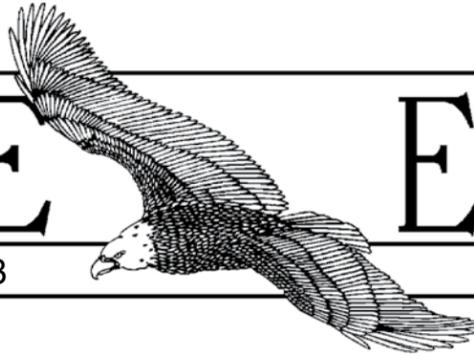


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To dwell in the heart of the Mother The Teyuna families to visit Crestone Aug. 9

The Teyuna will be visiting Crestone in August. There will be an official welcome at the Crestone Cottonwoods Park (next to the *Eagle* and Gallery on Galena Ave.) on August 9 at 9am. All are welcome!

The Heart of North America Tour, or Summer Recorrido as it is called by the Teyuna, began in the inner realms beyond time and space. In our way of looking at time it began when a delegation of four Teyuna Mamo Elders, accompanied by the Secretary General of their highest governing authority the Territorial Council of the Cabil-

dos representing the four families of the Teyuna who dwell in their ancestral home in the Sierra Nevada region of Colombia, arrived in Chicago on July 9, 2018.

The Teyuna delegation

Teyuna is the term that refers to the four indigenous families known as the Arhuaco, Kankuamo, Wiwa and Kogi of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta region of Colombia. The Kogi are the most recognized of the four families in the western world.

The delegation of four Mamos initiating the first round of the

North American Tour each carry distinct areas of specialization and represent three of the four families. The delegation consists of the following Mamos, 1) Arhuaco, Mamo Atillio Nino Torres, 2) Kogi, Mamo Fernando Daza Dingula, 3) Wiwa, Mamo Santiago Zarabato Limaco, and 4) Kogi, Mamo Roberto Nacogui Awigui. Secretary General Kandy-maku Bastida arrived with the delegation and will continue in North America for the entire three months of the tour. There will be a total of 16 Mamos who will participate

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Two Mamo Elders, at a Water Training in the Great Lakes Region Mamo Atillio Torres, (Arhuaco) Mamo and Fernando Daza Dingula (Kogi). photo by Ginny Villarraga

Conservation advocates promise continued scrutiny of Village at Wolf Creek, Vow to challenge latest attempt to avoid public review

by *SLV Ecosystem Council*

The Rio Grande National Forest announced on July 19, 2018 its intention to circumvent a federal court ruling that invalidated prior approvals for the controversial Village at Wolf Creek real estate development. The Village at Wolf Creek is a planned massive real estate development located atop Wolf Creek Pass that would house up to 8,000 people in as many as 2,000 housing

units. It has been mired in controversy for 30 years, and courts have repeatedly stymied attempts by the developers to fast track approvals or short-circuit environmental studies and public input.

A Colorado federal district court set aside the Forest Service's approval of a land exchange to facilitate the development in May 2017. "The Forest Service cannot abdicate its responsibility to protect the

forest by making an attempt at an artful dodge," the court declared. Now, the Forest Service hopes to use the same artfully dodged analysis, previously deemed in violation of multiple federal laws, to approve a different means of providing the developers access.

Travis Stills, Attorney with Energy and Conservancy Law, who has represented the groups

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Thanks for the water

Dear Editor,

The Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District recently hosted Crestone Baca Resiliency Group along with the Board of Directors to a guided tour of the water and sewer plants. JoAnn Slivka, Manager and Joshua Cichocki, Superintendent, along with staff took us to both plants, patiently answered all our questions, demonstrated use of equipment and provided us with a delicious lunch!

I now understand more fully why water comes out of my tap when I turn it on. What an amazing amenity we have in our community when you realize how many miles of pipe have been laid to make this provision! So thank you to all employees of BGW&S for all you daily do to make sure we have clean water!

Have you hugged your water provider today?!

Janie Thomas
Crestone Baca Resiliency
Water Action Group

Heartfelt thank you

Dear Editor,

Thank you to all the people who worked so hard for my campaign, far too many to name individually. This election proves what happens when you can get accurate information and facts to informed, educated, and engaged voters.

The purchase of one's home represents the largest financial investment for most people in their lifetime. They deserve the most educated and experienced Country Assessor's staff possible, not only to value their property, but to be available and accessible to explain how Colorado State mandated mass appraisal works and how it applies to them. They have that in Saguache County, thanks to you.

Thank you to everyone who voted in the June 26 Primary. I am grateful and I am humbled by your vote of confidence.

Your public servant,
Peter Peterson

Enough roaming dogs!

Dear Editor,

We live out by the ziggurat and are frequented by roaming dogs. We like dogs. We probably even like your dogs, however roaming dogs are a nuisance and a menace. They terrorize our animals. They dig around our buildings and throughout our property. They chase wild antelope, elk, and deer, which range in our neighborhood. They kill rabbits, which are coyote, fox, badger, and owl food. They have destroyed valuable materials (in our case, drywall and foam insulation) while digging for rabbits. They killed our neighbor's chickens. The other day we had a giant Rottweiler walk through the front door of our home.

It is against Colorado law for a dog to inflict injury to a person or

domestic animal, to destroy property, to harass wildlife, or to destroy dens or nests. Your dog is likely to be a sweet and beautiful companion in your presence, but becomes feral in your absence; the magnitude of impact increases when paired up with other dogs. Laws and regulations develop because experience bears out certain truths.

As our irritation and incredulity has increased with a succession of these experiences, friends in other parts of the Baca have shared countless, similar encounters. Then, perhaps the worst case scenario happened. Two loose dogs sprung out from the side of the road, attacked Scott and his motorcycle, and caused an accident. We made two trips to the emergency room, Scott fractured his skull, loosened some teeth, suffered multiple lacerations and great impact to his body, has lost time at work, and still requires treatment. While we are truly grateful it was not any worse than it was, we still most certainly wish this very preventable accident had never happened.

It is with great earnestness that we ask the residents of this community to maintain supervision and control of your beloved dogs at all times. Abiding by the law is secondary in our minds to caring for and respecting the other living creatures with whom we share this little patch of earth.

Your neighbors,
Beth Greene, Scott Norris

Rosen on public health

Dear Editor,

I am Lisa Rosen, an independent candidate for Saguache County Commissioner. I am releasing a series of position statements addressing relevant county issues. You can reach me via my website, electlisarosen.com, my Facebook candidate page, or email lisa@electlisarosen.com. The first topic: Public Health.

Public Health in Saguache County is the responsibility of the County Board of Health. Currently one County Commissioner liaises with the Director of Public Health, and the three County Commissioners comprise the "Board of Health" (BOH). This Board structure isn't sufficient to develop healthy policy or programs. As a result, Saguache County has some of the poorest health outcomes in the state.

When the Colorado Public Health Act of 2008 was passed, it was recommended that counties form a 5 member BOH with broad community representation. As a rural county, we were allowed a waiver and took it. Our BOH has no medical or public health expertise on it, and no community members with relevant knowledge. Ten years have passed and we have yet to change the structure of the board.

The BOH has considerable power to improve health in the county, but with no real expertise it operates only in times of emergency. As the community grows, we must transform the BOH from a panel with no expertise to a panel with broad expertise.

The BOH could include a single Commissioner and 4 other suitable members. According to the Colorado Public Health Act of 2008, the

BOH should include members with staggered terms, and no business or government entities should be a majority of members.

Members can come from many areas—senior and veteran communities, addiction and behavioral health, nursing, social work, education and many more. Members of the BOH cannot be paid.

Restructuring the BOH will allow us to leverage subject matter experts and to address issues the current BOH can/will not. A few examples are:

-Meeting state breastfeeding and pumping requirements

-Creating health-based programs to deal with opioid addiction (more on my web site)

-Keeping the Public Health Department physically accessible for seniors and disabled persons.

If elected County Commissioner, I will take steps to restructure Board of Health in a way that best meets community needs.

—Lisa Rosen

Let the kids be pirates

Dear Editor,

The first 4th of July pirate ship was introduced in 2002 to the Crestone parade, and again recommissioned around 2005 and then recommissioned again in 2008 as it is through this year. When it first appeared on the streets, it was designed to be a fun 4th of July tradition that kids could have with their parents, throwing candy and pretending to be pirates. The tradition has been forgotten, however, and now the ship is exclusively used by adults.

When I first came to Crestone the biggest float in the parade was a trailer with hay on it, and I created the pirate ship to have a great experience for the kids. It can be used the rest of the year for adult fun, but on the 4th let the kids be pirates and have fun in the parade.

Bless,
Art "The Captain" Poirier

Thanks for the help

To Ryan Johns, his wife and kids, Merlin, Judy and Johnathan Rose, and his friend, Mary Lowers, Kofi and Isaline Simms, Kofi Washington, Nick Nevares, and anyone else who helped me move from my apartment on Badger Road: Thank you very much for all of your hard work. I couldn't have done that move without you, and will always be grateful to you for your unselfish kindness.

Blessings,
Alexander Amaro

Editor's Notes

A narrow escape

Smoke filled up the valley for weeks. It came in through my bedroom window early one morning and made me wake up in alarm—it smelled so close! The forest fire was a ways away, over on LaVeta Pass, but not so far by how the crow flies, how the fire runs, how the wind blows. Just over the other side of Medano Pass, just behind Blanca.

I watched the huge billows of smoke to the southeast and posted daily face book updates on the Spring Creek Fire. It was a monster of a fire, over 100,000 acres before they contained it. West winds kept pushing it towards the towns of LaVeta and Cuchara—neighbors of ours. Firefighters, helicopters and airplanes fought it with everything they had and brought it to a standstill. Finally.

Over 200 homes either damaged or destroyed, most in the Forbes subdivision with homes and terrain very much like ours in Crestone/Baca. A very big wake-up call for us as dry winds battered us daily. The internet went down all over the San Luis Valley and Salida. Forget using your debit card—cash only for several days. Not only was LaVeta Pass closed, but so was Hwy. 285 near Fairplay when the Weston Pass Fire took off. Drivers had to go the long way around to get to Denver.

Endless days of red flag warnings had mindful residents mitigating and hauling off debris. Big signs went up warning of HIGH FIRE DANGER!

And we dodged the bullet.

As I write this it is lightly raining. The monsoons have finally arrived. Such a huge relief.

But stay mindful. These are thunderstorms and there is a forest of dead trees above us. Saguache County still has a fire ban. Thank you all for your vigilance, awareness and keeping us all safe.

—Kizzen





Bill Case addresses the Saguache Board of County Commissioners at a marijuana regulation hearing on July 19. The County will be taking written comments on marijuana regs until August 3. The BOCC will be reviewing the regulations for approval on August 7 during their regular business meeting. photo by Lisa Cyriacks

Fire restrictions lifted on public lands in the San Luis Valley

Fire restrictions have been removed as of Wednesday, July 18, for all lands managed by the Rio Grande National Forest, Bureau of Land Management San Luis Valley Field Office and Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. Campfires are allowed in designated fire grates in developed campgrounds managed by each of the agencies and when dispersed camping on lands managed by the Rio Grande National Forest and San Luis Valley Field Office.

Monsoonal flows have brought moisture and higher humidity to the San Luis Valley and upper Rio Grande watershed. Although some areas have not yet received much rain, long term weather forecasts predict continued monsoons. Indi-

ces measured by wildland fire managers indicate a downward trend in fire danger throughout the upper Rio Grande watershed.

Although conditions are improving, visitors are encouraged to clear all burnable material within three feet of campfire rings, keep fires small and extinguish them completely, and never leave a campfire unattended. Visitors are also reminded that fireworks are always illegal on federally managed lands.

For more information, call the Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor's Office at 719-852-5941.

Please note that this lifting of a fire ban *only* applies to the Rio Grande National Forest; other county and local bans still are in effect.

Saguache County bat positive for rabies

SAGUACHE COUNTY – A bat in Saguache County tested positive for rabies this week. Public Health is working to identify anyone who may have been exposed to this bat.

“We want to remind the public to protect themselves and their animals,” said Ginger Stringer, SLV regional epidemiologist. “If you find a bat in your house, don’t shoo it out the window unless you are sure it didn’t have contact with anyone in the room.” Bat bites are so small that they are extremely difficult to detect. If you are awakened by a bat in your bedroom, or if you find a bat in a room with an unattended child, a mentally impaired person or an intoxicated person, try to safely capture the bat and call your local public health office so that the bat can be tested.

Bats and skunks are the most common species carrying the rabies virus in Colorado. Rabies virus is found in the saliva of infected animals and can be passed to humans and other mammals. It infects the nervous system and can cause difficulty breathing, paralysis, loss of consciousness and death.

Fortunately, rabies is preventable. Have your pets vaccinated for rabies, and if your pet comes in contact with a bat or a skunk, notify a veterinarian and/or public health department right away. Also remember not to feed, touch or adopt wild animals and be cautious

around stray cats and dogs. Rabid animals do not always appear vicious. If you notice a wild animal exhibiting strange behavior, call your local animal control or law enforcement agency and do not touch the animal.

Colorado has seen a significant increase in rabies in recent years. For more information about rabies please call your county health department or visit www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/rabies.

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Saguache County crime report

by Mary Lowers

As summer winds down and the monsoons arrive, speeding citations are on the rise and the average ticket is for twenty miles over the posted limit. We all know how crazy fast some folks are travelling on CO Hwy. 17 and US Hwy. 285 through the valley, dashing and passing people only to get where they are going no more than five minutes before people doing the speed limit. Let's be safe and slow down.

The Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) continued its county-wide warrant sweep. A Center man, 46, was jailed on failure to appear and charged with a \$200 bail. A Moffat man, 32, went to jail on failure to appear charges with \$500 bail. An Apache Junction, AZ man, 42, was jailed in Saguache on three failure to appear charges with bail set at \$5,700. Failure to appear charges landed a Center woman, 29, in jail with no bail listed. A homeless woman from Del Norte, 31, was jailed with two failure to appear counts. Her bail was set at \$2000. A fugitive from justice warrant out of Alamosa sent a Center woman, 27, to jail with \$250 bail.

A Moffat man, 31, must have really acted out in court because his bail for two contempt of court charges was listed as \$6,500. No bail was listed for a Center man, 37, jailed in Saguache for third degree assault. Driving while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, failure to drive in a single marked lane, and a passenger with an “open container” sent a Casita Park man, 57, to jail with \$500 bail listed. A Villa Grove man, 26, was taken to jail for driving while his ability was impaired. He had no bail listed. A Monte Vista man, 64, went to jail on charges of driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol with no bail listed.

A Crestone man, 27, went to jail for violation of a restraining order with no bail listed. Domestic violence, harassment, and violation of a restraining order put a Center man, 18, in jail with no bail listed.

Baca man arrested for child abuse

by Mary Lowers

James Roe, aka James Colson, 46, was arrested at his Baca Grande home Sunday, July 8 on charges of child abuse and taken to jail in Saguache where he has since been released on bail. Roe is the father of the twelve-year-old boy who was the subject of an Amber Alert in late June. The boy was taken from the Baca Park by area resident David Freeman, 60, on June 23. He was arrested in Utah with the boy on June 25. Freeman faces federal charges for kidnapping and possibly other crimes. Colorado Bureau of Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation were participants in the case.

According to Saguache County Deputy Sam Olsen, his suspicions of possible child abuse were raised in his initial interview with James Roe about the disappearance of his son on June 23. In this interview James said, “My son is a carbon copy of myself and that (he) has his issues but overall is a good kid.” He said he does spank the child occasionally, “but not excessively.” James Roe's statements in this interview were confirmed to be accurate in a video/audio recording.

After the boy was discovered, Deputy Houston of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) took photos of him at the time of his admittance to Garfield Memorial Hospital in Panguitch, Utah on June 25. In his report Deputy Houston said, “There were numerous

bruises on the boy's leg that appear to be consistent with being struck by a belt or similar object, three or four days prior” when the child was still at home. While in Utah the boy told law enforcement that, “he did not want to live with his father” as he “beat the shit out of me.” The boy said he had been spanked with a belt just before he left for Utah with Freeman. He said spanking with a belt was the standard form of discipline from his father.

Deputy Olsen also reviewed a report from Saguache County Undersheriff McCloskey from June 30 regarding possible physical abuse by James Roe of his son. Records from the medical examination of the child at Garfield Memorial Hospital in Utah say, “(the boy) told examiners that he felt very unsafe with his father and that his father is physically abusing him.” All reports Olson looked at made him “fear there could be substantial danger to the physical health and safety of the child.”

During the course of this investigation according to Deputy Olsen, James Roe stated he did spank his son on multiple occasions with a belt. James' girlfriend, Whitney Miller, stated to the deputy that she witnessed Mr. Roe spanking Jacob and she “believed he was doing it too often and seemed to get pleasure out of it.” The boy is being cared for in a safe location. The *Eagle* will continue covering this story.

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Phase 2 of the development project has started. The asphalt is being removed and the new grade prepared. Please give the equipment room to work! All stores are remaining open, just be careful and patient, please. It's going to look good.



Downtown developments in Crestone two years later after Phase 1. Construction was done in 2016 with planting of trees and flowers last year. The goal is to make our downtown pedestrian-friendly and beautiful while providing rain run-off control.

Town of Crestone Downtown Redevelopment Project, Phase II work began July 19

by **Burt Wadman**

The Crestone Town Trustees are pleased to announce the start of the next phase of our downtown improvements in the public right of way. Work began July 19 and the first activity was asphalt removal on Silver between Cottonwood and Alder, parts of Galena between Cottonwood and Cedar and Cottonwood between Golden and the Gallery Building alley. This will be followed by the installation of concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk and lastly the repaving of these streets. Please be mindful of construction zones. All local businesses will remain open. Your patience is greatly appreciated!

The project

Work on the downtown improvements began in 2013. A Community Task Force was appointed by the Trustees to develop a project that would visibly convey community values and aspirations. Following on local bootstrap initiatives, the project is intended to provide an inviting pedestrian experience in the core area, including

improved parking and storm water drainage.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding was received from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for Phase I construction. The beautiful flower plantings are the result of a broad community effort of over 80 volunteers (the "Fellowship of the Flowers") who raised funds and gathered for a grand day of planting last year. Many people made cash donations to have over 20 large trees planted. The Town is coordinating the landscape irrigation improve-

ments with the "Fellowship of the Flowers" volunteers with the goal of installing plantings next spring.

Due to the success of Phase I, the Town's second grant request was approved in 2017. This current phase is focused on completing the Silver Avenue improvements, as well as work on Cottonwood and Galena. For the first time the downtown will have continuous pedestrian sidewalks from Lonny's Creative Trade gift shop all the way to the Crestone Mercantile.

Alcon Construction did the work for Phase I and we are pleased

that they are the contractor for Phase II. Work is estimated to take 90 days. As in Phase I there will be a need for short term alternative street and pedestrian routes. Every effort will be made to maintain access to businesses and homes in the project area.

Businesses and residents in the project area can obtain further information about scheduling near your home or place of business by contacting the Town Clerk at 719-256-4313 or crestoneclerk@fairpoint.com; or Mayor Kairina Danforth at thcrestoneoasis@yahoo.com.

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Saguache County News

by Sandia Belgrade

The enormity of the Spring Creek Fire in Costilla County hits a nerve when its extent is revealed: 108,045 acres with a loss of 132 homes. The firefighters deserve credit and our thankful appreciation. What many may not know is that tallied among the 1,444 personnel involved in the operations were many of our Saguache County employees as well as other counties. According to David Daboll, Saguache County Public Health Director, the fire impacted the personnel in our county emergency services and health department.

Soon after the fire started on June 27, the Alamosa Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was set up in conjunction with the Incident Command Post (ICP) in Fort Garland. The EOC aids with requests for resources (logistics, supplies, personnel, etc.) Ginger Stringer, former Saguache County Public Health Director and current Regional Epidemiologist, manned the desk to coordinate those aspects affecting public health for multiple days. Daboll was tasked to act as liaison between the ICP and EOC to coordinate communications and requests until the State Fire Incident Management Team had their own liaison established. Bobby Wozelz, Saguache County Emergency Management Director, worked the Rapid Tag desk, which aided local citizens in identification. These tags allow local land/home owners to be confirmed as to their identification as land/home owners in the area, which allowed them entrance into the burned areas once it was safe for them to return. It's good to know our County employees can handle emergencies.

Need for more transmission lines

In addition to the loss of homes and property, trees and animals and their habitat, the Spring Creek Fire burned down a microwave site that carries fiber optics for Verizon. Chaffee County Sheriff John Spezze said that consequently a wide area, including Salida, Buena Vista, Poncha Springs, Crestone, Monte Vista, Alamosa and Chaffee County, had no phone or internet service, including the county's 911 voice service, for several days. His concern is for the public if citizens and visitors can't get a hold of 911. The problem Spezze said is there's no redundancy in the system. One set of fiber optic lines carries all of the communications, and there is no backup in place. "We were promised redundancy and we don't have it," Spezze said. "My concern is if there's a large-scale emergency here with fires all around, how are we going to operate?" He intends to file a complaint with the FCC. As a result, this disaster could have a positive result for the SLV if this problem is rectified.

When citizens step up

Randal Arredondo, Supervisor of Saguache Road and Bridge Department, was tasked with getting signs up around the county regarding the complete fire ban. When it became clear that signage was noticeably absent in Crestone, especially in time for the 4th of July which was anticipating a crowd of tourist festivities, Katie Jade Getchell of the Crestone Baca stepped up. She saw that Town, POA and County resources were stretched thin. She initiated, developed, and created dynamic signs. Under her leadership these large, eye-catching signs were put up at key points. There were also card-size notices that people could pass out. The signs were shown to Arredondo and the Commissioners. The banners will become community property. Any donations to help defray expenses can be made at the Crestone Mercantile.

Another county woman shows initiative

Iris Garcia, the Clerk for the Town of Saguache, worked out a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the County. This MOU is to work with the community to write a historic preservation grant to upgrade the clinic building in the town. She will need to do a historical assessment and then the County can get funding with a match. Attorney Ben Gibbons noted that there are often strings attached with this type of grant and advised her to investigate the limitations and hooks. Garcia also asked the Board to entertain a request to purchase a self-propelled road broom from the County Road and Bridge Department. The amount of \$5,000 was approved for the Town to purchase the broom from County. Garcia has also written a grant for a sewer project to replace lines. The project will entail \$1.9 million from a loan and a \$500,000 grant from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

Center showcases drones & cars

Commissioner Ken Anderson stated that Center was the focus of attention during the month of July. First there was a car show that attracted a lot of people. There was also a notable display of remotely piloted research drones. They flew out of Leech airport, which hosted an open house so people could see their capabilities first hand. Many people were impressed by the technology as they gathered data for several studies going on concurrently, including inspecting cattle and their grazing and weather and wind turbulence. Anderson also noted that a company out of Denver was renovating the old drive-in theater in Center to develop an RV park or cabins for tourists.

From the Sheriff's Department

The Sheriff will be making an emergency request for funding to cover the cost of court house activities which require running inmates in and out from jail to court to meet court demands.

For residents inquiring why a Sheriff's car sits out in front of the court house all day and is not used, Sheriff Dan Warwick said that the

Deputy doing security at the courthouse must also be available for emergency calls. At present the department is down a Deputy and may be hiring again. Attorney Ben Gibbons said that in the past, the County bought a house so a Deputy could rent it and reside in the community they're covering. Whether that might be a possibility is unclear with the housing shortage in the county.

Ken Anderson informed the sheriff that there was a rumor about Warwick having campaign information in his patrol car. Warwick emphatically denied it, saying "that is a flat out lie." He said he uses his car for department and patrol use only and is not using it for personal gain. Must be because it's an election year?



Iris Garcia, Town of Saguache Clerk.

Social Services work program

Linda Warsh, Director of Social Services, said that work programs are Incentives for able-bodied adults. They not only help get people off assistance, but they are designed to help them as they become stable. There are problems: the program is underfunded and Saguache is lacking infrastructure such as transportation which is needed in a rural area to support people who are working. The Board moved to accept the mandatory option for the employment program called Colordao Employment First. Warsh also announced that her department is receiving a child welfare award.

From Saguache County Clerk & Recorder

Vehicle Services and Transactions will be unavailable August 1-5.

The State is replacing the present Colorado State Titling and Registration System with a new system: Colorado DRIVES

Landfill issues in limbo

The Commissioners and Randal Arredondo, Road & Bridge Supervisor, are still mulling over the future of the landfill. In the meantime all that recycled material is just sitting there. They have met several times with Chris Canaly, Director of the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council, who has given a thorough presentation on options, and yet several haven't read her report yet. With this information they can balance what the costs of a liner and the well and other improve-

ments at the present landfill are versus the initial cost \$200,000 for setting up two or three transfer stations around the county. From there waste would go to a regional solid waste facility. This is the direction municipalities are going because of environmental considerations. The Board said they're looking for public comments but have not yet made an effort to do so.

Land Use

Wendi Maez, Land Use Administrator, said Land Use has taken in \$27,400 + in revenue for marijuana as of May, including excise tax which comprised nearly \$21,000 of the total. She presented several petitioners. The first was the Needle Branch Land Company land owners. Diane Dunlap appeared. She is co-owner of the Old Cow Town Resort along

with Jimmy Gollighugh. Dunlap requested a Conditional Use Modification request which was approved. She has completed an emergency exit plan and contingency plans. Dunlap has a letter from the Colorado Division of Water resources advising there be no more than 40 overnight guests.

Phillip Tiu, landowner/Cole's Colorado Cannabis, requested a Conditional Use request for 10 acres for an organic marijuana cultivation facility at 46103 Co. Rd. N. He said the goal is to do a sustainable operation that will eventually move into being a fertilizing and probiotics company that is non-detrimental to the environment and will include fresh water fish. His permit was granted.

Bid for Casita Park lots

With a housing crunch happening in the county, Casita Park in Crestone is one area that still has affordable housing. With that in mind the County approved opening some of those lots for bids. The minimum bid is \$4,000 per lot. The Commissioners accepted Larry Edwards' bid on three lots.

Sales Tax Grant applications

The Saguache County Board of Commissioners will be taking grant Applications for Saguache County Sales Tax Grants until 3pm, Friday, August 10. To be eligible grant applications must be for either: Emergency Services/Public Health and Safety; Youth and Senior programs, projects, or organizations; or Renewable Energy projects/Business Opportunities and Job Creation. Grant applications are available on our website at saguachecounty.net/administration or you can contact the Saguache County Administration office at 719-655-2231 to request a copy of the grant application.

Short takes

Liquor licenses were approved for the Desert Sage in Crestone and The Crazy Cow Saloon located at the resort complex in Old Cow Town.

POA meeting news, June & July: covenants, finances & wetlands

by John Rowe

The regularly scheduled monthly POA Board meeting for June was held on Thursday the 29th, at 10am at the POA Hall. Four of the five Directors were present with Mark Repp being absent. About fifteen audience members were also in attendance.

Member Forum was punctuated by an angry man who was indignant that he was expected to pull appropriate POA building permits. He has moved onto his land in a camper with none of this in place and no septic tank or leach field. The POA is apparently objecting to this and does not want him setting up a very old mobile home on his property either. This old trailer is sitting on his lot presently and it is unknown if anyone is living in it. He became so agitated that he was escorted out of the building by a Saguache County Sheriff's Deputy. He left peacefully, and no further incident occurred.

In a conversation with a Board member later, this reporter was told that the Board has only one year from the time they become aware of a covenant violation to act on it in the prescribed manner adopted by the POA. That is why they are responding to violations more quickly. This process entails a series of letters to the violator and hopefully, a series of meetings with them to work out a plan to bring them back into compliance with community standards. So far the only folks that have been sent to the courts are those who refuse to show up and negotiate what the Board feels is a reasonable settlement.

The Board was happy to announce the hiring of its new Communications Director, Fedrica Clark, who was previously coordinator for Emergency Services. Freddie and her husband, Saguache County Deputy Wayne

Clark, have been fixtures in the community for a year or two now. Freddie will be heading up outreach to all Baca members and has created a Facebook page to start, will be holding community meetings, and has already scheduled a picnic that was held on Saturday, July 21 at South Crestone Park. Burgers, dogs, and chips were served.

A new office software package was approved for purchase for \$24,000. All concerned are convinced this is superior to our existing package and can do far more, much more quickly.

The regularly scheduled POA Board meeting for July was held on Thursday, the 19th, at 10am. Four of five directors were present with Mark Repp still out of town. About fourteen audience members were present.

Member Forum centered around a man who feels as if the current covenants are outdated and need to be changed. He would like to see meetings be held to hammer out what he feels to be a fairer representation of current community values. He spoke at length and the Board granted him the extra time to do so. The Board had no real comment on his idea except to thank him for his participation. The majority of the Board has expressed, publicly and privately, that they feel a clear majority of Baca members want current standards enforced as most of the Board ran on a get-rid-of-the-blight and enforce-the-covenants-more-rigorously platform and all were elected by large majorities. The man speaking was also reminded that all property owners agreed to the covenants when they purchased land here.

In New Business, assessments were reiterated to be going up \$14 for next year. The Griffin Group, the POA's accounting firm sent two representatives to talk



Summer flowers abound this time of year around Crestone and the Baca.

about the financial state of the POA. The POA has \$712,000 in reserves, \$680,000 in operating expenses, and \$2,900,000 in assets. The two gentlemen think the POA is in overall "good shape" and commends the association for adapting the new software which they feel will make the organization run much more smoothly. They also noted that the POA's new more aggressive collection policy is working, bringing in \$111,000 in delinquent dues revenue since 2017. The percentage of late or non-payment of dues has risen to 26% and the new collection policy will continue to try and stem this tide.

David Scott, leader of the Samadhi Foundation, a group dedicated to preserving and enhancing local environment, art, and culture, was on hand to present the Board with a plan to work in

conjunction with the Crestone/Baca Land Trust to enhance and protect many lots deemed not suited for building, primarily in Spanish Creek Meadow, a swampy (in normal years) patch of land on the western edge of the Grants. As time goes on this area could turn into an educational vehicle for school children and tours about desert wetlands and more. This will not cost the POA anything, and the broad outline was enthusiastically embraced by the Board. They will make every effort to get this on the ballot for this fall's elections.

The Annual Members Meeting was announced to be Friday, October 19 at 7pm at the POA Hall.

The lengthy meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm and moved into executive session.



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by Allyson Ransom,
Crestone Town Clerk

July 9 Board of Trustees meeting

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

The Board of Trustees passed the following motions:

- To approve the agenda as presented.
- To approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting from June 11, 2018.
- To approve the minutes from the special meeting from June 18, 2018.
- To approve paying the bills and approve the Financial Report as presented by the Treasurer.
- To reimburse mileage for Judge Friesell on court days.
- To increase the overage charge for monthly water usage between 4,000-8,000 gallons to \$8, and \$10 for each 1,000 gallons over 8,000.
- To approve a sliding late fee schedule, with a \$2.50 fee for the first month, \$5 for the second month, and \$10 for each month after that.
- To approve the Food Bank's request to continue its lease on a month-to-month basis.
- To approve repairing and cleaning the vandalized public restrooms in the park on W. Silver Ave.
- To consult with Ken Charles about the Town being paid a tap fee for the irrigation connection for the Phase II Project.
- To grant Water Manager Ann Bunting the authority to decide which entity (Town of Crestone or North River Greenhouse) should absorb the well tap fee, pending approval by Phase II grant administrator Ken Charles.
- To approve Jim McCalpin's request to have a water tap and become an outside-town- limits water customer.
- To allow camping in the Crestone Park for up to 15 tents if Nathan Good is responsible for security, Silver St. parking, and the behavior of the campers—at a rate of \$10 per two people to a tent, and \$5 extra per person per tent, and that absolutely no dogs or pets will be allowed at the campsites.
- To approve all plans presented from Don Jensen, Mountain Engineering, and Reynolds Engineering, contingent on all work being kept within the CDBG budget, and Don Jensen must provide his own workmen's compensation.
- To send the current SLVREC franchise agreement back for changes, removing the statement about funds being set aside for underground lines.
- To allow the Mayor to sign the Notice to Proceed contract for Alcon Construction, pending Attorney Farish's review.
- To pass Resolution #006-2018, regarding the Rights of Nature.
- To adopt the proclamation for August 8, 2018 as "Day of the Te-yuna."
- To adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm.

Citizen's comments

Town resident Fred Bauder expressed concern about the proliferation of knapweed in town and claimed it is the Town's responsibility to mitigate noxious weeds.

Town resident Lonny Roth suggested that the Town use Survey Monkey as a means of collecting input from town residents on various matters.

Reports

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

Applications to rent the available commercial space in the northeast corner of the Town Hall building.

The Trustees agreeing to wait to rent out the commercial space after further advertising, and to hold a special meeting if needed to approve the future tenant. They also agreed not to reduce rent.

Some businesses in town are not receiving sewer bills, which needs to be remedied, and Water System Manager Ann Bunting suggested that the Town focus on Equivalency Ratings (EQR) to determine the Town's fee schedule.

A work session was scheduled for July 16 at 5pm to work on EQR issues.

Mayor Kairina Danforth discussed her recent Colorado Municipal League conference, and the work sessions she attended.

The Town Clerk was away for a week of clerks' training in Denver, but her written report included issues of vandalism to public restrooms and the Town's nuisance code as it applies to wild foxes on private property. Per town Ordinance #2003-005, wild animals are not considered nuisances, and therefore are not the responsibility of the Town; however, residents are free to call the state wildlife division office.

Discussions & presentations

Adam Moore, the District Forester for the San Luis Valley, discussed the Firewise program, reminding the Board that they need to have a Firewise risk assessment every five years. He presented a Community Action Plan and passed out bookmarks and posters. The Town of Crestone will have to submit an online application to become a Firewise community. The Board said they would like to see a table at the Energy Fair that distributes this information to the public.

Burt Wadman presented proposals from Don Jensen, Mountain Engineering, and Reynolds Engineering. The following was noted: Mountain Engineering requested \$10,385, which is \$3,385 over the CDBG project budget. Regarding Don Jensen's bid to extend the porch to reach the new sidewalk, the Town had previously purchased the railing and stored it. It was determined that other bids would be required for the railing and carpentry work before making a final decision.

Burt Wadman also updated the Board members on Phase II of

the Downtown Redevelopment Project: Alcon Construction was still holding to a start date of July 16, contingent on securing a tool to tear up old asphalt, and the project will continue through the first part of September. There would be no underground electrical wiring.

Attorney Farish advised that any changes to the fee schedule will require the adoption of an amendment to this ordinance. This issue will be tabled until next month's board meeting.

Nathan Good presented the Board with a layout of the park for the Energy Fair, which will take place September 7, 8 and 9. He requested permission for approximately 15-20 campers to camp in the park for one night only, Saturday, September 8, and said that he will provide security and escorts.

Area resident, Woody Bob, made a presentation about the health dangers of 5G service.

Lonny Roth requested permission to build another structure on his property.

Seventeen citizens attended the meeting, many sharing their concerns about drug dealing taking place in town. Some attested to having witnessed first-hand drug deals occurring on town property. Some citizens recommended that the Town's code enforcement step up their efforts to combat the drug presence in Crestone, but the Board reminded them that as they are not trained police officers, they are not equipped to deal with these situations. Members of the community suggested the following potential remedies: surveillance cameras, a public call to action, a community meeting, hiring more code enforcers, and a neighborhood watch system operated and managed via a phone app.

As a community, we must all work together, so we remind you to call 911 immediately if you see any criminal activity. Trained law enforcement personnel have noted at past Board meetings that they cannot help if observers do not report the incidents and give details.

Other information

Crestone is a statutory town, incorporated in 1902, and now home to approximately 149 residents living in an eight-square block area. It has a Mayor-Trustee form of government. The seven elected officials are Trustees Diane Bairstow, Terry Gorgen, Kizzen Laki, Adam Kinney, Sam Pace, Bob Prather and Mayor Kairina Danforth, who meet at least

once per month for a board meeting.

You can contact them via email links from our website at townofcrestone.org under the "contacts" tab. They may also be met with individually during their "Hear to Listen" sessions held every first Monday of the month from 10am-noon at the Cloud Station, 222 S. Cottonwood Street.

Board of Trustees meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 9:30am in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 111 S. Alder St.

Planning Commission meetings are held in the same room the first Monday of each month at 5pm.

Crestone has status as a Court of Record with a municipal judge presiding, and court is held every even month on the third Friday at 10am in the meeting room as well.

The next court date is August 17, 2018. Court dockets will be posted outside the meeting room door at the S. Alder St. entrance.

Agendas and public notices are posted in the following public locations:

The locked bulletin boards outside the Town Hall front door at 108 W. Galena Ave., outside the meeting room at 111 S. Alder St., and inside the Post Office lobby. Online locations include the Town of Crestone 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 at 719- 256-4313 or email your request to townhalloffice@gmail.com.

We strive to go beyond state-mandated requirements to make information and postings readily available in multiple locations.

The Crestone Museum and Welcome Center at 240 N. Cottonwood St. will be open this summer on Saturdays 10-4, Sunday 10-4, and Tuesday through Thursday from 1-4.

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 to schedule a pick up; leave weeds and brush piles next to the road in one pile.

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POA NEWS

Piecing together the communication puzzle

by **Fedrica Solano-Clark**,
BGPOA Communications Director

Great communication is more than just talk, especially when it comes to the Baca Grande Property Owners Association. It is Board members, volunteers, members, POA staff and the community at large. It is exchanging information, thoughts and ideas. When communication is done well, challenges get faced, questions get answered and community spirit becomes stronger. Done poorly, however, it's a recipe for chaos.

As your Baca Grande Property Owners Association, we are constantly improving our operations and our amenities, we have offered amazing community classes, and we have a wonderful crew of volunteers and staff here at the POA. However, we were missing a piece of the puzzle: sharing. Although incredible things had been going on, not enough people knew.

When it comes to communica-

tion, the right tools make all the difference. Developing a strategy to make sure that our members have the information they are needing is something we are tackling head-on at the Baca Grande POA. Specific circumstances require unique forms of communications, so we are setting up a plan with the goal of consistency. With the help of a new website, social media, and community meetings, as well as utilizing the tools we have been working with such as newsletters, e-mail blasts and surveys, we can offer our members a thorough mix of transparency through communications to bring our community closer together.

So what goes into that mix? Our website is being redesigned to be a reliable source of news and visual media, reporting on all of our recent events and presenting a detailed schedule of our future projects. We will be sending out a quarterly newsletter to members and keeping you informed on POA

activities and happenings with monthly articles. We are also planning many more amazing community events, classes and meetings with a goal to make new connections, open lines of communication and form new relationships and to make for a safer and more trusting environment where people experience a greater sense of cohesion and connectedness. This is being put together with you, our members, in mind.

And today, despite all of the challenges of our information world, this great communications adventure goes on . . . keeping us busy working late into the night, making us more eager than ever to bridge the gap. But in the end, you are a part of this adventure too. We are listening to members and ask-

ing questions to find out what information you feel is important and what areas where you feel communication is lacking. This will help us to direct communication efforts. We use this feedback to set up a system that works for our community.

Members are encouraged to become involved in the POA. By serving on a committee, attending events, liking our Facebook page or sharing a post, these are all ways to become involved in the Baca Grande POA.

Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/bacapoa](https://www.facebook.com/bacapoa) or online at bacapoa.org.

You can contact our communications director at communications@bacapoa.org.

New BGPOA Communications Director

Hello! I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. I am Fedrica Solano-Clark, the new Director of Communications here at Baca Grande Property Owners Association. I am incredibly humbled and honored to have the opportunity to advance BGPOA's mission by fostering relationships among our diverse people and organizations, to serve the owners of the Baca Grande by acting to preserve, protect and to strengthen the cohesive nature of our community.

A little about me: I come from a long line of farmers, teachers, artists, philanthropists and altruists. The principal of conscious growth and equitable benevolence are tenets that I continue to value highly. Personally I follow a positive energy approach in my daily life. I have been an active participant in local non-profit organizations. I have held many successful volunteer positions throughout my life, ranging from youth programs to working for survivors of domestic violence that entailed assisting to expand the capacity of the organization by developing and expanding client relationships, as well as building and strengthening alliances between city stakeholders and the nonprofit community.

Through years of entrepreneurial experience and decades of working in customer service-oriented businesses I have gained invaluable knowledge and experience in development, operations and project management as well as community outreach and coalition building.

As someone who supports inclusiveness, genuinely welcomes and celebrates diverse voices and perspectives and enjoys working in a learning-centered environment, I am excited in the potential that this position holds. I look forward to building upon the Baca Grande's many amenities and community offerings as well as initiating others and overall expand the capacity of the organization to advance its mission and vision.

The Baca Grande is a melting pot of diversity. We are all neighbors, co-workers, friends and family. What a wonderful exuberance of rural life! On any given day, one will see a tableau of vibrancy, the combination of economic growth, natural resources, and the resiliency and tenacity of the people who choose to be a part of this place we call home.

I am lucky to be a part of a fantastic team and an inspiring community. I am excited to meet with our members and work together to explore the challenges that can make a true, profound difference.

I sincerely welcome you along for what will be a very engaging and fulfilling ride. I look forward to meeting you and working with you to further strengthen and galvanize an amazing community.



CALL FOR CANDIDATES

For the October 19, 2018 Board of Directors Election

There will be three (3) vacancies on the Board of Directors of the POA this fall. Any Member in Good Standing is eligible to become a candidate. There are two ways that a candidate may be qualified to run for a Director position.

1. Submit an application through the Nominating Committee. Please contact the POA Office to obtain a Candidate Packet.
2. Obtain a petition with twenty-five (25) signatures of Members in Good Standing; petitions must be submitted to the Board of Directors sixty-five (65) days prior to the annual election and vetted by the POA Office prior to that date.

The date of the election and Annual Members' Meeting is Friday, October 19, 2018.

Interested Candidates must submit their materials to the Nominating Committee through the POA Office by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Please call the POA Office with any questions, 719-256-4171.

CALL FOR ELECTION TELLERS

For the October 19, 2018 Board of Directors Election

The Baca Grande POA is looking for at least two (2) Tellers to count ballots for this year's Board of Director's election.

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in several rounds of successful litigation, said, "This proposal flagrantly violates federal laws and the developers' own agreement to subject any access request to federal scrutiny. We are disappointed the Forest Service will not honor the binding settlement agreement and federal court orders. Should the Forest Service cave to pressure, we will take the steps necessary to protect the National Forest."

Not only is the Forest Service bulling ahead in violation of legal decisions, it is cutting out the public in its latest decision. The Forest Services hopes to prevent the public from reviewing new biological information by fast tracking the approval process.

Local advocates and conservationists are particularly concerned about the project's massive impacts to one of Colorado's last best places. "What part of creating a massive development in the middle of one of the last remaining core habitat areas in the Southern Rockies do the developers not understand?" said Christine Canaly, Director of the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council.

cil. "What will it take for common sense to prevail in providing a lasting legacy to future generations of the public, over building a private enclave that enables ecological ruin at the Rio Grande headwaters?"

Conservation organizations battling this development for over a decade expected the Forest Service might capitulate to the continued demands by developers for access. "We anticipated backroom pressure to bend to the billionaires' demands, hence over 2,300 people recently contacted Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor Dan Dallas, encouraging him to stand up for the public interest," said Tehri Parker, Executive Director of Rocky Mountain Wild. "We are disappointed he chose the wishes of a Texas developer over local forest protection advocates."

"Once again, it falls to the public to demand protection of Wolf Creek Pass, a place long cherished by generations of visitors and residents alike," said Jimbo Buickerood, Lands Program Manager at San Juan Citizens Alliance. "Though the Forest Service might be inclined to renege on its stewardship responsibilities, we are ready to insist on compliance with the law and the public's will."



The area on the east side of the Sangre de Cristo mountains and east of the Great Sand Dunes National Park that is proposed for oil & gas development.

Proposed Huerfano County oil & gas leases—as seen from above

*by May Engquist,
SLV Ecosystem Council*

Recently I was on a small airplane flying over the Great Sand Dunes to the Huerfano valley where the BLM has proposed 18,000 acres of oil and gas leases which were to be offered at their next mineral auction in September. The flight was made possible by EcoFlight. Our pilot that day was Bruce Gordon, the founder of EcoFlight, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization offering flights to journalists, conservationists and policy makers. Looking at the land from above offers a better understanding of the geology of an area.

Concerns about the effects of oil and gas exploration, normally using fracking techniques, prompted my desire to see the landscape. Aboard was a geologist, Amos Mace, whose family has ranched in the Huerfano for decades. He explained the effects on drainage and water sources to the four passengers aboard. Effects that raise deep concern for the citizens down the drainage who are threatened with possibly contaminated water. The Huerfano river is a tributary to the Arkansas river.

Our view was of the unique area that exists here of unspoiled nature. The air quality and high rating for quietude makes it a very special place to experience the wildness and

remoteness in this landscape.

The Navajo Nation has recently stepped in and requested a formal consultation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), because they own part of Wolf Springs Ranch, right next to where some of these leases are being proposed. The September lease sale has been deferred until the consultation is completed.

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Bob Slaughter plays Shumei Aug. 26

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Bob has blossomed into a prolific songwriter, painting poetic perspectives of conscious possibilities for our planetary situation, woven in musical and harmonious complexities.

From garage bands of the 60s, to the back-to-the-land movement

of the 70s, exodus from Dallas to organic gardening, solar energy experiments, hippy community, midwifery, babies. As Bob carried his guitar into the woods, reggae emerged as the conscious musical expression for the people of the world. As the new millennium unfolded, an eclectic reality blossomed into vast musical genres & fusions. And music, still as much as ever, is the weapon of choice, continuing to express universal truths and sounding the call for conscious change. And the back beat of reggae still courses through the veins of Bob's music.

Please join us for an afternoon of excellent entertainment. For more information visit www.shumeicrestone.org or call 719-256-5284.

Great Sand Dunes free summer events

Great Sand Dunes invites visitors to participate in free events through early September. Events include bird walks, the annual Junior Ranger Day, historical reenactments and cultural demonstrations, an artist workshop, and an amateur astronomy night. All events are free of charge; entrance fees into the park are \$20 per vehicle and valid for 7 days.

August

Great Sand Dunes will celebrate Junior Ranger Day on Saturday, August 4 from 9am to 1pm at the South Ramada Picnic Area, adjacent to the Dunes Parking Area. Upon completion of activities, Junior Rangers will earn prizes such as T-shirts, patches, and a pedometer. This event is made possible with generous support from Friends of the Dunes and the staff and volunteers at Great Sand Dunes. Entrance fees will be waived in honor of this event.

Join San Luis Valley historian Jack Rudder at the visitor center on Saturday, August 11 from 11am to 3pm to discover a lesser-known chapter in San Luis Valley heritage. Jack Rudder will create a mountain man encampment with numerous items that would have been used by mountain men in this area.

On Saturday, August 18, join Jay and Esther Clark and other historical reenactors at the visitor center between 11am and 3pm, followed by a more formal presentation from 7pm and 8pm at the outdoor amphitheater to learn about the daily life of Buffalo Soldiers. Buffalo Soldiers served their country by protecting area settlers and American Indians while stationed at Fort Garland and patrolling the San Luis Valley.

September

On Saturday, September 8, Great Sand Dunes will host their second annual Amateur Astronomy Night from 8:30pm to 11pm at the South Ramada Picnic Area near the Dunes Parking Lot. Telescopes will be set up for planetary and deep sky object viewing and ranger-led tours of the sky will kick off the event. Throughout the evening, rangers and volunteers will serve cosmic cocoa and lead educational activities to learn more about constellations and planets. Astronomers of all levels are invited to Great Sand Dunes to share their telescopes and unique astronomy experiences. Warm clothing, rain gear, head lamps with red lights, and sturdy shoes are recommended.

Celebrate the Year of the Bird with a birding hike along Mosca Pass Trail on Saturday, September 15 from 4pm to 5pm. Join Joe LaFleur, author and bird enthusiast, for a guided bird walk that features hands-on identification of migrant and resident birds in habitats including forest, creek and meadow. Beginners are welcome, ages 10 and up; bring binoculars and good walking shoes.

For more information on special events at Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, visit www.nps.gov/grsa or call the visitor center at 719-378-6395.

Ongoing, August-October

Free afternoon, sunset and evening ranger programs will be offered from July to October, throughout the summer and fall at various park locations. The park will also offer solar scope viewings on the back porch at the visitor center on Thursday through Sunday afternoons. Visit the park visitor center, check the park website at www.nps.gov/grsa, or call the visitor center at 719-378-6395 for a full schedule of ranger programs, including start times and locations. The visitor center is open, 8:30am to 5pm, daily through the summer and fall.

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Summer Fun & Events *

See artists in action at the Crestone Artisans Gallery

July was a great month for the gallery. We had our "Art of the Brunch" event and gave away a \$125 painting by Paula Hudson. Susanna Ortego won the watercolor of a gingerbread house in Georgetown. She was delighted since she had once lived in Georgetown. The food, mimosas and music were terrific. And, in spite of the road work being done just outside, people managed to find their way to our fine art and festivities.

We have another wonderful event in August! It is our annual "Artists in Action" with artists set up on the gallery porch demonstrating their skills on August 11 from 4 to 6. There will be great food, drink and music as usual. Patrick Moore will be donating the prize art for the drawing.

Our Artist of the Month of August displaying on "The Big Grey Wall" is long-time member Patrick Moore. He is an excellent photographer and painter. He's been painting since he was a child. His mother was his first teacher. His love of our beautiful country is apparent in his work. Look at his paintings and feel the sweeping distances and grandeur of our land. His photographs can make you feel you are waking to a morning full of promise. He puts himself into each one of his creations and you can feel it. Patrick will be donating one of his creative pieces to the drawing. Come and get a ticket; perhaps you will be the lucky winner.

Have you seen Lynn Drake's new bird houses? She is generally known for her pottery but has started playing with glass. Her glass-covered birdhouses are really remarkable. They are more pieces of art than functional birdhouses—

any bird using one would have to wipe his feet! Jim Moore is back for the summer and has some new pottery. I particularly like his new small sculptures. Come in and see the howling wolf.

Drop in anytime; we look forward to seeing you.



Matie Belle Lakish in her beautiful Baca garden. She is the founder and organizer of "The Garden as Art: an Art in the Garden Tour". photo by Ron Dessain

The Garden as Art: an Art in the Garden Tour happens August 5

by Matie Belle Lakish

The Garden as Art: an Art in the Garden Tour is almost here! On Sunday, August 5, from 11am to 3pm, you can visit several local gardens to discover what our local gardeners have learned about coping with drought, using greenhouses to extend the growing season, and growing challenging but tasty veggies in a cold, dry climate. Pick up your guide and map at the Crestone Artisans Gallery on the morning of the tour.

What are the best ways to improve a sand dune to turn it into garden soil? What veggies give you the best nutritional reward for your time in our climate? What about the deer? And those bears? How can you create a beautiful landscape on a rocky hillside? How can you grow a variety of fruits at 8,000 ft? These are only some of the myriad gardening questions you might get insights into by going on this tour.

The other reward is beauty. Each garden will also feature at least one artist. In some cases, the artist is also a gardener. Take Shahna's Studio Moresca for instance. As a well-known sculptor in copper, her garden will feature copperwork illuminations throughout the garden, while also helping us

understand how to grow food and flowers on a fairly steep hillside. At Heather and Dawn's garden, you will get music by Meryl Ennis, as well as some great ideas for keeping critters at bay. The photograph above is one example of the photography available for viewing at Matie Belle's garden. Stock up on Ron Dessain's cards while you are there. Have you seen Noah Baen's latest paintings? His work will be available at the Savitri House garden, where you can also see how the stock-tank garden is doing. At Kizzen and Janet's and friends' cooperative garden, view Janet's watercolors and cards as well as checking out some of the best soil in the area.

Puzzled by how to grow food in a desert? This year has tied some records for dry years. While we are seeing some showers and higher humidity now, we are not "out of the woods" in terms of drought. Almost every garden will be demonstrating some type of irrigation. Improve your understanding of how to grow food in a desert, and brush up on some artful techniques of surviving and thriving in our high mountain desert by joining us for a fun afternoon on Sunday, August 5. For more information call Matie Belle, 719-256-4252.



Blue Mountain by Patrick Moore.

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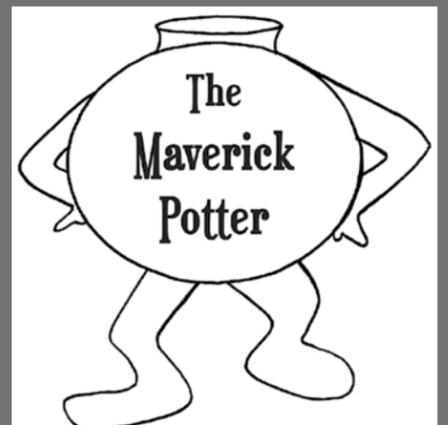
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* Summer Fun & Events

Rites of Nature

Explore your inner relationship with nature through art with Christine Canaly, Noah Baen and Jennifer Thomson on Saturday, September 8, 9:30am to 4:15pm. Here's the schedule:

- 9:30 to 10:30 – Intro: Some ways to intersect activism with the natural world with Chris
- 10:30 – Snack
- 10:50 to 12:30 – Painting & drawing inspired by color with Jennifer
- 12:30 to 1:30 – Veggie lunch
- Afternoon will be in North Crestone Campground and trailhead
- 1:45 to 3:15 – Landscape installation art work with Noah
- 3:15 to 4:15 – What's on the horizon? Bridging the practical and creative. Closure with Chris

Cost: \$45; RSVP, pay on arrival with check or cash.

For location & information please contact Sun Studio, Crestone, sunstudio.thomson1@gmail.com, 719-937-7694.

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Who was that masked man? (and friends) Look for clues and a map to track them down in the 2018 Open Studio Tour catalog and the September Eagle. photo by Don Calledare



Baca National Wildlife Refuge wetlands.

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- Thursday August 23 Baca Refuge/Ranch History
- Thursday September 6 (A look into the Future) Baca Refuge proposed public uses what, where and when

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Open Studio Tour & preview reception coming in September

It's on its way. The 7th Annual CrestoneArtists.com Open Studio Tour will soon be here. On September 22 and 23, from noon to 5pm each day, 15 artists will invite the public to view their work in their workspaces.

Meet the artists at Bob's Place the preceding evening, Friday September 21, from 5 to 7pm, at a sampler exhibit and reception.

In early August look for the free 12-page full-color catalog with maps and images by each artist, available throughout the area and at www.crestoneartists.com. Call 256-4182 for more information.

Sun Studio art presentation August 13

Join us at 7:30pm at Earth Tribe Studio to hear about Winifred Nicholson (1893-1981), and her life and see slides of her work, with Ammi, Jennifer, Noah, Richard, and Bruce.

She loved color and nature. Winifred's creativity had a strong spiritual element. Although she was a student of Christian Science for most of her adult life, her spirituality was wide-ranging and open. In India, she studied Hindu and Buddhist writers and at the end of her life was reading the *Tibetan Book of the Dead* and *Bhagavad Gita*. This broad mindedness was a reflection of her character and art . . . a free spirit.

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Sun Studio art presentation with Katie Schwerin

August 25 at 7:30pm at Sun Studio, Katie Schwerin will present *Colored Shadows* using a shadow puppet stage, set up with colored lights. Katie creates abstract, color forms that move dance-like to music.

Katie is a former Waldorf class teacher whose main work is co-leading with her family the WS Badger Company; however, her passion is art.

Shakti Sharanam special events

“Wise Old Women” on Friday Aug 10, 9am. Gentle Yoga embracing and celebrating feminine wisdom, breath oriented. No boys allowed. Offered by donation but *please* RSVP as space is limited! Annie, 719-256-5668.

“Grumpy Old Men” is back, again, by popular demand, Sunday, Aug 12, 9am. Specially formulated class for guys who think they can’t do Yoga. No experience preferred, no bendy women allowed! By donation but *please* RSVP as space is limited! 719-256-5668.

“Yogic Cooking Workshop” on Saturday, August 25, 3-8 pm. Comprehensive course includes theory, very hands-on preparation, and a serious feast! Great introduction to Sattvic Cooking based on Ayurvedic principles. This workshop will focus on “accessories” and simple Sattvic items to have on hand. \$40-\$60 sliding scale, pre-registration required (send check to Annie Pace, Box 1125, or cash live).

More information about Annie and what goes on at Shakti Sharanam can be found at www.shaktisharanam.com.

Now, more than ever, it takes a Village

by Marge Hoglin

The public is invited to is a community potluck and re-organizational meeting at 1pm on Sunday, Sept. 16, at the home of Pat and Don Tullos, 383 N. Chaparral Dr.

Crestone Baca Village, founded in 2011, provides a safety net for elders who might be feeling lonely and isolated and who might need a little extra help, particularly when experiencing illness or injury.

CBV also provides volunteer opportunities for retirees and others seeking to get involved, help others and make a difference. It’s an informal network of folks dedicated to sharing their skills and life experiences to care for one another and build community.

Please come if you are already a member and want to stay connected. Please come also if you are a newcomer or interested in becoming a new member.

Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share; bring your friends and neighbors and bring your ideas about how to strengthen our Village support systems.

For more information, email crestonebacavillage@gmail.com or phone 719-480-8757. Your call will be returned promptly.

New NHN Phone Book

by Mary Lowers

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) Phone Book, aka the best little directory in Crestone, will be going to print at the end of the summer. This little volume is a decade-old publication the sale of which helps fund NHN. NHN is our local non-profit, helping people in crisis in northeastern Saguache County for over 20 years. Locals rely on this phone book for quick, easy access to people, businesses, eateries, entertainment, schools, non-profits, spiritual centers, healers and anything else one might want to find in the greater Crestone/Baca area. Don’t miss the opportunity to be in the 2019-2020 phone book! Ad space is still available. You can sign up at Crestone Mercantile or find more information at nhncrestone.org.



“Best In Show” Awarded to Shumei for their 4th of July Float



Featured artist Yvonne Halburian with her paintings

Saguache Art Festival happens August 18

Yvonne Halburian is this years’ featured artist for the Saguache Art Festival. Yvonne is a well respected artist in the San Luis Valley and has shown her work in galleries around southern Colorado and the southwestern US.

You can enjoy seeing her work during the festival being held this year on August 18 in Saguache, Colorado. Visitors can explore several venues and visit with artists displaying their work for the day. Savor the fare offered by Saguache’s eateries, and discover antique treasures in addition to the arts and crafts displayed by artists from around central Colorado. “Walkaround” maps will be available to guide visitors. This is the ninth year for this event generously sponsored by the Saguache Chamber of Commerce and organized by the artist community.

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Community Calendar—August 2018

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If you would like more information on any of the below events, please consult our online calendar at www.crestoneeagle.com/calendar.

It's free and easy to place an item on our online calendar any time of month. Just fill out the form at www.crestoneeagle.com/myevent.

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

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To list your event in the upcoming edition of the *Eagle*, please submit it by the 22nd of the month via our website, www.crestoneeagle.com/myevent (preferred) ~or~ e-mail to: events@crestoneeagle.com ~or~ submit in writing to PO Box 101, Crestone CO 81131.

Monthly Events

Wednesday, August 1

- BGPOA EAC Covenant Violation Hearings, BG-POA Meeting Room 10am bacapoa.org 256-4171

Saturday, August 4

- Junior Ranger Day@Sand Dunes – Great Sand Dunes Nat'l Park & Preserve 9:00 am-1:00 pm Free www.nps.gov/grsa 719-378-6395
- Bal Gokulam (Children's Program) – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:30 am-12:00 pm www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108
- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Mtn. Valley School 4-6pm Free or donation 719-850-0051

Sunday, August 5

- Art in the Garden Tour – Crestone/Baca gardens 11:00 am-3:00 pm 719-256-4252

Monday, August 6

- Children's Riding Program Session 5 – Baca Grande Stables 8:00 am-10:30 am \$150/session; assistance available 719-256-6200
- Town of Crestone Planning Commission Monthly Meeting, Alder Meeting Room 5-7pm 719-256-4313

Tuesday, August 7

- Dakini Tsok (Feast Offering Potluck) – Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple (Choying Dzong) 6-8pm

Wednesday, August 8

- Teyuna of Sierra Nevada visit SLV, www.teyuna-tour.org

Thursday, August 9

- Sky Astrology Conference – Joyful Journey Hot Springs All Day \$950 <http://skyastrologyconference.com/welcome-sac2/> 206-551-5530
- Baca Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Tour 9am-noon Free 719-256-5527
- Teyuna of Colombia visit Crestone – Crestone Cottonwoods Park 9:00 am
- Rumi Study Circle. All Welcome! – 4:00 pm-6:00 pm nurashkijerrahi.org 719-588-8602

Friday, August 10

- Sky Astrology Conference – Joyful Journey Hot Springs All Day \$950 <http://skyastrologyconference.com/welcome-sac2/> 206-551-5530
- Yoga for Wise Old Women – Shakti Sharanam 9am By donation www.anniepace.com 256-5668
- 4-Day Art Retreat – Sun Studio 9:30 am-4:30 pm \$405. www.jenniferthomson.net 719-937-7694
- Exploring the Drum & World Percussion Class – Earth Tribe Studio 1-1:45pm \$5 719-480-5121

Saturday, August 11

- New Moon – All Day
- Sky Astrology Conference – Joyful Journey <http://skyastrologyconference.com/welcome-sac2/> 206-551-5530
- New Moon Riwo Sangchö & Partial Lunar Eclipse (Outdoor Smoke Offering) – Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple (Choying Dzong) 10-11am
- New-moon Fire Ceremony followed by a meal, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-noon www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108
- Mtn Man Encampment@Great Sand Dunes Nat'l Park 11am-3pm Free www.nps.gov/grsa 719-378-6395

Sunday, August 12

- Sky Astrology Conference, Joyful Journey skyastrologyconference.com/welcome-sac2/ 206-551-5530
- Yoga for Grumpy Old Men – Shakti Sharanam 9am By donation www.anniepace.com 256-5668
- 9 Mile in concert, Cole Park 6pm Free www.almaonline.org
- Mariachi San Luis in concert – Rio Grande Farm Park 6pm Free www.almaonline.org

Monday, August 13

- Crestone Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, Alder Meeting Room 9:30am-5:30pm 719-256-4313
- Art & Life of Winifred Nicholson – Earth Tribe Studio 7:30 pm-8:30 pm free 719-937-7694

Wednesday, August 15

- BGPOA EAC meeting – BGPOA Meeting Room 10:00 am bacapoa.org 719-256-4171
- Crestone End of Life Project & Informed Final Choices open meeting – Little Shepherd Church 7-9pm informedfinalchoices.org 719-588-8602

Thursday, August 16

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

Friday, August 17

- Annual American Haidakhan Samaj Weekend – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-4:30pm www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108

Saturday, August 18

- Annual American Haidakhan Samaj Weekend – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-4:30pm www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108
- Saguache Art Festival, Saguache 10am-4pm
- Buffalo Soldiers@Great Sand Dunes Nat'l Park 11am-3pm Free www.nps.gov/grsa 719-378-6395

Sunday, August 19

- Annual American Haidakhan Samaj Weekend – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:00 am-4:30 pm www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108
- Haidakhandi Universal Ashram Board of Directors meeting – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:00 am www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108
- You Knew Me When in concert – Cole Park 6:00 pm Free www.almaonline.org/

Monday, August 20

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

Thursday, August 23

- Baca Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Tour, 9am-noon Free 719-256-5527
- 4-Day Landscape Painting Retreat, Sun Studio 9:30am-4:30pm \$335. www.jenniferthomson.net 719-937-7694
- Sufi Dhikr. All Welcome! – 4:00 pm-5:30 pm nurashkijerrahi.org 719-588-8602

Saturday, August 25

- Yogic Cooking Workshop, Shakti Sharanam 3-8pm \$40-\$60 www.anniepace.com 719-256-5668
- Colored Shadows presentation – Sun Studio 7:30 pm-8:00 pm free 719-937-7694

Sunday, August 26

- Full Moon – All Day
- Full Moon Riwo Sangchö (Outdoor Smoke Offering), Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple (Choying Dzong) 10-11am
- Full-moon Fire Ceremony followed by a Meal – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:00 am-12:00 pm www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108
- Pema Cho Ling Community Practice & Potluck, Pema Cho Ling Nuns Community 10:30am-12:30pm pemacholingcommunity.org 719-496-0946

Thursday, September 6

- Baca Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Tour – Baca Nat'l Wildlife Refuge 9am-noon Free 719-256-5527

Friday, September 7

- Annual Crestone Energy Fair – Little Pearl Park 6:00 pm-10:00 pm 719-588-1067, 480-5925

Saturday, September 8

- Annual Crestone Energy Fair – Little Pearl Park All Day 719-588-1067, 480-5925
- Amateur Astronomy Night@Great Sand Dunes Nat'l Park 8:30-11pm Free www.nps.gov/grsa 719-378-6395

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

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Real Love Group Fellowship Hall, Little Shepherd Church 1:30 pm-3:30 pm \$2 www.reallove.com 718-480-5514
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5:00 pm-6:45 pm By donation shaktisharanam.com 719-256-5668
- Narcotics Anonymous open meeting marijuana users welcome. Little Shepherd, Galena & Alder, 7:30 pm-8:30 pm 970-309-0710

Wednesday

- Yoga Fundamentals & Refinements Shakti Sharanam 8:30 am-10:00 am By donation shaktisharanam.com 719-256-5668
- AA Meeting The Clubhouse at Lazy KV 7-8 pm

Thursday

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Baptist Church noon-1 pm www.slvaa.org
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5:00 pm-6:45 pm By donation shaktisharanam.com 719-256-5668

Friday

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

Saturday

- Narcotics Anonymous Step Study open meeting. Little Shepherd, Galena & Alder, 9-10am.
- Crestone Saturday Market Kathi McCallum 10am-4:45 pm \$5.00/vendor, www.crestonecan.org/satmart 303-715-0356



The annual 4th of July celebration in Crestone was a fabulous time.

photos & collage by Lori Nagel

Out & About with Lori Sunflower

What does being in the vortex mean to you?



Posey Nelson

When we bought our property here in 2006 and began spending time, the vortex didn't really mean much to me. We'd lived 20 years in Crested Butte, where skiing and nature were our religion! I'd visited Sedona years ago, but it didn't leave much of an impression on me, maybe because I was with my three young children, so I wasn't able to really experience it. However I've always sort of been interested in that kind of thing and I've always really believed in the power of the earth and the magic places of the earth. We moved here mainly for the beauty of the mountains and the freedom of the building codes. We've lived here permanently since 2012, and as the years have passed, I've come to believe there really is a huge spiritual vortex here, and that there's sort of a portal to the other dimensions somewhere up above our mountains. It's not hard to believe there would be a true spiritual vortex here because of all the high rinpoches, lamas and high masters of religion who live here, or even if they're beyond life, seem to inhabit this area, sorta. The more you explore some of the amazing religions here, like Shumei, or currently with me it's Buddhism, the easier it is to believe there's definitely a higher spiritual energy here. I envision it as a vortex coming from the crystals in our water, our aquifer, and winding in a fluid line of energy up through the mountains and up into the sky through a portal into another dimension of the highest realms. I haven't had any real proof. When we first moved here, there were a lot of crazy characters around here, like the guy you'd meet at the Laughing Buddha who insisted he was an angel on this plain and would talk about nothing but angels and his angel friends; or hermits who lived in caves here that you'd meet at the Shambala restaurant and they'd talk your ear off. I think some of those peo-

ple are leaving, or there aren't as many of them around that you run into downtown—those people who really, really believe in the vortex, who believe they were brought here from the vortex. But I think a lot of people, especially people who've been around here for a long time, do believe there's a higher spiritual energy here. Interdimensional portals and up-flowing vortices aside, one thing I am sure of is that there is plenty of Sacred Earth Energy in our Crestone valleys and Sangre peaks.



Ginny Ducale

Being in the vortex is like being caught in a downward spiral, like I would get lost and sucked in, possibly down; and if that is true, that's the opportunity for me to zero in on myself. To spiral in is to surrender to an inner force that can actually steal my head and through that I can see my inner being. I feel I'm not there very often, but since there's so much in the outer world areas, I feel they are much more fascinating than my inner being is, so the question is, how does one stay inside a vortex of the self? This is the most exciting study and practice I've thought about in a long time. It reminds me of how powerful and fully fulfilling I am. I learned most of it through Sri Aurobindo's writings and of course I'm grateful for that. The idea that my whole potential and fulfillment in existence is encapsulated inside of me; like looking into myself is hard when my eyes are focused out. So, to turn the telescope in and see stuff manifesting, it can be at a higher vibration in the vortex; to be in a realm where I can see the eternal self and my complete self and all that holds for me in my relation to the world, and to let all excesses fall away. Now my potential past, present and future are presented to me to behold and unfold. I feel that I've been for years on the back of a bullet speeding way faster than the speed of light, and so now it's almost shaky for me to slow down and get still and centered, but it's very enlightening.



Kelly Sheffield

I feel like Crestone is a spiritual vortex in what I've observed, and it's been really interesting to be exposed to all the different cultures in our town. Getting to go to fire ceremonies and spending time at Shumei have been life-changing experiences for me, and have given me an opportunity to find out more about myself. I spend a lot of time in the forest here getting to know about what it's like to be a real human, a real human being on planet Earth, instead of the different roles most people are used to playing in modern society. I'm really looking forward to sharing that with my dad when he comes to visit and I'm a little bit nervous about how he's going to react to it because it's hard to describe. But I feel like he's going to do just fine because we're a lot alike, and hopefully I'll be able to see that in him when he comes. Raising children around here has been a really great experience for me because I feel like it's magical for an adult and for a child. I can't imagine what that would be like to grow up here, just really cool. And I feel great about what I'm doing here and it's given me a lot of freedom in my life. And I'm really, really glad that you decided to interview me and I think that's a really special honor. And thank you so much!



Nick Nevares

Having lived in New Orleans for 18 years, I can say that being in one has a variety of benefits for those who interact with and dissect their waking hours and lives as they would their dreams. The synchronicities and lessons for one's higher self are seemingly al-

ways in clear focus. The air feels kinetic with the potential energy to breathe life into the intentions of the focused adepts and accidentally clear thoughts of others alike. These energy rich places on earth tend to enjoy the presence of humans as our creative force allows that potential to become reality. As such, when we attempt to leave one, there is a palpable emptiness that we feel when we venture into the regular world, which can only again be satisfied when we begin to create in another hotbed of energetic potential.

I don't think necessarily it has to do with Crestone in particular as a vortex because I've lived in New Orleans, I've lived in a vortex before as well, and it is that palpable feeling of emptiness when you leave. There's a very famous song called "Do You Know What It Means to Leave New Orleans?" And it's because people feel very empty when they leave. Similarly here, when you leave Crestone you feel very lost, almost like, "Oh my God, what's happening?" And when you come back, similarly to New Orleans, you're able to feel that energy creating through you again. You sort of feel back at home.



Gordon Chu

I've lived here for over 20 years now and I've always known about the vortex, but I never really felt anything different. I just always felt really comfortable here. And it drew me here from southern Colorado. I lived in San Luis when I first moved here from California, and I've always just been in love with this valley. The energy here—maybe that's what drew me here is the vortex energy. I was attracted to it like a moth to a flame. Other than that, it's been a very, very beautiful place for me to live. I just feel like I'm in harmony here with the surroundings and I don't socialize much, but it's just been a great place to live. No negative energy for me at all. It's always been positive. I've always been drawn to Crestone. It's been the place for me!

If you have feedback or suggestions for future topics, please email peacelovestudies@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.



Teyuna in the Sierra Nevada.

photo by Teyuna Representative, Mary Gaetjens

Teyuna

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in the tour.

Ginny Villarraga, who is ancestrally linked to the Teyuna through her paternal Arhuaco grandmother, serves as a representative and interpreter for the delegation with Mary Gaetjens. They have formed the Teyuna Foundation to support the Summer Recorrido Tour.

Why are the Teyuna in North America?

The Teyuna see that man-made law legislates from a space of being in conflict, dis-harmony, and often war and thus the Natural order is in disarray.

They come to the North in a family way that is consistent with the heart of Mother Earth in which they dwell. In this place the Law of Origin for the Teyuna is known as the Law of Se. Se originates from all that exists and translates as Spiritual Existence or the Spiritual Principle of Existence. Se is the Universal Law that legislates from the space of being in Harmony. So the Teyuna come to us as an Elder sibling sharing wisdom with the

younger. A mission from the Heart of the Mother herself.

They come to feed Senamkua, to feed Mother Nature and all that live in accordance with the Law of Se, which for the Teyuna is the Law of Balance and Equilibrium. Mother Nature lives fully in accordance with the Law of Balance. This view of the world maintains that Se is also the Law of Knowledge and the Law of Compliance with the laws that maintain the order of the Universe.

Working with the Sacred Waters in North America

The arrival of the Teyuna in the Americas is linked to a myriad of influences within a larger arc of activities on the inner and outer across many thresholds in time and key celestial alignments from the beginning to the end of tour. On July 10, a small group of people entered a Water Training to work with Jatuqua, Mother Water. All participants will go through a process of activation that will increase their awareness and sense of responsibility for the communities of life in which they live, and for the Earth herself. Each student in the water training will receive a Kualama. Kua means to heal, lama means life and with

the roots and stems joined Kualama means to heal life. Not only does Kualama heal the student's life, Kualama carries a vibration that acts as a filter to prepare the student for the Segwa activation.

There are many forms of Segwa in the form of material objects that symbolize the activation and handing over of the various forms of energetic powers. The basic preparation for receiving the Segwa involves three steps: 1) Ordering of the thought process, 2) Ordering of the Spirit, and 3) Ordering of one's personal behavior. There is an alignment sought to the Law of Se in these steps.

The Teyuna and the students in the water training worked with the Jatuqua in the Great Lakes region of the US and in various riparian communities in the Black Hills regions guided by Chief Izzy from July 10-21, 2018. Note the numerous eclipses, retrograde planets and the rare occurrence of all planets aligned to the right side of the

the deeper truth is where the answer lies.

The Teyuna visit is not about elevating a few people. It is about restoring Harmony with Nature. It is not about who is responsible for bringing, hosting or meeting the financial needs of the tour. It is about recognizing where we claim to be aware of Universal Laws, we are responsible for living it.

This is open invitation for all to recognize the power of the moment and to receive the Teyuna as an Elder sibling who holds a greater awareness of Se, and feels the responsibility to the community of life and their younger siblings to help us re-enter the space of harmony with Nature, restore the sacred bonds with Mother Earth and heal the sources of our conflict and disharmony. Make peace with the inner and outer environment.

Auspicious in its timing, on July 9 as the Teyuna arrived, the Town of Crestone by proclamation



Sierra Nevada with a view of Traditional Teyuna Homes.

photo by Teyuna Representative, Mary Gaetjens

Sun on July 19, coinciding with the arrival of the delegation and the water training.

Next stop on the Teyuna Tour: Crestone

Why are the Teyuna coming to Crestone? There is a straight forward response to this question that I can provide as the catalyst for the current form in which they are arriving in Crestone, however

declared August 8, 2018 as the Day of the Teyuna. A day to enter the heart and open a place to receive the gifts of our Elder brothers through silence, contemplation, meditation and communion with Nature, alone, together or a combination of both. There will be an official welcome at the Crestone Cottonwoods Park on August 9 at 9am. All are welcome!

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by Dr. Eric Weiss, MFT

We usually think that we are made by the world. The world, after all, was there before we were born, and will still be there after we are dead. The world has the power to sustain us and to hurt us. Take away water or air, and we die very quickly. So we have a tendency to look for God, if we do look for God, out behind the world around us. God makes the world, and the world makes us.

Sri Aurobindo urges us to look at this situation differently. He suggests that each and every entity in the world, including ourselves, is a form of Divine self-expression. From this perspective, we can locate the Divine by asking the question about our very own origin. Where do we come from? How is it that we, ourselves, emerge into being at each moment of our existence?

So here is the hypothesis. Each one of us, in each moment of our existence, is sourced in the Divine Being. We are, in our very nature, an expression of the Holy One. This makes spiritual practice (which Sri Aurobindo calls yoga) very logical, since it is the process of looking into our own origin to find out our true nature. And since that true nature is the Divine, and since we are made of and by the Divine, we are Divine in our nature.

This month, I suggest that you entertain the hypothesis. Try on the belief that by looking into your own origin in each moment, you can find the One Divine being. You may find a whole coherent world emerging out of that belief.



Luncheon gathering during the American Haidakhan Samaj Annual Weekend which is August 17-19 at the Ashram.

Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

Another busy and wonderful month at the Ashram and the amount of visitors seems to grow daily with the lovely weather. We are praying for rain at our daily fire ceremonies.

The new-moon fire ceremony this month is on Saturday, August 11 and the full-moon fire ceremony is on Sunday, August 26. The fire ceremonies begin at 10am and are followed by a meal. Morning aarati is at 7am and evening aarati is at 6pm. At 8am there is generally a small fire ceremony when we do not have a large one. Call us at 719-256-4108 for proper protocol for attending fire ceremonies, and any other questions.

This month, the American Haidakhan Samaj will have its annual gathering at the Ashram from August 17 through 19. This will be an opportunity to learn more about Shri Babaji, the different projects going on around America, and meet with other kindred souls. Call the Ashram at 719-256-4108 for exact meeting times and topics.

The Maha Lakshmi Shop still has lots and lots of yards of beautiful silks and other yummy fabrics,

which we are selling for only \$2. The Shop 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, wooden carved boxes, and much more. We also have an overflowing amount of gently used clothes, which are 50% off this month. The shop is open every day from 10am until 5pm. We invite you to come in and look around. We deeply appreciate your support. If you mention this article you will receive 10% off your purchase, except for sale items. You may view some of what is in our Shop on our website at <http://mahalaksh mishop.wazala.com>.

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, August 19 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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We crushed it!

Our audit and canvass for the 2018 Saguache County Primary Election was held on July 9.

After all ballots are tabulated, the Secretary of State's Office defines the audit. Ballots are then randomly selected. We had 122 ballots to audit out of the 1397 ballots that were counted. All contests on each of the 122 ballots had to be audited. With the Dominion Voting System, audits are no longer done by a hand count, but rather on a computer which is monitored by the state.

Six election judges and one staff member spent approximately 3 hours completing the audit process. They were required to report all under votes, over votes, blank votes and when to use "no consensus". (Compare that to the 20 election judges and two days it took to accomplish audit results in the 2016 General Election! The new Dominion Voting System makes the difference.)

Shortly after completing the audit we received a personal text

from the Secretary of State's Office, "This is Dwight. You crushed it—zero discrepancies!"

We passed round one on the first go. We were done! Sometimes counties are required to go to round two and audit additional ballots.

Prior to the audit, we also received a phone call from the Secretary of State's Office asking if we thought they needed to make a visit to our county before Election Day. Our reply was, "no". They replied, "We're just checking. We took you off our "dumpster list". We're needed in other counties".

Once again, I applaud our election judges and staff for their incredible teamwork!

July 18 was the last day for counties to complete the canvass and submit the official abstract of votes cast for the Primary Election to the Secretary of State. July 19 was the deadline for counties to upload the final canvass results to the ENR (Election Night Reporting) system. Official results are then posted.

If you have any questions about the audit process please contact our office. Jane, Desiree, Ben, Dominique and I are here to help.

HRRMC's Wellness U offers free Cooking Matters class

Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center's community wellness program, Wellness U, will host a six-week Cooking Matters class on Mondays, Aug. 20-Oct. 1, from 4:30-6:30pm in the hospital's second-floor conference rooms. No class will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 3.

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Sovereignty message received by Earl LeRoy

Lord, tell me about being King. I have established My Kingdom as Sovereign in principal, but limited in rule and reign because I have given dominion to man. I Am the King of the universe, but I Am not the King of everyone's heart.

When I gave man free will, I let him choose whom he will serve. He may serve Me, he may serve the evil one or he may serve himself which is evil. My Kingdom is one of righteousness, self-sacrifice, surrender to good and giving, forgiveness, mercy and most of all—love. That is why I say, the servant is the greatest of all and the humble will be exalted.

The day I rode that donkey into Jerusalem the people were praising and shouting because they thought the king was coming that would make them the rulers

of the world. They were right, in the sense of being rulers of the world, but they did not understand that the kingdom I brought them was in the world, but not of the world. My ways are not as the world's way. The truth is—because I Am the King of the universe, and the earth is My footstool, I Am the Sovereign of everything, but because of My Love, I limit My Sovereignty on the earth to man's choices.

When My Son Jesus became man and walked the earth, he had My Sovereignty in Him. He healed people, set them free from demonic possession, He calmed the storms, and raised the dead, but most of all he gave all those that believed a new life in Him in the Holy Spirit forever! To those who receive and believe in Jesus, I wash white as snow as they repent of their sins, and give them

a new life in the Spirit. They are truly born again of My Holy Spirit. They become My children and live forever in My Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Worldwide sovereignty comes with worldwide agreement. Remember the tower of Babel? I said, "The people is one . . . with one language . . . and nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them." Do you understand how agreement works? To rule the world, the people must endorse your reign. Look at the chaos in the Middle East. If you have people and an army who will

fight for you, you can stay in power. If you do not have people, you are ousted. That is how earthly dominion works.

So for now however, most men will establish a one world rule that will end in chaos and darkness. However, if you stay in Me, you will overcome to the end. You see as long as I rule as Lord and King in your heart, and you hear Me and follow Me, your victory is assured forever as you become the man I created you to be in My Kingdom and fulfill your purpose on earth.

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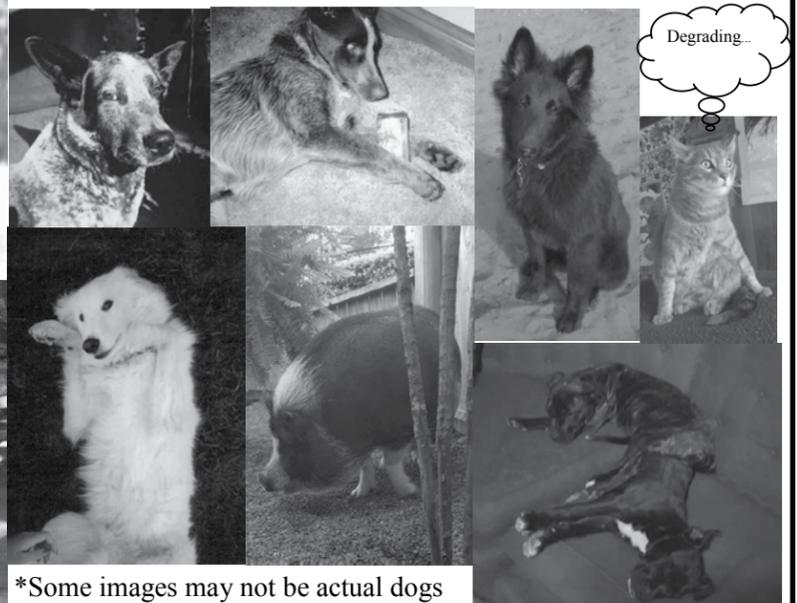
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A bear cub whose paws were burned during the 416 Fire near Durango has healed and is now in a large pen with four other cubs.

Bandages are off for cub hurt in 416 Fire; now in a pen with other orphaned bears

DEL NORTE, Colo. – The bandages are off! A bear cub whose paws were burned during the 416 Fire near Durango has healed very well and no longer needs therapeutic wraps on her feet, Colorado Parks and Wildlife said Friday.

“The burns have healed nicely and at this point I’d say her paws are about 95% healed,” said Michael Sirochman, manager of the Frisco Creek facility who has been treating the cub. “She still has a few nicks on her feet that we’re keeping an eye on so we’ll probably examine her a few more times during the next month.”

On July 18, the cub was taken from a small pen where she’s been isolated for about three weeks and placed in a large pen with four other bear cubs at CPW’s wildlife rehabilitation center in the San Luis Valley.

In late June the cub was spotted by firefighters wandering alone in an area that had been burned in the fire. They called CPW wildlife officers who then captured the bear on June 22; it was taken to the Frisco Creek facility where treatment started the next day. Other than the burns, the bear was in good physical condition.

Sirochman explained that the bear now weighs 26 pounds; it was just 10 pounds when it was brought in. Sirochman applied an ointment and wrapped the bear’s feet in fresh bandages every other day. About two weeks after it arrived, the bear started tearing off its bandages. “When her feet hurt she left them alone. But as she began to feel better she became more active and pulled them off,” Sirochman said.

He applied the bandages for the last time on July 11 but still kept her isolated, continuing to use a “spray on” bandage. “She’s only been with the other bears for a couple of days, but she appears to be settling in with them,” Sirochman said.

The cubs are kept in a large, fully enclosed pen that is equipped with logs, platforms and metal den boxes. Human contact is minimized so that the bears retain their wild instincts. The bears are fed a specially designed feed, but they’re also provided cut branches full of



The cub was spotted by firefighters June 21. Other than burned paws, the bear was in good physical condition.

native berries and some carrion. Sirochman hopes to get the bears’ weight to about 90 pounds so that they’ll have plenty of fat to make it through hibernation.

The bears will continue to be fed a full ration into early December; then the amount will be reduced and stopped completely by the middle of the month. Without food the bears will follow their natural instincts and go into hibernation within a few days. The bears are provided hay which they stuff into the den boxes which measure about five-foot square. Surprisingly, four or five of the bears will all go into the enclosure together. “They really like to bunch up like that,” Sirochman said.

It’s anticipated that in January the bears will be taken to a remote area when there is plenty of snow on the ground and where wildlife officers will build dens using hay bales and tree branches. And when spring comes they’ll emerge from the dens and be on their own to start their lives again as wild bears.

After news of the cub’s rescue, several people made donations to Frisco Creek.

“The contributions were a total surprise and we’re very grateful for and appreciate the support,” Sirochman said. “The money will be put to good use here.”

For more information about bears and Colorado Parks and Wildlife, go to: <http://cpw.state.co.us/>, and <http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Donate.aspx>.

Bears in the hood!

The Crestone Eagle has been getting numerous bear reports. Bears have been sighted in the Baca and in Crestone. We’ve heard of a home break-in in Crestone where a mama bear and cub broke into a home and raided the refrigerator and cabinets, making a huge mess. This same bear likes to hang out in the Baca along South Crestone Creek.

We’ve heard of several other reports of bear break-ins in the Baca. One bear entered a couple’s bedroom during the night by ripping out the open sliding glass door screen. Surprise! Bear by the bed! Lots more reports of bears getting into fenced yards, sheds and trash barrels. Bear visits will only become more common as the bears attempt to add on as many calories as possible before winter. And with this year’s drought, they will be very hungry.

While they may be cute, you really don’t want them in your house. Be Bear Aware. Do not leave any food or trash out. Close downstairs windows at night. Don’t leave food in your cars (really, not a pretty sight). If you have repeated problems with a bear, contact the Division of Wildlife, Monte Vista Office 719-587-6902.

Be bear aware!

from Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Bears are out and about and Colorado Parks and Wildlife encourages residents to take some simple precautions to help avoid human/wildlife conflicts. Here are helpful tips that will help prevent conflicts and keep bears wild:

- Keep garbage in a well-secured location;
- Only put out garbage on the morning of pickup.
- Clean garbage cans regularly to keep them odor free.
- Use a bear-resistant trash can or dumpster, available from your trash hauler or on the Internet.
- If you don’t have secure storage, put items that might become smelly into the freezer until trash day.
- Don’t leave pet food or stock feed outside.
- 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.
- If you must have bird feeders: clean up beneath them every day, bring them in at night, and hang them high so that they’re completely inaccessible to bears.
- Do not feed other wildlife, such as deer, turkeys or small mammals.
- Secure compost piles. Bears are attracted to the scent of rotting food -- and they’ll eat anything.
- Bears have good memories and will return to places they’ve found food.
- Allow grills to burn for a couple of minutes after cooking to burn off grease and to eliminate odors. Clean the grill after each use.
- Clean up thoroughly after picnics in the yard or on the deck. Don’t allow food odors to linger.
- If you have fruit trees, pick fruit before it gets too ripe. Don’t allow fruit to rot on the ground.
- 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 car-camping, secure all food and coolers in a locked vehicle after you’ve eaten.
- Keep a clean camp, whether you’re in a campground or in the back-country.
- When camping in the back-country, hang food 100 feet or more from campsite; don’t bring any food into your tent
- Cook food well away from your tent; wash dishes thoroughly.
- Talk to your neighbors and kids about being bear aware.
- If you keep small livestock, 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 go to the Living with Wildlife section on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife web site: cpw.state.co.us.



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Six ways to prepare for a new school year

(StatePoint) Want to ensure the transition from summer to school goes smoothly for your family? Check out these six tips.

1. Make a smooth transition. Been sleeping in all summer? Now's the time to get your body back into the routine of early mornings. Start slowly, setting the alarm earlier until you reach the time you'll be waking up for the school year. Parents can assist younger kids with this transition.

2. Get the right education tools. From highlighters to USB drives to loose-leaf paper, be sure you have a comprehensive list of all the school supplies and education tools you'll need for a successful year ahead. As far as tech tools like graphing calculators are concerned, opt for those that are jam packed with all the latest features. For example, the Casio fx-CG50 offers the ability to draw three dimensional graphs, such as planes, cylinders and spheres, and view them from various angles in order to better analyze their shape. It also features a cross-section option and a special zoom function for in-depth analysis.

3. Organize your agenda. Make sure everyone is ready for the busy year ahead. Plan your children's participation in after school activities. Then, display rel-

evant items on a calendar where the whole family can see it to ensure no one misses a club meeting, rehearsal or team practice.

4. De-stress. The hectic back-to-school season can create tension and stress. Encourage hobbies that help students unwind as the school year gets back into full swing. For beginners of music, check out new tools that can make the learning process fun and easy, such as Casio's LK-265 keyboard, which features an LCD display that shows both music notation and correct hand positioning.

5. Get healthy. Crowded classrooms are a good place to pick up germs. Keep kids healthy with a daily multivitamin, plenty of fresh fruits and veggies and lots of sleep. Regular exercise is also an immunity booster, so encourage kids to get active.

6. Adapt to new school resources. Families aren't the only ones getting ready for back to school. Districts are incorporating the latest tech into classroom learning. Such tools include Casio LampFree Projectors, an eco-friendly technology that gives educators the ability to control the projector from a smartphone or tablet, expanding their ability to create and deliver dynamic lesson plans.

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Restorative Justice at the Crestone Charter School

by Louise-Marie Baker

Imagine a practice that builds trust and safety within communities and restores human connection through communication. This practice is called Restorative Justice (RJ). The Crestone Charter School (CCS) received a four year Expelled and At-Risk Student Services (EARSS) grant from the Colorado Department of Education to implement RJ, beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.

CCS has recently started this process by hiring Stephanie "Orca" Ross as the Restorative Practices Coordinator who will lead this program through the four years of its implementation.

Orca has worked at the CCS the past three years. During her time at CCS she has worked as an AmeriCorps service member, a classroom aide, and the K-8 PE Teacher. In addition to committing her time to better the CCS community, she has also dedicated her life to the youth, holistic healing art and healthy relationship building. Orca writes "I believe that if we want to change the world, we must change the way we relate to each other, starting with our young ones. We must speak from an honest heart, ready to give and receive love, listen to each other and be responsible for one another". What she says is, in short, how Restorative Justice achieves its goal, which is described on the Colorado Restorative Justice website as "making a concerted effort to support the development of Restorative Practices in Schools that train, implement and practice with fidelity and consistency over the long term".

The practice works to repair the harm that has been done to an individual and their community by transforming the relationship between the victim and offender. This is done by using the five R's of restorative practices: Relation-

ship, Respect, Responsibility, Repair, and Reintegration.

RJ is holistic and truthful at its core; Orca will be a compassionate, innovative, and trustworthy coordinator we already look up to. Excited to continue working with CCS in this new way, bringing a humane and warming element to the center of wrongdoing for healing and reconnection, she writes: "I am honored and ready for this task to serve CCS, the children and community. I am grateful to usher in this most healing of practices into our district!".



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The greatest hope of RJ at CCS for the next few years is that parents, family, friends, and community members will be supportive in this valuable transition, and accept the wholehearted invitation to participate in the opportunities provided to discover what RJ can do for our school, community, and world. Together we can shape a new culture for the youth of this world.



Present and Creative hosted a weaving class for young people taught by local weaver Kathy Strathearn.

Latino Community Foundation of Colorado Expands Reach to Alamosa with regional forum August 7

The Latino Community Foundation of Colorado (LCFC) will be hosting a regional forum entitled the Force of a United Voice, La Fuerza de Una Voz Unida. This is the first LCFC Telling Our Story forum to be held in Alamosa, as this nonprofit expands its reach through all parts of Colorado to engage with more local community members.

Registration for this inaugural event is open to the public at <https://www.tellingourstoryforum.com/registration>.

Contact Diana Aldapa-Fonseca at 303-398-7405 or dafonseca@rcfdnever.org for questions, or if you would like to be considered for discounted or free registration.

The forum will be held Tuesday, August 7, noon-3pm at Richardson Hall, Adams State University, 208 Edgemont Blvd., Alamosa, CO.

Annually, the LCFC conducts a forum to convene community leaders, policy and decision makers, and stakeholders to address an issue that is pertinent to the community. In addition to the statewide forum in Denver on September 15, this year they are holding three mini-forums throughout Colorado (Alamosa, Glenwood Springs, and Fort Morgan) to provide expanded opportunities for Latinos.

This year's forums will focus on igniting and building the civic power in Latino communities by equipping participants with traditional civic engagement tools as well as other non-traditional tools that incorporate the arts, culture, storytelling and narrative building.

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For the last 29 years, members of Crestone’s community have volunteered to coordinate the Crestone Energy Fair for everyone to gather and explore our future together. Our collective participation in these types of gatherings spawn the vital new cultural shifts that guide the realignment of our communities. Let’s come together and celebrate, creating our energy future . . . for seven generations . . . 7G!

This event takes a village! What is your vision of the future? How will we make the transitions necessary to get from here to there? What unique skills & resources do you have to offer? *We need your help!*

- Volunteer for one of our committees: Sponsorship, PR, Safety, Community Activities, Sanitation/Recycling/Composting, Community Potluck, Vendors/Booths, Music & Entertainment

- Sponsor the Energy Fair

- Set-up up as a vendor/booth: vendor, information, non-profit, healing or food booth

- Offer a workshop, presentation, class, art or music

- Donations—make a monetary donation to help us support the event

- Food Donations—we need food donations for the Friday Opening Reception & Saturday’s Community Potluck

Festivities will be held in the town of Crestone in Little Pearl Park, Crestone Brewery and the Cloud Station. Our Opening Reception begins Friday evening, 9/7 at 5pm to honor past event

organizers. This will be followed by music headliners: Valley Cats, MetaMyth, and Elf Arrow at the Cloud Station.

Saturday is filled with alternative energy & building demonstrations, vendors, artists, musicians, healers, and a community potluck from 5-7pm. Some of this year’s offerings include: Local & Regional Craft & Food Vendors, Goat Husbandry and Milking, Amazonian Breathwork w/ Ceremonial Cacao with WorldChangers, Tai Chi & Qi-Gong, Cholki-Sacred Calendar Workshop, Youth Art Activities, Living Outdoors Survival Skills workshop, Energy Efficiency Guidelines booth, Perma-Compost Solar Toilet Demonstration, Composting workshop, Solar Cooking demonstration, Building Old World Greenhouse style using Permaculture Principles, Straw Bale Construction, Hemp in the San Luis Valley presentation, Human Biome Design and the Solar Village, Ecstatic Dance . . . and much more!

WorldChangers Organization is one of our major hosts for this year’s event—a 501(c)3 public charity that is developing a Transformational School for spiritual growth and self-actualization. Their mission is to share inner peace with the people of planet Earth at this key point in time. They have an off-grid retreat center called the Dream House here in Crestone that is dedicated to sustainable living and cultivating practices for positive transformation. More information can be found at <https://worldchangers.us>.

Saturday’s music lineup includes: Jack and Kemba, Barry Monroe, Chronic Joy, CB Jazz, Waverly Road, The Audience, River’s Edge and Headliners Jah Kings and YashAkasha.



A sun oven demonstration at a previous Energy Fair.



The Energy Fair in 2013 included a strawbale building demonstration.



An earth ship building demonstration at the Crestone Energy Fair in 2017.



Elaine, David, and Paula, on behalf of the Crestone Creative District, presented a \$1,000 donation check to some members of this year’s Crestone Energy Fair committee. The event will be held the weekend of Sept. 7-9 and will include alternative energy and living demos, presentations, local home tours w/shuttle, community potluck, music, food, performance, arts, intentional ceremony and more! L to R: Elaine Johnson, David Scott, Paula Hudson, Nathan Good, Paul Shippee, Ginny Ducale, Mary Lowers, Lisa Bodey.

photo by Lori Nagel

Paul Shippee will be leading Sunday’s Home Tour starting at 10am which includes 5-7 completed and under-construction homes. This is a “Solar & Alternative Building Home Tour,” which covers all things solar, as well as alternative building methods such as straw bale, rammed earth, adobe plasters, radiant floor heating, attached greenhouse for food growing & heating, climate battery, thermal mass and other nonconventional features. Other workshops and discussions are being considered for Sunday in town.

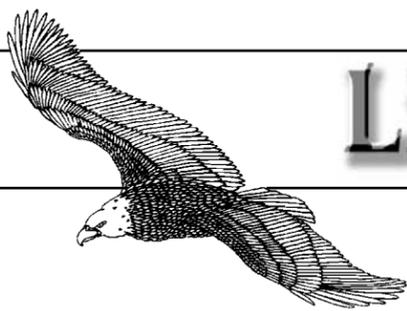
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Limited camping is available for out-of-town guests and presenters who would like inexpensive accommodations close to town for \$10 per tent site.

Please visit our Facebook Event page under Crestone Energy Fair at www.facebook.com/events/929097523917987 to see a list of all Committee Leads and areas where you can plug in. For more information about this year’s event, please contact:

Nathan Good, 719-588-1067, shangrilahstove@gmail.com; or Lisa Bodey, 719-480-5925, flaminglotuscreations@gmail.com.



Living on the Earth

Jah Kings and Sovereign Sol Society create in Crestone

by Mary Lowers

Our community continues to flower and produce creative expressions to inspire and move us through these challenging times. The Jah Kings, who have been sending out their musical message under the creative leadership of Alexander Kofi Washington since their debut album *Jah Frequency* came out in 1995, are in production on a new musical collection made in the shadow of our mountains, involving many community members, and honoring the Earth. When I asked Kofi if this new album had a specific message/theme he said in the title cut, a song titled "You," the message is clear.

ter. He told me that SSS "founded a grassroots movement known as the Conscious Creators Initiative . . . a community of creators, appreciators, venues, and businesses who operate with integrity and humanitarian efforts at heart." The new Jah Kings release will be an example of this Conscious Creators Initiative at work.

David, who was mostly raised in Crestone, says of growing up here, "It gave me early exposure to the myriad of theologies and cultures that are represented here and allowed me to develop a deeply rooted connection to nature." As partners in birthing the latest Jah Kings compilation, Kofi and David



Jah Kings: Kofi Washington on lead vocals and drums, Tony E. on percussion, Olajida on bass and Hunter Bogush on keys.

able funk-influenced roots reggae performances." In the band's early years the Jah Kings opened for the Four Tops and Journey among others and toured internationally. Powerful influences on Kofi's music include his training and dedication to become an Olympic-caliber high hurdler, a stint as a youth counselor, and a trip to Ghana, Africa in 2010 through the Joseph Project whose aim was to bring the African diaspora back to their homeland. Kofi told me he played music for three months in Ghana in a multitude of venues.

Kofi found his way to Crestone in 2013 playing at the Laughing Bhudda. He met his wife, inspiration, sometimes musical collaborator and love Isaline here, and with her daughters formed a family. Kofi says being here brings his music and spirit together with nature. "Reggae has lots of natural elements. It has the sense and power of nature."

Kofi became part of the Sundance community in 2009. Having performed at Wounded Knee, SD he was invited in 2009 to support Richard Foote as a Fireman, where his role was "to keep bringing the rocks into the lodge, to keep the fire going no matter what nature brings, with a male and female warrior spirit." Appropriately, Kofi's Lakota name translates to "Walks with Fire". In 2012 he was invited into the arbor to Sundance, and Isaline joined in to support the

following year to present, embraced by Crazy Horse and Black Elk's family. This new album, the first since Kofi committed to Sundancing, will rock with this energy of purifying and honoring the Earth and the creatures that walk on her. Jah Kings, Kofi says, is now more than ever "a voice for the Earth, for the unification of all people." David added, "Jah Kings have had many opportunities to take the shortcuts, but Kofi's resolve to walk in integrity, the harder longer path, has produced a mature, timeless sound and message that marks a turning point in both his career, as well as our human history. Their time has come."

The current incarnation of the Jah Kings include a stellar group of gifted musicians. Sublime conga master and percussionist Tony E is originally from Spanish Harlem. His career took off after moving to Denver in 1997. Tony was a "fourteen year staple on the Denver music scene." Tony connected with Kofi in 2013. His sound is a distinctive part of the Jah Kings sound. Inspired by his parents, Olajida, from South Jamaica, Queens, sang for Moon Ska Records, Tommy Boy Records, and Atlantic Records. His accomplishments also include a stint in the Navy and working in film. Kofi was honored when he agreed to play with the Jah Kings. Keyboardist Hunter Bogush was

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Music producer David Swain at the board mixing Faith for the Jah King's album at Deb Irizarry's "Izario" music production studio. photo by Titus

"You came here to help change the world, but you can't do that effectively from your couch. We all have Divine power in us and now is the time to co-create a better reality."

I visited with Kofi and his producer/manager David Swain of Sovereign Sol Society (SSS), an underground, independent record label which is David's brainchild. "I was determined to have a musical life from a young age," David said, yet it wasn't until after learning about sound production in film school that he decided to take the plunge into production. "What started as a home-baked studio in the basement of a band house in Colorado Springs has grown into a situation where we have access to professional facilities and righteous creative partnerships, in a pristine mountain setting" and David says things are just getting bet-

are ideally suited. Kofi said, "I connected with David when I first met him. We were ceremonial brothers praying together." David who often plays bass with Kofi said, "Something profound happens when we work together. We get the sense that it's not the first time we've done this, and our respect for each other allows our diverse backgrounds to create synergy." The Jah Kings and SSS see music as part of building a sustainable community.

Kofi grew up in Gary, IN, living in the same neighborhood as the multi-talented Jackson family of Jackson 5 fame. He jokes that the Jah Kings came to the "San Luis Valley (SLV) via Gary, IN." The project formed as the Jah Kings in 1989 and in all its incarnations over the ensuing thirty years it has been known for "compelling, socially conscious, and highly dance-



Lift off! Jah Kings at the Crestone Music Festival.

photo by Lori Nagel



by Kim Malville

August will be a fantastic month for planets: Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, and even little Mercury. On top of all those planets, there will be the Perseid meteor shower on August 12.

August 1: Mars rises soon after sunset and will reach due south about 30 minutes after midnight. Venus is in the evening sky. Saturn is in Sagittarius and Jupiter is in Libra. Skimming along the southern horizon is an arc from Jupiter to the west, red Antares, and further to the east red Mars. It couldn't be a better summer evening.

August 11: Partial solar eclipse visible in Greenland, northern Europe and northeast Asia.

August 11: New moon and dark sky.

August 12-13: Perseid meteor shower. The best viewing of the shower should be the early mornings of August 12 and 13. Meteors should be visible for at least a week before and after these days. This should be one of the best showers in recent memory, with the new moon just a day earlier. There should be at least 50 meteors per hour visible in the dark skies of Crestone.

August 14: This should be a spectacular sight in the western sky: the delicate crescent moon will be close to brilliant Venus one hour after sunset.

August 16: Jupiter comes within one-half of a degree of the second brightest star in Libra: Zubenelgenubi, which was once identified as the southern claw of the Scorpion. The brighter star, Zubeneshamali was the northern claw, before both were amputated to create a new constellation, Libra.

August 20: The moon will be to the upper right of Saturn.

August 22 and 23: The moon continues its travel to the east, passing above Mars.

August 26: At dawn as the full moon is setting in the west, Mercury will be rising in the east just 45 minutes before dawn. It will be difficult to see from Crestone.

August 31: Look to the west 30 minutes after sunset to see Venus close to Spica, just before they both set.

The Ice-Cube of the South Pole

After nearly four billion years of traveling across intergalactic space, a neutrino hit an atom of ice on 22 September 2017, some 2 kilometers beneath the surface of the south pole. Neutrinos are electrically neutral particles travelling very close to the speed of light and can pass through huge amounts of matter without hitting anything. This one, given a name "IceCube-170922A" had a million times more energy than has ever been produced by an earth-bound accelerator.

The source of this neutrino appears to have been in a galaxy in the constellation of Orion, some 4 billion light years away. It has a supermassive black hole in its center, which is blasting elementary particles into space. These particles are escaping from the galaxy in two jets, one of which is pointed toward the earth.

The detection of this neutrino occurred at the \$280 million IceCube Observatory, a marvel of cutting edge technology sitting atop the South Pole. What an amazing change from the South Pole that Captain Robert Falcon Scott encountered in 1912, in their attempt to be the first to reach the pole. After man-hauling their sleds for 800 miles, they reached the pole utterly exhausted on 17 January to a tent flying a Norwegian flag in the midst of the desolate white desert. Amundson had beaten them by five weeks. They were very late in the year, and it was getting very cold. In his despair Scott wrote "Great God. This is an awful place." Scott and his four companions died on their return journey.

IceCube was created by using pressurized hot water to melt 86 shafts into the polar ice over a square kilometer. Before the shafts refroze, cables strung with 60 digital optical modules apiece were lowered down so that the modules sit evenly spaced every 17 meters between 1,450 and 2,450 meters deep. The result is a detector that encompasses a cubic kilometer of



Robert Falcon Scott and companions in January 1912.



The drill master, Dennis Duling, signing one of the sensors, December 2010.

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solid ice containing 5160 basketball-size spheres of borosilicate glass to withstand the crushing pressure and are designed to spot the signature flashes of light that occur when a neutrino smashes into an atom in the clear ice.

When a neutrino collides with any atom, sometimes a muon is produced—a particle that's essentially a heavier version of an electron. When this happens in ice, the muon travels faster than the local speed of light. (Nothing can travel faster than light in a vacuum, but in ice the speed of light is about 24% slower, so a fast particle can outpace it.) When something goes faster than local light speed, a shockwave of photons forms, much like the way that a sonic boom is produced when a plane breaks through the sound barrier. This shockwave creates blue light known as Cherenkov radiation, which can be recorded by the detectors, and thereby determine the energy of the original neutrino pos-

sessed and the direction in space where it originated.

IceCube has to be deep beneath the surface because only there is the pressure intense enough—700 times normal atmospheric pressure—to squeeze all the air bubbles out of the ice. The bubbles have to be eliminated because they would otherwise scatter the Cherenkov radiation that the detectors are looking for.

This neutrino that died in the ice was a true alien from beyond our galaxy, perhaps the first such bit of particulate matter for which its source could be determined. Other neutrinos and cosmic rays are produced in our solar system and in our surrounding Milky Way galaxy. We receive light, photons, all the time from other galaxies and even from the "fire ball of creation" itself. But this is the first particle of matter we have captured, the first visitor from the vastness of intergalactic space with a calling card that we could read.



The IceCube Neutrino Observatory at the South Pole.

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Super New Moon eclipse

The August 11 and final eclipse of 2018 occurs while the Moon is super-close to the Earth and conjunct Mercury, potentially causing super-tides, storm surges and flooding in coastal areas, *if* storms are present at that time. Aspects of this eclipse reveal anguish—among parents still separated from their young children (Venus opposed Chiron), Hawaiians losing their homes to Pele (Uranus in Taurus), etc. Expect victims of new outrages and tragedies to surface due to this eclipse season's 6-month impacts.

Lots of retrogrades

Mercury, Mars, Saturn, Neptune and Pluto are all retrograde (Jupiter was also retrograde until mid-July) and Uranus goes retrograde on August 8. Mercury Retrograde began July 26 with its usual ~3 weeks of miscommunications, machine break downs, and general mayhem until it turns direct on August 19. July and August mark the *most* retrograde months of 2018 with 6 retrograde planets, forcing us to rethink our plans, retrace our steps, maybe slow or even reverse course. Retrograde planets signal retreat, reversals, re-thinking and reworking plans, and delays.

Uranus in Taurus + 5th

Uranus entered the fixed sign of Taurus and the US National chart's 5th house in May of 2018 . . . where it stays until the summer

of 2023; Uranus remains in Taurus until 2026. While Uranus rules innovation, change, breakdown and breakthrough, the conservative earth sign of Taurus oversees banking and finance, possessions, privilege versus principle, "the finer things in life", building and maintaining the status quo, as well as sustainability for the Earth. Transformational change always clashes with rooted, stubbornly-held beliefs in a culture war!

However, since Taurus is ruled by lovely Venus, we can also expect progress in the status of women worldwide over the next 7 years. Innovation in the arts-music-fashion-theatre (5th house) realms can be expected to blossom as well, during this time leading into the early 2020s.

The 5th house relates to sports, lovers, children, technology, theatre and entertainment. In May NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick took a knee during the national anthem to protest racial-

ly-motivated police violence, sparking a presidential apoplexy. Also in May Trump admitted that his lawyer paid \$130,000 in hush money to "Stormy Daniels" over an alleged sexual affair.

It was May when AG Jeff Sessions announced this administration's "zero tolerance" policy toward immigrants, separating families at the border, later justifying it with the same Biblical passage used to "whitewash" slavery in our dark past. In July the cries of babies torn from their parents' arms went viral, as judges, Democrats and an international uproar pushed back against such inhumane cruelty and mismanagement. The children were the spark that alighted this outcry. And this spring the Parkland High School shooting survivors protested gun violence by organizing huge marches and exposing politicians on the NRA payroll. Our youth will lead the fight for justice into the future.

While Uranus transits the US 5th house, virtual reality will likely replace TV. Technologies like self-driving cars and crypto-currencies will proliferate as well. Sustainable "green" technologies should prosper. Meanwhile, the conflict between "haves" and "have-nots" will rage, until economic reforms make life more equitable for the disenfranchised.

Declination of Mars

Declination is the distance of a planet from the celestial equator, created by the tilt of the earth perpendicular to its magnetic poles. Any planet close to +/- 23° 27' (the declination limits of the Sun) is

considered high declination while those beyond 23° 27' are called "out of bounds" or "ex-dec" planets. Persons with natal planets at extreme declinations tend to express unorthodox views or behaviors. Such individuals often show either "genius" or "criminal" tendencies, and have difficulty fitting into normal society. "Ex dec" planets manifest either positively by integrating unorthodox ideas into successful, albeit radical, systems (Freud is an example); or they can reveal a disregard for laws and customs, often using manipulation to force support from others (Hitler is an example of this). Trump's Sun, Moon, Nodes, Uranus, Venus and Saturn are all "high-dec" (above 20° declination) while Mercury and Pluto are "ex-dec", explaining why he is so extreme and yet successful at manipulating Republicans to his will.

Currently transiting Mars is out of bounds most of July, August and September, peaking at 26° 30' in mid-August, likely to trigger extremely aggressive actions and consequences. For comparison, Mars was out-of-bounds only slightly higher, when the Twin Towers were attacked on 9-11-2001. Now with Chiron entering the National 4th house (homeland suffering) until 2027 in Aries (fire, extreme heat, provocations, revolution and seismic eruptions), the path forward this summer is likely to be disruptive in the extreme! Mars is also at its near-brightest in 60,000 years! Look for it rising in the east as an orange-red star near the horizon around mid-evening.



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Emmy Savage:

Reflecting the human experience through writing & art

by Gussie Fauntleroy

Emmy Savage was walking through a grove of trees beside an office park in northern Virginia a few years ago when she inhaled a certain aroma and knew she would find lady slippers. What she smelled was not the fragrance of the flowers, though. It was a mixture of rotting pine trees and fungus—the moist, woodsy conditions where lady slippers grow. As it turned out, the earthy smell did indeed announce the presence of hundreds of the delicate wild orchids.

As she knelt to admire them, she knew that the familiar, unbidden source of knowledge had arisen from the depths of olfactory memory.

For the first ten years of her childhood Emmy lived in rural Maryland beside a deep, old-growth forest, where all her senses were filled and a lifelong appreciation of the natural world began. When she was 11, on the day the family was driving away to move to California for her father's work, bulldozers were toppling the forest's stately American beech trees. She visited years later and nothing was left of the woods, farms, and hedgerows of her childhood home. The poignancy of this kind of loss—replicated around the world and exacerbated by environmental devastation and climate change—adds urgency and depth of gratitude to Emmy's experiences in nature, including frequent hikes with her dog Sarah high in the mountains above Crestone. It also informs and inspires her artwork and writing.

Absence & presence

In the light-filled studio next to her house in the Grants, Emmy creates strong, inviting landscapes and abstract paintings in oils and pastels. On one wall is a series of small-scale landscapes featuring the architectural lines of long abandoned corral fencing at the old Baca Ranch. Aside from their visual qualities, the 72-year-old artist sees these paintings as “a statement that there was another time, and human activity, that is gone.” It's a story of absence, but also conveys a powerful sense of presence through what remains. On a deeper level, she says, the question of absence and presence touches on a paradox, “because when we feel God is most absent, we are often closest to God.”

This same dichotomy between what was and what is, the seen and unseen, loss and fullness, is also at the heart of much of Emmy's writing, even when on the surface the subject is as straightforward as a mountain hike. Several of her



Emmy and her son John on vacation in Alaska, 1994.



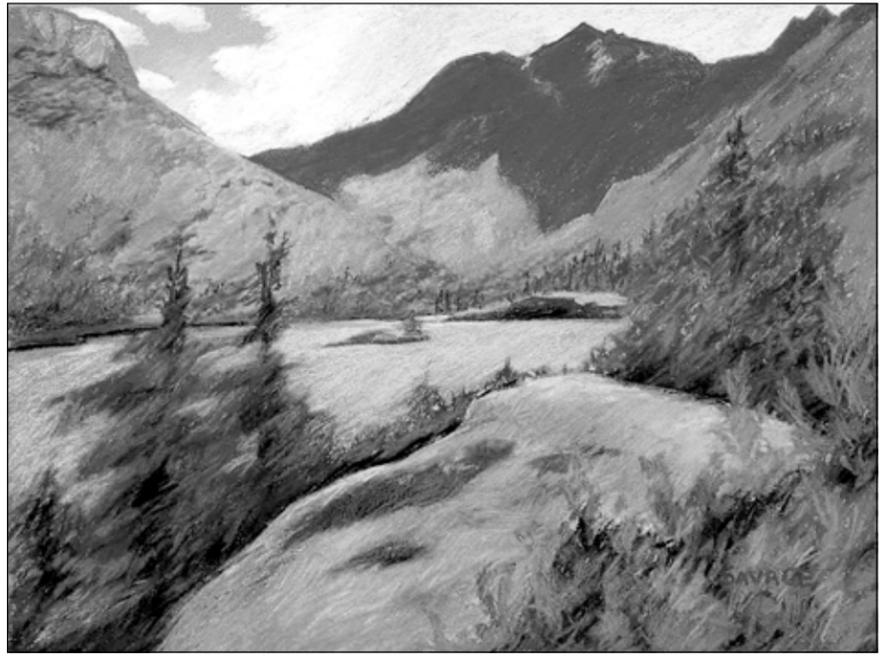
Emmy Savage and Sarah.

photo by Gussie Fauntleroy

thoughtful, eloquent personal essays have been published in *Desert Call*, a quarterly magazine put out in the past by the Spiritual Life Institute, the contemplative Carmelite community that operates the Nada retreat center in the Baca. Other pieces have appeared in *The Crestone Eagle*. Recently she completed a book of essays called *Walking the Stations in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains*, which she entered in competition for the Blair Bakwin Award. The prize—with the winner yet to be selected—would be publication of the book by Carolina Wren Press.

Painting & writing

Emmy's trajectory toward finding expression through nature writing and visual art has been a sometimes-sinuous path. As an undergrad at Sweet Briar College in Virginia, she started off in biology, realized she had no desire to hover over a microscope, and switched to English, falling in love with reading poetry. (She quips that she made her own “double major” in natural science and creative writing when she hit 70.) She earned a masters degree at the John Hopkins University Writing Seminars and an MFA in painting at the University of Iowa. Along the way she also received fellowships at the Virginia Center for



“Spanish Creek,” pastel by Emmy Savage.



With her brother Charles in California, 1963.

the Creative Arts and studied painting, drawing, and lithography in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

After marrying, Emmy and her anthropologist husband lived in the Pacific island nation of Micronesia and in North Carolina, Washington D.C., and elsewhere, and her art was in a D.C. gallery. She put painting to the side for a time after her son was born. Following a divorce she returned to art to some degree while also working in massage therapy for 17 years in northern Virginia and Maryland, in private practice and at a pain treatment center. In 2007 she enrolled in the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. There she perfected working in pastel, a new medium for her.

Rediscovering the trail

Emmy's passion for mountain trails goes back to her teen years in northern California. Her father was a psychiatrist working on the mental health treatment potential of then-legal psychedelics including LSD. Her mother was a trained psychologist, and both parents were skilled photographers and outdoor enthusiasts. With her brother and parents Emmy enjoyed memorable camping trips in the High Sierras. Decades later while on a cross-country drive to visit old friends, she took a hike near Pagosa Springs. “I was in heaven,” she remembers. “I hadn't been that

happy since I was a kid.” Someone in Pagosa Springs helpfully pointed her in the direction of Crestone, and she moved here in 2011.

Listening & expressing

Painting and writing are not only means for expressing beauty, but also ways of exploring the complex inner territory of being human, growing older, harnessing creativity, and connecting with place. This last aspect in particular contains an element of melancholy for Emmy, for whom nature has always provided deep solace. Right now, when the landscape around her is crying out for water, even the high country is not the escape it once was. “We look to the natural world as refuge from losses and griefs, and now it's a grief in itself,” she says.

Still, being in nature fuels her creative spirit. And the artistic process, whether writing or painting, can offer a path for walking through pain and delight and sharing what she finds. On her page on the Crestone Artists website, Emmy writes: “At its best, making art is about acceptance, about learning to be happy, about having fun, about being still, about balancing, about seeing, about listening.” Sitting in the living room of her home, an old one-story farmhouse that once stood in the southern part of the San Luis Valley, she adds, “There's a kind of connectedness I'm looking for in my work. I've been issued these eyes, these ears, and these hands, and how can I use them? I have this capacity for joy—how can I tap into that?”

OWNER/BUILDER CONVERSATIONS

by John Rowe

This month I sat down with Crestone resident and long time natural and alternative building enthusiast, Carmin Teeple, in her strawbale-hybrid home located near downtown. During our talk I was reminded of why I have thought it so important to feature local owner/builders, bringing to light to *Eagle* readers their remarkable stories and what they have contributed to Crestone culture.

Carmin came to Crestone in 2000 from an intentional community and school called Greenbriar near Austin, Texas, looking to escape the heat and start a new adventure. She liked it here and decided to live here for a couple of years before deciding where and what to build. She recommends that approach to all would-be owner-builders. "And look around, see what others have built, and see if any of them are for you. And if you don't have building experience, by all means try to hire on and help someone who is building their own home. That kind of knowledge is invaluable. And, oh yes, [pointing at her many building books and smiling] read every thing you can and pour over the internet, too."

Carmin is a case in point about how living out your passion and sharing it with others is a recipe for staying young and enthused about life. She moves through her home showing me around with an ease and grace belying her 77 years. She has been interested in home building since she was twelve. Carmin designed her first home in high school and has never really stopped since. She built various and sundry structures at Greenbriar and had real building experience before starting on her own home in Crestone. Carmin still talks with conviction about alternative and natural building and loves to welcome people into her home, and shows all who are interested what she has done. Carmin has had a used bookstore in town for years and has moved it into her home in the last year or two. She has good seating for browsing, both indoors and out and is always on the lookout for good books to add to the store.

Carmin originally built a 660 interior square-foot home and has



Carmin Teeple applies earth plaster to her strawbale walls at her home in Crestone.

added about 300 more over the years. She is especially proud of a 9'x10' guest house she built for \$50. All of it—floors, walls, and roof—are made of salvaged doors, already insulated and often painted, too. She put a bed and little wood stove in it and little house was good to go. Carmin, like so many owner builders, is big on recycled materials when she can get them. And like just about all of Carmin's house, it still looks great after quite a few years of wear and tear.

Carmin's home is mostly strawbale with beautiful chocolate-colored earthen plaster, inside and out. She has a beautiful brick floor she installed herself. She wanted to be able to demonstrate to others different building styles and

has interior walls of cordwood with earthen mortar, a wattle and daub wall, a stove surround made of adobe bricks and some other stick frame walls as she has expanded here and there and always seems to have had a project or two going. Even now she has a bookshelf in process. When asked if she still enjoys building, she smiles and says "Well, I like the result."

I was startled to find out that the exterior plaster on the original house was clay-based with no cement or lime thrown in because it is in amazingly good shape, considering that it is around ten years old. Carmin had to patch it a little after a year in the elements but it has held up well ever since. When I asked what was in the plaster, she patiently referred me to the full page printout she gave me, which details the entire buildout process

of her home. The earthen plaster has no cement or lime in it; it was applied, allowed to dry thoroughly, and coated with a linseed oil and mineral spirits compound. Interestingly enough this good result has been had with overhangs of only 2', not the longer ones often associated with a earthen plaster exteriors.

Carmin uses wood heat almost exclusively and uses about a cord or a little more of wood to heat her home every year. This is usually with one small stove, although she will start a second stove up occasionally on very cold days. She attributes this energy efficiency to the thick straw walls, of course, and to using double pane windows, lots of ceiling insulation and a large bank of south-facing windows that provide an effective passive solar component. Carmin was careful to include good floor insulation as well.

Carmin chose to build in town for a couple of reasons; she did not like all the contentiousness surrounding the POA and some residents and did not wish to be party to any of that. She also liked the idea of being able to walk to stores, the post office, and various social functions. She stresses that living here for a couple of years before choosing a lot was really important to be able to get a feel for the politics here, the building restrictions in different locales, and to discover what just seemed to suit her best.

Carmin's home is thoughtfully laid out and is comfortable to be in. Like so many good owner builds, it is soulful, inviting, and contains everything you need, and nothing you don't. I was a little sad to leave as it had that special handmade quality most of the world does not.

Carmin talked to me about replacing a broken window in her work studio and I allowed that I had a couple of wood window sashes that she may be able to rig up to work okay, I talked to her about how I used those to build windows for my strawbale studio and offered to take her to my house to show them to her. She grinned broadly as swapping stories about building is something she dearly loves. Carmin is an inspiration to me in that perhaps, I, too, can still be passionate about life in my late seventies, if I follow my heart as Carmin has so truly followed hers. And lest I forget, Carmin wants me to include her phone number, 256-4511, and would like everyone to know she welcomes calls to chat about alternative building and to show interested folks her cool little house. She has a lot of good knowledge; I only hope you can keep up.

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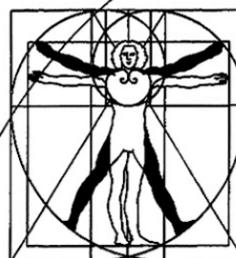
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Lessons from the front lines: *The Spring Creek Fire on LeVeta Pass*

by Daniel S. Johnson

The Spring Creek Fire started by a foolish attempt to burn trash during a phase two fire ban, but it could just as easily have been sparked by an errant cigarette, a catalytic converter in tall grass or even lightning. The stage was set for a raging inferno after years of total fire suppression and wood-sided homes being built in these tangled, overgrown forests.

The smoke column punched through the atmosphere to a height of 30,000+ feet and was often capped with a dome of ice crystals. Sparks were launched over ¾ of a mile and started new spot fires in dry, receptive fuels. Local first responders made hundreds of amazing saves using bulldozers, road graders and all the fire equipment they could muster on such short notice with tremendous risk to their own lives.

The latest toll I saw was 225 structures destroyed and over \$26 million in costs. But the true costs will continue to mount for years in the form of soil erosion, damage to the watershed, fighting with insurance companies and plummeting house values.

How does a disaster like this happen? The decision to extinguish all fires started after the big

blowup of 1910, when millions of acres torched in a single weekend, leaving 75 firefighters dead and entire towns demolished. Huge fires are a natural part of a forest cycle, especially on steep slopes and in thick fuels. The aspen trees on the Sangres reveal the path of past fires which allowed them to spread.

Basic fire mitigation techniques are helpful, such as the County has been supporting through Firewise grants. Point protection around individual houses gives them a chance of survival by attempting to keep fire on the ground surface instead of climbing into the canopies as a running crown fire. However, if an entire community is not involved in this effort, a wind-driven conflagration can gain intensity by burning the neighbor's house, vehicles and other unnatural fuels, which then envelops the surrounding community.

The choice to move into a WUI or Wildland Urban Interface area places the responsibility to thin and remove tightly spaced unhealthy forests directly on the homeowners. Forests need fire to be healthy by removing dead and down logs, returning nutrients to the soil and thinning out scattered seedlings before they grow tall and crowd the old growth trees. Throughout his-



Fire slams Highway 12 south of La Veta. The Alpine Hotshots burned out the oak brush and held the road.



Fire plume in the distance from the abandoned ski lift at Cuchara.



Daniel S. Johnson ready to leave the fireline on day 12.

tory, herds of buffalo would have snapped off lower branches, much the way we remove these ladder fuels now to save mature trees.

I highly recommend a lecture by Dr. Ellis Margolis, a research ecologist with the US Geological Survey's New Mexico Landscapes field office in Santa Fe, delivered last January. The lecture covered 400 years of fire history in the Taos area which is very similar to the Crestone/Baca area, and he predicted a firestorm like the Spring Creek Fire would happen this year.

By examining the tree rings of various species, Dr. Margolis was able to identify high-intensity fire years, usually featuring an extremely wet year followed by an extremely dry year such as 2017-2018. The flashy fuels such as

grasses which carry fire grew high before curing into tinder this past winter. All that was needed was the ignition source.

I personally hope residents living in heavily overgrown areas such as the Baca will take this as a wakeup call and begin some serious discussion about thinning projects, (to return to 20-25' spacing between mature trees), removing small trees and brush, followed by controlled burning to reduce fuel loading. Returning to a frequent, low intensity fire regime which kept the forests much healthier before the pioneers showed up has worked throughout the west. Hopefully there will be more funding for Firewise projects around structures too. The next major fire may well be raging up a local hill near you.

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Meet your neighbors, learn to prepare for an emergency

by Gussie Fauntleroy

Here's an idea that's starting to spread in Crestone/Baca: connecting with neighbors to share ideas and information that everyone should know in case of an emergency. The bonus? Getting to know your neighbors.

With the danger of wildfire still high and the potential for other disruptions such as power outages always present, the best defense is individual preparedness. And the best way for each of us to prepare ourselves and our families is with the mutual support of our neighbors.

A local, grassroots initiative called CARE (Community Action & Readiness for Emergency) has materials and ideas available for starting or joining such a group in your neighborhood. As those who have already done so point out, a focused, short neighborhood gathering can be an important, empowering step in making sure all of us have what we need and know what to do if an emergency strikes.

In late June, Baca residents Ann and Dave Connor invited their

Badger Road area neighbors to a gathering at the Connors' house. The couple was inspired by neighbor Kirsten Schreiber, who began contacting those who live near her before she and the Connors decided to divide up the neighborhood to make the numbers more manageable.

Schreiber and the Connors compiled and printed a one-page informational flyer containing helpful tips, starting with the need to have plenty of water stored and including information on Reverse 911 and evacuation preparedness. Also on the flyer was a proposal for a neighborhood meeting with a date to be determined, and a request that each neighbor contact the Connors to confirm receipt of the flyer and provide contact information.

To distribute the flyer the couple went house to house to about a dozen of their neighbors' homes. They left the flyer for those who weren't home. They heard back from almost everyone and set up a gathering, which about half the invited neighbors were able to attend.

At the meeting the Connors showed a short video on wildfire mitigation and preparedness and had a show-and-tell of measures they've personally taken, including water storage, home fire extinguishers, and a backpack by the door filled with necessities for evacuation. They also handed out a packet of additional materials prepared by the CARE initiative, which is an offshoot of the Crestone/Baca Resiliency Council's governance action team.

Also at the gathering, the neighbors discussed the best ways to communicate with each other in the event of an evacuation or other emergency. They identified any neighbors who are elderly, don't drive, or have special needs to be considered. And they talked about a buddy system, deciding which neighbors would be willing and able to check in on or assist those who may need extra help. The Connors also encouraged everyone to drive to the alternate emergency evacuation route on Spanish Creek Trail in the Grants, to make sure they know

how to get there.

Aside from the obvious benefits and comfort of taking practical, concrete steps to be prepared, Ann Connor said people were delighted with the opportunity to meet neighbors they didn't know. A follow-up gathering will probably be planned at some point, Ann said.

For further guidelines on hosting a neighborhood gathering, or to learn if there is already a willing CARE host near you, contact John Luke Wall at johnwall10@hotmail.com or 719-580-4094. Vince Palermo has a few CARE informational packets available: nulife4u2@msn.com or 256-4135. CARE materials are also available online to download at crestonebacaesiliency.net. Click on Action Groups and then Governance. In addition, Ann and Dave Connor are happy to email you the document they used to create their flyer: ann12389@gmail.com. Ann added that the POA also has pamphlets and other informational material available on fire mitigation and other preparedness issues.



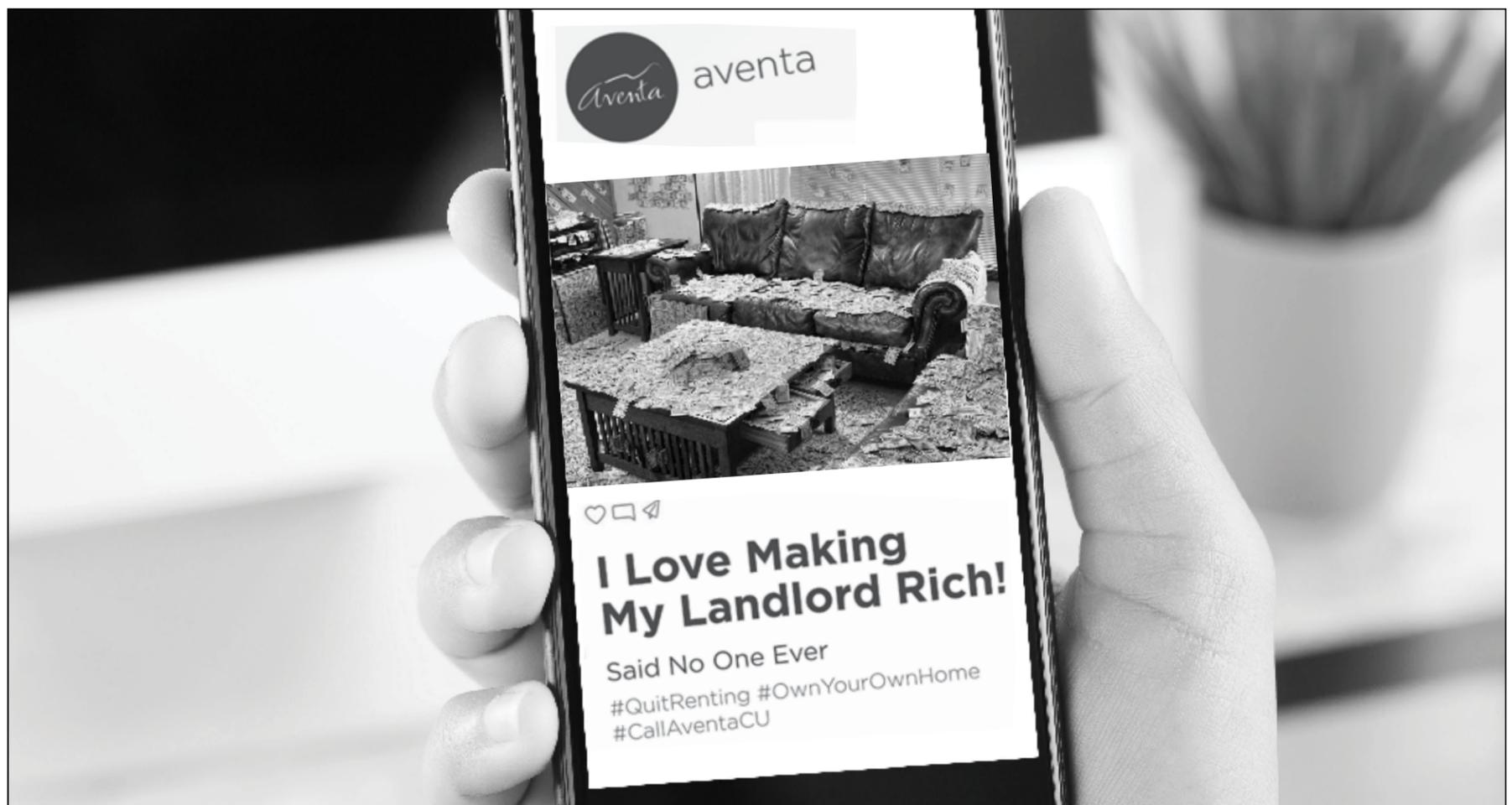
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The problem may feel overwhelming, but you could make an impact and trim your plastic use and consumption in thoughtful, simple ways. How many gold stars

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Can you bring your own containers and bags?

Take a mental inventory of all the steps on your daily routine that might require plastic: grocery store, coffee shop, lunchtime. Invest in a few key to-go pieces such as canvas grocery bags and a metal to-go mug.

Can you reduce your packaging?

From convenience foods to travel-size toiletries to the mini

bar, items sold as single servings include lots of plastic packaging. If you've got space to store it, a bulk-size box of cereal has less packaging than several smaller containers. In the produce aisle, consider skipping those individual plastic bags; you probably take your apples and pears out of them when

you get home anyway.

Could you say "no"?

Simple requests when you're out and about can add up. Take the ubiquitous plastic straw, for example: Simply ask the restaurant to skip it for your water. The same goes for plastic utensils with your to-go food order.

Can you choose greener alternatives?

Here's something you may not know: Some chewing gum and flushable baby wipes may contain plastic. Read the ingredient list carefully and look for plastic-free or recycled-content options.

Can you recycle at home more?

Every municipality has different rules regarding what you can and cannot recycle and how you should discard plastic items. Find out what your rules are and post some tips near the trash bin in your home for helpful guidance. The less you throw away in the regular trash, the better for everyone.



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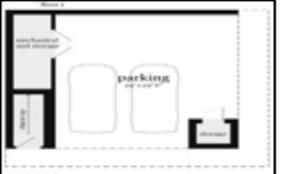
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463 Lime Ave. \$199,900 4BD 2BA 2,200 sq ft home on edge of downtown Crestone. Excellent mountain views, 2 Blocks from school & stores. Lots of space & storage. Will go FHA & VA!	250 S 2nd St. \$149,500 2BD 1BA Motivated sellers! Private, mountain views. Home sits on 1 acre, has deep well, landscaped, new roof, new paint. Wood shed, partial fencing, woodstove.	20498 County Rd 60, Moffat \$140,000. 80 Acres with artesian well, 1 acre pond, some small outbuildings, all within a few minutes of Highway 17.	330 Palisade Ct \$60,000. Investors, there is a shortage of rentals in this area! Front dining rm has built in fireplace, spacious kitchen & living rm also has wood stove. Large corner lot.	County Rd 55, Moffat \$42,000. Surveyed 40 acre parcel, road access, nice views, secluded. Several other properties developing in this area. Domestic well & rights to drill.	3819 Virtue Way, \$15,000 0.50 Acre lot. Beautiful area near Cottonwood creek, lots of mature trees in area and on lot. Very secluded.
					

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Our spiritual aspect, Part II

by Lee Temple

Some religious historians believe that the growth of large cities and states fostered the emergence of monotheism, in part because it supported the concept of an absolute ruler whose authority descended from God. From another perspective, people in ancient societies suffered the same symptoms we do today when they left their local culture and the behavioral and spiritual guidance it provided and moved into big cities: loneliness, isolation, and the need to determine right and wrong on one's own in a world with highly variable values. The idea of a single all-powerful God may have brought comfort to the lonely and guidelines for living as a whole.

Religion took a quantum leap with the invention of writing 3500 years ago. We don't know exactly when writing first showed up in the Americas, but for Eurasia and the Middle East, it was probably invented in Sumeria or Egypt. Initially the provenance of the early equivalent of bookkeepers, it was soon co-opted by those in charge of preserving cultural and spiritual myths and histories. Rather than depending on limited human memory, religions could now safeguard large amounts of information in writing. This led to the development of more detailed, comprehensive, and coherent doctrines that could be passed down intact.

Egypt's pyramid texts, dating back to between 2400 and 2300 BC and one of the world's earliest religious writings, were carved on the walls and sarcophagi of the pyramids at Saqqara: They were for pharaohs only. They contain the oldest known references to Osiris, who became the most important deity associated with the afterlife; they provided ritualistic means to protect the pharaoh's remains, reanimate his body after death, and help him reach transcendent realms, including the power to summon divine assistance.

The great 20th century philosopher Karl Jaspers called the next revolution in religion the "axial age."

His descriptions of this period between 800 and 200 BC are broadly though not universally recognized. They note the concurrent but independent appearance of a profusion of great philosophers and religious leaders in multiple cultures, East and West, that had no obvious connection or opportunity for cross-fertilization. In China, the period produced Confucius and Lao Tse and the major trends in Chinese philosophy. India enjoyed the birth of Buddha and the age of the Upanishads. In Iran, Zarathustra taught about the struggle between good and evil in the cosmos. The Biblical prophets Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Deutero-Isaiah walked and taught in Palestine. Homer, Parmenides, Plato, Thucydides, Archimedes, and the great poet-playwrights thrived in Greece and produced texts that became the foundation of Western thought. This was also the time of great empires—Rome, Macedonia, and Thrace—which disseminated culture and legal systems across wide swaths of territory and populations.

Jaspers wrote that the intellectual and religious development

in the axial age resonates through contemporary life. The period's brilliant thinkers and leaders explored universal issues, such as the meaning and purpose of life and the distinctions between good and evil, and their work applies to people in every culture and time. Their breakthroughs, according to Jaspers, not only affected all aspects of culture, it transformed human consciousness itself. Even the Golden Rule emerged across the planet during the axial age. For example, Confucius said, "What I do not wish others to do to me, that also I wish not to do to them." Zoroaster (628–551 BCE) wrote, "That which is good for all and any one, for whomsoever—that is good for me . . . what I hold good for self, I should for all."

Since Jaspers wrote, new archaeological and anthropological discoveries, especially clay tablets from Babylon, have indicated that cross-cultural exchanges likely took place prior to the period he defined. Some scholars believe that the parallel development of ideas and culture in separate civilizations evidences a relatively early global civilization produced by contact and travel across much more of the globe than we usually surmise. Phoenician ships probably circled the globe at the time of Solomon. At least one Biblical scholar believes that followers of Judaism made pioneering journeys to America's Atlantic coast. Babylonian writing was used internationally. If all this is true, then globalization is not a new phenomenon but the revival or reincarnation of an old one.

Some scholars therefore argue that the axial shift arose from face-to-face interactions among disparate cultures through the rise of commerce and urban life. To survive, these multi-cultural civilizations needed ethical systems that could transcend the varying and informal rules followed by individual tribes and communities. Thus, we see the development of the Babylonian Empire's Hammurabi code and Judaism's Mosaic code.

Many of the prominent religions we recognize today took hold in Europe and Asia during the Middle Ages. Whether established by force or by inspired conversion, Christianity spread through the Western world; Buddhists sent missions across East Asia while declining in influence in India; and Islam worked its way through the Middle East, Central Asia, North Africa, and parts of Europe and India. It was a time of extensive physical and philosophical conquest in which all parties felt empowered to impose their version of truth on others, all in the name of their understanding of God—or perhaps God was simply a good excuse for conquest.

We could sum it up with the motto: "Either you take my God or I send you to Him." Muslims clashed with Zoroastrians in Persia; Christians battled with Muslims in the Crusades, the Reconquista, and the Ottoman wars in Europe; Christians fought with Jews during the Crusades, the Reconquista, and the Inquisitions; Muslims struggled with Hindus and Sikhs as they swept through India. Etc.! Unfortunately, violent methods of conver-



A Phoenician ship carved on the face of a sarcophagus, 2nd century AD.

sion continue to this day in many parts of the world.

When European countries colonized much of the rest of the world during the 15th to 19th centuries the Americas, Australia, sub-Saharan Africa—they took Christianity with them. Ironically, as Christianity was extending its reach around the globe via European conquerors, Europe itself saw the rise of secular thought in the 18th century, especially as a spillover from the French Revolution. The 20th century gave birth to strong Communist regimes in Eastern Europe, the USSR, and China, all of which were adamantly antireligious. Today, about 14% of the world's population (nearly a billion strong) sees itself as non-religious.

Over the past few decades, the number of people who distinguish between spirituality and religion has been on the rise. More and more people define themselves as spiritual while aligning with no formal religion. Such individuals often have a personal faith in or relationship with God but don't identify with a

specific doctrine or belief system. They frequently say they respect all religions or paths to God as equally valid, leaving everyone to find his or her own way, within or outside of established religions.

This article is another excerpt from Lee's award-winning book, Awakening into Unity, a comprehensive, richly illustrated compendium of the entire Global Awakening series, and a powerful healing balm for these troubled, turbulent times. View/borrow it at leading universities and the Baca Grande Library. Buy it at Poor Richard's and Elephant Cloud Market at a generous local's discount. Follow the source text for this article on pp 119-123, together with other similar topics in Chapter Six, "Human Nature—Five Fundamental Elements That Unite Us." Learn more about Lee Temple, Awakening into Unity, and the Global Awakening series at award-winning www.primamundi.com.

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There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root, RH (AHG)
Making a first aid kit



There's nothing quite so useful as an herbal or natural remedy first aid kit that you make yourself. There are many considerations and no two of them look the same! Here are some questions to ask yourself. How many people are going to be using this? Are there children or babies in the family? Is it for home or travel? Are people in the family subject to getting certain types of illnesses—stomach or digestive problems, respiratory issues, etc? Think of the kind of issues that may be encountered. Some issues are just common first aid issues—such as bumps and bruises, bites—insect (spiders) and animal, tummy upsets and bugs, skin issues, etc. Then there is the issue of size of the kit. A very small one may suit just one person. A family on a long trip might need more. I know an herbalist who staffs the first aid tent at Rainbow gatherings—his first aid kit is to be envied!

Homeopathic remedies can be safe, space saving, and well tolerated by children. Consider homeopathic arnica for bumps and bruises, hypericum for injuries to areas with a lot of nerves, such as pinched fingers and toes. Cantharis can be used for both urinary

tract infections and burns. Get a homeopathic first aid book to learn more.

Creams, gels, and salves can help a multitude of skin and muscle issues. Arnica gel/cream for muscle injuries (not for broken skin). Calendula gel/cream for burns, scrapes, bug bites. A healing/first aid salve for injuries, scrapes, some wounds, and burns.

Herbal tinctures can come in handy and be used for several purposes. Use 1 ounce bottles—they travel better and don't break easily. If you need more than one ounce of an herb you may be beyond first aid! Echinacea root tincture can be used for the beginning stages of a cold, preventing infection in a cut, or snake bites (get to

a hospital if you've been bitten by a poisonous snake!). A combination cold/flu formula can be used for, well, colds and flus, and also for urinary tract infections, as the same herbs can be used for both.

A few other helpful items are powdered marshmallow root, activated charcoal, small scissors, tweezers, bandages of various types and sizes. A small herbal or natural first aid book to take along is helpful.

And last, consider what to put your first aid kit in—suggestions are a camping toiletry bag, a cookie tin with a lid, a suitably sized plastic box, or any other sturdy container. Make sure everything is labeled with use instructions. Make a point to upgrade and refill the kit after every trip, and consider this to be a work in progress!

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Jah Kings

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raised in Colorado. Kofi said, “we are blessed to be in a position to support this amazing young talent.” With this lineup and SSS production the new Jah Kings album, which David and Kofi say is currently slated for a Fall release, may just be the best yet.

Though there are too many to list here, Kofi and David want to acknowledge some of the Conscious Creators in our community who have empowered this musical journey. Local Renaissance woman Deb Irizarry and her music production studio right in the heart of Crestone provide a creative center for the Jah Kings. David said, “The studio is her ‘field of dreams’. Deb is a musical philanthropist and patron of the arts. Her contribution of an affordable, high quality studio is invaluable.” Both musician and producer agree Deb’s beauty and energy contributes to the success of their recording. More information on Izario Studio can be found on their FaceBook page.

Jah Kings thank Crestonian Juniper Ureh and his Temple of Nature for his continuous love and support. You can go to Temple of Nature’s FaceBook page for behind the scenes footage of the band’s recent video shoot. Local eco-activist Chris Canaly holds a special place in Kofi and David’s hearts for her

work through the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council to preserve and protect our environment. The video shoot could not have happened without the additional support of Pete Van Horn’s equipment loan, Eric Maki’s drone videography, and Sarah Winter’s Dreambox Workshop animation. Kyle Grote, local yak rancher and Darren and Nicole Smith get a big shout out from the band for his help with provisions, equipment, and location with Happy Yaks. A big thank you to Alamosa/Taos Radio KRZA DJ Zara helps get the Jah Kings sound out around the SLV and northern NM. Benjamin Byer and the Cloud Station have been there for them from the venue’s inception. Much love and thanks go out to Isaline Simms, Kofi’s “Queen” for her support through Crestone Baca Grande Accommodations, musical accompaniment, and sheer inspiration.

The Jah Kings will be performing in Crestone at the Crestone Energy Fair September 7 and 8. I can’t wait. It promises to be a high energy, inspiring performance! Kofi told me, “Concerts are a mutual baptism of all.” Cloud Station entrepreneur Benjamin Byer put it well, “We are so lucky to have an artist like Kofi in our community . . . Jah Kings’ performance is world class, family-oriented, and never fails to draw a crowd.” More about the band, the new album, and all Jah King news at their website <http://jahkings.com>.

Baca Grande Library News



by Suzanne McGregor

On behalf of our Friends of the Library (FOL) group, we would like to extend much gratitude to those volunteers who participated in the FOL Root Beer Floats booth fundraiser to benefit the library on July 4th in Crestone Park. These dedicated volunteers, coordinated by David and Carol Lee, set up tables, decorated signs, made trips for supplies, manned the table, made yummy floats, and cleaned up afterwards. If you have not done so, please come in the library and fill out the form to become a member of this very worthwhile and committed group of library-lovers!

Many, many thanks to Miss Penny from the Saguache Public Library who gave a wonderful gift to the youngsters in our community with the summer reading program. A new program will start in the fall when school is back in session, so be sure to look for informa-

tion. We will have the schedule posted in the library on our community bulletin board.

Also, we extend a big thank-you to Lori Sunflower (Nagel) who has facilitated the FOL’s very popular and successful Geezers into Geeks computer clinic for the seniors in our community. The participants learned to be as computer-savvy as they wished to be, having many questions answered and learning new methods to make life easier in this age of tech—it is hard to keep up with all the advances in this area!

Speaking of the start of school, a number of youngsters feel a bit anxious about this new experience, so maybe the library can help with some exciting books about this adventure-to-be! We have *Kindergarten Rocks!* (Katie Davis), *The Kissing Hand* (Audrey Penn), *The Night Before Kindergarten* (Natasha Wing), *First Day Jitters* (Julie Danneberg), *Chrysanthemum* (Kevin Henkes), *This School Year Will Be the BEST!* (Kay Winters), *David Goes to School* (David Shannon), and *Llama Llama Misses Mama* (Anna Dewdney). They are sure to get a giggle—and maybe a bit of courage as well.

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

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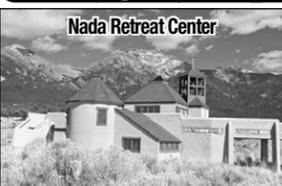
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<p>UNDER CONTRACT</p>  <p>111 Skyview - \$185,000 Great potential in this spacious 2,616sf 5 bedrm/2ba two story home off paved road with easy access to town. Separate entrances and two staircases allows great separation of space. Has rental history.</p>	<p>New Listings</p>  <p>Nada Retreat Center</p> <p>1 Carmelite Way - \$1,800,000 Nada Carmelite Hermitage is a retreat center situated on ~100 acres at the base of the Sangre de Cristo mtns. Incl Chapel; Community Bldg; 14 move-in ready Hermitages; 3 bay grg w/ greenhouse; Maint. Center, studio & apartment,</p>	 <p>2-Car Garage</p> <p>297 Palomino Way - \$220,000 Immaculate 1046sf remodeled classic chalet-style 2BD/2BA home on 1.62 acres w/oversized 2 car garage. Great room w/ high T&G vaulted ceilings, ETS heater & propane stove. Remodeled kitchen. Lg Master Ste. 200sf covered deck w/views.</p>	 <p>Private Oasis!</p> <p>287 Palomino Way - \$216,000 Pristine 2BR/1BA home w/detached studio & landscaped, fenced courtyard. Beautiful mountain views. Wonderful kitchen designed for a cook. Low maintenance landscape w/perennials & rocks! Full tiled bathroom, combo utility & oversized closet.</p>	 <p>Garage/Workshop</p> <p>304 Reynolds - \$130,000 This is a clean 3BD/2BA 1993 mobile home on a completely fenced treed lot. Huge 30X40 shop w/ 20' doors, heat, water and electric. Ready for a mechanic's dream. One block off of Hwy 17 in Moffat.</p>	 <p>Reduced! Was \$280,000</p> <p>1381 Saddle Rock Trail - \$269,000 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.</p>
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<p>Chalets</p>  <p>Exquisite Views</p> <p>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.</p>	 <p>Private w/Views</p> <p>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.</p>	 <p>Panoramic Views</p> <p>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.</p>	 <p>Private Paradise</p> <p>437C N. Chaparral Way - \$479,000 Built by Paul Koppana 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.</p>	 <p>Indoor Exercise Pool</p> <p>1967C Rockyview Way - \$432,000 Luxurious 3BD/2.75BA/Office/3-car Garage 2953sf home sits on 2.374 acres & has a 2-room upstairs Master Suite. Beautifully landscaped courtyards & gardens with custom fence & deck, great views.</p>	 <p>Private on the Creek</p> <p>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.</p>
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<p>Chalets</p>  <p>Newer Construction</p> <p>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.</p>	 <p>Large Space & Greenbelt</p> <p>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.</p>	 <p>Amazing Views!</p> <p>751 Rendezvous Way - \$225,000 Opportunity to purchase early and personalize your finishes! New construction, 3BD/2BA 1-story, open floor plan by Terrapin & Co. Great mtn views. Floor plan, elevations and Description of Materials online. Private lot, w/easy access to town.</p>
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499C Willow Trail	\$350,000.	SOLD*
274 N. Willow St.	\$299,000.	SOLD
56 Wagon Wheel	\$299,000.	SOLD*
999C Badger Road	\$289,000.	SOLD*
147 Moonlight Way	\$279,000.	SOLD*
542 Cottonwood	\$275,000.	SOLD
359 Chaparral Way	\$269,000.	SOLD
776 Table Rock Trl	\$265,000.	SOLD
1596 Willow Creek Way.	\$262,000.	SOLD*
1738C Willow Creek Way	\$259,000.	SOLD
207C Foothill OL	\$255,000.	SOLD*
21820 County Rd. 48X	\$249,000.	SOLD
3760 Jubilant Way.	\$239,000.	SOLD*
323 Holiday Way	\$235,000.	SOLD
3762 Carefree Way.	\$198,000.	SOLD*
1659 Willow Creek Way.	\$195,000.	SOLD
1194 Hilltop	\$179,000.	SOLD*
257 Baca Grant Way	\$179,000.	SOLD
415C Moonlight Way	\$159,000.	SOLD
157 Moonlight Way.	\$69,000.	SOLD
3665 Enchanted Terrace	\$375,000.	UNDER CONTRACT*
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All those bugs



by Matie Belle Lakish

Sometimes I stand and marvel at amazing variety and beauty of the insects in my garden. It must be rather boring sitting in a garden where chemicals are used, for the amazing chorus of insects would not be there. I have gardened in many climates and locations in North America, and each has its particular set of insects. When I lived in the Ozarks for 20 years, I used to say that we had all the northern, southern, eastern and western bugs converging there. There were, however, no neon green bees.

Have you seen them, the neon green bees? They are beautiful! At the moment, they are partial to the Gaillardia, or Blanket Flower. Like their cousins, the honeybees, they collect pollen in baskets on their legs. Where do they go? Do they have a colony like honeybees?

Searching the web, I find a description on www.greatsunflower.org. I am apparently looking at an Agapostemon, probably an Agapostemon coloradinus. Who knew we had our own bee? The Great Sunflower Project says: "Agapostemon are brightly colored metallic green or blue bees. They are medium sized ranging from 0.3" to 0.6" (7 to 14.5 mm) long. Most species have a bright metallic green head and thorax, and a black-and-yellow striped abdomen; some females are entirely bright green or blue." This beautiful bee lives in the ground, sometimes in clusters of up to 12 other females, but each lays its own eggs and protects them. They have short mouth parts, and so prefer plants with nectar and pollen close to the surface, such as sunflowers and Gaillardia.

In another lifetime I could have been an entomologist.

Some insects try my patience though. One blessing of the drought

is a lack of mosquitos. Have you noticed? I don't know how many years it has been since I sat on the deck in the evening without covering or swatting.

A new-to-me insect showed up in my garden last week. No doubt it has been there longer, and I just didn't see it until it proliferated. Suddenly, I went to my greens patch and saw these really beautiful orange and black bugs, about half an inch long. Some of the leaves of the oriental greens had folded over and turned brown, but did not really have holes in them. What was going on?

I hand-picked several of the bugs and put them in a container of water, as I explained last month. Unlike the Blister Beetles I wrote about then, these bugs did not drop to the ground and hide, but did slip around to the underside of the leaf. However, they appear to prefer the top of the leaf, for they would soon reappear. Several were mating. I also noticed they were on the Rocky Mountain Bee plants next to the garden, and apparently had been sucking sap from those leaves as well. The pattern on the back of these beetles is intricate. The background is orange, but the pattern of black is fairly precise, with a pattern of triangles and a tiny cross in the middle of the back. Beautiful! Too bad they are sucking the life from my plants.

Again, I went to the internet, but could not find a precise match. A few days later another gardener identified them as a Harlequin Bug. The pattern on the bug's back is not quite the same as the ones on the web, but combined with a description of their habits, it is clear. These bugs prefer Brassica plants, but will suck the sap from many species of garden plants. They like to



Harlequin bug.

photo by Christina Lakish

"hang out" together, so are usually clustered in one area of the garden. However, they are good flyers, and can move rapidly to new vegetation if threatened.

I have spent quite a bit of time picking these bugs off my Chinese Cabbage, kale, broccoli, and turnip greens, as well as the Bee Plant. They are good swimmers, so I've put some dish detergent in my jar of water, and put a lid on right away.

Repellents might work, but it might just send them to a different set of plants. With organic gardening, life is often about just managing and controlling damage rather than eliminating the pest.

And then there are grasshoppers. These started out as quarter inch babies in early June, but are now an inch or two long and munching away. I inquired at the Green Spot about No-Lo, a hormone-based bait that causes the hoppers to stop feeding and breeding. Apparently, the factory burned down, and No-Lo is not available this year. I've used it in the past, and I'm not sure it does a lot of good anyway. Again, hand-picking can be useful.

With grasshoppers, I prefer to pick them early in the morning while they are still cool. They are quite slow in the morning, but once the sun warms them, it is really hard to catch them. Like many other insects, they seem to prefer to "hang together". If you can discover their favorite spots, it is much easier to catch them. Last year they favored the sage bush (maybe that is why it died). This year they are liking the mint, as well as the Clematis plant. Breeding has started now, so every breeding pair you can catch will help defray next year's population boom.

Happy Hunting.



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In Search of Economic Reality

Government of the people, for the people

by Ed Lyell

In this Trump-McConnell-Ryan world, government is not supposed to help anyone, not to even exist. Water, roads, electricity can all be privatized, and no longer government-owned, run, or working. What ever happened to the idea that we should give a hand up to those who had fallen?

If you live in Puerto Rico, you already know what it means to have no government help. It is as if Puerto Rico is the pilot test case for what the wealthy want for all of America.

Government and private corruption financially destroyed Puerto Rico even before the big hurricane. Government kept overspending and lowering taxes by creating special bonds and circumstances that lured wealthy money to Puerto Rico from America's and the world's wealthy. This gave years of very high returns to capital for those investors, with them knowing that when things go bad then the US federal taxpayer (not the wealthy) would bail everyone out.

FEMA has always been led by former campaign contributors with little concern for competency. Such was the case in Katrina, and in last year's major hurricane disasters. If you want timely disaster help, then work for Walmart. FEMA makes it seem like every hurricane is a surprise. They are not. They are clearly forecasted and companies like Walmart prepare for them. This is one area in which outsourcing to a private company might be wise. Walmart always has scores of trucks loaded and on the edge of

a storm such that Walmart stores, their employees, and customers have access to water, generators, blankets and other goods within hours of roads being reopened. FEMA is weeks behind every time.

There are legitimate reasons to privatize some government services. Yet government cannot and should not abandon their role of being responsible for providing necessary living conditions like water, electricity, roads, schooling, health care, and emergency help. Government can provide these or contract the services out, but not abandon people to an unregulated marketplace which is focused on profit, not people. So, what is the proper role of government? What can government do better than business? And vice versa? Why have northern European and other advanced democracies expanded the role of government and now live better lives than Americans?

I have come to believe that a sense of community matters. Australia, and most northern European countries have much better government services paid out of general taxes than we have in the USA. That is because they are ok with taxing their wealthy over 50% to provide free universal health care, early childhood education, higher education, good roads, and other services for all people in their country. They have working democracies wherein over 80% of voters vote and polls show over 80% are happy with their government. They have a sense of community responsibility and mutual trust that the USA has lost.

The US has almost no taxation for corporations and the already-wealthy who make their millions through investment. America now taxes the working class more than in Europe and Europeans get a lot more for their money. It is be-

cause America has become a country of me first, don't raise my taxes to help "those" people. All too many Americans are greedy and selfish compared to other developed nations. Is it because of diversity? Or is it the loss of shame, even among those who go to church and wear religion on their sleeve?

The new Republican tax cuts shift the tax burden even more onto working people while giving more breaks to the investor class. This is what young people see, and polls show that over 20% of Millennials prefer socialism. We can go down that road or fix our tax structure to be fair. We could go back to the corporate tax structure of 1960 which would raise an additional \$407 billion a year. Bringing back the inherited capital gains tax generates \$64 billion a year. Ending

the deferral on corporate profits kept overseas raises \$90 billion a year. Returning the tax rate on the top 1% of taxpayers to 45% is worth \$276 billion. Eliminating lower taxes for capital gains and taxing all income at the same rate raises \$120 billion a year, and eliminating the home mortgage interest deduction for home loans over \$1 million raises \$80 billion; and these taxes do not touch 95% of Americans.

The total of these changes adds up to \$1,037 billion a year. (yes, over a trillion a year) Enough to provide universal health care, good roads, and near-free higher education, like other developed nations. We need to stop following the hate-filled dividers, like our President, and regain our sense of community and respect for one another. If the working class organizes and votes they can change America back to a democracy that helps the majority, not just the wealthy minority.

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... NOT FOR SISSIES

A time to act

by *Tomas deMers*

Even though death is an existential fact, it's a reality that few people are comfortable with. Yes, we can accept it as a concept, as a reality that will arrive "someday," but when death knocks on *your* door, interrupts *your* life, things change.

Mark came to my door just before Christmas. Holding his small suitcase, he looked forlorn. For months he had been treating his colon cancer with alternative therapies and had just left a clinic in Salt Lake City. Tests revealed no improvement. We got Mark hooked up with the best local oncologist, and the following Monday he was scheduled to begin treatment. But at dinner Saturday evening, Mark bent over with severe intestinal cramping. The treatments never began. A tumor had blocked his digestive tract. It was inoperable. A cat scan revealed other intestinal tumors. Six weeks later in Hospice care, Mark died.

In the course of those weeks Mark told me his family physician had examined him the previous July for an uncomfortable lump in his lower right abdomen. Not to worry the doctor said; it would pass. That turned out to be the site, the ileocecal valve, where his digestion shut down. Medical malpractice? Very likely in my mind, but the man had served Mark's family for decades; he wouldn't call a lawyer. Mark was that kind of guy.

Mark was in his early sixties when he declined intravenous nourishment. It was a decision to

die. I will never forget the look on his face in those last days. He was spiritually aware, he was mindful, he was always kind, yet he looked confused, as if an important promise had not been kept.

Was Mark betrayed? By his physician? By his pursuit of alternative treatments? By life itself? Cancer is one of the cards in our deck. Steve Jobs, the co-founder of Apple, attacked his pancreatic cancer with alternative therapies, yet, with all his resources, failed to get well. A lesson for all of us: when you get a cancer diagnosis, I strongly recommend that you hit it immediately with conventional treatment, always with the best medical advice and knowing that medicine, like meditation, is a practice.

The oncologist Siddhartha Mukherje dubbed cancer "the emperor of all maladies" in his book of that title. It's the five thousand-year history of an elusive disease. Another dear friend of mine, a marathon runner, developed back pain. She treated it as related to her running, but it did not improve. It was later diagnosed as ovarian cancer that had migrated close to the liver. Surgery, after chemotherapy, determined that it was not ovarian at all, but another cancer, its origins ambiguous. Even though they estimate her cancer had a two-year head start, fast, radical intervention has given this friend, also in her 60s and herself an MD, many more years of life.

Death is as natural as breathing, but an untimely death, however we define it, is always grievous and to be resisted.



DISPATCH from the edge

Where I Live

by *Peter Anderson*

(Note: This essay is from Peter Andersen's book *Heading Home*, a wonderful book of stories.)

Where I live

I live on the outskirts of an end-of-the-road town, in what was once an old Spanish land grant, then a big spread of a ranch, now a subdivision where settled meets wild. I live just east of a creekside riparian zone, on the high end of the piñon-juniper and the low end of ponderosa, on the eastern edge of the San Luis Valley and the western flanks of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in southern Colorado. I live on a threshold where roads end and trails begin, where the horizontal meets the vertical, where rain turns into snow.

If I know anything about being deeply at home, about *querencia*, I know it here where the wind curls up and away as it meets the mountain after crossing a valley the size of Connecticut. Sangre de Cristo. Blood of Christ. If it weren't for you, I'd blow eastward across the Great Plains. County Road T led me to this dead end where the only east is steep. The mountain helps me stay.

If Highway 17 is the river, this place is a way-back eddy that draws in the swimmers who aren't going anywhere in a hurry, who like to spin round in the current below the big rocks. We don't want to swim that fast anymore. Some of us look for sustenance in the still water . . . maybe we find it, maybe we don't. Some of us spin in and out again onto the highway that got us here. And some of us get stuck, turning round and round, wondering why we have come, watching the faster currents elsewhere moving, moving, moving.

We want slow and we don't. Post-retreat Buddhists mourn their departure, but like getting back to faster water. Locals seek out diversions from the same old same old, obsessing about apocalypse, predicting some Aquarian Mayan shift in the status quo, or just rolling up another reefer, spinning, spinning, spinning, and who the hell cares? Maybe it's true that we're all here because we're not all there.

But any river needs its eddies and eddy dwellers. We know that "fast" can take us down, so we have come to a town without traffic lights. Sometimes we venture back out into the mainstream like St. Francis leaving his cave. Some travel further than others. I can make it to Alamosa twice a week. Sometimes I envy those who go farther and faster. I read about them in alumni magazines before I toss them in the round file.

Where I live, the center is closer to the edge.

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A door.
 What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish?
Swimming trunks!
 What do you find in an empty nose?
Fingerprints!
 Why is music like a fish?
They both have scales!
 What does an envelope say when you lick it?
Nothing. It just shuts up.
 How do athletes stay cool during a game?
They sit near the fans!
 How do you make a tissue dance?
Put a little boogie in it!
 Which are the stronger days of the week?
Saturday and Sunday. The rest are weekdays.
 How do billboards talk?
Sign language!
 What kind of cat likes water?



An octopuss!
 Where did the spaghetti go to dance?
The Meat Ball!
 What does a pig put on a cut?
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 What did the father buffalo say to his son?
Bye son (bison)
 What is a cat's favorite color?
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 Did you hear the joke about the construction project?
I'm still working on it!
 What goes tick-tock, woof-woof.
A watchdog!
 Why do shoemakers go to heaven?
Because they have good soles!
 What do you call it when a cat sues another cat?
A Claw suit.
 Why did the boy stare at the automobile's radio?
He wanted to watch a car-tune.
 Did I tell you the joke about the ceiling?
Oh forget it. It's over your head.
 Why was the strawberry sad?
His mother got into a JAM!
 Did you hear about the two antennas that got married?
The wedding ceremony wasn't too good, but the reception was great!
 Did you hear about the guy who lost his left arm and leg in a car crash?
He's all right now.
 What does a skeleton order when he goes to a bar?
A beer and a mop.

The Heroes Reward

A Poppy & Pierre Adventure
 Story by M. Diane Bairstow - Drawing by Ginny Ducale



Lasher, an evil magician, is going to invade Fairyland. Poppy, Pierre, and a human girl, Sarah have found his camp. Sarah has a magic wand but doesn't know how to use it.

Sarah twirled and twirled and fell to the ground dizzy and frustrated. "Nothing is working!" She cried. "I thought it was just a stick. I was playing with it, twirling around, and suddenly I was in Fairyland, but twirling isn't working now! I don't know what to do."

"Can I try?" Pierre asked.

He held the stick up to the sky and wished with all his heart to be taken back to the fairies. Poppy tried too, and Sarah tried again and again.

"Maybe if we all tried together?"

Poppy suggested, and they all agreed.

As soon as all three of the comrades had hold of the stick, they felt a tingling through their bodies and together they wished as hard as they could to be taken back to Fairyland.

They fell at the feet of Celestiana,

queen of the fairies.

"The wand." Celestiana commanded, and Sarah lifted it up to her.

On it was recorded the location and strength of Lasher's army. Celestiana gave orders and her troops prepared for battle.

"You have accomplished your mission bravely. Is there any wish I can grant you before I send you home?" She asked the companions.

"I wish my mother didn't worry so much about money." Sarah said.

Celestiana smiled, "Your wish is granted. Wishing for another's happiness has earned you a second wish."

"I wish to always be friends with Poppy and Pierre."

Again the fairy smiled, "Granted," she said turned to the bunnies.

"What about you Poppy?"

"Pierre and I have agreed. We want to be a real boy and girl, humans, like Sarah. Then we can grow up and help others. We can't do that if we remain bunnies forever."

Celestiana's wand flashed and the bunnies were back in their beds, fast asleep.

The next morning, they found a note on their windowsill, "The war was won. Thank you for your service to Fairyland."

Madam Colette greeted them as they came down to breakfast. "Oh my dear bunnies, you are growing up so fast. I believe you've actually grown overnight."

"I don't think you should call us bunnies anymore," Pierre said seriously.

"Yes," Poppy agreed, "We're getting too old for that."

Madam Colette smiled at her beloved children and sipped her tea.

When Poppy and Pierre got to school that day, there was a new girl in their class and her name was Sarah. The three were friends for life.

Find the 10 differences

See answers below



MAZE

ANSWERS: 1. octopus 2. crab 3. shrimp 4. shell 5. coral 6. mollusk 7. mermaid 8. plant 9. (down) squid 10. seahorse 11. fish

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

—MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



by Ish

1/ **Burn after Reading:** (2008) ★★★★★

An all-star cast directed by the Coen Brothers, including George Clooney, Frances McDormand, John Malkevitch, Brad Pitt, Tilda Swinton, et al. In this satirical farce a disk containing mysterious CIA information falls into the hands of two gym employees. Being a bit daft and unscrupulous they attempt to blackmail and extort . . . and the fun begins.

2/ **Taken 2:** (2012) ★★★★★

Written by Luc Besson (Angel-A) and Claudio Carvalho (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil). Retired CIA operative and his wife are held hostage in Istanbul, by the father of a kidnapper the CIA agent killed while rescuing his daughter. Stars Liam Neeson.

3/ **Shameless:** (2011) ★★★★★

TV Series, 108 episodes. Nominated for 2 Golden Globes, 14 wins and 60 nominations. An Irish-American family where the father is in a constant alcoholic stupor and the eldest daughter is raising her siblings while indulging in her sex life. It is a very real and sometimes shocking expression of a highly dysfunctional family. This contains some fine and incredible acting with William H. Macy as the drunken father and Emmy Rossum as the eldest.

4/ **Skiptrace:** (2016) ★★★★★

A Jackie Chan martial arts, action movie. A detective from Hong Kong teams up with an American gambler against a menacing Chinese criminal.

5/ **Last Knights:** (2015) ★★★★★

A traditional Samurai movie, Asian western with Clive Owens and Morgan Freeman. A fallen warrior rises against a corrupt and sadistic ruler to avenge his dishonored master.

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TOWN OF CRESTONE, INVITATION FOR BIDS

Project: The Town of Crestone is seeking CARPENTRY bids for a small deck addition and handrail project at the Crestone Town Hall building.

Bid Submittal Deadline: Sealed bids will be received by the Town Clerk at Crestone Town Hall, 108 W. Galena Avenue, Crestone, Colorado, until 12:00 noon, Wednesday August 15, 2018, for construction of the project.

Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting: A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Friday, August 10, 2018 at 11:00 am, at Crestone Town Hall to acquaint bidders with the Work, and to answer questions.

Bid and Contract Documents: Technical Specifications can be obtained in electronic form by contacting the Project Architect at burtwadman@yahoo.com.

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The Saguache County Board of Commissioners will be taking Grant Applications for Saguache County Sales Tax Grants until 3:00PM, Friday, August 10, 2018.

To be eligible grant applications must be for either: Emergency Services/Public Health and Safety; Youth and Senior programs, projects, or organizations; or Renewable Energy projects/Business Opportunities and Job Creation.

Grant applications are available on our website at saguachecounty.net/administration – see "sales tax grant applicationform5" or you can contact the Saguache County Administration office at 719-655-2231 to request a copy of the grant application.

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EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers
About Our Environment

Evolutionary effect: Wildlife adapts, evolves, due to hunting

by Lindsey Blomberg

Dear EarthTalk: Are modern-day hunting practices having any noticeable evolutionary or behavioral effects on wildlife populations?

—Bill Cochrane, New York, NY

Based on recent observation, some wild animals appear to be evolving in a variety of genetic and behavioral ways influenced by intense hunting practices. Selective trophy hunting of bighorn sheep on Ram Mountain near Nordegg in Alberta, Canada has led to a reduction in horn length. Data collected by University of Alberta biologist David Coltman and colleagues show that the average size of a set of horns at Ram Mountain has declined more than 20% since 1975.

Evolutionary effect: Wildlife adapts, evolves thanks to hunting

“What you have here is clearly artificial selection,” Coltman argues. “You can imagine that harvested animals don’t have any more offspring. Their genes are removed from the gene pool.” Additionally, even if artificial selection stops, recovery of horn length will be slow. “If we stop hunting based on horn size, the horn size will increase, albeit slowly,” Coltman adds. “We have to be more evolutionarily enlightened about how we manage and conserve animal populations.”



This storm came through on July 16, which was a welcome relief from all the dry conditions Crestone’s been experiencing. The monsoons, while still weak, have finally started. Wonderful!
photo by Lori Nagel

Meanwhile, researchers at the University of California Riverside (UCR) had similar findings with the commercially-exploited Atlantic silverside fish. Their analysis reveals that the removal of large fish over several generations has caused the remaining fish in the population to become progressively smaller, to produce eggs with lower survival and growth rates and have poorer foraging and feeding rates. “We have shown for the first time that many traits correlated with fish body-size may be evolving in response to intense fishing pressure,” says UCR biologist Matthew Walsh, who led the research project. Like Alberta’s bighorns, recovery to previous size may be a slow process. “We know that commercially exploited populations of fish often are slow to recover when fishing pressure is reduced,” Walsh adds. “Because the changes in the fish are genetic, they don’t immediately go away when fishing ceases.”

In another example, Mozambique’s civil war between 1977 and

1992 led to an uptick in elephant poaching, with sales of ivory tusks used to fund the purchase of arms and ammunition. As a result, many of the tuskless females survived. Half of older females alive during the war and a third of their 10-20-year-old offspring are tuskless; in populations less affected by poaching, tuskless females are only 2% to 6% of the total number. Joyce Poole of Elephant Voices also observed large tuskless populations in areas of southern Tanzania and Uganda, where elephants have been heavily poached.

In addition to genetic changes, some wildlife populations are shifting behavior as a result of hunting pressures. Sweden’s ban on the hunting of family groups of brown bears has resulted in more mama bears keeping their cubs with them for 2.5 years, a year longer than the typical 1.5 years. From 2005 to 2015, the number of females keeping their cubs for an additional year increased from 7% to 36%.

But more mama bears surviving hunting season doesn’t mean the species is doing better overall. “In an evolutionary perspective, this would not be beneficial,” says Professor Jon Swenson from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences. “The animals with the most offspring [are the most successful].”

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Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno

June 21 to July 20

Total precipitation for period
Liquid precip (includes melted snow): 0.72”

Snow: 0.0”

Measurable precipitation fell on 9 days.

Measurable rain fell on 9 days.

A trace of rain fell on 3 days.

Only 2 thunderstorms occurred.

No hail storms occurred.

No measurable snow fell.

Total precipitation year to date

Since Jan 1: 3.51”

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: 93.5°F on July 20

Low temp: 42.2°F on June 25

Avg. high: 85.5°F

Avg. low: 50.9°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 90°: 4

Number of days with the high temperature above 80°: all 30 days

Number of days with the humidity value below 10%: 16

Winds for the period

Avg. speed: 3.0 mph

Highest gust: 37 mph on June 24

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

Weather summary

Something I don’t get to state too often, which I can state for this weather summary, is that it was hot during this period. Temperatures were well above average, with 2 record highs set, along with the hottest day seen in the Crestone/Baca area in 5 years, when we saw a reading of 94° on July 20.

It also was very dry. Crestone set an all-time record for dryness when 25 out of the 30 days in June saw humidity values below 10%. Things did moisten up just a bit in July, with all of the recorded precipitation for the period (.72”) coming in July, but that’s still below average and our drought lives on.

Outlook for August

August is normally our second wettest month of the year, averaging 2.09” of rainfall. The wettest August on record was in 2013 when 3.71” fell.

Temperature-wise, this is our second warmest month of the year, even if that hasn’t been the case for the last 8 years in a row (June has been warmer of late). The average high and low temp for Aug 1 is 80° and 49°, while the last day of the month sees a normal high of 76° along with a low of 45°. The hottest August temperature ever was 92°, on August 17, 2002, while the coldest low temp was set on August 28, 2006, at 34°.

The 30-day outlook for August is calling for more 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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