

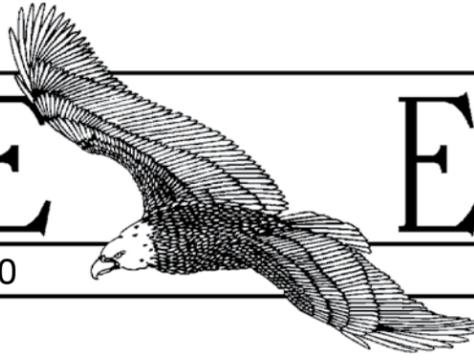
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Young aspens fill in the spaces between older taller aspen trunks; autumn in the San Juan Mountains, across the valley from Crestone. photo by Linde Waidhofer. Please see our special feature on Linde Waidhofer and Lito Tejada-Flores on page 18. To see this photo in color (it's spectacular!) and more, visit our website www.crestoneeagle.com

Telluride's Mountainfilm on Tour returns to Crestone

by Robin Rosenberg

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is sponsoring the 2nd annual Telluride Mountainfilm on Tour. This year the event will take place at the Crestone Charter School on Saturday, October 5 from 10am-10pm. The program is broken into three sessions; choose your favorite or come for whole day! There will be movie refreshments and an incredible silent auction of services.

The 26 films selected for this year's event run from 3 to 46 minutes in length and showcase the full range of festival offerings: adven-

ture, mountaineering, remarkable personalities and important environmental and social messages.

The Morning Program is for children, presenting 10 films: *Gloop, Human Rights Are For Everyone, Secrets of Winter, The Pencil That Didn't Know How to Write, The Squeakiest Roar, The Scared Is Scared, Rock Wall Climbing, Joy of Air, Watermelon Magic* and *Paper Shredder*. The films start at 10am and run until noon with a short intermission. Children under 12 are free accompanied by a paying adult, \$5.

The Afternoon Program is from 2-5:30pm, and costs \$10: *Split Second, Return to the Tepuis, Tempting Fear, Flutter, A New Perspective, Duk County, Badrus Story, Slomo*.

The Evening Program begins at 6:30, running to approximately 9:30: *Gimp Monkey, Paradise Found, Irish Folk Furniture, Casca-da, Honnold, The Burn, Scavengers* and *Nord for Sola*. Cost is \$15.00.

You can enjoy all three programs, an all-day pass for just \$20! If you would like to see a clip of the

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Nord of the Sun. From the exciting film 'Nord for Sola' to be shown at the Telluride Mountainfilm on Tour film festival to be held in Crestone Oct. 5.

Chokurei Ranch presents Yaktobefest Oct. 12

Yaktobefest is a family fun event to celebrate the harvest season with music, great food & Colorado libations. The event is inspired by the worldwide celebration of Oktoberfest, a time-honored Bavarian tradition which began over 200 years ago. There will be exceptional crafted beer from Colorado's premier micro-brewery, New Belgium, a great lineup of live music, beautiful dancing women, and delicious food. The event kicks off on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Challenger Golf Course, 4 miles west of Crestone at

10am with activities and music into evening.

Yaktobefest will be presenting a great line up of local and regional performers. Music starts at 11am and runs through 10pm. Headlining from Boulder is Americana gypsy jazz string band Taarka.

Celebrate the fall harvest

You can choose from the special festival menu or relax on the deck of the Yak 'N' Cracker. A cornucopia of culinary delights including yak entrees along with vegetarian and vegan dishes from the farm will be

available, all organic and GMO-free. At Chokurei Ranch they raise healthy organic food and related products from field to fork. Related products include fine art & crafts fashioned from yak wool, hides & pelts. Chokurei Ranch cares for hundreds of Tibetan yaks, chickens, ducks, turkeys, pigs, and llamas. For the Tibetan people, yak became an intrinsic part of their survival and culture. Chokurei takes pride in their herd of grass-fed yaks. They graze on native grasses and

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Editor's Notes

New schools & community longevity

In our letters to the editor this month, many people have spoken eloquently as to why they support getting the BEST grant to build a new Moffat School and passing a tax (3A) to pay our matching share of it. There are so many good reasons for our community to do this. I hope you will read the info on page 28, read the letters of support, and I ask that you vote yes on 3A.

I could write to you as a parent whose three children went to Moffat, or as a grandmother who has two grandsons going there now. But, I'm going to put on my "business owner" hat and talk economics and community health and longevity.

Good schools attract good people who want the best for their kids. If we have poor schools, people who may consider moving here just might not. If you have a 3 or 4-bedroom house for sale or are considering selling in the future, who's going to buy it? Most likely a family who can afford to buy. A family who knows that nearly half of our children go to Moffat School and that's there's only a limited number of seats at the charter school. They're going to be looking at schools as well as property. And, the families who currently live here? Will they want to see their kids in a rough modular if 3A doesn't pass? Many won't, and they'll move on.

Crestone and Moffat have been growing. New homes, new businesses. We've been creating a bright future for ourselves. Let's keep going with investing in that future. For our children: good education, opportunity for excellence in learning and having a healthy local economy and a new school we can be proud of.

It's time to pay it forward. Please vote yes on 3A. Thank you.

—Kizzen



Our EMTs save lives

Dear Editor,

I know this is true because a few weeks ago, they saved mine. How do I thank people for actually keeping me alive until we reached the Alamosa ER. I'd need a new language to express such deep gratitude. Although I couldn't see, I could hear the EMT's quiet, calm voices and feel their loving and firm intention to make me comfortable and keep me conscious. When Treat lifted me into the ambulance, I could "feel the love"—not just for me but for anyone in dire need. Pam Gripp and the driver were soothing and confident and so competent, their low murmurs in the ambulance felt friendly and stress-free. My everlasting thanks go to Chris Botz, who sat beside me. I learned later that I could have just drifted away, but Chris commanded my attention absolutely. He made me keep my eyes open, kept talking to me so warmly, so kindly in a way that doesn't take no for an answer, I had no choice but to look at him and stay conscious until we got to the hospital. Chris is my all-time hero.

Thank you with all my heart, Treat and Pam and Pattison and Chris—may this community give our EMTs all the respect and support they deserve. When I was in the back of the ambulance, I learned how profoundly their commitment affects our lives.

Our EMTs have the reputation of being highly professional. I have heard this from people outside Crestone. Now I know it's true. How fortunate we are to live among people who offer their time, whatever they might wish to be doing, giving up a night's sleep, a delicious dinner, to rush out at all hours, just to help us keep the most precious thing of all—our lives.

Love,
Pavita Decorah

Time to return the favor, Yes to a new school

Dear fellow Crestone-Baca community members,

There are many reasons to support the Moffat School District's mill levy request to fund a new school and take advantage of the incredible BEST grant opportunity. Here's another one—it's about returning the favor the school district did for the Crestone Charter School when CCS went to the voters with a similar request in 2009.

At that time, the district could easily have done what every other school district in Colorado has done when a charter school has placed a tax increase before voters—let the charter school go out there on its own. Moffat School District is the only school district to have had its charter school's tax increase placed on the ballot as a district vote, thereby letting voters know that the district supported the educational opportunities for all of its students.

It's time for the Crestone-Baca citizens to remember that not all of our community's students attend school in Crestone. About ½ of our children choose to go to the Moffat School, alongside the students who live in Moffat or other areas other than Crestone-Baca. The district supported CCS when its new school vote was needed. Now the district is asking for our community's support for the Moffat School. It's time to return the favor.

Eli Dokson

Retired Superintendent of the Moffat School District

Vote yes for the BEST

Dear Editor,

It was pointed out to me long ago that someone I didn't even know paid for my grade school and high school education. The school that I went to was about 30-40 years old at the time. I really didn't think much about it then, but now I can look back and say thank God someone had the foresight to invest in my/our future. I am now pushing 50 years old and like all others in my generation and older we are no longer the future. We are the past, but we can still contribute to the future. Our children are our future, they will shape the world to come, and if given a chance can soar to new heights of awareness, education, and ideal thinking if given the right tools to do so. So look at your past and remember that there was someone there for you, a blank and nameless face. An unsung tax-paying hero that championed your education. The fan at the sporting event that cheered you on, that you never knew. New schools will attract more families to the area, increase revenues for local businesses, add to our diverse cultural base, and generally support the local economy. So please put your politics aside for the kids and *vote yes* for the BEST—vote YES for 3A, and be that unsung hero who pays it forward.

Bob Prather, resident, landowner, graduate, and parent of a Moffat student

KFM fire mitigation appreciation

Dear Editor,

I would like to publicly thank Kundalini Fire Management's Frederick Dunets and Peter May for their excellent work in fire mitigation for the spiritual centers. White Jewel Mountain, downslope from two other centers and the national forest, runs on a shoestring and could not afford to clean up extensive downed wood, 1950s logging debris, and low branches from its land grant. In 2010, Peter and Frederick administered federal Title III fire mitigation funds for reducing fire hazards in areas adjacent to national forests and did mitigation for several retreat centers. White Jewel Mountain got about 4 acres mitigated around its buildings and along the unmaintained section of Camino Baca Grande. Generally we like this road rocky and nasty enough to reduce traffic, but as the longest and widest fire break in the forested part of Chalet II, it has to stay open for fire safety. Last year KFM was back with Colorado Col-

lege students on a service project to do erosion control on a sandy arroyo that had washed out Camino Baca Grande in the past. Their rock and straw bale placement performed admirably in early September's heavy rains with all the water slowed enough to settle in a basin and not even reaching the road. Their work on the west side of the road caught water flowing across the road from the next arroyo north, which had historically not been a problem. Thank you, Frederick and Peter.

Leanna Bradbury

White Jewel Mountain Land Manager

Vote for the valley, yes on 3A

Dear Editor,

I'm sitting here registering folks to vote at the Shambala Café. I've been asked why we need a new school when there is already a school in Crestone. The answers are several, but here are a few.

1. Crestone Charter School was built for forty students and is now full with a healthy waiting list. That is a wonderful thing—it is doing marvelously well and there is great demand for the education it is providing. But there are another forty or so students from the Crestone area who need an equally wonderful school. We now have the means to do that with great community support. The present school building is failing and we have secured a \$12M grant from the state. For the same amount we could pay to patch up the old school, if that were an option, but instead we can get a new school with modern opportunities.

2. Kids learn in different ways at different times of their lives. The Moffat School is a traditionally structured school that is getting accolades for its high standard of achievement for the kids who learn best in that environment. The Crestone Charter School provides a less structured, "outside-the-box" type of education in which other kids thrive. Sometimes a child thrives in one school and then as he or she matures, a change is in order. Having both options is a gift that is at our fingertips.

3. Perhaps the most important reason was made by my friend Mark: Our parents' parents found a way to build schools for our parents and our parents found a way to build schools for us. Now we have the responsibility to find a way for our kids and their kids. We have that opportunity now.

Please vote for the future of our valley and of our children!

Suzanne Ewy

Creating educated citizens

To the Editor,

When we first moved to Crestone we observed the Crestone/Moffat area to be the most diverse community we'd ever seen. It was so creative, dynamic, and accepting. There were so many opportunities to express yourself and be an individual.

The reality of this observation became clear when we started teaching at Moffat School back in

1996. The student population was amazing, opening their arms to all others. There were all kinds of kids from places and cultures near and far.

We believe Moffat School has played a huge part in and had a positive effect on community-building and fulfilling the psychological and emotional needs of children, as well as providing a safe environment to nurture close, supportive relationships and a sense of connectedness. We have proudly felt that we are a part of a community that strives to meet the needs of all of our population, and the education of our children is no exception. Not all children learn in the same way, and as parents we should have a choice. Public education, as in Moffat School, can provide an alternative that some students respond to and the same can be said for the Charter School. We absolutely feel that this community is about diversity of choice.

This being said, they also have the right to a building that is safe and nurturing. With equity and quality in education our students should *not* be forced to attend school in a standard building. With leaking ceilings, inadequate facilities, toilets overflowing, and pipes breaking, we send a clear message to those students that they don't matter.

We know this is not true; our students do matter. The way we show them that they matter is to invest in their future. This investment includes making a new school facility a reality. With a new Moffat School we can continue to build a future with positive educational experiences, for these kids, which will meet the diverse needs of our community, by creating educated citizens that will be proud contributors to the local economy of this area. Everything grows from a safe, comfortable, uninterrupted educational experience.

Patte Reaves-Smith
Dale Smith

We can do better

Dear Editor,

As a current POA board member, I wish to express my concern about the actions that some members of the POA are taking.

For most of my year on the board, certain members of BGCAN have had a lawsuit filed against former and current members of the board, Bill Folk, Treat Suomi, and Russell Schreiber, for perceived irregularities with the 2012 POA election. In July, the District Judge dismissed the lawsuit, without prejudice, because the plaintiffs did not first pursue a Dispute Resolution Hearing. That hearing took place on July 24, with no agreement between the BGCAN plaintiffs and the current board of directors. The plaintiffs insist that the 2012 election be re-done, even though an investigation found that no major errors were made in the election count, and the result, after two recounts, was the same. Now plaintiffs Bruce McDonald, Nigel Fuller, Diane Dunlap and Janie Thomas have refiled the lawsuit.

Although I do not share the political views of the group, I support their right to run for election

and to be the dominant faction on the POA board, as will be the case after the next election, as Bruce McDonald and Nigel Fuller are the only candidates. What I am saddened about is the use of lawsuits to solve what should be political issues. I am extremely saddened that they want to disallow the indemnification of directors.

At present, the POA maintains directors and officers insurance to cover lawsuits, as required by our bylaws. However, former BGCAN board member and POA director Bob Garnett, as well as Diana Motz, POA director, are trying to push through a vote to deny indemnification, and make the three pay for their own legal defense and "reparations and restitution".

I consider it morally reprehensible to put a volunteer director who was doing their best to run an organization on a shoestring budget in such a position. It's hard for any member to run for the POA board if they might be sued over a decision that some other member doesn't like.

We can do better than this.
Matie Belle Lakish

Public radio frustration

Dear Editor,

Impatient after nearly a year of not being able to receive KRZA on my table radio because the station is operating on 40% power, I sent the following letter to the manager of KRCC in Colorado Springs:

"Dear Mr. (Delaney) Utterback:

"A friend who lives in the flats of the San Luis Valley tells how a woman in a pickup truck parked on the side of his dirt road for an hour or so every Saturday. Finally he went out and asked what on earth she was doing. 'Listening to 'Wait Wait, Don't Tell Me,' she said.

"Not every member of KRCC's unrecognized audience here in the Crestone-Baca Grande community goes to that much trouble to hear you. Some of us do the computer drill to get streaming of "Blue Plate Special" or "Radio Lab" or BBC news. Some keep the car radio tuned for when we are driving out of the FM shadow of the Sangre de Cristos.

"For ordinary home listeners only one public radio station (KRZA) is accessible here. It signal is not clear and its programming is limited. We like KRCC, for several reasons. Besides the greater variety in national and international news feeds, your station broadcasts comprehensive coverage of Colorado news not otherwise available here on radio (and those without satellite dishes get Albuquerque not Denver TV).

"A perhaps more compelling reason for interest here in the public radio station connected with Colorado College is that the college has a satellite campus at the heart of the 800-home Baca Grande subdivision. We are part of the CC community. We are used to seeing its students here for special seminars and orientations. Many of our gatherings are at the CC auditorium.

"Therefore: Would you be willing to entertain the idea of extending your broadcast signal to the Crestone-Baca area? And if so, how could the community be of as-

sistance?"

I wrote and mailed the letter on July 13. Since then KRZA in Alamosa has begun subscribing to 'Wait Wait Don't Tell Me.' But the station has made no progress in improving its signal. An official there, replying to my email sent about three months earlier, explained the long delay in fixing the power supply to the antenna on San Antonio mountain, which is in New Mexico, has been due to trouble in finding a New Mexico electrician willing to go up the mountain and do the work. She said one who was hired failed twice to show up.

KRCC has not yet responded to my letter of nearly three months ago. I sincerely hope they are not waiting until they can hire a New Mexico electrician to do the work.

Larry Calloway

Camino de Crestone

Dear Editor,

Pilgrimages usually go from point A to point B, and the pilgrim aspires to gain or release something. Yet here I am offering so much gratitude to our community, where I have just made the inaugural walk on the Camino de Crestone, sponsored by Sanctuary House, and birthed from the Camino de Santiago, that Brahmī & William Howell walked in Oct 2012.

Ours is the first-ever non-denominational pilgrimage, visiting many of our beautiful spiritual centers and individual practitioners. How a propos for Crestone that our Camino is circular, for we all come back to ourselves, although certainly changed. While I've known for the last 13 years that I live in an amazing place, and have had many pleasant interactions with just about all of our spiritual communities, I now have a deeper, integral experience of them.

Now after this pilgrimage, I feel the journey philosophically in my head, experientially in my heart and physically in my back, knees and lungs. I don't know why I was drawn to walk our Camino, but I just knew I wanted to support this inaugural event and its sponsor, Sanctuary House. Now that I have been home for a week, I notice I am walking taller having carried my 13 lb. backpack for upwards of 35 miles, over a 7-day period. I feel so much closer to my fellow spiritual centers. I've made new friends. I've felt the common passion that all our centers share, and this unites them, and me with them. How refreshing and joyful to know there does exist a commonality in our community, and blessedly in our larger world community as well.

I feel I have spent the week being loaded with thousands of years of tradition; and in so doing have paved the way for the morphogenetic field of the Camino de Crestone to continue to flourish. This pilgrimage unites Crestone with all other sites of pilgrimage world wide, and will bring walking pilgrims from all over the world to our little village.

As just a small taste of my journey, I experienced mindfulness practices at the Zen centers and the heart-opening whirling of Sufi zhiher. Seva at the Haidakhandi ashram, to feeling the energy of Mother Earth thru stone seats, and



**Safiya Greengrass
Balekian**

October 23, 1949—September 10, 2013

Safiya was born October 23, 1949, in Hollywood, California to Patricia and David Berry. She had one brother, Keith Berry, who lives in California.

Safiya moved to Crestone in 1994, as one of the founders of the Atalanta Project. She was a well-loved member of the Crestone community who spent her life helping others, especially children and families. She was the co-founder and co-director of YES! (Your Empowerment Solutions), and was very involved in many community organizations over the years.

Safiya described herself as "slightly mad, militantly bohemian, hopelessly nostalgic for a past I never knew and a future I cannot imagine, loving life fearlessly." Traveling to New York to Occupy Wall Street, Safiya was a lifelong peace warrior. A practitioner of Laff Yoga, Safiya believed in love and the power of laughter.

Safiya was a beautifully talented artist, combining unique forms discovered in nature with found objects to create her art. She loved music of many genres, and movies, especially great foreign films. She and her partner, Jim Haddow, opened Black Bear Media in Crestone in 2004, where she made great espresso drinks and recommended favorite movies to her many loyal patrons.

Safiya is predeceased by her father and by her previous husband Mughtar Balekian. She is survived by her mother Patricia, her brother Keith, life partner Jim Haddow, daughters Marina Balekian and Bernita Balekian, and grandchildren Zavier, Cypress and Onyx.

Family and friends gathered on the beautiful morning of Sunday, September 15 to celebrate Safiya's life and bid her farewell at the Crestone End of Life cremation site. Safiya will be dearly missed. Donations in her honor may be made to Neighbors Helping Neighbors, earmarked "Kalisama Fund," P.O. Box 822, Crestone, CO 81131.

the energy of fire thru sweat lodge. Private practitioners Signa, Kate, Frederick, and Annie took us from sacred dance, to sacred yoga, thru a Windhorse botanical journey.

I will always treasure the look of excitement, concern, admiration

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and pride that all of our hosts seem to share, in regards to their participation in joining our sojourn.

My gratitude to all who shared their passion open heartedly, who supported us on the road, and to my fellow pilgrims. Special gratitude to William Howell, and Sanctuary House, for the vision to introduce the fine art of pilgrimage, to complement the amazing array of practices already in our community. Also to the mind-boggling amount of hard work that must be involved in organizing, designing, negotiating, and creating this event, not to mention marking the trails and paths.

Wow I just walked the Camino de Crestone!

Malina

Unifying community through the school

Dear Editor,

I am so grateful to have experienced a moment where so many of our diverse community members came together to support one cause. Really. It happened in the Baca Park, on Aug. 30 at the Best Fest Fundraiser. We raised enough money to cover our campaign expenses. Plus, we received a \$1000 Grant from the Colorado Education Association, which was give to the MACBEST committee through the CEA Membership in Moffat.

So, thank you Crestone, Moffat, and our community! Say no to cold, poorly ventilated, distracted children. Let's build 'em a new school! Say YES to 3A.

—Erin Lakai

Many thanks to food bank supporters

Dear Editor,

Like so many others, I'm using this space to say a heart-felt thank you to the Crestone community. My gratitude goes to everyone who supported our food bank this summer.

Summer was extremely busy—we served an average of 75

households, totaling 125 individuals, every month. As a member of the Food Bank Network of the San Luis Valley, we source food from their Alamosa warehouse, but in the last year or so they have had little to offer. Therefore, our goal is to rely less on this warehouse and more on local resources. Thanks to a Saguache County Sales Tax Grant, we have been able to buy food locally which is a tremendous blessing.

Fresh produce is always a sought-after item at the food bank, and we have been thrilled and grateful for weekly donations from the gardeners at Chokurei and Atlanta. We've received huge amounts of salad greens, kale, chard and other garden vegetables from these generous local farms.

Our food bank users are big fans of the prepared food donated by Dharma Ocean. The chefs and staff at Dharma Ocean are extremely kind to offer us high quality, organic food left over at the end of their retreats.

And to end the summer on a high note, our thanks go to Elaine and Steve and the staff at the Mercantile who hosted an unbelievably well attended fundraiser over Labor Day weekend. All proceeds from hot dog sales went to the food bank and the total—way exceeding our wildest expectations—will be a huge blessing as we head towards the winter months.

Finally, my personal thanks go to loyal volunteers, who include, among others, Tom Whitehead, Grace Morrisette, Zana Hart, Carmin Teeple and Peter Taylor.

Gratefully,
Denise Peine

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Saguache County crime report

by Mary Lowers

Early September seemed to bring out the “mean” in folks. Two personal attacks were investigated by Saguache County Sheriff's deputies. One alleged assault occurred in the town of Saguache. A second alleged assault was instigated by a Camper Village resident who harassed and physically attacked a Baca resident. Court appearances and charges are pending in these cases.

A young woman “ranch hand” was cited for “failure to appear” in county court. She was assessed \$10,000.00 that had been her bond for the offense.

Saguache County Sheriff's officers were watching for speeders, catching several fast drivers from other counties and states mainly on Hwy. 285. A couple of tickets were issued in the town of Saguache for unsafe driving offenses.

Local residents appeal tax assessments to court

by *Matie Belle Lakish*

Local property owners, primarily from the Town of Crestone, have filed a complaint with District Court asking for a trial de novo regarding the assessments on their properties. Local Crestone attorney Elaine Johnson, Steven McDowell, Johnson's mother and other Crestone and Baca residents have asked the court to rule on whether the Saguache County Assessor and the County Commissioners acting as the Saguache County Board of Equalization acted appropriately when they raised the valuation of local properties, some over 1000%.

The property owners filing the complaint originally appealed their assessments to the County Board of Equalization, but the responses they received indicated the appeals had been denied, with no explanation of the reasons used to uphold the assessor's valuations. They, therefore, are taking the requests to the district judge and asking the court to make a new determination on the assessed values that were assigned by the latest appraisal.

County commissioners, in their role as the Board of Equalization, examined the sales over the last two years and the evidence presented by petitioners, and made some adjustment to the valuation of commercial lots in Crestone, from \$40,000 to \$36,850 per 50 ft. lot. Since this was a “mass valuation”, it means that all 50 ft. lots zoned commercial in the Town of Crestone are valued the same, regardless of the location, terrain, or availability of utilities and services.

Commissioners, as the Board of Equalization, have instructed the assessor's office to re-evaluate the entire town of Crestone, and to evaluate each property individually, rather than using the mass appraisal process. This re-evaluation was to be completed during September, with corrected values available to the board in October. This timeframe, however, is outside the 30 days required to appeal an assessment, making it irrelevant to taxpayers who received the notices of denial and wished to appeal the decisions to the court.

While the commissioners considered the decisions of the State Board of Equalization, which appointed the Division of Property Taxation to oversee and assist with the local reassessment, they also made some adjustments to the state's recommended values. They did not, however, change the methods used by the state to evaluate property, namely the mass assessment and market approach.

The plaintiffs, however, contend that both the state and the county should have used multiple assessment methods, including the cost approach, the market ap-

proach, and the income approach to appraisal. Additionally, they question the way in which the State Board of Equalization ordered the Assessor to assign values to groups of properties. According to C.R.S. 39-1-103(5)(a), “Despite any orders of the state board of equalization, no assessor shall arbitrarily increase the valuations for assessment of all parcels represented within the abstract of a county or within a class or subclass of parcels on that abstract by a common multiple in response to the order of said board. If an assessor is required, pursuant to the order of said board, to increase or decrease valuations for assessment, such changes shall be made only upon individual valuations for assessment of each and every parcel, using each of the approaches to appraisal specified in this paragraph.”

The suit also cites case law, “In estimating the value of land, an assessor should take into consideration all of its elements or incidents, such as location, quality, condition, improvements, and use, which affect market value or would influence the mind of a purchaser and also, the adaptability or availability of the land for a particular use.” Id. “Speculative future uses cannot be considered in determining present market value for assessment purposes.”

In the Baca, objectors allege the assessor used a questionable formula to value consolidated lots, and over-valued residential property occasionally used as a bed and breakfast.

The plaintiffs ask the court to: “Issue an order and judgment finding that the Assessors Valuation of each parcel listed herein is erroneous and correcting the assessed value of said parcels.” They also asked for a refund of any overpaid taxes and attorney's fees.

In a phone conversation, Elaine Johnson said the court may side with the plaintiffs, with the county, “or enter an order incorporating evidence from both parties”. She noted that there are a number of taxpayers who did not file an appeal, but who may file for an abatement with the state. Any decision by the court could also affect those decisions. She said, “Both parties could agree to entertain settlement negotiations. The goal (of the plaintiffs) is a fair and just resolution.”

According to County Attorney Ben Gibbons, the district court has the authority to issue a judgment to correct the assessed values. The court could order individualized assessments. Gibbons noted that it may be next year before an answer is received.

Commissioner Jason Anderson said, “I'm looking forward to someone outside the process giving an opinion.”

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Saguache County crime report
by Mary Lowers
Early September seemed to bring out the “mean” in folks. Two personal attacks were investigated by Saguache County Sheriff's deputies. One alleged assault occurred in the town of Saguache. A second alleged assault was instigated by a Camper Village resident who harassed and physically attacked a Baca resident. Court appearances and charges are pending in these cases.
A young woman “ranch hand” was cited for “failure to appear” in county court. She was assessed \$10,000.00 that had been her bond for the offense.
Saguache County Sheriff's officers were watching for speeders, catching several fast drivers from other counties and states mainly on Hwy. 285. A couple of tickets were issued in the town of Saguache for unsafe driving offenses.

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Saguache County News

by *Matie Belle Lakish*

It's budget time at the county, and commissioners were thrilled to hear that the shortfall they had been expecting in 2013's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) dollars will be funded after all, thanks to the efforts of our federal Senators Bennett and Udall. Earlier, the county and schools had agreed on a formula that would have given Saguache County no Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS) funds for 2013, but would have allowed for the county to receive 100% of the PILT dollars. SRS funds can only be used for roads and schools, whereas PILT can fund any department. However, if the county takes SRS funding for roads, PILT is reduced, and many county departments have suffered over the last four years that the county has been receiving substantial SRS payments. Under this arrangement, schools get a maximum of federal SRS funding, and the county gets a lesser amount, but with fewer strings attached.

Commissioners and superintendents also met to discuss 2014 SRS funding, should Congress reauthorize the distribution to counties. Decisions must be made at the local level by the end of September 2013, even though the backlog in Congress means that it is still uncertain whether there will be any SRS funding next year. The funding measure has been attached to two bills in Congress. The House bill should have been voted on by the end of September. Optimistically named a Healthy Forests Bill, it appears to be a give-away to timber companies, and is not favored by environmental groups, so its passage is uncertain. The Senate bill is about helium, but has the SRS funding as a rider. It seems to be moving very slowly through the Senate, and may not make it at all by the end of September. Nevertheless, commissioners made a decision to allocate all the 2014 Title I funds to schools and award Title III funds to local fire suppression projects, in hopes that Congress will act. Title II funds go to the Forest Service to do forest improvement projects.

Recreational marijuana in Saguache County

Commissioners passed an ordinance that puts a hold on the commercial sale of marijuana on September 17. This is a temporary ban that allows time for proper development of local regulations. Jason Anderson offered the following explanation in the monthly "Eye on the County".

"When it comes to preparing a county for the commercial sale of Recreational Marijuana, as brought about by the passage of Amendment 64, Saguache County shares a quandary with the rest of Colorado—how to write regulations that have never been written, for a product that has just become legalized commercially, while multiple levels of government watch one another. Add a timeline that is difficult for the State to meet, much less smaller governments with very limited resources, and one can

understand why many local governments are choosing to slow down the implementation process, until they can do a proper job of putting a regulatory system in place.

"Some things are clear at this time. On October 1st the State of Colorado will allow for the Licensing of Commercial, Recreational Marijuana establishments which can engage in sale, cultivation, and manufacture of marijuana. Second, the voters of Saguache County approved Amendment 64 and the associated businesses. This makes it imperative that the County Planning Commission craft regulations that support the will of the voters in our County. However, since we (as in the entire State) are making this up as we go, there are also questions that need to be answered. Some remaining questions include:

"What about HB 1318? HB 1318 will place a single question on the November ballot, called proposition AA, regarding two new taxes on Recreational Marijuana, a sales tax and an excise tax (10% and 15% respectively at this time). This money will be used for a variety of purposes, including funding the regulatory programs. If this proposition fails, we will be faced with an unfunded mandate leaving local governments with the task of figuring out how to pay for administration, oversight and enforcement.

"What about finances? At this time, it is still illegal for banks and financial institutions to do business with commercial marijuana businesses. This means these businesses cannot take checks or credit cards—it is strictly cash. Although there is news of movement to correct this, at this time there are no solutions available.

"What are the economic benefits to counties? As state law is written, the only businesses that can apply for a Recreational License are existing Medicinal Marijuana businesses. There can be no new applications for the nine months following Oct. 1st. For counties, this means there are very few businesses than can operate until next summer.

"These are a few of the questions that Saguache, as well as the other counties in the state, are grappling with as we move forward. The most immediate question that local governments are asking is 'what if we are just not ready?'

"The wording of Amendment 64 allows local governments to place restrictions on the time, place, manner of operation, and number of establishments in its jurisdiction. This provides counties with choices on how recreational marijuana is grown and sold. Saguache, and most other counties, will not have finished their process of developing regulations for sales within the county by Oct. 1st. As a result, Commissioners have chosen the same path as 52 other Counties: to place a ban on recreational marijuana sales until our County regulations can be finalized. This ban can be ended at any time, and merely gives the County the time it needs to answer its questions. This will provide for gathering information from our citizens through a public process involving the Planning Commission and County Commissioners, as well as researching what other governments that are choosing to move forward on October 1st do. The Com-

missioners' goal is to have thorough and well thought out regulations for Saguache County."

Other issues have become clearer since last month. The Obama administration, through the Justice Department, announced that they would not pursue enforcement of the federal ban in states that have legalized commercial sales. This was a major question for Counties, and opens more opportunities for both recreational marijuana and agricultural hemp to be grown and distributed, and for counties to move forward with their own regulations. Three citizens attended the County's public hearing, one of whom objected to regulations and the delay. Commissioners have asked for patience as they work through the process.

Courthouse security

District Judge Pattie Swift issued an order requiring tighter security in 12th. Judicial District Courthouses. "This standing order restates and reaffirms prior orders in the Twelfth Judicial District, prohibiting persons from bringing firearms or other deadly weapons, concealed or not concealed, into any County or District Court, including the common areas, and offices as well as the District and County Courtrooms. This order also includes the clerk's offices, collections offices, probation department, private offices, and all other parts of the courthouses utilized for other county operations as it is impractical to have separate security arrangements for the courts and other entities located in the . . . Saguache County Courthouse." "The intent of this order is to provide a secure environment for all staff and the public with business in any offices."

The Judge continues: "The public—litigants, witnesses, victims of crime, jurors, and other participants in the legal system such as judges, magistrates, and court employees—is entitled to feel safe and secure in the County Courthouses, courtrooms and common areas. People are entitled to come to court to seek resolution of disputes or enforcement of rights knowing that, no matter how high the emotions of the participants or how volatile the subject matter of the conflict, they are personally safe from violence, abuse, or the threat of same. Violence, or the threat of violence, in the courts, would inhibit the free exercise of the Constitutional rights of our citizens, and bring the courts into disrepute."

Toward this end, Sheriff Mike Norris has installed a metal detector at the front door of the Courthouse with a deputy stationed there. It is just like airport security now at our local courthouse. I try not to editorialize too much in these notes, but I, frankly, don't like this at all, as I feel an atmosphere of suspicion can generate a violent reaction. Although the deputy is quick to tell me it is for my own good, I notice a tension in the courthouse that was not there before. At any rate, if you are visit-

ing the courthouse to renew a license or such, be sure to leave any metal knives, sharp tools, guns, etc. in the vehicle or you will be asked to leave it with the deputy.

Landfill to re-open

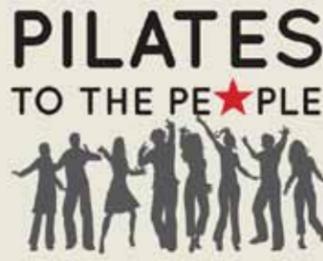
Randal Arredondo, Road and Bridge Supervisor, has reached agreement with the state over opening a new cell at the landfill. A liner has been ordered, and although the first one sent was not the correct one, he believes most of the bugs have been worked out of the deal, and the new liner is being installed. The landfill is expected to re-open in October, hopefully toward the beginning of the month. The new cell is expected to last between a year and 18 months, after which the commissioners will again have to decide whether the expense of keeping a county landfill is affordable for the county. Costs of the new monitoring requirements and the new liner with its enhanced safety requirements will be about \$70,000. Expect some increase in fees. The other option is transfer stations, with the waste being hauled to the Regional landfill outside Monte Vista, also an expensive venture.

Leech Airport

The Leech Airport, which has recently been purchased by the county with special grant funds, is ready for upgrades. Former Commissioner Mike Spearman has been instrumental in the purchase, and has volunteered to work with Arredondo to develop a plan for upgrading the facility and making it attractive to business development in Saguache County. The airport, which is located about 5 miles northeast of Center, has long been in private hands, and needs a lot of work to make it useful to aviators.

Spearman suggested a three-year plan be developed that would address runway lighting, availability of aviation fuel, and appropriate use of the water rights for the wells on the property. At present, there are some lights on the transmission lines at the end of the property, but they don't seem to be working. It also needs automatic lights on the runway and safety lights. Spearman stated that his goal is to create an aviation environment, restore the water rights and after it is functional, look at turning it over to private enterprise. "No one is interested now," he said. "We have to get it into a desirable condition."

Commissioners also discussed creating some amenities for pilots, and looked at the need to have surface transportation to Center. If the Solar Reserve project is implemented, it could bring more traffic to the area, including possible bus or taxi service. Spearman said there are grants available for some of this work from the Colorado Aeronautical Award, which is funded by a tax on aeronautical fuel. There is, however, a county match, which Arredondo is concerned would have to come out of his already tight Road and Bridge budget.



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On Sunday, September 22, Crestone/Baca saw an intense storm system move through—hail, rain, wind and this storm cell. There isn't an official report of it being a tornado, but there are reports of wind damage and uprooted trees that may have happened during this storm. Several people reported rotation with this storm cell. Says Katie Getchell, who took this photo, "It was AMAZING to witness—almost right over me, with intense winds and noise. The funnel was twisting extremely rapidly . . . the curling edge was getting sucked up into the tube and I wondered what was going to happen next! More weather photos on page B-24.

This year's election is all by ballot

Schools, income & marijuana sale taxes

—Office of the Saguache County Clerk & Recorder

There will be a Coordinated Election held this year on November 5. This election will be conducted in accordance with significant new legislation, House Bill 1303, signed into law earlier this year. This change in election law calls for ballots to be mailed to all registered voters in each county in the state. Voters can mark their ballots and follow the instructions provided with the ballot for mailing them back to their county clerk or drop their voted ballot off at the clerk's office by 7pm on Election Day. Ballots will be mailed to voters beginning on October 15.

This new law also allows for same-day voter registration. This means that people registering to vote for the first time can come to the clerk's office anytime during office hours, until 7pm on Election Day, with proper identification, to register and vote.

Also, with the passage of this new law, there will no longer be polling places as we have known them. In Saguache County, the clerk's office will now serve as the Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) for the election. In order to accommodate voters, the office will be open as the VSPC, Monday through Friday, until 4pm and on Election Day until 7pm. In addition, we will also be open on Saturday, November 2 from 10am until 2pm.

Two state questions

The issues on the ballot this year include two state questions and three school board races. The state questions include a "For" or "Against" vote for Amendment 66 to the state constitution. Voters are asked if the income tax rate should

be increased to provide funding for kindergarten through 12 grade public education.

The second state question, Proposition AA, asks for a "For" or "Against" vote to impose an excise tax of 15% when unprocessed marijuana is first sold or transferred. These dollars would be used for capital construction of schools and for the enforcement of regulations for the retail sales of marijuana.

The school board questions for three school districts in the County include:

Precinct 1: Should school board representation for Mountain Valley School be changed from "Director Districts" to "At large" representation? Also there are three open seats on the board to be decided.

Precincts 3, 4, and 5: For the Moffat School District, should there be an increase in property taxes to help fund construction of a new pre-school through 12th grade education facility? These dollars would be used as matching funds for a Best Schools grant to construct this facility.

In addition, there are four school board seats to be decided.

Precincts 6 and part of 7: There are two Center School Board seats to be decided.

Questions regarding any of this information can be directed to the Voter Service and Polling Center in the clerk's office at the Saguache County Courthouse.

Driver's license office closure dates

The Saguache County Clerk informs residents that due to the upcoming Coordinated Election in November, the Driver's License renewal service will be closed beginning October 22, 2013. We will resume this service on November 26, 2013. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Colorado Supreme Court hears arguments on secret ballots & absentee voting

Town of Center recall election

by Lisa Cyriacks

Oral arguments heard September 24 in the Colorado Supreme Court centered on the question of the individual's right to ballot secrecy versus the public will of the community.

Robert McGuire, representing plaintiffs Maurice Jones and Citizens Center, opened with the argument that protecting the right to vote is not just about the right to mark a ballot, but the right of the individual to vote their conscience without explanation as to why or for whom—free from undue influence, intimidation or fear of retaliation.

"It is important not to minimize this individual right, by labeling compromised secret ballots as accidental," he argued.

In 1946 Coloradoans voted for a constitutional amendment guaranteeing secret ballots. McGuire argued that voters at that time understood this amendment would make ballots untraceable to individual voters. "Current day voters still expect that this same standard is valid today," he argued.

In the Town of Center recall election held March 19, 2013, the stubs enumerating absentee ballots (75% of ballots cast) were not removed prior to the counting process, allowing for the possibility of numbers on the ballots could be matched by the election workers and candidates' watchers to the numbers recorded in the polling place lists.

12th Judicial District Court Judge Martin Gonzales wrote in his opinion issued June 7, 2013, which set aside the recall election: "If any absentee ballots are 'numbered in such a manner that the vote of any person thereafter may be determined by comparison with the number on the ballot and the poll registration book is contrary to the state of Colorado's constitutional and statutory guarantee of a secret ballot and therefore, void ab initio.'" (Taylor v. Pile)

Eric Ziporin, attorney for defendants Herman Sisneros, Geraldine Martinez, and Edward Garcia, made the opposing arguments. Ziporin raised the question of how the constitutional amendment applies to election officials, criticizing the extremity of the remedy (setting aside the recall election and reinstating previously elected of-

ficials) and recommending instead the remedies provided under the municipal election code.

Colorado Supreme Court justices asked questions of each of the attorneys in turn. One issue continually revisited was the question of the standard of strict compliance in application of the election code when it comes to constitutional violations as opposed to a standard of substantial compliance. Ziporin made the argument that unless the number of votes or ballots involved would change the outcome of the election, a standard of substantial compliance should be applied. Substantial compliance would ignore a constitutional violation.

Ziporin's arguments were based on an earlier Supreme Court decision (Erickson v. Blair) that unless there is a "showing of" fraud, undue influence, or intentional wrongdoing substantial compliance (as opposed to strict compliance) is sufficient, citing that "honest mistakes can be made even by election officials". McGuire noted that the plaintiffs disagree and have not yet appealed Judge Gonzales' finding that such factors were not proven in the trial.

Justice Alison Eid questioned that under the standard of substantial compliance where would individual rights fit in. "Where do you end? Where do you begin?" she queried. "If one voter's ballot secrecy is violated? Four? Ten?"

Justice Nathan Coats also asked in a subsequent discussion, "What kind of standard rule would be written for substantial compliance? How many ballots? How many votes?"

McGuire summarized his arguments at the end of the hearing, "Every citizen in Colorado is looking to the Supreme Court to uphold the right to a secret ballot."

Marilyn Marks, President of Citizens Center, asserts the core of the argument for the plaintiffs, "When the individual voter's secret ballot is compromised, you will never know the will of the community because the voters will hesitate to vote their conscience or to cast a vote at all."

It is uncertain when the Supreme Court will issue a ruling. An audio file of the oral arguments is available at: courts.state.co.us/Courts/Supreme_Court/Oral_Arguments/Index.cfm

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*by Deputy Clerk
Leanna Bradbury*
Downtown redevelopment—how you can help

Applying for funding to implement this year's plans for downtown redevelopment is underway and the town needs your help. A \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs has two prerequisites to complete before the application is due December 1.

Income Survey: CDBG grants are available to communities with low to moderate income. Federal census data is for the entire 81131 zipcode and the number is too high to qualify. We know that residents of the town are low income, but we have to prove it again with an income survey processed by the State Demography Office. We did this once before in 2009 while seeking funding to construct the municipal water system. The results at that time were a median household income of less than \$26,000—the lowest survey category, and lower than \$33,000 for the county and \$47,000 for the entire zipcode. Town residents have received a questionnaire and more details about the procedure. An important part of the survey is getting enough responses to validate the survey, so regardless of your income please send your completed survey to the State Demography Office by October 11. Thank you!

Community buy-in to the grant match

The \$925,000 project includes another \$300,000 grant application, and a whopping \$125,000 grant match, with some from private foundations and about \$50,000 raised from the community and town cash reserves. There are already some pledges for much of this amount, and those donors will gain a lot of tax deductions as shown by the following example. A donor gives \$10,000, which is tax-deductible as a donation to a local governmental entity. If that donor pays income tax at the rate of 28%, federal taxes are reduced by \$2,800. Then the donor has a lower taxable income for state income tax and saves 4.63% or another \$463. Then, because downtown redevelopment is an Enterprise Zone Project, the donor will receive a certificate to be included with his or her state income tax filing for an additional tax credit of 25% or \$2,500. If that's too much money, the 25% credit may be carried over to the following year. Imagine that, donate \$10,000 and save \$5,763 on taxes! In-kind donations within the Phase I area downtown, such as plantings and benches, receive the same federal and state reductions. The Enterprise Zone Credit is 12.5% and preapproval is required, which town staff will be happy to arrange. Community donations are needed by November 25 before the

grant applications are submitted. Any donations are greatly appreciated and will be enjoyed by our community for generations. Please contact Town Administrator Akia Tanara at 719-256-4313 about making a donation.



Although the cottonwood that fell on Sept. 18 appeared healthy, inspection of the stump showed it was rotting from inside. The town also removed an unsafe grouping of cottonwoods from the middle of a downtown alley that was blocking access.

Mark Talbot is our new trustee

Last month, the Crestone Town Board of Trustees considered letters of interest from town residents offering to serve in place of Kalisama Micklin who had resigned for health reasons. Mark Talbot was chosen by secret ballot and then appointed by motion. Although the term he assumes lasts until 2016, by state law he would have to stand for re-election to continue as trustee after the next municipal election in April, 2014. Mark's expertise in websites, graphics, and computers will be a valuable contribution to the board of trustees.

Bear awareness & garbage

Between commercial district dumpsters and old fruit trees, our area bears know where the eating is and are mostly in the town. Bear-proof dumpsters have reduced the problem considerably, especially now that the Freebox dumpster is kept locked. Town residents have been keeping their garbage inside their houses until collection morning for years. If they don't, we have garbage in the streets and parks. Unfortunately, we still have garbage in the streets and parks because other people are putting their personal garbage in private trash containers. The town issues citations for illegal dumping, and has various ways of identifying the offenders. Getting your own trash removal service is cheaper than municipal citations. Please be aware of our bear problem and don't risk their lives by luring them into town with your trash.



On the night of Sept. 18, heavy winds ripped through Crestone, knocking this large cottonwood down, causing the power to go out for most of the night. SLVREC crews arrived early in the morning to restore power. Thankfully no structures or people were injured.

POA annual membership meeting set, candidates selected

The Baca Grande Property Owners Association will hold its annual meeting and election of board of directors on November 22 at 7pm in the POA Hall. Two candidates have applied for the two director seats, Bruce McDonald and Nigel Fuller. These seats will each have a three-year term. Election materials will be mailed in early October. If members do not receive their materials and ballots, they should contact the POA office at 719-256-4171.

There will be a "Meet the Candidates" forum on Friday, October 18 at 6pm at the POA Hall.

Although only two candidates have submitted their request to be elected, and two seats are vacant, an election must still be held to establish a quorum. The required quorum is 20% of the members in good standing, that is, those who have no outstanding dues or fines as of November 17, 2013. For more information on individual members' eligibility to vote, contact the POA office.

According to POA Bylaws, Sec. 5.4, if a quorum of members is not established at the annual meeting, then "such meeting shall be adjourned to a time not less than 48 hours, nor more than 30 days, after the time the original meeting was called." Candidates or POA staff or directors sometimes use that time to recruit adequate voters to fulfill the quorum.

A number of measures have

been put in place this year in an effort to correct any perception of voting irregularities. The POA board and staff have taken many measures this year to ensure that the election will be done with the upmost efficiency and diligence and look forward to a successful meeting and election process.

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Annual Meeting of the Members and Election Announcement

This year we have two open seats and two candidates running.

The two candidates are Bruce McDonald and Nigel Fuller.

We thank them for their desire to serve the Baca Grande Community.

There will be a "Meet the Candidates" forum on Friday, October 18 at 6:00pm at the POA Hall.

We look forward to seeing many Members there.

The Annual Meeting of the Members and Election is Friday, November 22, 2013 at 7:00PM at the POA Hall.

Election materials will be mailed in early October. If you do not receive your materials, please contact the POA Office at (719) 256-4171. Please know that although there are only two candidates running for two open seats, an election is still required and your ballots will be needed to establish quorum.

Thank you in advance for your participation.



A New Perspective. David Lama and Peter Ortner in Pakistan. Climbing Trango Towers on the north side of the Baltoro Glacier, in Baltistan, a district of the Gilgit-Baltistan region of Pakistan. Corey Rich and Andrew Peacock were there to film and photograph the expedition along with RC helicopter operator Remo Masina.

Mountainfilm

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ple, Tom Dessain, Scott McCumber, Lynn & Nick Drake, Michael Pacheco, Peter Taylor and Crestone Performances for their technical support, The Crestone Charter School for offering the venue and sponsors, supporters and friends who have come together to make this event possible.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a 501(c)3 Charitable Organization in operation in Saguache County since 1998, whose mission is to support individuals and families in crisis. Over the last fifteen years, they have helped to stabilize and offer support to hundreds of families in Saguache County. Along with their fundraising events, they receive financial contributions from local businesses, friends and residents, and monies from The Saguache County Sales Tax Grant. All funds from this event will go to help support someone in crisis in Saguache County.



Split of a Second.

All photos courtesy of MountainFilm



Paradise Found. Greater Bird-of-Paradise (Paradisaea apoda). Adult male in static display. Badigaki Forest, Wokam Island in the Aru Islands, Indonesia.

Silent auction of services at the Telluride Mountainfilm Festival

There will be a fabulous silent auction of services at the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Telluride Mountainfilm Festival. We invite the public to bid on these services even if not attending the film programs on Oct. 5. You may come to the lobby of the Crestone Charter School on Friday afternoon 1-4pm on the 4th and Saturday 10am to approximately 9pm to look over and bid on a large variety of offerings. Bidding on this auction is a great way to treat yourself and/or stock up on gifts early for the holiday season while helping out a neighbor in need. The auction will close ten minutes after the last film ends. You do not need to be present to win. Neighbors Helping Neighbors thanks all those who have so generously donated services. We could not continue to help families in crisis without the support of those who donate services and for all of you who attend our fundraising events.

Our wonderful donors are:

Hooper Pool: 3 month family pass, Joyful Journey: punch card (10 visits), Davin Rude: 2 oil changes, Dennis Neuhaus: 1 hour computer work, Tin Man Services: spring consultation landscaping, Tedd Brumm: carpet clean one room, Lori Nagel: 1 hour graphic

design, Angela Anderson: 5 Zumba classes, Carolina & Chris Sartain: 12 yoga classes, Naomi Lake and Jimmy Rodriguez: *I Am Goddess* coloring book party, *The Crestone Eagle* 2 column by 3" ad.

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Buddy Frank, Cathy Amenta, David Hillman, Kathleen Willow, Marcia Heusted, Anna Louise Stewart, Katherine Parker, Bill Smith, Jen Dopierala, Alice Blaszak, Nate Scarritt, Cindy Tate, Dean Lloyd and Debra Irizarry

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Yaktoberfest to bring stellar lineup

Yaktoberfest is bringing a stellar line-up of music for your enjoyment. Headlining at 6:45 from Boulder is **Taarka**. Described by *San Francisco Weekly* as a “collision of Django Reinhardt and David Grisman,” Taarka is an acoustic super group presenting masterfully deep Americana and gypsy jazz string band music. Together for 12 years, they have produced seven CDs and have performed with members of the Grateful Dead, Phish, String Cheese Incident, Yonder Mountain String Band, Darol Anger, Danny Barnes, Taj Mahal, Widespread Panic, The Samples and more. They infuse rousing and exciting tunes with breakneck Zappa-esque breakdowns and insurmountable gusto. Regardless of your particular musical tastes, Taarka is a band that simply must be witnessed.

Opening for Taarka at 4pm are the **Gumbo Jets**. They are best described as a traditional Cajun band that branches off into contemporary Cajun and Creole styles. The band features accordion, fiddles, guitar, bass and washboard. With haunting French lyrics, their tunes range from lively two-steps to foot stomping grooves. Don't miss this band that brings the Bayou to the Rockies.

Crestone's own **2 Weeks in Fiji** will play at 1:45. This rockin' ensemble of friends has been playing music together for many years. Eli Dokson (guitar), Dale Smith

(drums), Mike Noonan (bass) plus special guest Peter Taylor (harmonica and guitar) will rock all socks off. They will be playing a repertoire of originals and their unique take on special favorites.

At high noon enjoy the **Funky Chickens**. This is one of Crestone's younger bands, except for the dad man on sax. Yes, Gallian Roberts and Taru Gouldberg bond with Mathias Roberts to play smooth, groove oriented music. The dad picks the music and the kids picked the name. They're a lot of fun.

Start the morning off at 11am with originals by singer songwriter **Robin James**. A San Luis Valley sensation, Robin is known for her fabulous voice and is in high demand for studio recording sessions with many regional acts. She has released one album with another one in the works. Don't miss this amazing songbird.

In between acts will be a strolling accordion and two performances by Crestone Tribal Belly Dance. Don't miss this eclectic blend of performers.

Schedule:

- 11:00-11:45 – Robin James
- 12:00-1:00 – Funky Chickens
- 1:00-1:30 – Accordion stroll
- 1:45-3:00 – Two Weeks in Fiji
- 3:15-3:45 – Crestone Tribal Belly Dance
- 4:00-5:30 – Gumbo Jets
- 5:45-6:15 – Crestone Tribal Belly Dance
- 6:45-8:30 – Taarka



Miss Yaktoberfest visits Chokurei Ranch!

photo by Autumn Brooke Grinath

Yaktoberfest

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use no artificial chemicals or hormones. Chokurei's mission is to be good stewards of the land, the water and the animals. To read more about Chokurei Ranch, please visit their website at www.chokureiranch.com.

Kid's carnival extravaganza to benefit Kalisama

Yaktoberfest is also a true community celebration. Chokurei is partnering with Neighbors Helping Neighbors to host a fundraising event for local resident Kalisama (Lisa Micklin). After several surgeries, she continues her battle with stage four cancer. Tom Whitehead is organizing “Kali's Karnival Extravaganza” including a yak petting zoo, lots of fun games, face painting, and a tractor pull hay ride! There will also be homemade pie by the slice donated by Crestone's best chefs. Funds collected

from the carnival, along with tax deductible donations, will go to Kalisama's NHN fund to help support her with medical expenses.

We have vendors

Many talented artisans from around the region will be displaying their arts and crafts for sale, including t-shirts, clothing, hand-crafted children's toys, jewelry, local pottery, hand-turned wood items and Chokurei's unique yak crafts, along with services such as massage therapy, Reiki and intuitive readings.

Yaktoberfest will run from 10am to 10pm. Tickets are only \$10 for adults and \$5 for teens; children under 12 are free with accompanying adult. Sponsorships and vendor booth applications are still available. Call Robin for space availability at 256-4533 or 588-5066. Volunteers are always welcome! Come lift your steins, dance to the music, and enjoy a day of harvest celebration for the whole family.

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AnnaMarie J. Maestas to be featured artist for October at Shumei

AnnaMarie J. Maestas will have her work on display at the Shumei Gallery in Crestone for the month of October. A symposium with AnnaMarie will be held on Sunday October 20 starting at 3pm. A reception will follow.

Longtime resident of the San Luis Valley, AnnaMarie J. Maestas has spent a lifetime drawing and painting portraits of people and animals. She works primarily in oils, acrylics and watercolors.

She also cre-



"Missy" by AnnaMarie Maestas

ates exquisite beaded jewelry using glass seed beads and semi-precious stones with sterling silver findings. AnnaMarie self-published a book of some of her paintings and poems titled *Madre Tierra*.

Meet with AnnaMarie and learn more about her work on Sunday October 20, 3pm to 5pm. This event is free to the public. Please visit www.shumeicrestone.org or call 256-5284 for more information. The Shumei gallery is open every day 9 to 5pm.



Beth Quist Oct. 18 for a night of World Music at Shumei

Friday, October 18 at 7pm Crestone is in for a treat! Beth Quist and Nathan Good are together again in a night of world music not to be missed. There is a \$10 suggested donation at the door.

Beth is a multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, and composer, who began playing piano at age 2. She was lead soprano and instrumentalist for the creation band in Cirque du Soleil's "KA", and currently performs solo, with Sherefe, which specializes in Balkan and Middle Eastern music. She has sung & toured with Bobby McFerrin's Voicestra since 1997, and appears on his albums *Circlesongs*, *Mouth Music*, and *VOCAbuLarieS*. Beth has also composed over 50 scores for dance, theater, television, & film, including musical contributions to

the Emmy-nominated documentary *The Two Escobars*. Other notable musical collaborations include Roger Fisher (Heart) & Scott Cossu (Windham Hill). She has a 4-octave soprano voice, and plays piano, keyboards, santour (hammered dulcimer), dumbek, daff, guitar, flute, and various other toys that she can get her hands on. Her music combines influences from the Balkans, the Middle East, and India with her Western upbringing.

Nathan's music roots were steeped in Austin, TX. He began composing on the guitar at age 10 and playing percussion with the Sayersville Blues Band at Greenbriar School. Learning with Robin Adnan Anders at renaissance festival gypsy shows, Nathan journeyed deeper into world rhythms. Nathan joined Scott Cossu in 2002 and is his Rockies tour percussionist. He is most delighted to accompany Beth Quist on bass and drums.

Concert begins at 7pm. There is a \$10 suggested donation at the door. For concert information visit www.shumeicrestone.org or call 719-256-5284

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Crestone Halloween Ball Oct. 31

Big Band & Two Weeks in Fiji to play

Win a weekend pass to the Crestone Music Festival!

Crestone Performances Inc. is once again proud to produce the annual "how many does this make?" Crestone Halloween Ball. It will be held on Halloween night, Thursday, October 31 from 7 to 9:30pm at the Desert Sage Restaurant. Proceeds go to benefit CPI and the Crestone Volunteer Fire Department. This year's focus is again on the costumes, with 4 winners in the following categories: best "Youth", best "Couple", best "Crossed Dressed" and best "Other"! Each winner will receive a coolish ribbon, their picture taken and a weekend pass to the 16th Annual Crestone Music Festival to be held August 1-3. Finger food will be provided as well as a variety of drinks.

We have a super cool band for dancing your costumes off. Big Bang and 2 Weeks in Fiji will com-



Who's that? Best scary other?! Get yourself dressed up in costume, come support a good cause, have tons of fun and win big prizes!

bine to become "Big Bang in Fiji"! They will combine to cook up tunes and grooves you can't refuse.

We will have another fabulous silent auction at the Desert Sage that starts October 7 and ends at 9pm during the party. You can donate items at the Desert Sage or through our office at 719-256-4533. We are also having a "Door Prize Drawing" with 5 winners. Each winner will receive 2 day passes to Joyful Journey Hot springs and one weekend pass to the 2014 Crestone Music Festival. The price of admission will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for youth ages 12 to 19 with under 12 free. Paid adult admission will include one free door prize ticket. Extra tickets can be purchased at the door for \$4 each. We need cool Silent Auction items to make this work, so sign up at the Desert Sage display or call our office at 719-256-4533.

So everyone hit the Free Box hard and often and don't just take stuff, but also drop cool stuff off. I am personally looking for a new me with frills. Whatever you dream-up, bring it on down to the Crestone Halloween Ball!

Crestone Performances Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit community service organization that annually produces the Crestone Music Festival, produces and subsidizes San Luis Valley school presentations and provides free consulting and technical assistance to other community endeavors. For more information please call 719-256-4533 or visit www.crestfest.org.



Zotzotllin Aztec dancers will be performing in area schools as part of Crestone Performances Youth Enrichment Program

Big fall for Youth Enrichment Program, great performances come to SLV schools

by Tom Dessain

Saguache County schools and the Boys' and Girls' Club of Alamosa are about to have the world fall in their lap. A variety of culturally unusual presentations are headed their way thanks to Crestone Performances' Youth Enrichment Program. YEP is eleven years old now and going strong.

This fall will feature 2 shows at each of the four Saguache County schools. Mountain Valley School and the Crsetone Charter School will have Logo Liji and Tzotzollin. Logo Liji performed at the 2013 Crestone Music Festival and is a drum and dance ensemble from Ghana, Africa. Tzotzollin is an Aztec song and dance troupe that has performed at the festival and schools in the past.

Moffat School and Center School will have performances by Savor and Red Bandana. Savor also played at the festival this year and is a Cuban-born band that presents sounds and rhythms based on the original Cuban "Son"; which is the grandfather of modern Salsa. Red Bandana is also a festival veteran and is an all-female, four piece, original pop/rock band with 13- and 14-year-old performers. The idea is to encourage elementary and middle school-age kids to believe in and pursue their dreams! These shows will occur in October and November. Exact times and dates are still in the works but you are welcome to attend and can learn more by call-

ing 719-256-4533.

All presentations were sponsored, produced and subsidized by Crestone Performances Inc. and grants from Saguache County. All Boys and Girls Club shows are sponsored by collaboration between The Alamosa Live Music Association, Crestone Performances Inc. and the Boys and Girls Club.

If you know of any interesting acts you think would be good for local schools, please don't hesitate to call CPI at 719-256-4533. If you would like to contribute directly to these presentations or learn more about us, please call us at 719-256-4533 or visit our web site at www.crestfest.org. Our mailing address is CPI, P.O. Box 6, Crestone CO 81131. Thank you.



Red Bandana heads back to the valley to perform in area schools.

Shop Locally for the holidays

For November and December The Crestone Eagle will be running our popular Shop Locally for the Holidays special section. We have fabulous photo / text / ad packages. If you run a minimum \$60 ad in November and/or December, you also can submit a photo and 100 words to entice people to your business. Contact Dee at ads@crestoneeagle.com or (719) 256-4956.

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Curious? Worried? Fearful? Resigned? Expectant? About what—Death! Death Café to be held Nov. 2 at 2-4pm

Yes, death is a topic that evokes many emotions like those mentioned above and additional ones that are very personal to you.

There is a lot to say about death and often we have not had an opportunity to share this with others. Interested in sharing your thoughts, concerns, observations about this rich subject? Now is your chance. On the Day of the Dead, there will be a forum in Crestone to participate in an open-ended discussion about death. A "Death Café" will be held from 2 to 4pm on November 2 at the Birch St. Studio (Elephant Cloud teahouse).

Death Cafés are being held throughout this country and Europe. The phenomenon began about two years ago in Switzerland and England—people getting together to talk about their lives that includes death and dying. At

Death Cafés people come together in a relaxed and safe setting to discuss death, drink tea and eat delicious sweets.

The objective of Death Café is "To increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives". For more information on Death Café try www.deathcafes.com.

The Crestone End of Life Project invites you to join us at the first Death Café. This is a free event and we welcome all.

Also, depending on how this event unfolds there may be additional discussions.

Please RSVP so we can prepare the space and the refreshments. Call Linda at 719-256-5458.

Finally, the monthly CEOLP meeting is October 8 at 7:30pm located at the Topping House 33 Sunset Overlook. Everyone is welcome.

Breaking news!

Human mortality rate holds steady at 100%!

With that in mind, the Crestone End of Life Project (CEOLP) advises you and your family members to make your end-of-life choices known now. Too often when a fatal accident or unanticipated medical crisis arises, we are not prepared. We may know what a parent or friend wants in terms of medical care or funeral arrangements, but those wishes cannot be implemented because they were not put in writing. Regardless of age or health—don't put it off. Do this for those who love you.

Excellent resources can be found at www.crestone-end-of-life.org or call Rainbow Adler at 221-1301 for information. Peter Callan's book, *Prepare 2 Die* is an approachable source of information on end-of-life choices (info@prepare2diebook@gmail.com). Copies of "The 5 Wishes", an advance directives document is available at the library and through CEOLP.

Attend the Death Café to talk about your concerns surrounding your mortality (see article elsewhere in this paper.)

Anna Louise Stewart and Julia Voss led a successful workshop sponsored by the Taos Green Burial group on September 14. There were 15 participants attending to learn about home funeral, advance directives and other services offered through CEOLP and Informed Final Choices, the educational outreach branch of CEOLP.

The Crestone End of Life Project was honored to serve Betty Grant-Mackie and Safiyah Balekian, their families and friends during the month of September.

To learn more about CEOLP and Informed Final Choices services to the community, attend our meeting on Tuesday, September 10 at 7pm, 33 Sunset Overlook. Call 588-7415 or 256-4247 for information.



New Crestone residents, Jonathan and Rachel Lewis, with their daughter Cassie, check out the solar ovens at the Energy Fair. Dave Kirchner, to her right, was one of the two who set up this booth, showed everyone all of these wonderful solar ovens, cooked food for people, educated people, even gave people printed flyers with solar-oven-making URLs where they could later research more on their own. And they were not selling a thing.
photo by Lori Nagel



These 4 lucky girls just scored some fresh-baked cupcakes from one of the solar ovens you see behind them. Dave Kirchner and his assistant, Brenda Tolian, set up several different styles of solar ovens, baking chicken, potatoes, and lots of other things, sharing their delicious solar-cooked food with the community, sharing all their combined knowledge with anyone who'd listen. Brenda's kids were CCC volunteers, and she wanted to help Dave cook in his solar ovens.
photo by Lori Nagel

Pet Partners created for Crestone

Pet Partners is a new organization created to assist in the physical, emotional and social health of Crestone's beloved pets. The organization's motto is "Love and assistance without judgment." It seeks to inspire a sense of partnership with our pets rather than a simple sense of ownership.

The founding Pet Partners are Patrick Moore, Rob Williams, Darlene Yarbrough, Elaine Johnson, Gita Allison, Rose Burek, Mountain Ross, Jessica Bauer and Matt Johnson. These partners are devoted to the love and care of all of the community's pets.

Pet Partners' mission is to assist pet owners (partners) in all aspects of pet wellbeing, and to help pet care givers provide for the best physical, emotional and social health of their pets. To accomplish these goals Pet Partners will provide education and financial assistance to any pet owner who desires and needs it. Once a pet owner has received assistance then they in turn will be asked to provide assistance to others as the need arises and as the owner is able. In effect they become pet partners not only to their pets, but to all pets in the community.

In the coming year Pet Partners will achieve the following goals: 1) arrange for a vet to come to Crestone every month on the second Saturday; 2) arrange for spay and neuter services in Crestone on a quarterly basis; 3) establish information and assistance services and referral network; 4) provide free owner education and pet training through brief seminars; 5) provide wildlife assistance through our call line; 6) provide rescue, foster and adoption assistance; 7) establish a dog park for safe recreation and animal socialization; and 8) in June, have a pet parade and day of fun, education seminars and pet training with local healers and vending booths, all to celebrate our partnership with our pets.

Contact Pet Partners if you need assistance, wish to provide assistance or want to contribute to this community project in your own special way. Also, please contact us to get on Pet Partners Local Assistance list if you provide any pet-related services in our community. Pet Partners can be reached at 970-596-1903, and by email at crestonepetpartners@gmail.com

Remember, we are our pets' partners, not just their owners. All pets are eligible for assistance, including horses, goats, dogs, cats, bunnies, snakes, turtles, birds and fish, or whatever the animal in need may be.



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**Love is the last laugh. All paths lead to Love.
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Attend our meeting Tuesday, October 8th at 7pm, at the Topping house, 33 Sunset Overlook (first left past the Century 21 office). Call Wayne at 256.4247 for directions/information.

HAPS

Got chocolate? Want chocolate?

October 12 will see the Third Annual Saguache County Chocolate Festival, 6-9pm at the Community Building in Saguache.

Submit your favorite chocolate for judging. Bring chocolate to share. \$5 at the door gets you sweet, sweet chocolate. Who knows—your chocolate could take home the blue ribbon!

Don't forget about the jazz band, information booths, silent auction (get started on Christmas shopping), and so much more.

Need more information? Call Ellen E. Cox at 655-2544.

Remember, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Advocacy Center.

Friends of the SLV Nat'l Wildlife Refuges monthly meeting Oct. 9

The Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 9th at 7 p.m. in downstairs meeting room at the Carnegie Public Library in Monte Vista. All members and the public are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Tim Armstrong at 852-2452.

Presentations at ASU

On Tuesday, Oct. 1. La Musica de la Gente, a concert by Frank McCulloch, will be presented at Leon Memorial Hall, Adams State U, Alamosa, 7pm.

On Tuesday, October 8 The Evolution of Culture will be presented by Dr. Jose Barrera on the Hispanic Northern Frontier. ASU, McDaniel Hall, Rm. 201, 7pm.

On Tuesday, October 15. La Sociedad and Local History. Zachary DeHerrera and Miguelo Sissneros on SPMDTU. ASU, McDaniel Hall, Rm. 201, 7pm.

CCS students visit Saguache Museum

On Monday, September 16, the Saguache County Museum welcomed visitors from the Crestone Charter School. There were 16 children who were accompanied by their teachers, Maria di Puma and Jessica Martinez. After hearing about the *really* early history of Crestone, the children toured the entire eight rooms of the museum. They were very interested and enthusiastic, especially about the jail (and the cookies).

The children touring were Soraya Grote, Nesla Davis, McKayla Sisson, Luna Delamor, Uma Long, Justice D'Alessio, Ayla Tieder, Monet Meisman, Isabella Chambers, Malama Ramadei, Raven Willis, Jackson Conrad, Travel Cole, Anton Meyerowitz, River Meland, and Kalan.

Thanks for coming, kids!

Barn Dance Oct. 4

CYP presents "Sunshine Sue's" Old Dominion Barn Dance at The Community Building in Crestone (the old schoolhouse on Cottonwood St. in Crestone) on Friday, October 4 from 7-10 pm, with live music by The Good Ol' Country Folk Old-Timey Bluegrass Band and The-Seat-of-the-Pants Philharmonic. All ages are welcome! Sodie pop, water, coffee, cookies & other yumminess will be available. Suggested donations greatly appreciated: Adults 18+ \$10; Youth 7-17 \$5; 6 & under free. Y'all come join us for good music, good fun, good dancin', good refreshments!

Saguache Democrats Fall Dinner Fundraiser Saturday, November 2

Come one! Come all! to an evening of camaraderie, delicious dinner, dessert auction and dancing to the Sidewinders on Saturday, November 2 at 6:30pm at the Saguache Community Center. \$10 per person for dinner. Plus enjoy an irresistible dessert from the auction!

Please RSVP by Oct. 26 to Lynne Thompson 754-9163, sheebalt@yahoo.com or Barbara Tidd 719-221-8434 slvbarb498@gmail.com. After Oct. 26, RSVPs accepted on space-available basis.

For donations, contact Judy Marold at 655-2320 jmarold@gmail.com.

See you there!

October at CYP

As of October 1, the CYP Thrift Store's hours are changing. The new hours will be Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5pm.

October 1 is the International Day of Older Persons *and* it is a Tuesday, which is always a special day at the CYP Thrift Store because Tuesday is Senior (60+) Appreciation Day when seniors receive 20% off their purchase every Tuesday!

Come in to the Thrift Store on October 4, tell us your favorite animal and you will receive 10% off your purchase to celebrate World Animal Day!

On October 5 you'll also receive 10% off your purchase when you come in & tell us the name of your favorite teacher to celebrate World Teachers Day or your favorite firefighter to celebrate Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend.

Come in to the thrift store on October 16 & give us your best "meow" to receive 10% off your purchase to celebrate National Feral Cat Day, and on Halloween come in dressed up for Halloween or tell us your favorite knock-knock joke to receive 10% off your purchase to celebrate National Knock-Knock Jokes Day!

Come in to the CYP Thrift Store and celebrate!

Camino de Santiago presentation Oct. 21

All are welcome to Dos Caminos (at the Birch St. Studio from 6:30-8pm) on Monday, October 21. This will be a panel discussion by the four Crestonites who have walked the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain, plus William Howell leading an experiential presentation plus photos about the first (August 24-31) Camino de Crestone.



The Company of Players gave an outstanding performance with "Stories from the Edge." Congratulations to everyone who helped put this show on. Shown are Holly Hosner, Ammi Kohn, Jennifer Thomson, William Howell, Dean Lloyd and Robin Blankenship.

photo by Scott Murrish

Mantric teachings at Savitri House

We will offer a series of mantric teachings from Sri Aurobindo's *Savitri*, Book 7, The Book of Yoga during the month of October, every Sunday from 10-12 and 3-5 at the Sri Aurobindo Learning Center. This teaching of Sri Aurobindo, which will be presented by Rod Hemsell, contains the essence of the yoga of transformation and guides us through all the stages of purification, self-sacrifice, liberation, and the descent of the divine shakti into the adhar, which is the prerequisite for a conscious death transition in most if not all tantric spiritual systems.

Community invited to St. Francis animal blessing Oct. 6

All community members—two- and four-legged—are invited to receive a traditional blessing conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures at 2pm, Sunday October 6 at Little Shepherd Church on the east side of Alder north of Galena in Crestone.

St. Francis, founder of the Franciscan Order and patron saint of all living things and the environment, is well known for his devotion to animals. In this service you and your animal companions will celebrate the loving bonds among all beings.

This will also be an opportunity to meet Fr. Mike Fay, the new priest in charge from Ascension Church in Salida. To welcome Fr. Mike, we'll have a potluck after the service. We look forward to seeing you at Little Shepherd Church.

CB Village potluck Oct. 19

The Crestone Baca Village welcomes all folks in our community to join us in a potluck celebration of caring and giving. On Saturday, October 19, we will meet at the Charter School Auditorium at 1pm to enjoy the wonderful diversity of culinary delights that everyone will bring. This is a chance to meet CB Village members and find out more about our caring and giving organization. We hope to see you there!

September's Equinox

Soon whiteness will equalize the azure.
Three days of cloud prepare our hidden peaks
to hold next spring's storehouses of moisture.
The time of ripening lengthened by streaks

of rains, wings brush the Nanking cherries, barred
from plumpness for three more days, firm . . .
soft . . . light . . . liquid . . . honing autumn's germ
of balance. Beaks poke with precision the hard

skins of the Russian Olives, no longer
tight yet not quite delicate enough. Mass
turns juicy in the gradual way, stronger
in the gentility that greens its sass

for the inhaled mystery of dancing,
then fires its death absent of all fears
as barks and rinds wake to crystal veneers:
The cycles can bear no more enhancing.

— William Howell

Crestone Artists Open Studio Tour Oct. 5 & 6

Visit 14 artists' studios on Oct. 5 & 6 for the second annual Crestone Artists Open Studio Tour, each day from 1-6pm.

This free event sponsored by Crestone Artists and our many local sponsors allows for art lovers to explore through art and conversation the contemplative approach artists in our community bring to their work. More information is available online at: www.crestoneartists.com, or by calling 719-256-4182. Maps can be found online or at the Crestone Mercantile, Ghost Horse Gift Gallery and the Elephant Cloud Market.

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Monthly Events

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~or~ e-mail to: calendar@crestoneeagle.com ~or~ submit in writing to PO Box 101, Crestone CO 81131 by the 22nd of the month. To list calendar items online (between print issues), please fill out the form at www.crestoneeagle.com/calendar.

Check the Crestone Eagle online calendar for more information on below events, links, photos and more! Visit www.crestoneeagle.com.

Thursday, October 3

- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome 4-6:00 pm Free/donation nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290
- CCC Meeting & Hangout, Crestone Community Building (Old Schoolhouse) 5-8pm 719-480-5925

Friday, October 4

- Fall Navratri with Daily Fire Ceremony – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:00 am-12:00 pm www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108
- Saguache Farmers' Market – Saguache Visitor Center 2:00 pm-5:00 pm 806-543-8337
- Barn Dance, Crestone Community Ctr 7-10pm Adults 18+ \$10; Youth 7-17 \$5; 6 & under free

Saturday, October 5

- Telluride Mountainfilm Festival, Crestone Charter School 10am-10pm
- CrestoneArtists Open Studio Tour 2013 1-6pm free crestoneartists.com/crestone-artists-studio-tour-2013.html 719-256-4182
- Eric Karlstrom performs at Yak 'N' Cracker 6-8pm www.chokureiranch.com 719-256-4700

Sunday, October 6

- Monthly Sampai for October, Shumei Sanctuary 10:30am-noon Free www.shumeicrestone.org 256-5284
- Children's Day at Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 11am-12:30pm www.babajashram.org 256-4108
- Traditional Blessing of all Creatures, Little Shepherd in the Hills Church 2:00 pm

Monday, October 7

- Last day to register to vote – All Day sos.state.co.us/voter-classic/secuRegVoterIntro.do
- Town Of Crestone Planning Commission Regular Meeting – Crestone Town Hall 6-8pm

Tuesday, October 8

- Weldon for Karaoke at Yak 'N' Cracker 6-8pm www.chokureiranch.com 719-256-4700
- Crestone End of Life Project & Informed Final Choices open meeting, Topping House 7pm www.crestone-end-of-life.org 719-256-4247/588-7415

Friday, October 11

- Friends of the Library meeting – Crestone Town Hall 1:30 pm 256-4100
- Hebrew Chant, Art Song Garden Sanctuary 5-6pm free artsonggarden.blogspot.com 256-5442

Saturday, October 12

- Permaculture workshop, all day suggested donation \$5 RSVP to slvlocalfoods@gmail.com
- Yaktober Fest – Golf Course All Day
- Painting hang out with Estela Carmona, 256-5630, Ancestral Messages Gallery noon-4:30pm free

Monday, October 14

- Town of Crestone Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – Crestone Town Center 1:30-6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 16

- CCAA Potluck Feast & Party, Zuki & Nick's noon-10pm free facebook.com/events/170953376406893/ 7194801622
- Commodity distribution, Crestone Town Hall 2-3:30pm

Thursday, October 17

- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome 4-6:00 pm Free/donation nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290
- CCC Meeting & Hangout – Crestone Community Building (Old Schoolhouse) 5-8pm 719-480-5925
- Circling the Center of the World, Tibet & Mt. Kailash in photographs Birch St. Studio 7-8:45pm tibetpilgrimage.tumblr.com 719-480-8048

Friday, October 18

- Crestone Eagle Ad Deadline crestoneeagle.com 719-256-4956
- Full-moon Fire Ceremony followed by a Meal – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:00 am-noon www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108
- BGPOA Meet the Candidates – BGPOA Meeting Room 6:00 pm bacapoa.org 719-256-4171
- Beth Quist at Shumei 7-9pm \$10 Suggested Donation www.shumeicrestone.org 256-5284

Saturday, October 19

- Altar of the Living, art by Estela Carmona, Family art day, Ancestral Messages Gallery noon-4:30pm 256-5630

- Crestone Baca Village potluck – Charter School Auditorium 1:00 pm
- Bear Facts Symposium – Birch St. Studio 4pm

Sunday, October 20

- Art Symposium with painter AnnaMarie Maestas, Shumei Gallery 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Free www.shumeicrestone.org 719-256-5284

Monday, October 21

- Dos Caminos, Spain & Crestone – Birch street studio 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Friday, October 25

- CCC Haunted House & Halloweenfest – Crestone Community Center 6:00 pm-10:00 pm
- Free Monthly Movie Night at Shumei 7-9pm www.shumeicrestone.org 719-256-5284

Saturday, October 26

- 13 Dances 4 Resurrection, Ancestral Messages Gallery noon-4:30 pm Free 719-256-5630
- Funky Chickens perform at Yak 'N' Cracker 6-8pm www.chokureiranch.com 719-256-4700

Wednesday, October 30

- Community Potluck Feast – Zuki & Nick's Place 10:00 am-10:00 pm www.facebook.com/groups/CCAA-01 719-256-4544

Thursday, October 31

- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome 4-6:00 pm Free/donation nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290
- Camino de Santiago presentation – Birch St. Studio 6:30 pm-8:00 pm
- Halloween Ball, Desert Sage 7-9:30pm \$8 adults, \$4 ages 12 to 19, under 12 free 719-256-4533

Saturday, November 2

- Ancestral Messages Today, talk w/R. Rodriguez & Estela Carmona, Ancestral Messages Gallery noon-4:30 pm Free 719-256-5630
- Death Café – Birch St. Studio 2:00 pm-4:00 pm 719-256-5458
- Saguache Democrats Fall Dinner Fundraiser – Saguache Community Building 6:30 pm \$10/person 754-9163, 719-221-8434

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Daily

- Morning Aarati, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 8am, 256-4108, www.babajashram.org
- Sampai & Jyorei, Shumei Sanctuary, please be seated by 7:50am and 5:50pm, 256-5284
- Tours, gallery & Jyorei, Shumei, 9am-5pm, 256-5284
- Evening Aarati, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 6pm, 256-4108, info@babajashram.org, www.babajashram.org

Sunday

- Mass at Nada Carmelite Hermitage 9am 256-4778
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Town Hall 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 719-937-7769
- Dorje Trolo Practice White Jewel Mountain 10:00 am-noon no charge 719-256-5773
- The Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo Solar Bridge 10:00 am by donation 719-256-6010

Monday

- Zumba Toning Birch Street Studio 9-10:00 am www.angela108.zumba.com 719-256-4040
- DanZen with Diane Birch St. Studio 10:30-11:30 am \$5/class October special 719-256-5912

Tuesday

- Savitri Reading Circle - Potluck, reading & meditation Savitri House 6pm 937-7687 or 256-6010
- Awakening Artists Crestone Community Building (Old Schoolhouse) 4-7pm 719-480-5925
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style; Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45pm By donation shaktisharanam.com 256-5668
- Narcotics Anonymous open meeting, Baca library back door 7:30pm crestonena@gmail.com 970-309-0710
- BGFD Trainings Baca Fire House 5:30 pm-7:30 pm 719-480-5925

Wednesday

- Yoga Fundamentals & Refinements; Shakti Sharanam 8:30-10am By donation shaktisharanam.com 719-256-5668
- Zumba Fitness Birch St. Studio 9:15-10:15am www.angela108.zumba.com 719-256-4040
- DanZen with Diane Birch St. Studio 10:30-11:30 am \$5/class October special 719-256-5912

- New Compassionate Communication (aka Nonviolent Communication or NVC) 4:30-6:30pm cnvc.org & PaulShippee.com 719-256-4656
- Veteran Outreach Y.E.S. building All Day 719-655-2680

Thursday

- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45pm By donation shaktisharanam.com 719-256-5668
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Friday

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Local help available for State's Health Insurance Exchange

Three agencies in the San Luis Valley received grant funding to develop physical and mobile assistance sites for Connect for Health Colorado (C4HCO). They have information on different insurance plans and will assist people who would like to apply, shop, seek financial assistance and enroll in a plan that is offered in the new state health insurance exchange, also known as the Marketplace. The enrollment period for individuals will be October 1, 2013-March 31, 2014.

One of the newest Certified Health Coverage Guides is Dennis Lopez with Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. (VWHS) who has an office on the Adams State University (ASU) campus. "We have all completed our training and are ready to educate people," said Lopez. "We are taking appointments to help them walk through the process."

People can contact any of the guides for assistance and information, as well as go online to www.ConnectForHealthCO.com or phone 855-752-6749. "When people are

trying to figure out what type of health coverage is best suited for them, we are here to guide them," said Julie Rinebarger of VWHS. "In order to qualify for financial assistance and the tax credit, they have to apply through the Marketplace. And, if they want coverage to begin January 1, they have to apply before December 15."

Ana Bryant from SLV Health (formerly SLVRMC) said, "We can assist people from beginning to end. We accept walk-ins as well as work by appointment. Many people have already stopped by our location near the cafeteria in the hospital as soon as the sign went up. There is a lot of interest."

In addition to individuals, the Marketplace will have options for small businesses with fewer than 50 employees. Rio Grande Hospital (RGH) and SLV Health are certified as SHOP assistance sites. Rashel Villagomez from RGH said, "We can help business owners learn more about the process and how much it will cost them to provide health insurance to their employees."

James Douglas at SLV Health added, "There are tax credits available for small business owners that can off-set their costs. It is worth the time to the owner to look into these savings and simply ask questions."

The Certified Assistance Sites are being assisted by Donna Wehe, the Hub Coordinator for the region. Wehe stated, "The guides and outreach staff are ready to provide presentations and one-on-one meetings to organizations or businesses who would like more information about how Connect for Health Colorado is going to function."

"C4HCO is a user-friendly and secure platform. Many of the Health Coverage Guides are bilingual and have mobility. It's important for individuals to use these resources to understand their options, especially since individual coverage is now mandated by law. Many insurance brokers and agents are also trained in guiding people through the Marketplace. These services are free and confidential. No insurance advice will be given by our guides. We are all here to help."

The following contact information allows people to connect face-to-face with Health Coverage Guides at Certified Assistant Sites in the San Luis Valley:

(1) SLV Health, Alamosa: Call 719-589-2511 to schedule an appointment or walk-in at their location near the cafeteria at the Alamosa Hospital, M-F, 9-3, and Fridays in La Jara. Email the local Health Coverage Guides at connect4healthco@slvrmc.org.

(2) VWHS: Call 800-890-3999 to connect with a mobile guide in the SLV area or email connectforhealthslv@vwhs.org.

(3) Rio Grande Hospital, Del Norte: Call 719-657-4099 to schedule an appointment with their Health Coverage Guides or email them at cfc@riograndehospital.net.

Connect for Health Colorado was created by a 2011 state law to help Coloradans access health insurance. For the last two years, community leaders, health care advocates, business organizations, health care providers and others have been working together to shape the new marketplace.

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Max Ewy, 13

I go to the Crestone Charter School, but ... I believe the kids [at Moffat] should have a safe learning environment. I think kids should have as nice a time as I do at the Charter School.
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Adler & Burgoin featured gallery artists

Thanks to all the patrons, artists, and supporters of the gallery; we are experiencing our best year ever. We have gone through a lot of changes and the community has been very supportive and we cannot thank you enough. We have a number of very fine and internationally recognized artists on display currently, and it is well worth the time to visit the gallery and see what they have on to offer.

The featured artists this month are Bob Adler and Beatris Burgoin.

Bob Adler has 29 years' experience as a woodworker and cabinet maker, learning his trade while living in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. He specialized in kitchen cabinetry, storage systems, desks and furniture. Though Bob still does some commission work in cabinets and furniture, his main focus for the last two years has been small wood boxes and sculpture. "I enjoy the challenge of working within my own imagination, going where the wood takes me" says Bob. Several of the boxes have inner boxes and inlay of different woods or gem stones. Each one is unique!

Beatris Burgoin is a self-taught artist born in Baja California Sur Mexico. I was going to try and write my impression of her work but felt I could not do her justice so in her own words: "In my work I try to capture a feeling

of life. An idea catches my attention, circles my mind, and inspires me to create. My goal is to capture it and manifest it. If I am 'right', when all is going well, I feel a clear connection and at peace with myself. It feels as if I am channeling something beyond me. All I need to do is get out of the way. I start a



Inlaid box by Bob Adler.

painting and I don't know how the process is going to develop. I feel my way through it. When I do this it leaves room for discovering new ways and techniques. I love color, how it changes with light and how light makes it come alive. I use oils mostly, 4 primaries and white. I like them for their buttery texture, plus they dry slowly. This allows me to pause the process and begin again with perhaps a fresh perspective. I sometimes use a brush, but mainly I use a painting knife. The knife allows me to bring clean and vibrant color, as well as texture to the canvas.



Paintings by Beatris Burgoin.

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Keith Conway on bench he donated to the artisans garden.

Something beautiful is happening: new park bench & wind chime for the community

Some of you may have noticed that the garden at the Artisans Gallery is looking good this year and now two local artist have donated a park bench and wind chime for the community and installed them at the garden. Rose Burek designed and made a beautifully enchanting wind chime for the southeast corner of the gallery deck. Her other chimes are available in the gallery. Keith Conway designed and built a wonderfully imaginative bench for the gallery garden. He is available for private commissions at 719 256-4091. Both contributions to the community were unveiled Saturday, September 14, during Art Walk, with a brief ceremony and music on the deck by Nick and Alicia Chambers and Friends. And inside the gallery, stained glass artist Steven Fillenberg unveiled

his stained glass masterpiece entitled "Jane". He took almost 5 years to create it and it's now for sale at the gallery. We have some very talented people in Crestone who are making beauty happen all around.

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Teddy bear or man-eating monster? Bear Facts Symposium Oct. 19

by Elaine Johnson

A small child cradles his teddy bear seeking comfort and reassurance. That child, thirty years later, is terrorized by a black bear eating his garbage or looking in his window. What causes this change in perception? What creates this terror? The answer is really quite simple. We are fearful of black bears because we lack factual information about them.

Despite excessive warnings about black bears, attacks are very rare. In tales about the danger of bears, there is generally no differentiation between grizzly bears, brown bears, and black bears. Unlike grizzly bears and brown bears, black bears have a timid, non-confrontational disposition. This is a result of living for more than a million years among predators with whom they had no chance of survival unless they could climb trees. The climbing of trees is their most effective and common response to any type of confrontation.

Unfortunately for black bears,

fear sells products. Outdoor magazines typically depict black bears with their lips drawn back, standing on their hind legs, appearing to be charging or attacking. These are not accurate representations. Bears, unlike cats and dogs, do not bare their teeth when threatened. They typically run away and climb to safety. They may show harmless bluster by slamming their front feet on the ground while blowing, but snarling is not bear behavior. A snarling bear, while not reflective of true behavior, does sell magazines.

Unfortunately misleading images reinforce the fear of black bears. This fear is then used to justify the unnecessary killing of the bears. When the danger of black bears is encouraged, many people accept these exaggerations and develop a fear of bears. This fear leads to the belief that bears must be killed to protect life and property. This fear can ultimately lead to the extinction of these beautiful animals.

The Crestone area is unique. We have the opportunity to do something creative, innovative, and right about how we exist with black bears. We can reduce our fear by learning about the evolution of the black bear, the characteristics and behaviors of the bears, how to prevent damage to other animals and property, and how we can truly co-exist with black bears in our shared community.

On October 19, 2013, at 4pm at the Elephant Cloud Studio, the first annual Bear Facts Symposium will be held. It is free to all and promises to provide you with incredible information that will enable you to truly enjoy the unique opportunity we have to live in peaceful co-existence with the black bears that grace our community.



Bear snoozing in a tree in the Crestone Town Hall back yard.

photo by Chas Burt

Bear in mind

—a middle-of-the-night surprise visitation

by Stephen Futral

So I slipped into bed around 3:15am this morning and was asleep by 3:30am. My alarm was set for 7am since Wednesdays are garbage day and it's not advised to put the garbage out the night before as the bears do come down to fatten up before hibernation.

All of a sudden I hear a huge crash, glass breaking and I'm thinking it was my roommate falling out of the bath and the shower curtains coming down, but then I realize I no longer have a roommate and after looking at the time, 6:10am I'm thinking I'm in a dream or just awoken from one.

Then I hear the sound of click-clacking on the bamboo floors and that's when I realize there's a bear in the house and my bedroom door is wide open and who knows if with all that glass, the bear didn't cut open its guts or what. So I wait for a while and my mind is racing on 3 hours sleep, I think I hear it coming down the hall towards my bedroom and I'm thinking what to do if it walks right in? Do I try gentle and loving energy or . . . since I have no weapon or mace spray do I

make a run to the bathroom in my room? While all these thoughts are having their way with me I realize I don't hear anything . . . so I jump to the bathroom, locking the door, I spend some time there trying to insure that the bear is gone before checking it out.

The time has come . . . I look out of my bedroom and down the hall to see the garbage strewn about the floor, I inch my way slowly closer and see that the entire refrigerator is pulled forward but to my surprise no broken glass anywhere. Upon further investigation I find the window the bear came in . . . the screen was ripped and the window was raised up fully but luckily that seemed to be the extent of damages. I then checked the studio because it seemed like I heard a lot of glass breaking but there too everything was in order.

With the help of my friend and neighbor, the fridge was set right, the garbage was taken out in time, the floor got mopped up and the stench was incensed and open-windowed away. Not too bad for an early morning trauma . . . tonight, no open windows.



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Who We Are

Lito Tejada-Flores & Linde Waidhofer: Finding, sharing and protecting special places

by Gussie Fauntleroy

It's almost counterintuitive: Find an astonishingly beautiful, pristine, virtually unknown environment and broadcast its magnificence to the world—in order to protect it. But the place Lito Tejada-Flores and Linde Waidhofer have found is hardly in danger of being overrun by tourists. The northern half of Chilean Patagonia is an almost impenetrable tan-

film Festival in Telluride, which later began touring selected films. On Oct. 5 Mountainfilm on Tour will be in Crestone at the Charter School. (See sidebar.)

The call of the mountain

At 72, Lito's ruffled white hair and owlish looks belie a lifetime of outdoor adventures and world travel that began with rock climbing at 13. The son of a Bolivian scholar, he was born in La Paz, Bolivia, came to the United States as an infant and grew up in Pasadena, CA. As a student at the University of California-Berkeley, Lito was, in his words, "not terribly motivated," spending most of his time climbing. Meanwhile, Linde, three years younger, was planning her escape from Houston. She headed to Berkeley, where she earned a degree in English literature. Although she and Lito had friends in common in college, they didn't meet until several years later.



Cover of Linde Waidhofer's book, *Unknown Patagonia*. The cover shot is of stacked lenticular clouds over Lago Carrera, the lake where she and Lito live for half of each year.

photo by Linde Waidhofer

gle of towering peaks, forests, rivers and lakes, with just one road, largely unpaved, running its length. In fact, the threat lies precisely in its status as an undiscovered treasure with almost no population to advocate for its unspoiled splendor. The fewer there are who know and care, the easier it is for giant profit-driven corporations to quietly ravage it.

This is where Linde and Lito's lifelong passion for exploring and sharing nature's beauty coincides with their deep commitment to protecting the Patagonian landscape that is their home for half of each year. The other half—the warmer seasons in both places—is Crestone. The couple's methods of sharing also go back many years, individually and as a team. Among them: magazine articles, essays, photography, film, video, and books, including on-demand photo books and free e-books. In 1978 Lito co-founded Mountain-

Lito's mountaineering adventures continued after graduation, in Europe, South America and elsewhere. At one point before he learned to ski, he was offered a sports instructor job that required him to teach skiing at a private Swiss school. So he got a book and taught himself to ski. "I had to keep one step ahead of the students," he says with a smile, sitting in front of tall, mountain-view windows in the Crestone home the couple designed and had built in 1994.

Teaming up

Linde and Lito met in the early 1970s at Bear Valley in California's High Sierra, where they taught skiing. They became best friends, added a romantic dimension to their relationship and have continued as partners in work and love for 40 years. They were living in Telluride when Linde discovered a passion for photography, exponentially expanding their combined talents. Lito organ-



Lago Carrera, the lake in central Patagonia where Lito and Linde live during the austral summers.
photo by Linde Waidhofer

ized a photographic workshop for the Telluride arts council, inviting gifted photographer friends to teach. Linde signed up. "It was love at first sight," she says of her introduction to the camera. "Being exposed to great photographers from the beginning, I saw that each one had their own way of doing it, so I found my own way."

Linde's way has often meant finding herself among the first photographers to capture and publish images of little known landscapes, including parts of the desert Southwest. Over the years her work has been published, exhibited and collected worldwide. "My whole life I've felt like my timing has been incredibly lucky, as far as when I happened to be where I was," she reflects.

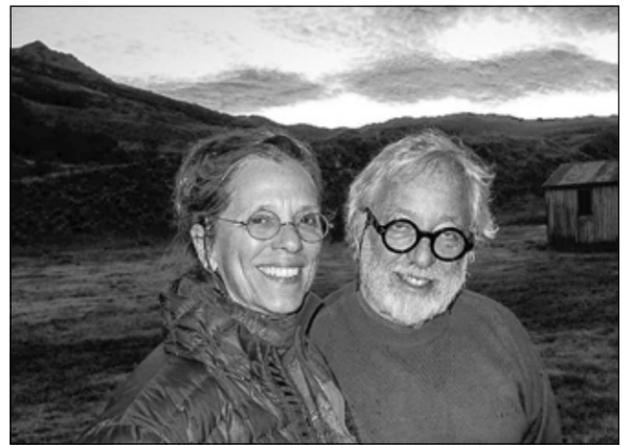
With Lito as writer and book designer, she has published seven photo books, beginning with the regional bestseller, *High Color: Spectacular Wildflowers of the Rockies*, which sold out four printings.

For his part, Lito's bestselling ski instruction book, *Breakthrough on Skis*, led to a series of videos of the same title, which remain among the most popular and respected in the sport. His film *Fitz Roy* documented the first ascent of a new route on Patagonia's Mount Fitz Roy, which he and four California climbing friends accomplished in 1968. The film took Grand Prize at Italy's Trento Moun-

tain Film Festival the following year. More recently, Lito and Linde founded Western Eye Press to publish and share their own and others' inspired creations in photos and words. (westerneyepress.com)

Patagonia

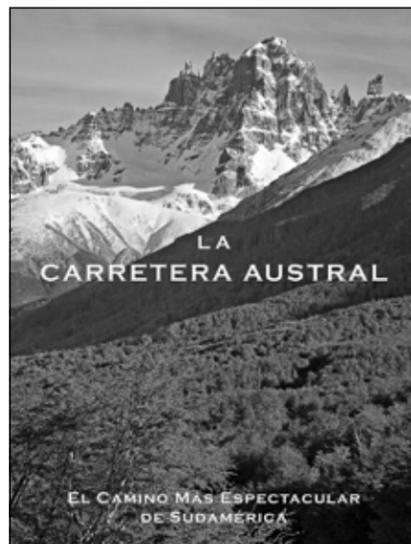
Among their current projects are collaborations with Chilean environmentalists and foundations



Lito Tejada-Flores and Linde Waidhofer at their home in Patagonia.
photo by Doug Tompkins

working to defeat plans by energy companies to dam every major river in Patagonia and build high-tension lines to send hydroelectric power to the northern part of the country. As part of this campaign, Lito and Linde produced a large format illustrated book on the Carretera Austral (Southern Highway) the one and only road that runs through northern Patagonia. Their hope is that the book will help encourage the Chilean government to designate the Carretera as an official scenic highway, the first such designation in South America.

An earlier book, *Unknown Patagonia*, also offers Linde's exquisite photographs and Lito's clear, poetic text in the aim of sharing and ultimately preserving one of the most breathtakingly beautiful parts of the world. Many of the book's photos were taken from the couple's home atop a 300-foot marble cliff overlooking Lago Carrera, South America's second largest lake. With crystal clear glacier-fed turquoise water, a network of marble caverns sculpted in stone at the water's edge and soaring glaciated mountains rimming the lake, the extraordinary setting is a continual reminder of the precious, pristine landscape that so many are working to save. Living there for part of each year makes Lito and Linde shake their heads in wonder at the path their life has taken. "My idea has always been to never accept any job, for any amount of money, that I wouldn't do for free," Lito relates, smiling. "We've been very lucky; we've made it work."



Cover of the Spanish-language version of *La Carretera Austral*, a book Linde and Lito hope will help encourage the Chilean government to designate the north-south road as an official scenic highway.
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Return to Iquitos—Shamans, magicians, & western psychology

by **Ralph Abrams**

As some of you may remember, back in 2008, I was introducing group dream work to the Crestone Community in conjunction with organizing trips down to Iquitos, Peru to engage in Plant Spirit Medicine ceremonies. That was all placed into some long orbit while over the next four years I focused on other activities—mayorship, family matters, starting up an internet company—stuff like that—all worthwhile and needed at the time.

But it's 2013 now and circumstances have changed. Somehow Iquitos, Peru and Amazonia have come back to me, as a spiral flows back into itself, but on a different plane of activity. For those of you who are wondering what the heck "Iquitos" is, check out this recent article: <http://travel.nytimes.com/2013/09/15/travel/iquitos-peru-wet-and-wild.html>.

So let me introduce to you the wet and wild, and something that resonates with many Crestonians—weaving together the three threads of Eastern Meditation, Depth Psychology, and Shamanism! And the way I am going to jump into this alchemical cauldron of conflagration is by looking at what John Welwood, the well-known meditator-psychologist has termed "Spiritual Bypassing".

Spiritual Bypassing is focusing on meditation and spiritual practices to avoid the difficult work of recovering and healing the wounded emotional body. This is

now well documented, that good folk often use spiritual practice to deny and forget about emotional wounding, childhood terrors, anxieties, memories—traumatic experiences that have left a hard shell around our feeling heart—the same place that brings forth compassion and love for self and others

Some frown on psychological work as beneath the meditators' lofty spiritual goals. Doesn't enlightened awareness accomplish all? Doesn't just resting in pure awareness allow negative emotions to dissolve in the vast expanse?



The indigenous Peruvian Soto family has created a sacred plant spirit medicine lodge and retreat center near the village where they grew up.

photos courtesy of Amazonia Garden of Light

Well, yes, but truthfully, few of us have the capacity to do that piece of magic consistently. So how can a spiritual practitioner resolve the wounding of the emotional body? Enter Plant Spirit Medicine, the ancient shamanic healer that with an effective ceremonial container can be the skillful means to accomplish much of this healing. An effective container would include understanding awareness as the ground of being, would encourage western psychological practices and group work and would have experienced shamanic curanderos to safely guide the plant spirit medicine ceremonies.

So what is moving me to write



Ralph plants new sacred medicine and rediscovers his soul.

an article for the *Eagle* now? Simply that a group of long time Crestonians are assisting a Peruvian woman who has just launched her own Shamanic retreat center located outside of Iquitos, Peru, upriver on the Amazon, and I want to introduce this project to the greater Crestone Community. I'd also like to extend an invitation to everyone to participate on what could be numerous levels—from journeying deep into Amazonia to engage in Plant Spirit Medicine ceremonies personally, to organizing groups to go down and do the work, to becoming advisory board members, or helping with horticulture and building. Basically, whatever cool things we can think of that fit with the program.

To kick this project off, some of my depth psychology friends are facilitating a "Soul Retrieval Retreat" in December. The cost is low for this kind of thing, so if you are ready to take the leap of interweaving Western Depth Psychology methods with Amazonian Shamanism, while helping an indigenous Peruvian family-run retreat center, now is the time! For more information about the center go to: www.amazoniagardenoflight.com.

Check out our ad and feel free to call or email me for more information. If things go well, we will plan on quarterly retreats on an ongoing basis. My contact information is email: ralphabrams@gmail.com; tel: 719-937-7701; cell: 719-937-1654.

KRZA's Fall Fund Drive starts Oct. 5

KRZA, the community radio station which broadcasts in Colorado's San Luis Valley and in north-central New Mexico down to Santa Fe, will begin their Fall Fund Drive on Saturday, October 5. The theme of the drive is "Kozy up with KRZA".

"As a public radio station, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) doesn't allow us to sell advertising or conduct commercial business," David Guerrero, KRZA Board President said. "We have to get support from our community in order to serve the community."

Everyone can participate in the station's Early Bird drawing by sending a form to KRZA by October 4. The Early Bird drawing will take place on Saturday, October 19, at 10am, and includes food gift certificates from Cid's food Market in Taos and the Valley Food Co-op in Alamosa. A very generous anonymous donation of \$7,000 has gotten the drive off to a great start.

KRZA 88.7 FM is the sole provider of national public news for most people in the KRZA broadcast area. "Providing national news is a community service that KRZA has taken very seriously for two decades," said Holly Felmlee, General Manager.

Listeners who enjoy the programs of National Public Radio's Morning Edition, All Things Considered, Fresh Air, and Latino USA can show their appreciation by sending a donation to the station, or by calling in during the fund drive. The fund drive reminds listeners that the programs they hear and love cost money, and that they can offset the costs through their donations.

To support the efforts of KRZA, call the station during the Fall Fund Drive at 719-589-8844, 1-800-290-0887, or 575-758-1537.

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Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

September began with a very busy Labor Day weekend, and then the youngest children from the Charter School came up for the new-moon fire ceremony. When all of the wonderful rain began to fall, we became a bit slower. That has not slowed down our preparations, however, for the upcoming Fall Navratri. This year the Divine Mother Festival begins on Friday, October 4 and ends on Saturday, October 12. There will be daily fire ceremonies at 10am during this time and chanting, pujas, discourses, and ceremonies beginning at 6:15 each morning. You are welcome to attend any or all of the festivities.

Our children's day will be on Sunday, October 6. If you have a child under 10 years old that would like to be honored please be in the temple by 11am that day. Many people come to the fire ceremony first, which begins at 10am. The children's day festivities will end with lunch at about noon. Calling the Ashram with the names and ages of your children is helpful for our planning so that we have enough gifts for everyone. Please contact us by phone at 719-256-4108 or email us at info@babajiashram.org.

A heads up for our annual Festival of Lights (Diwali). This year it falls on Sunday, November 3. It begins with the new-moon fire ceremony at 10am followed by a meal. We then spend the day preparing the candle-lit temple, earthship and grounds for our evening celebration of sharing of songs of peace and light at 7pm. There is a light dinner and snacks served at 8pm. It is always such a special time. Please mark your calendars.

Our new-moon fire ceremony this month is on Friday, October 4 (beginning of Navratri) and the full-moon fire ceremony is on Friday, October 18. The fire ceremonies begin



The Divine Mother Festival is from Oct. 4 - 12 with Children's Day on Sunday, Oct. 6. Call the Ashram at 719-256-4108 for more information.

at 10am and are followed by a meal. Morning aarati is at 7am with evening aarati at 6pm. Each morning at 6:30am there is a paduka puja (washing of Shri Babaji's sandals) in His kutir (just to the west of the temple), followed by chandan.

The Maha Lakshmi Shop is open every day from 10am until 5pm. In honor of the Divine Mother Festival, we will have a 50% off sale all of October on any of our gently used saris, blouses, shirts, pants, and suits. We invite you to come in and see all of our new items that we are constantly getting from India and elsewhere. If you mention that you are an *Eagle* reader, we will happily give you a 10% discount on your purchases, excluding sale items. We deeply appreciate your support. You can view some of our shop inventory on the website at <http://mahalakshmiashop.wazala.com>.

Please visit our website at www.babajiashram.org to find out more about the ashram and its schedule. We also invite you to visit the ashram at any time. We love to share Shri Babaji's and Mother's home with others. Just drop by or give us a call at 719-256-4108.

The Sri Aurobindo Learning Center

All the world's possibilities in man

Are waiting as the tree waits in its seed:

His past lives in him; it drives his future's pace

His present's acts fashion his coming fate.

All that has been renews in him its birth;

All that can be is figured in his soul.

—Sri Aurobindo, *Savitri*

The Sri Aurobindo Learning Center, with the generous support of Saguache County, is again collaborating with Crestone youth. This is our fourth project connecting youth and a community non-profit for hands-on education. Saguache County funding pays these young workers to earn as they learn, bringing revenue into the community. This year's project is the installation of radiant floor heat in the Meditation Dome. Our county is far-sighted in its support of renewable technology skills among the youth of the valley, to the benefit of all. Many thanks.

The Mother speaks to the students about work:

"Work is a good discipline. But it is not the idea of a passive, unconscious submission. The most important surrender is the surrender of your character, your way of being, so that it may change. You have a special way of looking at life and expecting from it certain things, well, it is this you must surrender. That is, if you truly want to receive the divine Light and transform yourself, it is your whole way of being you must offer—offer



Thanks to a Saguache County grant, Abigail Swartz and Ben Potter are learning the basics of solar panel installation.

by opening it, making it as receptive as possible so that the divine Consciousness which sees how you ought to be, may act directly and change all these movements into movements that are true, more in keeping with your real truth. It is not what one does, but the most important thing is what one is. Whatever the activity, it is not quite the way of doing it but the state of consciousness in which it is done that is important."

Sri Aurobindo wrote: "The only work that spiritually purifies is that which is done without personal motives, without desire for fame or public recognition or worldly greatness. All work done in an egoistic spirit, however good for people in the world of the Ignorance, is of no avail to the seeker of the yoga."

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Enjoying Everyday Life Peace on purpose

by **Joyce Meyer**

Peace on purpose

Most people would probably admit they'd like a little more peace in their lives. The question is, What will you do for it? Are you willing to change? Because that's what it may take to have a truly peaceful life.

I think the perception of peace is what distracts most people from really having it. It seems like a lot of people seek their peace in things. And most of us are not even satisfied with the things we have . . . we always want more. Some seek peace in certain relationships. But other people don't always act the way we like . . . and interaction is not always peaceful. Some even seek peace in their religion . . . only to feel guilty and condemned when they don't do everything right.

Even though God's Word tells us to pursue peace, it's important for us to gain a good understanding of what it means to do this. Of course, we may have to change some things—beginning with what we think about peace—because peace is not based on our stuff or our circumstances. If we continue to think that some thing or person or action will give us peace, we will never have it. Those are all outward conditions . . . when we need to be looking inward.

Roots

Consider a tree for a moment. As beautiful as trees are to look at, we don't see what goes on underground—as they grow roots. Trees must develop deep roots in order to grow strong and produce their beauty. But we don't see the roots. We just see and enjoy the beauty. In much the same way, what goes on inside of us is like the roots of a tree. Others may not see what's going on inside, but they surely will be able to see the results, or fruit.



So, a good question for each of us to ask ourselves is, What's going on in me? Because it is the inner life that determines the outer life . . . just as strong, healthy roots of a tree determine its outer health and beauty.

If your inner life is not producing what you would like on the outside, don't be discouraged . . . just be willing to change.

Focus

We are instructed in the Word to follow . . . pursue . . . seek peace. First Peter 3:11 tells us to "search for peace and seek it eagerly." In other words, you must seek to be peaceful on purpose . . . because you cannot bring peace to a situation if there is no peace within . . . just as a tree cannot produce beautiful, healthy leaves if its roots are unhealthy.

As I said earlier, I believe it is the perception of peace that needs to change in most cases. Those who have inner peace cannot be controlled by unwanted circumstances, difficult people and such. That is mainly because they know who they are in Christ. They are confident that no matter what is going on around them, they will get through it because Jesus promised, "In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer. For I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (AMP).

Pursuit

Do you want true inner peace—peace that keeps you stable in every situation? Then pursue it. Romans 5:1 says, "Therefore, since we are justified through faith, let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."

That kind of peace is found only in a relationship with God. It must be sought after . . . chased . . . followed. True peace is not based on stuff, other people, or circumstances . . . but on our focus in the midst of these situations that are all a part of daily life. There will always be things that can upset us unless we change our focus—and keep it on Jesus—as we pursue a relationship of peace with Him!

Those "things" may stay the same but you will make it through them. As you continue to follow peace . . . on purpose, you will grow stronger and gain experience in your faith. And ultimately you will possess a peace that can even calm and encourage others in their stressful times.



"Let the beauty we love be what we do," —Rumi. *Two in One, Dance & Poetry*, Signe Ramstrom & Matthew Crowley. photo by Lori Nagel

International Peace Day held

Signe Ramstrom's Sacred Arts Club was stage to the 4th annual International Peace Day gathering here in Crestone. People came out in the rain and all the way from Denver to offer their aspirations and inspired gifts for the evening's theme: Peace Within/Peace Without. A deeply connecting and resonant atmosphere was created, first and foremost through Signe's own intention to provide a magical, healing space for not only her own richly studied and joyfully enacted sacred dances, but collaborative and individual offerings of poetry, music, prayer and song from the community.

And then there was food! A feast for the eyes and ears, balm for our hearts and souls and nourish-

ment for our bodies, postscripted by a rarely experienced drive home in still much-needed rain. What a wonder-full evening it was!



"Shower us with universal responsibility to evolve the cause of universal peace," said James O'Dea. photo by Lori Nagel

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Creekside Kitchen

by Daleth McCoy

Welcome autumn and harvest; the trees are changing color, and it's my favorite season of the year. I always feel grateful to live in these beautiful mountains, but it's fall that reaches in and grabs ahold of my heart—what an incredible place in which I get to live!

In honor of harvest and Dale Smith's birthday, I thought I'd share with you one of the best carrot cake recipes I've found. Thank you, Patte. Let's celebrate~

Painter Patte's Famous Carrot Cake

Cake Ingredients:

One

1 1/4 Cups unsweetened ap-

plesauce (or oil, or mix both)
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3 Eggs
Two
2 Cups Flour
1 Teaspoon Baking Soda
1 1/2 Teaspoon Baking Powder

1/2 Teaspoon Salt
1 Teaspoon Cinnamon
Three
2 Cups Grated Carrots
1 Cup Coconut
1 Teaspoon Vanilla
1 Cup Crushed Pineapple (not drained)
1/2 Cup Raisins (optional)
1 Cup Chopped Nuts (optional)

Frosting Ingredients:
1/2 Cup Butter (softened)
8 oz. Cream Cheese (softened)
1 Teaspoon Vanilla
1 lb. powdered sugar
Preheat oven to 350°. Mix (One) until well blended. Mix in (Two), and then fold in (Three). Bake in well-greased 9x13 or 2 - 8" or 9" cake pans for 35-45 minutes.

Frosting Instructions:
Mix first three ingredients until smooth and well combined. Add powdered sugar and mix well. Spread on fully cooled cake. (I always double this frosting recipe!)

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We are currently accepting funds for the following people who will need extended services:

Russell Schreiber was recently diagnosed with cancer, diabetes and liver problems. He is a longtime resident and has served our community on the POA Board of Directors. He will need support with medical & living expenses.

Kalisama (Lisa Micklin) came to Crestone in 1991. She was drawn here as are many of us by the magic, beauty and peace of the valley. During her tenure in Crestone, she has been actively involved in many forms of community service, most recently in hosting out-of-state musicians and performers. Kalisama has been primarily self-employed as a computer contractor with an international clientele. She won the battle against melanoma cancer when first diagnosed fourteen years ago. This spring melanoma returned mainly to her brain. After several months and surgeries she continues her battle with Stage Four cancer at her home in Crestone which would be impossible without the loving support of friends and local organizations such as Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Neil Smith, a local plumber, was in a car accident on T Road on Saturday, Aug. 31 where he was severely injured and airlifted to Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs. Neil sustained serious injuries. He will need substantial support during his recovery.

We also have a children's fund which supports a special program targeting specific needs for children in our area. You can support our community and NHN by giving a cash donation, offering a service or product from your business or being a fundraising volunteer. If you wish to donate to a specific fund, please note your preference on your check, or just make a donation to our general fund.

You can donate directly to these accounts if you wish to remain anonymous. If you would like to receive a tax donation letter, mail your check to NHN, PO Box 822, Crestone, CO 81131. Please include your address, contact information and who you wish to help.

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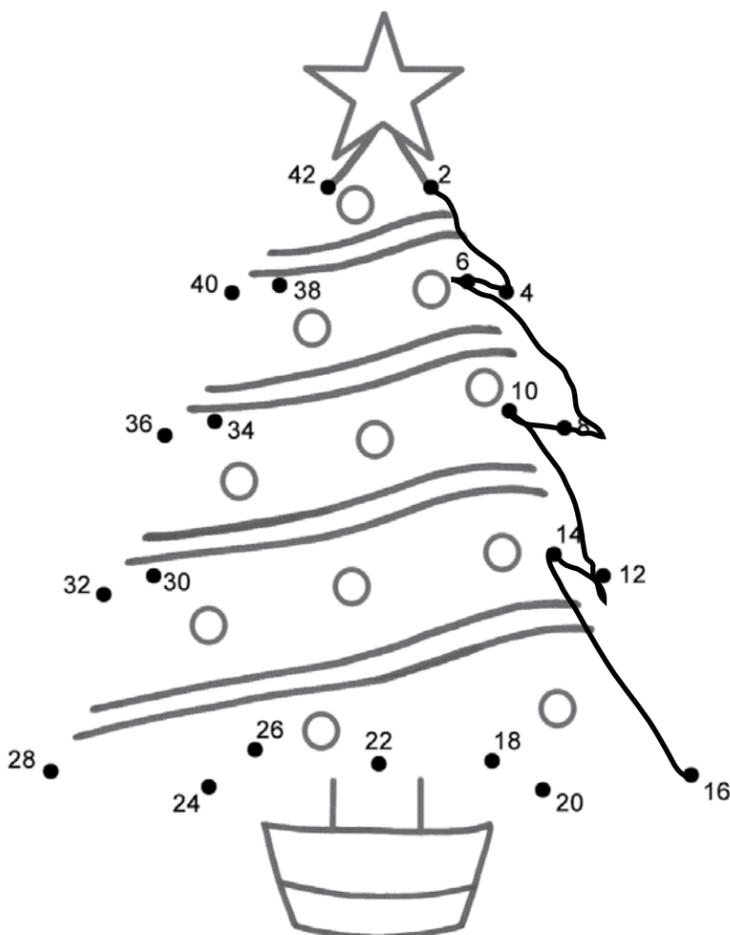
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There will be a commodity distribution on Wednesday, October 16 at the Crestone Town Hall from 2 to 3:30pm.

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Crestone Creative Council 'The Dead Sea'

by Lisa Bodey

Pirates haunting ships, dead mermaids slipping through the mist and mystical sea creatures slithering through the waters. Join Crestone Creative Council (CCC) for a ghoulish gathering in "The Dead Sea" at our 3rd Annual Haunted House and Halloweenfest. Festivities will be held on Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26 from 6-10pm at the Crestone Community Building. Along with the Haunted House there will be children's activities, spooky sto-

to help purchase the product Skate Lite. This is the professional coating that will protect the skate ramp surface and extend the life of this piece of equipment for 15 years.

Yaktoberfest

Swing by the CCC booth at Yaktoberfest on Saturday, October 12 for whimsical fun and play. We will be offering facepainting and a craft station for all ages. This is a fundraiser for our dear friend Kalisama who has always been a strong supporter of integrating teens and young adults



Skateboard ramp by the Crestone Town Park painted by CCC kids.

photo by Scott Murrish

had a wonderful time partnering with this group and the entertainment was inspiring and heartfelt.

Crestone Creative Council is a Town of Crestone program for teens and young adults, 13-24 years of age, which focuses on job creation, artistic expression, community ser-

vice and special events to instill a sense of purpose and positive self identity for participants. Our programs are offered free of charge to youth so we always welcome financial help, volunteer support and donations of art/craft materials.



CCC kids painted the skateboard ramp on Sept. 17.

photo by Scott Murrish

rytelling, a DJ dance event, bonfires with marshmallow roasts and a fire spinning performance! Help us make this community event a success with donations of sea- and water-related items like shells, pirate clothing and decorations.

Skate park

It's been a long time coming for a skate park to be built in the middle of Crestone. The local youth are so grateful to the Canpo Construction crew for all of their time and energy spent building the skate ramp next to Town Park. Throughout the month of September, CCC youth and volunteers helped to prime, design and paint the ramp and met to establish guidelines to create a respectful skate culture throughout our community. It has been amazing to feel all of the energy generated from the families and youth invested in taking care of this space and utilizing it for healthy play and interaction. At the CCC BBQ, dozens of skaters took to the ramp, musicians laughed and played songs together, kids scrambled all over the playground equipment, and fire spinners ended the full moon evening with the buzz of a reclaimed park. Currently we are asking the community for financial donations

into our community through music and the arts.

Stories from the Edge

Special thanks to Ammi Kohn and the Company of Players for their presentation of Stories from the Edge which was a fundraiser to support CCC and Friends of the Library. This was a great opportunity to involve local youth in a community production: Imanuel Baca, Lighting; Nico Tolian, Stagehand; Taru Gouldberg & Quincy Meisman, Ushers; and thanks to all of our refreshment servers. We

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Moffat School Full S.T.E.A.M. ahead!

In past years, schools have seen a push to implement the S.T.E.M. program which incorporates science, technology, engineering and mathematics. However, these disciplines are not popular with every student. A new movement has been started in which Art/Design has been added to develop S.T.E.A.M. and pique the interest of more students. S.T.E.A.M. can also aid in developing originality when combining science and technology with art/design.

Here at Moffat Middle and High Schools, S.T.E.A.M. encompasses a wide range of activities that incorporate science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. Each quarter students will rotate between the six S.T.E.A.M. courses; Mechanical Engineering, K'NEX, Civil Engineering, Theater and Model Airplanes/Game It!

Mechanical Engineering students have built solar cars and battery-run cars. They are currently working on mouse trap cars. In the weeks to come, students will have the opportunity to build machines, such as catapults.

The K'NEX amusement parks group has worked really hard on building incline planes in which they have calculated the speed of

balls with various masses. The students have also begun to work with roller coaster cars and determining the speed when mass is added to or subtracted from the car.

Students in the Civil Engineering group have been working on creating different types of joints that are used in bridge construction. The students are in the process of building their first bridges and should begin testing them next week. Tests will include the overall design and the amount of force the bridge can withstand. When students have finished their first trials, they will take what they learned and apply it to a second bridge and see if they can make it stronger.

Theater makes up the art component of S.T.E.A.M. In this class, students have been playing improvisation games which foster creativity and confidence while promoting public speaking skills.

A fifth class consists of Model Airplanes. Students have been building airplanes and determining which style/make provides the farthest and fastest flight. This class will later transition into Game It! where students will work with technology and create games.

To learn more about S.T.E.A.M. ask your students about their experiences and/or join us in October for our first Parent Engagement Night where the students will showcase their learning.



Moffat School is excited to introduce the new teachers who have joined our amazing team! Left to right: Elaine Austin – K/1st grade para, elementary music and elementary technology; Sara McFarland – K/1st grade teacher; Brian Rhodes – 4th/5th grade teacher and co-cross country coach; Jennifer Nold – K/1st grade para; and Natasha Mills-McKim – District Special Education Coordinator.



Recently, Moffat High School had the opportunity to attend the play, "William Shakespeare's Land of the Dead," at the Creede Repertory Theatre. The play was set backstage at the Globe Theater where we see William Shakespeare and his theater company dealing with an outbreak of the plague where afflicted people appeared like zombies. The students really enjoyed themselves. Not only was it great entertainment, it sparked discussions about Shakespearean plays and the actual history of William Shakespeare. Through the STEAM program, some students have been learning about drama and the art of improvisational acting. This was a great experience for them to be exposed to acting on this scale.



On Thursday, September 12 several students from Moffat High were treated by the school to their choice of two movies at the Ski Hi Six in Alamosa. Following last spring's successful trip to "Great Gatsby", sponsor Kaley VanArsdale drove the eager movie goers to town for another cinematic event. Some chose to take in little bit of history by watching Lee Daniels' "The Butler" which provided an emotional perspective of race and civil rights (and wrongs) in America. The others were in for the thrills and chills of "City of Bones" from the Mortal Instruments series. Since the majority of the students had already read the novel, it provided them the opportunity to be critics as they debated which was better, the book or the movie. The next highly anticipated movie night is expected to be the upcoming "Catching Fire" sequel to the popular Hunger Games series. Thanks again to Ms. VanArsdale and the Moffat administration for making such fun social events possible.



Moffat Consolidated School Board President, Sage Godfrey, was notified during the September Board of Education meeting that she had been nominated by fellow board member, Jerry Jones, to receive the CASB (Colorado Association of School Boards) McGuffey Award. Sage earned this prestigious honor for her commitment and the passionate service she exhibits in her board work.

photo by M. Hashbarger

Moffat School Flag kids

Public schools across America allow students to raise and lower the flag each day, teaching them how to do it correctly and what not to do. This year we have chosen two middle school student leaders, Maori and Phoenix, who are in charge of raising and lowering the flag each day. If they are absent from school on any given day, the middle school student council members have been trained as a back-up. Thank you Maori and Phoenix, we appreciate your efforts!



Moffat Middle School would like to congratulate the following stellar students as our new Student Council: Co-Presidents Codie Heikes and Maori Baca; Co-Vice Presidents Sheridan Taylor and Isiah Wellman; Treasurer Alyssa Chavez; Secretary Marissa Heikes; Representative Holly Fuller. We are looking forward to a super year with all sorts of fun activities!

Crestone Charter School What is experiential education?

by Michael Hayes

Around Y2K, the movie *Gone in 60 Seconds* was released. The general premise of the movie is that a master car thief, played by Nicholas Cage, must come out of retirement and steal 50 cars in twenty-four hours to save his brother's life. Aside from the amazing car chases and the power metal soundtrack, one can deduce from the movie that the protagonist must have gone through a significant period of training and experience to become a master car thief. Is becoming a master car thief experiential education?

The protagonist of the movie had to go through the essential components of experiential education to become a master; a never-ending and upward-spiraling cycle of planning, direct experience, observation, and reflection that underpins all experiential education. This must have required a significant mentorship period where he paired with some Yoda of car thieves to learn the subtleties and skills of the trade. Jon Dewey, one of the founders of the educational movement that we now call experiential education would call this experiential mis-education. There were all the key pieces for effective experientially based education and yet the nature of the experiences chosen led to what most would argue as underlying character development that was not addressed.

So, it seems that it may not simply be the experience, or even a carefully planned and scaffolded series of experiences that defines experiential education. Our aims in experiential education are in using it as a tool to meet the rest of our mission statement which states that we also have a responsibility to self, the greater community, and the environment. The selection of an appropriate series of experiences for our children should artfully weave character development, community development, skill development, and content knowledge.

As in learning to ride a bicycle there is some piece of the development of the body of knowledge that lies below language and at the core

of our work as experiential educators. One can only talk about, read about, and study learning to ride a bike so much. The experience of learning to ride a bike sits somewhere below the level of language. Similarly, the experiential work we do together should develop responsibility to self, community, and the environment in a way that is intentional and that we know sits somewhere below our ability to put words to the outcomes.

Experiential education is a key piece of our mission statement at the charter school where all that we do should be viewed through the lens of our mission. The staff and the governing council have worked together over the past several months to define experiential education for Crestone Charter School and to try to put words to our work together:

Experiential education at CCS is a process of teaching and learning which engages students through thoughtfully designed direct experience and focused reflection.

Experiential education allows students to explore and discover, engaging them intellectually, emotionally, socially, soulfully, and or physically.

Students learn to take initiative, make choices, challenge their personal limitations, and be accountable in a way that inspires their sense of wonder, desire to learn, and to contribute to their community.

The educator recognizes and encourages spontaneous opportunities for learning by setting suitable experiences, posing problems, setting boundaries, and facilitating the learning process within the framework of the state standards, mission statement, and ends policies.

The relationship between teacher and student sits at the core of the work we do. The sequence and the nature of the experiences we choose to work with together help to guide the child in finding their passions and reaching their full potential.



African drum and dance workshop with master Fara Tolno took place on September 14 and 15. photo by Scott Murrish

Celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month with free mammograms

The Women's Wellness Connection and the American Cancer Society urge women ages 40 to 64 years to talk with their doctors during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October about screening for breast cancer. Women who can't afford mammograms may be eligible for free screening from a local health care provider.

"Screening saves lives," said Emilly Kinsella, manager of the Women's Wellness Connection at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. "Please take the time during October to reflect on the consequences of breast cancer in your life, get involved in local breast cancer awareness events, and talk to the women you love about getting a mammogram."

Breast cancer is the third leading cause of cancer death in Colorado, killing more than 500 women annually. But when breast cancer is detected early, 98% of those live. Likewise, when diagnosed early, 96%

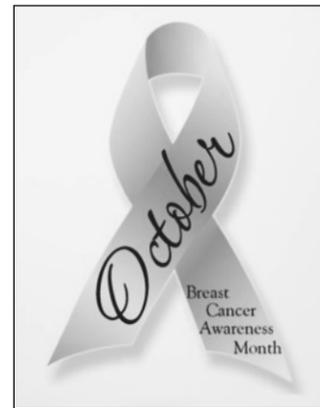
The Women's Wellness Connection offers free breast cancer screening for women aged 40 to 47 in the San Luis Valley. San Luis Valley Health Systems and of Alamosa screens the San Luis Valley.

"Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a good time to remind women in our lives to get screened," said Nora Leist, Director of Support Services, Systems, "We are proud to work with the Women's Wellness Connection to offer free mammograms and pap tests to women who need them but can't afford them."

Nearly one in four low-income, uninsured Colorado women has been screened for breast and cervical cancer through the Women's Wellness Connection. According to the health department's Central Cancer Registry, 75% of the 3,700 breast cancers diagnosed each year in Colorado are detected early, with lower early detection rates for Latino, Black and uninsured women.

If cancer is detected while enrolled in the program, treatment resources are made available.

The Women's Wellness Connection has served Colorado's growing number of low-income, uninsured women for more than 20 years, with nearly half (49%) of its \$7.3 million budget coming from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. WWC partners with the American Cancer Society to increase community awareness and education on the need for timely cancer screenings. For more information on where to find a provider, go to womenswellnessconnection.org, call 1-866-951-WELL (9355) or locally 719-545-4992. For more information on National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, go to <http://nbcam.org>.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness month

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The Washington Beat

Et tu Putin? So this is foreign policy?

by David Nicholas
Has the president lost it?

It is a question asked in all quarters of the political spectrum after the last couple of weeks. You could be forgiven for thinking so, if you have been watching national nightly newscasts and the Sunday talk shows. It's just not been the way a president acts. The back and forth on Syria has left many pundits nonplused. While not negotiating on domestic policy, particularly the debt ceiling and allowing the government to shut down, the perception appears chaotic and confusing.

So the answer is no, the president hasn't lost it, he is just not behaving as expected and that has thrown everybody for a loop. The office makes the man and so it does. The office doesn't come with blueprints. Yet, here we are and things have changed.

Two weeks in September

Two weeks is just all it took for us to go from world superpower to world power. Watching this happen day by day to keep pace and to assess every nuance and swing that happened is worth a PhD.

It's gone from threatening limited military intervention to arriving at a deal, whereby the object of reviled scorn and disgust, Syria's President Bashar al-Assad, having allegedly used Sarin gas on his people, has him in a deal, equal among leaders. In this deal, President Assad promises to turn over his chemwar weapons to international inspectors who will destroy his stockpiles. This gives him another year waging war using legitimate conventional weapons upon Syrians.

Beginning September 4, we were going to bomb the Syrian regime as a lesson for using Sarin gas in its civil war on a civilian neighborhood in Damascus. Next, it was going to be a limited attack, which would punish Assad, but not enough to give the Syrian opposition the push it needs to overthrow the regime, or to seek

a truce, or to forge a peace.

But then, yea, verily, in his wisdom, President Obama decided that acting without the backing of Congress (because the UN, the European Union or NATO had said no) wasn't a good idea. In the latter part of August and going into September, no amount of cajoling of the various factions of Congress would make the members grant the president anything, let alone war powers.

Then the reasons for attacking Syria weren't about Syria as much as to send a message to Iran warning them not to go ahead with their nuclear program. The US, Europe and Israel allege they are making a nuclear weapon. The message was that what was about to happen in Syria would/could happen to them.

Then there were the "buts". But who is the Syrian opposition? But do we want to arm people who we have problems with, the pro-Islamist, pro-al-Qaeda or secular rebels equally as bloodthirsty as the regime in achieving their goals?

This was just before the G-20 meeting, which took place September 4-5. By September 18, we were still out front on the world stage but now it was Russia we were sharing it with. To the perception and consternation of our allies and war hawks at home, we were in second place.

"An act of provocative weakness"

This phrase was coined by Senator John McCain (R-AZ). The Senator was spitting chips on NBC's Meet The Press on September 15. He complained that the president had lost control and was operating from a place of weakness in agreeing to the solution negotiated by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov that the Assad regime turn over its stockpile



of chemical weapons.

The three points were: 1) Assad provide a list of all chemical weapons stockpiles one week from September 14; 2) that UN Weapon Inspectors be allowed to monitor and verify stockpiles in Syria by mid-November; and 3) that turning over and destroying the stockpiles take place and be completed by mid-2014.

The caveat—insisted upon by Russia—was that any UN resolution, which would reflect this agreement, could not have Chapter 7 of the UN Charter included in the resolution. Chapter 7 allows UN nations, under the direction of the UN Security Council, to allow use of military force if a country fails to comply with conditions of the agreement. If Chapter 7 was included at the insistence of the lesser imperial powers, the United Kingdom and France (and I do mean these imperial bottom feeders), Russia along with China would veto it. The resolution would fail and we would return to square one.

Senator McCain and his like-minded war hawks and neo-cons, who gave us the Iraq war 2003, and who make very good livings at arguing for aggressive US foreign policy anywhere and everywhere in the world to advance US spheres of interest, considered the deal nothing short of capitulation or appeasement.

As Mr. McCain complained, what if Syria reneges on the agreement, how do we enforce Mr. Assad's compliance? The answer is that the US would/could/might act unilaterally,

and do the limited bombing as originally planned. But then, this could set off further instability in the Middle East, a region that the president would rather leave to their own designs.

It's this flurry which has raised the clamor over the president's conduct. Normally all this would be conducted behind closed doors, but Mr. Obama prefers to think aloud and in public, and it's been unnerving for some. The "some" being those who like to spell out what the president really means. It's just hard to paraphrase hidden meaning when it's been spelled out in front of everyone. Unseemly.

UN Weapons Inspectors confirm chemical weapons used

On September 16, the UN Weapons Inspectors released their report, finding that chemwar weapons had been used, killing an estimated 1400-4000 people. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon called it a war crime and demanded that the perpetrator(s) be brought before the International Criminal Court in the Hague.

But as deft as usual, the report didn't name a perpetrator although the evidence pointed to the Assad regime. The Assad regime for its part denied it had used chemwar weapons, charging it was the opposition. Russia stood with its ally, who on September 18 said Syria had turned over evidence that the Syrian opposition did the gassing.

The release of the report was

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sped up to apply further pressure on Russia to capitulate to US, UK and French demands that Chapter 7 be included in the UN Resolution. At time of writing, Russia's Foreign Minister Lavrov was flatly rejecting any hint of adding the provision.

A moral to the tale

According to the latest NBC/ORC poll, President Obama's popularity is at 45% approval/45% disapproval. But on the Kerry/Lavrov deal, it has 69% support of Americans, while 60% of Americans remained opposed to military intervention. In part, the decline on the president's approval has happened over the last two weeks.

The lesson to this is never to draw "red-lines" in spontaneous answers on foreign policy in the Rose Garden during election campaigns, because you can be held to it.

The second lesson would be for US Secretary of State John Kerry to keep to the script on his remarks. Whether on purpose or simply shooting from the hip, speaking at a press conference on September 9, after a three-day European trip to rally support for a military strike, Kerry was asked whether there was anything Syria could do to head off a US strike.

His response: Assad's regime could avoid punishment if it turned over "every single bit of his chemical weapons to the international community in the next week. Turn it over. All of it, without delay. And allow the full and total accounting for that. But he isn't about to do it."

Russia and Syria jumped on it and brought us to this point. If it was an act of supreme folly or a moment of inspired intervention, the United States turned a corner in its imperial way. One could say that the groundwork for this outcome could be laid

in St. Petersburg, Russia at the G20 Conference. Russia played host in a setting where President Vladimir Putin won nations to his pro-Assad point of view and split the attendees about American military intervention, leaving the US and President Obama short on moral authority. It was at this point US lost its superpower status and become a world power, now sharing the world stage with a nation who until now was the subject of much derision over the years: the Russian Federation under Vladimir Putin.

Things domestic: October make or break time

At time of writing, everyone in Washington and on Wall Street is fixated on the potential for a government shutdown in less than two weeks, October 1. But those in power and closest to the situation say a debt default is a bigger threat. That's the thinking at the highest levels of Congress as Washington dives headfirst into a contentious fall.

Here's how I expect it to go:

Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) will eventually have to bring a funding bill to the House floor that keeps the government—and Obamacare—running. That's the bill the House will most likely receive from the Senate shortly after Boehner's chamber resumes work on Wednesday, September 25, just days short of an October 1 government shutdown.

The Senate will not accept the entirety of the three-month \$986 billion continuing resolution (CR) that Boehner will attempt to pass Friday. The Senate will strip the language that's meant to defund President Barack Obama's health care law—strong language that was drafted to appease Boehner's right wing. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), however, can remove that Obamacare provision with a simple majority vote in the upper chamber.

If Reid is successful and the Senate clears the revised continuing resolution, Boehner and House Republicans will then be back in the spotlight. And the speaker may need the support of House Democrats to pass the measure.

This so-called "clean CR" could pass the House with roughly 180 Republican votes with the remainder coming from the Democratic side, according to senior GOP sources. Some Democrats are pushing to turn off the sequester as part of any CR deal. White House officials believe they can count on 40-50 Democratic votes for a clean CR at the \$986 billion level,

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY
—MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



by Ish

1/ Safety not Guaranteed: Here we have an interesting story development that goes much deeper than time travel, which is what three journalists go to check out after a classified ad for a companion with a disclaimer of "payment on return."

2/ The Giant Mechanical Man: Here's an offbeat indie film finding Janice, a 30-year-old adrift in the "adult world," where she shocks her family when she gets involved with an aimless street performer. The mix between following your passion and being realistic held my interest.

3/ Universal Soldier: Day of Reckoning: For those of you into action and Jean-Claude Van Damme and Doph Lundgren this has John questioning everything he believed to be true as he discovers more and more about himself and the rogue army of genetically enhanced warriors.

4/ Isn't She Great: This is the life story of Jacqueline Susann, actress turned romance author: *Valley of the Dolls*. She was a dynamo who swept everyone she touched into her vortex of energy and personality. And who better to play her than Bette Midler with support from Nathan Lane, Stockard Channing, John Cleese, John Larroquette and Amanda Peet.

5/ Hara-Kiri: Death of a Samurai: This is a deep and rich Samurai movie. A destitute samurai asks to commit hara-kiri at the feudal estate of a Lord Kageyu. This will bring dishonor to the his house and he begs the samurai to reconsider, unaware of the shocking truth of the samurai's choice of Kageyu's house.

giving House leaders enough to reach the key 217 vote level.

In the Senate, the chamber's rules dictate that Reid will face at least one expected Republican filibuster on the government-funding bill, meaning he has to muster 60 votes to cut off debate. Senate Democratic aides are hopeful, although not fully confident, that they can get there after they remove the Obamacare language.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has not said what he's going to do yet and GOP Senators Mike Lee (R-UT), Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Marco Rubio (R-FL) are wild cards. If both Senators Lee and Cruz could persuade at least 38 of their colleagues to support a sustained filibuster of the funding bill, that would block any of Senator Reid's potential maneuvers and put a shutdown within reach. But that's unlikely.

In a statement the Senate GOP troika praised Speaker Boehner for offering the House bill, but they noted that Harry Reid would strip out the Obamacare language. In short, it's a signal they don't have the votes—or wherewithal—to sustain a filibuster. Their statement urged House Republicans to "stand firm, hold their ground and continue to listen to the American

people." But House Republicans saw the statement as a sign their Senate colleagues were waving the white flag on getting rid of Obamacare.

There are unpredictable elements for House Republicans, as well. The most worrisome involves defense funding. If Senator Reid needs to increase money for the Pentagon to earn the votes of hawkish senators like John McCain (R-AZ), passing a funding bill will become a lot trickier in the House.

Simple, yes? How this plays out we will know on October 1.

Aaron Alexis of Ft Worth, Texas

Mr. Alexis killed 12 people at the Navy Yard in southeast DC on September 16, before turning the gun on himself. He had "secrecy" level access to the security-sensitive building in the Navy complex where he worked. The Navy Yard is about 2 miles from the White House and closer to the Capitol.

National gun control legislation is still a good idea and it is still as far away from being realized as it ever was. Pity.

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School board elections & BEST grant bond issue on November ballot

**by Moffat & Crestone
BEST Committee**

Five candidates for the Moffat Consolidated School District #2 Board of Education will be on the ballot in the November election.

The five district residents who submitted their petitions by the August 29 deadline to become candidates are: Sage (Linda) Godfrey, District #2; Krissy Hedstrom, District #3; Lisa Rosen, District at Large #1; Brian Morgan and Jerry Berry, District at Large #2.

Of the four open seats, only the District at Large #2 is contested. Four of the five total district seats will be on the ballot for the November election.

The successful candidates will be officially sworn in as board members at the board of education meeting on November 18 at Moffat School.

Also on the election ballot will be the Moffat School District's bond issue for its proposed project to replace the existing Moffat School facility. The district received a state BEST grant that will cover 73% of the costs and the community is being asked to approve a 27% contribution. It will appear as Ballot Issue 3A.

The pro-3A campaign committee, "Moffat and Crestone BEST Committee," has released the following Frequently Asked Questions on the ballot issue:

What is the BEST program?

Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) legislation was passed in the spring of 2007 for the express purpose of assisting school districts like ours in upgrading their buildings to a minimum standard of safety and functionality. Without this BEST funding, low property value districts like Moffat School District would never be able to build modern school facilities such as what is currently being proposed.

BEST funding comes from a portion of the proceeds (50%) of rent and royalty income—mostly from minerals—collected by the State of Colorado on State Trust Lands. In addition, a portion of lottery pro-

ceeds are allocated to the BEST program, so the funds are not a tax. Our BEST grant funds never have to be repaid.

Why was Moffat School District selected to receive a BEST grant?

During the BEST Board's deliberations in May 2013, our district's proposal received significant support. Our district had a well-developed plan that will make an educational difference for a lot of students in a community that has significant facility needs. Our facilities were identified by the state as one of the neediest from those schools who applied for BEST grants this year. Out of 63 project applications, Moffat's was one of only six large projects selected for funding, dependent on a locally approved bond contribution.

Why is this so important right now? Can't this wait?

Statewide, the Moffat district ranks as one of the most in need of replacing its facilities. That is why we were awarded the grant. There is only a limited amount of BEST funding available for school replacement projects. BEST funding has also reached its statutory cap for projects like ours. Therefore this will be the last year for us to receive this grant opportunity. With our low property tax base, we could never do what this grant would allow us to do. Without this grant, we could never afford to give our kids the safe and modern facilities they deserve. Many communities in our valley have already said yes to this state funding. Center, Sangre De Cristo, Alamosa, Del Norte and Monte Vista are building or have already rebuilt their schools with BEST funding.

How much is this going to cost me?

The new tax impact is approximately \$3.84 per month on a \$100,000 residential home. The district's voters approved an override in 2010 that was scheduled to go into effect in 2014 and the district will be using \$198,000 of the override money to decrease the tax impact of this bond. The \$3.84 per month is the additional increase to pay the annual

repayment cost of the bond over and above what was already approved by voters in 2010.

This reduction, in addition to the fact that the State of Colorado is willing to pay for 73 percent of the project if we pass 3A, makes it easy to see that our community has a once in a lifetime opportunity for a 21st century school at pennies on the dollar.

Will the mill levy go away after the bond is paid? When is it paid off?

Yes, the mill levy will go away once the bond is repaid in 20 years.

Who gets to vote on the bond?

By state law, all registered voters within the Moffat School District are able to vote. If you rent a home or don't own property, but live in the district and are registered to vote, you are able to vote on the issue. If you own property in the district, but live outside the district you won't be able to vote. Mail-in ballots will be sent out to all active voters during the middle of October.

Who will oversee the project to be sure it is on time and on budget?

The Colorado Department of Education guidelines require the district to hire an owner's representative to oversee the project. In addition, there will be a building advisory committee made up of community members that will ensure their taxpayer money is being spent wisely.

What happens if the bond does not pass?

There are other schools on the waiting list, so the grant money will go to another community. Unless there are changes to state law, we will not have another opportunity like this one in the near future.

Given our critical facility issues, especially the foundation problems in our old building, the future of our district will be uncertain. If the 1921 building is vacated, students will either have to travel to

neighboring districts or be housed in temporary modular classrooms. Either way, this would disrupt the students' educational experience and have a huge impact on the future of this area.

I have no children or grandchildren in the school. Why should I vote for and pay for this?

A safe healthy school supports a safe and healthy community. The Moffat School is and will remain the center of the Moffat/Crestone community. Many community members comment on how much they enjoy attending school activities although they no longer have children in school.

New construction will give a significant boost to the local economy. Aside from the direct jobs this will create, quality schools attract new families and improve the overall economic health of the community.

The reverse is also true. Without a quality school, new families are less likely to move here. If the Moffat School closes, many families who are already here will leave, since the Crestone Charter School is full to capacity. This would lead to a downward spiral of lower property values, loss of construction jobs since new homes will not be built, struggling conditions for all local businesses and declining jobs in all areas. We would all be impacted if the Moffat School has to close.

How will we be able to occupy the existing school while the new one is built?

The new school will be built on the field behind the existing school during the 2014-15 school year. Classes will be held in the current school during the one year of construction. Safety fencing will separate construction activities from student paths during the one year of construction. All other work will occur in the summer before and summer after that year, not affecting the students.

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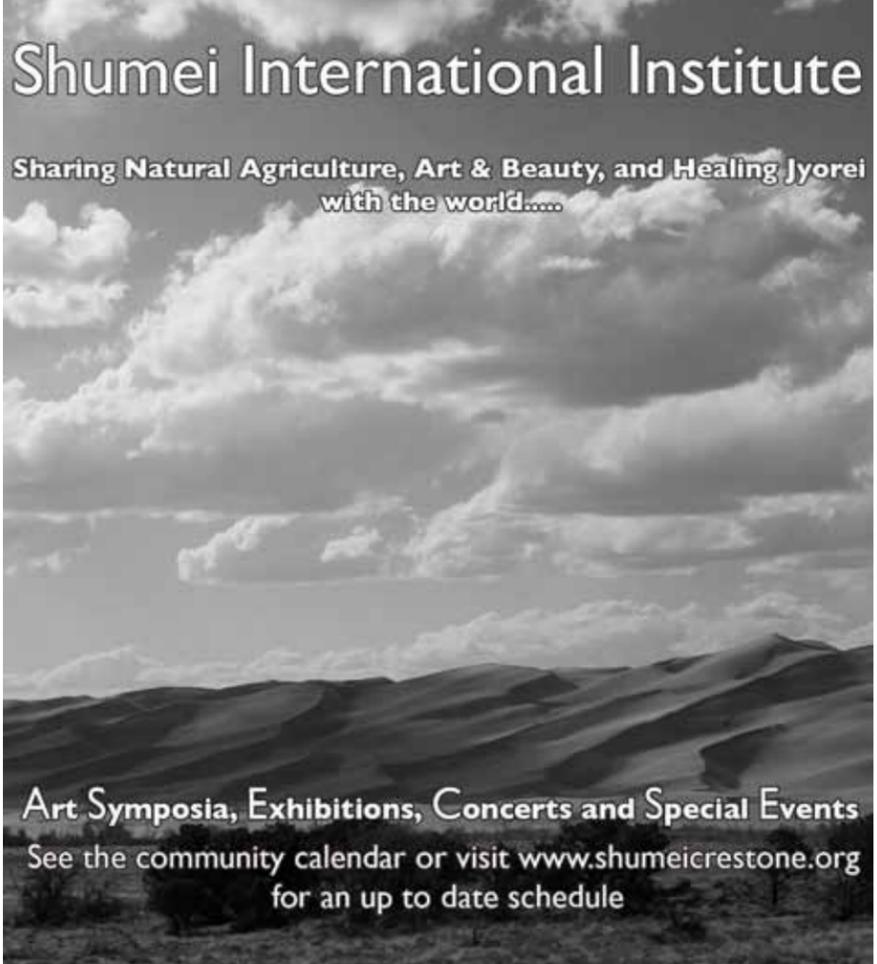





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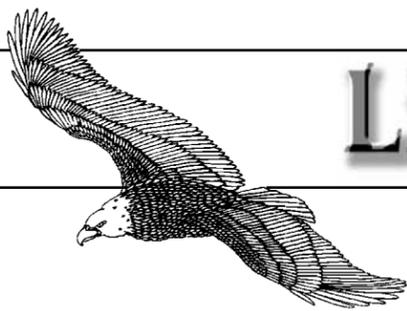
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Living on the Earth

The San Luis Valley, a turbulent Mexican territory, & the Republic of Texas

by Mary Lowers

The period between Mexican independence in 1821, and acquisition of Mexican territory in the present day United States following the Mexican American War in 1846-47, was turbulent and messy in much of southwestern North America. In this period, the Taos and San Luis valleys made up a portion of the northern boundary of the much larger Mexican Republic. In fact we tend to forget that until 1847 much of the southwestern portion of this continent was part of Spain and later the Mexican Republic.



The Texas republic claimed all of NM and the Yucatan peninsula.

The territorial governor in Santa Fe from the 1830s, Manuel Armijo, was concerned about increased activity by *extranjeros* (foreign Anglos) in the country compromising the northern reaches of the Mexican territory. These new citizens of Mexico with different customs were suspected of disloyalty to the government.

The areas of concern went from Santa Fe in the south to the San Luis Valley in the north. Mexico discouraged trade with the Americans to the north or the fledgling Republic of Texas to the east. To further complicate the situation few "modern" trade goods came up the Chihuahua Trail from the south while merchants from St. Louis brought many enticing items for trade over the Santa Fe Trail to the north. It was illegal for citizens of Mexico to trade with the Americans. Residents of the prosperous communities on the northern reaches of the Mexican empire coveted the news and goods brought from the north and east. The abundance of these Mexican territories and lack of much competition made the merchants of St. Louis and New Orleans eager to do business in these areas.

Many *extranjeros* were at-

tracted to the rich opportunities the northern Mexican territories offered. These included mountain men like Kit Carson and George Bent and French traders like Rubidoux brothers, Carlos Beaubien and the St. Vrain brothers. Some of these entrepreneurs were given charters from the Mexican government to establish trading posts/forts along the fringes of the northern territories. Many of these traders learned Spanish, became Catholic and married into local families. Some became citizens of Mexico and held public office.

These immigrants were always viewed with some suspicion. Taos's infamous Padre Martinez of Arroyo Hondo complained about the *norteaños americanos* expansion in a letter to Mexican President Santa Ana written in 1834.

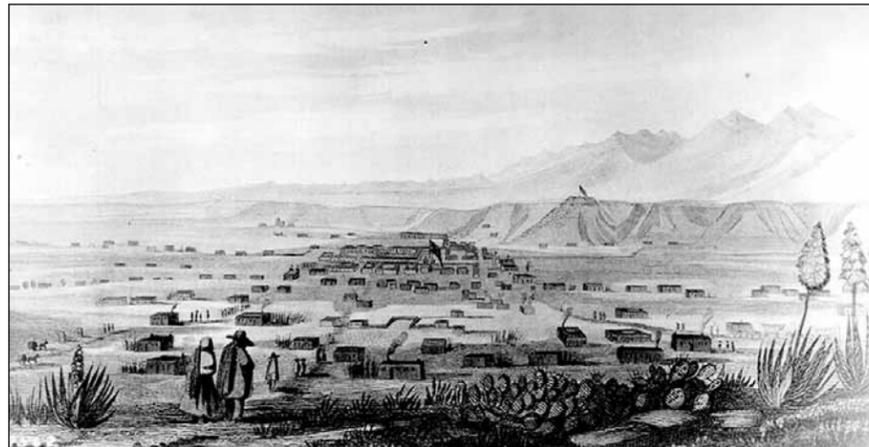
Politicians in Mexico City saw these trading posts established on the northern fringes of their empire as an important security measure. With encouragement from the government more people began to settle in Mexico's northern and western territories. Towns like La Jara, Conejos, and Antonito were part of this expansion of Mexican settlement. Their goal was to retain and possibly expand the empire in North America.

In Texas on the eastern end of Mexico's North American frontier, displeasure with government policies around commerce caused a split from the Mexican government in the 1830s. The Texas Rebellion began with the Battle of Gonzales in October 1835 and ended with the Battle of San Jacinto April 21, 1836. The famous siege of the Alamo near San Antonio, TX was a rallying spark. "Remember the Alamo" was a call to arms for this revolution culminating in the creation of the Republic of Texas.

This complete split from Mexico was the result of long standing suspicion and distrust between the government in Mexico and Anglo settlers. It was felt that the US was sending settlers to "cause trouble" in the hope of acquiring the territory through revolution or purchase.



The Texas seal.



NM town in the 1840s is actually Santa Fe but typical of towns in NM of that era including Las Vegas, Taos, Antonito, etc.

The Treaty of Velasco which ended the revolt pushed Mexican territory to the Rio Grande.

By the 1840s, due in no small degree to the expansionist dreams of the Republic of Texas, all Anglos were viewed with increasing suspicion in the northern territories. Governor Armijo in Santa Fe ordered all foreigners be closely watched.

The Texans were between a rock and a hard place in this period. Neither the United States (the only country to officially recognize Texas as a nation) nor the Mexican government were taking the new Republic of Texas very seriously. The Texans were broke, desperate and alone.

When Mirabeau Lamar succeeded Sam Houston as Governor of Texas in 1841, the fledgling republic adopted the American philosophy of "manifest destiny". Texas now

fearing for their families, gathered together a group of twenty Anglos and other New Mexicans and immigrated to California. While still part of Mexico, California was less suspicious of *extranjeros*.

Governor Armijo in Santa Fe ordered a close watch on all foreigners and sent soldiers to the east in response to the rumors of invasion. Despite this outcome, Dryden returned to the financially strapped Governor Lamar in Austin and told him that citizen of northern Mexico would in fact love invasion and were eager to become part of Texas. If not an out-and-out lie, this report was certainly an exaggeration of the true situation.

This was enough evidence, however, for the desperately broke Lamar to publicly declare all territories east of the Rio Grande a part of Texas, and to state that these areas should be taken by force. An enthusiastic but ill prepared invasion force of 300, including the latest in military innovation, a Howitzer, left Austin for what they hoped would be victory in the claimed territory. Unfortunately, they had no real idea what the country between Austin and Santa Fe was like. Ig-



Texas currency.

claimed the boundary of their new country was by rights the Rio Grande. This put the rich trading centers of Santa Fe and Taos into Texan territory. In fact, the Texans claimed territory stretching clear up to present day Wyoming as their own.

In 1840 Texas sent an American spy, William Dryden, into the northern territories of Mexico to ascertain what popular feeling was toward the Texans taking over government from Mexico. In Rancho de Taos, NM two local Anglo businessmen, a miller and a distiller by trade, who were married into local Taoseño families, were implicated for conspiring with Dryden. As ill will against them grew, the two men,

ignorance of the dry lands to the west and poor scouting soon left the Texans eating their animals, desperate for water and wandering lost on the llano. According to contemporary accounts, the Texan troops wandered over horrible routes through unknown country, worn out and half starved.

On September 16, 1841 Governor Armijo left Santa Fe for San Miguel de Bado with his troops to repel the Texas invasion. In just a few days, ninety-six starving Texans surrendered to Armijo's troops and were force marched to Las Vegas, NM. Once there the governor distributed the personal property

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Astrologically Speaking

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(mountain time zone calculated)

This month there will be a lunar eclipse (full moon) on October 18 with the Sun and Moon in Libra. Heads up everyone: Mercury turns retrograde at 4:29am on October 21 until November 10. The Sun in rational, artistically inclined Libra will enter into emotionally deep and intense Scorpio on October 23 at 12:10am. You'll notice the shift at that time.

October 1 Mercury is in a congenial aspect with Neptune ushering in creativity and increasing compassion. However, at the same time the Sun in Libra is in a rough aspect with Pluto in Capricorn and also Uranus in Aries. This marks a time of unrest and rebellion. We've been in and out of the disruptive energy for about 2 years! The big corporations pretty much own "everything" and this fact keeps us in tension. Whistleblowers help keep us informed with information we already know intuitively. Egypt is still in a state of turmoil and very much connected to the Uranus/Pluto energy of disruption. Uranus and Pluto are going to remain in an awkward aspect, off and on until March 2016.

October 1-9 Saturn at 10° of Scorpio is in a challenging aspect to Uranus at 10° of Aries. Adjustments need to be made where old outdated laws, rules and regulations are no longer sensible. Hopefully this aspect will help the world wake up and offer what it can to clean up the Fukushima disaster, because it is affecting us all.

October 1-3 the Sun in Libra is exactly opposite Uranus in Aries. As I mentioned above, this is a disruptive time. Watch how you react or respond to situations as this aspect stirs up old wounds of anger. It's the "don't tell me what to do," aspect all over again. Respect and consideration need to be valued and recognized in order to make progress. We need to listen to one another, respectfully, even if we don't agree. Seek to understand rather than to "be right." This is what the Sun opposite Uranus wants to teach us for us to expand our unity and intuitive knowingness.

October 2 the Sun is now in a positive aspect to Saturn granting us all some patience when we sorely need it.

October 3 Venus is roughly aspecting Uranus which is known to bring about romantic attractions which probably will be exciting and magnetic but not long lasting. It is a creative time for thinking outside the box.

October 4-5 (ends at noon on the 5th) Mars is in an awkward aspect with Pluto suggesting conflict with those who have overpowering personalities. How to deal? Confrontationally? Would you consider just having a plain old honest conversation of thoughts and feelings? Heads up: This aspect can stir up anger and impatience. You could get burnt.

October 4 the New Moon

commences for the next 29½ days with the Sun and Moon located at 11° of Libra at 6:33pm. The position of Uranus will be right on the horizon conjunct "the part of fortune," when the New Moon is exact and opposite the Sun and Moon. Expect the unexpected to occur any moment of any day, until the next New Moon (solar eclipse November 3). With Uranus in such a prominent position it's smart to trust your intuition and stop thinking! I need to also let you know that Pluto is also in a prominent position in the New Moon chart. Disruption and unrest is still taking place.

October 4-6 Mercury is in a fine aspect with Pluto finding you interested in doing some research to learn and understand better how relationships work and how they can be improved. With Mercury in Scorpio, observing what is felt underneath the words will create a deeper bond.

October 6-8 Mercury is conjunct Saturn in Scorpio, the ultimate aspect for a determined mind to get to the root of the issue. This is an incredibly focused time for writers to go on a writing retreat.

October 7 is a busy time with Mars harshly aspecting Uranus alerting us all to be careful as this can be an accident prone time. Mercury is awkwardly aspecting Uranus reminding you to think before you speak! One more: Venus enters into Sagittarius, remaining in this adventure-loving fire sign until November 5. While Venus is in Sagittarius there's a tendency to dream and envision places you want to be either physically via travel or philosophically and romantically. Life seems boring and dull without a vision to strive for. Sagittarius energy has no time for being bored.

October 8-10 (ends at noon on the 10th) Venus will be in a challenging aspect to Neptune. Romantic fantasy got you by the tail and you can't shake it or figure out what is real? Hopefully this refers to a novel you're reading rather than your personal life. This aspect usually signifies disappointment due to unrealistic expectations. However it can be inspirational for writers and artists. Often sadness, as you know, will stimulate great lyrics.

October 10 the Sun will be in an awkward aspect with Neptune which can bring about a melancholy mood if you've recently experienced a disappointment, for instance in the last 2 days when Venus was in a challenging aspect with Neptune.

October 10-12 the Sun in Libra is now in a challenging aspect to Jupiter in Cancer. Pay attention while you're baking for your new sweetheart, the oven could get left unattended for too long. It's easy to get distracted and end up multi tasking with this fun aspect. You've got lots of ideas and interests. There's far too much to do and it can't get done all at once, and you don't want to forget about exploring

your interests/talents.

October 14-16 Venus is in a positive aspect with Uranus which is a fine time for meeting someone new who is a bit eccentric and full of fascinating life experiences. Perhaps you feel inspired by their life style and are starting to realize that you've held yourself back from doing things you really want to do before you consider yourself, "too old." This aspect will have you exploring new options.

October 15 Venus is in a favorable aspect to Pluto which sometimes brings in someone from your past with whom you have a deep bond, or once had a deep bond with. Perhaps this relationship can be ignited.

October 15 Mars enters detail-oriented Virgo at 5:05am and remains in this earthy sign until December 7. I've observed that people with Mars in Virgo are good at mechanics, realistic style art, writing research papers or technical booklets, and cabinet wood working for houses and ships. They are perfectionists. Do your best with Mars in Virgo to spend time on projects that require bringing out the perfectionist in you.

October 17 between 11am-2:15pm the Moon will be conjunct Uranus in Aries, and both will be in a challenging aspect with Pluto in Capricorn. Time for change. This can manifest in a constructive way or look terribly disruptive, worrisome even, but the outcome will make sense. Human rights have to become the norm. No more dictators.

October 17-19 Mars in Virgo is opposite Neptune in Pisces. If you write out clear plans you will do well to keep them. If you "wing it," you'll get confused and make mistakes. This aspect calls for attention to detail in order to avoid the potential of getting thrown off track when someone comes to you with an emotional disturbance which requires a good listening ear.

October 18 is a fine time for your actions to prove that you are reliable and that those you care about can depend on you. This could also have to do with being at a new job and feeling that you still want to prove yourself.

October 18 a Full Moon Eclipse takes place at 5:38pm with the Moon at 25° of Aries and the Sun at 25° of Libra. Research says that this eclipse can be viewed in Europe, eastern North America, and eastern South America, western Asia and in Africa. I expect to see more storms and also more conflicts that require a fair manner of dealing with global situations.

October 21 is when Mercury turns retrograde at 4:29am until November 10 at 2:14pm. Scandalous accusations will come out when Mercury turns direct in mid November. Meanwhile don't sign any legal documents while Mercury is retrograde unless you read everything carefully and then re-read it again. As always to travel while Mercury is retrograde means that it's likely that there will be delays. Not always, but usually.

October 23 the Sun enters Scorpio at 12:09am and remains in this observant, suspicious, psychic, loyal, steadfast, deeply emotional,

very determined, watery sign until November 21 when the Sun will, at that time move into Sagittarius. Right now with the Sun in Scorpio you might find yourself thinking about the subject of life after death and finding those on the internet who have had near death experiences. There are plenty of them on YouTube. This time of the year also has to do with "endings and new beginnings." Maybe you're drawn to getting rid of things you don't need that you once were very attached to. You could find yourself making room for something new to enter your life. Scorpio has had plenty of "bad PR," in the past. I don't see it that way. Scorpio energy is about connecting with the determination deep within ... for self improvement.

October 23-25 the Sun in Scorpio is in a positive aspect to Neptune in Pisces. This aspect will open up your psychic centers and offer you profound information on a feeling level. You can ask in meditation or prayer to have the intuitive knowingness of how to make constructive use of this information. Healing energy can flow through you if you ask for, "the highest good for this person to manifest now, with ease." That's an example. You are probably feeling more sensitive and open during these few days especially if you are a Scorpio-, Cancer- or Pisces-born person.

October 25 & 26 Venus will be awkwardly aspecting Jupiter which is a time when temptation to over indulge in sweets and or alcohol is strong.

October 27-29 Mercury is conjunct Saturn in Scorpio. This aspect finds you with a focused mind ready to do detail work or research for writing an article or book. The down side of this aspect is that it opens the door wide open to negative thinking. Be alert.

October 29-31 Mars is in an awkward aspect to Uranus. Any time that these two planets are in an "awkward" aspect there's trouble. It signifies fast driving, recklessness, impatience, angry reactions, and danger. It's known as "an accident-prone time." So, please be careful. Use it wisely if you will by being adventurous and going for a hike or doing something athletically with others where you end up in a sweat, like basketball or volleyball.

October 30-November 1 the Sun and Mercury are in Scorpio nicely aspecting Pluto in Capricorn. This is excellent for writing down your goals, dreams, and plans for the next month or so. Be clear and honest with yourself about what you want to heal and transform in your life.

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SKIES OVER CRESTONE



by Kim Malville

What's happening in the sky this month?

Venus continues to be the brightest planet in the sky, hanging close to the southwest horizon. At the start of the month, Venus sets 1 hour and 45 minutes after the sun. By the end of October it hangs around for 2 hours and 30 minutes after sunset. Jupiter rises in the late evening and is the brilliant planet after midnight, where it hangs out in Gemini. Once Venus sets, Jupiter is the brightest planet in the night sky.

October 1: For you early risers, look for the thin waning moon about an hour before sunrise. The

The solar system is dominated by the sun and the wind it produces, which carves out a cavity, protecting us from interstellar cosmic rays. On August 25, 2012 Voyager 1 passed out of that cavity. Its twin, Voyager 2, is slightly behind. Outside, the interstellar wind is produced by the baked debris of thousands of exploded stars in our Milky Way galaxy, memories of countless destroyed planetary systems, including a perhaps a few fried, earth-like planets.

Knowing exactly where interstellar space begins has been a challenge for decades. Most significant of all the data transmitted by Voyager, the number of high energy cosmic rays (fast charged particles) increased on August 25, while the lower energy cosmic rays from the sun decreased.

Given the estimated lifetime of the plutonium battery aboard Voyager 1, its last signals should be heard on Earth around 2025. The spacecraft will boldly continue outward, passing

within 1.7 light years of another star in 40,000 years. Perhaps then an advanced civilization will read the message it carries.

Voyager carries a gold-plated copper record with engravings (as well as a stylus) containing information on how to play it. There are images, which will surely puzzle folks in the future as much as they do some of us now. In addition to profiles of naked humans, the image shows the position of the sun

relative to the center of our galaxy and pulsars that were known back then, as well as the path of Voyager from Earth to Jupiter and Saturn. It shows nine planets, which is what we believed back in 1977.

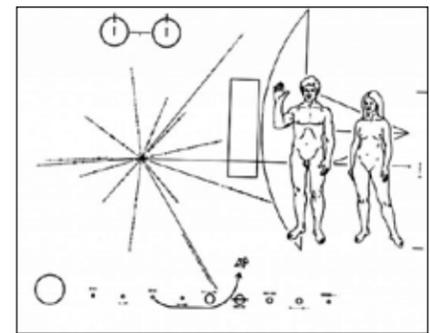
The contents of the record were selected by a committee chaired by Carl Sagan and include images of Earth and a variety of natural sounds, including surf, wind, thunder and the songs of birds and whales. There are musical selections from different cultures and spoken greetings from Earth in fifty-six languages including Esperanto. After NASA had received complaints, the agency chose not to allow Sagan and his colleagues to include a photograph of a nude man and woman on the record, allowing only a silhouette of the couple.

Plutonium doesn't come from Pluto

It took more than 17 hours for the last message from Voyager to reach Earth. It would have been impossible to send signals over the decades since its launch, without the spacecraft's three batteries filled with plutonium-238. What strange irony! Most of what humanity knows about the outer planets has come back to Earth on plutonium power. Cassini's ongoing exploration of Saturn, Galileo's trip to Jupiter, Curiosity's exploration of the surface of Mars, and the 2015 flyby of Pluto by the New Horizons spacecraft are all fueled by plutonium. How nice it would be if they could pick up some more of that stuff as they pass by Pluto (just joking). The only natural supplies of plutonium-238 decayed long before Pluto and the other planets formed out of interstellar debris some 4.6 billion years ago. Exploding stars forge the isotope, but its half-life, or time required for 50% to disappear through decay, is just under 88 years, just a tiny human heart-beat in the cosmic time scale. For communication across the solar system, we depend on plutonium-238, a relatively harmless fuel largely acquired as by-product of making nuclear weapons. Original heart pace-makers used plutonium-238 for their batteries, always outlasting their recipients.

The scientific stockpile of the isotope in the US has dwindled to around 36 pounds. That is not much when you consider that the battery powering the Curiosity Rover contains some 10 pounds of plutonium. The implications for space exploration are truly worry-

ing. No more plutonium-238 means no more exploring of 99% of the solar system.

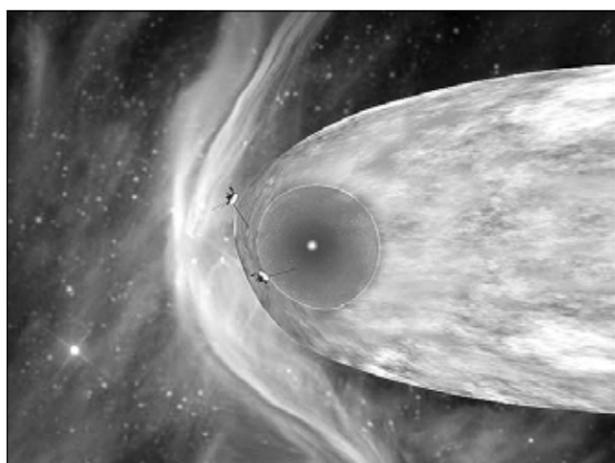


The Slightly Enigmatic Message Aboard Voyager. photo courtesy of NASA

But it doesn't have to be that way. The required materials, reactors, and infrastructure are all in place to create plutonium-238 already exist. Unlike plutonium-239, plutonium-238 is practically impossible to use for a nuclear bomb. The U.S. government recently approved spending about \$10 million a year to reconstitute production capabilities, which the nation closed down almost two decades ago. In March, the DOE produced a tiny amount of fresh plutonium inside a nuclear reactor in Tennessee. But political squabbling and false promises from Russia have stood in the way of a serious effort for producing plutonium-238.

At the end of the Cold War the US ceased production. Russia continued to produce the material by processing nuclear reactor fuel. Russia sold their first batch, weighing 36 pounds, to the U.S. in 1993 for more than \$45,000 per ounce. Russia became the planet's sole supplier. In 2009, they abruptly stopped selling, probably because they also have none left. What extraordinary bedfellows: nuclear bombs, Russia, and the peaceful exploration of outer space.

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Voyager 1 and 2 at the edge of the solar system. photo courtesy of NASA

moon, Mars, and Regulus form a nice triangle.

October 7-8: The moon has made its voyage from dawn to dusk. A thin waxing crescent appears to the right of Venus in the southwest an hour after sunset.

October 16: You Venus lovers will enjoy seeing the planet close to red Antares, an hour after sunset.

Oct 29: Very wondrously, the triangle reappears in the eastern sky, just ahead of sunrise. The slender moon, Mars, and Regulus form triangle. If you missed it 29 days ago, should try this time.

Voyager passes beyond the solar system

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Some years ago, I had the opportunity to listen to an outstanding speaker talk about the world's energy future. Well, at least part of the presentation was about energy. Overall, the presentation was about the impact of emerging countries such as Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC) on the world economies including the United States economy.

If you are interested to learn more, search on the Internet for John Doggett. Professor Doggett speaks on entrepreneurship and competition and he regularly consults with governments and businesses around the world.

One particular opinion,

which is likely quite factual, that stood out in that presentation was Professor Doggett's comment that energy supply in the future will be challenged by the increasing energy consumption of the emerging BRIC countries. Doggett's well-informed view was that if China continues to increase its energy consumption at the rate it was going, within 30 years China alone would consume more than the entire output of fossil fuels in the world. A chilling thought!

China had been adding the equivalent of a new 500 MW power plant each week to meet its growing energy demand. However, consider the following. U.S. energy consumption on a per capita basis has fallen slightly over the last decade while Chinese energy consumption per capita has more than doubled. But Chinese energy consumption per capita is still around 25 percent of U.S.

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consumption. What happens if the 1.3 billion people in China catch up to the U.S.?

The point of these facts is that the U.S. needs to continue the quest to conserve electricity. Some people will think this means electric consumption by the average household will go down, but that is not realistic. We need to find ways to have the same quality of life and embrace the benefits of new technology while simultaneously finding ways to manage electric usage.

A while ago, a person at a public meeting commented that she used only 100 kWh a month. The average U.S. household uses about 700 kWh a month. I doubt very few of us are striving to use only 100 kWh, which would mean giving up almost all of our electric devices. However, there are ways we can all make a difference.

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Kelly Hart publishes Rolling Shelter: Vehicles We Have Called Home

by Kelly Hart

Over the course of four decades, my wife, Zana, and I have lived in two different buses, three vans, two small motor homes, two travel trailers combined into one house, and two cars. I recently pub-



This quaint set of antique wood and cook stoves graced our first bus that was parked at the mouth of the Russian River on the California coast.

lished a book about our experiences doing this, titled *Rolling Shelter: Vehicles We Have Called Home*, available from Amazon.com. The book has over 200 photos (mostly in color), and is packed with how-to information as well as stories from our travels.

Choosing to live in a vehicle can be ecologically worthwhile. One of the prime concepts of green living is to recycle things, rather than to buy new things that may have a negative impact on the environment. Certainly turning a used vehicle into a home fits this general principle, perhaps giving new life or purpose to



Here is Zana cooking up a storm.

something that would otherwise take up space in a junk yard. It isn't even necessary for a vehicular home to be in the greatest mechanical shape, since it may just be parked somewhere most of the time. In fact, if it doesn't run it can be towed from one place to another.

Another principle of green living is to occupy only as much space as is necessary for the functions intended. You don't need a large space to have a good life. Living compactly has many advantages as well. It limits the impulse to buy stuff, simply because you don't have room to store it. And it is important to organize the space that you do have. An organized house leads to a more organized mind . . . and this is a good thing.

Also, if you can manage to create a home without going into debt, you are way ahead of the game in terms of making life choices that will lead to happiness. Mortgages ("death pledges" in French) can take an enormous toll on creativity and well being. We have done our best to avoid them.

Another tenet of sustainable living is to conserve energy and water resources. Dwelling in a small space obviously helps with this, since it takes much less energy to keep it comfortable and well lit. And often the capacity for storing fresh water and waste water is limited, which leads to a consciousness of conservation.

One factor in choosing to make a home out of a vehicle that isn't so obvious is that you can avoid dealing with restrictive building codes for the most part.

Building authorities recognize that what you do with a vehicle is not within their jurisdiction. They might have an opinion about where



I built this house composed of two long travel trailers placed in V pattern with a big sunroom in between them on a 70 acre llama ranch we owned near Ashland, Oregon.

the vehicle can be parked, but otherwise how it is put together is none of their business. Local authorities are interested in whether a vehicle is road worthy or not, and such mechanical issues can be addressed in conventional ways.

One of the true joys of living in a vehicle is that it can potentially be moved to new and wonderful locations with relative ease. Over the years, we have spent much time in absolutely glorious places. If you like to travel, but prefer to have your own bed and your own kitchen, then living in a motor home of some sort cannot be beat. There are many possibilities for where to park, from campgrounds to rest stops to friends' land to U. S. Forest Service land. Bear in mind that private land may have zoning laws or other covenants and restrictions that might limit where you can park or live in a motor home or vehicle. It is best to be aware of this before being rudely told to move on.

One of the obvious advantages of rolling shelter, from the point of view of sustainability, is that it is really light on the land; tire tracks don't last very long. Once a vehicle is moved from one location to another, there is no concrete foundation or supportive infrastructure left behind.

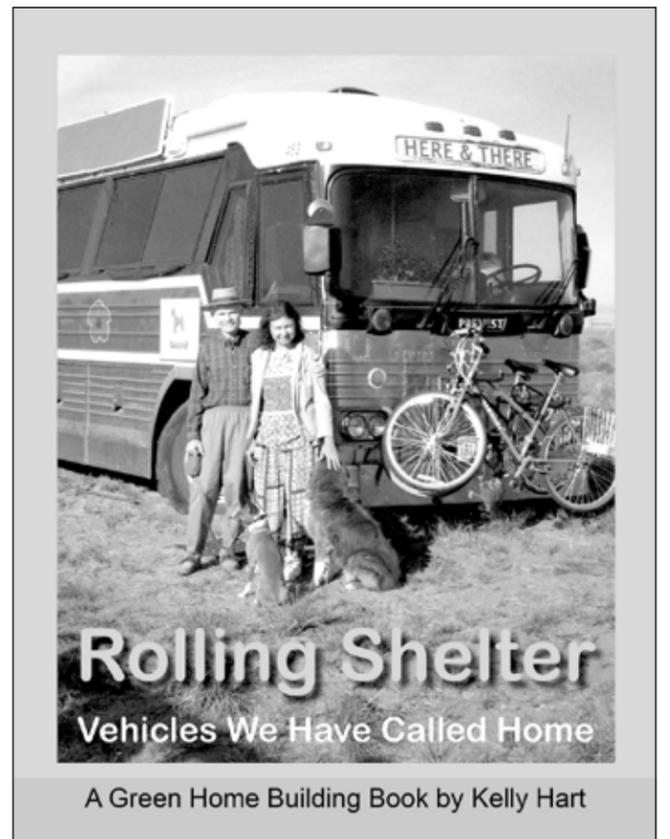
As climate change has become a harsh reality, you may want to limit the amount of gasoline you use. But you don't have to drive the vehicle for it to be useful. And when you do drive you don't have to go very far, and you can often stay in one location for months or years at a time. Many vehicle dwellers find that their gas usage is quite minimal.

I have found that living in a bus can be at least as comfortable as living in a house. In fact, when I was living in my first bus, I often would have a feeling of claustrophobia when visiting a conventional dwelling, because the bus had 360° visibility plus all the light from the dome skylights.

Of course there are some disadvantages to vehicular life that parallel life in any small space.

Primary among these is that it gets pretty crowded when you get more than a few people spending very much time indoors, or that if you have small children, the confinement during inclement weather can drive you up the wall.

When I look back at the many years we have spent living in vehicles I am reminded of how much



pleasure and stability it has given us: pleasure from all of the wonderful experiences afforded by spending time in so many amazing and beautiful places, and stability from having a place to live in that is my own, that is paid for, and has all of my basic needs covered. I consider these things to be true wealth.

Obviously, using vehicles as a basic shell can take many forms and what I have shown in the book are just a few of the possibilities; your imagination can conjure up many more. The main ingredient to make something like this work in your life is a willingness to dream about the possibilities and then to find a way to manifest that dream.



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The first rule of thumb for creating strong passwords is to use a different password for each of your accounts. It may be easier to keep track of just one password, but if a crook discovers that one password, he or she can access all of your accounts.

The second key to a robust password is to make it lengthy. At a minimum, your passwords should be eight digits long, and 14 digits or more is ideal. Using the greatest variety of characters possible in your passwords—letters, numbers, symbols—makes them harder to guess or uncover with malicious software.

After creating your password, you can test its strength with one of the "password checkers" available online such as Microsoft's Password checker and The Password Meter. Use your search engine to locate these and others. If your password tests as weak, make it more complex.

Some password don'ts include:

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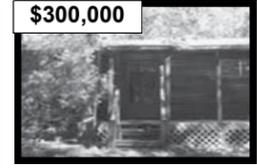
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The first Camino de Crestone

by William Howell

We walked into history.

We were but a handful, just five pilgrims on this first Camino de Crestone. Such a humble beginning.

Yet it was enough. Indeed, it was glorious.

No one had before done what we were called to do—walking 35 miles in seven days on a circuit route that now connects most of our spiritual centers. But this first Camino de Crestone was far more than that.

Every day we rose, meditated, ate a hearty breakfast and shouldered our packs, walking in sun, in rain, in welcomed overcast skies . . . up and down, just as life goes. We walked as persons, as pilgrims, as comrades and, soon, as friends. Arriving at a destination, we let go of our backpack burdens and enjoyed feeling lighter and younger.

Every day felt full and whole. Every day exceeded expectations. As with any profound endeavor, there is in its first expression a sense of promise, of overflowing, of completion and pristine goodness. We five caminantes definitely enjoyed a pregnant freshness that let us know that something great was being accomplished even in this inconspicuous advent of the Camino de Crestone.

Let them be named, these first pilgrims on the world's first interfaith pilgrimage:

Malina Feder, Crestone resident since 2000;

William Howell, a resident for 19 years;

Mark Nicolais, finishing a Masters in Religious Studies at the University of Missouri in Columbia;

Howarth Ostler, living in Crestone since 2001; and

Cora Volchok, from Oakham, Massachusetts, her parents having just moved to Crestone.

We walked together, we walked alone, we walked in clumps, we walked silently, we had great conversations, and we listened to our audio-tour segments (20 of them over seven days) as we put one foot in front of the other toward our next mysterious event. Eighteen present-

ers added to our wisdom.

We sat in zendos. We sat on meditation stone seats. We sang the aarti songs of devotion. We received healing Jho Rei. We ate great, clean, fresh food, and were inspired by Natural Agriculture. We learned that our bodies are capable of sacred sound, and sacred movement. We circumambulated the Buddha in meditation posture. Following the Labyrinth of Chartres, we walked the serpentine path to the center of the cosmos, which is also the center of every Path of Return. We were moved by Dharma talks, and instructed in right posture. We inhaled the dark purifying heat of a stunning sweat lodge. We got out of our heads by virtue of the Ceremony of Divine Remembrance that is a Sufi zikr. We enjoyed Holy Company. We prayed. We met remarkable souls. We asked vital questions. We wept. We walked on. We walked on dirt roads, on a minimum of pavement, on trails marked by signs and yellow-tipped stakes and cairns of rock, on creek-sides. The one rain we encountered soaked us in a specific joy.

When we returned to our starting point at Dragon Mountain Temple, we experienced sadness and gratitude, fullness beyond the words we used to try to describe our days of pilgrimage, readiness for our return to daily life . . . and yet a longing for more of the mysterious magnetism of inner life meeting the sweet and sometimes sweaty rigor of walking two to eight miles a day. We realized that we had been on a kind of retreat, that despite our committed trailblazing, we had achieved/been gifted with an interiority we could hardly explain. Our job is now to integrate all that we received on the Camino path with all that rises up each day as we return to familiar lives that will now be far less familiar. Our job now is to continue walking into each day with the newness of pilgrimage. For we are pilgrims still.

Even the three who have called Crestone their home were astounded by this Camino. While we had visited most of these centers before,



Pilgrims lunching in town.



Pilgrims on the Camino.

yet we had never entered into the wisdom-ethic that permeates each locus of dedication, had not spent the night and awakened to put on the precise schedule that every day reaffirms why someone is dedicating his/her life to this particular tradition of radiance and transmission and centrality of focus. Marvelous. Every center, every day, every practice, every insight. Marvelous.

Without trying, we made history. By our walking, a morphogenic field now exists that links all these

centers and sincere practitioners. Everyone who now walks this circuit with intention will participate in the intention of all who have walked the Camino de Crestone and who are practicing steadfastly in the various centers and loci of devotion in our community. Yet that field already exists in these centers, some established for more than 25 years, as well as the topnotch presenters who shared with us all that they have been given. Finally, it is grace alone which assembled this Camino and now has established this unitive linkage, like silk thread connecting the beads of a necklace. Now the centers and practitioners of Crestone are united in ways that allow the energetic beauty of any one center to ripple out more strongly, directly and easily to all the others.

In ourselves we proved the beauty, the draw, the power, purpose and essence of this community we are graced to call home. In short, we found (ever more deeply) that we belong here . . . and belong to all of life.

Thank you to all the centers, presenters, restauranteurs, innkeepers, caterers, artists and friends who made this beginning Camino de Crestone unforgettable. Buen Camino, all!

By popular demand, there will be a presentation entitled Dos Caminos at the Birch St. Studio from 6:30-8pm on Monday, October 21.

The Howells, Stephanie Gaines and Tom Ontko will speak about their experiences on the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain, and William will lead a photographic discussion about the first Camino de Crestone. All are very welcome.

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Rio Grande Roundtable members visit Conejos sites

by Bea Ferrigno

Members of the Rio Grande Interbasin Water Conservation Roundtable (RGRT) and guests from the area were treated to a tour of Conejos Water Conservancy District (CWCD) sites on September 10. The site visits included telemetry and new headgates installed with funds obtained through the RGRT and Colorado Water Conservation Board. Nathan Coombs, Manager of the CWCD, explained that the new equipment greatly simplifies the work of ditch riders who can now monitor and control a number of ditches and headgates via cell phone in near-realtime rather than repeatedly visiting each ditch and gate to measure and adjust flows. The new information system allows for more accurate and timely measurement and release of waters throughout the district.

Following a luncheon at the Manassa opera house, the group got down to regular business, beginning with a report from Division of Water Resources Engineer Craig Cotten, who noted that both the Conejos and Rio Grande flows had increased because of recent rains. While there is still no curtailment on the Conejos, the Rio Grande curtailment will rise to 9% because of Rio Grande Compact commitments to New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico. Conejos water delivered downstream between January and March created a credit of about 8,000 acre feet which will cover the anticipated underdelivery of 4,000 acre feet

from the Rio Grande. The division aims not to over-deliver because of the high evaporation rate at Elephant Butte reservoir. The compact also stipulates that Colorado cannot store water at Platoro Reservoir until Elephant Butte has 400,000 acre feet of usable water; according to the Elephant Butte website, in July it held only 60,000 acre feet. Cotten reported, however, that the precipitation outlook is about average for the next few months, which would be an improvement over the past several years. Cotton also reported that the long-awaited groundwater models are still being refined with results expected in October, but, of particular concern to Subdistrict 1 and the northern valley, without data for Saguache and San Luis creeks.

Tom Spezze reported from RWEACT, the multi-agency group coordinating restoration and public safety measures in the aftermath of the West Fork Complex fire, that although the contract for radar on Bristol Head expired and the equipment has been removed, the project provided a valuable demonstration of information that can be provided by good local weather observations. Both the Army Corps of Engineers and the US Geological Service are now assisting in evaluation and restoration efforts. There is a \$2million contract in place for stream restoration; requests for proposals for construction projects will be posted at www.rweact.org and the Hinsdale County website.

On the possibility of another exploratory oil/gas well in Rio Grande County, Paul Tigan of the Bureau of Land Management reported they had received so many comments that it would take some time to integrate them into the environmental assessment. The operator of the proposed Hughes well has been informed that it is unlikely to receive the BLM decision before the end of the year. That decision needs to be in place before the operator can proceed with Rio Grande County.

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Fire & water
by Lisa Bodey,
Public Education Officer

Fire and water . . . two of the most powerful elements in nature, ravaging Colorado. Thought to be masculine and feminine in their energies we struggle to balance them within ourselves, but we can only observe, learn and prepare when it comes to Mother Nature.

The West Fork Complex Fire, High Park Fire, Waldo Canyon Fire and Black Forest Fires are just several of the larger catastrophic wildfires that have hit Colorado in recent years. Almost a year after the Waldo Canyon Fire, the town of Manitou Springs was devastated with flooding and mudslides, and now 17 more counties have been affected by flooding in recent storms.

Drought conditions in Colorado tend to harden the soil in addition to wildfire's effects, causing soils to become even more hydrophobic. This means that less water is absorbed into the ground and runs quickly off the land. After a major fire, the burn scar area becomes even more eroded due to a lack of vegetation or anything else to slow its path. The runoff flows rapidly, gathering rocks and downed trees along the way that in turn clog culverts and natural drainages. Saguache County receives on average 8.27" of rainfall per year. The storm that recently hit Boulder dropped 9.08" of rain in one day, September 12, making it the wettest month in the city's history. With the increased frequency and severity of wildfires and droughts, we may see an increase in flooding as well. The United States

Geological Society (USGS) referred to this flooding as a 100-year event. That means the chance of this type of storm happening in any given year is one in 100.

What we need to realize with any hazards mitigation is that we are an ever-increasing population and people are living within areas that naturally flood and catch fire. Just as we live in a wildfire urban interface zone in the Baca and Crestone, many of the communities affected by the flooding live in floodplains and by creeks in large canyons. However, we tend to not take into account the enormous amounts of water that historically have cut our Colorado canyons. We need to expect those rivers to come to life again, accept the risks and be prepared.

Flood and high water can be a concern in our valley during spring runoff and during seasonal rains. Some tips from the Saguache County website (www.saguachecounty.net/be-informed#floods) include:

- Never drive into flowing water! Two feet or less of flowing water can carry your car away. Turn Around Don't Drown.
- Beware of walking into flowing water. Only six inches of flowing water can knock you off your feet. Use a long stick to make sure you are stepping onto firm ground.
- Be careful driving at night when it may be hard to see flood dangers.
- If you are camping near a stream, listen to weather forecasts for storms affecting upstream areas. Move your campsite to higher ground.
- Flash flooding can occur without warning, even on a sunny day, when rains swell waterways upstream.
- Be aware of rising water levels and plan an escape route. Even very small streams and low-lying areas can flood quickly. Move to higher ground—even if it means not getting home right away. Water may rise slowly or quickly.
- Flood waters can carry hidden hazards: gasoline, sewage and disease. Stay out of flood waters unless absolutely necessary.

The non-profit Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH) is the country's leading consumer advocate for strengthening homes and safeguarding families from natural and man-made disasters. They have easy-to-watch videos and suggestions for all types of natural disasters on their webpage flash.org/about.php. Click on the link that says "videos" and you will find their homeowner "How To" video series.

Prescribed burns planned at Baca National Wildlife Refuge Sept. 10-Nov. 15

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has announced that they will once again be attempting to conduct prescribed burns on the Baca National Wildlife Refuge during the period of September 10 through November 15. Specifically, areas of the refuge along Upper Deadman Creek and Willow Creek have burn prescriptions in place for fall burning to contribute towards fuels reduction and wildlife habitat improvement. The burns will be conducted by professional fire personnel from the San Luis Valley Interagency fire management team. Exact burn dates will depend on weather conditions and other prescription requirements.

Neighbors and towns adjacent to the refuge should be aware of large plumes of smoke temporarily generated as a result of the prescribed burning, and that some burn units have the potential to smolder for several days. All burns will be monitored until they are declared completely out. Signs will be posted along nearest major roads including Saguache County Rd. T and Colorado State Highway 17. Any neighbors or individuals who may require special consideration or assistance in the event that unplanned smoke issues arise are encouraged to call Refuge Manager Ron Garcia at 719-256-5527.

For additional information, contact the Baca National Wildlife Refuge at 719-256-5527.

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As the Worm Turns

Planting garlic

by Leigh Mills

I love garlic! I love eating it and I love its nutritional health benefits. I've been growing garlic for a number of years and have been quite happy with a certain hard-neck type whose name I can't remember. It has light-pink stripes in the skin, is fairly easy to peel, and has a great taste. I read about

for planting in the fall. I start thinking about where the new garlic will be planted and look around for a raised garden bed that's big enough, easy to work, has adequate drainage and will be available by planting time. Last year, I planted my garlic in a bed that grew bush beans. I prepared the soil with compost a month earlier



These garlic bulbs are a result of 3 generations of the same strain grown here at the Heyokah Homestead. It's a hard-neck, easy-to-peel, great tasting variety I originally purchased through Seed Savers Exchange years ago.

growing garlic in a couple of places, but the book I like the best is *Growing Great Garlic*, by Ron Engeland. I started having good results growing and storing my garlic after gleaning information from it.

I harvest my garlic sometime in July and keep the bigger bulbs

and watered the bed fairly well a couple of days before I planted the garlic, which was about mid-October. Garlic is planted in the fall so it will have enough time in the ground to start germinating before the soil freezes.

Once the new bed was ready



This is the garlic bed ready for planting. I've already made the holes for the cloves so the process can be a bit more efficient. It was late in the afternoon and the shadows made for a great way to show the holes. I alternated the holes so the garlic would have plenty of space to grow and allow me to plant lots of cloves.

for the seed garlic, I marked the bed with holes by pushing my finger into the ground about an inch. I space my garlic rather close together, but not crowded. I alternate the rows, so that helps with the spacing, too. They end up about 3-4 inches apart in the rows with about 5 inches between the rows. Different garlic has different growing space needs.

I put all my planting garlic in a tray and break open the bulbs. I am careful not to break off the root ends of the cloves. Starting at one

end of the garden bed, I place one clove in each little hole with the blunt root-end down and the pointy tip up. Once all the seed garlic has been planted, I cover up the holes and deeply water the bed. Then I put a 4-6 inch layer of straw on top to protect and insulate the bed from the winter elements.

Growing Great Garlic, by Ron Engeland, is in the Saguache County Library and is recommended reading for growing and storing garlic. Here are some web sources for information about growing garlic, its health benefits, and preserving in olive oil:

Filaree Garlic Farm - <http://www.filareefarm.com/book.html>

15 Health Benefits of Garlic - <http://health.india.com/diseases-conditions/15-health-benefits-of-garlic/>

Preserving Fresh Garlic in Olive Oil - <http://theinfinitebee.com/index.php/8-main-blog-content/126-preserving-garlic-in-olive-oil>

Leigh Mills has lived, gardened, preserved food and saved seeds in the San Luis Valley for 11 years. She's written the "As the Worm Turns" column for three and a half years and has started a gardening and seed-saving blog called *The Infinite Bee*. View color photos and read journal entries filled with tips about high-altitude gardening and seed saving, food preservation, yummy recipes, and off-the-grid, homestead living. If you enjoy reading her monthly, visit her daily at TheInfiniteBee.com.



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There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root

Mountain Mahogany (Cercocarpus montanus)



Mountain Mahogany is a small tree or large bush that grows in most mountainous areas in the west. At this time of year, it can be recognized by its unique seeds which are attached to a long fuzzy tail, which helps the seed be carried by the wind and also helps it attach to the ground when it lands. You might find it also helps the seed attach to your dog!

Mountain Mahogany is in the Rose family, and all members of the Rose family have characteristics in common. From an herbal perspective, they're all astringents. That characteristic is strongest in the root, then the bark and twig, then the leaves. So

those parts of any of the plants in the rose family can be used internally as a tea for diarrhea, bleeding gums, sore throats, or hemorrhoids; or externally as a wash for burns or abrasions. All rose family plants also help re-acidify the urinary tract and can help prevent UTIs. Mountain Mahogany is unique in that the tea can also be used as a laxative (boil the twigs). The tea is also anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial.

Other Rose family plants in our area are of course Wild Rose, Chokecherry, Raspberry, and Wild Strawberry.

Leafy twigs of Mountain Mahogany have also been used

to keep bedbugs away. This might be helpful—to dry the leafy twigs, put it in small bags and take with you when staying in cheap motels. Traditionally the twigs were hung around the bed or placed under the mattress.

The Spanish name, Palo Duro, means hard wood, and indeed the dead branches make excellent kindling. That being said, Mountain Mahogany is also extremely fire-resistant. Perhaps we could make better use of it in our landscaping.

Dorje Root is an herbalist and natural healer, also working with Plant Spirit Medicine, Intuitive Energy Healing and 'The Journey'



Mountain mahogany.

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<p>Retreat Properties</p> <p>WAS \$1,170,000</p> <p>Temple of Consciousness NOW - \$669,000 Residential Retreat Complex + strawbale home, sep. office building & 2 building lots. Labyrinth, gardens, yurt, grow dome. Beautiful!</p>	<p>Commercial Properties</p> <p>23+ acres on the creek</p> <p>3926 Cordial Way \$689,000 4100sf, 4bd/3.5ba, architecturally designed palatial main home amid trees, and 550SF guest cottage. Over-sized 2-car garage. Beautiful!</p>	<p>Residential + Restaurant + Office</p> <p>WAS 495,000</p> <p>121 E. Galena - NOW \$449,000 Premiere, newly renovated dtrtn commercial bldg, incl. upstairs apt. and 3 rentals 1st floor, one with modern commercial kitchen. Great opportunity!</p>	<p>Historic Hotel</p> <p>WAS 349,000</p> <p>Willow Springs (Moffat) NOW \$299,000 Historic building 9Bd/3BA 3600sf; detached studio, artesian well. Great business potential</p>	<p>Baca Meadows</p> <p>Townhouse 6, - \$199,000 Renovated & furnished 3bd/3ba 1622sf single-level townhouse w. granite tile counters, pantry, arch & walled courtyard.</p>	<p>Townhouse 9 - \$159,000</p> <p>2-story 2bd/2ba 1480sf corner townhouse with mountain views. Wrap around patio and balcony. Peaceful & relaxing. Immaculate condition.</p>
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<p>Town of Crestone</p> <p>Was \$149,000</p> <p>375 S. Cedar - NOW \$129,500 Charming 2-story home filled with light, 1100sf, 2bd/1ba Conveniently located in downtown Crestone. Easy walk to stores, restaurants, bank, post office and Charter School.</p>	<p>Baca Grande Properties</p> <p>Custom Quality Home</p> <p>637 Panorama Way - \$699,000 Magnificent ~3000sf 3bd/3ba 1-1/2 story custom home with exquisite detailing & beautiful woodwork. 750sf det. garage w/studio apt. above. Stone fireplace, net meter solar, Viking appliances.</p>	<p>Enchanted Castle</p> <p>2795 CR Brook Terrace - \$499,500 The castle tucked away on a private cul-de-sac on 2.765 wooded acres. 3 level stone & stucco with views to the sky. Artistic with quality & attention to detail.</p>	<p>Rustic Elegance</p> <p>Was \$459,000</p> <p>923 Blue Spruce OL - \$439,000 Handcrafted home w/ spectacular views. ~2350sf on 1.93 acres. 2bd/2ba, spacious artist studio & meditation room. Surround windows & south facing 2nd floor deck</p>	<p>Was \$499,000</p> <p>1234C Brookview NOW - \$419,000 Lee Mitchell custom home. 2400sf 3BD/2.5BA/Office/attached 2 car garage, balconies. Magnificent Views.</p>	<p>Was \$429,000</p> <p>1266C Forest Grove OL - \$415,000 Extraordinary ~2238sf on .97 acres, 2bd/2ba home with 408sf sunroom, 624sf 1 bd apt over 624 sf detached garage. Custom built. Magnificent views at top of Chalet I.</p>
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<p>Was \$349,000</p> <p>483C Point of Rock OL - \$333,000 Teahen Construction, Beautiful 3bd/2ba 2-story home on 1.946 acres Attached 2 car garage, detached studio. High energy efficiency & quality throughout.</p>	<p>A lovely sanctuary</p> <p>Was \$349,000</p> <p>4262C Serene Way - \$299,900 Immaculate 2500sf 3-level home on .98ac, 5bd/2.75ba. Walkout basement includes den/yoga room, radiant floor heat, bricked patio.</p>	<p>Horse Property</p> <p>Was \$349,000</p> <p>3919 Cordial Way - \$299,000 Two story, 3BD/2.5BA ~2400 sf home has a walled courtyard & 4 intimate decks w/ great views. Southwest style home gracefully adorned with fine details and finishes.</p>	<p>5 Lots!</p> <p>733C N. Rendezvous OL - \$295,000 This 1972sf 2bd/1.75ba/large studio/office Southwestern style strawbale home is located on 1.14 acres at end of secluded cul-de-sac. Adjacent lots avail.</p>	<p>1202 Hilltop Way - \$295,000</p> <p>Lee Mitchell custom-built, 3bd/2ba home on 5-Chalet 1 lots. Fine finishes, radiant floor heat & framed views.</p>	<p>22 Alpine Way - \$295,000</p> <p>CUSTOM 3bd/2.5ba/2 car garage 2232sf home close to town. Screened porch & wrap deck. Gracious Living with exceptional views!</p>
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<p>Rustic meets Modern- 15.31 acres</p> <p>358 Birch Road - \$289,000 Off grid home with 3bd/1.75ba, office, 2nd living room, modern efficient kitchen & elegant bathrooms-an inspired renovation. Natural light, expansive & unobstructed views.</p>	<p>New Construction Reduced! Was \$269,000</p> <p>Very Private - Was \$297,000</p> <p>1255C Eagle OL - \$267,000 Beautiful 2075sf 2-story home with 2bd/2ba/office/sun room, Chalet I on 1.766 acres, private cul-de-sac. Dramatic view windows, vaulted ceilings, master suite w/soak tub.</p>	<p>New Construction</p> <p>1647C Willow Creek Way - \$249,000 Brand New Terrapin Construction. 1780sf 3bd/2ba home on 1.98 acres with 2 decks + flagstone patio/walkways. Backs to Greenbelt Views.</p>	<p>WAS \$269,000</p> <p>1738C Willow Creek - Way \$239,000 New Paul Koppapa strawbale eco-friendly home high in Chalet 1. 2bd/2ba, 1532sf on .91acres. Strong passive solar. Solar radiant floor heat & domestic hot water. Energy efficient.</p>	<p>5 Lots!</p> <p>4511C Ridgecrest Way - \$239,000 Straw bale home 1.59 acres Backs to greenbelt and national park. 2 adjacent building lots available. Built by Paul Koppapa.</p>	<p>Magnificent Views!</p> <p>933 Moonlight Way - \$234,000 Bright sunny custom 2115 sq. ft. home w/ valley & mountain views. 3bd/1.5ba, study with full guest apartment below. Radiant floor heat. Custom tile and woodwork, storage.</p>
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<p>WAS - \$235,000</p> <p>3869C Jubilant Terrace - \$229,000 10 sided two story home on 2.08 acres on greenbelt w/ creek. Private cul-de-sac. 360° views/large deck. Possible Owner Financing</p>	<p>Includes Lot 1446</p> <p>1447 Chaparral Way - \$212,000 This 1440sf 2bd/2ba home-complete remodel with bamboo flooring, Jenn-Air stainless appliances, maple cabinets, granite countertops, travertine bathrooms, ma ba soak tub.</p>	<p>Spacious & Gracious</p> <p>2664C Happy Hollow - \$215,000 This spacious 2356sf home On 1.041 acres with 4bd/2ba, 2 separate dining areas + gardens, carport & workshop! Large windows-sunshine & awesome views. Passive solar & woodstove.</p>	<p>Was \$239,000</p> <p>451C Chaparral - \$209,000 1543-sf 2BD/1BA w/ sunroom, great room, patios, Roof top balcony with exquisite tree-top views. 4 lots On 1.921 acres.</p>
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<p>Detached Studio</p> <p>WAS \$315,000</p> <p>1540C Willow Creek Way - \$199,000 This classic farmhouse has 3bd/2.5ba, large deck w/hot tub, 2 screen porches, hardwood floors, large studio w/bath & kitchenette. Great Deal!</p>	<p>Gorgeous Views!</p> <p>1740C Willow Creek Way - \$185,000 This 1 1/2 story home located on 1.32 acres has 3bd/2ba with a downstairs studio. In addition it has a glassed-in sunroom with magnificent views. Wood floors downstairs.</p>	<p>Close to Town</p> <p>40 N Crestone OL NOW \$169,500 Built in 1971, renovated in 2010-2012. 1.5 story, 1624sf home with 2bd/1.5 ba/sunroom/study/office/utility. Located on private cul-de-sac close to town, backs to greenbelt.</p>	<p>Newly Renovated</p> <p>120C Skyview Way - \$159,900 Lovely 1270 sq ft 1-1/2 story 3bd/1.5 ba on 0.96 acres backing to greenbelt & Crestone Creek. Granite countertops, stainless appliances, new cabinets, tile & Berber carpets. Large front deck.</p>	<p>Log Home - WAS \$139,000</p> <p>98 Skyview Way - NOW \$134,000 Built in 2002, this ~953 sf log home is 2 bedroom/1 bath down with large ~200sf loft up. Located close-in to town and accessible by paved roads.</p>
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Republic of Texas

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confiscated from the Texans. A fiesta on the main plaza in Las Vegas displayed the prisoners to cheering crowds. In a large public bonfire Armijo burned the Texas Proclamation of Invasion.

Hilario Gonsales, a Justice of the Peace in Las Vegas at the time, wrote the following account of the victory over Texas: "On the twenty third day of the month of September 1841, I ordered a fire of resinous firewood in the middle of the main plaza. The Lord General and Chief surrounded by his troops, threw the constitution and laws of the so-called Republic of Texas into the brightly burning fire. And condemning also into the same flames, proclamations, invitations and other subversive papers which were brought from Texas by the so-called commissioners of the government of adventurers and assassins and thieves. A general discharge of firearms, a reveille of drums, trumpets, and flutes which caused vivas and applause from the many onlookers."

New Mexican troops captured the remainder of the invasion force which surrendered October 5, 1841 near Conchas Dam. A victory celebration took place in Santa Fe. This included a newly written play call *The Texans*. The captured invaders were marched to Mexico City where they arrived in 1842. They were imprisoned in Mexico until President Antonio Lopez de Santa



Governor Armijo of New Mexico.

Ana released them on his saint's day June 13, 1842. New Mexican forces repelled smaller incursions from Texas in 1842 and 1843. The ridiculous invasion of 1841 only increased the distrust of *extranjeros* among the Spanish-speaking inhabitants of the northern Mexican empire. After the Mexican American War the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (1847) made the territories of Mexico in North America part of the United States.

Texas became part of United States in 1845 under President Polk. The conflict between slave and free states in the US prior to the Civil War made statehood aspirations difficult to achieve. In 1845 the Texas President Anson Jones stood on the steps of the capitol in Austin and hauled down the lone star flag proclaiming, "The Republic of Texas is no more."

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In Search of Economic Reality

Has America been sold to the world's wealthy?

by Ed Lyell

Congress appears to be owned by and only serves the richest 1%—corporations and individuals. Federal revenue from corporate taxes declined from 26% in 1950 to just 7.4% in 2010. To make up the lost tax revenue Individual taxes went from 51% to 84%. In 1950 corporations paid 80% of health care costs. Now the burden is shifted to employees and taxpayers. One report showed that a corporation gets a 1,000% return on investment in lobbying. Pay lobbyists and make campaign contributions for one million and save many millions in tax cuts. In 1960, when we had a middle class, the richest 5% paid over 50% of their income in federal taxes and it is now under 20%.

Congress is now shutting down the entire federal government to stop implementation of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). Is it because the richest 2% provided over 90% of the campaign contributions for these Tea Party candidates? Obamacare will cut the 40% profit rate of current for profit health insurance and medical care providers to less than 20%. Are the

investors who own these companies willing to destroy America to keep their excess monopoly profits? Does it matter than those investors may be Middle Eastern and Chinese investors who want America to fail? China has 700,000 households with assets greater than \$1 million, their 0.2 percenters. They control 48% of China's wealth, much made through their increasing ownership of American assets.

Americas wealthiest 10% control 60% of all US wealth, and have received 93% of all new income since 2008. The world's top 100 billionaires added \$240 billion to their wealth in 2012—enough to end world poverty four times over. Have the super-rich decided that with technology and robots they do not need to educate and maintain a workforce?

Congress is not only controlled by the wealthy but themselves are mostly millionaires with the richest fifty members averaging over \$112 million in personal wealth. Whether Republican or Democrat they keep voting to lower their own taxes and abolish inheritance taxes. While American working class wages have

not increased beyond inflation for decades, most Congressman have reported over a 100% increase in their wealth the last decade. Even when middle class non-millionaires get elected to Congress they leave as millionaires. Much of this abuse is from Congressmen and generals who authorize and purchase products and services for the government and then end up making millions per year as lobbyists for those companies.

Goldman Sachs actually runs the economy. They and the other big banks provide the government employees who write financial industry regulations for the Federal Reserve, Congressional committees, and the White House, whether Republican or Democrat. They are trained on Wall Street, take a salaried job in government writing regulations and then come back to Wall Street banks to make tens of millions per year. Elite university faculties do the same, as documented in multiple ways including the 2010 movie *Inside Job*. Why have more than a thousand Wall Street managers, including CEOs, who have been caught committing financial fraud, not been arrested or prosecuted?

Government officials who became whistle-blowers ended up out of office, usually through a sex scandal that appears to be created to force them out of office and lose credibility. Think of Eliot Spitzer who resigned as NY Governor and the IMF (International Monetary Fund) head from France who was caught with prostitutes only after trying to punish Wall Street banker insider trading.

Look also at the unholy alliance of food companies adding brain addictive chemicals to our processed food causing obesity and diabetes, while pharmaceuti-

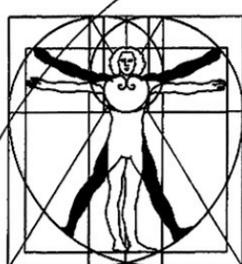
cal companies addict people to the prescription drugs to manage these debilitating diseases. All of these companies are owned and controlled by the world's wealthy 1%. Many of those 1 percenters are not even American, and love making money from us while destroying our health and economy.

Meanwhile, billionaire professional sports team owners keep us distracted and entertained while getting middle class tax payers to purchase stadiums for them with the profits going to these billionaires. This reminds me of the fall of Rome when a few wealthy senators destroyed their democracy the same way, including getting the masses focused on an arena full of gladiators destroying the enemies of the wealthy—think early Christians.

Whenever the masses start to notice their continued loss of income, wealth and power we have a new overseas war to focus upon. This reminds me of the books *1984* and *Brave New World*. Did the photos of chemically gassed children look all too much like the same pictures linked to Hussein's chemical attacks on his own people? Didn't the CIA put these dictators in power? Has America been destroyed without a military invasion? The 1% has homes and yachts around the world and their own jets to escape in as if they know that America is being destroyed and they have their escape plan.

Oh well! Now I can legally smoke a joint and stop thinking these "evil" thoughts. Isn't America wonderful?

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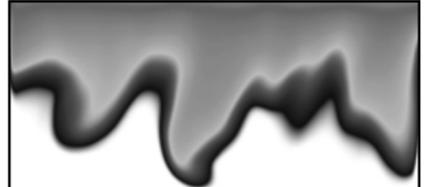
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Baca Grande Library News



by Suzanne McGregor

First of all, we would like to welcome Sandia Belgrade as our newest staff member. She is taking over for Jandi, who is leaving

Crestone and is on her way to the coast of Maine. Sandia, a resident of Crestone for seven years, is a former educator and is a writer for *The Crestone Eagle*. She is a published author of poetry and other literary collections. (Her new book, *The Woman Who Fell through the Sky*, is available in the library). She is active in community events and programs, as well as being an avid reader and library supporter. Please welcome Sandia when you come into the library!

We would like to extend much gratitude to the Company

of Players for donating half of the proceeds of their September performances of "Stories From the Edge" to the Baca Grande Friends of the Library. Also, we give many thanks to the folks who contributed cookies and other goodies for the event and to those who donated so generously to attend this wonderful program.

And, speaking of Friends of the Library, you are strongly encouraged to become a part of this group of dedicated volunteers who are working diligently to move us into a new location. The surveys

that circulated throughout the community indicated that most individuals want a library in town. In order to accomplish this goal, the active participation of community residents is necessary. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, and this month's meeting is on Friday, October 11 at 1:30pm at the Crestone Town Hall. Now is the time for input and action! Just ask at the library for more information.

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If you would like to submit a bid offer for any of these properties you may request a packet from the Saguache County Land Use office at 719-655-2321 or at www.saguachecounty.net or by email at wmaez@saguache-county-co.gov. Bids must be submitted on a County bid form. Funds must accompany bids. **NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The Board reserves the right to refuse any bid submitted.

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485911202012	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	11	8		\$250
485911202013	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	12	8		\$250
485911202015	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	14	8		\$250
485911202016	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	15	8		\$250
485911202018	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	17	8		\$250
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485911232024	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	23	33		\$250
485911233001	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	24	32		\$250
485911233009	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	8	32		\$250
485911233010	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	9	32		\$250
485911233012	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	11	32		\$250
485911233013	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	12	32		\$250
485911233015	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	14	32		\$250
485911233016	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	15	32		\$250
485911233017	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	16	32		\$250
485911233018	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	17	32		\$250
485911233019	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	18	32		\$250
485911233020	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	19	32		\$250
485911233021	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	20	32		\$250
485911233023	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	22	32		\$250
485911234001	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	24	31		\$250
485911234002	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	1	31		\$250
485911234003	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	2	31		\$250
485911234005	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	4	31		\$250
485911234006	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	5	31		\$250
485911234007	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	6	31		\$250
485911234011	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	10	31		\$250
485911234013	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	12	31		\$250
485911234014	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	13	31		\$250
485911234015	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	14	31		\$250
485911234016	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	15	31		\$250
485911234018	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	17	31		\$250
485911234019	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	18	31		\$250
485911234021	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	20	31		\$250
485911234023	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	22	31		\$250
485911235001	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	24	30		\$250
485911235002	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	1	30		\$250
485911235003	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	2	30		\$250
485911235004	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	3	30		\$250
485911235008	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	7	30		\$250
485911235009	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	8	30		\$250
485911235010	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	9	30		\$250
485911235011	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	10	30		\$250
485911235012	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	11	30		\$250
485911235014	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	13	30		\$250
485911235015	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	14	30		\$250
485911235018	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	17	30		\$250
485911235019	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	18	30		\$250
485911235020	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	19	30		\$250
485911235021	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	20	30		\$250
485911235022	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	21	30		\$250
485911235024	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	23	30		\$250
485911236001	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	1	29		\$250
485911236002	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	2	29		\$250
485911236003	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	3	29		\$250
485911236004	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	4	29		\$250
485911236005	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	5	29		\$250
485911236007	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	7	29		\$250
485911236008	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	8	29		\$250
485911236012	COOL VALLEY 11-41-9	12	29		\$250
MINERAL HOT SPRINGS ESTATES					
433924101004	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	4	5	B	\$250
433924101005	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	5	5	B	\$250
433924101018	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	7 thru 16	5	B	\$250
433924102004	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	3	4	B	\$250
433924102005	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	4	4	B	\$250
433924102007	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	6	4	B	\$250

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433924102015	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	14	4	B	\$250
433924102016	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	15	4	B	\$250
433924102018	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	17	4	B	\$250
433924102020	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	19	4	B	\$250
433924102028	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	27	4	B	\$250
433924103034	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	3B1	3	B	\$250
433924103035	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	3B2	3	B	\$250
433924103036	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	3B3	3	B	\$250
433924103037	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	3B4	3	B	\$250
433924104006	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	5	2	B	\$250
433924104019	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	18	2	B	\$250
433924104023	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	22	2	B	\$250
433924104028	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	27	2	B	\$250
433924104030	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	29	2	B	\$250
433924104034	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	3 & 4	2	B	\$250
433924104036	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	10 thru 14, 20 & 21	2	B	\$250
433924104039	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	2B	2	B	\$250
433924105002	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	1	1	B	\$250
433924105010	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	9	1	B	\$250
433924105014	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	13	1	B	\$250
433924105015	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	14	1	B	\$250
433924105016	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	15	1	B	\$250
433924105020	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	19	1	B	\$250
433924105023	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	22	1	B	\$250
433924105025	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	24	1	B	\$250
433924105027	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	26	1	B	\$250
433924105033	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	20 & 21	1	B	\$250
433924105035	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	11 & 12	1	B	\$250
433924105038	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	1B	1	B	\$250
433924106006	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	5	5	A	\$250
433924106036	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	5A1	5	A	\$250
433924106037	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	TR 5A2	5	A	\$250
433924106038	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	TR 5A3	5	A	\$250
433924106039	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	5A4	5	A	\$250
433924109037	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	2A2	2	A	\$250
433924109038	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	2A3	2	A	\$250
433924116002	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	1	18	B	\$250
433924116003	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	2	18	B	\$250
433924116005	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	4	18	B	\$250
433924116007	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	6	18	B	\$250
433924116009	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	8	18	B	\$250
433924116011	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	10	18	B	\$250
433924116026	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	25	18	B	\$250
433924116029	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	28	18	B	\$250
433924116030	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	29	18	B	\$250
433924116031	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	30	18	B	\$250
433924116036	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	18B	18	B	\$250
433924117006	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	5	17	B	\$250
433924117039	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	8	17	B	\$250
433924117043	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	12	17	B	\$250
433924118009	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	8	16	B	\$250
433924118011	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	10	16	B	\$250
433924118016	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	15	16	B	\$250
433924118019	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	18	16	B	\$250
433924118023	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	22	16	B	\$250
433924118026	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	25	16	B	\$250
433924118027	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	26	16	B	\$250
433924118029	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	28	16	B	\$250
433924118030	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	29	16	B	\$250
433924118034	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	16B	16	B	\$250
433924119005	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	4	15	B	\$250
433924119034	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	15B1	15	B	\$250
433924122003	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	2	23	B	\$250
433924122028	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	27	23	B	\$250
433924122039	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	23B1	23	B	\$250
433924122040	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	23B2	23	B	\$250
433924123039	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	22B	22	B	\$250
433924124002	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	1	21	B	\$250
433924124015	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	14	21	B	\$250
433924124030	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	29	21	B	\$250

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433924124031	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	30	21	B	\$250
433924124033	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	5, 26, 27, 28	21	B	\$250
433924124035	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	12 & 21	21	B	\$250
433924125002	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	1	20	B	\$250
433924125030	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	29	20	B	\$250
433924125031	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	30	20	B	\$250
433924125041	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	20B1	20	B	\$250
433924125042	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	20B2	20	B	\$250
433924126039	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	19B2	19	B	\$250
434119206038	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	1 & 2	9	B	\$250
434119207002	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	1	8	B	\$250
434119207007	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	6	8	B	\$250
434119207008	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	7	8	B	\$250
434119207026	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	25	8	B	\$250
434119207034	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	23 & 24	8	B	\$250
434119208022	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	21	7	B	\$250
434119208023	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	22	7	B	\$250
434119211002	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	1	12	B	\$250
434119211007	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	6	12	B	\$250
434119211018	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	17	12	B	\$250
434119211030	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	29	12	B	\$250
434119211034	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	8 & 9	12	B	\$250
434119212001	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	32	11	B	\$250
434119212002	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	1	11	B	\$250
434119212003	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	2	11	B	\$250
434119213003	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	2	10	B	\$250
434119213004	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	3	10	B	\$250
434119213005	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	4	10	B	\$250
434119213031	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	30	10	B	\$250
434119215020	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS W1/2NW1/4 19-45-10	19	9	D	\$250
434119215021	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	20	9	D	\$250
434119215028	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS W1/2NW1/4 19-45-10	27	9	D	\$250
434119215029	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	28	9	D	\$250
434119224020	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	19	28	B	\$250
434119225004	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	3	27	B	\$250
434119225017	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	16	27	B	\$250
434119226004	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	3	26	B	\$250
434119226006	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	5	26	B	\$250
434119226015	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	14	26	B	\$250
434119226018	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	17	26	B	\$250
434119226038	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS NE 1/4 24-45-9	1	26	B	\$250
434119226039	MINERAL HOT SPRINGS	26B1	26	B	\$250
LAZY KV ESTATES					
433926008017	LAZY KV ESTATES	17	BB		\$250
433926006014	LAZY KV ESTATES	14	RR		\$250
433926006021	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 3.48 AC	2C	RR		\$250
433926006022	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2.32 AC	17C	RR		\$250
433926007010	LAZY KV ESTATES	10	OO		\$250
433926009019	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2.61 AC	1C	CC		\$250
433926010022	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2.32 AC	5C	NN		\$250
433926010024	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 3	8C	NN		\$250
433926011013	LAZY KV ESTATES	13	SS		\$250
433926011022	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2	6C	SS		\$250
433926011023	LAZY KV ESTATES	15C	SS		\$250
433926012002	LAZY KV ESTATES B. 432 P. 677	2	TT		\$250
433926012007	LAZY KV ESTATES B. 431 P. 693	7	TT		\$250
433926012021	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2.32 AC	13C	TT		\$250
433926013008	LAZY KV ESTATES	8	MM		\$250
433926013009	LAZY KV ESTATES	9	MM		\$250
433926014003	LAZY KV ESTATES	3	DD		\$250
433926014020	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 5.07 AC	15C	DD		\$250
433926015019	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2	3C	EE		\$250
433926016012	LAZY KV ESTATES	12	LL		\$250
433926017001	LAZY KV ESTATES B.417 P.884 WDJT	1	UU		\$250
433926017021	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2.29 AC	19C	UU		\$250
433926017022	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2.32 AC	4C	UU		\$250
433926017023	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 5.77 AC	11C	UU		\$250
433926018012	LAZY KV ESTATES B.419 P.376 WDJT	11	YY		\$250

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433926018021	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 4.76 AC	7C	YY		\$250
433926018023	LAZY KV ESTATES	16C	YY		\$250
433926019018	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2.50 AC	5C	ZZ		\$250
433926019019	LAZY KV ESTATES	1CR	ZZ		\$250
433926020001	LAZY KV ESTATES B.446 P.844 SPW	1	VV		\$250
433926020007	LAZY KV ESTATES B.423 P.814 WDJT	7	VV		\$250
433926020020	LAZY KV ESTATES B.417 P.603 WDJT	20	VV		\$250
433926020023	LAZY KV ESTATES B.415 P.81 WD	23	VV		\$250
433926021002	LAZY KV ESTATES	2	KK		\$250
433926021008	LAZY KV ESTATES	8	KK		\$250
433926021013	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2.42 AC	4C	KK		\$250
433926022019	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2.38 AC	13C	FF		\$250
433926022020	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2.38 AC	16C	FF		\$250
433926022021	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2	4C	FF		\$250
433926023001	LAZY KV ESTATES	1	GG		\$250
433926023010	LAZY KV ESTATES	10	GG		\$250
433926023019	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2.38 AC	7C	GG		\$250
433926023021	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 3	4C	GG		\$250
433926023022	LAZY KV ESTATES	15C	GG		\$250
433926024007	LAZY KV ESTATES	7	JJ		\$250
433926024011	LAZY KV ESTATES	11	JJ		\$250
433926024013	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2	1C	JJ		\$250
433926026006	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2	3C	II		\$250
433926027007	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2.44 AC	3C	HH		\$250
433935101014	LAZY KV ESTATES	16	CCC		\$250
433935101027	LAZY KV ESTATES	3	CCC		\$250
433935101030	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2.58 AC	27CR	CCC		\$250
433935101031	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 2.51 AC	13C	CCC		\$250
433935102004	LAZY KV ESTATES	4	BBB		\$250
433935102010	LAZY KV ESTATES	10	BBB		\$250
433935102014	LAZY KV ESTATES	14	BBB		\$250
433935102016	LAZY KV ESTATES	16	BBB		\$250
433935102017	LAZY KV ESTATES CONTAINING 3.75 AC	5C	BBB		\$250
434130201039	LAZY KV ESTATES	7	R		\$250
434130207004	LAZY KV ESTATES	11	Q		\$250
434130207009	LAZY KV ESTATES	6	Q		\$250
TOWN OF MOFFAT					
460106118002	TOWN OF MOFFAT	9 & 10	20		\$250
460105022006	TOWN OF MOFFAT	8	109		\$250
460105035003	TOWN OF MOFFAT	31	136		\$250
460105035008	TOWN OF MOFFAT	25	136		\$250
460105035019	TOWN OF MOFFAT	7	136		\$250
460105307010	TOWN OF MOFFAT	25 & 26	148		\$250
460105307011	TOWN OF MOFFAT	24	148		\$250
460105326003	TOWN OF MOFFAT	26	189		\$250
460105326008	TOWN OF MOFFAT	7	189		\$250
460105328003	TOWN OF MOFFAT	31	191		\$250
460105328007	TOWN OF MOFFAT	22	191		\$250
460105329005	TOWN OF MOFFAT	29	192		\$250
460105329009	TOWN OF MOFFAT	20	192		\$250
460105330002	TOWN OF MOFFAT	16	193		\$250
460105332006	TOWN OF MOFFAT	7	195		\$250
460105333007	TOWN OF MOFFAT	12	196		\$250
460105333010	TOWN OF MOFFAT	6	196		\$250
460106002002	TOWN OF MOFFAT	25	100		\$250
460106003001	TOWN OF MOFFAT	1 & 2	101		\$250
460106003002	TOWN OF MOFFAT	32	101		\$250
460106003004	TOWN OF MOFFAT	16	101		\$250
460106003005	TOWN OF MOFFAT	15	101		\$250
460106003006	TOWN OF MOFFAT	14	101		\$250
460106003007	TOWN OF MOFFAT	6,7,8,9, 10,11,12 & 13	101		\$250
460106003009	TOWN OF MOFFAT	4	101		\$250
460106004006	TOWN OF MOFFAT	10	102		\$250
460106005001	TOWN OF MOFFAT	1	103		\$250
460106005003	TOWN OF MOFFAT	18	103		\$250
460106005005	TOWN OF MOFFAT	16	103		\$250
460106007003	TOWN OF MOFFAT	14	105		\$250
460106007009	TOWN OF MOFFAT	12	105		\$250
460106008003	TOWN OF MOFFAT	24 & 25	106		\$250
460106008011	TOWN OF MOFFAT	3	106		\$250
460106021004	TOWN OF MOFFAT	21	133		\$250
460106021008	TOWN OF MOFFAT	14	133		\$250

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460106114002	TOWN OF MOFFAT	3	24		\$250
460106119001	TOWN OF MOFFAT	1, 2 & 3	49		\$250
460106119002	TOWN OF MOFFAT	12 & 13	49		\$250
460106119003	TOWN OF MOFFAT	9, 10 & 11	49		\$250
460106119004	TOWN OF MOFFAT	5,6,7 & 8	49		\$250
460106119005	TOWN OF MOFFAT	4	49		\$250
460106120005	TOWN OF MOFFAT	8	48		\$250
460106120006	TOWN OF MOFFAT	7	48		\$250
460106121001	TOWN OF MOFFAT	1	47		\$250
460106121002	TOWN OF MOFFAT	16	47		\$250
460106121008	TOWN OF MOFFAT	5	47		\$250
460106130001	TOWN OF MOFFAT	1	52		\$250
460106130002	TOWN OF MOFFAT	16	52		\$250
460106130006	TOWN OF MOFFAT	2	52		\$250
460106132001	TOWN OF MOFFAT	1,2,3 & 4	50		\$250
460106132003	TOWN OF MOFFAT	9,10,11 & 12	50		\$250
460106132004	TOWN OF MOFFAT	6,7 & 8	50		\$250
460106132005	TOWN OF MOFFAT	5	50		\$250
460106133001	TOWN OF MOFFAT	1,2,3,4 & 5	78		\$250
460106133002	TOWN OF MOFFAT	16,17 & 18	78		\$250
460106133006	TOWN OF MOFFAT	12	78		\$250
460106133007	TOWN OF MOFFAT	9,10 & 11	78		\$250
460106133008	TOWN OF MOFFAT	7 & 8	78		\$250
460106133009	TOWN OF MOFFAT	6	78		\$250
460106134003	TOWN OF MOFFAT	8	77		\$250
460106134004	TOWN OF MOFFAT	7	77		\$250
460106136002	TOWN OF MOFFAT	12	75		\$250
460106141001	TOWN OF MOFFAT	16	82		\$250
460106142001	TOWN OF MOFFAT	1, 2 & 3	81		\$250
460106142003	TOWN OF MOFFAT	11	81		\$250
460106142004	TOWN OF MOFFAT	9 & 10	81		\$250
460106142006	TOWN OF MOFFAT	7	81		\$250
460106142007	TOWN OF MOFFAT	6	81		\$250
460106142008	TOWN OF MOFFAT	5	81		\$250
460106143003	TOWN OF MOFFAT	13	80		\$250
460106143005	TOWN OF MOFFAT	9	80		\$250
460106143007	TOWN OF MOFFAT	7	80		\$250
460106143009	TOWN OF MOFFAT	5	80		\$250
460106144003	TOWN OF MOFFAT	15	79		\$250
460106144006	TOWN OF MOFFAT	12	79		\$250



by Peter Anderson

The vultures are leaving their roost over by the creek. They follow the Rio Grande south until the climate suits them. The sandhill cranes are flying in from the north, sometimes barely visible in the high skies as they circle, gather themselves, and get their bearings; sometimes their weird cackling call precedes them as they emerge from low-slung autumn clouds. Elk are bugling for mates, bears scavenging for extra calories before the big sleep, and coyotes are on the prowl for unsuspecting house pets. Here at the end of the road, summer drifters who came to town with little more than a sleeping bag are dreaming of sunshine and saguaros or maybe some seaside town in southern California, hoping to set aside some cash for the road. This is a restless time.

I am thinking about restlessness tonight in all its varied forms, realizing that I am not as prone to it as I once was. I no longer live west of a river town after the water has gone out of the canyon and most of my guiding buddies have gone with it. I no longer work a rangering job in the High Uintas, hoping for winter work in Salt Lake City, as I pack out my seasonal camp and the snow line comes down behind me. I no longer pull out the road atlas and spend hours dreaming about distant college towns when life feels a little flat. Chalk it up to age, steadier work, a family; it's easier to stay in one place than it used to be.

Nevertheless, the universe itself is a restless place. Galaxies are moving away from one another. The stars that we see in the Milky Way are farther away today than they were yesterday. Why should human beings, dust motes born of the same carbon, be any less restless? Nothing stays the same. Everything's moving.

Small mountain towns are finite social constellations. Economies rise and fall, and with them, populations. Back in the early 1980s, I witnessed the effects of

Climax Molybdenum Mine shutting down. Many Main Street storefronts, from Leadville down to Salida, were boarded up and stayed that way long enough for many people to move on. Since then, I've lived in communities like Moab, Utah that rode the wave of a post-mining new-west boom. Goodbye uranium. Hello mountain bikes. Either trajectory, whether boom or bust, can leave one feeling as though something good and familiar is slipping away.

Fortunately, I have yet to experience either boom or bust here in Crestone. Still, people come and go fairly regularly. Many of the friends we've made over the years have moved on. There's nothing wrong with that. This is a hard place to live. Big dreams dwindle along with bank accounts. Big winds take their toll, as do long winters, isolation, and clouds of mosquitos. But it's still hard for me to hear my nine-year-old daughter talking about friends who have moved to bigger towns and bigger schools and how much she misses them. Sometimes I wish, for her sake and mine, that our town had a more stable population.

But migrations circle back on themselves. The vultures and the sandhills will be back in the spring, right about the time the bears are waking up. And come fall, with a little good fortune, we will have made another trip around the sun, and maybe a few more ten-year-olds will have found their way to a little school at the end of the road.

A restless time in an already restless town. It's restless here in part because many people drawn to this place have been wanderers, myself included, travelers, if their restlessness included an itinerary, or seekers, if they chosen a road whose only real map resides somewhere in their soul.

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During sunset, with the sun getting lower in the sky, its light is passing through more of the atmosphere to reach us and in turn, even more of the blue light is scattered. Then there are also more dust particles and oxygen molecules at the horizon, so all of this is why you see

such pretty colors like red, oranges and yellows at sunset.

You may also notice that if you look towards the horizon during the day, that the sky there appears much paler in color. Again, this is caused by the scattering of the blue light through more atmosphere. Some of it gets scattered away in other directions and less blue light reaches your eyes, making the color of the sky near the horizon to appear more white.

What are degree days?

Heating degree days and cooling degree days are a measure of the heating and cooling needs for our homes and other buildings based upon daily temperatures.



SLV fireworks on a September afternoon. photo by Rick King

Both heating and cooling degree days are based on 65°F. If the average of a given day's high and low temperature is 65°, then there are no heating or cooling degree days. If the average temperature for a day was, let's say 58°, then there are 7 heating degree days (i.e. 65 minus 58 equals 7). If the average temperature was 70°, then there would be 5 cooling degree days.

By adding up the degree days for any time period, like a month at a time, you will get an idea of how much heating it will take to heat your home.

The energy industry pays close attention to heating and cooling degree days as a way to easily and quickly estimate energy usage,



A strong storm on Sept. 22 brought wind, rain and hail to the Crestone/Baca area, putting down as much as 2" of hail in some places. When the clouds finally lifted, the mountains were white! photos by Lori Nagel

which in turn helps to predict energy prices.

When does the average first snow of the season usually hit Crestone?

On average, and going by

around 8000 feet in elevation, the first snowfall takes place usually around October 20 or so, but as late as mid-November and as early as the first week in September.

Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno

Aug. 21 to Sept. 20

Total precipitation for period:

- Liquid precip: 3.72"
- Snow: 0.0
- Measurable precipitation fell on 17 days.
- Measurable rain fell on 17 days.
- A trace of rain fell on 6 days.
- 6 thunderstorms occurred.
- Hail occurred on 2 days.
- No snow fell.

Total precipitation year to date

- Since Jan 1: 10.29"
- Total snow to date
- Since Jan 1: 31.3"
- Snow Season *: 0.0"
- *Snow season runs from July 1 to June 30

Temperatures for the period:

- High temp: 86.6°F on September 5
- Low temp: 39.4°F on September 20
- Avg. high: 77.2°F
- Avg. low: 50.5°F
- Number of days with the high temperature at or above 80°: 16
- Number of days with the low temperature below 50°: 8
- Winds for the period:
- Avg. speed: 2.5 mph
- Highest gust: 30 mph on September 18
- Main direction: Out of the southeast.

Weather summary:

Some of the most interesting weather in a few years took place over this period. 14 new weather records were set, all of them within a 2 week period between the last 2 days of August and up until September 13: more records broken than I can recall ever taking place in such a short time frame for anywhere I've ever lived and/or reported for.

First, let's look at the temperatures, which were very much above average and where most of the records (10) were set, and way too many to list here. Overnight lows were especially warm, several degrees above normal and

accounting for several of those records, and keeping our gardens going strong with not only no freezing temperatures reached, but we didn't even see any readings below 40 degrees until the last night of the period, when it is normal to go under 40 degrees each night by that time of the year.

The other records broken were for rainfall. Although we didn't see the kind of rains and 100 year floods that fell on Colorado's Front Range, we did set a few daily records for precipitation, including on September 13, when .81 inches of rain fell, with most of that falling between 2 and 5am in the morning; overnight non-stop rain like that is something we rarely see in this area. The good news with all of this is we needed this precip very badly, and since we didn't see any flooding at least in our area, we should be grateful all of this occurred here, while feeling terrible about all the devastation that took place well north of here.

Outlook for October:

October is usually a mellow month for us, with an average of 1.07 inches of precipitation expected, along with usually seeing our first snows of the fall season, with 3.8 inches of snow falling on average. The most precip to fall in the month was 3.38 inches in 2006, and the most snow was 17.5 inches in 1984.

Temperature wise, conditions are usually very pleasant, with the average highs and lows for the first week of the month being around 65° and 34°, and then falling off to average 53° and 25° by the time Halloween comes around. The highest temperature ever for October was set on October 1, 2010 at 80°, and the lowest reading was +2°, set on October 30, 1993.

The 30 day outlook from the National Weather Service is calling for more above average temperatures in our area along with below normal precipitation.

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

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