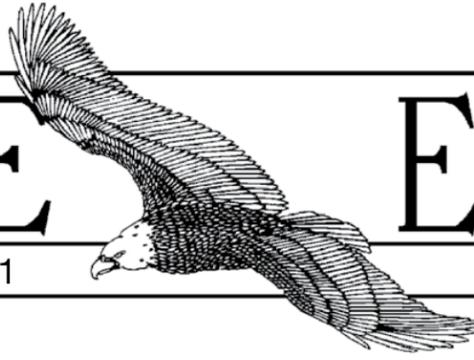


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A great horned owl waits out an early season snow storm near Crestone. photo by Peter Ismert

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## Town of Moffat may annex 325 acres; Area 420 expansion planned

by Lisa Cyriacks

The Town of Moffat has received two petitions from Whitney Justice, manager for Potch LLC, for annexation of a total of 325 acres to the west and north of the town.

In 2018, Potch LLC successfully petitioned the Town to add approximately 100 acres. The land that was annexed in 2018 has been subdivided into two- and five-acre parcels and developed as Area 420 Commercial Cannabis Park. To date 33 licenses for marijuana cultivation and marijuana infused product manufacturing (MIPs)

have been issued in the subdivision. A total of 44 permits is possible in the existing Area 420 Commercial Cannabis Park.

The land described in the petition for annexation submitted in September 2019 is intended for subdivision for commercial entities, “of non-cannabis-related, and legal cannabis-related commercial entities”. Potch LLC, in the petition, agrees not to allow any hemp cultivation on the property.

As with Colorado Area 420, the Town hopes to receive fees and

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A fire engulfed a block in Moffat on October 15 destroying 4 structures and several outbuildings. Pictured is the Crystal Styx building. Story on page 3. photo by Lori Nagel

## Colorado US Senate 2020—Andrew Romanoff is running to make a difference; visits Crestone

by Lisa Cyriacks

The Colorado US Senate seat currently held by Cory Gardner (R) is viewed as one of two seats that Democrats could potentially win in 2020. Democrats, who effectively control 47 seats, need to flip at least four Republican Senate seats to recapture the upper chamber—or three if they win back the White House. The vice president of the United States is designated president of the Senate. If the Demo-

crats win the White House, the VP (President of the Senate) will be a Democrat.

Former state House Speaker Andrew Romanoff is running to flip that seat to blue.

Speaking to locals at the Elephant Cloud mid-October, Romanoff laid out his record as a seasoned legislative leader and his hopes to effect changes at a national level to “rescue our planet, repair our democracy, and restore the

American Dream.”

Remaining true to his commitment to running a grassroots campaign, Andrew took time to meet with Crestone and Baca residents for conversations about combating the climate crisis, health care for all and concerns about mental health services in the valley and building a clean energy economy based on renewables.

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## Editor's Notes

### Power for the people

As I write this, California is on fire. Terrible loss of property and even life. The California electric companies have been shutting down power to millions of people to try to prevent their equipment from starting fires during these fierce Santa Ana winds. In places where the power wasn't shut down, fires were started by old or poorly maintained equipment.

Without power, grocery stores and restaurants are losing millions of dollars' worth of refrigerated foods. People are living in the dark with phones not working, internet down, home medical equipment lacking power, and schools closed.

In California it's fires; in other places it's floods, hurricanes, wind, or ice storms bringing the power lines down. We see just how vulnerable "the grid" is.

There has begun discussions of creating "micro-grids" which have more local control in providing power. As solar and wind facilities are created, there is a move to design systems that will keep local power up and running when the larger grids go down. Or to feed power into the grid, but then be able to disengage and generate for local use if needed.

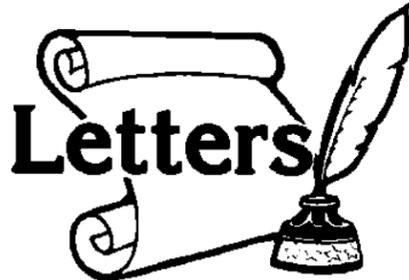
Before rural electrification happened many small communities had their own power systems. The technology has changed, but the need is returning.

The big problem for any generating system is how to store the power when the wind's not blowing and the sun's not shining.

My home is off-grid solar. My batteries store my power. But not everyone can afford—or wants—their own system. I think it's time communities give a hard look at "regionalism" for producing power.

While that technology is being developed, let me encourage you to look at some small emergency home solar power systems to provide backup. Whether it's blizzard, fire or just insecurity around "the grid", it's good to be prepared.

Happy Thanksgiving to you,  
 —Kizzen



## Thank you, Patti!

Dear Crestone,

I wanted to write in and bid a heartfelt farewell to Patti Jackson, who will be transitioning out of Crestone Food Bank leadership on November 1.

Patti has been a stalwart leader for the food bank since 2016, and was instrumental in manifesting the food bank as it now exists on the west side of the Mercantile. As the food bank transition was happening out of Town Hall, Patti, other volunteers and community members (thank you, Crestone Mercantile!) took the challenge on to ensure Crestone would still have a food bank. The logistical challenge in creating this new food bank space was a heavy lift and we're grateful for all the passion that went into creating such a beautiful, dignified environment. Now that the food bank is running smoothly, Patti is confident she can pass along her leadership duties to experienced and seasoned food bank volunteers Marge Hoglin, Enid Malecek, and Wendy Chanden who will be the new leaders for the food bank beginning November 1. Please join us in welcoming these three to the leadership team in Crestone!

Thank you, Patti, for all you have given the Crestone Food Bank and to all the volunteers past and present who have made the food bank a special place for to all who pass through its doors.

In gratitude,

Sherice Shiner & the Food Bank Network of the SLV

## Protect cats & birds

Dear Friend,

In the last 50 years, the United States and Canada have experienced a net loss of nearly 3 billion birds. To reverse these declines and save our birds, we need to take action to reduce human-caused threats.

Outdoor cats are the single greatest direct source of human-caused mortality to birds in the United States and Canada.

Keeping cats indoors—or safely contained outdoors—is a simple and easy way to protect cats and birds. Take action now to support responsible pet ownership in your community!

Many local governments fail to adequately support responsible pet care—and cats are frequently ignored entirely, leaving cats to roam outdoors, where they harm birds and other wildlife and are themselves at risk. You can help change that!

Start a dialogue with elected officials by asking for the passage of safe, common-sense ordinances that treat cats like we treat dogs. Let's prohibit animal abandonment, strengthen sterilization and pet identification, and keep our cats safely contained.

Thank you for your support of responsible pet ownership and



Firefighters tried to put out the flames on this intensely burning house in Moffat to no avail, as it was one of the 4 houses that burned to the ground. photo by Lori Nagel



This was Ryken and Travis Brischle's house as it burned to the ground in the Moffat fire. photo by Lori Nagel

bird conservation. Together, we can do this!

Sincerely,

Grant Sizemore Director of Invasive Species Programs American Bird Conservancy

## Good news; Electric rates revisited

Dear Editor,

On Friday, Oct. 18, an agreement mediated by the Colorado PUC was reached between the citizen complainants, the Town of Crestone, and the SLVREC regarding a change of rate structure. As of this writing, the specific details are being worked out. When details are complete, the agreement requires signatures of all parties involved before it is implemented. It now appears that a revised rate for householders could bring a significant improvement over the current rate.

Much gratitude to Annie Pace and the Town of Crestone, led by Kairine Danforth. Without their bold and courageous move to bring a legal suit against SLVREC, we would have continued paying exorbitant bills and complaining. Thanks also to others who have participated and put long hours into this effort. If all goes well, many could benefit, including thousands of valley householders.

Vince Palermo

## Time for health care for the common good

To the Editor,

There has been much talk in the news about how our govern-

ment should best approach the issues of our time. Some ideas, such as improvement in our health care system, have been labelled "socialism" and therefore not appropriate by those opposed. I would like to briefly explore the concept of socialism and whether it relates to our current political debate.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines socialism as "a system or condition of society in which the means of production are owned and controlled by the state."

In the late 19th century, many reformers advocated allowing unions for blue-collar workers and developing social support systems for the disadvantaged. Others called this radical socialism. Nevertheless, these ideas have become part of mainstream society. Furthermore, there are many programs that benefit us all via our local, state, and federal governments including police, fire, and sanitation departments, and existing health care programs.

I prefer calling these programs for the common good. I think most people would agree it is better to have the government running these public programs.

Now the case of improving health care in the U.S. is particularly instructive. Progressives have proposed a "Medicare for All" system. Those opposed often label this as a socialist idea. Realistically, improved Medicare for all simply means the government pays health care providers for care provided to its citizens. The government does not own the means of production, and medical providers remain independent. Improved Medicare for all

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Firefighters from Moffat, Crestone, Baca, Hooper/Mosca, Saguache, Villa Grove/Bonanza and Chaffee County responded to the fire. A man helps handle the fire hose while keeping back from the fire. photo by Lori Nagel



Many civilians stepped up to help fight the fires in Moffat on October 15. Here, one of them was trying to prevent the fire from spreading to the neighboring house (which was successful) as Travis and Ryken Brischle's house is ablaze next door. photo by Lori Nagel

## Saguache County Crime Report

by Mary Lowers

Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) was busy this past month. In addition to the fire that destroyed a block of Moffat on October 15 and the shooting incident that caused a Flight for Life helicopter to land at Moffat School October 13, regular calls to the office were addressed. The ticket issued to a Moffat man, 26, for having an open fire during the county-wide fire ban in Saguache County due to extreme drought conditions gave me the most to think about in perusing the bookings and citations given by deputies this past month. The man did not contest the charge and paid a \$500 fine and \$20 in processing costs. With the Decker Fire still burning north of us and the recent fire and explosion in Moffat, which may involve someone illegally burning trash during the burn ban, people really need to think before burning anything outside. The burn ban is set in place under extreme conditions for our safety. Please, please think before you light a fire outside and for the good of all report any illegal burning to the SCSO.

The warrant sweep continued to bring in people trying to avoid the consequences of their actions. A Moffat man, 34, was jailed on failure to appear charges in addition to new charges of possession of a controlled substance and a theft charge. His bail was set at \$2000. A Center man, 38, was put in jail on two failure to comply charges, one a felony and the other a misdemeanor charge with no bail listed. A woman, 46, from Peyton was jailed in Saguache on failure to appear charges from El Paso County with \$50,000 bail set. A Center man, 20, was given a bail amount of \$1250 for fugitive from justice and contempt of court charges. There was no bail listed for a Center man, 55, jailed on failure to appear charges. A fugitive from justice charge landed a Center man, 32, in jail with a bail amount of \$10,000.

Despite October being domestic violence awareness month there were some folks jailed on charges around domestic issues. A Villa Grove woman, 35, was jailed for first degree criminal trespass and violation of a restraining order. Her bail amount was \$2500. A bail amount of \$500 was listed for a Poncha Springs man, 39, for the charge of violation of a restraining order. A Center man, 55, went to jail on the charge of violation of a restraining order with no bail amount listed. Charges of domestic violence and third degree assault sent a Saguache woman, 34, to jail with no bail amount listed. A minor, 16, from Moffat was charged with sexual assault and sexual contact without consent. He was released after paying \$50 bail.

A Moffat woman, 20, went to jail for criminal mischief with \$1000 bail listed. A Kansas man, 65, was given a summons to appear in Saguache County Court on charges of unlawfully owning a dangerous dog. The dog in question bit a woman. SCSO deputies went to the far north reaches of the county, four miles up Poncha Creek, to serve the summons for the dog owner to appear in court. A La Jara man, 29, was jailed in Saguache for parole violations. A Colorado Springs man, 26, was jailed on charges including speeding, no proof of insurance and DUI charges. His bail was set at \$1000.

The SCSO this past month responded to calls including: 9 from Crestone, 6 from the Baca Grande, 82 from the Saguache area, 13 from Moffat, 4 from Center, 4 from KV Estates, 2 from Villa Grove, and 1 each from Hooper, Hot Springs Estates, La Garita, Mineral Hot Springs, and Bonanza. There were two calls from the unincorporated county. Most of the calls for help were about livestock being where they shouldn't and illegal fires. Other calls included lost animals, abandoned vehicles, domestic violence, theft, burglary and 911 emergencies.

## Fire & explosion destroy a block of Moffat; numerous fire departments respond

by Mary Lowers

According to a statement from the Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), a Colorado State Patrol dispatcher received a report at 4:19pm Tuesday, October 15 of a structure fire in Moffat. The fire spread quickly, engulfing four buildings and setting fire to vehicles. The cause of the blaze, which included an explosion that could be seen from Casita Park (approximately 7 miles away), is under investigation. As I write this, the fire is still smoldering in places.

Four structures including a house thought to be the first house ever built in Moffat, were lost. Sadly, dogs belonging to residents of a burnt home were not able to escape the blaze. No human lives were lost.

I heard Crestone Fire engines racing out of town with sirens blaring, followed quickly by Baca Fire vehicles. Saguache, Mosca/Hooper, Center Fire, Chaffee County Fire Protection District, and the State Department of Fire Prevention and Control out of Alamosa were on the scene to support the Moffat Fire Department.

Because Moffat has no fire hydrants, Chaffee County Fire Protection Chief Robert Bertram sent a tender that could haul 2,500 gallons of water to the scene. The tender went and filled up at an irrigation well 2.5 miles from the scene. The tender then filled fire engines with water to fight the blaze.

According to Chief Bertram there were two spot fires, one 200 feet in diameter, caused by blowing

embers. Although a county-wide burn ban is in effect, Bertram said, "We believe somebody was burning debris and it got out of hand." Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick said that a propane tank near a destroyed structure may have been ignited, causing it to explode. The explosion sent smoke thousands of feet into the air. The Sheriff believes the fire started near the Crystal Sticks company one block east of Hwy. 17 on the north side of Moffat. He also reported numerous vehicles were destroyed and a pickup situated at the south end of the fire burned up completely.

State investigators were in Moffat doing air quality checks. The District Fire Chief advised anyone in the area of the fire with lung or breathing conditions to stay indoors. The Moffat School and Moffat Clinic closed early, due to air quality concerns. Fire investigators on the scene have yet to officially announce the cause of this devastating blaze.

Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick said he thought the fire may have started outside one of the residences and eventually ignited the 250 gallon propane tank—which greatly fueled and expanded the fire. There had been prior reports of people ticketed for burning trash in Moffat during this fire ban.

*Great appreciation is expressed to all the firefighters who helped put out this horrible fire. Thank you firefighters!*

## Two injured during shooting at KV Estates

by Mary Lowers

According to a press release from the Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), at around 9:30pm on Sunday, October 13 Saguache County Dispatch received a call about a possible shooting in the area of KV Estates north of Moffat. Multiple Saguache County deputies responded along with Saguache Fire and Ambulance units. Deputies found two victims on the scene; one had a gunshot wound and one was injured during the assault. One of the victims was taken from Moffat School parking lot in a flight for life helicopter to a hospital on the eastern slope. The second victim who was assaulted during the incident was transported to the hospital by a third party. The names of the injured have not been released. SCSO is looking for information about two males who may be involved in this crime. If you have any information call SCSO at 719-655-2525.

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is not socialism, but rather a program for the common good.

So using the term socialism in viewing reform programs is counterproductive. Instead we should

look to whether a given program provides for the common good. I think improved Medicare for all would accomplish this.

Laird Cagan, MD  
Crested Butte, Colorado

# Saguache County News

by Sandia Belgrade

## Proposition DD might negatively impact valley water

With Saguache County under Stage 2 Fire Restrictions, many people on the east side of the county were relieved to know the prescribed burn at the Great Sand Dunes was canceled, what with the Decker fire north of us. And more recently the explosion and fire in Moffat stunned us; Moffat has no water system and fire hydrants. All of this has brought the preciousness of water to the forefront.

Jason Anderson noted that while campaigning across Colorado last year Gov. Jared Polis declared his opposition to trans-basin water diversions. Yet Proposition DD, which is on the November ballot, raises thorny questions. On one hand, a vote for DD means sports betting will be legal and taxed in the state. DD states that revenues from gambling will be used to fund water projects through the Colorado Water Plan released by the state in 2015. Gambling and water. What strange bed partners. Here's the catch: There is a lot of ambiguity in the water plan. It focuses on metro areas, but there is no telling what the state might implement that would benefit the larger Front Range metro areas at the expense of the needs of water-hungry regions like the SLV. They could siphon water away from low-income areas toward the richest parts of the state and it could be at the expense of the valley.

Proposition DD has received endorsement from environmental groups such as Conservation Colorado and American Rivers, but opponents claim some water projects may have unintended consequences for the environment and some communities. Arguments against Proposition DD say Proposition DD isn't specific on what parts of the water plan it would fund. Gary Wockner of Coloradans for Climate Justice stated "It would basically be a slush fund for the legislature to spend on whatever they want to spend on." While the sports aspect of the measure might attract the most voter response, Prop DD could give the State power over our depleted waters.

### Annual County tax lien sale

A lien is a claim on a residential property for the homeowner's unpaid taxes.

The Saguache County tax lien sale is now held online as an internet auction. Properties available for bid are listed on website [www.zeusauction.com](http://www.zeusauction.com). Beginning October 12, 2019 the [www.zeusauction.com](http://www.zeusauction.com) auction site was opened for registration and research. Registration will close at 4pm MST on Friday, November 8, 2019. Actual bidding opens at 8am MST November 12. Auction closes at noon MST, November 14, 2019.

Tax payments will not be accepted during the Tax Lien Sale. An

\$8 auction fee will be added to each item. The Delinquent Tax List was published weekly for (3) three consecutive weeks beginning in October in the *Saguache Crescent* newspaper. This list is available on the Saguache County website at <http://www.saguachecounty.net/index.php/treasurerpublic-trustee> and

will be updated periodically. Questions regarding the operation of the auction should be addressed to SRI at 1-800-800-9588. Please note this is a *buyer beware tax sale*—it is the bidders' responsibility to research the property on which they are bidding. At the close of the auction, all successful bids are final. No changes or cancellation of liens purchased can be made after the lien is sold.

### Four new patrol officers

Dan Warwick, County Sheriff, has hired two female and two male patrol officers who are being cross trained now and not yet assigned to any specific place in the county. Possibly two of them will be assigned to Crestone and reside in the mobile home placed there by the County. Warwick has found success in recruiting by using different social media. Warwick said he needs new computers including software, server, radios, for a total of \$14,000 total. Presently he has very old Windows 7 which is no longer supported. Body cameras run close to \$60,000. A Homeland Security grant has been approved for \$5,000. Warwick believes it's covered in the present budget and will not put the department in the hole. Search and Rescue can take some of their older vehicles.

### The new Red Flag law

State guidelines are coming for the new Red Flag law, but Attorney Gibbons said Saguache County needs to have a policy in place even if we never get an order for it.

How are counties dealing with it? While opponents of the law say it infringes on the right to due process and the Second Amendment, others like Boulder County Sheriff Joe Pelle say "sheriffs execute protection orders every day across the state for domestic violence and civil reasons. They're issued. They're served on the person, and then that person has due process rights in court. This bill follows that same format."

### Public health going in a different direction

Lynette Grant, Public Health Director, reported that an assistant is training as a translator and will be used in conjunction with Rio Grande County, a much-needed effort. She requested money to hire a financial person to create policies and procedures, as well as spreadsheets. The financial position was funded at 32 hours originally. She asked if there is any money in reserve. Wendi Maez as acting Administrator said there is money in reserves for Lynette to get public health finances in order even though it hasn't been done that way before. Wendi confirmed that Public Health could use those funds. Some of the Commissioners seemed hesitant. It was not explained why a Commissioner can say let's get those digital speed signs put up and no one asks about the money. Yet when Lynette Grant asks to hire a financial person to get

things in order in public health, it's questioned. Grant also met with resistance with the Communities that Care (CTC) program. Commissioner Jason Anderson said he was not in favor of the program because he doesn't see results. Grant said she has hired Gloria Quintana as the new coordinator and feels they need to give it a chance because she believes Gloria will champion the program and set clear goals. Statistics support Grant. Findings show that communities employing the CTC model had lower levels of risk factors and problem behaviors (delinquency and alcohol/drug use) than communities not employing CTC. This prevention system gives communities the tools to address adolescent health and behavior problems through a focus on empirically identified risk and protective factors. A rigorous scientific trial demonstrated that young people from CTC communities were 25% to 33% less likely to have health and behavior problems and 37% are less likely to binge drink. The incidence of delinquent behavior, alcohol, cigarette, and smokeless tobacco were significantly lower for participants in CTC.

### Social Services

Director Linda Warsh presented a contract for a collaborative management program to help youth and families who are involved in various agencies because of truancy, probation, etc. to address problems before they escalate. The State mandates intervention to keep them at home and not institutionalized. The Board approved this collaboration. Warsh has to deal with a maze of social services in order to stay current with new programs such as the wraparound services covered by Medicaid.

### Transportation out of the valley

It's a long ways to anywhere in this large county. Barry Van Zandt of the Saguache County Chamber of Commerce came to attain a memorandum of understanding for the Eagle Bus line which has been operating every Tuesday for pickup/dropoff riders. The shuttle serves the western San Luis Valley and goes from Monte Vista, Del Norte, Center, Saguache, Villa Grove and finally to Salida. This on-demand service shuttles people to doctor's appointments or shopping and returns them to their point of origin. A study indicated the CDOT funds



New patrol officer Carla Barrios

were well used. Ridership on the west side service since last June amounted to 1600 trips, mostly from Saguache County. \$6 to Salida is a bargain, especially for those without a means of transportation. What about the east side of valley? The Bustang operates on the east side, originating in Alamosa and then to Moffat, Salida and from there to Pueblo. There were 217 trips to Crestone for the Energy Fair alone. Sixty-five percent of the funding comes from federal funds. The rest is a match, so Van Zandt was looking to split that cost with counties which contribute \$1700 or a very small percentage. The County approved the agreement.

### Heart of Rockies Regional Medical Center in Saguache

Ben Gibbons, County Attorney, has looked over the lease for the medical building in Saguache which was previously run by Dr. David M. Arnett, MD. The Heart of Rockies Regional Medical Center in Salida will now operate the facility and staff it with their doctors. There will also be a nurse practitioner on hand. This looks like a win/win situation that will benefit the county.

### 2020 County budget

The preliminary presentation of next year's County budget is \$7,680,676. The figure for the draft is much higher than last year. The Board is still meeting with department heads and getting input from them, so there will be changes.

### Crestone office hours

County Commissioner Jason Anderson will now have office hours at the new Sheriff's annex building next to the Mercantile grocery store on the first and third Monday of every month.

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# Saguache County considers land use changes on the number of medical marijuana plants allowed

by Lisa Cyriacks

A public hearing scheduled November 5, 2019 at 3pm at the Saguache County Courthouse will allow residents to make comments on proposed land use regulations regarding variances granting those with medical marijuana cards to grow more than the 24 plants allowed by the State of Colorado.

In response to concerns raised by Land Use Administrator Wendi Maez in June regarding the number of variances current and pending for a single landowner in Lazy KV Estates, the Commissioners passed a resolution imposing a moratorium on processing and approval of any application for a variance to the plant count permitted for medical marijuana on parcels of land in unincorporated Saguache County.

The moratorium is for six months or pending the adoption of appropriate regulations to address the impacts on Saguache residents.

Since 2017 State law has restricted the number of marijuana plants that can be grown on any

one residential parcel to 12 for personal use and a 24-plant-count-limit on growing medical marijuana, provided the applicant has a legitimate MMJ license from a physician to grow.

Maez reported her concerns to Commissioners in June of this year that many MMJ patients that apply for variances for an exception to the State-imposed 24-plant-count-limit do so to take advantage of the system.

The final proposed revision under consideration reads: Variances may be applied for with the Board of County Commissioners reviewing for final approval. If the request is for over the 12-plant count, the total number of plants requested is not to exceed 24 per parcel."

Those making the request for extended plant counts must also present proof of a viable water source and sewage disposal system. All marijuana variance requests must also follow all existing marijuana regulations.



These two bucks challenged each other during this fall's rutting season.

photo by Kate Steichen

## Parties to the Citizens' & Town of Crestone's complaint against SLVREC are in settlement negotiations

On Friday October 18, representatives from the parties in the Citizens' and Town's Complaint Anne Pace Et. Al. and Town of Crestone v. San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (The Parties) participated in a mediation session sponsored and hosted by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission which lasted the better part of the day. Lili Zohar for the Citizens and Sam Pace and Mayor Danforth for Town of Crestone participated by phone, and joined the mediation participants in Denver including the attorneys for the various parties and Loren Howard, CEO and JoAn Waudby, CFO for SLVREC.

The judge who facilitated the mediation was not the same judge who will ultimately decide the case, if it does not settle. At the conclusion of the mediation session, the Parties had agreed upon high-level terms that would govern a potential settlement agreement. At the time of this printing, the attorneys are working to finalize a written term sheet to reflect the terms discussed at mediation to share with their respective clients. Because the mediation is governed by rules of confidentiality, the content of the terms cannot be made public at this time. Upon securing the necessary approvals or ratifications from each Party regarding the term sheet, the attorneys for the Citizens, for Crestone and for the SLVREC will draft a written settlement agreement reflecting the terms outlined in the term sheet.

If the Citizen Parties and the Town deem the settlement agreement fair and in their interest, and the agreement is executed by all of the Parties, it will be submitted to the PUC and the Town and the Citizens will withdraw their respective complaints. Until that happens, the hearing dates of November 19-22, 2019 will stay in place for a hearing at Colorado College campus. So stay tuned for future announcements.

## Moffat annexation

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licenses, as well as improvements to infrastructure, employment opportunities and increased sales and excise tax revenue with annexation of this additional land.

As part of this most recent annexation process, Saguache County denied Moffat's request for a waiver to submit the usual Impact Report. The Impact Report is currently being drafted and will be made available when complete at Moffat Town Hall during normal business hours.

In order to fulfill the requirement of one-sixth contiguity required by state, law, the Town of Moffat would need to annex a portion of County Road 59. The result is that 80 acres contiguous to the Town but not within the Town boundary would be surrounded by the Town.

If the Town of Moffat takes over "ownership" of County Road 59, a public road, what happens to the responsibility for maintenance and improvements? Presumably, this will be part of the discussions with the Saguache County Board of County Commissioners before accepting the Impact Report before the annexation proceeds.

Under the 2018 annexation agreement, Potch LLC agreed to re-drill a Town well. While the drilling has been completed, the well has not been tested nor have water lines been installed to service the businesses located on the land annexed in 2018. In the past year, upgraded electrical services have been brought in to service the Area 420 Commercial Cannabis Park.

There are concerns about the existing commercial development by some residents of the town and surrounding area that remain

unaddressed—traffic, excessive speeds, light and noise pollution, blight and garbage along public roads. Questions also remain about the role and effectiveness of law enforcement to address problems. The recent fire within the original town boundary has highlighted the necessity for better infrastructure, such as fire hydrants, and has raised legitimate concerns about public health when industrial activities are mixed with residences.

The Moffat Town Trustees will be holding at least two public hearings scheduled for November 5 and November 19 at 6:30pm to receive comments on the proposed annexation. Anyone is allowed to speak and comments are not limited to just town residents but anyone, including Saguache County residents and Crestonians, who might be impacted by the development.

To review the documents or to submit comments in writing, contact the Moffat Town Hall at 719-256-4538.

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by **Allyson Ransom,**  
**Crestone Town Clerk**  
**October 14, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am, and the Board of Trustees passed the following motions:

- To approve the agenda
- To approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of September 9, 2019
- To approve paying the bills
- To approve the financial report as presented
- To approve paying the increased amount on three invoices from Mark Potter as recently submitted
- To transfer \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to a CD and direct Treasurer Busby to research which bank to use for said CD
- To spend up to \$700.00 to purchase a four-wheeler from Andrew Martinez to be used by code enforcement and public works and contingent on an updated insurance quote being received from CIRSA
- To approve the changes to sections 4.1 and 4.2 of the Town's sewer ordinance so that it is in alignment with the water ordinance rules but contingent on review by Attorney Farish
- To approve donating up to \$450 to purchase an ice sculpture for Winterfest on the condition that the committee headed by Desiree Marceau gets another ice carving donated.
- To approve a Special Event Liquor Permit for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors event at the Cloud Station (222 S. Cottonwood St.) to be held from 7pm to 11pm on October 31, 2019
- To approve the annual renewal of OFIA's (Our Food is Art) hotel/restaurant liquor license at 121 E. Galena Ave.
- To adopt Resolution #008-2019, changing the Town's organizational chart to reflect a new position for Deputy Clerk.
- To adopt Resolution #009-2019, formally recognizing Indigenous People's Day as the holiday observed on the second Monday in October instead of Columbus Day.
- To require that the amended zoning code update include that Additional dwelling units (ADU) do not exceed 600 square feet, and to remove "80% of original house size" language.
- To adjourn the meeting at 4:15pm

#### Correspondence & citizen comments

Trustee Diane Bairstow submitted a letter stating she will remain on the Board until the end of her term.

Mary Lowers submitted a letter of concern about the owner of Block 40 and the land development.

Ann Nita Betts sent a letter regarding transient persons on N. Alder St. and their rude behavior.

Katrie Christopher asked what the Town's emergency plan was in case of fire.

Town resident Katrie Christopher brought a complaint to the Board regarding the Saturday market and lack of Town oversight and that a booth was allowed that announced conspiracy theories and showed videos of the twin towers in NYC being blown up. She felt it was not suitable for children at a family-friendly, public event.

Local business owner Desi Faraci shared her concerns with the Board regarding a mobile pizza vendor that set up next to her business on Saturdays and asked the Board to take action on this issue and that the Board should have more oversight over the Saturday Market event in the future.

The Trustees affirmed that supporting local businesses is important to the Board and that there would be more oversight. Some Trustees recommended that the Town simply take over the management of the Saturday Market since the event includes closing off a part of W. Silver Ave., and the Town bears responsibility in this matter. This item will be continued at the November meeting.

#### Reports

Treasurer Busby discussed the following in her report:

- State sales tax revenue totaled \$24,466.33
- Marijuana tax revenue totaled \$1,058.00
- The importance of saving money and request to transfer money into a CD

Mayor Danforth reported on the Safe Routes to School fundraising dance to be held on November 23, 2019 at the Cloud Station.

Clerk Ransom discussed the following in her report:

- Educating the Board on the process for filling Board vacancies
- Update on the upcoming election
- Rescheduling the annual Firewise Committee meeting
- National Flood Insurance Program process update

Public Works Coordinator Andrew Martinez gave an update on his department and requested that the Town purchase a 300-gallon cistern to water new trees. He also has a four-wheeler he is repairing that he would sell to the Town for \$700 for use by the Code Enforcement Dept. and Public Works.

Trustee Laki discussed planting more trees with the Town covering labor and cost of maintenance. Planting drought-tolerant plants was recommended as well.

Water System Manager Ann Bunting reported that Stephen Hume had submitted an exact GPS drilling location for his approved well. She also requested a change to the Town's sewer ordinance wording in Section 4 to match the water ordinance language regarding non-refundable tap fees. Ann will have the changes reviewed by Attorney Farish.

The Attorney's report included the following:

- A lengthy discussion took place with public input about a possible Tract 1 Land Exchange.



First snowfall of the year on our mountain! Taken on October 18 shortly after the thunder/hail storm that moved through Crestone. photo by Lori Nagel

sible Tract 1 Land Exchange.

Trustee Kinney gave an update on his desire to see a land trade for undeveloped Charter School-owned property in the county for the purpose of preparing for the Town's future goals. He cited the importance of building a secondary exit road out of town for safety, and installing community services such as a library, recreation center, performing arts center, and sewer treatment plant.

Trustee Kinney stated that he had spoken with a representative from DOLA, who said there was a Mineral Grant available for \$200,000.00 and no master plan would be required.

Trustee Laki showed a parcel map to the audience and clearly explained why the plan needed serious consideration. Tract 1 adjoins the current Charter School campus to the west. The new parcel under consideration is situated to the west of that. Tract 1 is between the two parcels of land owned by the Charter School.

Various audience members commented on the personal time they had put into the Tract 1 planning process and the reasons why they believed it was not beneficial to the Town or local community.

Elaine Johnson, owner of the Crestone Mercantile, presented a cost comparison chart and stated that public input had already taken place and involved months of surveys and meetings. She added that four of the seven current Board members had voted in favor of the original Tract 1 Plan as part of the Master Plan in 2017 while emphasizing that all levels of government "need to be stable, predictable and efficient."

Others mentioned that a new, secondary road out of town could still be constructed along the west edge of the Town's Tract 1 property starting at Lime Ave. and leading to Camino Baca Grande.

The Trustees tabled this item for further discussion until their next meeting but did verify and agree that:

\$18,000 in grant money had been spent on the planning phase of the project; a public hearing

would be required whether or not the Board chose to include a referred measure on the 2020 ballot asking town voters if they would want to trade the land; no decisions could be made until the school district announced their own interest to trade school-owned property for Tract 1 land in town.

• Colorado Public Utilities Commission is holding mediation. The Town of Crestone and a citizen's group, have filed formal complaints against the San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative. It is set for October 18, 2019, and the judge would like to see the representatives for all parties make a good faith effort to work things out before going forward with the hearings scheduled in November.

• The Trustees discussed zoning terminology and decided that the maximum ADU size would be 600 square feet, with no mention of sizes having to be 80% of the size of the principal dwelling.

Short-term rentals and B&Bs in residential zones were discussed and owners will be required to submit a notarized affidavit declaring they have the following on their premises: functional smoke/CO detectors, fire extinguishers, exit signs and bear safety information. Attorney Farish verified that he would send the zoning chapter with these final approvals to Municode immediately.

#### Announcements

Please be advised that the Town of Crestone is a zoned community with two safety-code enforcement officers who respond to nuisance complaints. Codes are in place to protect the health, safety and well-being of town residents and visitors. Both code employees deal with nuisance issues by giving verbal or written warnings and, if necessary, written citations. The Saguache County Sheriff's department has a presence in town monitoring traffic and felonious activity.

Crestone Town Hall has weed eaters and hand pump sprayers still available to loan to private property owners for use in town. Supplies may be checked out with a refundable deposit. Contact Town Hall at 719-256-4313.

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# POA news

## Pickleball, budget & annual meeting

by John Rowe

The regular monthly meeting of the Baca Grande Property Owners Association Board of Directors was held on Monday, October 21 at the POA building on T Road. Board members Joanna Theriault and Mark Repp were absent. About a dozen audience members were present for the meeting.

Member forum was short and sweet; the only subject that came up concerned the best way to contact Kevin Flewell (new executive director) with questions or comments. Kevin stated that the best way for him to keep track of what can be many requests was to email him at [info@bacapoa.org](mailto:info@bacapoa.org) and have the note addressed to him particularly.

Next was an update on the "pickleball group," folks who would like to use the tennis courts to play pickleball. There are apparently at least 12-15 people who would like to play on at least one of the two tennis courts the POA owns and of late have been using tape to mark the temporary lines necessary to play. A couple of enthusiastic regular tennis players were on hand also to ask that they be given the one court most suitable for tennis and were amenable to the other court being used for pickleball. Both groups encouraged the Board to refinish the courts soon, as they both are showing considerable wear. They pointed out that, compared to the golf course, the tennis courts require comparatively little time and money to maintain.

Next Kevin gave a financial report, followed by a series of department reports. Basically, the POA is close to budget for the year and should finish right about on budget. The POA reserve account has been untouched this year. A complete audit for 2018 has been done and generally speaking, everything is as it should be. Kevin announced that he wants to be able to post a complete and detailed budget as well as current audits online for all the members to see. It is a priority for him and should be available for next year. Board

member David Peak wants to see more detail in informing the membership on services provided and how many people are employed by the POA in the future and Kevin and the Board roundly agreed with him.

A 3% hike in POA dues will be in effect in 2020, the dues going up to \$406 for the year. Sugandha Brooks reminded everyone that there will be at least a 3% increase for the foreseeable future, just to cover inflation.

New signage will be posted on the Baca Grant Way entrances to the S. Crestone Creek trails, reminding people that there is no vehicular traffic allowed, save for POA maintenance vehicles.

Several members of our emergency services fire fighting division have been fighting the Decker Fire as well as a recent fire in Moffat that consumed three houses. Everyone offered their thanks for our guys' good work.

Steve Dossenback reported that back dues that the POA could not collect, thus had turned over to a collection agency, resulted in \$354,000, minus the collection fee, going into the POA coffers. This amount dates back to 2016, when the POA instituted a stricter collection policy, one that appears to be working well.

In response to a question, Steve says there are significantly fewer unresolved delinquent home starts in the Baca, an occurrence that Steve at least partially attributes to a stricter enforcement of Baca covenants, also instituted in 2016.

Please remember the members' annual meeting on the evening of Friday, November 15 at 7pm at the POA Hall on T Road. Election results for the two vacant POA Board member seats will be announced then. Three candidates are running for the two seats—Steve Dossenback, Ed Sbarbaro, and Wade Lockhart. Other issues to be discussed include the direction and future of the Baca community, both in the short term and in the future.



Eager students attending introductory pickleball at the Baca Grande POA tennis courts.

## Pickleball play introduced to Crestone

by Robert Wall

In the September, 2019 issue of *The Crestone Eagle*, the first Crestone Pickleball Event was announced to happen on September 21, 2019, as an introduction to the fastest-rising sport in America. The Baca Grande POA offered the two existing tennis courts as the stage for this event as an experiment to gauge the level of interest in the community for pickleball play. Two volunteer residents measured, marked, and taped off two temporary pickleball courts on one of the two tennis courts. Nets, balls, paddles, and instructions were supplied for whoever showed up that Saturday morning.

The response to that article was noteworthy; a dozen or so enthusiasts did come out to learn and play but enthusiasm was also expressed by way of emails and testimonies from around town that conveyed widespread interest in the project. Many of Saturday's players said that when the word gets out that the Baca Grande has courts, this is going to grow into something that will likely need some kind of organization as it already has in towns that surround Crestone. The nearest set of pickleball courts now is in Salida.

Even more encouraging, those

that came out on Saturday asked if they could also come back Sunday. And then on Monday. It was becoming addictive. And, pickleball is a sport that creates opportunities for increasing community socialization with obvious health benefits.

The results of this experiment were reported to the POA Board members in October. During that meeting, voices were also heard from the tennis community and other property owners concerned that the courts were not being maintained. All seemed in favor of a project for increasing utilization of these courts and for better maintenance. The Board took all recommendations under advisement.

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**Annual Members Meeting & Election Notice**

The Baca Grande POA Board of Directors Election will take place at the Annual Members Meeting, which is set for Friday, November 15 at 7 pm. The Annual Members Meeting will take place in the Baca Grande POA Hall located at 68575 County Rd T, Crestone, CO 81131.

Meeting materials are being mailed to Members' address on file. Members are encouraged to return their completed ballots in advance of the Annual Meeting. If you did not receive a ballot and believe you should have, please contact the POA Office at (719) 256-4171.

Three (3) candidates are running for two (2) open POA Board of Director Seats. They are: Ed Sbarbaro, Steven Dossenback, and Wade Lockhart

# Shumei hosts “Arts of the Sacred”: A celebration of the influences & work of David Berthier Yarbrough

*Symposium November 17*

For the months of November and December Shumei is honored to host “Arts of the Sacred,” a collection and celebration of David Berthier Yarbrough’s artwork. David is a former Crestone resident and responsible for many architectural offerings in the Crestone area. An art symposium will be held Sunday November 17 at 3pm with Darlene Yarborough, who will speak about her late husband’s life, art and spiritual inspirations. A reception will follow the presentation. This event is free to the public. Following the symposium please join us for a tour of the Sacred Geometry Dome at the Crestone Mountain Zen Center from 5 to 6pm.

David Berthier Yarborough (November 23, 1928-April 23, 2003) was born in Texas and received his degree in Architecture from Texas A&M in 1952 and in 2002 he received the Outstanding Alumni Award, School of Architecture. His 54-year architectural practice encompassed over 300 projects and came to focus on the art and architecture of the sacred. His philosophy is summed up in his favorite quote: May we be guided by truth, have beauty revealed to us, and may it result

in the Good.

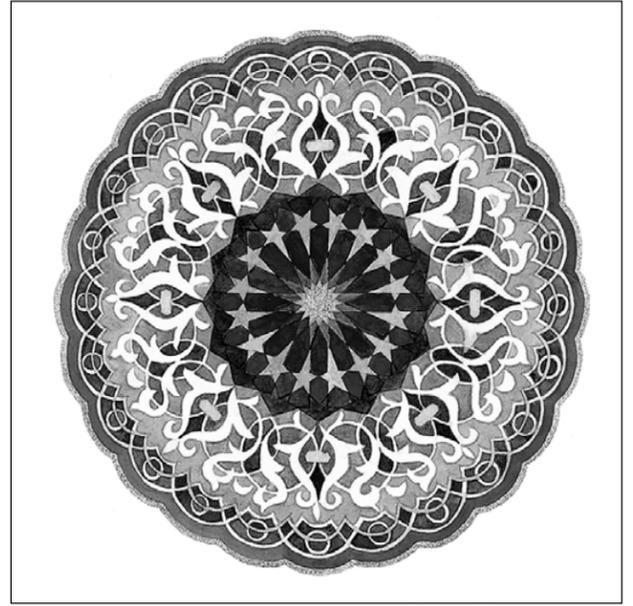
David said his objective was to create beauty. And, he did with his beautiful watercolor mandala paintings. A prolific painter, David’s art has been collected throughout the world. A permanent collection is in the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture.

David’s design and approach and philosophy was that the universe consists of the visible and the invisible. The material world we experience has a very definite underlying geometric structure. This invisible, primordial geometry of nature that determines the visible world is also the basis for the architectural form that is the response that satisfies the physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual nature of man.

Geometry is the bridge between the world of materialism and the Divine. The circular mandala expresses the notion of cosmos, that is of the reality conceived as an organized, unified whole. The mandala as a reflection of the cosmos works through number and geometry, beginning with Unity, moving through its theophany and back to Unity. To the mystic, it evokes the surren-

der of self and the reintegration of the many into the One.

As part of this retrospective, the show will also include pieces from David’s mentors. Dr. Keith Critchlow, who was also David’s dear friend, is an internationally known author of many books including *Order in Space*. He was Director of Research at The Prince of Wales’s Institute of Architecture and the Director of The Visual Islamic and Traditional Arts Department. He is a founding member and Director of Studies for KAIROS, a British charity. Keith was architect to the Krishnamurti Center in the UK, The Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medicine, Puttarth, India and the Dome at the Crestone Mountain Zen Center. The show will also include work from Paul Marchant, an artist/designer who studied under Keith Critchlow at the Slade School, University



“Arts of the Sacred” will be on display at Shumei’s gallery for the months of November and December. November 17 at 3pm is the symposium, followed by a talk at the Zen Dome from 5 to 6pm.

of London and taught at major colleges of art and design. His paintings, prints and designs are held in many collections including the Tate Gallery.

Come learn more about David, sacred geometry and his artwork on Sunday November 17, 3 to 5pm. And remember, following the symposium there is a tour of the Sacred Geometry Dome at the Crestone Mountain Zen Center from 5 to 6pm. This event is free to the public. Please visit [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) or call 256-5284 for more information. Please call the office to confirm the gallery is open.

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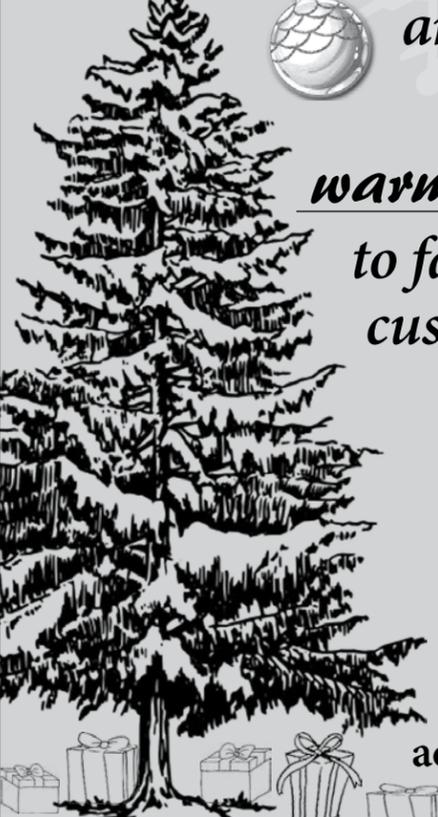
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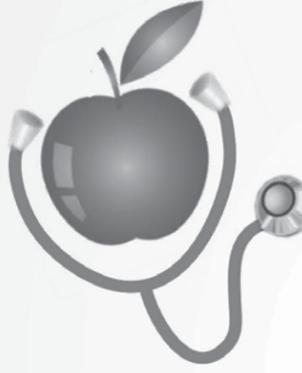
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## Annual WinterFest Bazaar Nov. 29-Dec. 1

Winterfest is set to be more festive than ever before! This year's activities kick off on Friday, Nov. 29 with our first annual Parade of Lights. The parade starts at 4:40pm and will follow a shorter version of the 4th of July route. Residents and businesses are invited to participate by decorating their vehicles or dressing in holiday costumes and lights and walking the parade route. The parade will end at Bob's Place with the traditional lighting of the tree.

Saturday, Nov. 30 kicks off the annual Arts and Crafts Bazaar held at the Crestone Charter School. Hours are 10-5 with breakfast by Gracie's Farmstead starting at 9am. Pastries and lunch items will also be available. Santa will be on hand for picture-taking opportunities and there will be hay rides for the kids.

Saturday also features our first progressive dinner to benefit Pet Partners. The dinner starts with appetizers by Gracie's Farmstead at the charter school 3-5pm. There will be Christmas caroling and of course holiday shopping. The dinner moves on to Bob's Place for a main course 4-6pm and then on to the Art Gallery for the dessert course. The Art Gallery will be holding their Jingle and Mingle event 6-8pm with lovely desserts and mulled wine. David Steele will be performing and Christopher Long will be on hand with palm readings. Judy Arnold is donating a piece of her pottery for the drawing. Tickets for the Pet Partners progressive dinner are \$20 and will be available for sale at The Mercantile prior to the event and at Gracie's Farmstead at the Charter School day of the event.

On Sunday the arts and crafts bazaar continues at the Charter School 10-5 with breakfast available starting at 9am. Meals and pastries will be available all day. Santa will be on hand again as well as hay rides for the kids. This year we have two \$75 cash door prizes as well as gift certificates and other

items from local businesses to give away.

The grand finale to Winterfest will be a live ice carving demo in Little Pearl Park on the plaza beginning at 2pm. Colorado Ice Works will be on hand to carve beautiful ice sculptures which will be backlit and left to adorn the town of Crestone with holiday cheer. The town itself will be a winter wonderland festive with lit trees and decorations galore!



Santa will return to grant children's wishes at WinterFest Saturday & Sunday. photo by Lori Nagel

Many thanks to the town of Crestone for the generous donation of funds to cover the costs of one sculpture and to those of you who have also donated. And to the Crestone Mercantile, Crestone Hardware, Bob's Place and Crestone Laundromat for their donation of a second sculpture. We are still needing funds so that we may have 3 sculptures. Please go to [www.gofundme.com/Winterfest-Activities](http://www.gofundme.com/Winterfest-Activities) to contribute. Please help make this the most festive Winterfest ever and of course join in the festivities with family and friends!



Cindy Hefty, John Hefty and Melinda Davis led a long line of hungry Crestonians at last year's NHN Thanksgiving Potluck celebration, held annually on the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving day. photo by Lori Nagel

## Pre-Thanksgiving Potluck Sunday, November 24

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

On Sunday, November 24, from 12:30-5:30pm at the Crestone Charter School, Neighbors Helping Neighbors will set the tables for their 20th annual community event.

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

Coffee, teas, sugar and cream will be provided. You are asked to bring your own plates and eating utensils. Donations of money are also needed to purchase additional food items. Come join the fun and enjoy the food!

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

# WinterFest

Parade of Lights + Tree lighting, 2nd stop: Dinner at Bobs ,  
Friday 5pm Saturday 5pm

WinterFest Arts & Crafts Bazaar 3rd stop: Desserts and Art  
Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 10am-5pm Crestone Artisan's Gallery

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner by Gracie's Farmstead All day Saturday & Sunday

Door Prizes and Cash Giveaways, Sun 4pm

Santa, Caroling & Hay Rides Saturday & Sunday 2pm-5pm

Pet Partners Progressive Dinner 1st stop: Appetizers Charter School, Saturday 3pm-5pm

Nov30th & Dec 1st Sat.10am-6pm Sun.10am-5pm

## Crestone Charter School



Matie Belle Lakish at a previous WinterFest Arts & Crafts Bazaar. photo by Lori Nagel

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## Maha Lakshmi Shop

The Maha Lakshmi Shop at the Haidakhandi Universal Ashram warmly invites you to shop for your loved ones during this season of giving. We have many items including: incense, prayer bells and bowls, malas, books, CDs, 2020 Divine Mother calendars, artwork, cloth items, statues, jewelry, bindis, magnets, and photography by JD Marston. The shop is open every day from 9am until 5pm. Our temple is home to the Divine Mother and Shri Babaji. Aarati (chanting) takes place at 7am and 6pm daily. We have Full and New moon fire ceremonies at 10am. Call 719-256-4108 or go to our website at [www.babajiashram.org](http://www.babajiashram.org) with questions.



Some of the many holiday gifts at the Maha Lakshmi Shop starting at \$3.

## The Crestone Mercantile

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Save time, save money, and contribute to our local economy by shopping local.

Happy Holidays from our family to yours!



The tree lighting will be Friday, November 29 as part of the WinterFest Parade of Lights.

photo by Lori Nagel

<p><b>Holiday Shopping at the Maha Lakshmi Shop!</b> 10% off all non-sale items for our Eagle readers if you ask for it at the time of checkout.</p>	<p><b>Maha Lakshmi Shop</b> Incense, scarves, shawls, saris, candles, jewelry, oils, diffusers, prayer flags, singing bowls, CDs, malas, books, purses, statues, clothes, punjabi suits, &amp; more.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Store Hours: 9am - 5pm Call: (719) 256-4108 email: <a href="mailto:atshop@Babajiasram.org">atshop@Babajiasram.org</a> <a href="http://www.BabajiAshram.org">www.BabajiAshram.org</a></p>
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## Firstthought Studios

In moving to Crestone 8 years ago, Stephen Futral, aka “Ish”, has been able to be in the position of pursuing his art and writing and sharing some of that with various workshops and writing groups.

He tries to explore the relationship of mind/heart with the creative process, whether that be painting, writing, cooking and simply being. The idea of genuineness and authentic presence, which can't be manufactured, are the pillars of his Firstthought Studios, where he offers workshops in Calligraphy and Encaustics.



He has been in an international art show in Beirut, Lebanon, and is showing in Crestone Artisans Gallery and has shown at Shumei International Institute along with other group shows. His art is in collections throughout the US, Canada and Europe and the Middle East.

## Crestone Artisans Gallery offers unique art & local hand-crafted gifts

by Jim R. Moore

It is time to be thinking about holiday gift giving, and there is no better place to start paring down your list than at the Crestone Artisans' Gallery.

Our members have been creating new art for the season, including paintings, jewelry, wall hangings, mosaic art, ceramic pots and sculptures, weavings, wind chimes, cards, photographs, Crestone Eagle gift bags and more.

Our activity for Winterfest this year—“Jingle and Mingle,” November 30, 6-8pm—includes music by David Steele and an array of desserts and mulled wine for your enjoyment. Judy Arnold is donating one of her ceramic creations as the

door prize! Also, we will have a table of smallish items at Winterfest providing another opportunity for gift purchasing.

Operated by local artists for over 13 years, the gallery has become a destination highlight for visitors.

November gallery hours are 10-4, Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, call us at 719-298-3003 or just stop into the gallery for a look-around. We love having visitors and are always up for a chat!

## Shumei Shop / MoSPACE



There are many unique gift options at the Shumei Shop/MoSPACE gallery in Crestone. Located at 116 S. Alder St., the shop has natural agriculture and organic products with beautiful labels making an exceptional gift. Olive oil, balsamic vinegar, local juniper keychains, skincare products, art and more! Take a few moments for yourself and receive

Jyorei while you're there. Jyorei is a hands-off healing practice that focuses spiritual light to dissolve impurities that cause physical, emotional, and personal dilemmas. “Jyorei” means “purification of the spirit” and is offered by donation. Open Wed.-Sat., noon-4pm.

### Shumei International Institute

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Present & Creative Art Supply, 116 S Alder Street, Crestone.

Our hours are Wednesday/Thursday 1-4:30pm and Friday/Saturday 11am-4pm.



## 4th Street Diner & Bakery

As you walk into the 4th St. Diner and Bakery in historic downtown Saguache, the aroma of freshly baked bread, pies, scones, muffins, and cookies fills the air.

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So if you are looking for the comfort of friendly faces, a yummy pie, breakfast, lunch, or a good cup of coffee, the 4th Street Diner and Bakery has you covered!



## The Gift Horse & Eureka Thrift

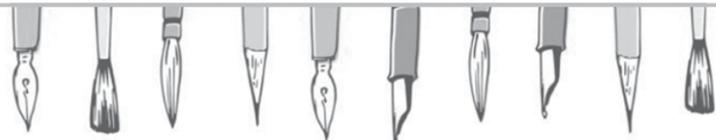
Happy Holidays from everyone at The Gift Horse & Eureka Thrift Store! The Gift Horse carries beautiful clothing, jewelry, art, scarves and many unique and spiritual items.

Eureka Thrift has been open more than a year now, and it's been amazing! The consignment has worked out wonderfully and we have been able to put checks in the hands of the community, bringing lots of smiles and cheer. We've collected a wide selection of goods from clothes to shoes to hats to gadgets to home-ware to furniture.

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## 9th Annual Saguache Holiday Bazaar



Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 7, and join HEART of Saguache/KV and local vendors at the Community Building on 7th St. between Pitkin and Christy for our annual Holiday Bazaar. Hours are from 10am to 3pm. There are 22 tables this year. Past events featured baked goods, handwork, crafts, baskets, pottery, jewelry and many other delights. Lunch is served by Mountain Valley. Santa will arrive from the North Pole from 11am to 1pm for photo ops.

The silent auction will fund Saguache Sharing Christmas, which provides food boxes for families during the holidays. You don't need to be present to win.

For more information and to reserve your table, please *text* Caroline at 719-850-0051, or leave a message.

## Historic Ute Theatre

Join us this month at the Historic Ute Theatre in Saguache for live music, a free performing arts workshop, classic/independent films, flash fiction fun, and more. The Historic Ute Theatre reopened this past June with a dynamic mission to uplift, transform, and engage ourselves and each other. Thus far, we have hosted nearly 25 events, offering family-friendly, innovative, accessible, and inspiring programming to the SLV community and visitors alike.

For more information about upcoming events (and to subscribe to our mailing list), please visit [www.historicutetheatre.com](http://www.historicutetheatre.com); [info@historicutetheatre.com](mailto:info@historicutetheatre.com); call 719-427-1080; or visit our Facebook page.

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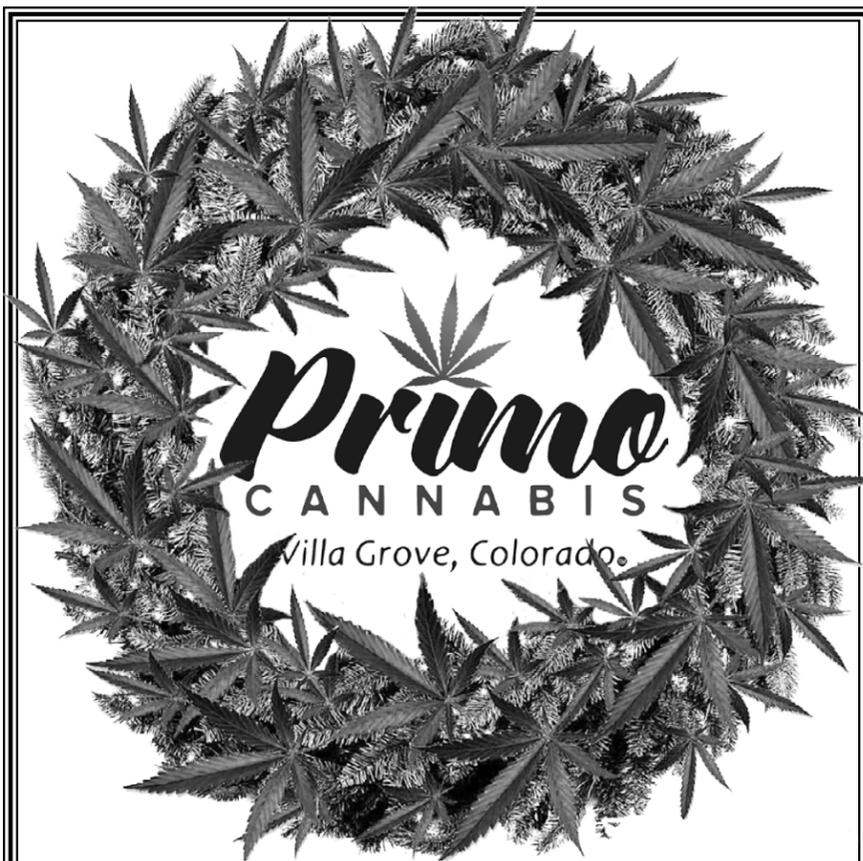


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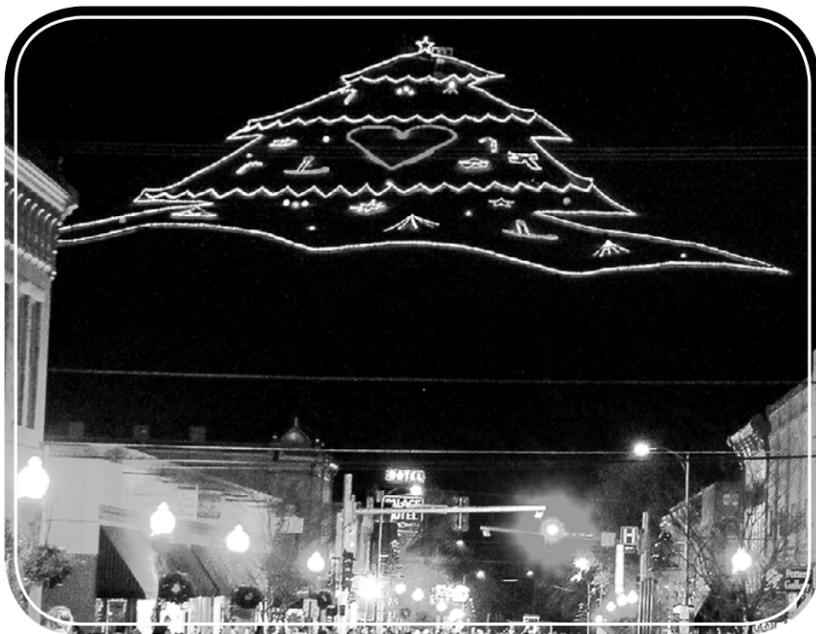
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## Salida Cutlery & Smoke Shop

Salida Cutlery and Smoke Shop is a fun store to find unique gift items for your loved ones. You'll find quality kitchen cutlery from Wusthof, manicure sets, fine pocket knives, survival knives, Swedish axes, and more. Take a look to find wallets, money clips, & Zippo lighters. We carry a large selection of Vape mods and E juices, fine cigars, pipe tobacco, and accessories like humidors and cutters.

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Salida Cutlery and Smoke Shop wishes you a season filled with joy! Thank you, Twyla Rains.



## Salida Parade of Lights

Christmas Parade of Lights begins Friday, November 29, at dark in downtown Salida, followed by the transformation of Riverside Park into Holiday Park, and Tenderfoot Hill ("S" Mountain) into Christmas Mountain. Festivities continue with a community open house at the SteamPlant Event Center with free cocoa, cookies and entertainment. Downtown shops and galleries stay open extended hours, and local restaurants and bars are bustling with activity.

## Kaleidoscope Toys

Kaleidoscope Toys is a locally owned specialty toy store in the heart of downtown Salida. We specialize in unique educational toys, games and novelties for children and adults of all ages.

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## The Maverick Potter

The Maverick Potter in downtown Salida is a dream come true for studio potter Mark Rittmann. Ever since he moved to Colorado, he aspired to open a pottery shop in a mountain town. Mark's interest in ceramics began with fascination in the process of bringing a formless lump through to becoming a long-lived functional piece of art. After eleven years in business, Mark delights in knowing that his work has brought connection and joy to thousands of people around the world. Located at 119 F Street, the gallery offers an inspiring collection of functional and decorative art and represents over 36 local and regional artists.



## Vino Salida— A premier Colorado wine destination

Winemaker Steve Flynn has worked closely with Colorado grape- and honey-producers to forge long-lasting relationships. Steve's drive to craft quality products has led to many different styles of wine, all tasting unique and purely Coloradan. Wines including Vino Rosso di Salida, BeeVino Semi-Sweet Mead and the Rosso Vino Vermouth have been awarded medals at the 2019 Colorado Governor's Cup. Book your tour online and visit us in Poncha Springs for wine tasting, dining and now craft beer and spirits. Visit [vinosalida.com](http://vinosalida.com) to see how Vino Salida Wine Bar & Cellars has become a premier Colorado Wine destination.



## The Mixing Bowl

Thank you faithful customers! This is the Mixing Bowl's 12th holiday season, and we have some new and wonderful additions here at our store in downtown Salida. We are featuring more unique and wonderful products

for your home and kitchen. There is a gift for everyone on your list. Just let us help you find it. Then we'll wrap it with all the trimmings because you are a part of the Mixing Bowl family. Please come by and taste some of our specialty foods and chocolates and give us a chance to serve you. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Mixing Bowl staff.



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**Saguache County Commissioner hours in Crestone**

Commissioner Jason Anderson will be in Crestone to meet with citizens on the first and third Mondays of each month from 10am til 2pm at the Mercantile Annex office space. Have a question or want to discuss an issue with your County Commissioner? Stop on by.

**The sacred spruce tree: A workshop with Native American teacher and healer Láné Sáan Moonwalker**

Spruce trees provide critical habitat and shelter for birds, foxes, deer, etc. Being evergreens they are semi-active in winter, continuing to provide needed shelter and habitat as well as recycling air and nutrients. All evergreens teach us about ongoing pacing, unlike deciduous trees. All beings have unique gifts. We will take a hike to visit the elder spruce trees and discover their unique gifts. Be prepared for a visit to these magnificent trees by bringing a gift (corn meal, tobacco, wild bird seed, or water). Please wear appropriate clothing including walking shoes.

(If you have worked with spruce and are aware of its unique gifts, please don't reveal that to others; and please don't google it, so everyone can have a fresh experience!)

Saturday, November 16, and Sunday, November 17, 9:30 to 4:30. \$180 for both days. To register and for location call 719-937-7786, or dorjeroot@gmail.com

**Workday at the Wildlife Refuge Nov. 2**

The Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges will host a workday at the Baca National Wildlife Refuge Saturday, November 2. We will meet at the Baca headquarters at 9 am and work on the new trail on the Baca. Volunteers should bring gloves and water. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

For more information, please leave a message at 719 852-2452

**Help La Puente share the joy of Thanksgiving**

As the leaves begin to turn, La Puente is getting ready for the holidays and needs your help! Each year, La Puente works to ensure that everyone in our community gets to enjoy the holiday by hosting two Thanksgiving events. The first is a Thanksgiving Basket Drive, where La Puente aims to provide a Thanksgiving dinner box to around 600 families across the San Luis Valley. The cost per box is \$28.59 and includes everything a family of four will need to have a holiday feast. Distribution will take place November 23. You can donate online at [www.lapuentehome.org/thanksgiving](http://www.lapuentehome.org/thanksgiving) or you can mail/drop off your donation at the Alamosa Food Bank at 513 6th St., Alamosa.

La Puente's second event is the Community Thanksgiving Meal which will take place on November 28 at La Puente's Shelter. This meal for over 200 guests is only made possible with the support of community members who donate their time, money, and food. If you would like be part of this year's celebration, please contact [volunteers@lapuente.net](mailto:volunteers@lapuente.net) or call 719-587-3499 for more information.

**Westcliffe art show seeks submissions**

Announcing "Fall into Winter," an art show at 3rd St. Gallery in Westcliffe, CO, open to all 2D and 3D artworks in all mediums. Intake for show is Oct. 27-28. Limit 5 pieces of artwork per artist; see [www.sangresartguild.org/shows-events/2019/fall-into-winter-2019](http://www.sangresartguild.org/shows-events/2019/fall-into-winter-2019) for details and size limitations.

Show dates: Oct. 31-Dec. 23. "Awards" opening receptions, Nov. 2, 4-6pm and a mid-show event Dec. 7, 2-4pm. Contact gallery show coordinator at [artfineartgraphics@gmail.com](mailto:artfineartgraphics@gmail.com) or 719-783-2099 with questions.



All of the artists from the Crestone Artists Studio Tour gathered at the Crestone Charter School on Friday evening, October 11, to showcase their work and give patrons a little taste of what they could expect at their individual studios that weekend. L to R: Al Sutherland, David Nelson, Jandi Namba, Jane Kwan, Jeff Beard, Leigha Nicole, SD Youngwolf, Kathy Strathearn, Jennifer Thomson, Pat Tullos, Stephen (Ish) Futral, Emmy Savage, Noah Baen, Josefina Gordh, Peter Ismert, Maureen (Mo) Eich VanWallegan, Allison Wonderland. Front: Kimberlee Best. photo by Lori Nagel



Jane Kwan is in her studio and explaining her artwork to Jeanie Krogh during the Crestone Artists Studio Tour. photo by Lori Nagel



Jennifer Thomson explains her watercolor technique to visiting patron, Betsy, during the Crestone Artists Studio Tour in October. photo by Lori Nagel

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# Community Calendar—November 2019

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

## Monthly Events

### 2 November

- CEOLP registration party 10am-1pm
- Workday at the Baca Wildlife Refuge 9am

### 3 November

- Guided Meditation Chamma Ling Retreat Center 2-3:30pm
- Sunday mass at Nada Hermitage 9-10am
- Turn clocks back 1 hour at 2am

### 4 November

- Town of Crestone Planning Commission Meeting 5-7pm
- Commissioner J Anderson in town Villa Grove Trade 10am-2pm
- Gentle Morning Yoga 10-11:30am

### 5 November

- Moffat Town public meeting on add'l land annexation 6:30pm

### 6 November

- Guru Rinpoche Tsok 6-8pm
- Crestone Food Bank 10am-noon

### 8 November

- Guru Rinpoche Tsok 6-8pm

### 9 November

- Medicine Buddha Puja 4:30pm
- Art opening Crestone Town Hall 1-4pm

### 10 November

- Shumei's monthly Sampai 10:30am-noon
- Saguache County Museum Board meeting 1:30pm

### 11 November

- Town of Crestone Board of Trustees Meeting 9:30am-5pm
- Public Hearing on Medical Marijuana, Gordon & Chi Chi Chu's house 9am-4pm
- Veterans' Day

### 12 November

- Full Moon
- Saguache County Tax Lien Sale Full Moon Riwo Sangcho 10-11am
- Full Moon Fire Ceremony followed by a meal Haidakhandi Ashram 10am-noon

### 13 November

- CEOLP/IFC monthly meeting 7-9pm informedfinancialchoices.org

### 15 November

- Annual Baca Grande POA Members' meeting 7pm
- Flow into Gratitude for Strength & Healing: Joyful Journey Yoga Retreat to Benefit the Rio Grande Farm Park 4pm-11:30am 719-580-0379

### 16 November

- Sukavati Puja 4:30pm
- Video conference with Andrew Romanoff 3:15pm

### 17 November

- Symposium for "Arts of the Sacred" at Shumei 3-5pm

### 18 November

- Commissioner J Anderson Merc annex 10am-2pm

### 19 November

- Iha bab duchen (Shakyamuni's descent from heaven) Yeshe Khorlo 2pm-5pm
- Hearing re: SLVREC vs Citizens
- Moffat Town public meeting on add'l land annexation 6:30pm

### 20 November

- BGPOA EAC meeting 10am

### 21 November

- Sufi Dhikr Mountain Valley School 4pm

### 22 November

- Dakini Tsok Yeshe Khorlo 6-8pm

### 23 November

- Safe Routes to School fundraising dance 6-9pm

### 24 November

- 20th annual Pre-Thanksgiving Potluck Crestone Charter School 12:30-5:30pm

### 26 November

- New Moon
- SLVREC Board meeting SLVREC headquarters, Monte Vista 9:30am
- New Moon Fire Ceremony followed by a meal Haidakhandi Ashram 10am-noon
- New Moon Riwo Sangcho 10-11am Moffat school

### 28 November

- Thanksgiving

### 29 November

- Winterfest Parade Downtown Crestone 5pm
- Crestone Winterfest Bazaar 4:30pm
- Salida Parade of Lights 5pm

### 30 November

- Crestone Food Bank 10am-noon
- Jingle & Mingle at Artisans Gallery Winterfest Bazaar 6-8pm

### 1 Dec

- Guided Meditation Chamma Ling Retreat Center 2-3:30pm
- Winterfest Bazaar 9am-2pm

### 2 Dec

- Commissioner J Anderson in town 10am-2pm

### 7 Dec

- Saguache Holiday Bazaar 10am-3pm

## 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, [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org).
- Jyorei, Shumei Sanctuary, please be seated by 7:50am and 5:50pm, 256-5248
- Tours, gallery & Jyorei, Shumei, 9am-5pm, 256-5284
- Open meditation & prayers 9-10am in Vajra Vidya Retreat Center Shrine Room. All are welcome. 256-5539. [www.vajravidya.com](http://www.vajravidya.com)
- Tours, Temple & Gift Shop – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 256-4108, [info@babajashram.org](mailto:info@babajashram.org), [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org).
- Evening Aarati, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 6-7pm. Chanting in Sanskrit and Hindi. All are welcome. 256-4108, [info@babajashram.org](mailto:info@babajashram.org), [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org)

### Sunday

- Sunday masses at Nada Hermitage 9-10am, Rd. T west of the kiosk, 256-4778
- Sunday Service Crestone Baptist Church, Rd. T west of the kiosk, 10am-noon
- AA meeting (open, discussion), Crestone Town Hall, corner Alder St. & Galena Ave, 7pm
- Drop in Meditation at Choying Dzong (Sitting and Walking), 2281 Happy Day OL, 10am – 1pm

### Monday

- Al-Anon meeting, Little Shepherd Church, Alder St. north of Galena Ave., 1pm

### Tuesday

- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam, 5-6:45pm by donation, [shaktisharanam.com](http://shaktisharanam.com), 256-5668

- NA meeting (open), Little Shepherd Church, Alder St. north of Galena Ave., 7:30pm

### Wednesday

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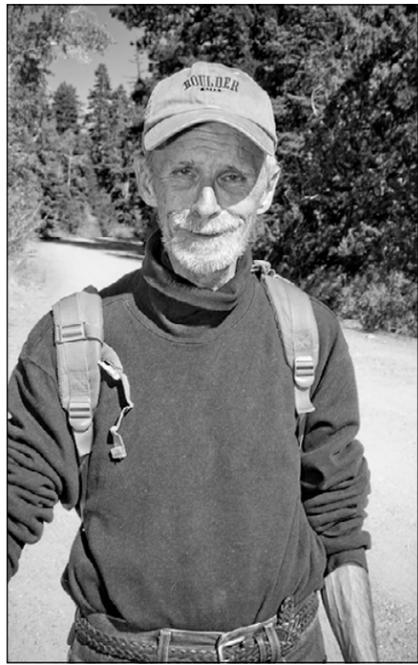
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# Out & About with Lori Sunflower

What are you thankful for?

**Paul McElaney**

I'm thankful to be in Crestone. I'm thankful for that opportunity and for the people I've met here who are wonderful, far different than any people I've ever encountered anywhere. And I'm thankful for Michele and the fact that we've shared 52 years together. I'm thankful for the fact that I have healthy children and grandchildren, and that I'm still alive!

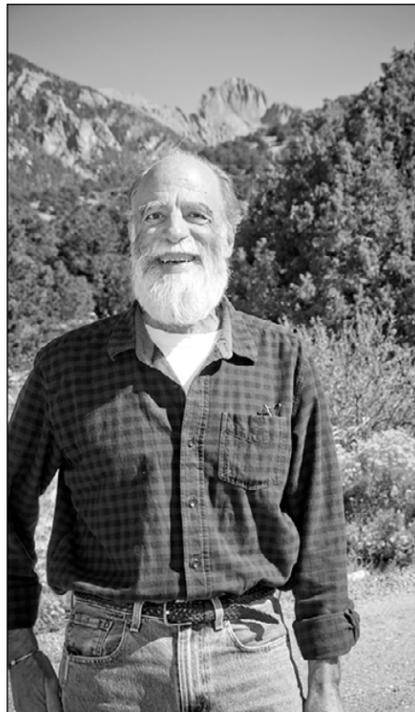


**Jennifer Blooms**

I'm grateful for earth, the mother, and all the animals, plants and especially the water that gives us life for our blood cells. I'm grateful for my daughter, Indigo. I'm grateful for all of my wonderful, wonderful friendships, including both my closest and new friendships. I'm grateful I'm alive, healthy and happy, and that it's my 44th birthday today! I'm grateful for the blue skies, the fall weather and for watching the seasons change from a really beautiful vantage point in the mountains. I'm grateful we landed in Crestone, which is a really cool town. I'm grateful for my city I just moved from, New Orleans, too. And I'm

grateful it's still above ground and not underwater yet, along with the rest of the Louisiana coast I left and love.

I'm grateful for all my partnerships—my love/romantic relationships and my business relationships. I'm very grateful for all of the respect and communication that goes along with those relationships. I'm grateful for my family of origin and I'm grateful for my family of choice, all of the wonderful friends that I have. And I'm grateful for other really good mamas that take good care of and love their children, and are raising them to be conscious and respectful of our mother the earth.



**José Villa**

Oh my goodness, so many cliché answers are possible! But the thing I'm most thankful about is having had so many opportunities to do interesting and engaging things. In my career, it was one after another of these projects that were cutting edge and really interesting and fun to work on. And the opportunity to move up here to Crestone! Oh my gosh, it's such a beautiful place and the connections of all the components of nature are so obvious. It's really cool to observe and be involved in it.

In my Latin American family, I've been so blessed to have, in all generations, really cool people: my parents, my grandparents, my wife, my sons—they're all really very special people. So that is really something to be thankful for. And I grew up in the Andes of Colombia, in the coffee growing area, and the conditions I grew up in were like a little fairy tale. My parents had this kind of play farm that was 10 acres right on the edge of the city. So we had access to all the city things but were also in a really rural area. And the climate there was so incredible because it's on the equator so temperatures don't change much. If it got below 60°

you would say, "It's too cold," or if it got about 75°, you would say, "Oh, it's so hot." And it was like that year 'round. And this place had all kinds of fruit trees so we would be able to climb trees and harvest mangoes and oranges and all kinds of exotic fruit. We had no worries when we were growing up so that was really cool. I'm really thankful for that, too.



**Tim Matz**

I'm thankful for my family, these mountain ranges, wild places, my dog, clean food, clean water, big animals to track . . . and wool.



**Cindy Reinhardt**

I am most thankful for living here, for being able to walk out my front or back door into the quiet of nature's beauty and walk my labyrinth. I'm grateful for life in general and my health. I'm grateful for the teachers and coaches and people who have been or are a part of my journey and help me maintain my curiosity. I'm grateful for knowing I always have choices even when I think I don't. I'm deeply grateful for all the people who just contribute to life, like the farmers, the truck drivers, the guys who grade the roads and take care of our water system and all those things we take for granted. And I'm grateful for Cool Hand Luke, my canine companion for almost nine years who I lost this year, but I'm still grateful for him. And I'm grateful to be curious. And, I'm just

grateful. I try to live in gratitude, because it seems like that's a good way to live!

**Mary Helgeson Windwalker**

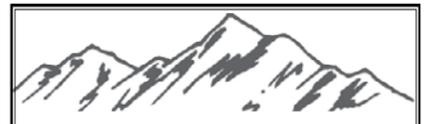


I'd like to begin by saying I'm super thankful for my parents and for the spark of love that brought me to this planet and for their teachings of blessings and recognition of how blessed I am to be here. Those teachings started when I was young, counting those blessings. Moving on to my children and my marriage, they're the greatest gifts I have.

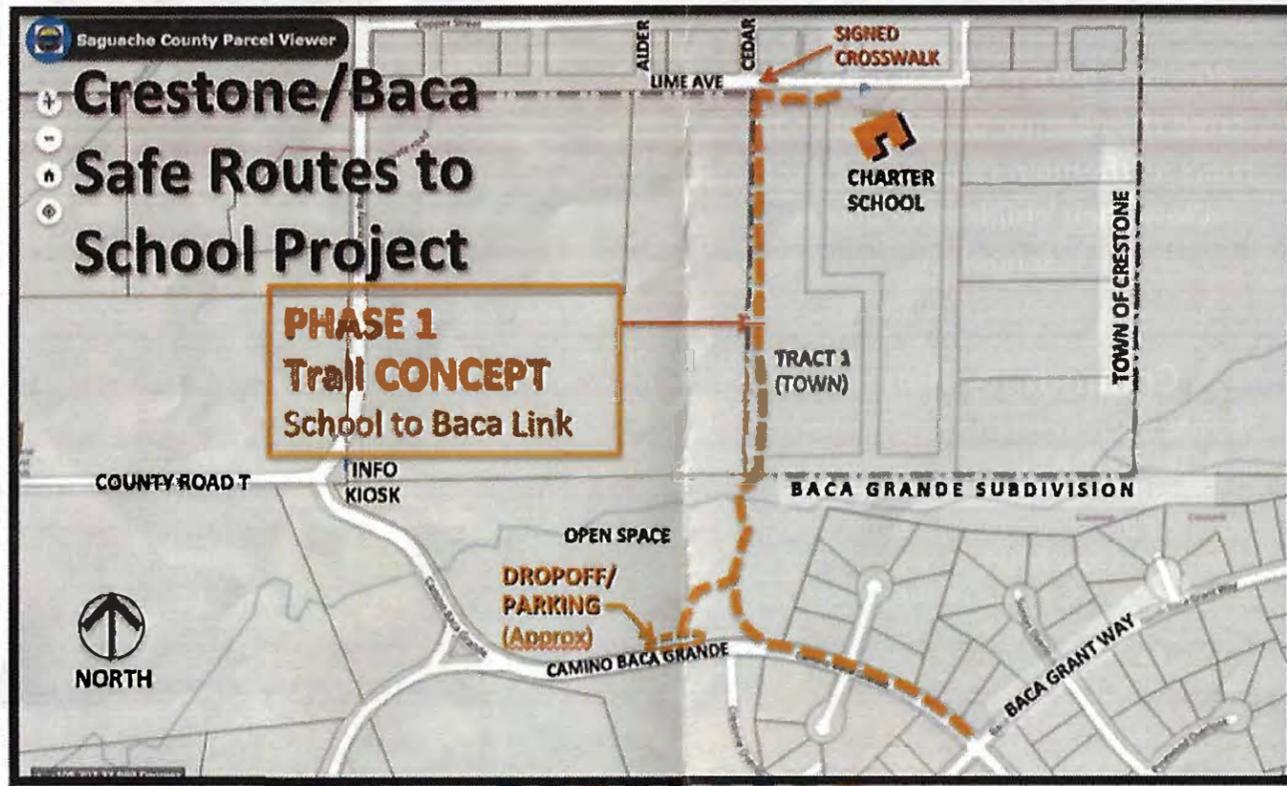
The sense of community in my snowflake home and my home here in Crestone is super valuable and blessed. My practice is to wake up every morning, right now at 64, and just give thanks, before I even get out of bed. I just look at all the blessings I have, that I woke up, that I offer to the sun or the sun offers to me. Tim and my marriage brings me great gladness. Our business is huge and flourishing, and so I'm super grateful for the teacher who taught me this and sent me on this journey. The babies that have come through my hands as a midwife.

I don't know even where that huge gratitude even comes from. And gratitude is just such a feeling, it's so hard to put into words. It's not easy, as Lori has told me! My final thought on gratitude is *gracias por la vida*—"thank you for life."

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## Colorado Safe Routes to School trail project fundraising event happens Nov. 23 at the Cloud

by Mary Lowers

Remember walking with friends or riding your bike to school or town when you were young? It was freeing and fun but most importantly it was safe. Energy to create this safe network of trails has been building in Crestone and the Baca Grande for three years creating what Crestone Mayor Kairina Danforth calls, “a historic combination of groups coming together for the young people in our community.” According to the

Mayor, “everyone is stepping up.” Everyone in this case includes the Crestone Charter School (CCS), the Town of Crestone, the Baca Grande Property Owners Association (POA), the Eastern San Luis Valley Trails Coalition, Colorado Safe Routes to School, and Benjamin Byer and Sunia Beelendorf of the Elephant Cloud, all supporters of the creation of safe trails around the community suitable for walking, biking, skateboarding, or cruising in a mobility cart.

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a federal aid- and state-funded program based on the idea that the trails created by SRTS can improve safety for everyone, not just students. Increased physical activity can increase a community’s physical and mental health: “Eighty percent of CCS parents cited the absence of sidewalks or trails as the main reason

they don’t allow their children to bike to school.” The vision is when the project is complete it will have 2.75 miles of trails. The first phase of trail building “will have the greatest effect on walking and biking” and runs from CCS across the Town of Crestone and POA properties to Camino Baca Grande and south to Baca Grant Way.

Funding for SRTS has been raised through grants and awards totaling \$615,000 which means the first phase will be ready to go with just \$10,000 left to raise to cover the \$625,000 total cost of Phase One. On November 23 from 6-9pm the STRS group will hold a special musical fundraising event at the Cloud Station on Cottonwood St. in Crestone. The Boston-based singer/songwriter, twenty-one year old Gabrielle Louise, whose roots are in a small-town western musical family, will share her original tunes sung with “a voice as fresh as a Rocky Mountain morning.” Her voice has been compared to Joni Mitchell and her song writing to that of Paul Simon.

Tickets for this special event are \$13 and may be purchased in advance at the Elephant Cloud and the Cloud Station. There will be beer and wine sold at the concert. Mayor Danforth encourages people to “become a champion to support our youth by making a donation to jumpstart a program that is consistent with the needs and interests of our greater Crestone community. Come to the concert and have fun or make a donation. Checks should be made out to SLV Great Outdoors.”



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## Clips from the Clerk

by *Trish Gilbert*  
**Saguache County Clerk & Recorder**

**Every vote counts**  
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- Play a role in choosing our leaders and changing our laws by voting.
- If you're 18 or older, vote in every federal, state and local election.
- Learn about the candidates and issues before you vote in any election.
- Know what's going on in your country and community.
- Write letters to public officials about issues that are important to you.
- Remind everyone 18 and older to vote.
- Respect your right to vote! It's a privilege that many people in the world don't have.

Make your voice heard . . .

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**Locations & times to vote**  
 Saguache County Courthouse, 501 4th St, Saguache:

- Monday-Friday, Oct. 21-Nov. 4, 8am-5pm
- Saturday, November 2, 7-11am
- Tuesday, November 5 (Election Day), 7am-7pm

**24-hour Drop Box locations:**

- Saguache County Courthouse (South Parking Lot), 501 4th St., Saguache
- Saguache County Sheriff's Satellite Office, 182 E. Galeana Ave., Crestone
- Center Town Hall, 294 Worth St., Center

Ballots will be picked up at all 24-hour Drop Box locations listed above on the following dates and times:

- Nov. 1, 1pm; Nov. 4, 1pm; Nov. 7, 1pm and 7pm



Democratic Senate candidate Andrew Romanoff gave a talk at Cloud Station the morning of October 15. *photo by Lori Nagel*

## Romanoff to return to Crestone via video November 16

by *Mikela Tarlow*

Last month a group of us met at the Cloud Station for a meet-and-greet with Andrew Romanoff, Democratic candidate for Cory Gardner's Senate seat. We were so impressed with him that we wanted a larger audience to have a chance to meet him.

Dawn Sandberg, Barbara Tidd and myself, Mikela Tarlow, are co-sponsoring another local event Saturday, Nov. 16 at 3:15pm. Andrew will speak via Zoom video conference. Join us at a home in the Baca to meet Andrew and learn more about this very important election. Refreshments served.

Andrew won four terms in the Colorado House of Representatives—including two terms as speaker of the House—and led the Democrats to their first majority in 30 years. He earned recognition from more than 50 state and national organizations as one of the most effective legislative leaders in America. He's authored laws to

protect the environment, expand the supply of affordable housing, and support the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. He crafted an economic recovery plan to put thousands of Coloradans back to work, built a bipartisan coalition to pass it, and secured the largest investment in school construction in state history. He's signed on to the Green New Deal and shares many other positions that are important to our local community.

If you want more info, address of the event or to RSVP please email dawn.sandberg@gmail.com or text 720-350-6905. You can also email Mikela at sillierstuff@gmail.com.

Cory Garner is considered one of the most vulnerable US Senators, and Democrats have a real chance to win this seat. A recent poll showed any Democrat beating Gardner by at least 10 points. This is a key election. We hope you can join us at this event.

## Romanoff visits Crestone

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sources of renewable energy is a key political position that Romanoff has supported through his political career. At the October meeting, he took time to take questions and comments on local concerns about the inequitable rate increases from SLVREC. Linked to the debate on rate increases is the limits Tri-State Generation (power supplier to SLVREC) places on the amount of power that can be generated from renewable and local sources, forcing SLVREC to continue purchasing expensive, dirty coal power from Tri-State.

Fifteen years ago, Romanoff led the challenge to make Colorado a leader in the production and use of clean, efficient and renewable energy. His record then supports his Senate race platform to strengthen

environmental standards.

Romanoff lays out his priorities, endorsements and a host of other information on his campaign website, AndrewRomanoff.com.



Democratic Senate candidate Andrew Romanoff and local resident Mikela Tarlow conversing before Romanoff's talk at Cloud Station the morning of October 15. *photo by Lori Nagel*

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Decimated landscape between Willow Creek Way & Lone Pine Way.

## Camino Baca Grande restoration project

Over the summer subcontractors for San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative installed new infrastructure along Camino Baca Grande south of Two Trees (Camino Real). In the stretch between Two Trees and Rocky View Way—the entry way to many of our local Spiritual Centers—the work resulted in extensive damage to the landscape. A recent meeting with representatives of SLVREC, the surrounding neighborhood and the POA resulted in a very positive plan for healing and beautifying scars left behind by the work. Saguache County Road and Bridge has since endorsed the project.

In the very near future SLVREC will remove residual gravel piles and asphalt chunks, trim the many trees burned or broken by heavy equipment, remove the uprooted piñon pine from the top of Willow Creek Way, reinstall Neighborhood Watch signage and pay the POA to repair the large wooden sign with mileages to the spiritual centers. A culvert will also be repaired, restoring drainage to a major arroyo.

For those of us who drive, walk and bicycle along this length of Camino Baca Grande, and for our community as a whole, the residual environmental wounds have created an opportunity to beautify what now looks like an ugly, neglected construction site. Several folks have been collecting wildflow-

er seeds this autumn, particularly from wild sunflowers so prolific in other parts of the Baca. With the many rocks unearthed by the infrastructure project, ideas have been expressed for a rock-lined walkway between Willow Creek Way and Rocky View Way, a rock garden, rock sculptures or other rock work. Community input and involvement are most welcome.

Plans are underway for a November get together to walk the damaged stretch and put our heads together to create and launch a plan of beautification. Please join us! If you would like to participate please email Kathleen Willow at willow7@fairpoint.net. A date will be chosen soon.



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### An engagement with Death

by Eric Weiss

My health has not been good, and my vitality has gotten so low that I've gotten to wondering whether maintaining this life is worth the high effort and high costs involved keeping this body going.

One day last week, I was walking outside near my home when Death showed up. Death showed me that he meant to make me give up everything that I hold dear. He would take my participation in this world, and he would take my body, my feelings and my thoughts. He would take all of me.

Death then presented an invitation to me. He gave me the chance to give up the game and to just accept the inevitable; to become old on the spot, and to begin a rapid descent into the dying process. As I stood there, considering Death's invitation, it suddenly occurred to me that giving in that easily to Death would be undignified. That word, "undignified,"

caught me by surprise. I wouldn't have thought that "being dignified" would be what would keep me alive. But it somehow allowed me to see that giving up too early would not be fair to life, and would not lead to a good death.

I decided to commit my personal will to staying alive for as long as it is practical. I will not hasten my death, and this decision is already being reflected in my current state of health.

And then Death surprised me. He said, "Yes, it's true, you have to give everything up—but here's the thing: you also get to give everything up." Since I've been "spiritual," I've longed for a glimpse of the part of me that transcends life and death. Through death, I will get that glimpse. Death is still terrible, but it is also a wonderful teacher and liberator. It now sits on my shoulder, and starts to change everything.



Another magnificent photo by JD Marston of the Divine Mother in the Ashram's 2020 calendar on sale at the Maha Lakshmi Shop. photo by JD Marston

## Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

October was a great month beginning with the completion of Fall Navratri, which was another profound and beautiful celebration. We had a couple of hundred people attending the nine-day celebration, particularly since it spanned over two weekends. We love that we get

to choose to take this time out of our normal busy schedule to say thank you with extra prayer and ceremony to the Divine Mother for all the bounty She provides in our lives.

Just as the month came to a close, we had another inspiring and enchanting evening of Diwali, the Festival of Lights. We appreciate all who helped set up the luminaries, decorations, and candles that day. We are grateful to all who participated with their songs and dance about peace and light and made it a memorable evening. Thank you also to all of our Indian families from around the valley and beyond who brought the sumptuous Indian food for the evening feast.

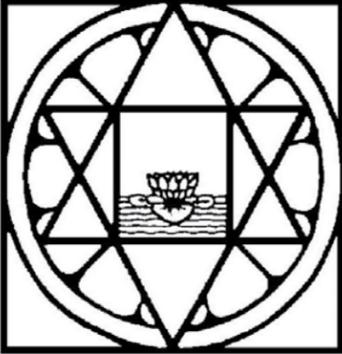
We are excited to report that the long-term resident hermitage is being framed in, and we are grateful for everyone's support. Please keep the project in your positive thoughts and prayers.

The full-moon fire ceremony this month is on Tuesday, November 12 and the new-moon fire ceremony is on Tuesday, November 26. All fire ceremonies begin at 10am and are followed by a meal. Morning aarati is at 7am with evening aarati at 6pm. We generally have a small fire ceremony before morning aarati at 6:20am when there is not a big fire ceremony scheduled.

The Maha Lakshmi Shop is carrying the beautiful 2020 calendar featuring magnificent photos of the Divine Mother taken by professional photographer, JD Marston. It is 11"x 11", contains all of the dates for ceremonies at the Ashram, as well as inspiring quotes from the Haidakhandswari Sapta Sati (700 praises of the Divine Mother). It is on sale this month for only \$15. You can also purchase it on line at <https://mahalaksh Mishop.wazala.com> under calendar. It would make a lovely gift as the holiday season of the

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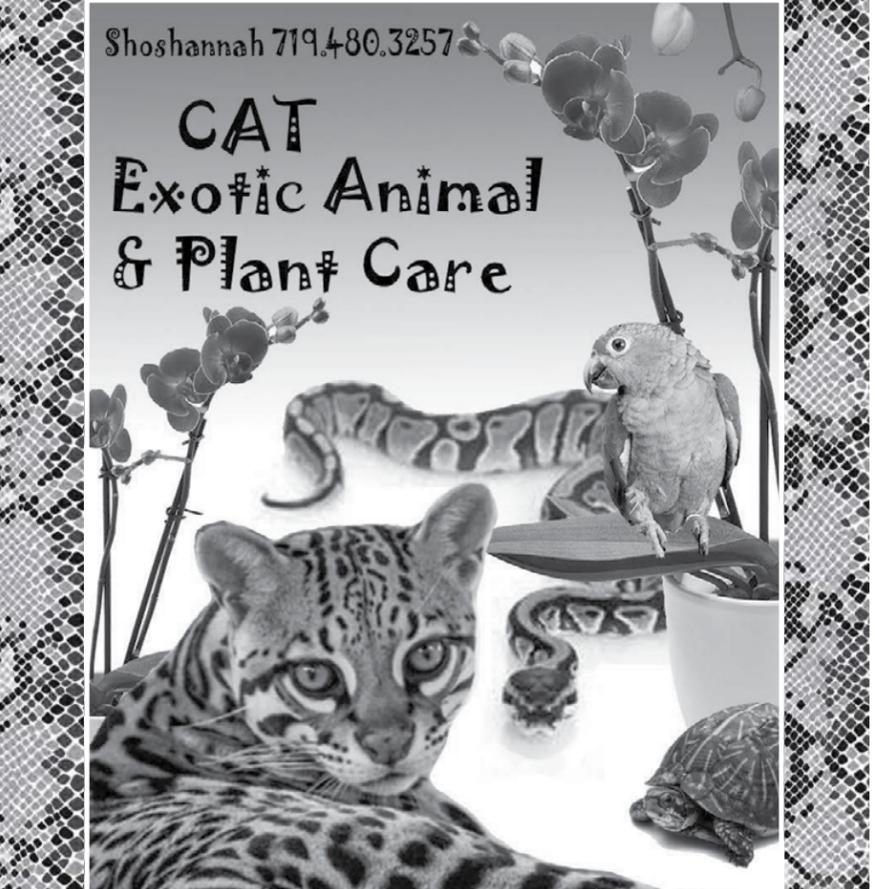
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Enid Malecek, Marge Hoglin and Wendy Chanden will serve as co-coordinators of the Crestone Food Bank.

## New leadership at Crestone Food Bank

The Crestone Food Bank is under new management, but clients will see familiar faces and receive the same services as before.

Patti Jackson has stepped down as manager, effective Nov. 1. Longtime volunteers Wendy Chanden, Marge Hoglin and Enid Malecek will serve as co-coordinators, working with other dedicated volunteers, to address food insecurity needs in our community.

And the needs continue to grow. As you know, many of us who are not among the "1 percent" often struggle to make ends meet. This is particularly true for retirees living on a fixed income and young folks working low-wage jobs to feed their families.

What you may not know is that any local resident in need of a little help, even for a short time, is eligible for food assistance. At the Crestone Food Bank, part of La Puente's Food Bank Network of the San Luis Valley, individuals or families may visit 12 times per year.

Hours at the food bank, 182 E. Galena St., will remain 10am to noon on Wednesdays and 10am to noon on the last Saturday of every month. If you have an emergency, however, please contact us at 719-539-7740 or [crestonefoodbank@lapuente.net](mailto:crestonefoodbank@lapuente.net), and we will make

every effort to see that your needs are met.

Volunteers are available, as well, to deliver food boxes to shut-ins or those who are unable to get to the food bank. Please let us know if you have such a need, or if you know someone who does.

These services would not be possible without the support of an extremely generous community. Particular thanks to the Crestone Mercantile, the Saguache County Commissioners and to all the businesses, individuals and retreat centers who give so generously.

We are open to receive donations from 9am to noon every Wednesday. Please call or email to arrange pickup at another time.



## Sheriff's new substation at the Crestone Mercantile

by Mary Lowers

According to Saguache County Sheriff, Dan Warwick, a long-time vision of Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) Substation in Crestone is nearly completed. The new substation will be located in the new addition on the west side of Crestone Mercantile on East Galena Ave. The tax-funded substation is in response to residents in Crestone and the Baca Grande wanting a quicker response time when the SCSO is called. It addresses a growing crime rate on this side of the county. Sheriff Warwick said, "A large number of calls come from these communities. The substation is about better crime prevention."

The arrangement to lease office space for the substation was approved by the Saguache County Commissioners in September. The County is procuring a modular home for a deputy in close prox-

imity to Crestone and the Baca. As soon as details such as tap fees and sewer permits are secured the modular home will be ready for a deputy to move in.

Sheriff Warwick said, "This substation is intended to give more visibility and access to citizens." Residents will be able to drop in and discuss their concerns directly with a deputy. New deputies recently hired by the SCSO are completing training for the job. At first the Sheriff told me, "There will be someone there a couple of days a week. Office hours will be in the early afternoon and people can schedule to meet the deputy there." To schedule an appointment at the Crestone SCSO Substation, call the SCSO at 719-655-2544.

Good news for voters: a ballot drop box has been installed outside the Crestone Mercantile at the Sheriff's substation.



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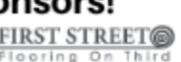
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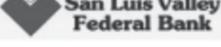
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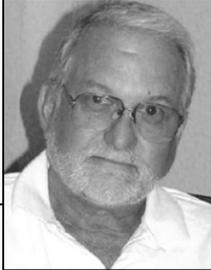







# Messages from the heart of God

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**as received by Earl LeRoy  
Hear My voice**

Lord, I love it when you tell me the Truth in the events recorded in scripture. It really makes the Word so alive and fills in so many blanks.

My Child, it is My delight to share the scriptures with you from My perspective. My Word is alive and able to save, deliver and make men whole. Some of My ministers don't want to share My perspective on the scriptures. Many are afraid of what people will say. The time is at hand when you all need to hear My voice. You have to be able to hear from heaven to make the decisions you need to make to survive the times ahead of you.

Once you have asked me in your heart, My Spirit will reveal My Word to you, then you will hear My voice inside you. Without My Word, the enemy has a greater avenue to deceive. You need to meditate on all My Word. A little truth is dangerous because there is a chance of mixture with deception and compromise with other things you hear. The more you know and meditate on My Word, the more you will grow in the Truth. You will learn My Voice and follow Me when I talk with you. My sheep hear My voice. The more you mature in Me, the more you will hear from My heart. You will know that you know when you hear from Me.

When you develop friends in the world, there is a hesitancy to hold back at first and not let all your heart be exposed up front.

Well, you treat Me the same way. That is why you have such a hard time hearing Me at first. As you spend time with Me and My Word, you will learn to open up to Me and trust Me with your innermost being. As I have said, "The road to life is narrow." As you hear the words of life, you will be heading down that narrow road. There is so much deception in the world and so much that looks good, but is so evil and contrary to the Kingdom of Heaven because so many minds are not renewed to My Word.

So My Child, the key is not new: ask, seek, knock and keep asking, seeking and knocking and stay focused in the truth of My Word, stay focused in worship and stay focused on My heart. My Holy Spirit in you leads you to all truth. Keep the pollutants of the world far from you. Let your love grow in Me and My Word, and for My people and those I Am drawing to Myself. Do kindness to all, and be ready to be a blessing to those I send to you.

Open your heart to Me and lean on My chest like John did at the last supper. As you do, you will be able to hear My heart.

Love to you always, Jesus



Clearing out dead trees and limbing up "ladder fuels" can make your property safer, plus give you some extra firewood. (file photo from Charter School mitigation project)

## Firewood harvesting in the Baca

by Carolina Brown

With winter coming soon, it's prime time to gather firewood. Aside from buying firewood delivered to your driveway, there are some do-it-yourself options that bring wood to your stove while reducing the risk of wildfires.

1) The Baca Fire Department is providing some firewood as a result of their tree trimming project (fire risk reduction) in Willow Park. The firewood will be available for pick-up by Baca residents at specific locations and times, which will be announced by email from the POA. (Make sure the POA has your email address!)

2) If you own property in the Baca or have permission from your landlord, you can pick up dead branches from the ground and you can trim the trees on your lot (especially dead branches). With juniper and piñon trees, it's helpful to cut dead branches near the ground (up to about 2 feet from the ground). This reduces "ladder fuels" that can be dangerous if a wildfire comes through—and gives you lots of kindling. If you're cutting branches off a living tree, make sure to leave some of the branch (about an inch) where it meets the trunk (*not* trimming the branch flush with the trunk). This allows the tree to heal the cut.

With care and proper equipment, you can remove dead or live standing trees that are too close to your house or deck, or are overcrowded, as long as the tree or branch is less than 8 inches in diameter (at breast height). For larger trees—live or dead—prior approval of the Baca Grande EAC Committee is required.

Learn more about piñon-juniper forests and their care from Colorado State Forest Service at [https://static.colostate.edu/client-files/csfs/pdfs/120866\\_Pinon-JuniperGuide\\_www.pdf](https://static.colostate.edu/client-files/csfs/pdfs/120866_Pinon-JuniperGuide_www.pdf).

3) If you don't have trees on your land, you can ask friends if they need help reducing the "fuel load" of dead or down wood and ladder fuels (dead low branches on living trees). Be sure there's clear

communication about what your friend wants removed and how they want the work done. Never cut trees on anyone's property without permission!

4) If you are a Baca property owner (member of the POA), normally you can harvest up to 3 cords of dead-and-down wood from the commonly owned land (greenbelts) for your personal use—after you obtain a permit from the POA office and sign the liability waiver. At the moment, the POA is reviewing the firewood policies, so there may be a delay in getting your permit. The current instructions and permit application forms are available on the POA website, but these might change. If you use a chainsaw, it must have a spark arrestor. There is no cost for this permit.

5) You can harvest firewood from the Rio Grande National Forest once you obtain a permit from the Forest Service, for the calendar year ending December 31. To get a permit, you have to go in person to the Forest Service office in Saguache (or other regional office). The cost is \$20 for up to 2 cords of wood, for personal use. Commercial permits are also available. For details, call 719-655-6100.

For safety, firewood should be stored at least 30 feet away from your home, and uphill (downwind) if possible. And, remember: During a fire ban, all chainsaws must have a spark arrestor.

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## Vaping & the flu

Now that we are in flu season, local doctors with American Family Care (AFC) are warning patients about the health dangers of vaping as well as other habits that could put you at a higher risk of picking up flu-infested germs over the next few months.

### Why vaping increases your chances

Research published in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine reveals puffing on an e-cigarette disrupts your normal immune response to viral infections, like flu. The study also concluded that vaping really can take a toll on a woman's immune system.

A study that appears in the Public Library of Science (PLoS) found e-cigarette vapors can trigger substantial inflammation in the lungs making them more likely to get infected by bacteria or viruses like the flu.

The CDC has issued a health advisory encouraging medical providers to educate patients about an escalating outbreak of severe lung disease. Federal health investigators are looking into at least 12 deaths and more than 800 breathing illnesses associated with vaping.

"These studies and all the recent reports of vaping related respiratory illnesses across the country, amplify the dangers of e-cigarette use during flu season. The red flags continue to pop up, vaping is a health hazard and doing it this time of year puts you at high risk to catch the flu," says Dr. Benjamin Barlow, chief medical officer of American Family Care, a national healthcare network with a local medical facility. "The number one defense during flu season is getting a flu vaccine, but you also need to avoid habits, like vaping, that can up your chances of getting the flu."

### Other habits to avoid during flu season

**Going low carb**—Ditching bread and certain fruits is at the center of several low carb diets, but whole grains are good for your gut during flu season. Rice, oats and buckwheat can build healthy bacteria in your stomach. Research by the American Physiological Society concluded a substance found in fruit and vegetables called quercetin reduced the likelihood of flu in mice.

**Doing it all**—If you are starting to feel sick, don't try to be a superhero and do it all. No one wants to be exposed to your germs. Stay home from either work or school and don't even run errands like to the drug store to get medicine. When you have a fever, you should always stay home at least 24 hours after your fever is gone.

**Stressing out**—A heavy load at work or school can create a mountain of daily challenges. When you let stress take over, you are more susceptible to getting sick. A study by Carnegie Mellon University found long-term stress could weaken someone's ability to fight infection.

AFC physicians advise it's also important to take a few everyday preventive measures to boost your chances of avoiding the flu.

### 5 Habits that help you avoid the flu

**Avoid sharing pens**—Whether at work or signing a credit card receipt at a store, never pick up a public pen because they're covered with other people's germs. Keep a pen handy for any situation that could pop up.

**Knuckle it**—When using a debit card machine, get into the habit of punching in your card pin with a knuckle instead of a fingertip. This way if you rub your eye or mouth with your fingertip, you're not transferring germs.

**Play it safe at the pump**—Drivers must get gas for their vehicles no matter what, sick or not. Protect yourself at the pump—grab a paper towel before picking up the gas nozzle. You can also use the paper towel as a barrier when punching in your debit/credit card info.

**Shake & Wash**—People are more germ-conscious these days so avoiding a handshake is not as rude as once thought, especially during flu season. If you must do it, wash or sanitize with your hands immediately.

**Hands off, please!**—You are constantly using either your phone or computer tablet to show friends and coworkers pictures or videos. This means other people are putting their germs on something you are constantly touching. Get into the habit of wiping your phone down with a disinfecting wipe to cut down on spreading germs. OR just text your friends photos and videos!

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by Tom Dessain

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## Crestone Performances News: Saguache County comes through for kids!

by Tom Dessain

Crestone Performances Inc. would like to thank Saguache County for supporting our Carnival in Schools program. This will be our second year and we are sure it will be just as fun a fund-raiser as last year. What we do is bring a large bouncy house/slide and set up over 20 carnival games of skill and fun all around it. The cost to kids is \$5 for unlimited play. Prizes tickets are awarded for playing games and are redeemed at the prize booth full of cool stuff. The Carnivals are free to the schools and the proceeds go towards supplemental school education programs. The cost and production of the Carnivals are sponsored by CPI and Saguache County. Last year we raised over \$2,500 that went directly to the schools.

Our continued success is made possible through individual donations, our sponsors and grants from Saguache County and Colorado Creative Industries. Our sponsors are *The Crestone Eagle*, Orient Land Trust, Joyful Journey Hot Springs, Manitou Institute, the Sand Dunes Swimming Pool, San Luis Valley Federal Savings, First Street Flooring, Amicas Pizza and the Heart of the Rockies Medical Center.

If you would like more information or would like to contribute to our efforts, please go to our web site, [crestfest.org](http://crestfest.org) and/or give us a call at 719-256-4533. Our address is P.O. box 6, Crestone CO 81131. CPI is a 501(c)3 community service organization. Thanks for your time and stay tuned! All donations are tax deductible.

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## Moffat School news

by Morgon Dokson

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First of all, thank you to all our firefighters and emergency services personnel. Your decisive action helped prevent any injuries from occurring during Moffat's recent fire. Thanks also to Moffat School and CCS staff and students for coming together to take care of each other and keep each other safe during such a scary situation.

Great job to all of our volleyball, cross country, and football players! Thanks for all the hard work and dedication you give in represent our schools, on and off the playing field.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to salute our senior class. They are excellent leaders and an incredible collection of young men and women. Congratulations on their recent success in providing a delicious community dinner to our students and

their families and for completing so many college applications on Colorado's free application day! It has been a lot of fun working with them every day.

As always, thanks for sharing your great kids with us and Go Cowboys!



## Lights, Camera, Save! Teen video contest underway at High Country Bank

Winner eligible for a \$5,000 grand prize

High Country Bank is accepting submissions for its Lights, Camera, Save! video contest. The contest, organized by the American Bankers Association Foundation, is a national competition that encourages teens to use video to communicate the value of saving money and to inspire their peers to become lifelong savers.

"Lights, Camera, Save! gives Chaffee, Park, Lake, Fremont and surrounding area students an opportunity to harness their creativity, learn about using money wisely and communicate those lessons with their peers," said Robin Ne-Jame, Marketing and Community Outreach Director at High Country Bank. "A strong financial education provides essential life skills and we are thrilled to participate in a contest that reinforces that message."

To participate, students (ages 13-18) must create a video, 90 seconds or less, on saving and using money wisely, and submit a link to the video along with a completed entry form to the bank by Dec. 3.

High Country Bank will host the first round of judging and select a winner to compete on the national level for a prize up to \$5,000, plus a scholarship for a teacher at their school to attend the annual Jump\$tart National Educator Conference. High Country Bank will also have a local contest, offering a grand prize of \$500, as well as other prizes. A local People's Choice Award will be offered through Facebook starting the second week of December.

Videos will be judged on their quality, message, content and the criteria set forth by the contest's official rules.

To learn more about Lights, Camera, Save!, visit [www.highcountrybank.net](http://www.highcountrybank.net).

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Lori Nagel

# LINK students acquire wilderness first responder skills

by *Rachelle Wilson,*  
*LINK Teacher*

One of the most unique characteristics of the Crestone Charter School is its focus on outdoor education and experiential learning. From Ms. Robin's Expedition Thursday to LINK's outdoor certification trips, CCS is no stranger to the outdoor classroom. It is one of the many things that truly makes the school stand apart from other educational atmospheres. The outdoors are just as much a part of our core values as creativity and integrity. Last month, the Crestone Charter LINK students continued this tradition with NOLS Wilderness First Responder and Wilderness First Aid classes in Crested Butte.

Students sixteen years and older participated in the intensive eighty-hour Wilderness First Responder class. The students really experienced a lot during their ten-day course! They camped at Lake Irwin, located at 10,000+ feet for ten days. In late September, Crested Butte can be somewhat forgiving in temperature during the day, but the night was a whole different story . . . Towards the latter half of the course, students were waking up in twenty-something degree weather. During the beginning of the course, the days were often cloudy and rainy. The weather provided the group with first-hand experience of dealing with medical stress in the wilderness. The course itself was also intensive—including nighttime scenarios and multiple-hour incident scenarios. The students, however, were troopers! They did not complain, they did not abandon ship . . . Instead they bundled up, put a smile on their faces, drank the coffee Camp Parent volunteer, Wade Propst, made, and then they went to class and worked hard for eight hours a day. It was tough, but the kids loved the course and it is beneficial to the community to now have 10+ WOLFER certified hikers!

While the sixteen and older students participated in the WOLFER course, the sixteen and under students participated in a Wilderness First Aid and CPR course. They joined the rest of the students halfway through the ten

days. Before they began their twenty-hour course, the students were led by Wade on a beautiful day hike up the Ruby Mountain Ridge. It was quite an experience, and even more stunning views. While their course was shorter, it was equally as challenging! They are excited to take their education to the next level and attend the WOLFER course in a few years.

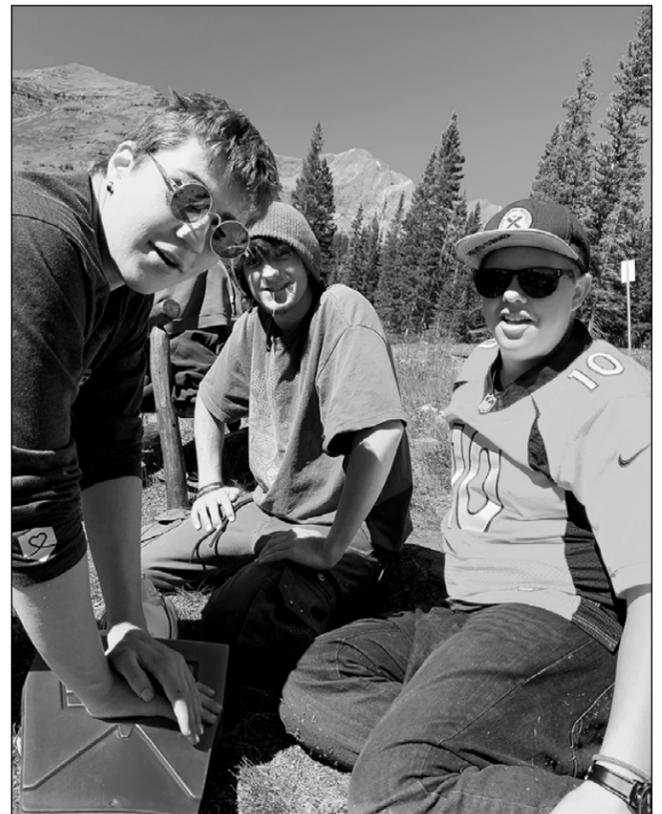
The arrival of the remaining LINK students really boosted the morale of camp after starting the course in cold and rainy conditions! They arrived during the WOLFER rest day, where everyone spent the day resting and playing at the



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Gunnison Rec Center. Students were able to swim, play games, climb a rock wall, and enjoy life below 10,000 ft. Once back at camp, it was business as usual for LINK. They could be found strumming a guitar around one campfire, telling jokes and playing charades at another. Like they do when they are in school, it didn't take long for them to find ebb and flow that makes up the fun-loving culture of LINK.



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# State of Colorado asks US Supreme Court to review ‘faithless electors’ case

Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold and Attorney General Phil Weiser today petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to review a federal appeals court decision that prevents Colorado from ensuring that presidential electors follow State law by casting their ballot for the candidate who wins the most votes in the state’s presidential election.

Like most states, Colorado law requires its presidential electors to follow the will of its voters when casting their Electoral College ballots for President. But in an unprecedented decision issued in August, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit ruled in *Baca v. Colorado Department of State* that Colorado cannot remove presidential electors if they fail to cast their ballots in accordance with State law. Griswold and Weiser said the decision, if upheld, threatens the stability of our nation by allowing presidential electors to disregard State law and the votes of the people by choosing for whomever they want for President and Vice President.

“The 10th Circuit’s decision undermines voters and sets a dangerous precedent for our nation. Unelected and unaccountable presidential electors should not be allowed to decide the presidential election without regard to voters’ choices and state law,” said Secretary Griswold. “When Americans vote in the Presidential election, we are exercising our most fundamental right—the right to self-governance and self-determination. The foundation of our democracy is at risk, and we will vigorously appeal this decision to the U.S. Supreme Court.

“The U.S. Constitution gives state legislatures the power to appoint electors, which includes the power to remove them for refusing to vote in the manner required by state law. This ruling threatens to take the solemn duty of electing the President and Vice President away from the people of Colorado and put it in the hands of a few unaccountable presidential electors,” said Attorney General Weiser. “Our nation needs the U.S. Supreme Court to resolve this critical question about the foundation of our constitutional democracy before the 2020 election

to avoid confusion.”

This case started in December 2016 after Hillary Clinton won the most votes in Colorado. Two of Colorado’s electors, Polly Baca and Robert Nemanich, expressed their intent to cast their electoral ballots for someone other than Clinton. Prior to the Electoral College vote, they filed suit in U.S. District Court claiming that the State lacked authority under the U.S. Constitution to bind the votes of electors. The federal district court denied the electors’ request and characterized it as a “political stunt.” The electors then sought an emergency injunction from the 10th Circuit, which also denied their request. The two electors did not appeal further.

At that time, former Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams sought guidance from a State district court regarding the procedure for binding electors who refuse to follow State law and honor the will of Colorado voters. The State district court held an elector who violates State law by casting their electoral ballot for someone other than the presidential candidate who won the most votes in Colorado could be replaced with an alternate elector. In response to the ruling, and before the date for electors to cast their ballots, Secretary Williams promulgated emergency rules clarifying that failure to cast their ballot in accordance with Colorado law would create a vacancy in the office of presidential elector.

On the day electors cast their ballots, Polly Baca and Robert Nemanich cast their ballots for Clinton, in accordance with State law. Micheal Baca, however, attempted to cast his ballot for John Kasich. Because that act violated State law, Williams removed Mr. Baca as an elector.

After the electors cast their ballots, Mr. Nemanich, Ms. Baca, and Mr. Baca filed a second suit in federal district court. The court found that the electors could not sue because they are State officials when acting as electors. It also concluded that Colorado may lawfully bind its presidential electors to the

winner of the most votes in Colorado. The electors appealed the decision to the 10th Circuit.

The 10th Circuit reversed two prior U.S. District Court decisions holding that electors must follow Colorado’s law requiring them to cast their electoral ballots for the presidential candidate who receives the most votes in Colorado’s general election. The 10th Circuit also reversed the State court decision that presidential electors are

State officials who lack standing to challenge Colorado law.

Because the 10th Circuit’s ruling impedes Colorado’s ability to enforce State law and has the potential to undermine voters across the nation, Secretary Griswold and Attorney General Weiser are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to review the case and protect Americans’ fundamental right to self-determination.



A pinon jay loads up on pinon seeds. photo by Kate Steichen

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to sun to moon and round again  
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—by John Loll*

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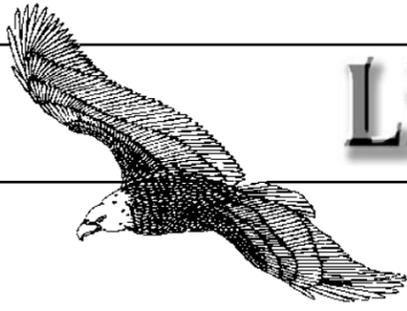
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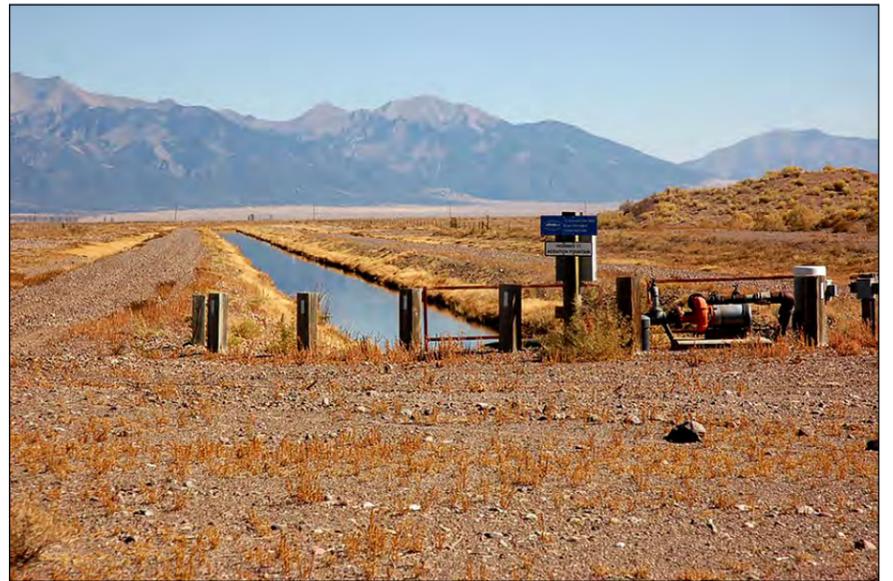
## *The Closed Basin Project* Dead trees, dry creeks & dropping water tables

by Emma Savage

As you approach Crestone on T Road you may notice that North Crestone Creek, which runs into the Wildlife Refuge, is dry; and you may also notice that most of the many cottonwood trees that follow its course are dead or dying. As the raven flies across the North Crestone Creek watershed, from the peaks surrounding Ground Hog Basin and the Venable Cirque which drain into the North Fork, across the two great basins that drain off the sides of Comanche and Fluted peaks into the Middle Fork, to the peaks surrounding North Crestone Lake and North Crestone Creek, is a distance of five miles. Yet that figure belies the vastness of the area with its steep mountain sides whose winter snows and summer rains drain into North Crestone Creek. Why, you may ask, do we have a landscape that includes dead trees, a creek that goes dry by late July and a Wildlife Refuge

which lie beneath the valley floor. While historically San Luis Creek, fed by all its tributaries including North Crestone Creek, did flow south into the Rio Grande, today there is no natural surface flow into the river. A subsurface lip of rock and clay contains the runoff from the surrounding mountains which recharge the aquifers of the upper valley, thus making the resulting basin “closed.” The Closed Basin Project was designed in the 1960s, legislated in 1972, funded in 1982 and implemented in 1988 to address two problems, neither of which pertains today.

According to a report delivered by Peggy Godfrey on September 9, 2019 to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board (RGWCD), of which she is a member and the northern valley’s representative, the first was the problem of saturated soils and their ensuing seepage into ditches which constituted what was termed “salvage



Pump #88 and channel between Moffat and Hooper.



Main channel of the CBP as it carries water to the Rio Grande.



A healthy stand of trees all died at once.

scrambling to maintain habitat for Colorado state-declared endangered fish when we have such a watershed as North Crestone’s? The answer may lie in something you will encounter as you drive to the Great Sand Dunes National Park, a channel you cross brimming with water headed for the Rio Grande, water pumped from our end of the valley, water that is the product of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamations Closed Basin Project (CBP).

“Closed basin” refers to the condition that exists in the Northern San Luis Valley, in which no surface water runoff from either the San Juan or the Sangre de Cristo Mountain ranges is tributary to the Rio Grande, and thus is presumed to stay in the San Luis Valley by way of the two aquifers

water.” Historically the northern valley was a much wetter place than it is today. Water tables were so high that surface water couldn’t be absorbed. One can hear anecdotes of skaters skating from Saguache to Hooper, of duck hunters hunting in the fall when standing water near Rito Alto Creek attracted ducks, and of native hay being mowed between Moffat and Hooper. Today if you mowed, the only crop you would reap would be greasewood and sand.

However, even before the CBP went into effect, the introduction of pivot irrigation systems in the early 1970s replaced flood irrigation, drew down the water tables and dried up the surface soils. Flood irrigation systems recycle water back to the land while pivot sprin-

klers remove it. The subsequent implementation of the CBP almost certainly has augmented and exacerbated the trend towards drier soils and lower water tables.

The second issue the CBP was designed to address was that of Colorado’s compact obligations to downstream users of the Rio Grande. At the time the CBP was conceived, Colorado was running a “compact debt.” But in the mid 1980s Elephant Butte Reservoir spilled twice into the Rio Grande, thus releasing Colorado from its debt. Again, by the time the CBP was implemented, the reasons for the implementation no longer existed. Still, annual compact obligations to downstream users of the Rio Grande must be met and there lies the continued justification for keeping the Closed Basin Project viable.

It has taken me years to wrap my head around water policy in the San Luis Valley. It never seemed to make sense and the reason it didn’t make sense was that it didn’t make sense. What has transpired with the CBP in its implementation is a system of robbing Peter to pay Paul, Peter being the ranchers and home owners, the Wildlife Refuge, the animals and birds and landscapes of the northern valley, and Paul being agriculture with its pivot irrigation systems in the middle and southern valley. Agriculture takes out

enough water from the Rio Grande River to again create a potential deficit in our compact obligations. Mitigation of the deficit is assisted through introducing waters taken from the north end of the valley by the CBP. However, in its design, it was explicitly stipulated that the only waters available to the CBP would be “salvage waters.” At no time was the project designed to authorize the “mining of water” when salvage waters were no longer available. Further, the project was not to cause a drop greater than two feet in the 1972 water table in wells at the edge of the project. Yet when the project was implemented, pivot irrigation systems had already exceeded this drop by half a foot.

At no time was the Closed Basin Project supposed to do injury to neighboring lands. Yet even with considerable evidence that it may be doing just that, no environmental impact studies have followed its effect on our landscape. Since 1988 to the present the CBP has pumped over 600,000 acre-feet of water out of the northern San Luis Valley, 48% of its current production comes from wells on the Baca Wildlife Refuge, while the lowered water table beneath San Luis and Saguache Creeks has rendered these waterways unable to deliver water to downstream users. Their

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**Count the stars!**  
by Kim Malville

At the start of the month, one hour after sunset, Saturn is in the south-southwest, above the handle of the teapot of Sagittarius. It is part of a long line of three major planets with Jupiter and Venus. Watch the movement of Venus throughout this month. By its end, Venus will have charged past Jupiter and will be approaching Saturn

The big event will be the rare passage of Mercury across the face of our sun. The last one visible on the earth was three and a half years ago May 9, 2016 and the next will be 13 years in the future on May 13, 2032. A telescope with a good solar filter will be necessary to observe this transit. Be very careful!

**November 1:** Look for Saturn, the crescent moon, and Jupiter all in a line soon after sunset.

**November 3:** End of Daylight Savings Time at 2am.

**November 11:** Transit of Mercury

**November 12:** Full Moon

**November 16-17:** Leonid meteor shower. Because of the moon, the fainter meteors will not be visible.

**November 23:** Shortly after sunset look to the southwest to see Venus and Jupiter close to each other.

**November 26:** New Moon

**November 28:** Some 45 minutes after sunset look for the slender crescent moon just above Venus. Nearby will be Jupiter and Saturn.

**November 29:** The crescent moon will have moved just below Saturn.

**Constellation of the month: Pegasus**

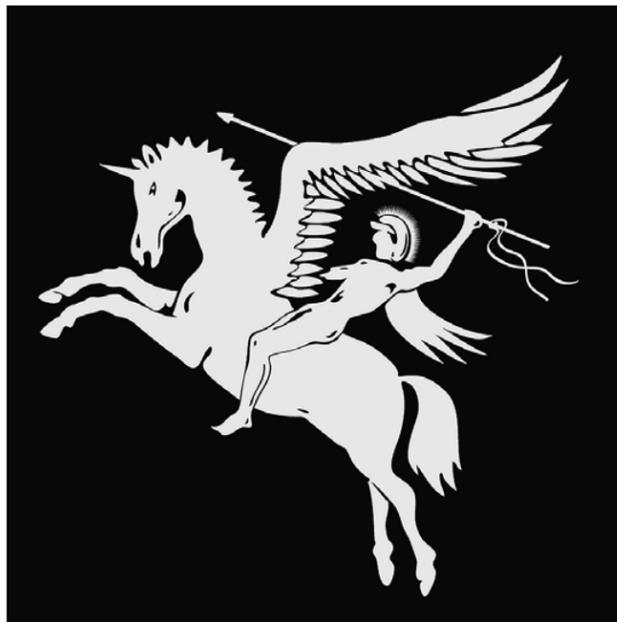
In early November, if you look nearly overhead, you will see a square of stars, the Square of Pegasus. It is one of the largest constellations in the sky, though at first hard to identify as a flying horse. The constellation was inspired by some pretty strange Greek mythology. Pegasus is the white winged horse that sprang from the neck of Medusa when she was decapitated by Perseus. Two Swiss astronomers, Michel Mayor, and Didier Queloz, both professors at University of Geneva, won part of this year's Nobel prize in physics for their discovery in 1995 of a planet orbiting a star in the constellation of Pegasus. The planet was identified as 51Pegasi b, ushering in the last two decades of a search that has discovered more than 4000 exoplanets.

51 Pegasi is 50 light years away. The planet is a very, very hot version of Jupiter, but with half the mass. It lies much closer to its star than does our neighbor Mercury. The distance of the planet is a mere 5 million miles, compared to Mercury's distance of 27 million miles at its closest approach. Mercury has no atmosphere, which must have boiled off the planet long ago. Because it has no blanketing by an at-

mosphere, the temperature of Mercury swings between two extremes: reaching 800°F in the day and falling to -280°F at night. 51 Pegasi b has enough mass that its thick atmosphere has not been evaporated or blown away by the star's solar wind. The planet keeps one face to its star at all times, and its atmosphere must be a boiling inferno. Beneath this hot gas, its surface must be glowing red with puddles of molten rock, with a temperature of approximately 1800°F.

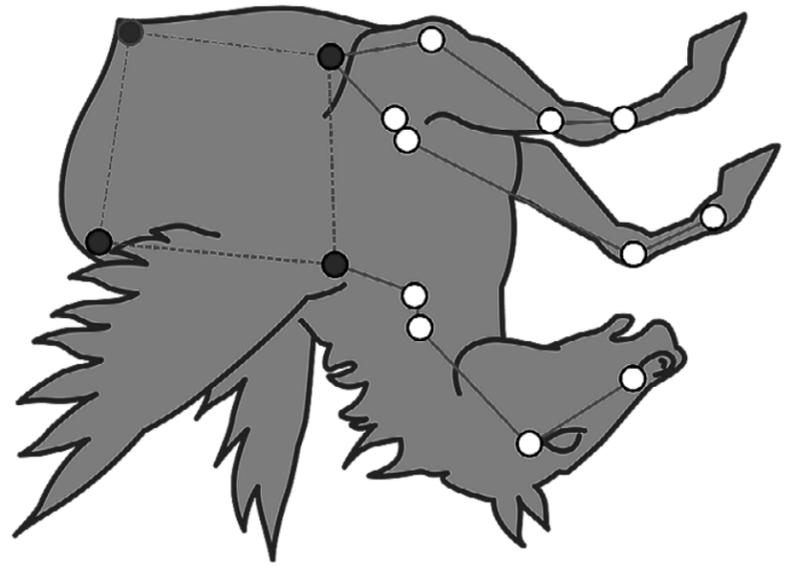
**Medusa & Pegasus**

Back to Greek mythology and the incredible tragedy of Medusa. She was initially a beautiful young priestess of Athena before she was assaulted by Posidon, the god of the Sea who wished to humiliate Athena by raping Medusa on the steps of her temple. One requirement to be a priestess for Athena is that the young woman must be a virgin and give her life to the goddess. In her anger at the defilement of her priestess in her temple Athena transformed Medusa into an ugly and dangerous gorgon. Her hair was converted into a nest of writhing snakes and her face became so ugly that anyone who looked at her was turned to stone.

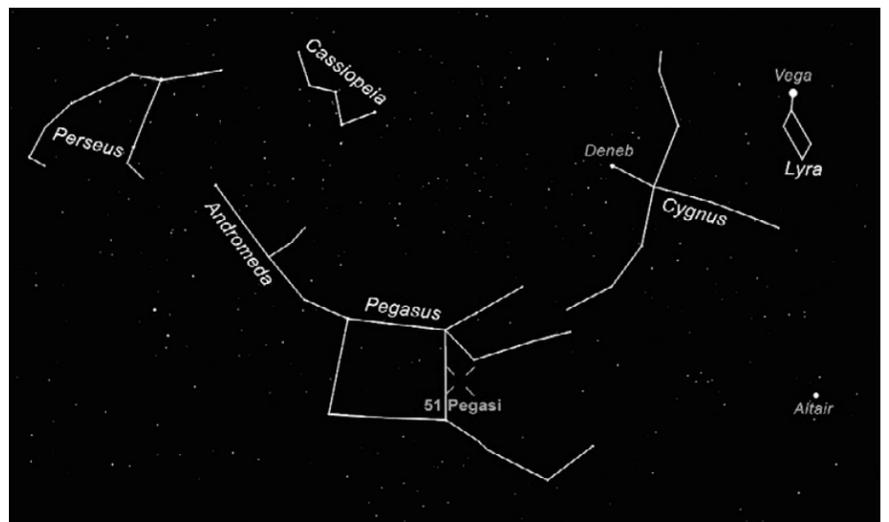


Emblem of British Airborne Forces in World War II showing Bellerophon astride Pegasus.

Perseus was sent to fetch the head of Medusa by King Polydectes of Seriphus because Polydectes wanted to marry Perseus's mother. The gods were well aware of this, and Perseus received winged sandals, an invisibility cloak, and a highly polished shield. Using the cloak and the reflection of Medu-



Pegasus upside down, as he appears in the sky.



Constellation of the Month: Pegasus.

sa from the shield, he was able to approach the Gorgon and kill her by chopping off her head. Out of her severed neck sprang Pegasus, whose father was Posidon, and, of course, he was foaled by Medusa. A stunning white horse was the true inner self of the ugly Gorgon.

**Bellerophon & Pegasus**

Pegasus was caught by Bellerophon who then became famous by riding Pegasus and killing the Chimera, a fire-breathing monster consist-

ing of the body of a goat, the head of a lion and the tail of a serpent. According to Homer, Bellerophon equipped his spear with a lump of lead that melted when thrust into the Chimera's fiery throat who then suffocated to death. Bellerophon fell victim to one of the Greeks' greatest evils, hubris. For the Greeks, hubris

of humans was worse than sexual misconduct by gods. Bellerophon forced Pegasus to fly him to Mount Olympus, the home of the Gods, where he wished to sit amongst the gods. Zeus, greatly annoyed at Bellerophon's presumption, sent an insect to bite Pegasus on his flank, causing him to rear up and unseat Bellerophon, who fell to earth and ended his days a sad and lonely figure, blind and lame. For Pegasus, however, there was the reward of a place in the stables on Mount Olympus, and the opportunity to carry around Zeus's thunderbolts. Eventually, Zeus transformed Pegasus into the constellation. The horse appears upside down in the sky, perhaps symbolizing the unseating of Bellerophon.

**A test of darkness**

As you all know very well, we have wonderfully dark skies in Crestone. One way to measure our darkness is to count the number of stars one can see inside the square of Pegasus. In bright city skies, few if any stars can be seen. I would be greatly indebted if any of you readers could make that count and send your results to me at: kimmelville@hotmail.com. It will be great fun to see the results.

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# Starr Sightings Astrology

## Timeline merge

by Starr Sites

### Mercury Retrograde

November begins with Mercury turning retrograde in Scorpio, where it is sensitive, secretive and sparks heightened creativity. Thus, your art, music, or writing may blossom this month. However, the usual Mercury retrograde annoyances may occur with a vengeance as well—miscommunications, machine breakdowns, meeting place muddles, etc. Subconscious issues may also surface for examination. On Nov. 10 until the end of the month, Mercury will replace the Sun in a month-long beneficial Grand Water Trine between North Node and Neptune.

Mercury stations direct on Nov. 20 but remains “in its shadow” until Dec. 7, making us somewhat less effective all month. This “slippery mind” condition is further aggravated by Neptune, which interjects misconceptions and confusions that “muddy the waters.” Try not to fall for “the con!” Alternately, you may be inspired toward lofty goals and visionary dreams.

### Mars

Tensions, impatience and irritability accelerate as Mars continues to square Saturn/Pluto until the Nov. 13 Full Moon. For the rest of November, Mars opposes change-maker Uranus sparking sudden unexpected surprises. Under this influence, some people may act strangely, exploding irrationally while trying to escape their obligations. Others may free themselves from restrictions (or illnesses) that have limited them. Meanwhile, increasingly threatening situations in the Middle East raise global concerns. Luckily, things may lighten up once the Sun leaves intense Scorpio and enters fun-loving Sagittarius on Nov. 22.

### New Moon

The New Moon on the 26th trines Chiron, initiating more investigations and discoveries, while Mars trines the North Node, allowing positive actions to be taken. Uranus also trines Venus, Jupiter

and the South Node, meaning visitors from the past (or strangers who feel familiar) may show up unexpectedly.

### Neptune

Neptune, especially in Pisces, is spiritual, musical, mystical, imaginative, romantic, and compassionate. Neptune inspires higher ideals, creates beautifully, and intuitively things beyond normal knowing. But it can also be disorienting. Neptune lacks rational, linear thinking, as its wisdom is ephemeral rather than logical or concrete. Thus, in a Grand Trine with Sun (personal genius) and North Node (life’s direction), Neptune can spiritualize our work, or make us feel completely “lost”. Beware of idealistic naiveté, and *do not* believe everything you hear or read, as conspiracy theories, lies and fantasies abound.

### Timeline merge

This will sound strange, but some metaphysicians are expecting a timeline merge to occur this month, peaking sometime between November 16 to November 24. Per-

haps you have heard of parallel lives, which are similar, but due to varying dimensional frequencies beyond our understanding, they differ in certain respects from this one. (Example: In one lifetime you may become a doctor, while in a parallel life perhaps you became a nurse, an EMT or a midwife.) Of course, there is no way to prove parallel lives exist, but we must acknowledge that there is a lot we do not know about our galactic reality, and the “mysteries” of today will become the “facts” of tomorrow.

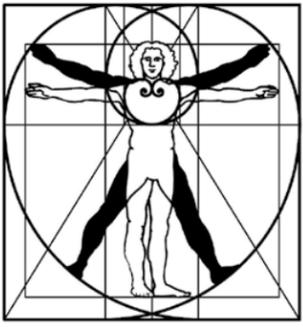
Occasionally these parallel lives intersect each other, blending for awhile and then separating again. Supposedly the Camelot stories never happened in our timeline but because of a timeline merge in the past when the more magical Camelot timeline intersected with ours, their stories entered our mythology, uplifting and inspiring us in mystical ways.

Another such crossing of timelines is expected to occur this month, bringing a positive energy surge. Those who are working on themselves may feel something unusual, even if they can’t quite put their finger on what it is or how it is impacting them. An expansion of some sort will occur for many, although others may sense nothing out of the ordinary, even though the entire world

will be impacted. Should you feel “a disturbance in the Force,” so to speak, resist fear and remain calm. Breathe deeply during this timeline merge (roughly October to December) until you feel at peace. You may feel like a load is being lifted from your shoulders, or creatively you may expand in some new way. Each will experience this blending of timelines somewhat differently, but many will awaken on some new level in order to radiate a brighter light and to bring more evolved energy into our world. Watch for new colors, lights in the sky, as well as more radiant countenances on the faces you encounter. Quantum growth can occur this month.

Timelines are collapsing and merging, altering us subtly but powerfully during this evolutionary transition period of the early 21st century. This timeline merge will allow us to transmute into “our better selves.” Different versions of reality may occur simultaneously, some with agendas to promote, as in partisan politics. Create more pleasing outcomes in your personal and global realities by letting go of “old psychological baggage” in preparation for the 5th dimensional Ascension timeline, yet to come. If we are willing, this timeline merge can expand our ability to create a more wondrous life. Therefore, relax, release, and be grateful as you step into your highest destiny!

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# Who We Are

## Juniper Urieh:

*Discovering the roots of happiness*

by Gussie Fauntleroy

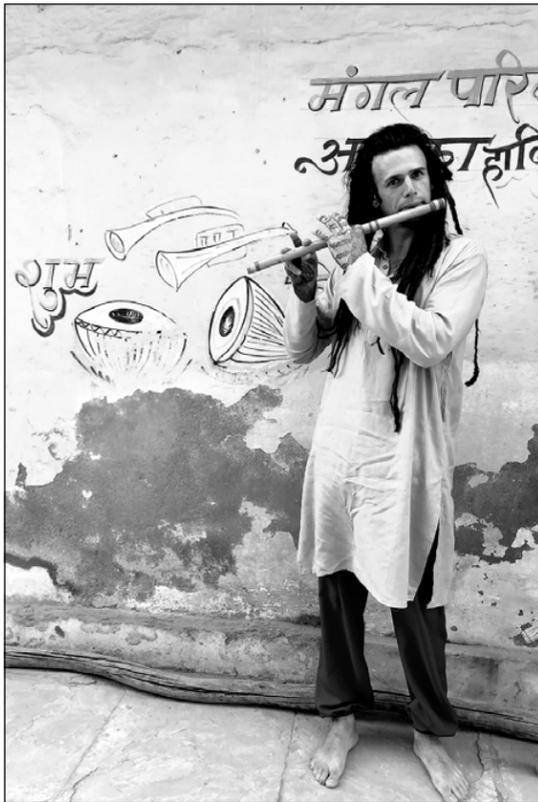
Juniper Urieh was walking back to a hostel in Bombay (Mumbai) one night last spring, threading through crowded streets in the densely populated megacity. Music filled his ears from his iPod, and a tear slid down his cheek. Partway through a five-month sojourn in India, the 26-year-old Crestone resident had just spent three days with some of the city's poorest inhabitants, including those living in the vast slums made famous by the movie *Slumdog Millionaire*. He'd been hanging out with people whose shanty houses, shared by three families, were smaller than his modest-sized Baca living room. Many had no beds and no idea where their next meal would come from. Others with whom he sipped chai and shared smiles—not knowing each other's language—had no home at all.

But the tear that welled up was not from sadness or pity. It came from a sense of awe at the simple contentment Juniper witnessed in people whose material lives are impoverished but whose human connections are rich. "They have an ease and natural happiness of living. Family is so important to them, I saw so many happy children," he remembers. "Here in the West, we complain if our bed is uncomfortable."

For much of his life so far, Juniper has paid attention to what makes people happy, especially in relation to what they have in the world and how they live. He's seen desperate poverty on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and in travels in Southeast Asia, India, and elsewhere. His experiences in these places—and from growing up in Crestone—reinforced a goal he's held for the past ten years: to live simply, buy as few new things as possible, and strengthen his spiritual and physical capacities to stay focused on what he sees as essential in life.

### A non-mainstream start

Born on the Texas commune of Greenbriar where his father Nathan Good grew up, Juniper and his family settled in Crestone when he was three. (His mother, Cindy Pearson, moved to Austin some years ago and visits Crestone often, and his grandmother, Wendy Chanden, now lives here.) Spending much of his time outdoors both then and now, Juniper made a habit, which he continues, of not wearing shoes unless necessary, even while hiking in the mountains as temperatures begin to drop. By the time he was a teen, being barefoot became part of a practice of physically challenging and strengthening himself.



Playing a flute prior to a wedding in the town of Tonk, in the Indian state of Rajasthan.



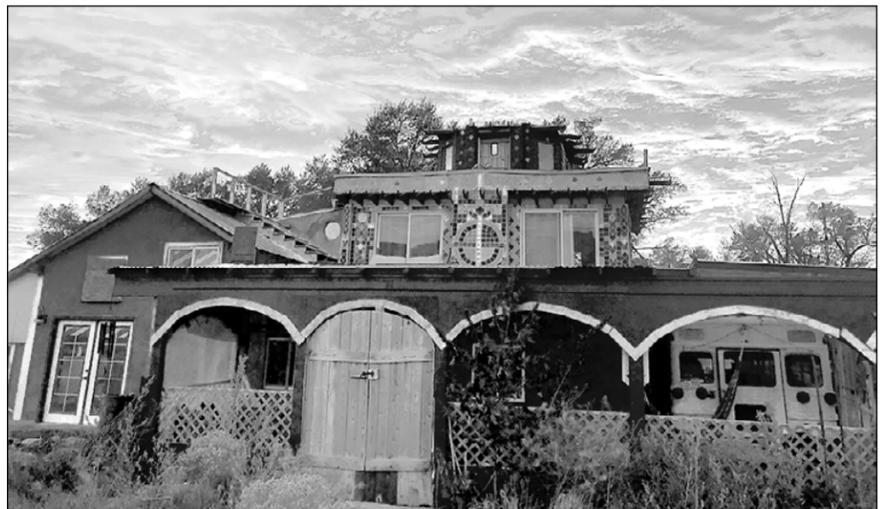
While staying at Menri Monastery in the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh, Juniper played games with local children and made friends with them.

Other aspects of his growing up were equally unconventional. Every summer through his 12th year, he traveled with his parents and younger sister Zaylah to Renaissance fairs. As a boy and teen he absorbed Crestone's eclectic spiritual atmosphere, spending time at the ashram and being exposed to various forms of Buddhism and John Milton's Way of Nature, among other wisdom traditions. Two of his closest friends were the children of Robin Blankenship, longtime teacher of primitive skills, so as kids their play included things like flint knapping to make arrowheads. Later he took blacksmithing lessons from Robin, botany with Shahna Lax, alchemy of plants with Peter May, and quantum physics and quantum harmonics with Stephen Wade.

But the most influential adult mentor in Juniper's early life was Crestone Charter School math



In the town of Tonk, Juniper traded his skills in integrated massage therapy, shiatsu, acupressure, and stretching, for a place to stay.



Juniper is transforming his home into a healing arts and spiritual center, which he plans to finish and open in spring 2020.

teacher Mark Mikow. With Mark he began learning to meditate, live with awareness and intention, and connect with the sacredness of the earth, the elements, and his own life force. Those teachings continue to resonate, evolve, and grow as they interweave with his experiences and perceptions in the ongoing process of learning from life.

### Life lessons

Following high school graduation from the Charter School in 2012, Juniper began building his home in the Grants, starting with an earth-sheltered greenhouse and using primarily local and recycled materials. He studied massage therapy at Crestone Healing Arts Center with Dan Retuta and Sue Beck-Retuta—whom he considers ceremony family, along with Lorain Fox Davis and David Davis. At 21 he traveled to South Dakota with his adopted uncle, Crestone resident Alexander "Kofi" Washington (of the reggae group Jah Kings), to take part in a traditional Lakota Sun Dance. "I think that experience put me in a space of humility and service for the people," he says, sitting at his kitchen table before a deep-turquoise wall in his comfortable, sheltering-feeling home, which now rises to three floors.

Juniper began taking his house skyward—the top floor comprised simply of a small shrine room/meditation space—after returning from five months in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar. While there he not only experienced the land, people, and cultures, but also found himself looking inward. "I put myself in positions to find happiness in simplicity—on a bus for 20 hours straight, or with people I couldn't talk to" because of language differ-

ences, he says. Southeast Asia inspired aspects of his home's design, as did indigenous cultures of the Americas. On the second floor exterior he used brightly colored tile to create a large geometric design symbolizing "the human family, the five elements, earth, and the heavenly connection."

### Sharing the gifts

Juniper has long held a vision of opening his home for communal activities including meditation, teaching, and workshops, and when that wasn't gaining traction (and a relationship ended), it seemed like the right time to follow a lifelong dream of visiting India. There he stayed at a Bön Buddhist monastery—where his days included shooting hoops with young novice monks—at an ashram, and with Muslims, Sufis, seekers, and ordinary people from various walks of life. Based on his journal entries he has written a book, currently in the editing stage.

In India he also studied Ayurveda. It's one of the alternative healing modalities he plans to provide as part of a revitalized dream of transforming his home into a healing arts and spiritual center, which he calls Nature's Temple. Massage therapy, acupressure, shiatsu, and group and individual guided meditations are other components of the future clinic and spa. Juniper also offers "happiness consulting," drawing on his personal and spiritual experiences from the past ten-plus years. "I realized my practice was not for myself, but for sharing," he says. "I'm so blessed to have a house, water, food, community—everything I need and more."

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Hotshots light a burnout at night to stop the fire spread to the east. photo by Joel Peters



A hand crew mops up the slopover which threatened Swissvale and Wellsville. photo by Mike Fincham

## The Decker Fire & the let-burn policy

by Daniel S. Johnson

Historically, low-intensity surface fires every 30 years or so, caused either by lightning or by indigenous people, had been the norm. That changed after the Big Blowup of 1910, when millions of acres burned in the western states, killing around 75 firefighters. Fire was thereafter viewed as having no natural benefit and all fires were extinguished as fast as possible. In the late 1960s and early 70s, fire managers began to conclude that full suppression of wildfires for half a century had been a wrong policy, causing unhealthy, overgrown forests which were beginning to exhibit potential for extreme burning conditions.

It has taken decades to implement a more natural burn plan, in which lightning fires are allowed to replenish forests and more controlled burning, at a time of year when intensity could be moderated, has come into favor. To complicate these plans, the west has been growing, with people flocking to forested areas to live in beauty and privacy. With the advent of the internet, workers are more likely to be able to complete tasks from anywhere, no longer required to live in cities.

The past few decades have been challenging for forest managers who want to get back to healthier forests, but also are charged with the protection of private homes scattered throughout wildland forests. To save the structures, most wildfires are still suppressed, causing further buildup of fuels, leading to even more catastrophic future blazes.

The declaration of wilderness areas, where undeveloped forests were set aside with the aim of keeping them wild, was meant to increase animal habitat and preserve endangered species by banning roads, houses and other human infrastructure. Fire in these environments was to be observed and allowed to burn unless it continued outside the wilderness boundaries and toward populated areas.

The Decker Fire started with a lightning strike on September 8 in the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness. Burn modules, usually consisting of 10 people, were dispatched to monitor fire intensity, spread potential and after-effects. As with much of

Colorado's spruce forests, beetle infestation has been rampant in this area and the fire was left to clean up massive areas of standing dead and downed trees. Hotshot crews worked certain flanks to check fire growth, but the vast majority of the burn area remained in the inaccessible high country, described as "a huge rock with trees on it." Nothing in that rugged wilderness was considered worth placing a firefighter's life in danger.

Nearly a month later, our weather shifted to extremely dry and windy conditions, causing the Decker to move miles, towards Salida and surrounding small towns. It was declared a Type One incident on September 30 and hundreds of firefighters were ordered for defensive actions. As the flames peaked Methodist Mountain the night of October 1, the fire ran downslope toward Salida and into flatter topography where fire suppression could be effective, and much safer.

Only a single historic cabin was lost as dozers and hotshot crews worked all night to save homes below the Rainbow Trail. But mother nature was not finished with her cleanup operations, as we faced red flag conditions for nearly two weeks with relative humidities down into the single digits and wind gusts up to 55 mph.

I was overseeing structure protection for around 25 structures in the Bear Creek and Silverheels areas. We mitigated trees and brush around houses, moved woodpiles and set up pumpkins (portable water tanks) with pumps, hose lays and sprinklers. One resident told us not to cut any trees around their home so we were forced to only set up plumbing. A few days later, the fire ran two miles down a drainage and incinerated that house and all its trees. Another resident who had

stayed to prepare their own properties, eventually ran out of supplies and left. We then set up pumps around known structures before another wave of fire ran down the next drainage and wiped out numerous outbuildings.

If not for the efforts of the 1,000+ firefighters, dozers, 9 heli-

ment for noncompliance, it is pure common sense. When we choose to live in forested nature, we have chosen to live with fire.

As the earth warms, allowing more invasive beetles to survive the winters, we will witness even more tree mortality and intense wildfires. Burn areas may not regrow with



A type six engine fights fire off the 101 Road.

photo by Daniel S. Johnson

copters and air tankers, many more houses would have been lost. Homeowners who had done their own fire mitigation allowed us to safely protect their houses and many trees survived around them.

The towns of Crestone and the Baca Grande exist in similar conditions to the Decker Fire area and the Spring Creek Fire from last summer. In these environments, fire is a necessary part of the natural cycles of growth, death and renewal. Preparing before a wildfire is not moralistic preaching with punish-

the same species of trees; often aspens and oak brush replace them. More grasses and wildflowers may appear where the sun is now able to reach the surface. All is evolving and we must adapt with it if we choose to call this magnificent valley our home.

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Crossword puzzle solution from B-17

# Baca Grande Library News



## Our Gratitude List by Suzanne McGregor

Since November is the month of giving thanks, the Baca Grande Library would like to extend our gratitude to the many community efforts that have enabled us to provide necessary and worthwhile services to our community members. First of all, many thanks to the Northern Saguache County Library District for the support that makes our library such a valuable asset for all of us. District Board members, District Director Sarah Koehn-Frey, and many volunteers have spent

countless hours this past year in providing the resources necessary to make sure our library meets your needs.

Many thanks to our Friends of the Library (FOL) members who have been working diligently to improve and enhance our library this year—purchasing and installing a new air conditioner in the back room, buying a beautiful display table for the front room, and securing funding for new steel shelving in the non-fiction rooms. These fund-raising efforts include library functions like our Holiday Open House (look for it next month!).

Last, but certainly not least, much gratitude to the community members who think of the library first when they have books and videos to donate and to the patrons who come in and bring us goodies, vegetables and flowers from their gardens, compliments and hugs, suggestions, sweet stories and lots of smiles—even when paying their overdue fees! Thank you to parents and

caregivers, teachers and storytellers who are promoting a love of reading and a thirst for knowledge in our youngsters for reading to them and bring them to our story program (thank you, Penny).

And Happy Thanksgiving from Barry, who is grateful for all the music in the universe, from Sandia, who gives thanks for being able to connect to the Earth in such an incredible place, and from Suzanne, who is grateful for all her inspiring fellow travelers along the way.

Notice: The library will be closed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th. Many thanks and blessings to all of you from Suzanne, Barry and Sandia, who are grateful for the opportunity to help you in any way we can—and hope that you have a long gratitude list as well.

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269 Springdale Tr. \$675,000 4BD 3.5BA. Spacious open floor plan, greenhouse, 2 car garage, horse stall, cottage with European wood stove, sauna and soaking tub. Completely off-grid with stunning wide open vistas.	187 W. Silver. \$475,000 Prime location in the center of Little Pearl Park in the town of Crestone. Currently Restaurant, Brewery 2 hotel rooms and Penthouse apartment. Long term lease in place.	158 E. Silver \$400,000 Rental income from liquor store and 11 storage units with the sale all full no vacancies and waiting list. Prime downtown Crestone location. Lease in place on liquor store.	3458 Enchanted \$395,000 Owner financing available on this exceptional income producing property. Established B&B & Retreat Business. Total 4 BD 3BA rental capacity. Bright & spacious with lots of windows.	609 Panorama Way \$319,000 3BD 2BA. Enter this home and feel the quality of craftsmanship. Living room has views that will keep you sitting on the couch for hours with your book & cup of tea.	2710 Happy Hollow Way \$298,000 2BD 2BA. Exquisite custom home with too many upgrades to list here - immaculate 2 master suites, upstairs deck you won't be disappointed. Must see!
					
3537 Camino Del Rey \$279,000 New construction, Contemporary style. Choice of colors, upgrades etc. Stunning mtn. views. On paved rd. close to Temples and Retreat and spiritual Centers, and the Stupa.	5879 Blue Spruce Ave. Alamosa, \$265,000 3 BD 2 BA. Country living with close proximity to town. Home sits on 1 acre with paved street access Home has numerous upgrades in kitchen, bathrooms, floor coverings, & more.	259 Moonlight Way. \$260,000. Situated high up in Chalet 1, just off paved road. Open airy floor plan and modern kitchen. Choose your colors and many upgrades to chose from.	1307 Moonlight Way. \$228,000. Choice of colors and options on this contemporary model on a lot near the creek and greenbelt. Upgrades and options available. Call for more details on this new construction.	1419 Badger Rd. \$219,000 2BD 2BA Great bungalow type home. Master Suite, has large walk-in closet, full bath, & spacious bedroom with extra storage. Front mountain & valley views.	2721 Happy Hollow Way \$199,500 2BD 1BA. Great B&B opportunity, or vacation home, this home comes fully furnished, and ready to go. Walking distance to Dharma Ocean and many spiritual retreat centers.
					
3528 Enchanted Way \$187,000 2BD 1BA. Call for seller carry terms on this charming 1 level starter, retirement or B&B property with stunning mountain views. Large storage shed. Close to paved road.	000 County Rd 59 \$185,000 3BD 2BA 2000 manufactured home with additional older mobile built on with great room all done in locally milled wood, horse barn, calving shed, silo, paddocks & pens, 2 ponds!	1194 Hilltop Way \$184,000 1BD 1BA passive solar ranch style home, designed by Tucson Saryon, sits on .56 treed acres 5 min from town on paved road. Built in 2004 by Paul Kopanna.	1537 Antelope Way \$179,000 2BD 2BA. Spacious bedrooms and modern bathrooms. Large spacious kitchen with dining area island. With lovely setting backing to the greenbelt with miles of hiking	351 N. Chaparral \$177,500 2BD 2BA. A new home on 1 acre that is landscaped, has high ceilings, a wood stove, and a deck. Views of the mountains and valley.	169 Verano Court \$158,600 2BD 1BA. New construction, vaulted ceilings, low maintenance exterior & tremendous mountain views. This small home feels bigger than actual square footage.
					
365 Camino De Oro \$149,500 2BD 1BA. Affordable living in the growing town of Crestone. HOA of \$394, includes snow plowing to driveway, road maintenance, tennis, golf, parks, library & hiking trails	247 W 3rd St. Center \$145,000 5BD 2BA Darling home in Center. Spacious and comfortable. Living room has a pellet wood stove perfect for winter. Also has a separate laundry room.	17567 County Rd 71 \$125,000 2BD 1BA Classic mountain cabin built in 1963. The home is on well and septic, 1/2 acre, nicely shaded by towering juniper, spruce and cottonwoods.	139 Rondo Ct. \$115,000 2BD 1BA. Do a little fix up, and have your energy efficient solar sufficient home-stand. Solar system runs the home, however, you are hooked into the grid for double protection.	26094 Woodward Ave. Moffat \$96,500 3BD 2BA This is one of those must see to appreciate properties! So much for the price, park your RV, boat, or other toys here in the oversized garage. On 3.3 acres with spectacular views.	58515 Martinez Drive., Lazy KV Moffat. \$15,000. This property is being "SOLD AS IS WITH NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED." Bank owned, no clean up will be done, electric is on.

## Elders Living the Dream

### Part II: At home in Living Wisdom Village

by Tom deMers  
with Richard Sanderson

Living Wisdom Village, Elders Creating Community moves forward on many shoulders from the past. Ammi Kohn, Burt Wadman, Findley West, Vivia Lawson and Judy DeLuca are some of the former Board members who inspired the vision of aging safely and well within a supportive environment. Anything the current Board says or does must be framed with respect for those who have come before. Aging in Place is a universal dream of home which prevailed for them and for us today.

Home can be a family home to which an apartment is added for a senior family member. In some places, seniors are turning large houses with multiple bedrooms into homes with shared common spaces. The model which Living Wisdom Village (LWV) has chosen most closely resembles co-housing, multiple dwellings on a shared property that allows for both privacy and community. It can't be better stated than our predecessors put it in an earlier brochure: "LWV aims to enhance the quality of life in a self-governed community where residents live wisely and respectfully with one another and the environment." Today the current Board, of which Richard Sanderson and I are members, is working to make that vision a reality, a village centered in community where the beauty and serenity of the design enhances the quality of

everyday life.

The residents of LWV will be seniors, folks 55 or older. This is a primary difference from traditional co-housing where residents are in the workforce and bringing home paychecks. As seniors or elders, LWV residents will be on fixed or limited incomes and without earning years ahead of them. For that reason, all models of Aging in Place depend upon sharing and thus lowering costs. "Communities of elders are often built with an emphasis on sharing a common infrastructure that can reduce normal costs related to set-up and usage fees of water, sewer, electricity and road construction by as much as 75%." (Sanderson)

Another difference from co-housing is that the residents will not be asked to put up the costs of land purchase or construction. These funds will be raised with grant money from public sources and private foundations. Will a construction loan be necessary? How much money might be raised through local fundraising? Can the property achieve a zero-carbon footprint? Will the design include (can we afford) "smart home" technology such as automated wellness features? These are questions with which the current Board is grappling. There are many, many more.

In short, Crestone Peak Community Housing (CPCH) will own the land, build the dwelling units and rent them to community mem-

bers. How many one-bedrooms, two-bedrooms, how many studios? Should some units include office spaces? A common laundry area is a big cost savings, but should some units have their own stackables? The questions abound, but housing designs and the layout of a property depend upon answers to questions like these. Form always follows function. Of course, the land from which this community rises is fundamental to everything. That search is ongoing.

In all this planning, CPCH is looking to empower elders. "By means of collaborative relationships and targeted investment of resources, we will be able to extend the personal and financial independence of residents and . . . reduce the need for premature entry into costly retirement homes and inappropriate placement into nursing facilities." (Sanderson)

While our place is Living Wisdom Village, this Board, like those

that preceded us, emphasizes the second part of our name, Elders Creating Community. The value of community as home, as an antidote to isolation and poor mental health, is well-articulated by former Board member and architect Burt Wadman.

"It is about having opportunities to give as well as receive care. It prevents helplessness. It gives us purpose and a feeling of well-being. Meaningless activity corrodes the human spirit, so having the opportunity to do things that we find meaningful is essential to human health. Community has the potential to create far more than an individual alone can create. Consequently, everyone's quality of life is enhanced."

Wadman's thoughts are echoed by His Holiness the Dali Lama. "Happiness does not come from material things but rather from a deep, genuine concern for others' happiness."



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# Garden Guru

The season wraps up



by **Matie Belle Lakish**

October gave us some hard freezes, and winter is on its way. Time to preserve the harvest and take stock of the growing season.

Some things did very well this year, partly because of the unusual moisture and cool weather we had for much of the growing season. Hardy greens grew very well in the cool dampness. I had some kale plants that survived the winter and made abundant greens all season. Interestingly, though, broccoli plants were slow to produce heads and instead put their energy into leaves. However, I planted about a dozen Cheddar cauliflower plants that made successive heads all season. Wonderful plant. Cabbages did well. I have three Brunswick plants with heads about 14 inches across. Several purple cabbages are smaller, but did fine. Have you tried purple cabbage coleslaw?

Tomatoes were very slow to make fruit and ripen it. Although the plants grew fairly well, I believe the ground was too cool for the plants to create and ripen fruit. Whereas I usually have large tomatoes ripening outside by the first week of August, this year it was more like the first week in September. As a result, I picked a lot of green tomatoes and laid them out in shallow boxes to ripen indoors. If all goes well, I should still have some for Thanksgiving.

I had a very bad experience with mildew on the squash plants this year. It was my own fault. I

bought some plants in the spring that had mildew. I thought it would go away in our usually dry climate, but instead it spread to almost all the squash plants. Between the mildew and the cool weather, most of my squash harvest was disappointing.

There were some pleasant exceptions, however. I decided to grow the Three Sisters—corn, beans, and squash—all in one bed together. I chose Hopi squash and Hopi beans from High Ground Gardens, our local seed producers. Maybe if I had also chosen Hopi Blue Corn, it would have worked better, but I chose an early sweet corn, Northern X-tra Sweet. I planted the corn seeds about eight inches apart, and the beans in between the corn. The squash seeds I planted about every 18 inches apart. All seeds were in the same rows.

That turned out to be way too close together. The Hopi Squash were so vigorous that the vines and leaves covered everything and, using the corn as a support, grew up and over the corn. When the corn tasseled, the little silks on the infant ears that are supposed to receive the pollen from the tassels were almost totally covered by squash leaves. As a result, the ears of corn were very sparsely pollinated and had only a few kernels per ear. It was also difficult to get into the patch to do any maintenance, or to pick the beans. Fortunately, the mass of squash and bean leaves prevented any weeds from getting



A harvest table. Tomatoes and the last of the flowers.

much of a start.

Fortunately, the squash did very well, producing a nice medium-sized, mostly orange fruit on every plant. The ones I have tried taste very good and have a fine, smooth texture. The beans were a good choice, too. They were the only ones to mature dry beans this year. All the other “green” beans got caught by the frost and did not mature seeds, but the Hopi beans, a tan bean with dark purple markings, matured early enough to make dry beans. I’m looking forward to cooking up some, as well as saving some for next year’s seed.

The corn, of course, was a disappointment. This system needs a corn that can shoot up above the vigorous squash leaves as well as hold its own with beans climbing up it. Next year I’ll try it with the Hopi Blue, also available from High Ground Gardens.

I’ve also been harvesting piñon seeds. The piñons are producing well after all that rain we had earlier, and are dropping to the ground in sufficient numbers to be worth collecting. Some trees are really loaded, while others have very few seeds.

I’m doing some experimenting. I’ve discovered that the best nuts are the ones with the dark brown shells. Lighter brown shells are often empty. I tried putting them in a pan of water to see if the good ones would sink while the empty ones floated. It is true that the ones that sink are almost all good and full of plump, edible kernels. However, the ones that float may also have kernels worth cracking, so that experiment was only partially successful. After I left the seeds soaking for a while, the shells were much easier to crack, however, splitting along the seams much more easily than before.

Next, I tried roasting them, mainly to see if that would make

them easier to crack. I didn’t want to get them too hot, so that they would scorch, or lose their nutrition, so I put them in the toaster oven at 200° for about half an hour. I did not notice a lot of difference in taste, but it did make them easier to crack for a time. As they cooled, they seemed to become harder to crack, again. [Ed. Note: roasting will also prevent the nuts from becoming moldy when stored.]

However, I think I discovered a good tool for cracking them—a pair of pliers set on the widest setting. Most old-fashioned pliers have a close setting and a wide setting. The wide setting seems about perfect for cracking Piñon nuts without smashing them. This is made even easier if they are soaked first. I can crack several with the pliers, then pull the shells back and find the nuts. Much easier than other ways I’ve tried, and much less likely to break my teeth.

Happy harvesting to all!

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**SOLD!**

**1221 Chaparral Way - \$199,000**  
Charming 2BD/1BA 1008sf ranch-style home on private lot in Chalet I. Recently added private back deck w/2-room office/studio, fenced backyard. Hot water baseboard heat w/efficient wood stove. Metal roof, stucco exterior, large kitchen.

**SOLD!**

**1194 Hilltop - \$184,000**  
896 sf straw bale, 1BD/1BA, passive solar, high T&G ceilings, concrete floors, in-floor heat, wood stove, southern windows. Bonus office/studio/meditation rm. Great kitchen and built-in dining. Grow dome. Near paved road.

**UNDER CONTRACT**

**1 Carmelite Way - \$1,650,000**  
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.

**UNDER CONTRACT**

**1479 W. Badger Road - \$295,000**  
Straw bale 2BR/2BA/loft + Shop/Studio + Shed. Stunning panoramic views! Eco/ natural finishes, solar active/passive & well insulated. Lg open floorplan. Exquisite Chef's kitchen. Spacious BRs. Colored concrete & bamboo flrs.

**UNDER CONTRACT**

**535 Thornwood Trail - \$269,000**  
Lovely 2.72ac compound in Grants w/ Cottonwood Creek running through it. 3BD/2BA 1668sf SW style stucco home w/ spacious living/dining. Expansive views of Sand Dunes & Mt. Blanca. French doors throughout. Detached, large studio.

**UNDER CONTRACT**

**2063 Sandstone Way - \$233,000**  
3 bd/2 ba 1332 sq ft home in Chalet I to be completed Nov. 2019. Bright spacious 1-level floor plan, hardwood flooring, ETS, maple cabinets, vaulted ceilings, master suite, walk-in closet and shower, and new appliances.

**UNDER CONTRACT**

**111 Skyview - \$189,000**  
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.

**UNDER CONTRACT**

**29 Sunset Overlook - \$175,000**  
Charming 2BD/1BA A-frame in Convenient location. Propane heater. Wood cathedral ceiling in LR. Large loft for Master Bedroom. Complete with carport, screened porch, balcony, deck, storage shed and fenced yard.

**New Listing**

**26998 County Road 65, Moffat - \$349,000**  
4BD/3BA 36ac of gorgeous land backing to BLM land on both sides, near creek, & amazing views! Corral & pastures fenced for horses. Off-grid, new solar batteries & updated solar system. Home has 3 living quarters! Great for rentals or extended family.

**Grants**

**1316 Whispering Winds Trail - \$414,000**  
Elegant & Sustainable 1BD/1BA strawbale home w/views. Lg 375sf & 225sf balconies. 320sf greenhouse w/irrigation, 166sf studio, 144sf storage & gorgeous professional landscaping. 2000W of solar PV. Fenced courtyard is a private oasis.

**Beautiful Architecture & Studio**

**746 Camino Del Rey - \$359,000**  
Custom contemporary off-grid 2BR/1.75BA 1961sf hm w/550sf cottage/studio on 7.5ac near SW edge of Baca. Open & spacious w/exquisite views. Custom features including curved quartzite counters, wood dining ceiling, a work of art!

**Panoramic Views!**

**55 & 56 Wagon Wheel - \$349,000**  
Beautiful 2BD/2BA 1800sf ranch on 8.73ac w/600sf detached 2-car garage & 300sf shop/studio. High ceilings, ovrd beams, lg windows & built-in fireplace w/lg mantle. Gorgeous kitchen w/island. Master Ste w/ tub & shower. Radiant in-floor heat.

**Grants**

**1377 Wagon Wheel Road - \$214,000**  
Unique 2BD/1BA + 200sf loft artistic earth-bag & concrete home on 3.239 ac. Sun room. Features incl. wood beams, arches & bit-in banco seating. Domed great rm w/skylights, eff. kitchen. Brick & wood block flrs. 2 woodstoves. Beamed ceiling.

**Expansive Views**

**1327 Badger - \$200,000**  
Highly-efficient 2BD/3BA + Office 1280sf 2-story on 1.88ac w/360 degree views, covered wrap-around porch & triple-glazed windows. Passive solar, wood floors, heat recovery system, wood stove & elec. baseboards. Proven rental history.

**Affordable Off-Grid!**

**1149 Camino Del Rey - \$189,000**  
Highly efficient like-new construction, 920 sq ft 1BD/1BA with state of the art photo voltaic system & well, newer appliances, in the Grants. Propane water heater. 9000 watt back up generator. Fabulous views of Mtns.

**Chalets**

**614 Palomino Way - \$659,000**  
Luxury 4BR/3BA 4040sf 20-sided polygon home w/views. Lg 375sf & 225sf balconies. Chef's kitchen. 5-piece Mstr BA. Carpet, tile & laminate floors, stucco exterior, metal roof. On-demand elec hwh. 6 ETS heaters. Detached 2-car garage, 2 driveways.

**Million Dollar Views**

**1974CR Highland OL - \$648,000**  
Beautifully designed by Bodhgala 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.

**Retreat Center Potential!**

**4462 Ridgecrest Way - \$549,000**  
Residential Retreat Center. Beautiful strawbale construction. Central Complex w/ apt, lodging rooms, kitchen, dining room. Separate 1 bed/1bath home. Office Building/Yurt/Grow Dome. Great property for retreats, B&B, extended family home.

**Chalets**

**437C N. Chaparral Way - \$459,000**  
Built by Paul Koppapa 2020sf 4 bd/2 ba strawbale home + detached oversized 2-car garage w/potential apt is designed w/ non toxic materials and energy efficiency. On 2.09 Acres bordering greenbelt of Crestone Creek w/ Sauna & outdoor oven.

**Private Paradise**

**1970 Rockyview Way - \$425,000**  
Custom 2BD/2BA with loft/office & attached heated garage/workshop on 2+ acres. Artistic Venetian plaster walls, high end cabinetry & woodwork, solar hw in-floor heat, passive cooling pantry. High-end kitchen. Wdstoves, decks, garden & patio.

**Garage/Landscaped/Fenced**

**633C Panorama Way - \$345,000**  
Exquisite 3BD/2BA 1,982sf custom home w/fenced & landscaped lot. 2 car garage, workshop shed w/electric. Remodeled kitchen, large living, lovely dining w/patio doors. Wall beds in bedrooms. Upstairs large master suite w/ Jacuzzi tub & deck.

**Was \$370,000**

**4201 Caprice Way - \$344,000**  
2640sf 2-level contemporary 3BD/4BA on 1.5 creek acres. 382sf upper deck w/ fabulous Mtn/Valley/Creek views. Huge Great Rm w/high ceilings can be used as studio or workplace. 3 Beds with Ensuite Baths upstairs. 425sf garage.

**Contemporary!**

**2145 Indian Well Way - \$320,000**  
This 1331sf modern 2BR/1BA built in 2016 makes exceptional use of space, design & views. Detached 144sf bonus room. Upgrades include 5-piece bath w/stm shower, soak tub & heated floors. Beautiful kitchen w/copper sink, maple hardwoods.

**Spacious w/Views!**

**246C Baca Grant Way - \$308,000**  
Lg. 3168sf 4BD/3BA Study on 1.534ac. Recent kitchen updates incl cabinets, granite countertops & flooring. Remodeled mstr bath. Enclosed porch w/hot tub. Downstairs incl living space and a kitchenette. Very flexible floor plan for in-home business, rentals, large family.

**Chalets**

**224 Rainbow - \$279,000**  
This 3BD/2BA w/2 living areas in Chalet I has it all! Bonus apartment w/private entrance. Fabulous mtn & valley views. Remodeled luxurious master bath, hardwood floors, new cabinets and more! Renai heaters, woodstove & passive solar.

**Reduced! - Was \$285,000**

**2282 Happy Day OL - \$268,000**  
Unique opportunity to own this 3bd/2ba home with 1 car garage on .86 acre private location outside of POA. Very beautiful finishes & colors. Pine floors, sandstone tiles, woodstove & ETS Garden & fence. Deck and views.

**New Construction!**

**2200 Spanish Creek Road - \$259,000**  
2BD/2BA modern home in Chalet I will have metal roof, shiplap siding, propane powered: hwh, in-floor radiant heat & cooktop. Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, utility/laundry room, wood countertops, soft close kitchen cabinets, natural finishes.

**Reduced - Was \$289,000**

**565 Panorama Way - \$249,000**  
Charming 2BD/2BA w/loft 1415sf home in high Chalet I w/amazing views. Wraparound balconies, custom built ins, natural rock & flagstone landscaping, shed, grow dome. ETS, wood & baseboard heat. Wood stove w/ custom stone hearth & wall.

**New Construction!**

**1548 Antelope Way - \$230,000**  
2BD/2BA 1078sf home in prvt, wooded area near Willow Creek. Energy efficient, 11+in insulated concrete, R-50 walls & R-48 ceilings. In-flr radiant heat powered by on-demand hwh. Propane stove. Spacious Master. Maintenance free stucco exterior.

**Reduced! - Was \$193,000**

**183 Bellevue Overlook - \$182,000**  
Classic 2BD/2BA 1192sf home w/lots of extras for the price. 2-car attached garage w/add'l storage, lg fully fenced yard w/ raised garden & great back deck. Home heated w/elec baseboard & 2 wood stoves. New laminate wood flooring throughout.

Land	2019 HOME SALES	(* denotes listed & sold)
<p><b>Was \$299,000</b></p> <p>22+ Acres outside POA</p> <p><b>2307 Echo OL - \$225,000</b> Lots 2307-2341. Rare opportunity to purchase 22.475ac high in Chalet I, outside of the POA. Institutional designation. Amazing views &amp; privacy. Located in Baca Water district. Tap fee paid. Electric close by.</p>	3959C Cheerful Court .....	\$424,000 .....
	1535C Spanish Creek .....	\$369,000 .....
	2145 Indian Well Way .....	\$359,000 .....
	1474 Badger Rd .....	\$349,000 .....
	1401 Badger Road .....	\$330,000 .....
	1679C Kings Hill OL .....	\$299,000 .....
	1255 Eagle OL .....	\$289,000 .....
	186C Moonlight Way .....	\$289,000 .....
	4376 E Twin View OL .....	\$264,900 .....
	2104 & 2105 Lone Pine Way .....	\$260,000 .....
	3461 Splended Way .....	\$259,000 .....
	263 Moonlight Way .....	\$259,000 .....
	1315 Moonlight Way .....	\$255,000 .....
	1573 Kings Hill OL .....	\$249,000 .....
	537 Thornwood Trail .....	\$245,000 .....
	2210 Lone Pine OL .....	\$229,000 .....
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# The Closed Basin Project

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water simply sinks into the ground. Through the 1980s San Luis Creek flowed through Moffat but it hasn't flowed past County Road U-60 since 1999. Anecdotally it was observed that following a high production year of CBP pumping in 1997, acres of cottonwood trees died along Rito Alto Creek.

For years since the CBP was implemented ranchers in the north end of the valley haven't been able to spread enough surface water to grow grass to feed their animals. The drop in water table is perhaps most telling south of Moffat where the water table has dropped from one foot to six and a half to seven feet; in 1986 the water table half way between Mosca and Hooper was at eight feet, now it is at nineteen feet; the water table on a ranch just north of Moffat was at the surface up until 1988 but since then has dropped to seven feet. Native grasses have been replaced by thistle, knapweed and wire grass, rendering a landscape that was once verdant, now high desert. One Crestone resident who grew up here says that North Crestone Creek used to flow year-round. Another describes large flocks of birds that could be reliably seen in the dense cottonwood greenbelt next to the creek.

In early October of this year, North Crestone Creek at the trailhead is still full of water. But because there may be no water table to sustain its flow, by the time it arrives at T Road, the creek bed is dry. Surface water rights to a dry creek are useless to the Wildlife Refuge. But North Crestone Creek isn't the only creek where cottonwood trees are dying. Trees at the western end of the Willow drainage look like they've had the water table pulled right out from under them. About two years ago a healthy stand of

about thirty-year old trees all died at once and nearby, a grand healthy specimen tree also died inexplicably. Big trees on the greenbelt near Badger Road whose green canopies I used to enjoy are now a scramble of dead branches. Deadman Creek looks like a war zone with dead limbs and trees strewn about on the ground and flailing at the sky. Bird life in the drainages has declined noticeably since I moved here in 2011.

While the opinions are mine, most of the information in this article comes from Peggy Godfrey's September 9 presentation to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board. In it she requests that the board cease production of all Closed Basin Project wells in Phases Four and Five by the end of 2019, wells that directly affect us here in Crestone and our adjacent ranching neighbors and the Wildlife Refuge. The landscape that suffers most is the Wildlife Refuge as the Closed Basin Project wells are located on the refuge at the convergence of what used to be San Luis and Saguache Creeks and our local creeks draining off the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

The Closed Basin Project was implemented in 1988; the Wildlife Refuge wasn't established until 2003. Thus, it inherited a difficult and awkward balancing of its own mandate to conserve and protect habitat and wildlife and the pre-existing claims on the area's water by the Federal Bureau of Reclamations



North Crestone Creek is dry as it enters the Wildlife Refuge.

Closed Basin Project, the State of Colorado Water Conservation Board and its concerns over compact obligations, and the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board, the three entities that currently monitor the operation of the CBP. I asked Peggy if she would make an abbreviated version of her presentation to our Baca Grande Property Owners Association and to the Town of Crestone's Board of Trustees. It is my hope that these bodies will also make formal requests to the RGWCD that the wells in Phases Four and Five be closed down. In addition, individual members of our community can attend these meetings and write letters as well. Peggy will be speaking to the Town of Crestone Board of Trustees November 11 at 11, at the Friends of the Wildlife Refuges meeting at the Baca Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center on November 13 at 7pm and at the POA board meeting on November 21 at 10am. Peggy Godfrey is our

advocate on the RBWCD board and really the first person brave enough to initiate this vital conversation. I hope everyone in our community will support her in her efforts to reverse the damage being done to our landscape.

But as individuals there is something else each of us can do that is equally important. Attention, Mary Oliver says, is the beginning of devotion. We can pay attention. Our landscape isn't just a scenic backdrop. It demands respect, attention, engagement and yes, devotion. Why are the cottonwood trees dying? Why are the creeks dry? Why are bird numbers down? We need to ask the questions before we can find the answers.

Letters to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board can be addressed to: C/O Cleave Simpson, General Manager, RGWCD; 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado, 81101 or to cleave@rgwcd.org.

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# Sustaining life on earth is our responsibility

by Susan Fey, DSS

## Our next big evolutionary leap

We are evolving as a species over eons of time. We are now making a big leap in consciousness toward our brother and sisterhood. This might seem like a giving up of our individuality. It's quite the opposite. Our individuality is growing, and with that we can assume a higher level of awareness and responsibility for ourselves, each other and all life on our planet. We are moving toward an expansion of consciousness affecting every aspect of our lives. Just as the caterpillar becomes the butterfly, we are transforming ourselves and our lives.

What we accomplish will be well worth the love and strength we muster to make our big leap. It is the greatest gift we can give to ourselves, our children and all generations to come. Our work is to lift up, expanding our consciousness to create a world of peace, prosperity, health, wealth and happiness for all. Rudolf Steiner said the mission of humanity is to evolve toward love and peace. The actions below can move us toward peaceful and prosperous human life and sustaining all life on earth.

### 1. Reverse climate change

*Drawdown* edited by Paul Hawken is "the most comprehensive plan ever proposed to reverse global warming." This plan delineates scientifically sourced methods of reducing world carbon emissions in order of their effectiveness as measured by the reduction of carbon, the cost of the reduction and the monetary savings of the reduction.

The number one method (of the one hundred methods rated most effective to reduce climate change) is to purify refrigeration chemicals. The hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) used in refrigeration are one to nine thousand times more potent than carbon dioxide to warm the atmosphere. The Kigali agreement phases out use of HCFCs and is mandatory worldwide. As the climate warms, however, more refrigeration is necessary. Refrigerants cause emissions throughout their life. Ninety percent of refrigerant emissions happen at the end of their life. Refrigerants can be purified for reuse or transformed into other chemicals that do not cause global warming. This method is costly and technical but needs to become standard practice.

If two methods Hawken describes regarding women are combined, together they would far outweigh all other methods including refrigeration as being the most effective to reduce climate change. They are educating girls for thirteen years and the more controversial family planning, both of which significantly reduce population.

### 2. Shrink our military

U.S. military expenditures are roughly the size of the next seven largest military budgets around the world, combined. We have over 800 military bases while the rest of the world has 77. Larry Wilkerson, former deputy to Secretary of State Colin Powell, speaks about which bases around the world can be safely closed, which weapons

are useless and how drones make more terrorists than they kill. Assets of our bases can be converted to green enterprise zones. The money saved can pay off our national debt and give us the means to reverse climate change, provide universal single payer health care and education for all. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZA2yIFkhKg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZA2yIFkhKg)

### 3. Eliminate income tax and create a wealth tax for all

When all of us are taxed in proportion to our wealth rather than our income, we will end the destructive economic disparity between the super wealthy and the rest of us. Wealth is assets minus liabilities. General Electric, Boeing, Priceline.com, Verizon and 22 other profitable Fortune 500 firms paid no federal income taxes from 2008 through 2012, according to Citizens for Tax Justice. 111 profitable Fortune 500 firms paid zero federal taxes in at least one of those five years. Earlier this year, ITEP reported Netflix and Amazon paid no federal taxes. Legally, corporations are persons. Fairness demands corporations like all other persons pay taxes according to their wealth. Approximately 2%, which is only 2¢ on the dollar, is a small price to pay for being an American. This is simply leveling the playing field.

### 4. Democratize capitalism

Democratizing capitalism is about extending democracy into the economic sphere. Our wealthy are our wealth creators, so are our workers. We need them both. The current structure of corporations distributes wealth disproportionately to stockholders, CEOs and executives, leaving a deadly wealth disparity and debt for our country and our workers

Like the pig and the chicken debating their contribution to breakfast, workers invest their lives in corporations and deserve as much reward as stockholders and CEOs. Human dignity and prosperity come from deepening our democracy to include all workers in the American dream. Ownership of corporations not by the government or solely by the stockholders, but also by the workers is essential to allow the American dream of prosperity for all to come true. Employee ownership can take many forms and is already being demonstrated by successful corporations. Like Rosa Parks, workers must stand up and demand what they need, want and deserve.

Powerful labor unions, government regulations and meaningful worker participation in corporate board rooms are pathways for more balanced worker compensation. The most successful form of worker participation is cooperatives which produce a fair economy, an enthusiastic work force, and products and production methods which promote community health. In true cooperatives workers hire and fire the CEOs, set wages appropriately, produce products which do not pollute their health or environment, and which contribute to the betterment of their communities. The rich can still be rich and the rest of us get our fair share.



Susan placing flowers at Levi Harrington Lynching Memorial August 11, 2019, talking with "Faye" who says she is "a writer, poet, and national treasure" and lives in this park in Kansas City.

### 5. Denuclearize all military & domestic use of nuclear power and end mining of uranium

Radioactive material is man-made and makes whatever it touches become radioactive for thousands of years. There is no safe way to store radioactive waste including the nuclear plants themselves. With every tide the nuclear waste we believed we sealed off in the Marshall Islands is now contaminating the ocean. Moving radioactive material contaminates more places. Smaller radioactive plants and weapons proliferate contamination. Denuclearization of one country while others are nuclearized does not work. The International Atomic Energy Commission can now monitor the denuclearization of all countries.

### 6. Education is an investment in our country

Prosperity comes from educating every child to their capacity, not just the wealthy. Wall Street can provide education for all qualified students as investments in America, creating prosperity for all and serving us all. Graduates making over \$100,000 a year can gradually repay their grants creating a fund for all future students.

### 7. Justice for all

In 1922 the Menninger Foundation was authorized by the White House to write a white paper about our prison system. Their conclusion was that our prisons were based on revenge and did more harm than good, turning prisoners into seasoned criminals. This barbaric practice continues one hun-

dred years later. A high percentage of those sentenced to death are proven innocent.

Following the horrors of WWII, European and other countries replaced prisons with rehabilitation centers based on the dignity of all persons. They eliminated punishment, decreasing their crime and recidivism rates. They reduced the cost of their justice systems.

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# There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root, RH (AHG)

Becoming an herbal scavenger



I know I've written a lot about ethical wildcrafting—the art of being a conscious herbalist. This is all about being aware of the herbal stands that you harvest from and doing so in a way that promotes their survival and ability to thrive. It involves being able to recognize when a stand has been overharvested, either by you or other wildcrafters, and knowing when to say it's time for a break, time to let this stand regenerate, leave it alone.

And then, there are other times when it's appropriate to take all the plants in an area with wild abandon. When are these times? When you know that a house is about to be built on a particular piece of land; definitely go in there before the bulldozers and harvest every medicinal plant you can find. Invite your herbal friends and have

a harvesting party, and an herb preparation party. It's the one time you can harvest endangered species and overharvested species. (It might be nice to replant some of them where they can thrive, too).

Become aware of these opportunities. Is there a new road being built? A new parking lot being ploughed? There is a foundation that was poured near my house. It's been sitting there for more than 12 years. It's surrounded by the most beautiful mullein plants. Because mullein likes disturbed soil, they have taken over. It's off the road, so no car exhaust pollution to worry about, and no sign of the house being completed any time soon. It has become the place where I harvest clean, happy mullein.

Also, on our road, a road grader came by a while after a



Scavenged yucca plants with roots

flash flood had washed out a lot of debris onto the road. In a crude attempt to create a ditch, a lot of yucca plants were uprooted and left. It was a perfect opportunity to take them home and use the roots. These opportunities abound. Every plant that is harvested from such a location is one less plant harvested from the wild. Usnea lichen is often found on the ground after a windstorm. Aspen trees can also be found blown over. Taking the bark from a downed tree is one less

tree that is harmed. By becoming an herbal scavenger, we can have our herbs and protect them too. I hope to see you out and about after the next storm! And I hope you invite me to your next wildcrafting party at a building site!

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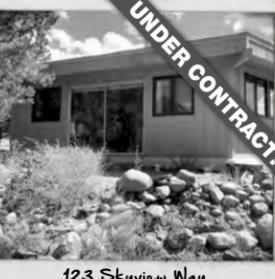
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## Equal Rights victories since 1919

by M. Diane Bairstow

Every month we are following the ratification of the 19th Amendment and considering women's issues then and now. The suffragettes were half way to victory when California and Maine signed on in November, bringing the total to 19 states. Seventeen states were still needed.

Since the passage of the 19th Amendment, women have won many significant victories in their fight for equality. Yet, with the failure of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in the '70s, women still don't have equal protection under the constitution. The ERA amendment would have changed the language of the constitution to read "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

There is still energy behind reviving this amendment. In January of this year, supporters hoped the Virginia legislature would be the 38th state (the number needed now) to ratify it, but it died in committee with all the "no" votes cast by men.

Nevertheless, below are 10 victories women have achieved throughout the last century.

### 1. 1922: The right to marry anyone (almost) and keep her citizenship

The 1907 "Expatriation Act" stated that if an American woman married a foreigner, she would lose her citizenship and take on the citizenship of her husband. In some other countries, a woman did not automatically become a citizen by marriage, creating the possibility that a woman would have no country at all. In 1922, the Cable

Act repealed some parts of the Expatriation Act. However, she would still lose her citizenship if she married a man "ineligible for citizenship," namely an Asian. The Cable Act was subsequently amended in 1930, 1931 and 1934.

### 2. 1968: Employers could no longer distinguish between "male" and female" jobs

The Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC) revised sex discrimination guidelines, stopping the practice of publishing "help wanted" ads that used "male" and "female" column headings.

### 3. 1970: Equal pay for equal work

A U.S. Court of Appeals ruled in *Schultz v. Wheaton Glass Co.* that an employer must pay women for jobs that were "substantially equal" even if they are not "identical" to jobs done by men, thus preventing employers from changing the "title" of a job in order to pay a woman less.

### 4. 1973: Abortions became legal

The Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade* allowed women to safely and legally obtain abortions, a right that is under siege in 2019.

### 5. 1974: A women gained the right to have her own credit card

The Equal Credit Opportunity Act allowed women to obtain a credit card in her own name without needing to get her husband's signature.

### 6. 1978: The right to become pregnant and maintain a job

The Pregnancy Discrimination Act made it illegal for employers to fire a woman if she became



Although *Roe v. Wade* made abortion legal in 1973, it is under siege today, as well as all women's reproductive rights. Planned Parenthood centers, which provide myriad health screenings and services to women, are being closed by anti-abortion activists, leaving poor and underprivileged women without access to needed medical care.

pregnant. It also made it illegal for an employer to deny a woman a job, or a promotion, on the grounds that she was, or could become, pregnant.

### 7. 1985: A woman could obtain a divorce on "Irreconcilable Differences"

In 1969, California was the first state to allow "no fault" divorces. By 1985 all states, except New York, allowed women to file for divorce without forcing them to prove that their husbands had mistreated, abandoned, abused or been unfaithful to them.

### 8. 1986: Women could seek damages for sexual harassment in the workplace

The Supreme Court decision in *Meritor Savings Bank v. Vinson* determined that repeated sexual advances or references in the workplace created a hostile work envi-

ronment and that an employer was absolutely liable for sexual harassment by supervisory personnel, whether or not the employer knew or should have known about it.

### 9. 1993: Marital rape became illegal in all 50 states

In 1976, Nebraska became the first state to criminalize marital rape. It wasn't until 1993 that all states had eliminated the "spousal exemption" for rape. Today, it is still not punishable to the same degree as extra-marital rape in 26 states.

### 10. 2013: Women were allowed to fight on the front lines

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta lifted the ban on women serving in combat roles. The change was to be gradual, but by 2016 each branch of the military was required to allow women the right to serve in combat.

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## How to stay safe in winter weather

### Take basic safety precautions to limit the threats posed by season's first storm

With the start of the winter weather season coming to Colorado, Coloradans be forewarned: Snow covered and icy roads present significant challenges during the morning and evening commutes, and you will need to budget extra time to safely get where you're going.

Calls for emergency roadside assistance are expected to spike. Dead batteries and sliding and crashes resulting from treadless and under-inflated tires will represent the majority of calls. To avoid losing control of their vehicle, motorists should ensure their tires are set to the pressures listed on the driver's door or door frame. Tires begin to lose their resistance to wet and wintry conditions with as much as 4/32" of tread remaining. Any less than that and motorists are at a significant risk of losing traction. Motorists should take special care to comply with Colorado's new traction laws.



Hazardous storms and inclement weather are a factor in half a million crashes and more than 2,000 road deaths every winter, according to research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. AAA urges drivers to slow down, be cautious, and prepare for worst-case conditions during their morning commutes. Before heading out, visit CoTrip.org for the latest road conditions and incident information, especially if you are driving over mountain passes.

"It doesn't matter what kind of car you drive. Snow and ice pose significant risks to every single motorist, and doubly so if they're accompanied by high winds," said

AAA Colorado spokesman Skyler McKinley. "Budget extra time, take it slow, and keep a vigilant eye on traffic conditions in front of you. You're not invincible, and watch out for the driver who thinks that he or she is."

AAA is encouraging drivers to be prepared and offers the below tips:

#### Winter driving kit

Keep an emergency kit in your car with tire chains, abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter, small shovel, flashlight with extra batteries, ice scraper, rags or paper towels, flares or other warning devices, booster cables and a first aid kit.

Bring blankets, jackets, hats and gloves for you and your passengers

Pack water and snacks, such as energy bars, and bring pet food if you're traveling with four-legged friends.

Charge your mobile phone before you hit the road.

#### AAA safe-driving tips for slick or icy roadways

**Slow down**—Accelerate, turn, and brake gradually. Adjust your speed to the road conditions and leave yourself ample room to stop. Allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.

**Don't tailgate**—Normal following distances of three to four seconds on dry pavement should be extended to a minimum of eight to ten seconds when driving on slippery surfaces. The extra time will provide additional braking room should a sudden stop become necessary.

**Watch the traffic ahead**—Slow down immediately at the sight of brake lights, fishtailing cars, sideways skids, or emergency flashers ahead.

**Avoid unnecessarily changing lanes**—This increases the chance of hitting a patch of ice between lanes that could cause loss of vehicle control.

**Use extreme caution on bridges & overpasses**—Black ice typical-



ly forms first in shaded areas of the roadway and on bridges and overpasses that freeze first and melt last. Although the road leading up to a bridge may be fine, the bridge itself could be a sheet of ice.

**Move over**—Move over one lane for law enforcement and emergency roadside assistance personnel assisting motorists. It's the law. If you can't move over, slow down.

**Don't power up hills**—Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed down hill as slowly as possible.

**Don't stop going up a hill**—There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road.

#### AAA tips for braking on ice

**Minimize the need to brake on ice**—If you're approaching a stop sign, traffic light, or other area where ice often forms, brake early on clear pavement to reduce speed. Maintaining control of your vehicle is much more difficult when braking on ice-covered roadways.

**Control the skid**—In the event of a skid, ease off the accelerator and steer in the direction you want the front of the car to go.

**If your car has an anti-lock braking system (ABS)**—Do not remove your foot from the brake during a skid. When you apply the brakes hard enough to make the wheels lock momentarily, you will typically feel the brake pedal vibrate and pulsate back against your foot. This is normal and the system is working as designed. Do not release pressure on the pedal or attempt to "pump" the brakes.

**If your car does not have an anti-lock braking system**—Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to modulate the pressure applied to the brake pedal so the brakes are at the "threshold" of lockup but still rotating.

#### AAA tips when icing conditions affect vehicles

**Completely clear off your car before driving**: Failing to remove all snow and ice from the hood, roof, trunk and all windows of your vehicle can endanger other motorists and seriously limit your visibil-

ity while driving.

**Ice-coated windshield/windows**: Never pour hot water on windshield or windows. This can cause the glass to break. Use vehicle defrosters to melt ice for easier removal. Don't use windshield wipers to remove ice—this will damage the blades.

**Frozen windows**—Do not continue to push the power window buttons if the window is frozen. It can damage the mechanics inside the door and can also cause the window to break.

**Frozen locks**—Never use water to thaw frozen locks. Instead use commercial deicing products or heat the key and lock with a hair dryer. A lighter can also be used to heat the key.

**Frozen windshield wipers**—If windshield wipers are frozen to the windshield, use the heater and defroster to melt the ice before turning the windshield wipers on. When you arrive at your destination, remember to pull the windshield wipers away from the windshield to prevent refreezing.

#### AAA tips when your car gets stuck

**Stay in the vehicle**—If you leave your vehicle, you will become disoriented quickly in wind-driven snow and cold.

**Conserve gas**—Run the motor about 10 minutes each hour for heat.

**Breathe easy**—While running the motor, open the window a little for fresh air to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Clear snow from the exhaust pipe regularly.

**Be visible to rescuers**—Turn on the dome light at night when running the engine. Tie a bright colored cloth, preferably red, to your antenna or door. After the snow stops falling, raise the hood to indicate you need help.

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# ONE HAND CLAPPING

## My white identity

by Tom deMers

Did you know you were part of an endangered species, that is, if you identify as white? POTUS often points to a brown tide washing up at our southern border intent on committing criminal acts as well as picking our tomatoes, but I've only recently learned that his racist rhetoric has a conceptual framework, vindicating itself by declaring that the white bloodline is threatened with extinction. It is called "replacement theory" and takes its title from a 2011 French book by far-right author Renaud Camus, *Le Grand Remplacement*. Camus laments the presence of so many Muslims in France and declares that it spells the end of French civilization and culture. It has been widely embraced in Europe and dovetails with American thinking that moves along those same lines. Conservative protestors at the Charlottesville protest chanted, "You will not replace us," and "Jews will not replace us." The reference to Jews was renounced by Camus in his book but was a popular refrain in Europe in the 19th and early 20th centuries, leading to the rhetoric of Adolf Hitler. Updated to 2019, an Austrian politician stated, "We don't want to become a minority in our own country."

This thinking has its American counterpart in David Lane's 1995 *White Genocide Manifesto*, which argued that a government conspiracy exists to turn "indigenous" white people into an "extinct species." But Great Replacement thinking has a long history in the US, even before the Chinese Exclusion Act (1882) which for the first time ended the immigration of a specific nationality. These ideas and the terrorist acts they inspire today (New Zealand and San Antonio both reflect this thinking) inform white identity politics, a polite name for some hateful thinking but which also describes an allegiance to race felt by many white people. In her book by that title (*White Identity Politics*), Duke professor Ashley Jardina finds that slightly more women than men identify as white and that most who so identify are not filled with racial hatred but do so simply as a kind of clan loyalty.

Discovering these ideas has sent me down a curious path. Race consciousness has never been part of my mental framework, but the notion moves in subtly. It works against notions of brotherhood and one world. It erects barriers easily, and I sense how it can create meaning in the lives of people seeking a connection to something beyond themselves. I'm puzzled and don't have any answers. Blacks have the NAACP. Jews have the Anti-Defamation League. Where is my community? The KKK? No way. Republican Party? Can't go there. White people seem like the wallpaper on which other groups post their slogans, against which they define themselves.

I align with the many gifts of western (white) civilization, yet see the crushing impact "progress" has had on the indigenous world of darker-skinned people, a world that feels the Earth breathing. Ours is a world out of balance. Nothing says that more clearly than the threat of climate change. Do we thank white people for "progress" that has taken us to the doorstep of extinction? Do we thank them for airplanes and the internet? I sit on the doorstep of contradiction and in this discussion on top of an iceberg.



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# DISPATCH

from the edge 



by Peter Anderson

The night the fire came over the ridge, I happened to be walking near downtown Salida when I saw a large four-legged shadow in someone's yard. Big dog, I thought. Only it wasn't a dog. When it walked under the streetlight in a back alley I said hello to bear, a hefty bear at that. Maybe the smoke had run it down off the north slope of the mountain. Or maybe it was the strange glow of the flames in a dark sky. I thought about following the bear into the alley, from a distance of course, just to see where it was headed. Then I thought better of it. Later, in the relative security of my friend's house, I thought about another fire, one that might have gone wild under different circumstances.

For several years, I had been working as a seasonal ranger in the High Uinta Wilderness. It was trail work mostly—clearing out timber, installing water bars. I liked the high country solitude of it all. Unlike most of my fellow rangers, younger locals from Vernal or Roosevelt for whom firefighting meant a trip "out of Dodge" with good food and overtime pay, I was reluctant to trade wilderness time for a fire crew hitch. Then in the summer of 1995, fire came to me.

I was well into a long day on the river trail that led into my backcountry basecamp, when I came around a bend and smelled smoke. Must be a camp up ahead, I thought. As I came up the hill, what came into view first were the flames—flames that were spreading through the dry-needled duff beneath a canopy of fir and spruce. WTF??!! Holy s\_t! G\_\_m fire must be thirty feet around. Nearby was a ring of rocks from which it had apparently spread. No sign of any campers. What now?

Beyond and down a slight hill, much to my good fortune, was the fork of a small creek. Behind me, on the other end of a short lead rope—another stroke of good luck—was a pack burro loaded down with my gear, some groceries, a Pulaski and a shovel, which I immediately put to use. It was hot and it was still. Not even a breeze. Good. And it had been that way for days. Bad. If this thing got out of hand, it would burn fast. There was plenty of downed fuel to feed the flames. So it didn't take more than a few pants-on-fire minutes of shoveling to surround the blaze with a buffer line of duff-less dirt. Fast forward down to the creek, I dumped all my gear and groceries, filled up both panniers with creek water, and rehung them on a sawbuck packsaddle. Much to the discomfort and dismay of my equine partner, those old panniers had been patched more than a few times over the years (not well enough to hold water, however) so they were spouting out streams of snowmelt, adding to this donk's general sense of misfortune, not to mention her reluctance to return to the creek for a refill. Subsequent trips back and forth from the creek were cartoon rodeos. Nevertheless, we finally got the fire put out.

The next day, I went out looking for the missing campers. Over by Fox Lake, I ran into a few boy scouts from Provo and nonchalantly asked where they'd been camping. River trail. Mmmh-hmmh. Take me to your leader. Turned out he was such a nice guy, so genuine in his remorse, if not shame, I didn't have the heart to ream him out, much as I had thought I would after the smoke had settled and I'd had a whole night to consider what might have been. I simply laid out the facts. He admitted that he should have checked up on the scouts who had been delegated to extinguish the campfire. I agreed and he apologized with gusto. Later, I admit, I did find some satisfaction in passing along my report to the law enforcement guy on our district who made sure they were fined and justice was duly served, as it was for my equine friend, who enjoyed extra rations of oats back at the home corral.

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# KIDZ KORNER

by M. Diane Bairstow



## The Jokester

What did the turkey say to the computer?  
*Google, google, google.*

Why did the turkey cross the road?  
*It was Thanksgiving Day, and he wanted people to think he was a chicken!*

What sound does a limping turkey make?  
*Wobble, wobble!*

What do you call a turkey on the day after Thanksgiving?  
*Lucky.*

Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building?  
*Of course! A building can't jump at all.*

Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel Prize?  
*Because he was outstanding in his field!*

If pilgrims travel on the Mayflower, then what do college students travel on?  
*The Scholar Ships.*

Where did they take the Mayflower when it was sick?  
*The nearest doc.*

What kind of cars would pilgrims drive today?  
*Plymouth.*

How did they clean their clothes on the Mayflower?

*Tide!*

What kind of tan did pilgrims get?  
*Puritan.*

Why can't you take a turkey to church?  
*They use fowl language.*

How do you keep a turkey in suspense?  
*I'll tell you later.*

What happened to the turkey who got into a fight?  
*He got the stuffing knocked out of him!*

Why did the pilgrim's pants keep falling down?  
*Because his belt buckle was on his hat.*

How do you make a turkey float?  
*Root beer, a scoop of ice cream, and a turkey.*

What sound does a turkey's phone make?  
*Wing, Wing!*

Why did the bubble gum cross the road?  
*It was stuck on the turkey's foot!*

What do you get when a turkey lays an egg on a hill?  
*An eggroll.*

What did the boy say when his Mom wanted his help to fix Thanksgiving dinner?  
*But I didn't break it!*

Why did the cranberries turn red?  
*Because they saw the turkey dressing!*

What acting job did the green bean audition for?  
*The casseROLE.*

What vegetable can tie your shoes?  
*String beans.*

What kind of beans can't grow in a garden?  
*Jelly beans*

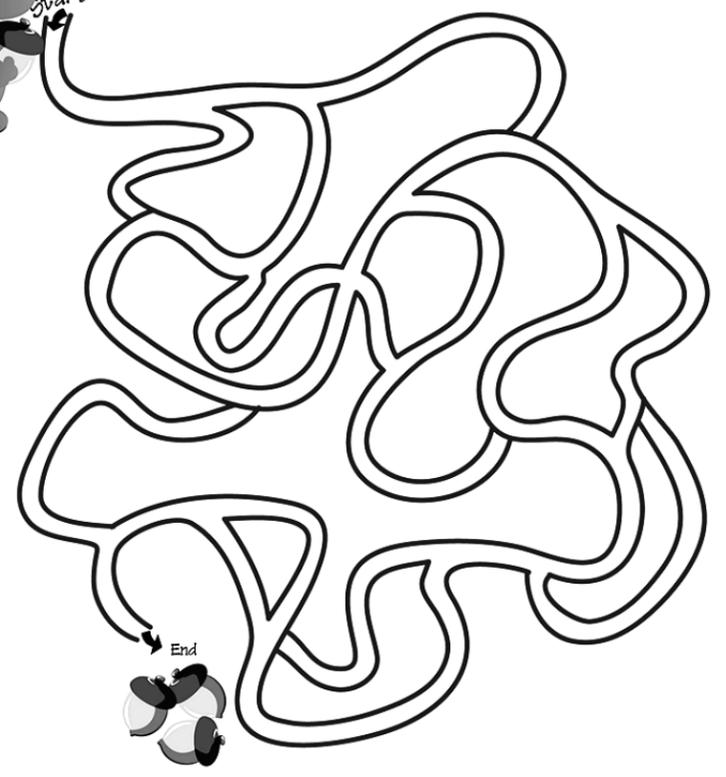
### Fun Thanksgiving Fact

If it weren't for Thanksgiving, we wouldn't have TV dinners. In 1959 an employee of the Swanson company accidentally ordered too many Thanksgiving turkeys, 260 tons in fact. Inspired by the prepared food served on airplanes (yes, once they did serve food on

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Match the first row with the second row - Can you find the 16 different things?



### Thanksgiving Crossword

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CORN      INDIANS  
MAIZE      MAYFLOWER  
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### Word Search

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Can you find these words?

- Thanksgiving November Indian Mayflower Pilgrim
- Cranberry Ship Turkey Corn Sail Holiday
- Pumpkin Thursday Thanks Feast Dinner Give



"How's my end of year looking?"

# THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

## —MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



by Ish

### 1/ Stranger Things:

(2016-19) Series/26 episodes, drama, fantasy, horror. There is a strange incident that occurs in a small town where everyone knows everyone, that starts a chain of events leading to the disappearance of a child, tearing at the peaceful community. Dark government agencies and malevolent supernatural forces converge on the town as it becomes obvious there is more than meets the eye. Stars Winona Ryder, Charlie Heaton, David Harbour. (4.5 stars)

### 2/ Money Heist:

(2017- ) Series, 26 episodes, action, crime, mystery, thriller. A meticulously thought-out crime by the Professor where a unique group of robbers assault The Factory of Moneda and Timbre. They carry out the most perfect robbery in the history of Spain and take home 2.4 billion euros. (5 stars)

### 3/ The Spectacular Now:

(2013) Coming of age, drama, comedy, romance. A hard-playing high school senior's philosophy of life changes when he wakes up on the lawn of the atypical "nice girl" after an alcoholic blackout. A very well done non-clichéd coming-of-age film. A painfully genuine film. Stars: Miles Teller, Shailene Woodley, Kyle Chandler. (3.5 stars)

### 4/ Ramen Shop:

(2018) Drama. A young man, curious about his deceased parents' past, visits Singapore via a "food journey" and discovers more that just delicious meals. (3.5 stars)

### 5/ Mile 22:

(2018) Action, adventure, thriller. A small elite team of American intelligence officers and a top-secret tactical command unit are tasked with smuggling a mysterious police officer with sensitive information out of Indonesia. Stars Mark Wahlberg (3.5 stars)

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#### ACROSS

1. Tetanus symptom
6. \*Giant bird of "One Thousand and One Nights"
9. Cooking grease
13. Home to Buccaneers
14. Major division of geological time
15. Dressmaker's measurement
16. Brown, Dartmouth & Yale, e.g.
17. "To \_\_\_ is human"
18. Provide, as with some quality
19. \*Brian Jacque's fictional world
21. \*One of Mr. Popper's visitors
23. Like a fox?
24. Play charades
25. International Monetary Fund
28. Reproductive structures
30. 7th planet from the sun
35. \*Arnold Lobel's "Mouse \_\_\_"
37. Approximately, two words
39. 50th state greeting
40. Cannonballs to cannon
41. Big Dipper shape
43. Niels \_\_\_ of quantum physics
44. Change the Constitution
46. \*Hugo Cabret's "wheel"
47. Arctic jaeger
48. \*a.k.a. Caroline Augusta Wood-lawn
50. '70s hairdo
52. "Be quiet!" - onomatopoeically speaking
53. Like never-written story
55. Mining product
57. \*"Roar of \_\_\_\_, Hear My Cry"
61. \*"The \_\_\_ in Times Square"
65. A variety show
66. \*Peter Parker's Aunt
68. Escape
69. Signs of things to come
70. Military activities
71. Burdened
72. Black or green, hot or cold, pl.
73. No longer working, abbr.
74. "Once Upon a Time in Holly-wood" trick

#### DOWN

1. Cookbook direction
2. Make way?
3. In the thick of
4. What Old Faithful does
5. Indian spice mix
6. Movie roll
7. Hockey legend Bobby
8. Plural of carpus
9. Carol on Christmas Eve
10. Pakistani language
11. Evening purse
12. \*"That Was \_\_\_\_, This Is Now"
15. Plural of genus
20. Popular disinfectant
22. Second-largest bird in world
24. Error in a card game
25. Babel or Stern
26. \* \_\_\_ Beaumont in "Savvy"
27. Was furious
29. Rugged rock
31. Priests' robes
32. Located near crannies?
33. Yeah or aye
34. \*Plain and tall one
36. \*"The Witch of Blackbird \_\_\_"
38. \*"The Series of Unfortunate Events" villain
42. Fielding mistake
45. Type of semiconductor, pl.
49. \*"But I heard him exclaim, \_\_\_ he drove out of sight"
51. Bay windows
54. Knight's shiny garb
56. "Bravo! Bravo!"
57. \*Mother Goose's "Dame \_\_\_ and Her Cat"
58. Part of hemoglobin
59. Iris holder
60. \*Miss Clavel and such
61. Benign lump
62. Spiral-horned antelope
63. Biblical paradise
64. Backpacker's shelter
67. \*Ivan of "The One and Only Ivan"

Crossword puzzle solution on page B-5

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**Kitchen Manager**

Blazing Mountain Retreat Center is currently seeking a Kitchen Manager to manage all aspects of planning and preparing retreat meals. The Kitchen Manager supervises and participates in the prep and execution of meals, training and supervision of kitchen staff and volunteers, performs food operation management tasks, and models behavior that supports contemplative practice in a retreat experience. To apply please visit: <https://apply.workable.com/dharma-ocean/j/F439057BEC/>

**Part-time After School Program Coordinator**

Alpine Achievers Initiative is hiring a part-time After School Program Coordinator. 10-15 hours per week. \$12-15/ hour DOE. Contact Emily at [director@alpineachievers.org](mailto:director@alpineachievers.org) to request the full position description and application requirements.

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**PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET and NOTICE OF INTENT TO FIX OR INCREASE FEES, RATES, TOLLS, PENALTIES OR CHARGES FOR WATER AND/OR SANITARY SEWER SERVICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested parties of the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District, that a proposed 2020 Budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of said District and that copies of the proposed 2020 Budget have been filed at the District's office, 57 Baca Grant Way S, Crestone, Colorado, where the same is open for public inspection. The 2020 Budget will be considered at a regular public meeting of the Board of Directors of the District to be held at the District Office on Friday, November 15, 2019, at 9:00 A.M. Any interested elector of the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN pursuant to Section 32-1001(2)(a), C.R.S., that at the meeting described above, the District's Board of Directors will also consider fixing and/or increasing fees, rates, tolls, penalties or charges for water and/or sanitary sewer services, and that any customer or other interested person may appear at said time and place for the purpose of providing input, comments, or objections regarding any proposed increase. Information regarding any proposed increase may be obtained from the District office, Monday – Friday during normal business hours. You may also call the District at 719-256-4310.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
BACA GRANDE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**

**NEW LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER NEEDED, TO START JANUARY 2020**

The Northern Saguache County Library District has a managing Board of Trustees, comprised of two of trustees from Saguache, two from Crestone/Baca Grande, and one "at-large" position, which must be filled by someone who lives within the Library District, but there are no restrictions on where within the district they must reside. This at-large is open, to begin a term at the first board meeting of 2020. Regular meetings are generally held monthly, on the second Monday of the month, and there are other meetings and special tasks. The term of the assignment is 2 years, until December 31, 2022.

**QUALIFICATIONS TO BE ON THE LIBRARY BOARD:** You must be at least 18 years old and you must reside in the library district.

**HOW TO APPLY:** The application is available on our website at <http://nscld.colibraries.org>. Hover your mouse over the "About" tab, then hover over "Library Board of Trustees" and you'll find all the relevant information.

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

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

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

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# EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk: What's the latest update on the Paris Climate Agreement? Have the participating nations been meeting their interim goals? Is the U.S. completely out of it?**

—T. Jenks, Newark, DE

Global warming has already started to change the face of the planet, and international negotiators are doing all they can to marshal the world's resources to hold steady against accelerating the output of carbon emissions while we transition to renewable forms of energy. The Paris Agreement, signed by 195 countries in December 2015, calls on the signatories to voluntarily commit to reducing their greenhouse gas emissions in line with the overall global goal of limiting temperature increases to 1.5°C by the middle of the century.

Negotiators from the Obama administration were instrumental in creating the terms and language of the Paris Agreement, emphasizing inclusiveness by allowing participating countries to set their own emissions reductions goals instead of being forced to meet mandatory reductions handed down from the United Nations (UN). President Obama wouldn't have had the votes in Congress to get legislative approval for the country to join the Paris Agreement, so he signed it into law via Executive Order, committing the U.S. to its own voluntarily derived emissions reductions through early November 2020.

But when Donald Trump took the White House, he made good on his campaign threat to pull the U.S. out of the Paris Agreement. While we are technically still party to the agreement until November 2020, Trump has effectively pulled the plug on planned U.S. efforts to cut emissions in line with promises made at Paris back in December 2015. Trump's rejection



*UN Secretary General António Guterres is telling climate action summit attendees to leave their "beautiful speeches" at home and come instead with "concrete plans [and] clear steps to enhance nationally-determined contributions by 2020 and strategies for carbon neutrality by 2050."*

—Jean Marc Ferre, UN photo

of the Clean Power Plan and other Obama-era policies means there is no way the U.S. can make good on those promises.

Regardless, all the other nations of the world continue to join forces in an unprecedented show of solidarity in trying to augment their Paris commitments with even stronger cutbacks on fossil fuels and more moves to cheaper and cheaper renewables. And while the U.S. remains the only outlier on the Paris Agreement, critics point out that many European nations are way behind on their projected carbon reduction goals, especially given that the first cliff of 2020 is right around the corner. (Ironically, the U.S. has been rapidly reducing its carbon footprint given the glut of cleaner-burning natural gas due to the fracking boom.) Check out how different countries around the world stack up on carbon emissions reductions via the free Climate Action Tracker website.

Beyond the fact that many signatory nations have slacked on their climate goals, environmental leaders worry that the pledges made in 2015 are now already too low to prevent cataclysmic climate change. This is partly why the UN has called the leaders of the world

to New York City during the third week of September to step up their commitments initially made almost four years earlier.

Given the potentially existential imperatives, UN Secretary General António Guterres is telling those attending the late September summit to leave their "beautiful speeches" at home and come instead with "concrete plans [and] clear steps to enhance nationally-determined contributions by 2020 and strategies for carbon neutrality by 2050."

**CONTACTS:** Paris Agreement, [unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement](http://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement); Climate Action Tracker, [climateactiontracker.org](http://climateactiontracker.org); UN Climate Action Summit 2019, [www.un.org/en/climatechange/](http://www.un.org/en/climatechange/).

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

## Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno

September 21 to October 20

**Total precipitation for period:** Liquid precip (includes melted snow): 0.25"

Snow: Trace

Measurable liquid precipitation fell on 3 days.

Measurable rain fell on 2 days.

1 thunderstorm occurred.

Hail fell on 1 day.

A trace of snow fell on 1 day.

No measurable snow occurred.

Total precipitation year to date:

Since Jan 1: 10.03

**Total snow to date:**

Since Jan 1: 50.0"

Snow Season\*: Trace

\*Snow season runs from July 1 to June 30

**Temperatures for the period:**

High temp: 76.6°F on Sept. 26

Low temp: 14.8°F on October 11

Avg. high: 65.1°F

Avg. low: 33.5°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 70°: 12

Number of days with the low temperature below 32°: 15

**Winds for the period:**

Avg. speed: 2.0 mph

Highest gust: 44 mph on Sept. 29

Main direction: Out of the east northeast.

**Weather summary:**

For the entire period the Crestone/Baca saw temperatures above normal and precipitation way below normal. While the temps were above normal, 2 new daily records set in early October were for records low temperatures (Friday, October 10, saw the thermometer fall to 15 degrees, breaking the old record of 19 degrees, set in 2001; and on October 12, a new record low for that date was set at 18 degrees, breaking the previous record of 20 degrees, set in 1986).

While there was little precip to talk about, we did see a hail storm on late Friday afternoon, October 18, leaving half an inch of hail on the ground and dropping the temperature 17 degrees in 15 minutes, from 51 degrees to 34 degrees. We also saw the first trace of snow for the season fall as snow pellets, on October 10.

**Outlook for November:**

November is the start of our area's drier fall and winter months, averaging just .69 of an inch of liquid precipitation. For snowfall, we should see 7.7 inches accumulate on the ground. The most snow ever in November was 33.4 inches in 1997, with the most overall precipitation in the month at 3.07 inches, set in 2013.

Temperatures drop big time as the month grows old. In the first week of November, we average highs and lows of 51 and 24 degrees, but by the last day of the month the average is down to a cold 38 and 12 degrees.

The warmest November day was on November 12, 1999, when the thermometer rose to 68 degrees, and the coldest reading ever was on November 30 when it dropped to -11 degrees in 2006.

The 30 day outlook from the NWS for Nov. is calling for more above average temperatures for our area, along with average precip.

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