year old home.

I have worked for Saguache County for more than 20 years, first with the Sheriff's Office as a Reserve County Deputy, and then commissioned Town Marshall for the Town of Saguache, then the Road and Bridge, where I was the Clerk, then the Office Manager and the Landfill Coordinator and Recycling Program Administrator, writing successful grants to promote the County award winning Reuse, Reduce and Recycle Program. I also assisted the County Commissioners during this time with mapping, verifying, and defending County rights-of way claims, facilitating public meetings, and as a liaison between Governmental entities, Environmental groups and citizens with concerns about roads, trails and rights of ways within the County.

Then back to the Sheriff's Office where I have been a Victim's Advocate Coordinator, Dispatcher-Jailer, part time cook, Administration Clerk for almost 13 years.

Thank you for your time and thoughtfulness as you consider all the candidates for the upcoming elections, and your willingness to cast a vote for the persons you feel best qualified to hold those positions in our County.

Sincerely,

Ellen E. Cox

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Man died near South Crestone Park

by Dan Warwick, Saguache County Sheriff

On Thursday May 24, 2018 at approximately 1320 hrs. the Saguache County Sheriff's Office received a call regarding a person being found and was suspected to be dead. The person was found on a trail that leads out of the South Crestone Park in the Baca Grande by another hiker. That hiker immediately called 911. Sheriff Warwick and Corporal Hansen responded and were shown to the location of the body. Upon seeing the body and confirming that he did not have a pulse and was not

breathing Saguache County Coroner Tom Perrin was dispatched to the scene. Coroner Perrin arrived and with assistance from the Saguache County Sheriff's Office the scene was investigated and the body was collected.

It is believed that he died of natural causes, no foul play is suspected and the person's family was contacted and notified of the incident by Coroner Perrin after he was identified.

The person was identified as Michael Peschel 71 years of age, who was currently living in the Crestone area.

Saguache County crime report

by Mary Lowers

As is most often the case, domestic violence crimes predominated in the bookings from the Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) this past month. A center man, 18, was jailed on charges of criminal mischief and domestic violence with no bail listed. Third degree assault, domestic violence and child abuse charges landed a Center woman, 37, in jail without bail. A \$500 bail would get a Center man, 37, out of jail on charges he violated a restraining order. No bail amount was listed for a Center man, 36, jailed on domestic violence charges. A Center man, 32, was jailed on charges including: domestic violence, violation of a restraining order, and harassment with no bail amount listed.

Of course failure to appear and fugitive from justice charges which indicate an arrest warrant being issued on the accused individual, were a great number of jail bookings in May. A North Bend man, 27, was arrested on failure to appear charges and was then bonded out for \$250. Fugitive from justice charges landed a La Garita man, 45, in jail with no bail listed. A Center woman, 35, was jailed as a fugitive from justice and violation of a restraining order charges with a bail of \$197. A Center man, 46, had no bail listed when he was booked on fugitive from justice charges. A bail of \$300 would get a La Jara man, 35, out of jail on failure to appear charges, A Denver man, 35, went to jail on fugitive from justice charges with no bail listed. A bail of \$1000 would get a Center woman, 36, out of jail on failure to appear charges. A Center man, 60, went to jail on failure to appear charges and was released on a Personal Recognisance (PR) bond.

A Baca man, 48, was summoned to appear in court on charges including: driving while license is under restriction and failing to observe a traffic sign. A Saguache man, 50, was jailed for felony menacing with a real or simulated weapon and harassment; his bail was set at \$5,250. Lots of speeding tickets were issued, mostly to out-of-the-area travellers.

The SCSO continues to actively investigate the disappearance of Khristal Ressler who was last seen in Crestone on July 13, 2016. Foul play is thought to have caused her to vanish, leaving her young daughter without a mother. A reward of \$10,000 is being offered for information that will help solve this case and give Khristal's family closure. If you can help in this case call SCSO 719-655-2525 or email the Sheriff at dwarwick@saguachecounty-co.gov and put Khristal in the subject line.

Assault in Villa Grove

by Mary Lowers

According to a press release from the Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) at about 5:30am on May 17, at High Valley Equipment and Auction in Villa Grove, Marucia Mullir, 47, woke to the sound of one of the business's big loaders used to move large steel containers starting up. Going outside to investigate, Mullir found Scot Wesley Swafford, 51, of Romeo who had just loaded a 50' sea container onto a semi truck with a trailer.

When Mullir confronted the thief he punched the woman in the chest knocking her to the ground, kicking her several times and threatening to kill her if she told anyone. Swafford then used the loader to remove the container from his trailer and flee the scene. Despite her injuries, Mullir managed to get pictures of the truck as

it left, and then called the SCSO.

SCSO Undersheriff James McCloskey, as he investigated the crime scene, was able to confirm "while questioning locals" that Swafford had been seen in the area at the time of the incident. With the assistance of Conejos County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Sargent Nick Summers, Undersheriff McCloskey established that Swafford was not in Romeo. CCSO helped Undersheriff McCloskey identify Swafford from a photo Mullir had taken. An arrest warrant for Swafford was issued with charges including felony intimidation of a witness/victim, robbery, theft and assault.

CCSO Sargent Summers located Swafford on May 20 and he was arrested. Swafford sits in jail with two \$10,000 bonds on his head, one from Saguache County and one from Conejos County.

Illegal grow busted

by Mary Lowers

On May 3 Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) deputies raided an illegal pot growing operation on the Baca Grande east of Wagon Wheel in Chalet II. According to Deputy Wayne Clark, some two hundred mature marijuana plants were found at the residence. No one was home at the time and Deputy Clarke said the owner was in Paonia. The property owned by a person identified by the last name of Corino was a legal pot grow last year. SCSO was tipped off about the operation from someone during the recent and continuing warrant sweep.

The SCSO confiscated all but the twelve plants the property owner could legally grow. Deputy Clark told me, "we take a photo of each plant and if it is illegal we destroy it." SCSO is investigating a few more illegal growing operations.

In a response to this bust Saguache County Commissioner Jason Anderson sent the Commissioner's Statement on Growing Marijuana in our county. The following is a portion of this statement illustrating the County's position on growing cannabis:

"In both 1997 and 2015 the voters of Saguache County expressed a desire, via the election process, for the freedom to grow and use cannabis for medical and recreational purposes. It is our belief that the basis of that decision was a stand for personal freedoms and choice . . . If you are growing, possessing and/or using cannabis within state guidelines, we both defend and respect your freedoms . . . if you are involved in the illegal cannabis market within the County, we do not have a place for you . . . your activities threaten families, community, land and the freedoms we hold sacred."



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Saguache County News

by Sandia Belgrade

Inclusive fire ban put in place

Concerned residents had noted camp fires in the North Crestone Campground in April, which were legal at that time but dangerous. It highlighted the apparent lack of coordination between towns, county and the forest service. Finally, the Rio Grande National Forest and Bureau of Land Management's San Luis Valley Field Office initiated Stage 1 fire restrictions effective as of May 21.

The Forest Service and Public Lands Stage 1 fire restriction prohibits:

1. All open fires, campfires, charcoal-fueled fires, or coal or wood burning stove fires unless in an established fire grate in a developed campground. Petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices are allowed.

2. Smoking, unless within an enclosed vehicle or building, in a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

3. Operating a chainsaw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A kept with the operator, and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches.

4. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame except when in a cleared area of at least 10 feet in diameter and in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of at least 2A.

(Please note that Saguache County and Town of Crestone fire bans are stricter. The Town does not allow *any* outside fires, including smoking outside.)

Permits needed

Sheriff Dan Warwick expanded on the ban noting that any burning needs a permit from the state obtained through state public health, even in barrels, including trash and brush, and it applies to residences, ranches or farms. It is a regulatory offense. The permit is good for a year. If a building permit request comes in to the County, folks will need to have a physical address sign, blue and white, posted at the driveway. In the event of a fire a clear visible sign is needed to get a rapid response from fire or emergency. Note that the ban includes the use of explosives and incendiary devices, including fireworks.

The Primary Election is June 26

Unaffiliated voters are allowed to vote in the Primary Election for the first time. Voters have until May 29 to change party affiliation according to Trish Gilbert, County Clerk and Recorder. If no preference is made by the 29th the

voter will receive two ballots *but* can only vote one for their ballot to count. Voters registering for the first time must do so before June 4, the first day ballots may be mailed to voters. An existing voter can register to vote and change their address through Primary Election Day on June 26th if voting in person. In Colorado it is no longer necessary to vote in person. To receive a ballot in the mail an existing voter may register by mail or online by June 18. A ballot drop box will be available from June 22 to the 26th. The polls are open at the County Building from 7am till 7pm on the 26th. The General Election is November 6. Confused? Call the Clerk and Recorder office at 719-655-2512.

Marijuana update

News of the recent bust of a Baca resident in which 200 illegal plants were confiscated should surprise no one. The County now has a full-time code enforcer in the field and another employee who records all data. Illegal growers might find it cheaper in the long run to go legal. Check out the updated Saguache County Land Use Fee Schedule that went into effect May 1, 2018. The fees are in line and relative with other Colorado counties. Given the potential profit, and the pleasure of being out of jail in order to get that profit, makes the fees reasonable.

Sheriff Dan Warwick has requested storage space containers for his department. Most of the recently confiscated illegal marijuana plants were destroyed except for evidential clippings. They have fouled the office resulting in the staff reporting headaches, etc. Since evidence can't be stored in their building the Sheriff will get bids and purchase two Conex storage containers which are secure and mobile. At a cost of \$3,000 each, funds will come from the excise tax and a sales tax grant.

Marijuana moratorium will probably be extended

Ben Gibbons, County Attorney, surmised that the moratorium may be extended for 2 more months to August 14. The Planning Commission (PC) is still working on revisions. When they are finished, a combined public hearing with the PC and Commissioners is required and news of it would have to be published beforehand. After that 30 days is needed before the new regs can go into effect. Thus, an extension gives time for the hearing and adopting of changes as well as time for Land Use to update the books and change the website.

Assessor's office hires two employees

There have been comments that the Assessor's office has not done a complete job. Over 80 properties in the Baca have yet to be assessed and are not on the tax roll. To remedy this, Peter Peterson, County Assessor, has hired two field inspectors who are well trained and knowledgeable. They will have Saguache County photo IDs & business cards. Their job will be measuring & photographing houses, concentrating on gathering and recording data in the Baca Grande Chalets. Peterson believes the task

will be completed by July. By then, 80+ omitted properties out of 16,000 parcels in Saguache County will be in the Assessor system. Peterson estimates marijuana commercial grows will be on rolls by Jan. 1. Construction permits issued in 2017 will be affected when the physical structure is 50% constructed. The Board of Equalization will hear appeals on August 3 and 6.

Food Bank finds permanent home

When Jason Anderson went to visit the Food Bank at the Crestone Town Hall building he found it closed, which was a concern since the County had awarded them a \$5,000 sales tax grant. As it turns out, they are moving into a new space. Steve McDowell and Elaine Johnson, owners of the Crestone Mercantile, are adding onto the west side of their grocery store and 1/2 that space will be a permanent food bank. In the meantime, the "Care 'n' Share" food program will be at the Little Shepherd Episcopal Church Community Building which is in town on Alder Street.

Social Services awarded a grant

Linda Warsh, Director of Social Services, was excited to announce that the department had been awarded \$76,000 which goes into effect beginning January 1. The amount will allow a "wrap-around" specialist to work with potential clients who are being referred to the department, but are not yet in the system.

Saguache Senior Citizens

Five seniors led by Carla Quintana attended a meeting to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) they have with Social Services for using their building. The lunch program is not being affected because the South Central Seniors serve lunch and have their insurance which covers them. The seniors haven't been in the building since March because they haven't purchased liability insurance. However, other groups and clubs such as the Scrabble group are meeting there without an MOU and using it after hours, going in and out the back door. It was suggested that they (the seniors) get insurance bids and repurpose their sales tax grant to cover the insurance. In the meantime, Social Services will change the building locks.

Land Use issues

At this time Wendi Maez is serving as both Land Use Director and acting Interim County Administrator. She reported that April Quintana in the Land Use office is working with Lynn Lambert, for-

mer Administrator, who is teaching her the process.

Maez presented several lot consolidation requests in the Baca which were approved for the Pundarika Foundation, David and Carol Lee, and Kathleen Willow. There were also an ample amount of bids made for lots in the Baca Grande, Mineral Hot Springs Estate, Moffat, and Lazy K-V Estates. It was mentioned that our County is one of the fastest growing in the state.

Rebie Hazard initiated discussion regarding the makeup of the Saguache County Planning Commission. Nine members are seated to the board, and nine are needed to have a quorum. There are three alternates seated as needed and procedurally all can participate although the alternates can't vote if the regular members are there. Hazard asked for clarification about handling situations where there is a lack of respect by folks who come late. They can be asked to leave.

Chris Canaly of the SLV Eco-System Council recycling program offered help for Bill Burch facing unforeseen personal circumstances. Her organization is vested in helping recycling and waste issues in the county. The Commissioners deferred their site visit for one month.

SRS Title II funds were confirmed, \$112,000 to use on projects on forest land. The Resource Act Advisory Committee will make decisions.

Public Health

Ken Anderson is now the Commissioner coordinating with Public Health Director David Daboll. He cited the effort of Ani Rinchung who is coordinating Communities that Care (CTC). She has 15 members with working programs and is learning how to use funds and have folks engaged. For the second time Daboll stated—looking right at the Commissioners—CTC needs someone to champion the cause. No one spoke up.

Grant received to preserve our past

And finally, Saguache County is where the West was settled. Our records go back to the 1800s and some of the rare books and materials are in very poor condition. The department is dedicated to preserving this important history, but without digitizing, old books and paper material are at risk of further deterioration. To fund this project, Trish Gilbert and the Clerk & Records office staff prepared a grant application to the Electronic Recording Technology Board. The full request of \$181,553.89 was approved. Good work!





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POA community meeting marred by threats of 'civil war', lawsuits

by John Rowe

A meeting with the broad topic of Restorative Justice to be part of the healing process for those allegedly injured by the POA was held at 10am on Saturday, May 5, at the POA Hall. A crowd of sixty was on hand, including four of the five current Board members. The meeting was well organized and all participants were well spoken and disciplined. Ten speakers spoke about their troubles with various POA Boards and their proposed solutions even though only six or seven of them are actually POA members and one has never lived here. Any member of the audience wishing to speak was allowed to say their piece as well, and many did.

The tone was set for the meeting by its moderator and one of the group leaders almost immediately. In his opening remarks he stated that the POA had better give the group what they wanted or they "could have a civil war on their hands." This same man sat in a POA Board meeting a couple of weeks earlier and remarked that the POA was unconstitutional and that any of us attending could arrest them (the Board members) on the spot. He then looked around the room with what one could only hope was for dramatic effect and not because he was looking for volunteers to actually do this.

And although this meeting was well organized and its participants disciplined, it was clear that these folks had decided on a go-for-broke, winner-take-all strategy. There would be none of the art of gentle persuasion, no trying to change the hearts and minds of fellow POA members, no meetings with Board members, either in a group setting or over a cup of coffee one-on-one, no fielding of candidates with differing land use views than the current Board. No,

the meeting was punctuated by demands for the POA's elimination either willingly or by legal action, and threats of all manner of lawsuits. The constitution was waved around at one point, presumably to intimidate the POA Directors. There were even physical threats against some in the POA although it is not known if these were made by anyone present here.

Some speakers decried the use of a collection lawyer to collect POA dues, and most wanted the covenants to be encouraged but not enforced and the POA certainly should not be not involved with taking folks to court for ignoring covenants. Live and let live should be the order of the day. All seemed to convey that the POA should be concerned with only helping people—fire, ambulance, road grading, helping cleaning up blighted properties, and the like. And not being the enemy, like most here clearly felt them to be.

It should be noted that most of the owner-builder community was absent from these proceedings, despite many of them also at odds with the current Board's take on some land use issues. It is not known whether or not the aggressive tone of the folks at the meeting had anything to do with this.

A couple of audience members agreed with the group that the POA was way out of line but most either encouraged them to work within the system for the change that they sought or gently but firmly reminded the speakers that the Baca is a covenanted community, that everyone knows this, and this is the way it is. Some agreed with that last view but wished the POA would find a way to take it a little easier on the non-compliers. Overall, audience response was a polite rebuke to the idea that the POA has no right to enforce covenants

and take people to court.

The Board, for their part, is resolute in their determination to enforce covenants and while not wanting these things to end up in court, are willing to do so until folks get the idea that they are serious about enforcing covenants. Most are quick to point out that they were elected on an enforcement and get-rid-of-the-blight platform and are just doing what a clear majority of Baca residents want them to do.

They also think their role should be more in line with helping people rather than prosecuting them but point out that they need cooperation from everyone in order

to do so. They said that it literally takes years to take someone to court and this does not happen if folks will work with them and not ignore all their pleas to begin the process of moving into compliance. They don't have any doubt about the legality of the POA (and neither do the courts in Saguache County). Most expressed to this reporter that while they are troubled by the threats of violence and the non-stop threats of lawsuits, they will continue to follow what they think is an appropriate course of action.

Stay tuned, more is sure to follow.

POA news New Communications Director

by John Rowe

The regularly scheduled POA Board Meeting was held at 10am on Thursday, May 17, at the POA Hall. Four of five directors were present with Joanna Theriault being out of town. About fifteen audience members were in attendance.

The meeting opened with a lengthy Member Forum which was expected after a very contentious community meeting held a couple of weeks earlier. Commentary included an angry complaint about the difficulty and expense of building in the Grants. The new County and State standard for septic and leach field was specifically mentioned, as this standard has effectively doubled the cost to \$9-10,000. Saguache County currently will not allow composting toilets and a gray water system anywhere. It was noted that the County decides those issues, not the POA. A few audience members spoke about how it is up to would-be builders to familiarize themselves with State, County, and POA regulations before buying in the Baca. One man condemned the violent threats that are taking place against the Board and encouraged cooler heads to prevail in all manner of disagreement with the Board.

Kristen Montgomery, newly hired Communications Director, was present and will presumably be present for all future Board meetings. Kristen is a new Baca resident and is excited about serving all members. Welcome, Kristen, better communications between the Board and its membership is sorely needed.

New business included a discussion on just what usages the POA Hall would be available for to lessees. A fire regulation limiting occupancy to 40 people severely restricts activities. The matter was tabled, it being deemed that more thorough discussion was needed.

A Camper Village Host was approved and a portion of the rent will be subtracted for whomever is chosen to fill that role.

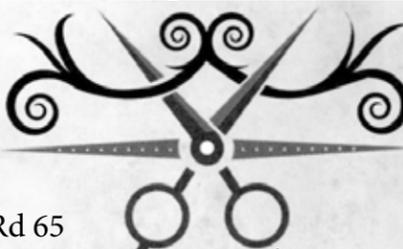
Three new positions for the Maintenance Department were approved and are already in the budget. Hiring will begin soon.

Sadly, the Board had to remove Charlie Sommers from the EAC, as he is gravely ill and unable to excuse himself. Dennis Imelman will be the new head of this committee, this passing on a four-to-one vote. A new Baca resident volunteered for the open position and was chosen to fill this vacancy unanimously.

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by Allyson Ransom,
Crestone Town Clerk

Board of Trustees meeting

The May 14 meeting began at 9:32am, and the new Board members were duly sworn in while the meeting was held for the first time in the new board meeting room located at 111 S. Alder Ave., located on the east side of the Town Hall building. The Board of Trustees passed the following motions:

- To approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting from April 9, 2018
- To approve the agenda as amended by moving the Attorney Report after Citizens' Comments, adding item H-Enterprise Zone application below Attorney Report and item 5A- Firewise Community report.
- To approve the renewal retail liquor license application for Crestone Spirits
- To adopt Ordinance #2018-004 that formally adopts a Stage 2 Fire Ban
- To approve the re-appointments required by state law when a new board has been elected, thus, re-appointing: Gwynn Busby as Town Treasurer, Allyson Ransom as Town Clerk, Eugene Farish as Town Attorney and Chris Friesell as Town Judge.
- To approve paying the bills and approve financial report as presented by the Treasurer
- To approve paying Pattison Kane for mileage when picking up the floor sander to rent in Alamosa used during the new meeting room remodel.
- To approve hiring a new office assistant at \$12.00 per hour.
- To approve hiring Nick Nevares as Fourth of July coordinator and manager for \$500.00.
- To approve the renter to store their extra belongings in the greenhouse for one month at no charge.
- To approve the Town paying Allen Davey, the Town Engineer, up to \$600.00 for review and stamped certification of plans for water line extension project to Copper Ave., Block 59
- To approve the reimbursement policy for water line exten-

sions as presented by Crestone Water System Manager Ann Bunting with a modification to Paragraph 2, to state that "the reimbursement program is for new customers only."

- To resubmit an Intergovernmental Contract Agreement to Dan Warwick of the Saguache County Sheriff's Department with amendments with details for negotiating hours seasonally
- To approve Jim McCalpin's request to move the Crestone Museum and visitor center into the historic community building
- To allow Tom Hollmer to request permission from Colorado Division of water resources to drill a household use well.
- To direct the Clerk to research costs for employee health insurance benefits
- To go into an executive session as per CRS 24-6-402 (2)(F) at 5:11pm and close the executive session at 5:37pm
- To adjourn the meeting at 5:38pm.

Citizen's comments

Town resident Fred Bauder spoke to the Trustees about his experience dealing with storm water runoff on his property on Silver Ave., and his efforts to protect and mitigate, as well as his future concerns about excess water coming down S. Cottonwood St. once Phase II of the downtown project is completed. Mayor Danforth reminded him of a meeting scheduled on April 12 to go over his concerns in detail.

Reports & discussions

The Treasurer presented her detailed financial report and the month's bills for approval. The Trustees discussed several items with the Treasurer including the most pressing issue regarding the high sewer collections processing bills.

Treasurer Busby confirmed that Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District's new metering system for sewage collections was tested by an independent company and proven to be accurate. The Trustees discussed the bills and how to pay the increase. They came to a consensus that the EQR rates per user in town must be reassessed and



This thirsty fella pauses for a photo on his way in to the The Crestone Spirits Center, aka the local liquor store. However, no ID, no service. photo by Lori Nagel

an increase to the monthly sewer charge was necessary.

Mayor Kairina Danforth reported on the upcoming Rights of Nature Movement event at the Colorado College Building on May 18, 2018.

The Clerk reported that the new office space had been completed and that the smaller old space would be used for the Water Manager and Code Enforcement offices.

Other news

Please welcome our newest employee, Andrew D'Ambruso who replace Melinda Davis as our new Office Assistant. The Town and staff gratefully thank Melinda and send her and her family best wishes for their future farming endeavors.

Commission Chair Terry Goergen reported on the May 7 planning meeting and Scott Tieder's proposal to build a multi-use building on E. Galena Ave.

There is a severe fire danger threat at this time, which may increase throughout the summer due to the lack of moisture and low snowpack. The Town has adopted a Stage II Alert based on the Saguache County alert, as well as the Forest Service alerting people to the same dangers while camping or traveling through federal lands. There can be no outdoor fires of any kind, including covered BBQs, no smoking outdoors; welding and chain saws may only be used if they have spark protection guards.

Announcements

The Town of Crestone Board of Trustees consists of: Trustees Diane Bairstow, Terry Goergen, Kizzen Laki, Adam Kinney, Sam Pace, Bob Prather and Mayor Kairina Danforth; they may be reached via email from our website at townofcre-

stone.org under the "contacts" tab.

• Hear To Listen Sessions— Trustees are available to speak with residents and others in person every first Monday of the month from 10am-noon at The Cloud Station, 222 S. Cottonwood Street.

• Board of Trustee meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 9:30am in the new Town Hall Meeting Room, 111 S. Alder St. Contact the Town Clerk at least one week in advance to be placed on the agenda. Presentations are limited to ten minutes.

• Planning Commission meetings are also held in the new meeting room the first Monday of each month at 5pm.

• Agendas and public notices are posted in the following public locations: locked bulletin boards outside of Town Hall and inside the Post Office lobby. Online locations include the Town of Crestone website and *The Crestone Eagle's* online calendar.

• If you would like to receive agendas and meeting minutes, please join our listserv by contacting Town Hall, 719-256-4313.

• A Certified Notary Public is available during regular office hours; the cost is \$5 per signature being verified as per Colorado Secretary of State Guidelines.

• Free brush pick-up for town residents takes place at the beginning of each month. Call Town Hall, 256-4313, to schedule a pickup. Leave your weeds and brush piles next to the road.

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Primary election

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in Colorado, 36,729 have picked which ballot to vote in the June 26 primary. The request broke down to 20,419 Democratic ballots or 55.9% and 13,919 or 37.9% Republican.

Registered unaffiliated voters who do not indicate a preference for a Democrat or Republican will receive ballots for both parties, but there is an important caveat: Only return one ballot.

Unaffiliated voters who vote in a party's primary will still re-

main unaffiliated.

At the end of January, Colorado counted 3,219,953 active, registered voters—1,163,751 of them unaffiliated, 1,003,424 Democrats and 995,090 Republicans, with the remainder belonging to minor parties. The ranks of unaffiliated voters have been growing at a significantly faster clip than either major party for some time.

The hope is that an open primary election will result in an influx of new voters in what, in the past, have always been partisan affairs. For the first time, the state's unaffiliated voters will have a say

in the outcome of primary elections, without having to affiliate in order to vote.

Most pollsters think it is harder to characterize unaffiliated voters in Colorado and, most importantly, predict how they might vote, if they chose to vote.

On May 17, unaffiliated or independent candidates started circulating petitions to be on the ballot for the November General Election. The last day to file those petitions with the appropriate election official is July 12, 2018.

Statewide there are many candidates who fit the description of Independent getting ready to see if they can make history in Colorado by electing the first independent candidates to offices around the state, including the state legislature.

County Commissioner

Ellen Cox, Republican
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Renee Hazard, Democrat

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Dan Warwick, Republican
Nobel Havens, Democrat
County Treasurer
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*Not included on the primary ballots which are for selecting Democratic or Republican candidates

State races

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Arn Menconi Democrat

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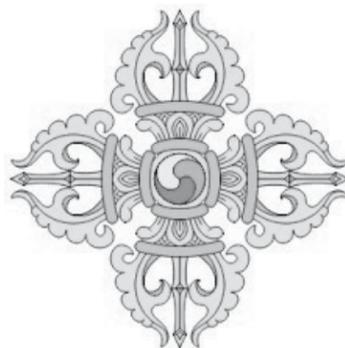
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Baca Grande POA - \$500 - Logo Contest

The Baca Grande POA has extended the submission deadline for a new logo! The winner will receive \$500! Logo submissions should have three or less colors and must be in vector graphic format so it can be used in various ways. Submission deadline is now July 1, 2018. POA Members will get to view and vote on their favorite logo to represent the Baca Grande POA. Voting for your favorite logo starts July 6, 2018 via the website: www.bacapoa.org. We are also in search of photos for the upcoming new website. The photographer's name will be printed on their photos. Please be sure the pictures are at least 1500 pixels wide. All logo designs and photos need to be submitted to info@bacapoa.org. For any questions, contact the BGPOA office at 719-256-4171.

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* Summer Fun & Events

Fine music comes to Crestone / Baca this summer

Two concerts will be presented by violinist Sarah Off and companions at the Colorado College Center on June 17 and on July 1. Each concert will be totally different from the other.

The first one, on Sunday, June 17 at 2pm at the Colorado College, features the Tandem Duo, consisting of Sarah Off and Marilyn Clark Silva. Tandem Duo is an internationally recognized percussion and violin duo located in the Phoenix area. In addition to regularly commissioning new work and performing established works for the ensemble, Tandem Duo creates arrangements of older works, writes original compositions, and composes and performs live original scores for theatre. They specialize in exploring a variety of styles and genres where they expand the sonic palette with creative techniques. Comedic elements may

emerge and the participation of the audience may be inspired. Cross-collaborative work with directors, producers, actors, dancers, poets, filmmakers, and other musicians have led to the creation of meaningful and engrossing artistic works

Tandem Duo's violinist, Dr. Sarah Off, is the founder and Artistic Director of the Mt. Blanca Summer Music Conservatory in Alamosa, where Tandem Duo's percussionist and Marimba One Artist, Dr. Marilyn K. Clark Silva, serves as a faculty member. The Conservatory is part of Tandem Duo's ongoing educational outreach endeavors and goal to bring music and music education to underserved and under-represented rural areas.

Tandem Duo has been interviewed on KBACH, PBS Arizona Horizons, KRZA Colorado and New Mexico, and KCME "Culture Zone."

Tandem Duo looks forward to performing in Crestone this summer. It is one of their most favorite places! The program will include several new compositions by Tandem, two international compositions written for them by composers from Spain and Japan, arrangements of Irish folk music, and several works written in "structured improvisation" by Tandem.

On Sunday, July 1, at 2pm, also at the Colorado College location, will be featured faculty of the Mt. Blanca



Tandem Duo will be performing on Sunday, June 17, at 2pm at the Colorado College Auditorium in Crestone.



2016 Mt. Blanca Summer Music Conservatory Faculty Concert at Society Hall: Dr. Marilyn Clark Silva, Anne Sorrensen Wang, Chenyung Wang, Mathiew D'Ordine, Dr. Sarah Off, Randy D. Macy and Sami Froncek.

Summer Music Conservatory (MBSMC). The Conservatory is a non-profit organization (501(c)3) which aims to provide a very high quality and affordable music performance experience for young musicians. MBSMC helps students of all ages and abilities to achieve their musical goals and nurture their passion for music! This program provides its students and the community with exposure to the musical arts through quality musical education and the inspiring experience of live performance. MBSMC is a weeklong program designed for young instrumental and vocal musicians. This program provides students with a week of intensive personal study and practice, private lessons with a

fantastic faculty, collaboration with other young artists through small and large ensembles and education through various workshops and classes.

Performers for the July 1 MBSMC Faculty Concert include: violin, Sarah Off and Glen McDaniel; piano, Randy Macy and Sami Froncek; percussion, Marilyn Clark Silva and James Doyle; cello, Mathieu D'Ordine; flute, Tracy Doyle. The program will include a selection of solo and ensemble works from Handel to Beethoven to Broadway.

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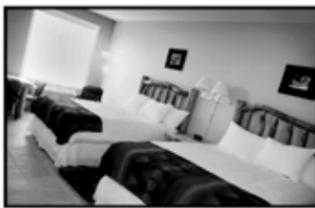
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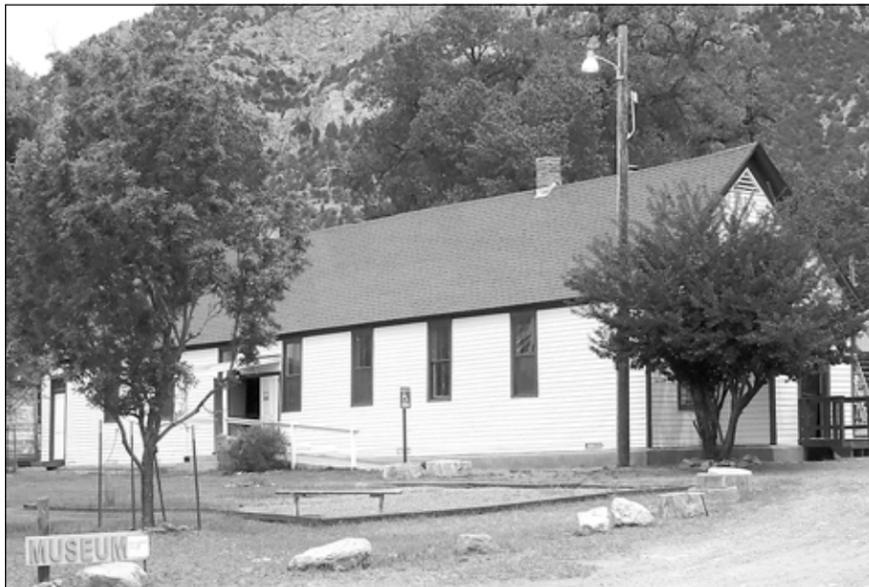
The 5th Annual Salida Arts Festival is happening this year at Centennial Park, next to the Salida Hot Springs Pool on Hwy. 50. This will be on June 30, 10am-6pm and July 1, 11am-5pm.

The Salida Arts Festival is a small, boutique style, high quality show held in Salida, a town recognized for its art and artists. Many have called this "The best art event" in the valley. The show location is a beautiful park adjacent to the Salida Aquatic center and on the major highway through town. The green of the large evergreens is restful and inviting and has proved to be a great outdoor venue. Our relaxed atmosphere by no means belies the quality of the artwork.

This is a juried show displaying some amazing work by some

amazing talent. There are artists from many mediums, including sculpture, jewelry, paintings, photography, mixed media, wood, fiber and more. Saturday afternoon features Wanderlust Road, a soulful duo with beautiful Harmonies. Sunday afternoon Red Tischer plays his own version of Flamenco Chill. We will have a couple of great food vendors, to keep you on your feet while you make your art decisions. Learn more at www.salidaartsfestival.com.

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Crestone Museum moves to the Old Crestone Schoolhouse

by Jim McCalpin, Director

After 7 years in the Town Hall Building, the Crestone Historical Museum has moved to the Old Crestone Schoolhouse at 240 N. Cottonwood Street. Volunteers moved all the museum displays in late May and we should re-open by the first week of June. The additional floor space permits new exhibits on schooling, mountaineering, and spiritual centers (1981-present), which augment existing exhibits on mining, ranching, and home life. The Summer Lecture Series will start Saturday, June 9, 6pm and museum field trips start Saturday, June 16. Look for details at the museum. Want to volunteer? Call/text 719-588-4279 or email mccalpin@geohaz.com.



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* Summer Fun & Events

New & returning artists at the Crestone Artisans Gallery

by Paula Hudson

We had a great party, Sangria de Cristos on May 26, our 14th anniversary. The free drawing prize was a handwoven shawl by Kathy Strathearn. There was music by GB Jazz and dance art by Sierra Brown. Good wine and food topped the bill. The gallery was full of fresh art, people, music, dance and conversation.

She has brought us beautiful landscapes in oil. Sue Petruzzi and her husband Jim have just joined us. Sue makes cloud-soft leather bags and medicine bags, while her husband Jim is an author. His book, *White Man Red Road, Five Colors*, is available at the gallery. More in-depth information will follow when there is more space for each artist. In the meantime come in and see their work!

Our artist of the month for June is SD Youngwolf. He is multi-talented. He is an extraordinary painter who considers his most serious works to be those inspired by the spirit world. He is a mask maker using gourds to produce striking masks of animal and ancient spirits. He a drum maker, storyteller, photographer as well as a teacher. He is an enrolled Cherokee tribal member who has derived much inspiration from his own heritage and involvement with indigenous tribes worldwide. He has won many awards in Native American art competitions nationwide, and has exhibited internationally. Youngwolf was just invited to the Oxford Story Telling Festival in Oxford, England.

As you can see, there is a lot going on right now! Please come and visit.



Bear by SD Youngwolf.

Wow, the Gallery looks great! We have several new members that are well worth your time. Dome Betz joined us not long ago. She a painter with great finesse and skill. Also, a painter, new member Sophia Bogdanovic, paints mystical almost dreamlike canvases. Emmy Savage is back!

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Thursday, June 14: General Refuge Management discussion and tour

Thursday June 28: The New Direction—Managing during drought and changing times)

*Thursday July 12: Baca Refuge Night Sky-NPS

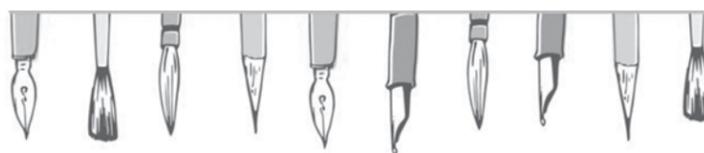
Thursday July 26: Preserving the Historical significance of the Baca Ranch

Thursday August 9: Weeds, Weeds, Weeds!—Invasive plant management update

Thursday August 23: Baca Refuge/Ranch History

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All visitors should come prepared with sun protection, water, and comfortable closed-toed shoes for walking in the dunes. The park is open 24 hours and park staff encourage visitors to explore the park after dark to see the wonders that come alive when the sun goes down.

The Pinon Flats Campground is on a reservation system and the campground is full every weekend throughout the summer. Visitors should check the park's website for area campgrounds and prepare to make alternative camping arrangements. The park issues a limited number of backcountry camping permits—for camping on the dune field and in designated sites within the park. On busy weekends, all available permits



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Submission deadline is July 1.

POA Members will get to view and vote on their favorite logo to represent the Baca Grande POA. Voting for your favorite logo starts July 6 via the website: www.baca-poa.org.

We are also in search of photos for the upcoming new website. The photographer's name will be printed on their photos. Please be sure the pictures are at least 1500 pixels wide. All logo designs and photos need to be submitted to info@bacapoa.org.

For any questions, contact the BGPOA office at 719-256-4171.



Free art classes for kids at Present & Creative June 4

Present and Creative, the Crestone art supply store, is offering free classes for children starting June 4 10am-noon. Not only will the classes be free but there will be a \$25 materials gift to each child for supplies for the class and to take home.

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The 2017-2018 school year ended on a high note as we celebrated the graduation of our senior class. Congratulations to Ryker Poor, Drew Martinez, Dustin McCole, Jared Sheppard, Jeremiah Jenkins, and John Young.

Poetry reading & discussion June 13

On Wednesday, June 13 at 10am we'll discuss selected poems from *Extensions of Mind* by Vince Palermo. The topic of the month is Ego. What do you think the Ego is? 262 Moonlight Way, 256-4135.

Senior Computer Clinics at Baca Library June & July

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Monthly Events

Saturday, June 2

- NHN Yard Sale – Beside Elephant Cloud All Day

Sunday, June 3

- Monthly Sampai, Shumei Sanctuary 10:30am-noon free www.shumeicrestone.org 719-256-5284
- Ikebana class at Shumei in Crestone, 2pm \$10/adults, \$5/children www.shumeicrestone.org 256-5284

Monday, June 4

- Children's Riding Program Session 1 – Baca Grande Stables 8-10:30am \$150/session; assistance available 719-256-6200
- Hear to Listen – Cloud Station 10:00 am-12:00 pm 719-256-4313
- Art Class for Children – Present and Creative 10am-noon 719-588-0208
- Crestone Planning Commissioners' Meeting – Alder Meeting Room 5-7pm 719-256-4313

Wednesday, June 6

- BGPOA EAC Covenant Violations Hearing – BGPOA Meeting Room 10:00 am bacapoa.org 719-256-4171

Thursday, June 7

- Primitive Skills Family Gathering, Earth Knack School www.earthknackschool@gmail.com 719-256-4909
- "Geezers into Geeks" seniors' computer clinic, Baca Grande Library 9:30-11:30am Free 256-4100
- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome! – 4:15-6:00 pm nurashkijerrahi.org

Saturday, June 9

- Runoff Runoff, Rio Grande Nat. Forest 6am-4pm \$45-\$85 runoffrunoff.com 847-239-0106
- "Geezers into Geeks" seniors' computer clinic, Baca Grande Library 9:30-11:30am Free 256-4100
- Crestone Museum Lecture – Old Schoolhouse 6:00 pm 719-588-4279
- Dakini Tsok (Feast Offering Potluck) – Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple (Choying Dzong) 6-8pm

Sunday, June 10

- Open Studio, 546 Hazlewood Dr off Cottonwood Cr. Rd. 2:00 pm-4:00 pm 719-480-5310

Monday, June 11

- Children's Riding Program Session 2 – Baca Grande Stables 8:00 am-10:30 am \$150/session; assistance available 719-256-6200
- Crestone Board of Trustees Meeting – Alder Meeting Room 9:30 am-5:00 pm 719-256-4313
- Gentle Yoga w Cynthia – Little Shepherd in the Hills 10:00 am-11:15 am 719-298-0360

Wednesday, June 13

- New Moon – All Day
- New Moon Fire Ceremony, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-noon www.babajashram.org
- New Moon Riwo Sangchö (Outdoor Smoke Offering) – Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple (Choying Dzong) 10:00 am-11:00 am
- Poetry & Discussion: Ego – Vince Palermo's 10:00 am Free 719-256-4135
- The Crestone End of Life Project Meeting – Little Shepherd in the Hills 7pm Free 719-588-7415

Thursday, June 14

- "Geezers into Geeks" seniors' computer clinic, Baca Grande Library 9:30-11:30am Free 256-4100
- Baca Wildlife Refuge Management discussion and tour, 719-256-5527

Friday, June 15

- Pet Cemetery Work Day – Crestone Cemetery 9:00 am-2:00 pm
- Cold Plasma Talk – BGPOA Meeting Room 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Free

Saturday, June 16

- Pet Cemetery Work Day – Crestone Cemetery 9:00 am-2:00 pm
- "Geezers into Geeks" seniors' computer clinic, Baca Grande Library 9:30-11:30am Free 256-4100
- Cold Plasma Workshop – BGPOA Meeting Room 10:00 am-4:30 pm \$50/person, \$65/couple
- Crestone End of Life Project Registration Party – Town Hall Meeting Room 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Sunday, June 17

- Tandem Duo concert – CO College auditorium 2:00 pm \$15, students free

Wednesday, June 20

- BGPOA EAC meeting – BGPOA Meeting Room 10:00 am bacapoa.org 719-256-4171

Thursday, June 21

- Summer Solstice – All Day
- Sufi Dhikr. All Welcome! – 4:00 pm-6:00 pm nurashkijerrahi.org 719-588-8602

Saturday, June 23

- Guru Rinpoche Tsok (Feast Offering Potluck) – Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple (Choying Dzong) 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Sunday, June 24

- Pema Cho Ling Community Practice & Potluck, Pema Cho Ling Nuns Community 10:30am-12:30pm pemacholingcommunity.org 719-496-0946

Tuesday, June 26

- Colorado primary election – 7:00 am-7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 27

- Full Moon Fire Ceremony – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-noon www.babajashram.org

Thursday, June 28

- Full Moon – All Day
- Full Moon Riwo Sangchö (Outdoor Smoke Offering) – Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple (Choying Dzong) 10:00 am-11:00 am
- Baca Wildlife Refuge, New Direction—Managing during drought & changing times, 719-256-5527

Sunday, July 1

- MBSMC Faculty concert – CO College auditorium 2:00 pm \$15, students free

Monday, July 9

- Children's Riding Program Session 3 – Baca Grande Stables 8:00 am-10:30 am \$150/session; assistance available 719-256-6200

Thursday July 12

- Baca Refuge Night Sky-NPS

Saturday, July 21

- Salida Riverside Art & Music Festival – Riverside Park All Day Free www.coloradoeventsandfestivals.com 303-916-5711

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, 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 vajraavidya.com
- Tours, Temple, & Gift Shop ~ Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 256-4108, info@babajashram.org, www.babajashram.org
- Evening Aarati, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 6-7pm. Chanting in Sanskrit and Hindi. All are welcome. 256-4108, info@babajashram.org, www.babajashram.org

Sunday

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Town Hall 7:00 pm-8:00 pm www.slvaa.org
- Sunday Mass at Nada Hermitage Nada Carmelite Hermitage 9:00 am-10:00 am 719-256-4778
- Drop-in meditation (sitting & walking) Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple (Choying Dzong) 10am-1pm

Monday

- Al-Anon weekly meeting Little Shepherd Church 1:00 pm-2:00 pm Donation 719-298-9133
- Gentle Yoga w/Cynthia, Little Shepherd, 10-11:15am 719-298-0360

Tuesday

- Narcotics Anonymous open meeting marijuana users welcome Baca Grande Library back door 7:30-8:30pm 970-309-0710
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45pm By donation shaktisharanam.com 719-256-5668

Wednesday

- Yoga Fundamentals & Refinements Shakti Sharanam 8:30-10am By donation shaktisharanam.com 256-5668

Thursday

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Baptist Church noon-1pm www.slvaa.org
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style, Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45pm, donation shaktisharanam.com 719-256-5668
- Body 'n' Brain Yoga, Little Shepherd Fellowship Hall, 10-11:15am By donation 720-363-1921

Friday

- Body 'n' Brain Yoga Fellowship Hall, Little Shepherd Church 10:00 am-11:15 am By donation
- Real Love Group, Little Shepherd Fellowship Hall 1:30-3:30pm \$2 www.reallove.com 718-480-5514

Saturday

- Narcotics Anonymous Open Step Study meeting Fellowship Hall, Little Shepherd Church 9-10am 719-256-4931



Out & About with Lori Sunflower

What are some fond memories of your dad?



Liberty Nelson (dad: Joe Mendel)

Some of my memories include playing games like dominoes, gin rummy, UNO—just hanging out together as a family and playing games. One of my best memories is when I was 10 and we took a trip to Hawaii. My mother got food poisoning and couldn't go with us, but my dad took me out in a little boat in a secluded area around 6am. The sun was rising and a school of dolphins surrounded us and we touched them as they swam around us and they guided us into shore.

He drank of a lot of coffee, and I think he's responsible for me drinking a lot of coffee because my mother doesn't drink it, but that was something he and I always did together. He would also take me out for coffee sometimes, which was nice. He's very quiet, but found ways to show his affection in other ways besides just conversation. When someone's a little more reserved, it's important to find things you can do together, and that was something we both enjoyed. He was just very kind to me and never treated me as anything besides a daughter, even though he wasn't my biological father.



Molly Roth (dad: Lonny Roth)

Well, growing up with my dad being a single dad and me being his first kid was very humorous to say the least! I don't know of many situations like mine. I remember when he built our first house and we were living out in the Grants and we were in the process of getting the electricity and sewer going and

didn't have a toilet yet. We were with some friends one day, and I decided to pee on a flowering cactus. And I fell and I was about 3 or 4 and I just remember him spending a good few hours picking cactus out of my butt! He's definitely been a very good dad, and made the best of an interesting situation: being the dad of a little girl with nobody really to help him much.

I'm really thankful for my dad. I'm glad I didn't have to grow up in the city with my mom. I got to experience the mountains and the freedom that the nature here gives you versus the city life. I feel like I turned out for the better not being a part of that.



David Elliott (dad: Mark Elliott)

Dad stories begin with getting to go visit "The Family" in England every summer. There, I increasingly realized, as I was growing up in Crestone, just what a departure Dad had made from his high society Knightsbridge life of expectation and privilege since his own childhood. The smartest thing he coulda done he somehow did, running away to America at 18, joining the beat and hippy movements until discovering Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche, which led to raising me in Crestone, and that's been extremely special. And I remember all the times my dad made the ultimate effort to do a nice event for me outside of Crestone, like going to Red Lobster, which we'd seen on television, but got food poisoning; or going to a hockey game because it was my favorite thing, and it was the one game all year no one scored; and just the constant pitfalls we couldn't help but laugh at! It often intrigues me to imagine what his life would have been like if he'd followed his own father's legacy of empire and espionage in London. I'm figuring out when I shut up there are still new stories to hear, my favorites including partying with exiled Black Panthers in Cuba or accidenting into Tibetan Buddhism getting lost with a camera in Dharamsala and landing with the Dalai Llama for days as was only possible then. He may want to be a quiet hermit now but his past

keeps catching up with him in the nicest ways. The cast of characters alone have taught me a lot.



Tim Riley (dad: Mike Riley)

One of my first memories is when I was tearing through the house and I slipped and ran into the baseboard heater and was crying, so my dad asked what hurt. I said "My drumstick! My drumstick!" (It was my thigh that I'd hurt.) He thought that was so funny! I was crying and he was laughing hysterically, not because he was mean spirited but because that was such a funny thing for a kid to say. As I watched him laugh, my pain dissolved. It was really funny to see my dad cracking up like that.

When we were kids, we moved to the lake house in Minnesota. Most of our fond memories are centered around that place. We had some acreage and a small lake we'd picnic at every weekend. A respect for nature was instilled in us at an early age. My dad took us on canoe trips and one-on-one camping trips. That's where he introduced me to s'mores, and I said, "I want another one!" And he said, "That's why they're called s'mores, because you want s'more!" And we participated in an organization that taught us about the Native American way of life and spirituality, a further emphasis on nature and having reverence for Great Spirit. In recent years, lessons focus more on giving back, creating caring communities, and being thankful for what we have. In my adult life, it's been extremely valuable having somebody who says what I need to hear even if I don't want to hear it, who always says the right thing and keeps me on the right path despite my occasional idiocy. Having my dad to tell me when I'm out of line or doing great work has been a big part of my life that I'm extremely thankful for.



Trevor Storm (dad: Steve Storm)

The memories that stick out most are early on, going up on stage with my dad and playing music. We

used to do gigs at Shumei fairly often, and Villa Grove at the coffee shop and up in Salida. Since I was about 8, that's always been pretty special to be up on stage with him. Later on, he got me up into the back country for skiing, teaching me how to hike up and earn my turns. And we used to have a yearly tradition here of skiing the "Shumei buffet," we called it. It's the north chute up Cottonwood Creek and is a big, nice, perfect ski run all the way from the top. Those were definitely some good times we had up there together. We've worked plenty together as well. We did a couple jobs in Telluride and I've worked with him here quite a bit, and we've also done a lot of projects together around the house, which has been great. The number one memory that stands out the most is the back country trips we've taken up into the mountains because it's all day super intense together and it's so amazing and rewarding to be up there. My dad's passion for the outdoors and music is has obviously imprinted on me as well!



Abby Swartz (dad: Scott Swartz)

Well, that's kind of endless. One of my fondest memories is when I was a kid. I pretty much grew up at the Mishawaka and at State Bridge, and I used to run up onstage while my dad was playing and yank out all the cords as they're playing and my mom was chasing me across the stage pretty much most of the time. Now, I play a lot of music with him and a lot of shows but my fondest memory is from one of his shows, when he played in Shakedown Street at Quixote's in Denver. Basically, our whole family came out, all his siblings, so it was pretty much a circus show because our family is pretty wild! That memory's my favorite, us walking through the bar shouting "Swartz's coming through!" Another fond memory is from my uncle's recent birthday party in Blackhawk where my dad and I got to play music for our whole family, which is my favorite thing to do, especially in front of my grandpa because there aren't a lot of chances he gets to watch me play. Playing music with my dad is the fondest of memories that I have. He's always been there for me musically and he's my favorite person to play music with!

If you have feedback or suggestions for future topics, please email peaceloreilove@gmail.com. In addition to being the Staff Photographer for the Crestone Eagle since 2012, Lori Nagel is a freelance Photographer, Graphic Designer & Web Designer. www.sunflowerstudios.us.com.



Edie Lee gave a presentation in December regarding the different new developmental fields in Cold Plasma Technology as taught by Dr. Keshe such as health technologies, power generation, agricultural applications, and water purification. She will be giving another presentation in June. Interested parties can find more information at: www.keshfoundation.org photo by Lori Nagel

Cold Plasma talk & workshop in Crestone June 15-19

Mrs. Edie A. Lee, science educator, director, and developer of the Crestone Cold Plasma Technology Guild will be giving a free public lecture on Cold Plasma, the gravitational-magnetic energy that can power your home, eliminate harmful EMF's, increase your health, improve your garden, balance the energy in your home and change your way of looking at the world you live in.

"It is from the Keshe Astrophysics and Space Technology re-

search that we have to thank for these plasma technology systems that I teach people how to use and build. Systems and technology that has sprouted from the environmental situations encountered in space travel. There is an influence that creates matter states with basic sentience; this is the influence of matrix of all matter and is what we call Plasma."

So mark your calendar, grab a friend, come early, and join us as we learn and explore what Cold Plasma can do for you and your community.

Free Lecture: June 15 from 7-9pm at the POA Hall, in Crestone, east of the golf course. Light refreshments will be served.

For those who are interested in experimenting with this new technology Mrs. Lee will be giving a workshop on June the 16 and 17 at the POA Hall, 10am-4:30pm; \$50 per person, \$65 per couple. There will be a \$5 discount for those who register on Friday night.

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The participants playfully dance, martial arts style, in the Capoeira classes which are currently held on Friday mornings at 9:30am at Earth Tribe Studio. photo by Lori Nagel

Shift your energy with Capoeira!

by Lori Nagel

Capoeira's been practiced in Crestone for at least a couple years. Currently, the group is meeting at Earth Tribe Studio Friday mornings at 9:30am to practice this ancient art. Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines elements of dance, acrobatics, fight, rituals and music in a very elegant, magnetic way. It was developed in Brazil at the beginning of the 16th century mainly by descendants of African slaves with Brazilian native influences. Performed by two people, it is often called a "Capoeira game" that is played, not fought. Capoeira is played with a smile on one's face, symbolizing the capoeiristas' lack of fear.

Michael Keefe, who helps Starry Summers with class organization, said, "It's just a great way

to open up your body. The music is infused with the transmission of joy and it's a way for people to come together with whatever they have and just let it go through movement. It's been used that way for hundreds of years. It pulls communities together and I'm very grateful for it."

The uniqueness of this exercise is that it gives your body physical strength, power and flexibility; and your mind self-confidence, concentration, courage and creativity. "If anything else it's just a great workout, and there's always a shift in your energy afterwards," said Michael. Some people say that Capoeira is one of the best things that have happened in their life. However, the only way to truly understand the magnetism of Capoeira is to try it for yourself!

Peter Peterson for Saguache County Assessor



- Six years working in Assessor's office
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- Increased efficiency & accessibility of Assessor's office
- Implementing new methods to identify & include properties in database
- In last 3 years, Assessor's Department has won excellent ratings from independent auditors

"I absolutely love the work of assessment. It is challenging, complex, with a large database always in motion. I am blessed to have met and worked with a wonderful mix of people from all over the county, and indeed, all around the state.

I would be honored to be given the opportunity to serve Saguache County for four more years to complete the revamping of the Assessor's Office. Thank you for your vote."

Find Peter Peterson on Facebook!

Joyful Journey offers free Inner Vision event June 21

Joyful Journey Hot Springs Spa presents our 3rd Annual

Inner Vision Second Spring

Maintaining Wellness Through Time

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 Qigong ~ Tad Howard
- 9:45 Accessing Your Social Security Benefits ~ Ruben Herrera
- 11:00 Financial Planning for Different Stages of Life ~ Chris Muecke
- 12:00 Medicaid Demystified ~ Linda Warsh
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Naturopathic & Conventional Medical Options ~ Dr. Kim Engard
- 2:45 The Future of Your Brain Looks Bright ~ Mark Talbot
- 3:15 Living Safely: What Are Your Resources? ~ Ellen Cox
- 3:45 Medicare: What Does It Cover? ~ Carol Rigenbach
- 5:15 Crestone End of Life Project
- 6:00 Screening of HEAL ~ 2017 Documentary

Thursday, June 21st 2018



Free Event

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Joyful Journey is holding its 3rd Annual Inner Vision Event on June 21 and you are invited! The entire event is free! This year's event focuses on accessing valley resources to assist with the process of growing into our best selves, through health and wellness, physically and financially.

Join us for breakfast (and lunch!), prepared by our on-site Chef Elliot, whose culinary expertise will provide you with flavorful and healthy sustenance to get you through a full day of information gathering.

Begin the day with Tad Howard, Joyful Journey's massage specialist. Tad will lead the event with a gentle, yet powerful, active, yet meditative movement in Qigong—accessible to all ages and levels. Please wear comfortable clothing.

Joyful Journey is pleased to offer space for local professionals to provide information to the community, which aligns with the inner vision we value. The program includes presentations on social security benefits, financial planning, Medicaid, and Medicare. It also includes wellness topics such as brain health, natural healing, conventional medical options and detoxification. In addition, this is your opportunity to hear your choices for the Crestone End of Life project.

The day will culminate with a screening of "Heal," a documentary that reminds us we can help ourselves with the healing process. As is the case 365/days/year, Joyful Journey's healing waters will be available to participants throughout the day.

Join us for a day of education and physical well-being. No pre-registration is required, but if you know you will be attending, please contact us with the number of people at 719-256-4328 and ask for "Groups." Or call us with any questions you may have regarding the event.

Joyful Journey is honored to be a part of the community and we appreciate the support of locals and visitors. We look forward to seeing you on June 21 for this free community event.

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Sri Aurobindo Learning Center

Desire must not dominate

by Dr. Eric Weiss

Many spiritual teachings discuss the need to overcome desire, but that's a very tall order. And it's not even clear that it's a good idea. Most of us experience some very strong desires; desires that may even be the root of addictions, both major and minor. We can see that those addictions lead to chaos and pain, and overcoming them then might make sense. But we also have desires that lead to the pleasures that make life interesting. And we even have desires like those for food and breath, which seem to be necessary if life is to continue.

Desire, according to Sri Aurobindo, is an intrinsic, and potentially Divine aspect of existence. It cannot be eliminated, and cannot, ultimately, or for long, be repressed. The problem of desire is not that it exists, but that it dominates our higher functions. Our senses and our emotions have a right to enjoyment, Sri Aurobindo says, but not the right to tell us what to enjoy. The choice of what to enjoy should be reserved, rather, for the mind and the soul.

That thought can be liberating. The thought of giving up desire altogether, even if we can imagine doing so for the sake of some greater spiritual achievement evokes, for most of us, a sense of desolation. But the idea of liberating our selves from the domination of the senses and emotions, of allowing and appreciating them without being dominated by them, can open up new ranges of the spiritual path.

The key is an appreciation of the mind's ability to gently detach from the emotions and the senses. We feel all of it, but we take a small step back and say to ourselves "that is not me." My desire and emotion belong to the world, they are conditioned by society and by my past, and by the entire evolutionary history of the world. But "I" am here, in the present, I am free, and I am not this feeling. Making this separation opens a new vista, and is a big step towards making desire a workable part of the path.

Contact the author at eric@ericweiss.com.



The Ashram hosted Master Dengdeng and her students from China at the beginning of May. It was a beautiful exchange of appreciation and of love.

News from the Haidakhandi Universal Ashram

by Ramloti

May has been a full and wonderful month at the Ashram and the amount of visitors seem to grow daily with the lovely weather.

The new-moon fire ceremony this month is on Wednesday, June 13 and the full-moon fire ceremony is on Wednesday, June 27. 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.

The Maha Lakshmi Shop has received yards and yards of beautiful silks and other yummy fabrics, which we are selling for only \$2. It is also full of wonderful items, many from India: there are anklets, brass statues, hand-decorated deity candles, cloth items, earrings, bracelets, oils, incense, purses, glass and

cell-phone cases, CDs, eye pillows, Benares silks, soaps, 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://mahalakshmiashram.org>.

For more information about the Ashram, please visit our website at www.babajiashram.org. All are invited to our Ashram Board of Directors' meeting, which is Sunday, June 3 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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How dry is it?

It has been terribly dry in the San Luis Valley. Humidity has been down to only 4% on many days. We asked Crestonians how dry it was.

It is so dry that . . .

- . . . when I poured myself a glass of water it evaporated before it reached my mouth.
- . . . my chapstick is using itself.
- . . . the humor in *The Crestone Eagle* looks wet.
- . . . I'm having to sew my envelopes shut.
- . . . I just saw a fish get mugged.
- . . . we may not have to wear spacesuits to ward off mosquitoes this year.
- . . . I started selling bags of dryness on eBay to people in Seattle.
- As my papa would say "It's dryer than a popcorn fart" . . . my lawn cracks when I walk on it.
- . . . raisins grow straight off the vine.
- . . . all the fish have ticks.
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Originally from Kansas Sarah earned her Bachelor of Science/Physician Assistant degree at

Wichita State University. She also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Microbiology at the

University of Kansas. Having worked in Trinidad and the Denver area, Sarah has many years of experience in family medicine and urgent care. She will care for patients of all ages, for acute illnesses, preventive care and chronic disease management.

Sarah moved back to Kansas for five years, and then returned to Colorado about three years ago, and thus she says she considers herself as having "dual citizenship!" Her favorite pastimes are sewing, kayaking, hiking, time spent with her grandkids and supporting Jayhawk basketball.

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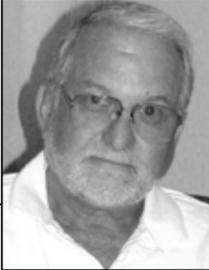


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Message received by Earl LeRoy

My son, I know you are wondering about how and when My Glory will invade your location. That should not be your primary concern as much as seeking My face and getting closer to Me at every moment of your day. Remember, I Am your all in all and your great reward. The other things are by-products of Me. My Love has invaded everyone that has sought Me, and then My gifts. Everyone will know that I Am God, and everyone will be experiencing My Love and My mercy as you seek Me with all your hearts, your minds and your bodies. Most people of this world have been so caught up in their own thoughts and practices that it will take a real experience with Me to break the idol they have made of Me. Just like the Hebrews that made the golden calf thinking it was Me, there will have to be a great shaking to set the world free of that idolatry.

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sus said, “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).

Remember how long it has taken you to release the things of this world in your life? Those people who have not known me for years, do not have the luxury of time to be confirmed in Me. That is why I will shake the world to its foundations. Do not be fearful of what is coming because just like the Ark of Noah, those who know Me and trust Me will go through the storm and will come out stronger to be able to minister to the other people.

You were born and fearfully made for this time and this place. The more you rest in Me, the easier it will be to Know Me and Trust Me. Do you see why everyone needs to seek Me first and not My benefits? The benefits do come when I come. The benefits without Me lead people into pride and destruction.

Those of you who trust in Me, I will equip to minister My love and My grace in humility. So submit to Me by My Spirit and My Word; resist the enemy, and know I Am with you always. Keep seeking Me first. I enjoy those times that you call upon me and ask questions and then wait and listen for the answer. Our time together is most important! You are on the right track.

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CEOLP registration & paperwork update party set for June 16

by Gussie Fauntleroy

For most of us it's not easy to think about our own death, and it's very easy to put off planning for that aspect of life. The Crestone End of Life Project's facilitation of beautiful open-air cremations, and the accompanying community gathering and celebration of life, make the inevitable somehow less forbidding for many of us. And here's the good part: CEOLP makes it easy to register for its services by having periodic registration parties.

On Saturday, June 16, CEOLP volunteers will host a registration and paperwork update party from 11 to 1 in the new Town Hall Conference Room (the former CYP Thrift Shop space) in the Town Hall building on the corner of Alder Street and Galena Ave. This event has a double focus: helping new registrants complete the CEOLP

paperwork, and updating essential information for those already registered. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions, and a copy machine and notary public will be available for the necessary copies and signatures.

CEOLP can serve Crestone/Baca and Saguache County residents who have lived here for three months prior to death, regardless of whether you own property or rent. But only if you are registered. This applies for open-air cremations and for assistance with green burial in the Crestone Town Cemetery. You may complete the paperwork and have it copied and notarized during the registration party, or you may take the forms home to complete and have them copied and notarized elsewhere. (Aventa Credit Union and Baca Water and Sanitation notarize for no charge and there are other notaries public in the Crestone/Baca area.)

Please bring with you the names and contact information of your attending physician, important family members, and those who would act on your behalf as executor or representative. You'll need \$20 for notarization at the registration party (four pages, \$5 each). In addition, CEOLP requests a \$10 donation for copying and filing costs. The sliding scale donation of \$500 to \$800 for cremation services is not requested until services are provided.

If you registered more than a year ago, this is an excellent time to check your paperwork and make sure it is up to date, especially

names and contact information for your designated representatives and physician. We will have all completed registration forms on hand so you can look through yours to see if anything needs to be updated. This is very important, as CEOLP may not be able to provide its services if information is out of date and essential individuals cannot be contacted.

Also available for anyone to pick up will be the "5 Wishes" pamphlet, which can help guide your thinking and choices in medical, emotional, and spiritual end-of-life issues; and Colorado Hospital Association Patient's Rights pamphlets, in English and Spanish. These two pamphlets are available free, thanks to a Saguache County Sales Tax Grant to Informed Final Choices, CEOLP's sister organization dedicated to educational outreach. The pamphlets are not part of the CEOLP registration packet. But they are extremely useful in planning advance directives and stimulating important communication with family members, notes CEOLP founder Stephanie Gaines.

So whether you are already registered or want to register, stop by, enjoy tea and cookies, and ask questions. If CEOLP's open-air cremation or green burial interests you, this is the perfect opportunity to take a step toward making the difficult easier, for yourself and those who love you. For more information, call Denise at 256-4644 or visit informedfinalchoices.org.

How does CEOLP work?

If you're wondering what CEOLP volunteers actually do when someone who is registered dies, here is your chance to find out. Crestone End of Life Project's June monthly open meeting will focus on clearly and succinctly explaining the organization's protocol for its volunteer teams, including family liaison, care of the body, site preparation, parking/hosting, and fire. The public is invited and questions will be welcomed, including any questions regarding CEOLP registration and CEOLP's requested donation for services. The meeting is set for Wed., June 13 at 7pm in the fellowship hall of the Little Shepherd in the Hills Episcopal Church in downtown Crestone. CEOLP's open meetings take place the second Wednesday of each month. For more information visit informedfinalchoices.org or call 588-7415.



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HRRMC Lab Director Amy Muller, M.D., was notified of the national recognition and commended for the excellence of the services being provided.

"The lab and pathology team is a very dedicated group of individuals," said Dr. Muller. "We are very excited about offering the community additional services such as direct access lab testing and working with the many new specialists on our medical staff."

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Moffat Pk-12 School's future is looking bright

The Moffat Pk-12 School has wrapped up a successful 2017-2018 school year. The first quarter started off with a significant increase in student enrollment. Looking to the 2018-2019 school year, the increase in enrollment gives the school an opportunity to add additional teachers. In the past, elementary classrooms have been combined. Next year, there will be a separate Kindergarten classroom, as well as separate 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade classrooms. They will continue to have a 1st-2nd-grade combo class.

The school's entire elementary teaching staff will be returning for the 2018-2019 school year and two new teachers will be joining the team. Additionally, the vast majority of the school's secondary teachers will be returning for the 2018-2019 academic season. Principal Jillian Sciacca is enthusiastic about the opportunity to provide students with more individualized and focused attention and stated, "we are thrilled that our staff turnover rate is so low and we have the opportunity to add teachers to our team. It will be exciting to see how the addition of more teachers impacts our students' growth scores in the future."

In addition to ensuring that students receive more individualized instruction at the elementary level, the school continues to ensure that secondary students have high-quality elective choices. In January, the school hired Casey

Wood as their full-time industrial arts teacher. Sciacca stated, "I could not be more pleased with the quality of our industrial arts program. The addition of Mr. Wood to our team has had a positive impact on both students and staff." The school is also working to ensure that all teachers hold Colorado teaching certifications that match their assigned content areas.

In addition to adding additional staff, the Moffat Pk-12 School will be installing a 26-foot greenhouse grow dome over the summer months. According to Sciacca, "the indoor growing space will provide experiential learning opportunities for all populations and opportunities for upperclassmen to mentor our younger students as they learn about growing food and eating a healthy diet." Additionally, the school is making some improvements to the preschool playground with the installation of musical playground equipment and a soft turf to replace the dirt.

The Moffat Pk-12 school will also receive funding through an EARSS grant to support at-risk students. The district received a \$494,000-dollar grant to fund an early intervention program to support attendance, truancy, and behavior challenges.

The Moffat Pk-12 School is in the process of updating their registration process to make it more convenient for families. Be on the lookout for information in the near future.



Moffat Pk-12 students, Shotaro Saigo and Miwa Kato perform with the Shumei Taiko Drummers during a performance for Kindergarten through 12th-grade students made possible by Crestone Performances.

Moffat School celebrates grant award

Moffat Consolidated School District #2 is proud to announce their \$494,000 grant award for the Expelled and At-Risk Student Services (EARSS) program through the Colorado Department of Education. The EARSS program is authorized by Colorado Revised Statute 22-33-205 to fund competitive grant proposals, and the Moffat School District will be using the grant through school year 2022 to fund an early intervention program to support students with pro-active mediation approaches to

attendance, truancy and behavior challenges.

This award offers the district a tremendous opportunity to partner with the Center for Restorative Programs and other countywide agencies to promote student wellness and academic success through research-based strategies. "The success of our district depends on our ability to provide opportunities to all of our students and families to grow both emotionally and academically," says superintendent Christina Larson. "This grant allows us to develop a powerful program for both of our schools that will help us develop resilient students prepared for post-secondary success."

This grant supports the district's vision to create opportunities for all students to reduce or remove barriers through the creation of meaningful and healthy relationships with their teachers, peers and families. Staff from both schools and outside partners helped develop the grant proposal that was submitted to the state in March. Principal Jillian Sciacca of the Moffat School supports the grant, and states, "the program will bring much needed support to the school for positive and proactive behavior intervention and attendance practices." Marie Louise Baker, Director of Crestone Charter School, agrees that the focus of the grant aligns with the Charter School's learner-centered mission, and says, "I personally care that we have a restorative approach to discipline. I also see how important attendance is to the growth of our students and want to better support our families with this."

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New & exciting places: CCS spring trips

by Ayla Sirois,
CCS 10th grade student

The school year is coming to an end and that means that final assignments are due, everyone wants to escape to their vacations already, and students are getting restless. But, before the school year is completely over there is one last thing that's happening, the spring trips. All grades had their big spring trips and each class went to new and exciting places.

Last year the high school class went out of the country, but this year we took more of a relaxed road trip around the midwest. The first stop was Kansas, where we camped for one night and then packed up in the morning and headed to our next destination, the Ozarks. We spent two days in St. Louis, where we went to an art museum and the zoo which was much more fun than we thought it was going to be. We then spent two days in Indiana where we saw the Broadway play *Wicked* which was all of our favorite part, and defying gravity was stuck in our heads for the next few days. After two days of rest we moved on to Chicago where we explored Navy Pier and downtown. Iowa was next on the list, and we stopped by a student's grandparent's house for some much-appreciated home-cooked lunch but then had to move onto to Nebraska, which was our last stop before arriving back in Colorado. Even though it was a fun trip and we visited new and exciting places we were very thankful to arrive back home. Though we didn't do much on the trip, it was socially and culturally educational because we had the opportunity to meet new and interesting people who had lived very different lives from ours.

Middle school took a trip to Kansas where they stayed at Camp Wildwood, a summer camp near Kansas City. They spent most of their time at the camp swinging around on rope swings, climbing around on rock walls, practicing archery, and doing everything else the camp had to offer which included team-building activities. Even though they also ventured into Kansas City where they went to



Students enjoying the waterfall during their spring trip to Mesa Verde.

the Nelson-Atkins Museum, where the students pretended to be a Curator for a day. They walked around the museum, looking at everything and then did a presentation on it. Though if you ask any of the middle schoolers, the most memorable part for them was jumping off a bridge, that or the Kansas City barbecue . . . delicious.

Intermediary students did their second spring trip. The first trip went to Winter Count Camp in Arizona, where students learned primitive skills, such as building a bow and arrows, which actually are not that primitive skills, but useful survival skills. The second trip was more local. They camped at Earth Knack and from there went to the Sand Dunes and went swimming. Ms Sandie provided them a barbecue by the school garden.

Primary students went to Denver and the Art Museum was their highlight. Early Elementary went to Mesa Verde, a big exciting trip. For many students this was the first time away from their parents.

We want to thank all volunteer parents who help our teachers make these trips possible.



Early Elementary students studying a kiva at Mesa Verde.



Hauling slash at the Colorado State Forest Service's defensible space workshop at the Crestone Charter School May 12.

Crestone Charter School now better prepared for a wildfire

On May 12, the Colorado State Forest Service and a contingent of local volunteers helped make the Crestone Charter School better prepared for potential wildfire. The school's wildfire risk was reduced via a local contractor thinning and pruning trees that had been marked by the CSFS, with 20 volunteers providing labor to deal with the resulting wood and "slash."

The Shumei International Institute also worked on transplanting landscaping shrubs away from the school to reduce the amount of flammable vegetation close to the school.

"Our office depends on opportunities like this to help educate landowners so they understand how to be better prepared for wildfires," said Adam Moore, a forester with the CSFS Alamosa Field Office. Moore continues, "I encourage citizens to visit the CCS to look at what a well done mitigation project in a piñon-juniper forests looks like."

The event started in the morning with members of the public learning about defensible space from the CSFS. Other parents and community members then got to work hauling cut trees to a wood chipper

or to a firewood pile. Volunteers took a lunch break of soup and bread provided by the Crestone Mountain Zen Mountain Retreat Center, and during the afternoon they continued to haul woody material.

"This event made the school safer from wildfires, educated the public and will hopefully raise money for the school," said Marie-Louise Baker, Director of the CCS.

Firewood and posts generated by the thinning project will be available to purchase from the school. Please contact Marie-Louise Baker at CCS for purchasing, 719-256-4907.

Quick facts about the event:

- There were 20 volunteers, including three community members, three school staff, four students, 10 parents, two members of the Crestone Fire Department and one Crestone Trustee.

- Volunteer efforts saved the school approximately \$2,100.

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Surviving the Age of Stupid



Dedicated to Parkland's Emma Gonzalez & David Hopp
by David Nicholas

Last March seems light years away. It's a trick of course, to seem like so much is happening as to appear overwhelming, which increases the temptation for good people with busy daily lives to throw up one's hands and turn away. Too many shiny objects on a daily basis that you cannot follow it all. In truth it's been only ninety days since the last report, but worlds away.

I have never dedicated columns before but both Emma Gonzales and David Hopp, two of the Parkland survivors who, along with friends and fellow survivors of the February shooting, organized the March for Our Lives on March 24 in DC and around the country. That they did this in just four weeks was nothing short of extraordinary. It set the tone for getting out the vote for the November midterm elections and for high Democratic turnout during the primaries all over the country.

When Emma Gonzales, towards the end of her presentation on the DC stage before a crowd of 800,000+, made a speech 6:42 minutes long, with four of those minutes in dedicated silence, it was stunning. No adult would have dared do it, but she did. She didn't announce there would be minutes of silence she just did it. This was the raw power of silence that it held the crowd. The six minutes and forty-two seconds was the time it took for the shooter to take the lives of 17 students and wound others. I have never seen anything like it.

David Hopp made media appearances from the March and was attacked by Fox News Channel commentator Laura Ingraham. She used the fact that he had been turned down by several colleges where he had applied, to attack his character and motives for his protest. He retaliated via Twitter, asking for a sponsor boycott of her show, The Ingraham Angle. Twenty-four sponsors complied. Ms. Ingraham did apologize but Mr. Hopp didn't accept it. His speech at the March was simple. Just make sure you register and vote in November.

Both Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Hopp are the post-millennial generation (those born after 2000). They are the future.

Just as I wrote this, there was another school shooting in Santa Fe, Texas where 10 people were killed (9 students, one teacher) and ten wounded on Friday, May 18. The killing won't stop until we vote out the sheep in Congress who are too cowardly to act to regulate guns and gun access.

The Age of Stupid

An age is a defining period of time of indeterminant length. These years that Mr. Trump holds the office of president are singularly unique in American history. Yes, there have been other lousy presidents, but none like this in the last 50 years and maybe not at all since 1776.

The broad definition of stupid is, "having or showing a great lack of intelligence or common sense."

Dumb people do not do stupid. Smart people do stupid. In this 21st

century in the political realm in my view, stupid-ity comes about when you ruthlessly do or say careless and arrogant things, are willful in mendacity (lying and deceit), institute carelessness that causes unintended or extreme consequences. So much so that in this time stupid can get us all killed.

We are now well into the second year of this presidency and we have had another 90 days in which stupid has ruled the decision-making of this administration. These examples include: implementing the trade war with China; negotiating with North Korea; moving our embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem; ending the Iran Deal; and aiding Robert Mueller's investigation into the Trump Campaign and other malfeasances-of-interest.

Trade with China 1: As things stand . . .

The news came late on Saturday, May 19, that the trade war with China was officially "on hold." Two months of Mr. Trump's Twitter bombast and threats initiating a trade war ended in a whimper. This statement of 15 lines or so took 24 hours to compose and only one member of the US team of trade negotiators, Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin went on Fox Sunday to defend it. The statement came after two days of talks with China's Vice Premier of Finance, Liu He, in DC, who had flown in for two days of talks on May 17-18. He had reason to be very confident on how these negotiations would end.

Mr Lui knew that the White House trade negotiators were in disarray and arguing among themselves on how to beat and defeat China at trade negotiations and make the Chinese bend to our will.

The talks were occurring after the White House trade team had gone to China in late April to lay down US terms where they were not only rebuffed by the Chinese, but they found they had hit a brick wall. The meeting found the US not speaking with one voice. The White House team split and were fighting among themselves on the sidelines of the negotiations in full view of the Chinese.

Thus, a short negotiation to show China who was boss in world trade, expecting the PRC to cave to our demands, was a fiasco rather than the predicted quick victory. Further, it signaled the US position had to begin what was now going to be a very prolonged negotiation with China.

The American strategy of course was in line with the great negotiator Donald Trump's idea to have the whole thing wrapped up, signed and sealed in no time at all and certainly well before the November midterm elections. Both the China hawks in the negotiating team, the know-nothing anti-Chinese ideolog Peter Navarro who currently serves as the Assistant to the President, Director of Trade and Industrial Policy, and the Director of the White House National Trade along with the US

Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer are seething. Steve Mnuchin had outplayed them and for the moment all they can do is undermine Secretary Mnuchin, hoping he will fall on his face.

Instead it was China who won this outcome. They won by readily agreeing to consider most American concerns, item by item, in consideration for holding off the trade war.

So, the joint statement opening line was, "There was a consensus on taking effective measures to substantially reduce the United States trade deficit in goods with China."

The statement went on to say that, "To meet the growing consumption needs of the Chinese people and the need for high-quality economic development, China will significantly increase purchases of United States goods and services." But Vice Premier Lui He also added in a CGTN (Chinese Global Television Network) interview for an international audience that China will increase purchases of US goods and services and "with other nations as our needs require."

Mr. Lui made the point that "we can agree to increase goods and services but if the Chinese people don't buy them, selling them is pointless." That's not what the White House heard but that is what China is understanding.

The statement goes on: "This will help support growth and employment in the United States." Well yes. That may happen over time, maybe three, four, five years down the road because the US simply does not have the goods and services developed or in place to serve the Chinese population of 1.4 billion people. A simple truth.

The statement goes on, "Both sides agreed on meaningful increases in United States agriculture and energy exports. The United States will send a team to China to work out the details." This had Treasury Secretary Mnuchin telling Fox News that he would be sending a team "immediately" anticipating that this would increase Chinese purchase of agriculture products by 30-40% this year and about 40% over the next three to four years with energy products.

"The delegations also discussed expanding trade in manufactured goods and services. There was consensus on the need to create favorable conditions to increase trade in these areas." Nobody knows what that means now so it will be negotiated over time. Maybe.

Then: "Both sides attach paramount importance to intellectual property protections and agreed to strengthen cooperation. China will advance relevant amendments to its laws and regulations in this area, including the Patent Law." Maybe, but believe it when you see it and probably this might be considered at the next plenum of the CPC Standing Committee to be held later this year. Or not.

"Both sides agreed to encourage two-way investment and to strive to create a fair, level playing field for competition." This could take years, as one country's level playing field is generally another's insurmountable mountain.

"Both sides agreed to continue to engage at high levels on these issues and to seek to resolve their economic and trade concerns in a proactive manner." In other words, nothing is going to change for the

immediate future.

Trade with China 2: The problems with all of this

While China doesn't want a fight over tariffs because it knows everyone loses, it is prepared to take its time over negotiations. China is in no rush to conclude agreements quickly if it doesn't have to, especially where it does not get some, if not a lot, of benefits in return for giving up something.

In fact, looking at how the Chinese are approaching the US urgency to get a deal done is that the People's Republic is in no hurry and is looking fairly relaxed.

The problem is that we don't have the State Department filled with seasoned trade negotiators. There are few competent folks to match the Chinese approach to negotiations which is to "think long." Former Secretary of State Rex Tillerson fired the professional State Department hands when he took up the job in February 2017 and never replaced them which, when we look back now, was pretty stupid. So "thinking long," means to look at things five, ten years down the road as they negotiate terms, and the lack of expertise to help out the White House is glaring.

The bigger problem is timing. The US-Chinese negotiation was due to start in February, but the White House assumed the NAFTA negotiation would be over in favor of the US last December.

So right as it happens now the US Trade Representative is running four negotiations at the same time. Besides NAFTA and China there are Japan and South Korea. This is a massive bog in the DC swamp the White House did not allow for and it is not clear how this ends.

If we are going to separate from our reliance on Chinese manufacturing, which is where this war seems to be heading, this will take years to reboot whatever manufacturing still exists here in America to handle the demand of 300 million people for simple everyday needs, such as clothing and other items.

If you think this war will hurt China, you would be wrong. China has embarked upon becoming self-reliant by 2025 in major areas of economic development considered necessary for its imperial ambitions in the 21st century.

This policy was firmly endorsed last year in November 2017 at the meeting of the Chinese Communist party and endorsed by the working plenum in February this year. The policy is called Made in China 2025 and you should Google it if you want to read further.

The irony is that members of Congress who view China as the enemy are fraught that China is going away on its own, armed with all the technology and knowhow they considered to be America's property. As one commentator astutely observed, if Chinese students come to the US to learn and are involved in research in PhD programs, if they return to China they will not un-learn what they learned while in America. It is naïve to think that they would.

However, the time to worry about this was in 2005 when we were falling over ourselves to set up business and invest in China. One of the requirements to get approval to do business in the PRC at that time was for manufacturers to share their intellectual property (in Trump ter-

minology “stolen intellectual property”), which they did without a second’s thought to make money.

So, trying to trawl it back and regain preeminence in those technical fields that China copied and has excelled at is a fool’s errand. Thus, casting China as a foe as Trump did during the 2016 campaign was pretty stupid and I said so then, when Mr. Trump was blustering about it.

As he and his minions continue to demonize Chinese in the attempt to force the PRC to kowtow to US dominance, he is about to get seriously eefft in ways he never imagined. This seriously stupid, but typical for this man.

Currently China’s narrative from its world media outlets, which I watch, is that the People’s Republic is prepared to be open and reasonable. This is a working narrative with which, whatever happens in coming months, China is winning hearts and minds: China can be relied on to keep its word. Something Mr. Trump is not conveying at all. Quite the opposite in fact. I imagine this will be going strong in September.

North Korea

After much bluster and bragadocio, and to no one’s surprise, Mr. Trump pulled out of the summit meeting with North Korea on May 24 in a terse letter to Kim Jong Un.

So, no Nobel Peace Prize for Mr. Trump, I think. While he would dearly love to get something that Mr. Obama received just by getting elected, negotiating with North Korea’s Kim Jung Un wouldn’t be it. In fact, there is no area where he would be remotely considered.

As always, meeting with the Kim family dynasty, hopeful of bringing the DPEK into line with the rest of the world, has been barren ground for 70 years. It’s not that Mr. Trump may get some agreement on North Korea’s nuclear program, he could, but it’s his cavalier and careless style on Twitter or unrehearsed sprays at press moments at cabinet meetings which signal that he has ignored the nuances in such a delicate negotiation.

It is one thing to get a tentative agreement to meet with President Kim in Singapore on June 12, quite another for it to actually happen. Why this went from being a lovefest of goodwill and genuine bonhomie to being tentative arrangement of mistrust in just hours was that the North Koreans wanted to see a change in US behavior on the Korean peninsula.

In this case it was the annual military exercises we carry out with South Korea and Japan. The exercise this year went on as scheduled and the DPRK took it as a sign that the US wasn’t prepared to treat the DPRK with respect. That’s has been a deal killer in the past, so we shall see.

Further it didn’t help when the newly minted National Security Advisor John Bolton told CBS’ Face the Nation on May 13 that he expected the denuclearization of the North would be along the lines of the one Libya agreed to. The outcome of which ended with the people rising up, overthrowing the Libyan dictator Muhammer Qaddafi and murdering him. Obviously not an outcome Mr. Kim would relish.

Mr. Bolton sees creating wars wherever possible with regimes he doesn’t like is his personal agenda. He would like very much to kill off the Kims and rid North Korea of the

communist state. This writer views Mr. Bolton as a war criminal since the Iraq invasion of 2003. He was one of the neocons responsible for the US invasion of Iraq and should have been tried before the International Criminal Court. That he has hand in the Trump policy gives both North Korea and China reason to mistrust anything the Trump administration says now. In short this was stupid but typical of this administration. Stupidity can get you killed.

On top of that China, whom Kim Jung Un listens to, has its own security interest in keeping Kim where he is today. President Xi regarding recent meetings, has told Mr. Kim to tread warily of Mr. Trump’s extravagant bombast. Mr. Trump can be your friend one day and then turn on you in minute. So, the military exercises which might well have been cancelled for this year as a sign of willingness, instead by going ahead played to North Korean suspicions. Charitably, it probably never occurred to this White House about Korean sensibilities. At this time of writing it is 50-50 that this meeting occurs at all. We shall see.

The US Embassy opens in Jerusalem

This was a stupid idea to begin with, but this decision fulfilled one of his campaign promises. Note that Mr. Trump didn’t show up to attend this “grand event.” He hid as he usually does in DC.

The date of the opening on May 12 came a day before the 70th anniversary of the UN resolution that created the state of Israel, or as the Palestinians refer to it, as the *nakba*—the catastrophe. For a gloating Bibi Netanyahu to open the embassy was an act that is just the beginning of a road of blood and violence throughout the Middle East for years to come.

It was designed to stir up feelings, and it did. The demonstrations by young people, which had been going on for weeks at the “border fence” at the line between the Gaza strip and Israel, reached a climax on the day when 62 men, women and children were butchered along with approximately 2,000 wounded.

Gaza has become a hell hole. Two million Palestinians are kept in concentration camp conditions as punishment since Hamas rebelled against oppressive Israeli policies in 2014. Years later, Gaza is still a ruin that Israel forbids to allow to be repaired in order to destroy the elected government of Hamas.

The generation of youth who led the fight at the Gaza border say it is better to die fighting than live under Israeli oppression. They can’t leave or go anywhere else. These concentration camp conditions are based on the Nazi’s Warsaw Ghetto in Poland. Palestinians are locked up, they are prisoners in their own land. As with the Nazis, Israel has learned how to destroy a people. Lessons very well learned in my view.

It made interesting viewing watching spit-screens on television: Mr. Netanyahu’s glee on one side and the murderous attack on Palestinians on the other.

In his address at the opening, Mr. Netanyahu encouraged other nations to move their embassies to Jerusalem. This appeal has been largely ignored since the US announced it would make the move last year. Only Hungary and Romania have taken up the offer, which speaks volumes.

What is more pernicious, is that as American Jews have grown disenchanted with Netanyahu’s Greater Israel Zionists, Bibi has turned to US evangelical Christians to make sure the US toes the line to protect Israel’s aggression and his rising beligerence for war with Iran. *The New York Times’* Thomas Friedman echoed this thought on CNN’s Fareed Zakaria’s GPS show on May 19.

War on Iran is coming

More stupidity from this president. For all intents and purposes, he killed the Iranian deal. A deal that President Obama spent two years working on to get Iran to end the Islamic Republic’s nuclear program of producing weapon-grade plutonium.

Mr. Trump said he was going to do it and no pleading by US European allies, especially the French President and the German Chancellor at the last minute, made him see sense. He announced that America would withdraw immediately from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, as the Iran Deal is officially called, on May 8. In breaking the deal he reinstated strict sanctions that had been in place before JCPOC went into effect.

The effect of the sanctions would be to freeze the American banking assets of anyone who does business with Iran in 60 days. Immediately it curtailed Iran’s Boeing order for 737s, and as European Airbus, which sells to Iran, buys some of its parts manufactured in America, it curtails that deal. Immediately the German corporation Siemens, which produces MRI equipment for hospitals, and French oil producer Total announced it will withdraw its 50% interest in the joint venture the corporation shares with the Chinese oil company CNPC, and Iran’s Petropars to develop the major Iranian South Pars oil fields.

Iran’s immediate response was to say it was still abiding by the terms for the time being in order to sound out and seek assurances from the other major signers on the deal: the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Russia and China. Iranian Foreign Minister Zhariv made the rounds, but essentially the deal, in my view, will be dead by mid-June. The European signers are hamstrung by their reliance on us for their economies and so the business Iran wanted from Europe will be gone. Thus, the reason to keep Iran compliant is also gone. We shall see how this plays out, but it looks really bad at the moment.

The Mueller investigation

This Mueller investigation into the Trump Campaign’s possible involvement with Russia and other alleged malfeasances continues unfazed by former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani’s tactic of muddying the narrative in the media.

The current tactic is to get the Department of Justice to order an inquiry into whether there was an attempt by the Obama administration to rig the election in favor of Hillary Clinton. The aim is to split-screen a pro-Trump narrative against the exposés by investigative reporters. Will it work? In the end it won’t, he will still hang (figuratively speaking).

At time of writing CNN pundits thought he might be succeeding but does it matter? Not if you are looking at the investigation running for another year which I see happening as long as Mr. Trump holds the office.

The biggest bombshell since I

last wrote about it in March is the raid on the offices of Trump fixer Michael Cohen. This sent Mr. Trump into messianic rage because Cohen knows all of Mr. Trump’s inner confidences and secrets. Despite a “master judge” being appointed by a judge to review the material collected in the raid by the FBI in March, the agency probably had already vetted most of the documents before this appointment. The master judge reviews the documents as to whether they divulge confidential information of Mr. Cohen’s other clients. All two of them. But it is taking time, and this is getting to Mr. Trump.

At present there are usually two-three new stories every day on the Russian probe released usually between 7 to 9pm from *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Axios*. If you just need the gist of the day’s news *Axios* is the best. All of their stories are reliably sourced and can be trusted. It’s where I go each day to keep abreast of issues.

The Steele Dossier still has credibility and there is increased speculation in the Russian media that Russian President Putin is weighing not whether but when to release the video referred to in the dossier of Mr. Trump in the Moscow Ritz Hotel. Apparently, Mr. Putin has run out of patience with Mr. Trump over his inability to not only to remove US sanctions but his inability to stop Congress from toughening them up. He believes Mr. Trump is stupid and cannot be relied upon to keep his word. Not the first one to think that, really.

Last words

I am watching Melania Trump and her health problems which appear more serious than just the embolism for which she was admitted and operated on at a military hospital well out of reach of the media. I suspect Mr. Trump’s bad temper had some part in it. I like FLOTUS as does most of America (57%). I hope all is well with her.

Also, I’m watching the #MeToo movement, especially the efforts to demean, co-opt and discredit this fearless effort of victims speaking out. But the lawsuits don’t lie. This is an issue which will build as we approach November midterms.

Finally, “Suits” star Meghan Markle tied the knot with the sixth in line to the British Throne, Harry Wales, now the Duke of Sussex. Her Royal Highness, Meghan, Duchess of Sussex brought the civil rights agenda to Britain in the wedding ceremony at Windsor Castle. Her presence in that role can offer a change to that country’s perception of itself.

The Duchess is a strong feminist, on the record as a supporter of the #MeToo movement and has called Mr. Trump a racist on her now-defunct blog (shut down because the rule is that Royals don’t comment on politics).

Come August when Mr. Trump goes to the United Kingdom on a state visit, he will have to bow to the Duchess as is the protocol to the Royal Family. But as in delicate political matters of this kind, the Sussexes will be expected to attend. He is due to have an audience with the Queen who is the British head of state. Just shows good things can still happen. Amen!

Until September, the beat goes on.

Saguache County properties to be updated to include improvements

by Lisa Cyriacks

Peter Peterson's tenure as County Assessor has been an ongoing exercise in identifying and assessing properties with improvements that are still being assessed as vacant land.

Peterson has spent much of the first 3.5 years on efforts to upgrade software, systemize identification, and implement assessment of all properties in Saguache County. Early in February 2018, Peterson sought approval from the Commissioners to hire an outside analyst to map all vacant parcels in Saguache County and any missing improvements to add to the tax rolls.

Saguache County has been struggling to maintain accurate and complete assessment records

for many years. While some of these properties were identified and assessments corrected from 2011 to 2013 under orders from the State Board of Equalization, there remain properties in need of review and correction of assessments.

Pete Magee with Integrated Land Services—GIS/GPS Services was engaged, at Peterson's recommendation, to do an aerial survey, evaluate all vacant parcels and compare them with 2017 mapping inventory to see if any of the parcels showing as vacant in the Assessor's records have improvements on them. Magee then provided a list to County Assessor Peterson of the parcels that need review, helping the Assessor and his staff to prioritize which properties to review.

Peterson has hired two field appraisers to collect the data necessary and anticipates the work will be completed by late August this year.

Further analysis of the 440+ parcels identified through Magee's services breaks down as follows: about 150 show improvements that need to be reviewed and added; about 100 were identified as permitted, incomplete construction that will also be reviewed; about 100 parcels did not have any County permits issued yet showed structures; the remainder had various issues, including possible permits issued by a municipality for out-buildings rather than residences, or mobile homes with un-purged titles that are taxed as personal property.

The 150 improved properties would add about \$22 million in Actual Value in 2018. The tax revenues collected on these additional properties would be collected in 2019.

Properties with structures built without a building permit can be assessed for up to two years' taxes and the County could also issue a fine for failure to apply for a permit before construction.

Peterson, who is up for reelection this November, views this as one more step in upgrading property valuations in the county—a process he and his staff have been tackling for the past 3.5 years. An ongoing review is happening to evaluate whether all properties listed as agricultural on the Assessor's records are actually used for agricultural purposes as defined by state statutes.

"This work is what I committed to when I ran for this office almost four years ago. I need just one more term to complete the work I started. I have discovered that I have a passion for this work. It is a challenge every day." Peterson stated in closing.



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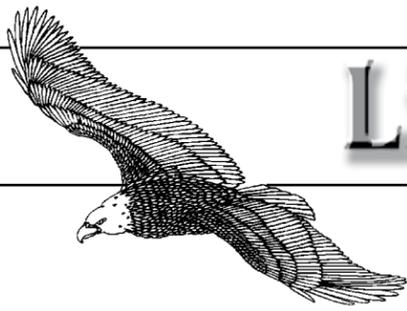
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Living on the Earth

Hike up the Rito Alto, early summer

by Emmy Savage

Journal notes, 2017: The ice and snow and low temperatures in May seem to have deflected the torrent of mosquitoes that usually emerge this time of year. There is standing water on much of the valley floor north of here, grasses are high and wild iris are in bloom. It seems like such a breath of freedom to move about my house in only a night shirt, the air is soft and warm and getting out of bed in the morning is a pleasure again. My bluebirds are working hard to feed their young. Both the mother and father keep up a steady stream of insect meals from first light to dusk. This morning I watched the female snare a bug, fly high above a juniper and then strafe a perching hummingbird on her way to the nest box. The hummingbird looked shocked; the mother bluebird obviously has a wicked sense of humor which may lighten the tedium of feeding the relentless appetites of her nestlings.

I can't make out what is going on with my flickers. Both birds, male and female, seem to be using the nest box at different times. But it doesn't appear that any incubation is going on or feeding of young. When I didn't see the female for several days Father Eric, who built the nest box, suggested the male flicker had turned the box into his own "man cave." He's been in there pounding and pounding on the sides of the box. But now the female is back, coming in and out, and he is as well. I need a flicker cam.

Last week was one of those lost weeks given over to trips to town: basal cell carcinoma, chest pain. I am worried about the latter as I can't seem to hike without it kicking in. And Suzie an-

nounced at church on Sunday that is official: Nada is to be sold. We will only have this spiritual center until Easter of next year. I can't imagine life here without Nada.

Yesterday, my friend Phil Madonna and I hiked the Rito Alto Trail, or at least a portion. Phil is pushing eighty and has climbed all of the fourteeners in Colorado. While he moves slowly I am always amazed at how much ground he can cover with his steady pace.

The road into the trailhead is rocky and rutted and the trail itself is long and steep, which may be why I haven't hiked it before—a thirteen-mile round trip to the lake from the trailhead. The Falcon Guide says the trail is well maintained, but it isn't. There are two reasons for this: The Forest Service has no money and relies on volunteers to keep the trails clear, and the dominant forest of Engelmann spruce is dead or dying from bark beetle and the deadfall from these grand old trees is everywhere. At the trailhead, we load on our packs and water; Sarah is wiggling around with excitement and Phil's last act before we set off is to remove his hearing aids. Now we are in silence and don't have to talk.

The trail faces south and rises steeply through Gambel oaks that are just now leafing out. The rocks and mountainside are red, the sky a sear blue and the roar of the snow-melt creek, a torrent really, echoes off the mountains. Bird song is everywhere and as we move into aspen and evergreen, we can hear a hermit thrush singing. The pungent scent of sage after last night's rain gives way to the scent of spruce resin. How much we abhor the smell of death in our own species and other mam-



The mountain peaks surrounding Rito Alto Lake, high up in the Sangre de Cristos.
photo by Emmy Savage



Calypso orchids on the Rito Alto Trail, Rito Alto Lake, September 2017.
photo by Emmy Savage

malian life while the scent of these dead and dying spruce is as if the release of their beautiful souls fills the air with sweetness. For much of the business of hiking, I keep my eyes on the ground, on its rocks and steep rise and its living understorey. I discover a patch of the tiniest of orchids. They are "fairy-slippers" or "calypso orchids." Dahms' guide states that these orchids depend on a symbiotic relationship with soil-borne fungus and that I should consider myself lucky to have seen them. And I do!

Occasionally I look up to the dead and dying canopy. Young aspen crowd in to replace the spruce and needles of the dead trees carpet the ground. I come to a place in the trail where huge trees have fallen across my path, aspen and spruce both, and a dam of trees has diverted the surging creek out onto the trail. Sarah and I balance on rocks at the edge of the trail and hoist ourselves over the logs to the dry trail above. Phil is way behind. I don't know how he will cross but I know he will. He always does. I have had chest pain for most of my hikes this spring and today's hike is no exception. The weight of my mortality presses on my spirits. Overhead, clouds gather. Sarah and I climb the switch backs noted on the map; compared with some trails they are gradual and easy and then we descend to a valley filled with standing water and deadfall, a beaver pond and the halfway point to the lake. When we resume our ascent, I can see snow-covered peaks through the tree tops. Cumulonimbus clouds

stack in the sky above us and darken to an ominous deep grey. I am so close to the upper valley with its wide meadows but with the first crack of thunder, I bring our climb to a stop. Sarah and I have been caught in storms before and without my saying a word she turns and bounds down the trail. I stop briefly to pack my binoculars, pee and rearrange my pack. Then I am off too, just in front of the storm. Two more claps of thunder spur us to an even brisker pace as we balance over logs and jagged rocks. We are still well below tree line but I don't like to be out in an electric storm. When we see Phil lower on the trail, I gesture to him to turn around. He can't hear the thunder and is unaware of the danger. Wind wells up the

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Emmy on a three-day backpack with Sarah on the San Isabel-Rito Alto Trail, September 2017.

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by Kim Malville

June 13: New moon

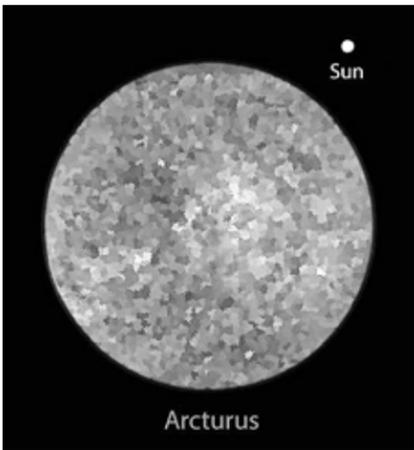
June 21: June solstice when the sun is at its northernmost place in the sky.

June 27: Saturn is at opposition to the sun, which means it is exactly opposite the sun in the sky, due south at midnight. We are passing Saturn in its orbit around the sun, and like passing trains it appears to be moving backward, moving retrograde

June 28: Full moon

Arcturus & the Chicago World's Fair

Several hours after sunset, go outside and look to the south. Hanging in the sky near the zenith will be a brilliant orange star,



Arcturus and the Sun.
photo courtesy of Sky and Telescope

which is Arcturus. You can check the identification by locating the curved handle of the Big Dipper and following it downward, leading to Arcturus; you can arc to Arcturus. (And then you could spike down to Spica!) Arcturus is the fourth brightest star in our heavens, the brightest star in the northern hemisphere, and the brightest star in the constellation of Boötes, the herdsman. Arcturus is known as the Bear Watcher because it follows the Great Bear, Ursa Major, around the North Pole. Arktos is Greek for Bear, from which the word arctic is derived because the northern realms are the homes of great bears. The Bear Watcher is placed in the knee of the herdsman. (You can check out a diagram of Boötes in last month's column.) Arcturus lies only 37 light

years from the earth, which leads to an interesting story involving the star and 1933 Chicago World's Fair. At the time of the fair, the distance of Arcturus was believed to be 40 light years, meaning that light left Arcturus in 1893, the year of the previous Chicago World's Fair. The director of Yerkes Observatory, which had the world's largest refracting telescope, proposed to the President of the Fair, that it would be a spectacular opening ceremony if light from Arcturus, which left the star during the previous fair, could turn on the lights of the fair using the electrons from a photoelectric detector gathering light from Arcturus. Yerkes was associated with the University of Chicago, and that idea seemed to be a marvelous demonstration of the benefits of astronomy to the city of Chicago. Quite rightly, the President of the Fair worried about the possibility of clouds and engaged three other observatories as back-ups. Seventy-five years ago, it was clear at all four observatories at 9:30 on the night of May 27, 1933. Arcturus was high in the sky, bright and beautiful. Electrons from the star flipped the switch, and the Chicago World's Fair came to life. A searchlight mounted on the Hall of Science swept across the heavens, and the crowd of 30,000 people "went bananas."

Arcturus has about the same mass as the sun, but it is older, 25 times larger, and 180 times brighter. The sun is only 4.6 billion years old and will grow in size, becoming like Arcturus in a few billion years. That's when global warming will be really serious stuff!

Arcturus is not the only star or constellation that can be located using the Big Dipper. Look at all of the interconnections between the Big Dipper and constellations of the northern hemisphere. Clip out this diagram and put it on your refrigerator for the enjoyment of future summer evenings.

Moon dust is dangerous to your health

Apollo 17 astronaut Harrison Schmitt was doing a lot of sneezing inside the Challenger command module after he visited the moon in 1972. Inadvertently, Schmitt had accidentally breathed in some

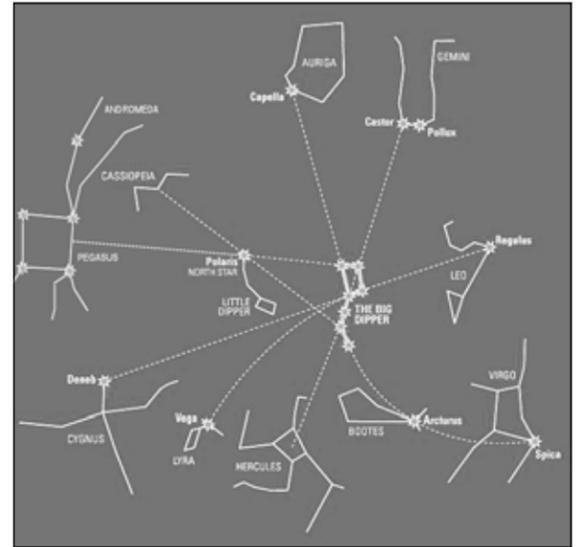
of the moon dust that he had tracked back into the Challenger living quarters. For a full day, Schmitt suffered from what he described as "lunar hay fever." His eyes watered, his throat throbbled, and he broke into a sneezing fit. Now we understand what had happened to him. Dust on the moon behaves differently than dust on Earth. It's sharp. Because there's no wind on the moon, the dust never tumbles and erodes. Instead, grains of moon dust, which are largely the products of micrometeorite impacts, remain sharp and can easily slice into an astronaut's lung cells if breathed in too deeply. In addition, moon dust levitates. With no atmosphere to protect the moon from constant bombardment by the charged particles of the solar wind, lunar soil can become electrostatically charged, float, and cling to an astronaut's spacesuit and follow him or her back inside living quarters. It's no paradise up there.

The alien asteroid orbiting Jupiter

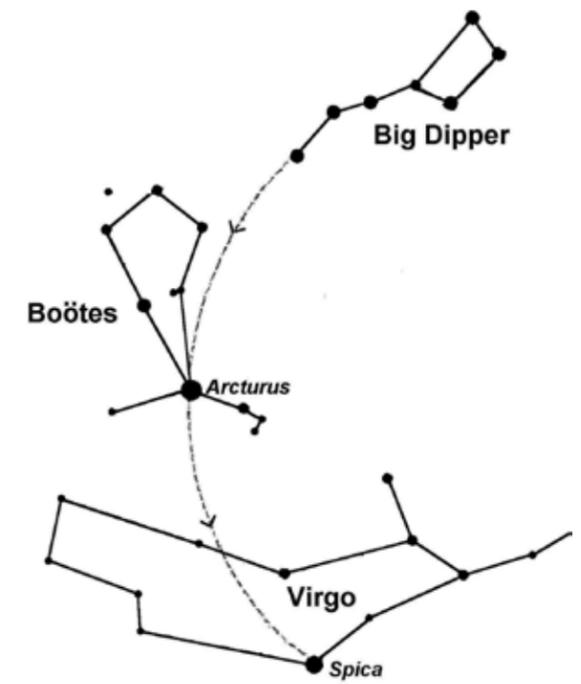
Last year a cigar-shaped lump of rock from another planetary system streaked through our solar system. It bore some resemblance to the space ship described by Arthur C. Clark in *Rendezvous with Rama*, but all attempts to contact it by radio failed, and it appeared to be nothing more or nothing less an inert rock from another star. It is still being tracked, now on its way to Jupiter, eventually to leave us forever. Another alien rock has been located, which appears to have been here for a long time.

Astronomers first spotted the object, an asteroid called 2015 BZ509, orbiting the sun close to Jupiter in an egg-shaped path, taking 11.6 years to complete its orbit, exactly the same as Jupiter. It is truly unusual because it is traveling backward around the solar system in the opposite direction from almost everything in the solar system. This is true retrograde, not illusory retrograde such as when Jupiter is near opposition or when Mercury passes between the sun and us.

There is no known mechanism that could have placed 2015 BZ509 in a retrograde orbit when our planets were forming. Every-



Finding your way with the Big Dipper.
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Arc to Arcturus from the Big Dipper.

thing is spinning in a counterclockwise direction as viewed from above the north pole, because that was the direction the solar nebular was spinning before it condensed into the sun and planets. Thus, planets orbit the sun, moons orbit planets, planets rotate, and the sun rotates all in the same counterclockwise direction. This arrant asteroid must have been drifting aimlessly through interstellar space four and a half billion years ago and was captured by the our young sun's gravity after it and the planets had formed. We started on our journey at a time when we were members of a closely packed cluster of stars. Those stars have scattered, but before they left our vicinity one star dropped a lonely rock, a stellar calling card, which eventually ended up in our solar system. Sometime in the future, I suppose, a space craft from Earth will surely visit that alien rock and explore the offspring of another star. That's much easier than traveling the 4.243 light years to visit a planet of our nearest stellar neighbor, Proxima Centauri.

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Starr Sightings

by Starr Sites

Happy birthday, Mr. Trump!

"The Donald" will be 72 on June 14. He is lured by beautiful women, but can't handle rejection. His solar return Pluto conjuncts the National Nodal Return (see below) in the US 8th house of death and debt. Someone might take a pot-shot at Trump this year, or he could be deposed from office, lose his wealth, or some tragedy could befall our country because of him. Any or all of these may happen. He's likely to explode later this month from the pressure of the Mueller investigation, plus several women suing him, as Mars opposes his natal Pluto.

A mellow moment

Despite sudden surprises in late May, tension dies down somewhat by early June when there's a very positive Grand Trine in emotional water signs between Venus, Jupiter and Neptune that generates hope, magnanimity and empathy. You may feel idealistic, spiritual, even mystical at times. Express yourself creatively, romantically, compassionately, and spiritually. Also in early June, Mercury & Sun blend harmoniously with Mars, sharpening our minds and facilitating lively conversations. Take advantage of this fine astral climate to mix and mingle with others.

Around June 10 stalwart Saturn trines eclectic Uranus, inviting us to learn new skills and open to new experiences all summer and into the fall. By the 13th Mercury sextiles Uranus and opposes Saturn, raising inspirational ideas for examination and discussion.

On Friday, June 15 the crescent Moon joins Jupiter and Neptune in another gracious Grand Trine. By Saturday the 16th the waxing Moon snuggles up to Venus in the western sky, making the weekend superb for friends and lovers! By June 18 Mercury replaces the Moon in the Grand Trine, faci-

tating mental acuity. Mid-month is especially good for commercial dealings and planning.

Summer Solstice

On June 21 the Summer Solstice Sun enters Cancer, the astrological sign of hearth and home. While warmth spreads across the land, partisan politics arise once again. Mars opposes Venus, amping up gender wars in this #MeToo era. Mercury opposes Pluto, stirring obsession and confrontation in some, deep insight in others. Deplorable power plays erupt. Sun opposes Saturn, squaring Chiron, which breeds conflict, control, limitation and wounding. Separation and loneliness may develop within us as we feel needy, yet somehow isolated. Luckily the Uranus/Saturn trine is enlivening, with inspiring breakthroughs, despite limited circumstances. If depression arises, find something rewarding (Uranus) to do that requires concentration (Saturn), and use this focus to chase away the blues. The Full Moon of June 27-28 brings a mixture of aspects. But thanks to Jupiter trine Neptune, hope simmers inwardly, eschewing outer tensions.

National Nodal return

The Moon's Nodes mark 2 opposite points on the zodiac where the orbital planes of Sun and Moon intersect. Every ~19 years the Nodes return to their point of origin, as they will this June 25 in the US National Chart. Amazingly,

the previous US Nodal Return happened in 1999 during Bill Clinton's impeachment trial!

The Sabian Symbol¹ for the North Node's return at 8° Leo reveals "An activist stirring up discontent by spreading revolutionary ideals." So expect more protests! At 8° Aquarius, the South Node unveils "Wax figures on display" highlighting the superficiality of our national leaders.

Nodal Returns initiate new cycles, thus marking a turning point in our National Destiny. The challenge of a Nodal Return is that there is often a period of insecurity during the breakdown of the "Old Order" that is passing, while the "New Order" is still unformed and confusing. Late June could bring a particularly difficult time or a great opportunity for the USA. We may see an important person entering or leaving the US national stage as well.

This National Return's North Node sits in the middle of the Mars/Neptune square in our national chart, adding stress, while transiting Mars (the warrior) activates the South Node (the past) by conjunction. Mars represents aggressive raw energy and impulsively crude behavior, so don't expect the "Old Order" to capitulate without a fight!

Neptune brings illusion and confusion, glamour and deceit. Unfortunately, the square between these planets raises doubt, discouragement and feelings of inadequacy. Once transiting Mars turns retrograde (it will go backwards on June 26 through mid-August), forward progress slows.

Nodal Returns represent a Crisis of Authenticity. The US democracy has been threatened. We have lost our national integrity, honor, self-respect, and global leadership. Can we get these back "post-Trump"? Yes! Chiron (the wounded healer) in the 4th house, trining the US Nodal return, means that the American people want to heal their country, despite challenging opposition. With favorable aspects to the Sun, Venus and Jupiter in the US 7th house (of others) during the Nodal return, it's possible that we can re-unify our people and reunite with our allies, if we work cooperatively towards constructive national and economic reform.

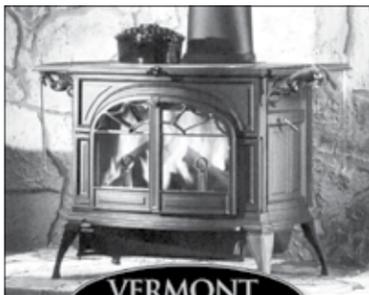
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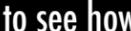

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Who We Are

Donna Gohr:

Simple pleasures in the midst of a full life

by Gussie Fauntleroy

Even as a girl growing up on a farm northeast of Seattle, Donna Gohr had the ability to balance hard work and quiet enjoyment. She had her own contingent of the family's milk cows to care for, and also rescued and nursed any sick or injured animal she found. She and her sister helped their parents with their gravel business. There was a big garden to tend, apples to press for cider, and fruit and vegetables to can. But there were also lovely times of climbing up into an apple tree and just hanging out, or lying in a grassy field with her cows.

"I'm still like that," she says of those moments of restful contentment. She's sitting in a cloth hammock as she speaks, enjoying time off in the dappled shade of camouflage netting hung over an outdoor sitting area in front of her Casita Park home. Thoughtfully placed succulents, cactuses and leafy plants, flowers, wind chimes, and rocks attest to her work over time to create a place to relax in the midst of her busy life. It's a life that became considerably more complex and intense after the birth of her second grandchild two and a half years ago—but which is equally filled with blessings and joy, she says.

Crafts & kids

Donna's childhood was a tom-boy life, although along with building forts and hanging out with farm animals, she imagined herself someday becoming an artist. "I was crafty," she says, and then smiles and adds, "but not kitchen crafty. I'm not the same cook my Mom was—I'm a better helper and eater than cook." Over the years she has made and sold jewelry and leatherwork and expressed herself through gardening and decorating her home. But her primary creative activity was raising her two daughters. Melody was born when Donna was 19, and four years later Crystal came along. "I had a lot of fun raising my kids," she says.

Following high school Donna lived, worked, and mothered her girls in Eugene, Oregon for a few years and then in Missouri where her then-partner had relatives. After the couple separated, she and her daughters remained in Missouri while he traveled to Crestone to visit family. While in Crestone, Donna's ex-partner broke his back and asked her to come take care of him while he recuperated. She agreed, and got here on Christmas Eve, 1999.

The place in her dreams

For a number of years beginning in her early 20s, Donna had been having odd, recurring dreams of being in the same few, unfamiliar places—one dream in which she lived in a vast, open valley, and another of a particular location in a small town. When she arrived in Crestone for the first time, she immediately recognized



Donna and Jackson in a quiet moment.



Being grandma with 3-year-old Penelope, Crystal's daughter.

the places from her dreams. The in-town spot was the yard next to the building that for a while was Shambala Café; the view from the valley floor is where she now lives; and another dream she later recognized as Salida. The experience "was kind of normal for me because I'm kind of strange like that," she says laughing. Tellingly, as soon as she got to Crestone, the dreams stopped. "I was here," she says. "I felt like I had come home."

Serving family and community

After Donna's former partner was back on his feet, the two separated again. He moved away and she stayed, enrolling her daughters in the Crestone Charter School and establishing a life here. At one point with two friends she opened and ran the Muse Coffeehouse in the building housing the EarthStar Co-Evolutionary Café (currently the site of Higher Elevation recreational cannabis.) When the location became unavailable and the coffee shop closed, Donna continued working various jobs, usually more than one. Among these was serving as director of the Crestone Creative



One of Donna's favorite chill-out spots is the hammock in her garden.



Jackson finds clever ways to make people laugh, like pretending to eat a pinecone.

Council youth program. She was also very involved with her daughters' activities at school.

For the past 13 years, Donna has worked as a server at the Desert Sage Restaurant. It has given her the opportunity to meet many people and watch the community change. For a time the changes looked like an unraveling of the community spirit she had known for years, she says. But recently, "a lot of wonderful people are building some really great things here." Although the lack of affordable housing is distressing, Donna points to the weekly Feel Free Ministry food and music fellowship, downtown aesthetic improvements, and the July Fourth celebration as ways the community is coming together again.

"Let's have fun."

Not that she has much time these days to participate. Three years ago Crystal, who lives near Hooper, had her daughter Penelo-

pe, sending Donna into delighted grandmother mode. Six months later Melody's son, Jackson, was born with Apert syndrome, a genetic disorder causing the fetal skull plates to fuse before birth. Sometimes—as was the case with Jackson—the baby's fingers are also fused together, as were his toes. Three head surgeries and three hand surgeries later (with more to come), Jackson is an adored and adorable toddler who loves to make those around him laugh. "He's the only 2-year-old I know who knows the value of a thumb" (after his were surgically separated from his other fused fingers), Donna says. "You talk about his thumbs and he gets the biggest smile."

Jackson's medical condition requires significant attention and time, and means frequent trips to doctors in Denver. Yet for Donna and Melody, the unspoken motto of these trips, and other shared activities that could be stressful, is always, "have fun." Whether it's a visit with Jackson to the aquarium or to a park, "We always do something cool," Donna says. And eventually she will have more time for herself. She wants to continue making improvements on the home she shares with Michael Gray, her partner of 12 years, whom she considers her rock. She'd like to paint, just for herself, and embark on other creative projects. Yet her underlying aspiration at this point won't take her far from home. As she puts it, "I'm sort of in the mode right now where I just want to hang out in my garden with my grandchildren—a lot."

Gussie welcomes ideas for this ongoing series on Crestone area residents: gussie7@fairpoint.net, gussiefauntleroy.com.

Tarboche Park seeks new owners to maintain local Tibetan Memorial

by Kim & Nancy Malville

Some 17 years ago on full moon of June 2001 we opened Tarboche Park, just off Two Tree Road. We intended this park with its 30' flagpole and Kora to be a memorial to the Tibetans who were killed during the Chinese invasion of Tibet, to the monasteries that were destroyed, and to the extraordinary sad self-immolations that have been occurring in Tibet.

The inspiration for the park came from our visit to Mt. Kailash in May 1999, walking in from Nepal. We planned our trip around Mt. Kailash to coincide with the raising of the great Tarboche flagpole on full moon, and then we walked around the mountain.

Two years later, the first ceremony in Boulder was dedicated by nine monks from the Drepung Monastery in Mundgod. We have held many more raising ceremonies, some during teachings of Trangu Rinpoche, in which we had up to 100 participants. Recently Lama

Zopa Rinpoche dedicated the flag raising. As ever, we invite everyone to visit the park and walk the kora.

Now that we are coming to Crestone less frequently, and we find we are unable to continue maintaining the park and the annual flag raising ceremony.

Since the land has been dedicated and blessed, we would like it to continue as a memorial park. Deb Bouvier and Ward Olin are wonderfully generous in maintain the park and Deb has been making banners and prayer flags. We are planning on raising the flagpole on full moon morning of July 27. Please join us.

We are hoping that someone in Crestone would care to purchase the park from us and maintain the flags, banners, and the raising flag pole raising ceremony. We don't want to lose this expression of hope and sorrow for Tibetans, but we cannot continue it by ourselves. Contact kimmalville@hotmail.com for more information.



Tarboche flagpole in Tibet with Mt. Kailash in the background.



First raising of the Crestone Tarboche flagpole in June 2001.



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JUNE 2018 Listings

SOLD!



21820 County Rd. 48X - \$249,000
Lovely 1606sf ranch home w/bunkhouse, horse setup, on 6.11ac on CR 48X just outside town of Saguache. Lots of updates to the home. Built in 1953, updated from 2013-current.



257 Baca Grant Way - \$179,000
Ranch-style 3BD/2BA 1,400sf high-end manufactured home on secluded 1.072ac., still close to all the conveniences of town. Lg wrap-around 288sf TREX deck, jetted soak tub, lg kitchen, 2 dining areas, propane forced air heat & wood stove.

UNDER CONTRACT



4519C Grayline Ct - \$389,000
Elegant 2BR 2BA 1932 custom strawbale built in 2003 by Paul Koppa. A refined Asian/Southwest blend. On private cul-de-sac 5.35 acres backs to greenbelt. 30' yurt w/kitchenette & bathroom.



499C Willow Trail - \$350,000
A unique & rare find! ~3900sf with 4bd/3ba/office/sunroom + attached greenhouse. 20+ acres. Tall trees. Private, long cul de sac & backs to Conservation Easement, offering extreme privacy. Well water.



22 Alpine OL - \$279,000
CUSTOM 3bd/2.5ba/2 car garage 2232sf home close to town. Screened porch & wrap deck. Gracious Living with exceptional views!



776 Table Rock Tr - \$265,000
23 ac bordering 1/4 mi of Spanish Cr. greenbelt. Amazing views. Recent remodel kitchen, downstairs bath & radiant heat system. Great finishing touches.

UNDER CONTRACT



1596 Willow Creek Way - \$262,000
Lots of space in this passive solar 1857sf 3BR/2.5BA home with single detached garage on 2.794ac. Nice decks. Views to Blanca, Sangres and Valley. ETS & wood stove & trombe walls.



3760 Jubilant Way - \$239,000
Beautiful 1,683sf 2 bd/1.5bath/loft/2 car attached garage octagonal log home with bamboo floors, in-floor radiant heat, wood vaulted ceilings. Bonus unfinished 1,200sf walkout basement.



1659 Willow Creek Way - \$195,000
Lovely 3BR/1BA energy efficient ranch-style stucco home on a .65ac treed lot, easily accessed just off paved road. Private setting w/greenbelt on 2 sides. Built w/Nudura block & heated by Cosmogas On Demand Hot Water Heater w/European h/w radiators.



1194 Hilltop - \$179,000
Strawbale 1BD/1BA, approx. 900sf built by Paul Koppa. Great details with high t&g ceilings, concrete floors, in-floor heat, woodstove, southern windows. Plus small office/studio rm. Great kitchen and built-in dining. Grow dome. Near paved road.

New Listings



274 N Willow St. - \$299,000
Unique historic 5BD/3BA, 2250sf two-story home from 1900's but expanded & beautifully remodeled. Downtown Crestone, private w/fenced yard&landscape. Bonus guest cabin in backyard. Fully furnished. A special property.



1201CR Wagon Wheel Road - \$289,000
Spectacular strawbale 3BD/1.75BA, 1510sf on 10.2 ac backing to Willow Crk. greenbelt. Updated stucco, driveways, two lg. sheds. Energy efficient w/passive solar, wood stove, thermal solar collectors, back-up propane w/in-floor heat. Well, septic&on-grid.

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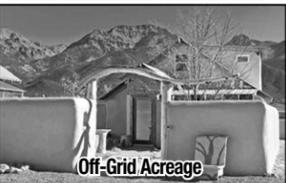


542 Cottonwood Creek - \$275,000
This remarkable 2210sf, 2BD/1BA unique home with octagonal strawbale living rm, spacious kitchen/dining sits on 6.32ac (two lots) w/Cottonwood Creek & trees on the property. Master bed & bath down & guest bed up. Energy eff., solar PV. Private oasis!



2210 Lone Pine - \$239,000
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.

Grants



1381 Saddle Rock Trail - \$280,000
Light-filled 1902 sf 2BR/1BA strawbale off-grid home w/stunning views. Radiant in-floor heat & heartstone woodstove. Open living space, private gardens, walled patio, greenhouse, shed & heated garage. 8+ acr incl. lots 1381, 1444 & 1445.

Chalets



1974CR Highland OL - \$675,000
Beautifully designed by Bodhgaia 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.



780CR Palomino OL - \$585,000
Built by Lee Mitchell to capture mtn & valley views, elegant 3 BR/2.5BA home w/2-car garage on 2.787 acres. Fantastic landscaping & flowing water. In-floor radiant heat & Hearthstone woodstove w/stone surround. Expansive Master balcony.



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.

Chalets



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 - \$439,000
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.



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.



1212 Chaparral - \$229,000
Ranch style 3BR/1.75BA 1272sf stucco home w/mtn views. Built in 2017 by Terapin & Co. near paved road close to town. Great room w/hardwood floors & views. Passive solar. Modern kitchen, new appliances. ETS heater & baseboard heating.



128 Skyview Way - \$182,000
Unique floor plan in this three level 2688sf home on a quiet street close to town and backs to greenbelt w/Crestone Creek. Lots of space for multi use along with lots of storage. Lovely valley views. Come use your creativity.

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380 N Alder St	\$425,000	SOLD	2715 Happy Hollow Way	\$185,000	SOLD
120 W. Silver Ave.	\$399,000	SOLD*	257 Baca Grant Way	\$179,000	SOLD
786C Panorama Way	\$399,000	SOLD*	635C Panorama Way	\$179,000	SOLD*
1038 Beaver Trail	\$337,000	SOLD*	1212 Chaparral Way	\$175,000	SOLD*
4511C Ridgcrest Way	\$312,000	SOLD*	107 Pinewood OL	\$172,500	SOLD*
56 Wagon Wheel	\$299,000	SOLD*	1327 Badger Road	\$172,000	SOLD*
999C Badger Road	\$289,000	SOLD*	98 Skyview Way	\$169,000	SOLD*
223 Moffat Way	\$289,000	SOLD*	200 Evergreen	\$169,000	SOLD
147 Moonlight Way	\$279,000	SOLD*	3705 Carefree Way	\$165,000	SOLD
359 Chaparral Way	\$269,000	SOLD	4275C Fallen Tree OL	\$164,000	SOLD*
2145 Indian Well	\$266,500	SOLD*	3901 Rarity Way	\$163,000	SOLD
1738C Willow Creek Way	\$259,000	SOLD	415C Moonlight Way	\$159,000	SOLD
207C Foothill OL	\$255,000	SOLD*	35 Camino Baca Grande	\$155,000	SOLD*
535 Thornwood	\$255,000	SOLD	1001 Badger Rd	\$149,000	SOLD
305 Palomino Way	\$252,000	SOLD	34 Camino Baca Grande	\$149,000	SOLD*
21820 County Rd. 48X	\$249,000	SOLD	3735C Jubilant Way	\$149,000	SOLD*
4376 E. Twinview OL	\$245,000	SOLD	760 & 761 Panorama Way	\$149,000	SOLD*
3481 E. Graceful Ct.	\$239,000	SOLD*	3708 Enchanted Way	\$142,500	SOLD*
757 Rendezvous	\$239,000	SOLD	354 Huerta Ct	\$89,000	SOLD*
323 Holiday Way	\$235,000	SOLD	4485 Ridgcrest Way	\$74,500	SOLD*
999C Badger Road	\$225,000	SOLD*	157 Moonlight Way	\$69,000	SOLD
983C Peaceful Way	\$224,500	SOLD	4519C Grayline Ct.	\$389,000	UNDER CONTRACT*
1202 Wagon Wheel	\$219,000	SOLD*	499C Willow Trail	\$350,000	UNDER CONTRACT*
1867C Rockyview Way	\$219,000	SOLD	22 Alpine OL	\$279,000	UNDER CONTRACT
1541C Camino Real	\$205,000	SOLD	776 Table Rock Trl	\$265,000	UNDER CONTRACT
3762 Carefree Way	\$198,000	SOLD*	1596 Willow Creek Way	\$262,000	UNDER CONTRACT*
661 Camino Del Rey	\$195,000	SOLD	3760 Jubilant Way	\$239,000	UNDER CONTRACT*
2035 Lost Cave Way	\$189,900	SOLD	1659 Willow Creek Way	\$195,000	UNDER CONTRACT
333 Palomino Way	\$189,000	SOLD*	1194 Hilltop	\$179,000	UNDER CONTRACT*

OWNER/BUILDER CONVERSATIONS

TINY HOME EDITION

by John Rowe

Patrick Cornell first came to Crestone in 1973 with a group of folks looking for the Rainbow Gathering that was held that year in Utah. Although they missed it by several hundred miles, Crestone (the Baca was not even here then) and Valley View Hot Springs left a profound impression on Patrick. He never forgot this place and returned a few years ago to make this his home base for his next series of adventures. He owns property in the Baca and lives close by in a small homemade house and is contemplating building a home on his property. The 900 square foot minimum for Baca homes has given him cause for pause as Patrick lives alone and feels he does not need that kind of space. And neither does his daughter, Melia, apparently, as Patrick decided to build her a tiny home for her and her daughter and Melia was all for it. This became an especially timely endeavor as they found out soon after starting to build that Melia was pregnant with her second child.

Patrick had been paying attention to tiny homes for a while now and describes himself as a good “common sense” builder, if not a professional one and felt he could pull this off, both physically and financially. Patrick is attracted to tiny homes for their relatively low cost, ease of building, small footprint, and mobility. They are also much warmer in the winter than any RV, cooler in the summer, and live more like a regular house than an RV ever does.

He began with a new “Big Tex” dual axle trailer with a 7000lb. load capacity that cost \$3500. He took off the plank floor, installed cross braces, put in R30 rigid insulation, and reinstalled the floor on top of that. The floor, ceiling, and walls are 2x4s and 2x6s, all joined together with brackets and screws—there is not a nail in the home anywhere. This is for maximum stability when being towed down the highway. Patrick used ordinary building materials and recycled ones as they were available to keep costs down. He weighed everything with a bathroom scale and in planning, had the 7000lb weight limit in mind at all times. The dimensions on Melia’s home are 8’x20’

by 12’ high. The law allows a 13.5’ top height (Patrick thoroughly researched the rules and regulations for a home that is to be towed down the highway) and Patrick wanted a tall design in order to build a comfortable loft for sleeping and storage that still allows for an eight foot ceiling on the main floor. This allows for a sense of spaciousness one could never get on a cab-over camper bed or the like.

There is a full size bath tub, shower and toilet, and compact clothes washer in the surprisingly large bathroom along with a on-demand hot water heater. The kitchen is homemade and has everything you need and nothing you don’t. There is room for a couch and a coffee table to eat on and kick back and put your feet up on.

Patrick is particularly excited of what he did with windows and the entry door. He found a 100-year-old door at Habitat for Humanity for \$15 that he thinks looks great. He also found a number of large and small \$300 windows for \$15 each and put several in Melia’s home. The effect of all that glass is a sense of spaciousness not often found in tiny homes. And, of course, there are those phenomenal Crestone views to take in. And all these windows do not make it more difficult to heat; good insulation and a \$100 portable electric heater keep things comfy in the winter.

The home is topped off with an ordinary asphalt shingle roof and sheet siding and simple 2x3 window trim. The overall effect is one of a small neat house that looks like many conventionally built houses, only much smaller.

By using recycled materials, homemade cabinets, and ordinary Home Depot type stuff, Patrick was able to keep the price of the home down to \$16,000, much cheaper than many tiny homes. He also kept the weight down to 6800lbs. He says that if additions cause him to go over 7000lbs., he will just beef up the suspension on the trailer. And if it gets too heavy to pull with his full-size Ford pickup? He just smiles, shrugs and says, “then I’ll just get a bigger truck.” He built Melia’s house in about a year and estimates that he could build a second one in six months, now that he knows what he is doing. And he is

a man in his mid-sixties.

Patrick found building his daughter a fine home for her and her children to be gratifying in many ways, particularly because he describes himself and Melia as “not really very close until we began building her home together and now that has changed in a way that means a lot to me.”

Patrick and Melia have moved her home to Camper Village which is the only place in the area that is available to them. He is aghast that

owner/builders in the Baca not having the money or time to finish their homes in a timely manner, or sometimes at all.” Is he angry then with the POA? “No”, Patrick has no personal axes to grind with the POA and says, “the POA is necessary, we don’t want Crestone looking like KZ Estates.” He just thinks that this one change could move mountains in regard to attitudes toward the POA and make it possible for young cash-strapped families to build and own their own homes. And they can always expand later, as many of our forefathers and mothers before us did. Like so many of us in our sixties, Patrick does not want seem to want



Patrick Cornell and Melia’s tiny home.

the lot rent is \$450/month for such a tiny space and is disappointed that neither Crestone nor the Baca will accept houses this small, even if they look nice, like Melia’s does.

He wishes that the POA “would change to approve houses of at least the 400-500SF range. I think that would diffuse so much of the animosity that comes with

to slay any dragons (in this case, the POA), he only wants to negotiate with the dragons, wish them well, and build a nice future for himself and his family.

And considering how few young single mothers can afford their own homes as Melia now does, I would say that he really hit it a lick.

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Biodynamic farming:
Observations & ruminations



by Matie Belle Lakish

In February, I attended a week-end training entitled The Principals and Practices of Biodynamic Agriculture at El Sagrado Farm in La Jara. I consider myself an organic gardener, but I have often heard of Biodynamic Farming, a system attributed to the teachings of Rudolf Steiner, and I wanted to learn more about it and what it might offer to local gardeners.

Steiner lived and taught in the 1920s and 30s in Germany, and introduced the concepts of Anthroposophy, which later evolved into a set of teachings on many topics. Waldorf Schools grew out of his thoughts on education, and Biodynamic Farming grew out of his teachings on agriculture. Pat Frazier of the Josephine Porter Institute and Melinda Bateman, a Biodynamic Farmer from Hotchkiss, Colorado, shared their experiences and ideas with the group at El Sagrado Farm, which included a number of organic gardeners and farmers from the San Luis Valley and the Santa Fe area.

The three principals discussed were: 1. The farm is an organism, 2. The wider cosmos influences what is happening on the farm, and 3. Biodynamic preparations can assist the farmer to care for the soil.

We can think of the farm as a whole unit representing all the functions needed for life and growth. Ideally, the farm has various areas devoted to the growth of plants and animals, as well as wild spaces. Plants would include the gardens that produce herbs, flowers, fruits and vegetables as well as larger areas for grains and row crops, pastures and hay fields. Farm animals are incorporated into the farm, and their manures are used to recycle nutrients into the land. At least 10% of the farm would be wild space for native plants, animals and insects to thrive.

An effort is made to have the farm be independently sustainable

without relying on inputs from the outside. The presenters acknowledged that it can often take several years to achieve this independence. In the meantime, one wants to be sure that the manures or other inputs are not contaminated with chemicals.

Biodynamic farmers adhere to generally accepted organic gardening principals of not using chemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides. However, they take it further by looking at other influences that can support plants and animals. Biodynamic farmers attend extensively to the planetary influences. A publication, *Stella Natura*, (www.stellanatura.com) was offered. It gives the most auspicious times to do almost any farming activity, along with articles and drawings to assist the farmer.

The calendars included are very detailed. I noticed some differences from traditional astrological calculations and advice, as far as I understand it. In general, however, the concepts are similar, but with a great deal more detail. For instance, on Monday, June 11, the moon is descending, and moves from Aries to Taurus at about 3pm. (depending on your time zone). The moon is in opposition to Jupiter. According to the calendar, you might plant a fruiting plant from midnight to 3pm, not plant anything from 3 to 7, and then plant root crops after 7pm. If I read the whole treatise, I might understand the rationale. In the meantime, I think I would have to rely on the book.

A third important component is the use of Biodynamic Preparations. These are created according to very specific instructions and used very specifically. Again, this requires study.

At the workshop, we made one of these preparations, Barrel Compost, from fresh cow manure. The manure must be turned and mixed for about an hour, and then ground eggshells and crushed basalt are



Biodynamics regards the farm as an organism and relies on cosmic influences and specially mixed soil additives.

added in specific proportions. After mixing, which is intended to energize the preparation, small amounts of other preparations are added and stirred in, and then the whole is buried in the earth for four weeks. After that, it is un-earthed, turned and aged for another 2 weeks. When finally complete, it is diluted—30 grams to 10 liters of water—and then sprinkled into the soil that is to be used for planting. Fortunately, someone had prepared some ahead, and we were able to apply it to the farmland at El Sagrado Farm by sprinkling it about on the landscape.

Another preparation that was described to us involved filling a cow horn with cow manure then burying it in the ground for the six months of winter. During that time, it is expected that earth-friendly organisms will inhabit the manure and when it is unearthed, the aged manure will be taken out and diluted in water and sprinkled on the fields.

According to Wikipedia, “No difference in beneficial outcomes has been scientifically established between certified biodynamic agricultural techniques and similar organic and integrated farming practices.” There is considerable skepticism within the traditional agricultural community about the efficacy of the Biodynamic preparations.

The general impression I got from the workshop is that Biodynamic Farming is a lot like Homeopathy. The quantities of the preparations used are extremely small—insufficient to logically make any difference in what one is planting. However, the principle may be to carry the positive vibrations of the human and natu-

ral substances into the soil where plants can interact with them. The intention of most of the stirring, burying, and diluting appears to me to be a way of carrying a certain vibration to the plants. This makes sense if we understand that our soil is (or should be) alive, and that organisms in the soil communicate with the plants. If we see these preparations as carrying the intention of caring, then it can have meaning that is not obvious to scientific measurement. In addition, it may well be that tiny amounts of certain substances carry the essence of those substances and their “vibrations” to receptors in plants, a process that we are just beginning to understand.

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There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root, RH (AHG)
Community Herbalism Part 4



We've talked in previous articles about 10 herbs to grow, 10 herbs to wildcraft, and in this article we're going to discuss 10 kitchen herbs. You may have a kitchen herb garden or you may just want to buy these herbs fresh or dried at the store as you need them. The nice thing about knowing how to use kitchen herbs medicinally is that you can buy them in grocery stores wherever you happen to be when the need arises.

The 10 kitchen herbs we're going to talk about are thyme, oregano, basil, dill, fennel, peppermint, garlic, onion, garden sage, and ginger. Most of us have used these herbs in cooking, but did you know they can all be used medicinally too?

Thyme has been used primarily for treating coughs and congestion. It can also be used as a gargle for sore throats, and a mouthwash for infected gums. Due to its antimicrobial activity, it might also help in preventing colds and flus after exposure.

Oregano can be used like thyme, and can also be helpful for digestive issues (combine with a mint). Peppermint is a stimulating herb which is commonly used for indigestion.

Basil, another mint family herb like thyme and oregano is also helpful for indigestion and nausea.

It also has antimicrobial and antifungal properties.

Dill, fennel, and caraway seeds have been used together or separately (chewed whole) for indigestion.

Garlic and onion both have antimicrobial properties. Garlic is particularly potent in treating colds, flus, and infections. Garlic oil is used as a part of an ear oil for ear infections. It's best used raw—it can be minced and spread on toast to make it more palatable, and infused in honey. Onion can be infused in honey as a cough syrup.

Garden sage (to distinguish it from our local sage which is in a

whole different plant family) is astringent and makes a great gargle for sore throats. It can also be used to help weaning mothers decrease their milk supply.

Ginger benefits digestion and also makes a great warming tea for colds and flus, or just to warm the body in winter.

This is just an introduction to what these culinary herbs can do. Next month I'll talk about some specific ways these 30 herbs can be combined.

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Baca Grande Library News



“Libraries Rock!” this summer

by Suzanne McGregor

Calling all youngsters! The summer reading program at the Baca Grande Library will begin on Tuesday, June 5th from 10:30-11:30 and will continue every Tuesday morning for eight weeks. The program, “Libraries Rock!” is for ages grade school and younger and will be presented by Miss Penny, our favorite storyteller, from the Saguache Public Library. There will be stories, crafts, and a reading contest (with prizes!) for the youngsters. There is no charge for the program, and registration forms are available in the library. Drop-ins are welcome, and healthy snacks will be served. Parents are encouraged to stay for the program if they choose to do so, and older kids are welcomed to assist the younger ones who might need a helping hand.

And speaking of our young

people—after going through all the shelves in the Children’s Room and withdrawing older books, we filled two large totes with them. They are waiting for you to take them home—for free!

Come in and check out our new look! With help from Sandy and Sara from the Colorado Library Consortium (CliC) and Sarah, our district director, the entire library was weeded and inventoried, shelves, sofas and chairs were moved to give more space and light, and cozy corners were created so folks can work quietly. Pat Tullos loaned us some of her beautiful quilts to hang up to add color to the walls. We would like to have other local artists and craftspeople display their creations in the library and are working on a project to feature those works (like “Artist of the Month”). Let us know if you have suggestions or ideas on this.

A number of the books that were withdrawn during our spring cleaning are on the shelves in the Book Nook. As it is our in-house fundraiser, just put a donation in the can on the Book Nook shelf. There are DVDs there as well, since we regularly have to make room for new ones. We are sure you will find something you like!

Baca Grande Library, 256-4100. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 11:30am-5pm; Sat. 10am-2pm.



Rito Alto Lake.

photo by Emmy Savage

Rito Alto

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canyon, upturning the white backs of the aspen leaves and adds a sense of urgency. But the storm doesn’t follow us, dissipates above the Rito Alto, travels north for reinforcement and returns later with

greater force. But by that time, we are back in the car, heading home again, looking out across the lush grass and iris with the mountains and storm both reflected in the snow-melt playas that cover this part of the valley floor.

Since writing this piece last year we have entered into the worst drought since 2002. There is no snow melt nor are there rushing creeks this year. The Spiritual Life Institute remains open and this year Father Eric helped me move the flicker house to a new location. The flickers have moved back into the box and are starting a new family. And the US Forest Service has chosen the Rito Alto trail to get restorative attention for a whole week in August by Volunteers of Outdoor Colorado.

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- 🐾 Use a bear-resistant trash can or dumpster. Make sure dumpsters are closed and the tops secured; don’t allow trash to overflow.
- 🐾 If you don’t have secure storage, put items that might become smelly into the freezer until trash day.
- 🐾 Bird feeders are a major source of bear/human conflicts. Attract birds naturally with flowers and water baths. Do not hang bird feeders from April 15 to Nov. 15.
- 🐾 Do not feed wildlife, such as deer, turkeys or small mammals.
- 🐾 Don’t allow bears to become comfortable around your house. Yell at them, throw things at them, make noise to scare them off.
- 🐾 Secure compost piles. Bears are attracted to the scent of rotting food - and they’ll eat anything.
- 🐾 Keep garage doors closed. Lock your doors when you’re away from home and at night. Keep the bottom floor windows of your house closed when you’re not at home.
- 🐾 Do not keep food in your vehicle; roll up windows and lock the doors of your vehicles.
- 🐾 When camping, keep a clean camp; secure all food and coolers in a locked vehicle after you’ve eaten.
- 🐾 Talk to your neighbors and kids about being bear aware.
- 🐾 If you keep small livestock or pets, keep animals in a fully covered enclosure, don’t store food outside, keep enclosures clean to minimize odors, hang rags soaked in ammonia around the enclosure.
- 🐾 If you have bee hives, install electric fencing where allowed.

For more information please call the Monte Vista wildlife office at 1-719-587-6900

In Search of Economic Reality

Does the working class still have a chance at happiness?

by Ed Lyell

In prior columns I explained the many areas in which Americans are now closer to third world life styles than the better lives for others in northern Europe, Canada, New Zealand and other developed countries. The May 28 *Time* magazine has a great cover story by Stephen Brill outlining the many ways that our generation has allowed America to become a plutocracy led by a bizarre dictator. Brill has drilled down to the underlying powerful causes of the super wealthy taking over our country for their own aristocratic life. Common goods and services provided to the many—such as education, health care, roads and universities have been systematically destroyed by the super wealthy getting their taxes reduced at local, state and national levels. All seems lost! Yet I still have hope that most Americans will wake up to our reality and use the tools of democracy to bring back prosperity for the majority. We need political change and it is not just one party replacing another. This shameful, greedy, destructive disease belongs to the wealthy of both parties.

We also have technological beacons for hope. Education can now happen “just in time”, any-

where, anytime for all ages. Artificial intelligence and super-fast computers are already enhancing medical diagnosis and treatments. Many of the pollution generators are being transformed to operating more cleanly or are being replaced by a cleaner energy source. Giga-byte wiring to the home will permit the “Internet of Everything” making life more comfortable while reducing wasted energy.

College is already not a good choice for many high school graduates. Over half of students who start college do not get a degree. Yet they do get a huge bill and debt that cannot be discharged in bankruptcy. Meanwhile we now have low-cost tools to learn in multiple ways beyond just colleges. Employers want skilled people with the ability to find information and conduct critical analysis, not someone who just sat through classes. We need better-trained teachers who can be more like coaches helping the learner (any age) use the internet, simulation models, role playing, and small team skills. The need is for learning facilitators, not textbook-based talking-head teachers. We have an increasing number of such facilitators, yet we need to change the structure of education, k12 and university,

to personalize student learning. Oxford University in England has been doing something like this for over a century. Students are assigned a tutor and the tutor designs a learning program for each student. The student can focus on whatever topic they want and then read assigned books, attend lectures, use the internet, watch movies, watch TED talks and YouTube that teach everything, often for free. The student is judged not by multiple guess exams, but must write papers, develop and present projects, and in multiple ways demonstrate that they have achieved the skills and competencies needed for this century.

Health care can be much better and cost-effective if the bureaucracy stops protecting a status quo inefficient system of insurance and health care delivery that is designed for profit, not health. Smart phones already help people test their blood, track their activities, tele-connect to their doctors and provide updates to the medical team.

We need over a trillion dollars to repair or replace infrastructure. If the current political leaders fix the problem, then we will get very expensive fixes with the richest people getting lots of profit

from the average taxpayer. Elon Musk, and others, are experimenting with dramatically better ways of transporting people, on the ground and in the sky. The water pipes underground in every city were put in place over a hundred years ago. They leak and increasingly explode creating costly loss of water and expensive repairs. Others are now working on ways to reline the existing pipes, or even just change the water chemistry slightly to make water safer and better.

A major shift in lifestyle is expanding outward from the Millennial generation. They are sharing more, competing less, enjoying life, not just punching in for a job. They are changing the demand for cars and homes as they are happy to share housing and rides and use public transportation. Europe has proven that people working fewer hours per week for better wages and more time off stimulates an economy, as families have time and money to spend on recreation, learning, travel, and play.

America is at a tipping point wherein the working-class majority must vote and demand dramatic changes to status quo crony capitalism, and a corrupt Congress. The necessary changes can be easily funded by taxing corporations and the wealthy the way we did fifty years ago.

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Baca National Wildlife Refuge to be opened for elk hunting

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Hunters must continue to follow all Colorado hunting regulations, as well as the federal rules listed below. Hunters need to be aware that Private Land Only (PLO) licenses will not be valid for use on the refuge.

Valid hunting licenses will include:

- Archery: Over-the-counter Antlerless Elk
- Archery: Over-the-counter Either-sex Elk
- 2nd and 3rd Rifle: Over-the-counter Antlered Elk
- Muzzleloader: GMU 82 specific, Antlered and Antlerless Elk
- 1st and 4th Rifle: GMU 82 specific, Antlered Elk for the 1st and 4th rifle

• All Rifle Seasons: GMU 82 specific, Antlerless Elk

Elk hunting is the only hunting currently allowed on Baca National Wildlife Refuge. During your elk hunt on the BNWR, safety is a primary concern because other visitors, staff, researchers, permittees, cattle and sheep could be present within the hunt area. Be very aware of your shot direction and be sure of your target. Don't shoot towards roads, houses, farm fields or vehicles. Other people may be using the same areas of the refuge, so please be courteous to all refuge users.

Please, be aware of elk-hunting regulations.

Here is a link to the map to which hunters should refer: <http://bit.ly/2IvvJUJ>.

Please call Baca National Wildlife Refuge Office at 719-256-5527 with any questions or concerns.



The large elk herd that lives on the Baca Wildlife Refuge has become overpopulated and needs thinning to maintain elk health and improve riparian habitat. This is the 3rd year that the refuge has allowed limited hunting. photo by Matthew Crowley



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by *Tomas*

Getting older is a “course in miracles,” small miracles like forgetting where we put our glasses, big ones like forgetting where we put ourselves in the storm of memory loss. They aren’t always good, but they are always miraculous. They are surprising, unexpected, and not readily explained. I remember the time I glanced in a mirror and did not know the stranger looking back at me. Perhaps you’ve had a similar moment. “Yikes! Who is that?” I was not pleased with the visage looking back but just as strong was the shock. What had happened? Not just the wrinkles and a hairline retreating like low tide but a general transformation that had me vaguely resembling . . . my father!

Our ship of state leaves port in the morning with vitality and youthful vigor and sails back in the evening in need of repair. The miracle of memory loss begins while we’re at sea. I can recall a double-date with my best friend in the ‘60s to a drive-in movie, but I can’t recall what I did three days ago (he drove his family’s Oldsmobile, remember them?) Our hair whitens, our knees fail, we need a new hip. My skin is so thin I feel transparent. One by one the pillars of our physical kingdom crumble, and there we are at the center of our failing empire, the thing we relied on and took for granted.

A wise woman said it’s not what happens to you but how you

respond to it that is crucial. My first response to the guy in the mirror was to hate him. Anger is Stage One of the miracles course. It passes rather quickly to Stage Two: resistance, rebellion. “Rage, rage against the dying of the light.” I can’t remember who said that, but I refused to accept those changes. I didn’t like getting older one bit.

Now, in Stage Three I think a bit of rebellion is a good thing. Don’t settle for the siren call of the sofa. Exercise tells your body you’re alive and want to stay that way (lifting weights counteracts osteoporosis). Get up and get going. Aging begins when we put our brain in the recliner.

But whatever you do, I suggest you do it in a spirit of welcome and gratitude. That is the wisdom of Stage Three. Of course, I can’t remember who it was that said, “Suffering is caused by a desire to have reality be other than it is,” but he or she nailed it. Embrace who you are and who you are becoming. The fading memory has a message for you: it’s not and never was that important! The present moment grows larger in your life. Be there to enjoy it. Be proud of your older self and in that remarkable awareness that somehow, in some way, you have not aged one bit. Your libido may limp and you may use a walker, but damn, that young man or woman you were at twenty is still looking through your eyes. If that’s not a miracle, it’s certainly a delight.



by *Peter Anderson*

A Wilderness Alphabet

Let their names remind us of our shared inheritance
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From Absaroka to Apache Creek . . . From Ansel Adams to Allegheny, hallow Black Bear and Great Bear, be a witness for Bald Knob and Big Gum Swamp, in Copper Salmon, swim like one, in Chuckwalla, find a crack in the rock and hide there, learn your limits in Delirium, Desolation, and the Devil’s Backbone, dream of flying in Eagle Cap, Eagles Nest, and Eagletail, honor the Dead on Fossil Ridge and Funeral Mountain, draw a map of Gospel Hump, Grassy Knob, and Goat Rocks, awe yourself in Hellgate, Holy Cross, and Haleakala, “House of the Sun,” remember the last living member of the Yani Yana Tribe in Ishi, pray for those who make their living in the muskeg marshlands of Inoku, if you find Kulu, Kalmiopsis, or Kootzooowoo, let me know where they are, while you’re at it go find Lone Peak, Lostwood, and Lost Creek, let Mt. Massive remind us that gravity rules, learn to love discomfort in Needle’s Eye and Never Summer, say Okeefenokee, just the for the hell of it, praise the people whose tongues gave us Pemigewasset, Pahrump, and Pajarito, in Quetico, paddle toward the northern lights, in Rattlesnake, bless the alienated and despised, contemplate goodness in Sangre de Cristo and San Juan and shout out the names of our wilderness saints—Roosevelt, Muir, Marshall, and Leopold, in Trilobite, consider the meaning of time as the rocks know it, let Uncompahgre remain uncompromised, descend into the hidden V-shaped valleys of Ventana, straddle America’s rocky spine in Washakie and Weminuche, put an X on the map for a new wilderness we have yet to name, and pledge your allegiance to Yosemite and Zion and all they stand for.

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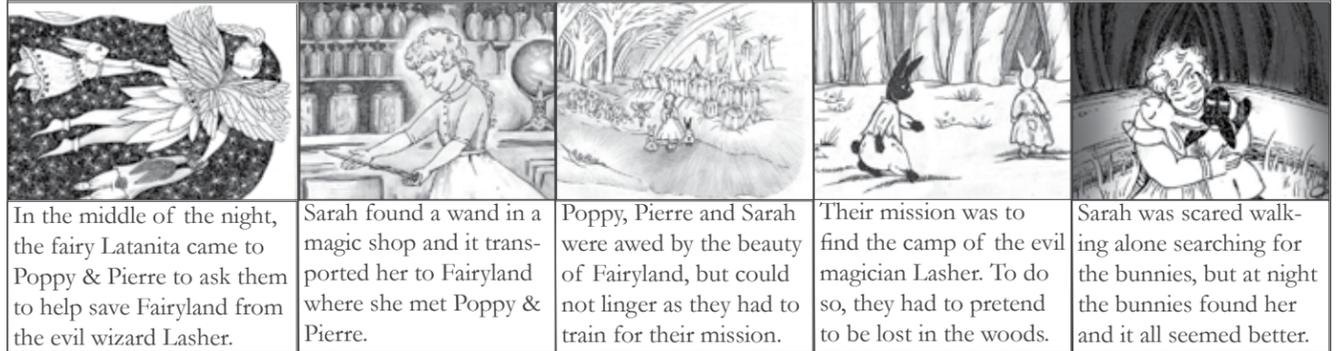
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The Adventures of Poppy and Pierre

Story by M. Diane Bairstow - Drawing by Ginny Ducale

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The Jokerster

Which vegetable should you never invite on a boat trip?
A leek

Where do sharks go on summer vacation?
Finland.

What did the pig say at the beach on a hot summer's day?
I'm bacon!

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What kind of music do killer whales like?
They listen to the orca-stra!

Why do bananas use sunscreen?
Because they peel.

What's the best day to go to the beach?
SUN day!

What does the sun drink out of?
SUN glasses.

Why should you never blame a dolphin for doing anything wrong?
Because they never do it on porpoise!

Why are fish never good tennis players?
Because they never get close to the net!

What did the beach say as the tide came in?
Long time no sea.

Why did the summer school teacher wear sunglasses?
Because her class was so bright!

Where does a ship go when it's sick?
To the DOCK!

What do you call witches who live on the beach?
Sandwitches!

What's that new pirate movie rated?
It's rated AARRRRR!

What do you call a dog on the beach in the Summer?
A hot dog!

What do whales like to put on their toast?
Jellyfish!

Why can't basketball players go on summer vacation?
They'd get called for traveling!

What does a shark eat for dinner?
Fish and ships!

What do sheep do on sunny days?
Have a baa-baa-cue.

Where does a fish go to borrow money?
The loan shark!

How do teddy bears keep their den cool in summer?
They use bear conditioning!

How do bees get to summer school?
By school buzz!

Why did the robot go on summer vacation?
He needed to recharge his batteries.

Where did the sheep go on vacation?
Baa-hamas!

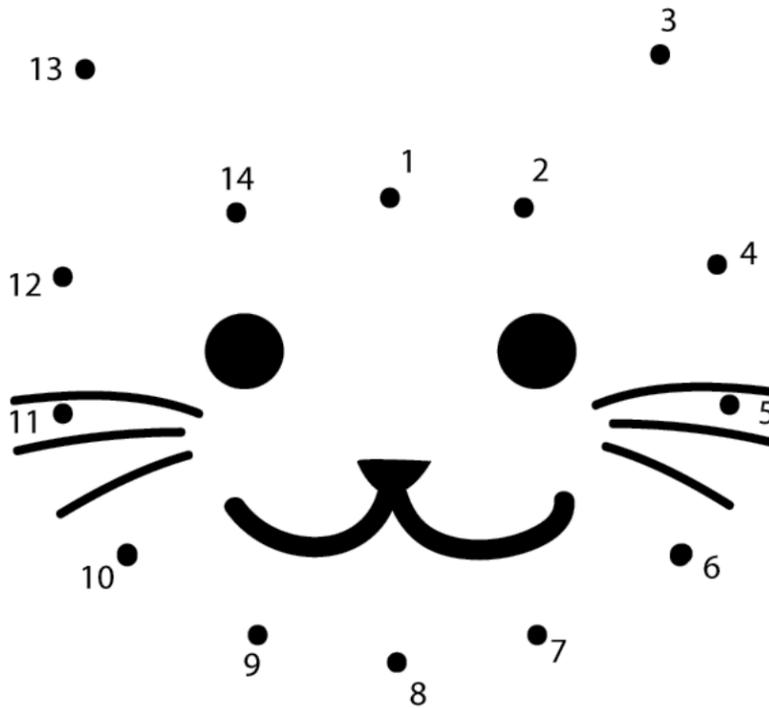
Why don't oysters share their pearls?
Because they're shellfish.

Why do golfers carry an extra pair of socks?
In case they get a hole in one.

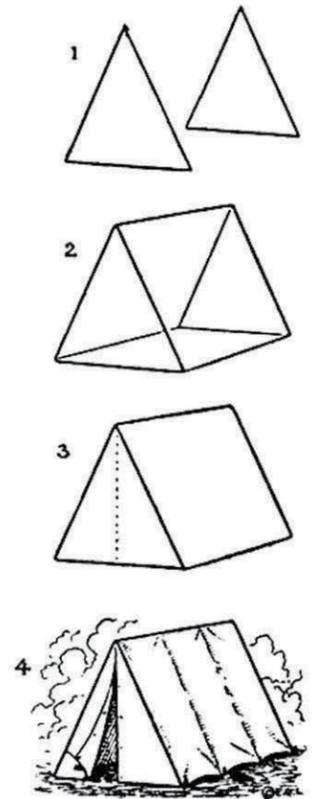
Why are gulls named seagulls?
If they were by the bay, they'd be bagels!

When do you go on red and stop on green?
When you eat a watermelon.

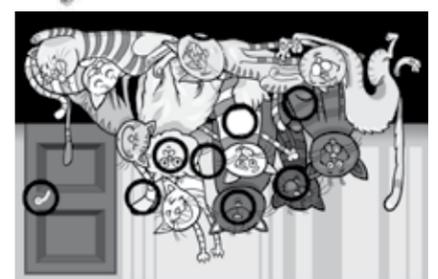
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A budget hearing will take place on June 18th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Moffat Consolidated School #2 in the library at 501 Garfield Avenue, Moffat, CO. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Monday, June 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the library at Moffat Consolidated School #2 at 501 Garfield Avenue, Moffat, CO.

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Dated: May 22, 2018

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Moffat Consolidated School District #2

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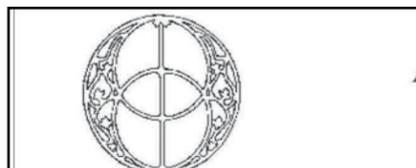
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Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: What are suitable materials for making biodegradable plastic besides corn and sugarcane? Is pineapple or peanut suitable?

—Yu Hong Yap, Malaysia

Biodegradable plastic is defined as any form of plastic that can break down into its constituent components in the environment within days, weeks or months without leaving behind potentially toxic residue. The term bioplastic refers to any form of plastic derived from organic or plant-based materials rather than petroleum, regardless of whether it can break down (biodegrade) easily in the environment. Thus, the two terms are not necessarily the same, although many use the terms interchangeably.

The most common iteration of bioplastic, so-called PLA (polylactic acid) plastic, is typically derived from corn or sugarcane—and is biodegradable. Since we know how to grow these food crops so well, using the minimal amount of land for the highest yield, we can create bioplastic pretty efficiently. But given still-exploding global human population numbers and more hungry mouths to feed, many wonder if it makes sense to take away land that could be used to grow food to make more plastic, even if it is biodegradable.

To avoid wasting food crops to make plastic, researchers have pioneered new formulations of biodegradable plastic derived from feedstock not suitable for food or feed, such as wood, wheat straw, bagasse, corn cobs, palm fruit bunches, switch grass and waste vegetable oil. In Europe, the Mars candy company is using potato waste in its biodegradable wrappers for Snickers bars. Likewise, there's no reason why pineapple or peanut couldn't work as a feedstock—though market conditions usually dictate that such products fetch a higher price as food, especially since they don't have to be processed as they would if they become bioplastic.

Yet another even more futuristic category of bioplastic feedstock uses algae or even carbon dioxide or methane waste to produce biodegradable plastic. These so-called "third generation" or "nextgen" feedstocks do double duty by both creating biodegradable plastic and removing pollutants that would otherwise contribute to climate change or eutrophication (an excessive buildup of nutrients in waterways that causes a dense growth of plant life and death of animal life from lack of oxygen).

While biodegradable plastic is hardly commonplace yet on store shelves, there are actions consumers can take to move things along. Encourage manufacturers to switch to biodegradable plastics and stop buying products made with conventional plastic. Sign the Earth Day Network's petition to end plastic pollution.

While no one can reasonably argue against replacing conventional plastics with biodegradable ones, researchers from the UK's University of Portsmouth and the U.S. Department of Energy's Na-

tional Renewable Energy Laboratory accidentally developed an enzyme that breaks down conventional plastic into its constituent parts. This discovery could revolutionize recycling and be a Godsend for marine and terrestrial ecosystems beset by plastic waste.

"We can all play a significant part in dealing with the plastic problem," says the University of Portsmouth's John McGeehan. "But the scientific community who ultimately created these 'wonder-materials', must now use all the technology at their disposal to de-

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Contacts: Earth Day Network's "Help End Plastic Pollution" Petition, www.earthday.org/end-plastic-pollution-petition/; Mars, www.mars.com;

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Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno

April 21 to May 20

Total precipitation for period:

Liquid precip (includes melted snow): 0.19"

Snow: 1.1"

Measurable precipitation fell on 5 days.

Measurable snow fell on 3 days.

Measurable rain fell on 3 days.

A trace of rain fell on 3 days.

No hail or thunderstorms occurred.

Total precipitation year to date:

Since Jan 1 : 1.15"

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: 81.1°F on May 10

Low temp: 23.4°F on April 25

Avg. high: 68.6°F

Avg. low: 36.5°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 80°: 1

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 70°: 15

Number of days with the low temperature at or below 40°: 22

Number of days with the low temperature at or below 32°: 8

Winds for the period:

Avg. speed: 4.0 mph

Highest gust: 47 mph on May 2

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

Weather summary:

Our extreme-to-exceptional drought continued along with very low humidity readings, while local creeks that should have been peaking with the snow runoff dur-

ing this past period have instead been drying up in spots.

As of now it appears that the 2017-18 snow season, which doesn't officially end until July 1, will easily break the all-time record low for seasonal snowfall. At the moment it will do so by more than 7". Measurable snow in June has only occurred 3 times in the last 30 years here, so a new seasonal record low for snow is likely at this point.

The first trace of rain for the year occurred on April 6, while the first measurable rain of the year came 2 days later on the eighth. As of May 20, no thunderstorms have yet to occur in the Crestone/Baca area this year, making this only the second time that we have seen such a late start to the thunderstorm season.

Blowing dust occurred on and off all day on April 12; our first true sand/dust storm in 2 years hit on April 17.

Temperatures for this period were, for the seventh month in a row, above normal. We saw a record high temperature of 81° set on May 10, breaking the old record of 78°, set in 1984.

As far as how dry was it, we saw relative humidity values at or below 10% on 10 days, with the lowest reading of 5% seen on April 17.

Outlook for June:

June is an average month for precipitation in the greater Crestone area, with .89" expected, making it, depending on how you want to look at it, the 7th wettest month of the year, or the 6 driest. As noted above, there have been 3 snowfalls in June since records were first kept in 1983, with one inch of snow on June 13, 1983 being the most in one day to fall. The last time snow was reported in June was in 1999 when 0.3" fell.

Temperature-wise, as everybody knows, things warm up to summer conditions by the close of June. The first week sees average highs and lows of 74° and 40°, but by the last day of June the average high is a warm 80°, while the low is 47°. The record high temperature for June is 95°, set twice, first on June 30, 1990, and then again on June 29, 1998. The record low temp was 24°, and that was also set in 1990, on June 2.

The 30 day outlook from the NWS for June is calling for well above average temperatures, along with normal precipitation.

Note: For current Crestone weather conditions visit Keno's web site: www.keno.org/vws.



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