

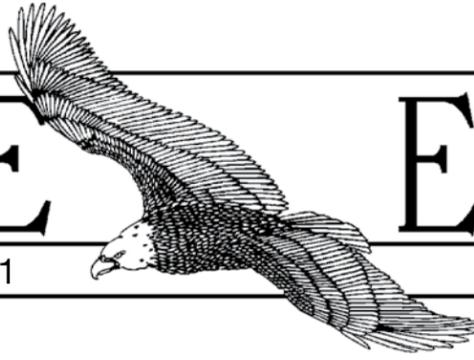
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Elk herd grazing in a high mountain meadow

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State Engineer meets with local surface rights holders

Where's the water?

by Bea Ferrigno

On October 24 State Engineer Dick Wolfe met not only with the San Luis Valley Advisory Committee (SLVAC), known as the rules committee, in Alamosa, but also that evening with concerned surface water users in Saguache. The Saguache meeting was prompted by a hearing before the legislative interim Water Resources Review Committee (WRRRC) on September 26 in Denver where several local ranchers testified about violations of their priority rights by high-capacity wells.

For many years valley ranchers and farmers with senior surface rights have had decreasing supplies of water on their lands. The effects of drought are obvious, but lack of water was a problem even before the most recent dry spell began in 2002. Long-term over-appropriation, some 6,000 non-exempt wells pumping from the aquifers, together with drought and ongoing outflow through the Closed Basin Project (CBP) present a complex hydrological conundrum which is more striking in historical perspective: the San Luis Valley (SLV) has periodically been a very wet place.

During earlier droughts there was more resilience in the land because the water table remained high; as a result, streams ran well enough to sustain native hay for stock on the range.

Under the constitutional principle of prior appropriation and several subsequent Colorado laws, surface water users with senior rights are not to be injured by junior rights, including those exercised through pumped wells. Notwithstanding, the law as it stands now provides no recourse to injured surface-rights holders, so they must devote scarce time and funds to

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The "totem" moose checking out camp at a retreat at North Crestone Lake. See story on page 15 photo by John Milton

Tax re-appraisal to cost county & taxpayers

by Matie Belle Lakish

County officials received copies of the Final Report to the State Board of Equalization regarding the re-appraisals for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013. They also received a bill for the state's work on the re-assessment stating the amount of funds that must be repaid to the state because the county received state school funds to which it was not entitled. Copies of these documents can be obtained

by contacting the Assessor's office.

When all is said and done, the Actual Value of properties added to the county tax rolls for 2011 was \$16,486,966, and for 2012 was \$16,767,571. In 2013 an additional \$2,134,039 was added. The Net Assessed Value, which varies by year and by class of property, but for 2013 is projected to be 7.96% for residences, was \$802,584 in 2011 and \$806,785 in 2012. The amount the county will collect in taxes is a

small percentage of that. An estimated increase to total taxes due to the reassessment is \$72,014.

There were considerable costs associated with this re-appraisal. After weighing all the state's costs for their involvement in the re-assessment, the bill to the county was \$86,412.05. However, Assessor Stephens reports that the total amount that the county will have to repay is still undecided. In her

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Love & blessings

Dear Friends,

We offer our gratitude and appreciation to all of you who joined us for the Honoring at Shumei on this Fall Equinox. Also for those of you couldn't attend in person and came in spirit, we felt your hearts. It was a beautiful gathering filled with love, tears and laughter. Our special thanks to Dan and Sue Retuta for hosting, to Matthew Crowley and Shumei for allowing us to gather in their lovely hall, to you who brought a bounty of food for the feast and to those dear souls who helped with the cleanup. You are all so very precious.

We are deeply touched by your love and generosity. Living there for the last thirty years has been a great experience for us on every level. We miss you all and that Sacred Valley. We treasure our memories and we will continue to hold you in our hearts and prayers.

Deep love and blessings,
David and Lorain Davis

Deepest gratitude

Dear Community,

Words could not express our gratitude!

Russell and I have been deeply touched by the love, generosity and support of our neighbours and friends. Sometimes it takes a serious illness like cancer to realize how much people care. I have been moved to tears many times over the past 2 months by the heartbreaking kindness of this extraordinary community.

In deepest gratitude,
Russell and Norah Schreiber

Love & gratitude

Dear Community, We want to offer their deepest gratitude to our beloved EMT's for promptly coming to John's aid during his recent health challenge: Pam, Chris, Treat, Dan & Cindy were fantastic, so professional, capable and experts at tender care. Also during these few difficult days, Joany & Lynda show up offering Neighborly Helping Neighbor care, feedback and support, Lastly, The Crestone End of Life Project folks step up to assist, support and advise us through our difficulties. This town is made up of so many amazing people and good friends, we both feel so blessed to call Crestone our home. Words are not enough to express our true feelings!

Love & Gratitude to All,
John O'Donnell and Edie Cooper

Thanks from Crestone Artists

Dear Editor,

We want to thank ALL of Crestone for helping to make our CrestoneArtists Open Studio Tour such a wonderful event! This has been our most widely attended tour

since its inception, and the incredible support we received from everyone has been heart-warming.

Fourteen of us opened our studios to share our contemplative approaches to our art-making practices with the Crestone community and beyond. We hosted hundreds of new and old friends from the entire valley, from Santa Fe, Denver, and much of Colorado. We were enthused to communicate and share our deep levels of inspiration with those living here as well as with art lovers from outside our area.

We especially want to thank our local sponsors who helped make it possible for us to promote our second annual studio tour: Blue Water Alchemy, Emmy Savage, Shumei Institute, Earth Art Village, Farm Table Restaurant, Aventa Credit Union, Crestone Mercantile, Ghost Horse Gift Gallery, Verena Schwarz, Yak n' Cracker Cafe, and anonymous individual sponsors.

Thank you,
Robin Ross,
for CrestoneArtists.com

Vision & hard work

Dear folk at *The Crestone Eagle*, Please renew our subscription to your most excellent newspaper.

First thing each month, we relish the cover photograph, then turn to your editorial, Kizzen, then to Kim Malville's article. Then, over the next two or three days, we thoroughly enjoy all the rest.

Thanks so much for your vision and hard work.

Bob & Sandy Bliss
Greeley, Colorado

Setting the record straight

Dear Editor,

Regarding Matie Belle's assertions in her "We can do better" letter in last month's *Eagle*, Bob Garnett was never on the "Board of Directors of BGCAN". He participated in the early discussions when BGCAN was formed in 2006 to combat the POA \$400 dues increase. Bob's involvement in BGCAN ended when the 2006 board recall was successful.

The complaint in the current lawsuit has to do with the lack of secret ballots in the POA 2012 board election. It is indisputable fact that no secret ballots were mailed to any POA members and that the non-secret "proxies" were counted as if they were ballots. This is illegal and the board knew it at the time and proceeded with the 2012 election anyway. If board members are not held accountable for illegal acts, then board members will continue to act illegally. When this happens, board corruption escalates and we all suffer the consequences.

Diane Dunlap

Only fractional support

To the Editor:

Leaving aside a few over-the-top "alarms" that have been floating around the community, no one I'm aware of has been using an "illegally obtained" membership list to urge voters to deny a quorum for the upcoming POA election by

refusing to return their ballots. We fully expect the two uncontested candidates to assume their seats on the board in a shallow victory. It is regrettable that no one else has been willing to come forward to run for the board but, sadly, in the present political climate it is also understandable.

We DO believe, however, that the November 22 election results will clearly show that only a fraction of the POA membership, particularly of those members who actually live here, supports the delusion that the new majority on the board can honestly say they represent the best interests and concerns of the majority of the community.

Susannah Ortego

Care about our future, vote yes on 3A

Dear Editor,

We would like to remind community members who have not yet voted to make sure to vote yes on 3A and get those ballots into the Saguache County Clerk's office by November 5.

One of our committee members shared this story. They were talking to a small group of kids in the park one day. Half the kids attended Crestone Charter School and half attended Moffat School. They asked ALL of them what they thought about the new school. The Moffat school kids absolutely lit up at the prospect of the new school. But the Crestone Charter kids were even MORE vocal about the importance of a new school in Moffat. Tears welled up when we saw how much the kids cared about each other's future.

There are so many reasons to vote yes and over the past several months we have highlighted them in our conversations with community members, in mailers, in letters to the editor and ads in this newspaper, in email blasts and through social media. If there are any voters out there who still need a little more convincing, we urge you to spend some time dwelling on the bottom line: our community's children. We all need to vote yes to support our community's children and their futures as citizens of this world.

Sincerely,

The Moffat & Crestone BEST Committee moffatcrestonebest.com

Vote yes for the BEST

Dear ones;

I am writing to encourage you to vote yes on the school bond issue. I know we are constantly being asked to increase our own taxes, and this is a bad time economically for many of us, but this is a one-time opportunity for a new school in our poor little district. With relatively few of our own dollars we will be able to use outside money to construct a new building.

Remember, only two things are certain in life—death and taxes. Have a say—be proactive in determining how one of those certainties comes down.

As you all know, the new Crestone Charter School is just wonderful, but the charter limits attendance to a predetermined

Editor's Notes

Thanksgiving

The other day I ran into a friend and asked her how she was doing. She replied not that well, and saying sadly "because when I look at what's happening with the world . . ." I replied to her half-jokingly, half serious, "Oh, don't look at the world—look at the sky!" We laughed, looking up at the brilliant blue. Taking a quick break from nuclear meltdowns and government shutdowns.

These are tough times. Beauty and disruption walking side by side. It sometimes seems that kindness and meanness are all tangled up together. On crazy days, when it seems there is a big spin on, I'm reminded of a compost tumbler. Hoping that some good will eventually come of it after it gets a chance to rot for awhile.

Fortunately, here we have the ability to gain some perspective. Last Saturday I was in the office cranking away on a beautiful day. A friend said "What are you doing inside? Winter's coming—you should be outside!" Truth. We shut down the office, and Janet and doggy and I headed up North Crestone Creek. After we'd hiked awhile we climbed a rocky outcrop and were treated to a vast up-canyon view of Venable Peak, and the down-canyon view spilling out to the valley floor far below. We sat in the feeling of place and peace.

That respite didn't solve any of the world's problems. But it brought me to center, an important place to be. And, it filled me with gratitude. Another good place to be.

As we get close to wrapping up another tumultuous year, I offer thanksgiving for the many blessings in my life. Thanks for the summer rain that kept us from burning up. I also give thanks to those who work to make our community and world a better place to be. Those blue sky people who grow carrots from compost, or when the light gets squeezed, see it prism into rainbows. Best.

—Kizzen

number of students. There will always be Crestone kids who attend school in Moffat. All of our kids deserve the best—vote yes for the BEST.

Thanks,
Shawn Quick

Building the Taj Majal?

Dear Editor,

For the amount of money the school district is seeking through measure 3A to accommodate a mere 150 students I would expect the new building to be built like a five star hotel complete with marble hallways, gilded trim, imported chandeliers, and include an olympic size swimming pool. Also, the potential for excessive bids and inflated awards could be a serious headache for any honest and cost-conscious project manager, should the measure pass.

Garin Biester

Vote yes on 3A for the new Moffat School

Dear Editor,

All of us who love the Crestone Charter School have benefited from the entire community's willingness to support the school building through matching funds for a BEST grant. We now have the opportunity to give the same support to the Moffat School.

The Moffat school was ranked as #4 in the state for most needing a new building. Over the next 5 years the state is likely to condemn the building. (At the last official inspection, it was determined to probably be safe for two more years.) Without a safe school, the Moffat and Crestone children would have to make a long daily commute to Saguache. (They couldn't fit in the Crestone school, nor do the charter regulations allow for the size increase).

None of us want to pay more taxes, but at present the BEST grant seems to be the most affordable way to fund a serviceable building in a sustainable manner. If 3A passes, the average tax increase would be as follows: about \$3.84 per month on an assessed value \$100,000 home, and for commercial property, the tax impact will be approximately \$13.97 per month per \$100,000 commercial value. (If you're renting, please pass this on to let your landlord know the minimal impact it would have on their property taxes.)

Moffat voters helped provide the matching funds to build the charter school. Some of the people who voted for the tax increase to build the Crestone school didn't benefit from that school. Likewise, some of us won't benefit directly from a new Moffat school, but it's the principled choice to make. We encourage you to vote yes on 3A.

Jennifer Nold
& Ardell Broadbent

Website advertising works

Dear Editor,

I am writing this brief letter to let you know that since I started advertising The Infinite Bee Gardening and Seed Saving Blog on your website, the traffic to my site

has substantially grown. I am using Google Analytics to keep track of the visits to my website and have observed increased numbers of new traffic every day.

I'm so glad I decided to advertise on your website, what an opportunity!

Thank you,
Leigh Mills
TheInfiniteBee.com

Thoughts on the Review Committee meeting 10/2/13

Dear Editor,

After witnessing the presentation of the State Engineer in October and the proponents of the sub-district plans, I have the following thoughts:

First in relation to the newly implemented "irrigation season", the committee was incensed that the USFS was trying to take ski areas water rights and make them government property without compensation. The state is doing exactly the same thing with the "irrigation season"; through the policy and rule making process the state has "taken" my water rights without compensation.

Second, it is evident that the sub-district plans are not adequate to address the ongoing depletion of the aquifer. Five of the six sub-districts are not yet operational and the district in operation is not required to incrementally replace the water in the aquifer over the 20 year time frame mandated in 2004 by SB222. It seems likely over appropriated pumping will continue, the aquifer will continue to drop and in a few years a new plan will be devised to allow the pumpers to continue depleting the aquifer. When the legislature required the State Engineer to bring wells into the priority system, why were the directives completely ignored? The priority system by definition means that wells not in priority are to be shut down. It is unlikely that this action would devastate the SLV economy. Most of the wells belonging to the established farms in the valley have been there a long time, are augmented and would be the last to be shut down. No one has any qualms about shutting my water off when the creek level drops. Wells in the valley that are not augmented must be shut down until the aquifer returns to sustainable levels.

Lastly the State Engineer and many others admitted injury to surface water users. This injury is now historical and ongoing with no end in sight. Why then are the sub-districts not required to provide a method of compensation for these injuries? On the one hand Mr. Wolf admits the harm done, yet complains about the lawsuits that have been triggered, while simultaneously suggesting injured senior surface water right holders must sue in civil court if they want compensation. He is most likely aware that financially stressed ranchers do not have the resources to sue the RGWCD and the taxpayer-funded state. The sub-districts should have a mechanism and funds from the taxation of ground water to compensate injured surface users. This

could serve to placate those injured and foster a sense of trust between the competing groups. Cooperation amongst all those concerned could result from a fair approach to the problem.

Working together to solve these challenging circumstances could lead to a viable solution. Let's work towards an alternative approach to the current model that pits one user against another in this valley that we all love and call home.

Sincerely,
Thomas D. McCracken
President, Green Earth Farm

Community Thanksgiving Potluck Nov. 24 Come eat, come help!

On Sunday, November 24, Neighbors Helping Neighbors will be hosting the annual Community Thanksgiving Potluck celebration at the Crestone Charter School. The dinner will be from noon until 3pm. Please bring a dish to share. NHN needs approximately 30 volunteers to help with setup, serving and clean up. Please contact Renee Hill at 256-4975 to volunteer.

A new school in Moffat benefits us all

by Kirk Banghart

Over the past four years, I've had the great opportunity to meet many wonderful community members both on the valley floor and in the Crestone/Baca area, and what continues to come to light for me is how much this is a community of caring and thoughtful individuals. This has become even more apparent to me over the last four months as I have had the privilege to meet and speak to the town council, to many community groups, and I even got the chance to have breakfast with the Sunshine Men's Group.

At each occasion that I have met with individuals from the community, people have expressed their understanding for how very much our children need a safe place to learn. At each occasion, they have voiced how very much our teachers need a building that will allow them to bring out the best in our children and at each occasion they have voiced their understanding that the generation before them stepped up and funded schools for them and that it is their turn to do the same. What I haven't heard in these meetings is the question of how will it benefit us personally. That shows the incredible character of this community. As we come to the last days before ballots are due to be counted, I wanted to address the question that this community with such a great heart hasn't asked, how will it benefit us?

- This opportunity that sits before us benefits us by bringing in 16 million dollars to a part of the valley that, for many years will not see this type of investment from the Front Range (of 73%) again.
- This opportunity that sits before us benefits us by bringing a rise in our property values and economic development to the east side of the valley.
- This opportunity that sits before us benefits us by bringing new people into our area to shop at our stores and access our services.
- This opportunity that sits before us benefits us by opening us up to the ability to sustain and grow our world-class community while keeping our Moffat/Crestone lifestyle.
- This opportunity will benefit us all; young, old, working, or retired, by ensuring that all of our children have a safe place to learn and grow. And it will ensure that we have a safe community that will grow and prosper.

Please, if you have not done so yet, take the time to vote today. And my personal thanks to all of you for the amazing community we have and the key part you play in it.



General Election reminders: mail in ballot or vote in person at courthouse

by **Carla Gomez**
Saguache County
Clerk & Recorder

The Saguache County Clerk is reminding electors of the Co-ordinated Election scheduled for November 5, 2013. With passage of new legislation this year, we will now be conducting all county elections by mail-in ballot. There will no longer be polling places as we have known them in the past.

Ballots were mailed to all active registered voters on October 15 and need to be received by the Clerk's office by 7pm on November 5. Ballots received after this time will not be counted. Please follow the instructions included with your ballot and sign the affidavit on the back of the return envelope before mailing it. You may also drop off

your voted ballot at the Clerk's office, in the courthouse in Saguache, which will function as the Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC). You can do this any weekday from 8am until 4pm, and on Election Day from 7am until 7pm. This year, we will also be open on Saturday, November 2, 2013, from 10am until 2pm to serve voters.

If you prefer, you may come in to the VSPC to vote in person on an electronic voting machine. If you prefer to use this method of voting, the ballot you received by mail will be cancelled before you vote on the machine.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 719-655-2512 during the hours listed above and we will be happy to assist you in any way we can.

Federal flood insurance now available in Saguache County

Saguache County has joined over 21,000 communities nationwide that are allowed to purchase federally backed flood insurance. This availability follows the community's adoption and enforcement of ordinances to reduce flood losses and acceptance by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Saguache County is now a participant in the NFIP effective on September 18, 2013. Residents of Saguache County will be able to purchase flood insurance up to the limits under the Emergency Phase of the program. However, there is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage goes into effect. For single-family dwellings, the building coverage limit is \$35,000, and the contents coverage limit is \$10,000. Renters can also protect their belongings by purchasing contents coverage. For commercial properties, the building and contents coverage limits are both \$100,000. Higher limits of coverage will be available after the initial Emergency Phase.

Lenders must require borrowers whose properties are located in a designated flood hazard area to purchase flood insurance as a condition of receiving a federally backed mortgage loan in accordance with the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

The NFIP is implemented through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. There are

over 5.5 million flood insurance policies in more than 21,000 participating communities nationwide.

Please contact your insurance agent for further information.

Saguache County Landfill reopens

The Saguache County landfill, after being closed for several months, is now open for business and will resume its regular hours. They can no longer accept electronics and computer waste. For a list of sites that accept these items for recycling please visit their web page at www.saguachecounty.net or call our office at 719-655-2554. If you plan to dump any type of freon unit (refrigerators and air coolers) you must provide proof that the freon has been professionally removed or the unit will not be accepted.

Saguache County Landfill Regular Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	8am to 3pm
Wed	noon to 3pm
Thurs	8am to 3pm
Friday	8am to 3pm
Saturday	8am to 3pm
Sunday	Closed



These beauties are just hangin' out in Moffat enjoying the beautiful fall colors and fresh snow on the mountaintops. There are definitely worse ways to spend your days!
 photo by Lori Nagel

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. In early October, a Casita Park resident was arrested and cited for menacing and a Baca man was charged with violation of a restraining order.

A young woman "ranch hand" from Moffat was cited for "failure to appear" in county court. She was assessed the \$10,000 that had been her bond for the offense. A Moffat man was cited for illegal trapping and poisoning of wildlife.

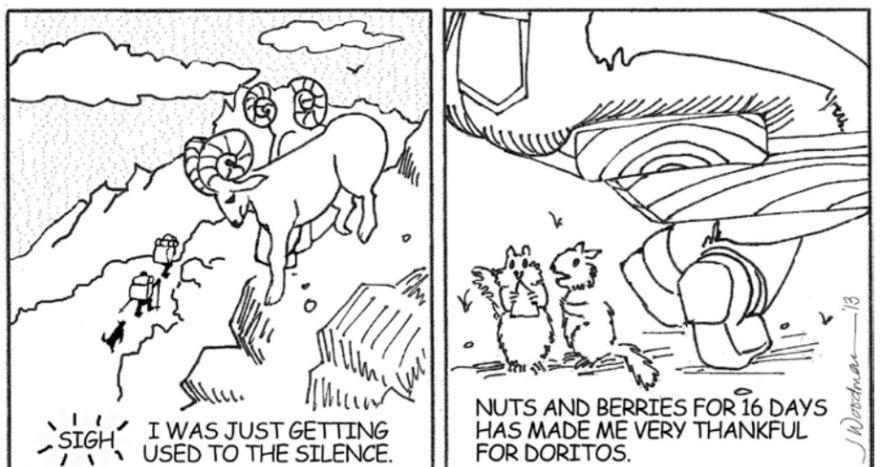
Do not speed in Saguache. County Sheriff's officers were watching for speeders, catching several fast drivers from other counties and states, mainly on Hwy. 285. Tickets were issued in the town of Saguache for unsafe driving offenses as well as speeding, 5-9 miles over the limit.

Saguache County Search and Rescue, the Saguache County Sheriff's Department and Flight for Life were activated on Sunday September 29 at about 1pm to locate and assist a hang glider reported down in the Hayden Pass area. Kevin Suellentrop (25) a pilot out of Colwich, KS, took off on his hang glider from Saguache County side of the Sangre's and was blown over the ridge top to Fremont County. He crashed into Galena Peak. Fremont County Search and Rescue located Suellentrop, who walked out to meet with emergency personnel on Hayden Pass. He was driven by private car to Salida where he was treated for minor injuries, according to Saguache County Sherriff Mike Norris.

On Thursday, Oct. 3 Saguache County Court denied permanent status for a restraining order put in place last summer for harassing and interfering with the construction project on Golden Ave. in Crestone. The reasons for the harassment (both verbal and physical) were cited as unsubstantiated environmental concerns.

(It is the policy of this crime report not to print personal information about individuals connected with the incidents in this column, unless it is a for the record news release as in the hang glider rescue.)

SOME LOCAL COMMENTARY ON THE RE-OPENING OF THE NATIONAL PARKS



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report to commissioners on October 15, she submitted the following:

"I thanked the State for the assistance and asked the SBOE Board if the \$86,000 plus funds for the expenses could be given back to the county on the Bledsoe Plan. Senator (Larry) Crowder stressed to the Board that the amount would be very detrimental to the County and if the Bledsoe Plan could be issued, he would carry the motion. They had a new Attorney General Representative on the Board which stated that the Bledsoe Plan was not of State Law and could not be granted for the request. Senator Crowder then asked if he could have time to talk to the General Attorney John Suthers, who he stated was his cousin, on this matter. Administrator Groff stated that the Board could consider that the salary portion of the project could be retracted from the amount as these State Employees would have still been paid to conduct work within their organization. The Board did retract the \$63,947.70 allocated for salaries. Senator Crowder stressed that he wanted Saguache County to be recognized for the amount that has already been paid in the

amount of \$25,166.16. This now leaves a balance of \$22,464.26 in expenses for the project. This amount will be reviewed for payment at the end of the State of Colorado's Fiscal Year of June 30th of next year. The Board felt this would give time for someone in Legislation to carry a bill to make the Bledsoe Plan State Law. I believe Senator Crowder will make sure this is carried in the next session."

In addition to any costs of the appraisal, property owners will be assessed a one-time tax to pay the difference between what the schools were paid by the state over the last two years, and what they should have been paid based on the county's updated assessed valuation. It works something like this: Per Pupil Operating Revenue is awarded to schools on a sliding scale based on the tax base of the district. In the past two years, our county seemed to have a lower tax base than it actually had because of the former appraisal being lower than it should have been. Therefore, the schools received more state monies than they were entitled to. Now, taxpayers must reimburse the state for that overpayment. It is estimated to be \$46,211.72. This is estimated to be a modest one-time tax increase of about \$5 to \$10 per taxpayer, which will be assessed for 2013.

Crestone property owners' tax valuation protest to go to court

by Mattie Belle Lakish

Saguache County Assessor Jackie Stephens continues to work on updating the assessments within the town of Crestone following the protests of town residents who felt that the uniform assessment of all commercial properties and of all residential properties as having the same value did not reflect the true market value of the diverse properties.

On September 4, during the appeal period, Elaine Johnson, local attorney, and other citizen plaintiffs filed a lawsuit against the county, asking the district court to: "Issue an order and judgment finding that the Assessor's valuation of each parcel listed herein is erroneous and correcting the assessed value of said parcels." (See last month's article for details.)

County Attorney Benjamin Gibbons on October 5 answered each of the charges item by item, agreed on some points but took exception to several sections. For instance, in item 24, which asserts, "There was a complete failure to undertake individual valuations," Gibbons responds, "the values were determined based on sales of property that occurred within the

allotted sale consideration period." In a subsequent section he said, "The valuations were conducted in a manner consistent with the requirements of Colorado law." He denied that "the 2013 valuations were arbitrary, unfair and not impartial and that relevant elements were not considered."

In paragraph 16, "Defendants deny the allegations that the Plaintiffs' 'appeals were uniformly denied'. The Defendants affirmative(ly) state that each appeal was carefully considered and discussed by the C.B.O.E. at an open session which the Plaintiffs were welcome to attend. Notations were placed on determinations where the Assessor was directed to inspect the property to determine if additional adjustments to valuations were warranted. The Defendants further state that a Resolution was passed by the BOE relating to the reduction in the value established for the commercial lots and deny that the reduction was 'without explanation.'"

According to Johnson, there is a status conference set for November 18, 2013. At that time, the case will be set for trial.

AAA offers four easy tasks to prepare your car for winter

As winter weather approaches, AAA Colorado reminds motorists of four easy tasks any driver can perform to reduce their chances of becoming stranded and improve their safety on the road.

1. Check & clean car battery

A fully charged battery in good condition is required to start an engine in cold weather. Car batteries lose power in cold weather. A vehicle battery loses 35% of its strength at 32° and 60% of its strength in sub-zero temperatures.

Before cold weather arrives, have the battery and charging system tested by a trained technician. AAA Colorado members can request a visit from an AAA Mobile Battery Service technician who will test their battery and replace it on-site, if necessary. AAA Mobile Battery Service is available in most Front Range locations. AAA Approved Auto Repair shops can also test and replace weak batteries.

2. Inspect all five tires

Begin every tire inspection with a pressure check. Tires lose one pound per square inch (psi) in pressure for every 10° drop in the temperature. According to AAA, more than half of all cars on the road have at least one under-inflated tire.

Always check tire pressure when the tires are at ambient temperature and the car has not been driven recently. Use a quality gauge to make sure all five tires are inflated to the pressures recommended by the vehicle manufacturer. The carmaker's recommendation can be found on a sticker usually attached to the driver's door jam, or in the owner's manual.

AAA Colorado has found one of the most frequently overlooked items on a vehicle is the spare tire. When inspecting tires, it's important also to make sure the spare is in good con-

dition and ready for use in case it's needed.

After making sure all five tires are properly inflated, drivers should inspect the tread depth and overall condition of the tires. Worn tires in need of replacement are much more likely to suffer punctures and other problems. An industry survey found one out of every 10 cars has at least one bald tire.

3. Replace wiper blades and refill washer fluid

Snow, ice, grime and other debris on a windshield will compromise the driver's vision, and safety, if the windshield wipers cannot remove them. The life of a rubber insert is typically six to 12 months. Streaking and chattering are common clues that the rubber is breaking down and replacement is needed. If the wiper blades are sufficiently deteriorated, the metal wiper blade frame could contact and permanently damage the windshield.

Check the windshield washer fluid reservoir monthly or more often if the washers are used frequently. Top it off with a solution formulated with a winter solvent that will not freeze. Be sure to test the washer spray nozzles for proper operation and aim.

4. Place winter emergency kit in the car

A well prepared winter emergency kit may include an ice scraper with snow brush, flashlight with extra batteries, jumper cables, cell phone car charger, general first aid kit, blanket, extra set of warm clothes for driver and all regular passengers (gloves, hats, boots), non-clumping kitty litter for traction, flares or reflective triangles, gallon jug of water, non-perishable food items for both human and pet passengers, window washer solvent and shovel.



Please remember to get your ballot to the Saguache County Clerk's office by **November 5th!**

These kids can't vote. So vote for them.



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Saguache County News

by **Matie Belle Lakish**

Hooray! The landfill is open! It re-opened October 17 with a new state-approved cell, liner, and ground-water monitoring system. The process has taken months, many thousands of dollars, and lots of negotiation with staff of the Colorado Department of Health. The new cell is projected to last 1½ to 2 years. Over the course of several months, both Randal Arredondo, Road and Bridge Supervisor, whose department handles the landfill, and Saguache County Commissioners have examined lots of options, including transfer stations with private haulers taking the county's trash to the regional landfill west of Monte Vista. That decision has been delayed, at least for the time it takes to fill the new cell. Arredondo requested that commissioners postpone the free dump day until next spring.

Voting

By now, you should have received your ballot for the November 5 election in your mailbox. According to County Clerk Carla Gomez, "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."

Please vote! If you did not re-

ceive a ballot, and you are registered to vote in Saguache County, call the clerk's office at 655-2512, or go to the Saguache County Court House during the hours listed above.

Future planning

In the interests of making county government more efficient and responsive to citizens, commissioners met with Christy Culp of Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), who took time out of her work on the northern Colorado flood to drive to Saguache County. Commissioners are reviewing options to streamline services and reduce crowding in the courthouse.

In September, Commissioners held a phone conference with Marv Weidner of "Managing for Results", regarding developing a strategic plan for county government that is tied to customer satisfaction and outcomes. Reportedly, Gunnison County has used such a plan for a few years, and reports that county patrons are pleased and it has resulted in considerable savings to county government. An estimate for Weidner's services in developing a plan for Saguache County is approximately \$17,000. This is a considerable reduction over the program's usual fees, but because the study can be done in co-ordination with Gunnison County, Weidner has offered the reduced fee. Nevertheless, due to county budget constraints, commissioners hoped DOLA could offer some grant assistance.

Christy Culp mentioned two grant options, a DOLA Planning and Administrative Grant, which has a 50% match, and an Energy, Mineral Impact Grant, which has a 25% match. Both grants have specific requirements that would have to be met.

A second topic discussed is a possible move to another facility for commissioners and County Administration. At present, Admin and Land Use are squeezed into tight quarters in the basement of the Court House, and the commissioners have had to give up their meeting space to the Clerk's office for over a month, in order to prepare for elections. One possible solution would be to move the County Commission and Admin into the old Saguache Hotel, which is located across from the Court House, and has recently come on the market. A second option would be to build a court house annex on property the county currently owns. Both projects would require considerable grant assistance from the state and DOLA might be able to help. A first step would be a planning grant to evaluate the options.

In a related move, commissioners have asked Road and Bridge Supervisor Arredondo to

consider what adjustments would need to be made to change the Road and Bridge Department into a Public Works Department. Currently, R and B is in charge of the landfill, and there might be other functions that could be moved into a Public Works Department. Arredondo will study the situation and make proposals in coming months.

SolarReserve

SolarReserve (SR), the company that has applied for an application to construct a power tower generating plant in the southern part of the county, sent a six-month report to the board, and followed up with a phone conversation. Adam Green, SolarReserve's representative to the SLV, said that Xcel Energy, the private company that provides power to half of the San Luis Valley and much of Colorado, did not choose the SolarReserve project from among the proposals that were submitted to the Public Utility Commission (PUC) about a month ago. They chose several wind and PV solar projects, which they said are now cost competitive with coal. Green said the SolarReserve project offers other advantages. It has storage capacity for evening hours and offers economic benefits to the community, such as local jobs, tourism opportunities, and tax revenues to the county. Green did not specify how much more it would cost Xcel to use SR power. He said that SR has submitted their proposal to the PUC, which will make its decision in early December. If the proposal is selected for a Power Purchase Agreement, SR would begin construction in early 2015.

In the meantime, the company's Crescent Dunes project in Tonopah, NV, is moving forward with 650 to 700 people working on it every day. The tower is constructed and the storage tanks for the molten salts are in place. Other infrastructure, including the control room, the turbine, much of the piping, and about one-third of the mirrors are in place. Green said they have passed the one-million man-hour mark, and expect about ½ million more man-hours will be needed to finish the project. He also provided photos, a list of contractors and the numbers of employees for each.

Sage grouse

Gunnison Sage Grouse, whether they know it or not, have facilitated a lot of co-operation among southwest Colorado counties. Nine counties are working together on a response to a US Fish and Wildlife Environmental Assessment (EA) proposal to protect the birds. Local counties are telling the feds that they know their sage grouse populations, and local governments can do a better job of protecting them without a formal Endangered or Threatened listing. Progress on the EA was slowed considerably by the government shutdown, but

the counties and many private individuals and businesses submitted letters asking that local entities be allowed to continue working to protect the birds without federal listing. The grouse population that used to reside in the northern valley has not been seen this year, so FWS is re-introducing 15 birds to former habitat on the eastern side of Hwy 17/285 above Villa Grove.

Affordable Health Care

The Affordable Care Act went into effect October 15, and Della Vieira, Public Health Director, gave commissioners an update and mini-presentation on what that will mean to local citizens, and how they should sign up. She has given two presentations on the topic, one in Crestone and one in Saguache, and may schedule another.

Included in her presentation was a handy chart showing what citizens are eligible for in terms of assistance based on their income. Almost everyone whose income is less than 400% of poverty, or over 25% of Saguache County residents, will be eligible for some kind of assistance with the newly required health care coverage.

Coloradans can sign up now for coverage by going on-line to www.ConnectforHealthCO.com, by calling 1-800-221-3943, or by mail at Colorado Medicaid and CHP+, P.O. Box 929, Denver, CO 80202-0929. For more information call Saguache County Public Health at 655-2533.

Social Services

Saguache County Social Services Director Jeannie Norris presented her report to Commissioners, and noted that the requests for food assistance continue to climb. Part of that is seasonal, as farm workers in the Center area begin to be laid off from their work in the fields. There has been a steady increase in requests for food assistance over the last two years even as the economy shows signs of improvement. From a little over 400 cases two years ago, there were 694 cases at the end of September. The emergency food bank in Saguache, located in the Social Services building, continues to serve more people every month, as does the service at the Town Hall in Crestone. In October there were distributions to seniors and to families in October. TFAP commodities will be distributed in November to all communities. To qualify, call Social Services at 655-2537. Applicants should bring proof of income and proof of residence.

And finally, thanks to all the Saguache County employees who have served our communities so well over the years. Those with anniversaries in October included DSS employees Mary Ann Martinez, Marie Ulibarri, and Pam Jones. Others include Randal Arredondo, Carol Gustin, Mary Pacheco, and April Quintana.

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Annual Meeting, Election & Budget Process Update

—Baca Grande POA

This information is being provided to help clarify information regarding the upcoming Annual Meeting, Election and the POA's budget process.

Annual Meeting of the Members

The Annual Meeting of the Members is November 22, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the POA Hall. This meeting is required by State Law and requires a quorum of 20% of Members in Good Standing, which is accomplished by a count of ballots. Ballots can be turned in until 7:00 PM on November 22, but members may turn them in earlier to prevent delays at the meeting while ballots are tallied. Here are some questions that members are asking.

Do I need to turn in my ballot?

An Annual Meeting is required by State law, and a quorum is required for the meeting to officially take place. Ballots are used for establishing quorum. If a member wishes to help establish a quorum, they must return their ballot. Members are allotted one ballot for each lot owned, which will count as long as each lot is in Good Standing. If members are not sure of their standing, they should call the POA Office at 719-256-4171.

If no quorum is achieved, what happens?

According to Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA) 38-33.3-308 "Meetings of the unit owners, as the members of the association, shall be held at least once each year". The POA's legal counsel added, "Thus, it is State law that the Association must have an annual meeting." They further added: "If no quorum is achieved, Bylaws Section 5.4 requires that '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.' This process must be followed in accordance with the Bylaws to try to achieve an annual meeting with a quorum." The POA's legal counsel has suggested more than one attempt be made to achieve a quorum, presumably within the 30 day time period.

If a quorum is still not achieved what happens?

Section 8.2 of the Bylaws states, "Directors shall serve a term of three (3) years or until their respective successors are elected, or until their death, resignation or removal, whichever is earlier. Terms shall be staggered."

Budget Process

The POA is in the process of finalizing the budget for 2014. In order to keep the budget at the current dues level of \$270, the preliminary budget required roughly \$50,000 in spending cuts or an increase in dues since there have been lot consolidations and an increase in Bad Debt and other expenses over the 2013 budget. Management has been working with all Departments to explore possibilities if cuts are required. No single department is expected to absorb the majority of any required spending cuts.

Will Dues Increase?

Over the years, the POA has been receiving less income due to the consolidation of lots. Where the 2013 budget allowed for 4,000 paying lots, the reality is that we are now at only 3,945. We are also seeing an increase in expenses, which negatively impacts the bottom line. However, any change in dues, whether it be an increase or decrease, requires a majority Board vote, and a decision has not yet been made. We certainly welcome member's presence at Board meetings to provide input.



2014 budget, water rights & hydraulic model top October agenda

by **Cindy Reinhardt** for **BGWS District Staff & Board of Directors**

The October 18 regular meeting of the Baca Grande Water & Sanitation District board included important updates on water rights, preliminary engineering findings of the hydraulic model, and continued work on the proposed budget for 2014.

2014 budget

District board members and staff reviewed assessed valuation information from Saguache County and alternative budget scenarios for 2014 in preparation for a November public hearing prior to the adoption of the 2014 budget. Preliminary assessed valuation from the county is \$14,942,971, an approximate 8% decrease from the assessed value budgeted for 2013, resulting in a \$60,733 decrease in property tax revenue at the current mill rate. Alternatives for both cutting costs and increasing revenues are being considered. The proposed budget can be reviewed on the district website www.bacawater.com.

The public hearing to consider the budget will be held on Friday, November 15, at 8am, at the Baca Grande Shop, 57 Baca Grant Way South.

Water rights

The board and USFWS are jointly pursuing an augmentation plan that will protect the district's water supply from curtailment when the new rules are implemented by the State Engineer for Division 3 and we are proceeding

with engineering for the same. The board has earmarked sufficient funds in order to accomplish these goals over the course of the next couple of years. Approval of the plan is a necessary first step towards future negotiations for the purchase of water by the district.

Hydraulic model

The data review and analysis for the water distribution system hydraulic model is nearing completion and a final report will be issued by the end of October. The model is identifying those areas of greatest stress on water mains as well as general areas where the system is most likely leaking. This information will guide the development of a water conservation plan, supporting the district's goals to reduce water loss and the costs associated with that loss, as well as to relieve stress on the distribution system.



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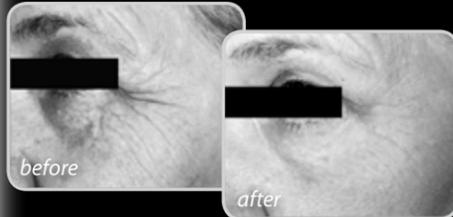
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Increased interest in POA meetings

by Earl W. Sutherland

A meeting of the Board of Directors (Russell Schreiber, Matie Belle Lakish, Diana Moats, and Bob Garnett) of the Baca Grande Property Owners Association (POA) was held October 11. The first part was attended by about 20 persons and a second part, which began a bit after 7:15pm, hosted about 55 persons, as it featured a Dispute Resolution Hearing. The latter hearing was also attended by a member of the Saguache County Sheriff's Department.

The earlier meeting was titled a "working business meeting", reflecting a recent change in procedure (although not one of policy). Heretofore a single "business meeting" was held each month at which voted-upon decisions were made, participation by the (usually scant) audience encouraged, and minutes taken and published. Each month there were also two (or more) "working sessions" where issues were hashed out, but no voted action was taken, nor minutes taken, nor participation of the audience invited (except as witnesses, occasionally). The two individuals who are standing for election to the POA board to be held on November 22, 2013, Nigel Fuller and Bruce McDonald, have advocated that all meetings of the board should be in the nature of a "business meeting". Thus, POA members could expect to attend two or three meetings a month if they wanted to give input on the board's decisions.

Questions were raised by some in attendance why such a small corporation as ours required so many meetings, since many much larger similar groups may meet only quarterly or even annually. Community Manager Kristin Ecklund responded that there was not only a great deal of routine business, but also a great backlog of unresolved issues which needed serious attention. A notable example of this is the reported disarray of the many policies and resolutions formulated by the Board in the past, the official attested copies of which are frequently not to be found. It was resolved that there be two business meetings monthly and working sessions as needed. This plan would continue until the

new members of the board were seated.

The Environmental and Architectural Committee (EAC), represented by Chair Charles Summers and members Steve Elliott and Steve Dossenback, pleaded for a clearer and emphatic policy to apply to offenders of Covenant rules. Mr. Summers exhibited a thick notebook containing case-summaries of dozens of owners who had received letters of warning and been levied fines, but who had not responded by bringing their property into compliance. Diane Dunlap forwarded the well-received suggestion that some situations might be ameliorated if something akin to an old-fashioned "barn-raising" were conducted, getting community members to work on the distressed property followed by a pot-luck or such. The board agreed to address some of the worst chronic offenders by referral to a lawyer and proposed to revisit the whole body of enforcement procedures. The EAC members received an ovation to encourage their (frustrated) efforts to mitigate the blighted properties with which we are all too familiar.

The nominating committee (for the election of two new board members) spoke about the re-scheduling of the candidates' forum. It was difficult to have a date agreed upon due to availability on dates. Eventually, it was decided that a form of "meet the candidates" would happen at the General Meeting on November 22.



A motor bike with a side car passes a very tall non-motor bike that looks a little like a unicycle with 2 wheels. It never ceases to amaze me—the things we see in Crestone! Picture taken on October 1. photo by Lori Nagel

Sen. Udall congratulates ASU on \$199,765 grant to boost SLV economy

US Senator Mark Udall congratulated Adams State University on receiving a \$199,765 competitive grant to create an economic development and marketing plan for Alamosa, Conejos, Rio Grande and Saguache counties. The plan, developed by the university's business school, will help create jobs and boost the region's economy.

"Coloradans understand that job creation and economic development work best from the ground up," Udall said. "This competitive grant will ensure that the San Luis Valley has a grassroots plan to create jobs, promote tourism and strengthen Colorado's economy."

The Economic Development Administration also announced a \$148,000 competitive grant today to help Canon City and Fremont County create a tourism-recovery plan for south central Colorado.

Udall has been a strong supporter of locally driven economic development in Colorado. He recently welcomed a similar competitive grant issued to the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group.

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Leanna Bradbury

Town adopts leash law and requirement to clean up dog excrement

Last month the Town Trustees agreed that growth of our community and the increasing number of dogs requires further steps in dog control, and adopted Ordinance 2013-010, "An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2009-005 (An Ordinance Prohibiting Dogs "Running at Large" in the Town of Crestone, Colorado) and Re-Enacting Said Ordinance with Additional Provisions." The previous system of issuing citations to owners of dogs at large off their own property continues. Now dogs off their owners' or caretakers' property must be leashed, even when accompanied by their owners or caretakers. "Immediate control" wasn't working because, for example, an owner saying, "He is under my control. He'll come if I whistle," made it difficult to enforce, even for dogs that threaten pedestrians, chase cars, wildlife and cats, and/or defecate anywhere. In addition to requiring leashing in public areas throughout the incorporated Town of Crestone, the ordinance specifically addresses streets, parks, schools, the cemetery, parking lots, and common areas of private property. The last point is to remedy the many problems that have occurred from dog owners leaving their dogs outside the businesses they are patronizing. Those dogs must be leashed and under their owners' immediate control, meaning you may no longer leave your dog outside a business you have entered. Incidents of dogs believing they're supposed to keep other humans from entering a business will be eliminated.

Public health and safety also

requires significantly reducing the amount of dog excrement in public areas. The new ordinance requires owners to remove their dogs' excrement immediately. The Town has included dog waste stations with bags and receptacles in its Downtown Development grant applications for 2014, but meanwhile please carry your own bags. The Trustees commend and thank Fred Bauder for his volunteer work walking around town with a bucket and shovel to pick up the nasty stuff.

Which dogs are causing the problems? There are town residents who do not control their dogs, despite many complaints from their neighbors. There are dogs that walk into town unescorted. And there are many area residents who drive downtown and let their dogs out to play while they conduct their business. Human health and safety come first, so please stop using downtown as a dog park.

Dog complaints and control have been an issue for the town ever since its incorporation in 1901. In the first few years, the Town Marshall was once directed to "shoot loose bitches on sight," and once during a rabies outbreak "to shoot all loose dogs." The "b----" word has not been used in the new ordinance, and our 21st century Code Enforcement Officer doesn't shoot anyone.

Modification of the town's purchasing policy

Resolution 009-2013, adopted last month, corrects some overly restrictive features of the purchasing policy adopted in June. In addition to formal bids, the Town Administrator may now utilize sole sources, state or government surplus or auctions to procure materials and services, subject to ratification by the Board of Trustees.



Playing in fall leaves WHILE jumping on a trampoline?!? How does it get any better than that?! Taken October 18. photo by Lori Nagel

Downtown revitalization: Manifesting the vision

by Akia Tanara, Crestone Town Administrator

Hopefully by now you've learned about the upcoming downtown revitalization project—another large visioning project for our community. Volunteers from the town, Baca and unincorporated county have been working on identifying ways to improve our downtown for more than two years. The Refine the Vision Committee (RVC) reviewed the town's master plan for envisioned development criteria, distributed a survey for feedback on how the community felt on numerous issues and what types of improvements they would like to see in the commercial district. The majority of responses requested beautification efforts and identified a need for economic vitality. The RVC proposed a downtown revitalization project that includes separating pedestrians from traffic, improving safety at intersections, defining and increasing efficiency of parking, improving stroller and wheelchair safety and mobility, improving storm drainage, connecting businesses and unifying the core area, adding sidewalks and walk/bike paths—including links to the Charter School—adding handicap ramps, bike racks, lighting and benches. This proposal was approved, and the board of trustees appointed a Pedestrian Pathways Network Project (PPNP) committee to work with architect Burt Wadman to create design development documents for the project. This work has been completed, and the project is now in the grant-writing phase. A detailed map of the project can be viewed at Town Hall.

The estimated cost of Phase 1 development is \$924,974. The town is applying for two major grants: Community Development Block Grant for \$500,000 and Safe Routes to School for \$300,000. The remaining funds for the project will be raised locally. Requests for County sales tax funds

and an in-kind donation from Saguache County Road and Bridge are pending. Private donations of \$11,000 have been received so far.

When Leanna Bradbury wrote the town article last month, we believed we had a significant "cash match" for this project, which greatly reduced the need for local fundraising. Since that time, the application requirements for both grants have changed, leaving the town in the position of having to raise additional funds in the range of \$70,000 to \$85,000. We are hoping that community support will help us complete our downtown revitalization project.

There is great incentive for making a donation to this project at this time. Because the PPNP is an Enterprise Zone Project, significant tax deductions are available. For 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. The donor then has a lower taxable income for state income tax and saves 4.63% or another \$463. Then, 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 great of a deduction for one year, the 25% credit may be carried over to the following year. Imagine donating \$10,000 and saving \$5,763 on taxes! The Enterprise Zone Credit is 12.5% and preapproval is required, which town staff will be happy to arrange. Donations can be earmarked for specific parts of the project, such as trees/plantings, benches, etc.

All donations, large and small, will be beneficial to the project, and gratefully received. Please give me a call if you have any questions – (719) 256-4313—and thanks in advance for helping the town make much needed improvements to our commercial district.

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Noskov featured artist at Shumei Nov./Dec. Symposium November 17

Local artist Sergey Noskov's works will be on display at the Shumei gallery for the months of November and December. A symposium with Sergey will be held on Sunday November 17 starting at 3pm. A reception will follow.

Sergey Noskov was born in 1961 in St. Petersburg, Russia. His grandmother was raised in Mongolia and owned a significant

commission for many lamas and lay people in the area.

In 1991 an expedition from St. Petersburg Religious Art Museum came to Buriatia in search of art to add to their collection. They commissioned Sergey to create works for their museum. Soon after two curators from two other museums, Ulan-Ude Fine Arts Museum and the Irkutsk Museum, also commissioned paintings. Two large thankas, one 4' x 3' and one 5' x 8', are included in the Guzinarzorski Monastery's art collection in Buriatia.

In the years following he has worked in Belgium, India, Russia, and the United States, and his paintings are included in many private collections and fine art museums worldwide. From 1997 to 2001 Sergey was the lead painter and artistic consultant for the Padma Samye Ling Retreat Center in upstate New York, working closely with the two Tibetan lamas, Ven. Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche and Ven. Khenpo Tsewang Rinpoche, who founded the center. He has executed extensive

mural work, which covers 5,000 square feet and depicts more than 500 Buddhist figures along with countless images and symbols.

Come meet Sergey Noskov and learn more about his work on November 17, 3-5pm. 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.



Longchenpa by Sergey Noskov.

collection of thanka paintings (traditional paintings of Buddhist deities and symbols originating from Tibet). From early childhood Sergey was inspired by these works and desired to learn this art. In 1987 he met famous Buriat thanka painter Nima Tseren and renowned Mongolian sculptor and painter, Danzan Lama. He moved to Buriatia, Siberia, in order to study with his teacher. During this time he painted many thankas on



The Kora Summit Band comes to Shumei in Crestone!

Kora Summit Band plays Shumei Nov. 8

The Kora Summit Band is an all-star group made up of four master kora players from California. The kora is a 21-string harp originating in West Africa. The four musicians are some of the leading exponents of the instrument today. They will perform for the first time together here in our area. The artists will perform solo pieces as well as collaborations, which will include some additional instruments. All four musicians have extensive knowledge of the traditions of the Mande culture, where the instrument originates, and have mastered a great portion of its vast repertoire of compositions.

Each musician has, in their own way, advanced the art of kora playing to include their individual heritages and influences with members Zena Carlota Pearl Allen, Keenan Webster, Daniel Berkman and Amadou Fall. The concert promises to be an engaging performance of traditional and contemporary kora music.

The events are sponsored by Kumbengo Koras. Kumbengo Koras builds fine koras for players from around the globe in Jaroso, Colorado.

The concert begins at 7pm. There is a \$10 suggested donation

at the door. For concert information on individual musicians in the band and the kora visit www.shumeicrestone.org.

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Rosenberg & Forsythe featured artists at Crestone Artisans Gallery

Our gallery continues to experience a very good year, due, in no small measure, to the support of you, our local residents and patrons. The gallery continues to grow and expand (when possible), adding new artists and craftsmen. We intend to provide special events for the community in the coming months. We will keep to the same daily schedule of Wednesday through Monday open (closed Tuesday), with our daily hours being 11am to 5m. When the days get dark earlier, we may shorten our hours to close at 4pm. We will make sure to let you know when that happens so that our availability to you will be as convenient as possible. You, our friends and neighbors, are the foundation of our existence and we appreciate your support.

Our featured artists this month are Robin Rosenberg and Moira Forsythe.

Glass artist Robin Rosenberg has been a long time resident of Crestone, opening her studio in 1987. Her current work in kiln fired art glass includes functional pieces: 20" platters, clocks, smaller plates, also a glass top table in which she collaborated with metal artist Warren Brown of Ohio. The colors are vibrant jewel tones and bright metallics with sacred geometry patterns giving the illusion of depth and texture.



Kiln Fired Art Glass Bowl by Robin Rosenberg.

Of her technique she says, "I use a very high quality art glass, cut and design my pieces and then fire in a large glass kiln. Combining different glasses, trapping air between layers, and a precise firing schedule with multiple firings, gains me the desired results." For the coming season, she is working in gift items, including a new line of dichroic jewelry.

Moira Forsythe has been connected to fiberarts since she learned early lace knitting from her grandmother in New Orleans at the age of 6 or 7. She has spent 35 years exploring knit or woven garment construction, along with quilting, looking at all the combinations of color, texture and fabric combinations to find new and unusual patterns. "Each piece I weave is one of a kind . . . I never repeat the exact same pattern and color combinations. My passion for beautiful textiles has inspired me to bring appreciation of this uniquely human legacy to others."

Along with these talents, Moira has also been the founding president of the Central Colorado Fiber Arts Guild.

Blue Bird Studio November Workshops in Crestone

Finding Your Muse with Intuitive Play

In this class we will explore awakening and inspiring our deeply intuitive and creative spirits.

We will immerse ourselves in a super fun day of play, using guided imagery, music, color, images and words. Deepen your creative connection to source and gain new insights in the process and come away with a mixed media collage on canvas.

All materials and a vegetarian lunch is included.

Saturday, November 9th 11AM - 4PM \$110

To ensure a supportive and intimate setting, class size is limited to 4 people.



Mixed Metal Mania

This class is open to beginners and jewelry artists of all levels.

Open up to new possibilities for creating unique and colorful jewelry, using non toxic patinas and metal inks. Explore super fun techniques that will transform copper and silver into wearable art. Come ready to shape, hammer, emboss and texture metal. Learn how to use cold enamels and embed different components into your pieces using crystal clay and resin. Take home your own custom designer earrings or pendant.

All materials and a vegetarian lunch is included.

Sunday, November 10th, 11AM to 4PM \$90

Class size is limited to 6 people, so please book early.



Jane Adorney is an empath, medium and artist, whose passion is in guiding others to uncover their own personal truths, take back their creative power and live fearless and passionate lives. She has studied a number of healing modalities including massage, intuitive development, and energetic therapies. She has sold her art and jewelry in Europe and the US, and currently has artwork in galleries across Colorado and in the Crestone Artisans Gallery.



Jane is now offering individual sessions in Crestone as well as Evergreen. For further information call: (719)256-4575 - home, (303)478-6781 - cell.

Bowls will sing at Elephant Cloud, Jeff Klein presents Nov. 19-21

Jeff Klein is coming to Crestone Nov 19-21 to play the alchemy crystal singing bowls for deep relaxation and healing. Jeff says, "The alchemy crystal singing bowls that I use in my bowl concerts were originally owned by a world-renowned spiritual master, the first woman master in over 5000 years to receive the honor of Mahamandaleswar and Jagadguru, the highest title in the Vedic tradition of India, which were given to her by a prestigious group of gurus and swamis in India. She and her monks played these bowls for years and their Shakti is in them. What some consider miracles occur regularly, at every bowl concert. They must be experienced."

Jeff will be playing the crystal singing bowls at the Elephant Cloud Studio from 6:30-8:30, Nov. 19-21.

Jeff is the founder of the Health and Wellness Center, LLC in Westminster, Colorado and the Director of Operations & Business Manager for the Institute of Transformational Studies. The mission of ITS is to empower individuals to transform their lives and manifest their unrealized potential. Jeff is a

certified Neshamah Healing practitioner and conducts crystal singing bowl concerts utilizing the alchemy series of crystal singing bowls. Jeff's current work in the healing arts is preceded by 25 years in management and engineering on programs such as the F-15, F-18, F-117, OH58-D and B1Bomber and AH64 Helicopter.

Jeff has seen hundreds of people receive amazing results from Neshamah Healing, not just physical issues being healed but mental and emotional as well. He says that these experiences have touched him at a very deep level. Having an intimate knowing what this can do, he is passionate about bringing Neshamah Healing to the world. He is here to be of service and is taking all of his passion and drive previously used to found the Health & Wellness Center along with the focus of his previous career in engineering and operations management for Fortune 500 companies and applying that drive and knowledge to assisting to create miracles for all his clients. This deep healing is new to the world and it is his honor to be a part of sharing this gift with a wider audience.

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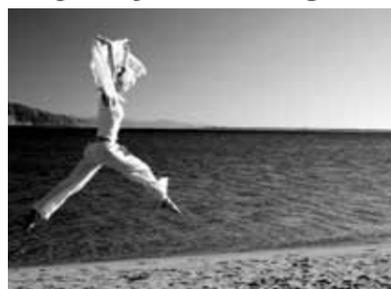
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Headlining this year's Articipate event is the international touring act, SHEL.

Articipate hosts SHEL, marimba & more at Salida Steam Plant Nov. 9

Articipate holds their 5th annual, family-friendly concert and fund-raiser on Saturday, November 9 from 6-9pm at the Salida Steam Plant Event Center.

Headlining this year's event is the international touring act, SHEL. These four sisters have captivated audiences throughout the US and beyond with their mesmerizing songs played on fiddle, mandolin, piano and percussion blended with sublime vocals that can

only be achieved by siblings.

SHEL's opening acts include: Red Bandana, Wooden Rain Marimba Ensemble featuring Bones and Andrea Mossman, Rock School and a special intermission performance by Leon Joseph Littlebird.

Articipate is dedicated to fostering awareness, teaching the importance of the arts in building communities and improving lives through workshops, performances and educational programs for all ages.



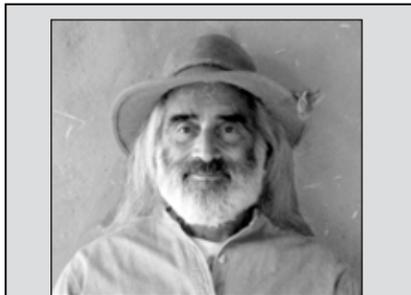
What a fantastic time the Yaktoberfest was! The Crestone Tribal Bellydance Project performed twice at this year's inaugural Yaktoberfest on October 12. photo by Lori Nagel



Rowan Lyford concentrates as she paints Taru Gouldberg's face at Yaktoberfest on October 12. photo by Lori Nagel

Happy Birthday JoJo!

from Kalani and Nika



Invitation to Ammi's 80th

Ammi Kohn will celebrate his 80th birthday on November 9 at the Elephant Cloud studio and invites the community to celebrate with him from 7pm to 11pm. Finger food pot luck, please. Plates and accoutrements provided, tea and coffee. BYOB if you wish.

After years of wandering and volunteering in parks, Ammi moved full time to Crestone eight years ago when he was able to move into the top floor of his home by Cottonwood Creek and across the creek from Robin Blankenship in a home built by her. He laughs "Where else could I go for a great breakfast in Crestone town wearing pajamas on Sunday morning? Where else could I have such fun maneuvering my car around deer in the exquisite golden fall light of sundown? Where else could be assembled such a fine group of storytellers as The Company of Players or find an Iowa farm girl to share my elder decades?"

Ammi's family from from all over the country are celebrating with him. He hopes that you will share in his gratitude for finding in Crestone a full and satisfying life, of which you are a part.

NHN needs your donations

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a 501(c)3 charity organization that supports Saguache County residents who find themselves in crisis.

We are currently accepting funds to help Cheryl Waschenko who has recently had a recurrence of Hodgekins Lymphoma and will need support with medical and living expenses. An account has been opened at Aventa Credit Union for Cheryl.

Continuing support for Russell Schreiber, Kalisama (Lisa Micklin), Beth Danica and Neil Smith is still requested. Russell, Kali & Beth are all in cancer treatment and Neil is recovering from a severe car accident

We also receive donations for our general account to help people with smaller needs. You can donate directly to these Aventa Credit Union 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. Make all checks to Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Thank you to everyone who has helped support NHN through attending one of our fundraisers or making a donation. We couldn't help those in need without your support! Thank you!

Saguache seeks town & county residents for Historic Preservation Commission

The Town of Saguache is seeking letters of interest from people interested in serving on the town's Historic Preservation Commission. The commission meets approximately 9 times a year.

The trustees are especially interested in receiving letters of interest from people who have education or experience in: history, architecture, landscape architecture, architectural history, archeology, planning, American studies, American civilization, cultural geography or cultural anthropology or other re-

lated fields. However, any citizen may submit a letter of interest.

For more information call Rese Garcia at 655-2232 or come by the Saguache Town Hall at 504 San Juan Avenue. Letters of interest outlining relevant experience and why you want to serve on the commission can be submitted to the Board of Trustees at P.O. Box 417, Saguache, CO 81149 or brought by the Town Hall, or as a PDF attachment to email sent to townclerk-sag@centurytel.net. Submission deadline is 4pm, December 2.

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OH! CHANUKAH party

This year Thanksgiving falls on the first day of Chanukah. This has only happened once before, in 1888. It is impossible to determine if this will ever happen again.

Crestone, please join us on Sunday December 1 from 4 to 6pm, at The Elephant Cloud Studio to celebrate this auspicious occasion! Chanukah was declared a holiday 2,178 years ago. Thanksgiving was declared a holiday by Abraham Lincoln in 1863, 150 years ago. The miracle of Hanukkah—one jar of oil burned for 8 nights. We will play traditional games like spinning dreidels. Traditional foods like latkes, pancakes made out of potatoes, and sufganiyot, jelly-filled donuts, will be served. Profits will benefit the Crestone Food Bank.

HempCleans returns Nov. 16

Colorado has harvested the first industrial hemp crop in almost 60 years. What does that mean for potential hemp farmers in the SLV? Jason Lauve from HempCleans returns to the valley to discuss new regulations, expected yields, markets and seed sources for farmers and other interested parties who wish to grow this crop in 2014. There will be a hemp-luck brunch, meet & greet and presentation beginning at 10:45 am Saturday, November 16 at the BEBOP studio in Saguache, CO. \$5 donation suggested to cover travel costs, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. For additional information, call Carenat256-4525. Hope to see you there.

LZ-Johns Art Show returns in December

Saturday and Sunday December 14th & 15th Jillian and Bill Ellzey will host the 14th annual LZ-Johns December Art Show (sans Johns). As usual the hours are from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Ellzey's residence, 891 Camino Real (Two Trees Rd.). In addition to landscapes around Crestone and the San Luis Valley, and images from travels over the years, this year's show will feature fine prints from Chilean Patagonia and Zambia. Back by popular demand are the munchies maestros Bill Sutherland and Judy Gilbert.

Shumei Free Movie Night Nov 22

Shumei Free Movie Night this month hosts *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. The Monty Python comedy clan skewers King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table as they quest far and wide for the Holy Grail. The Black Knight suffers gory dismemberment at the hands of Arthur himself yet maintains that "it's just a scratch."

Refreshments provided, 7pm, 256-5284.

The SLV Ecosystem Council welcomes John Fielder in Crestone Nov. 21

Internationally acclaimed Colorado photographer in an exclusive visit to the San Luis Valley.

John will be donating 30% proceeds from his book sales to the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council. Great Christmas Gifts! Come join us for a wonderful evening: Thursday evening, November 21st 6 to 8:30 pm at the Colorado College Baca Campus

Fielder Program, Refreshments, book sales. Silent Auction/Trinidad State Junior College woodworkers are back! \$20 suggested Donation.

Remembering the 60's: Be In on Nov. 16

Ken and Kiz invite you to tell your story about the 60s. Were you in Lincoln Park, Chicago for the 1968 Democratic convention protest as was Kiz? Were you at Woodstock? Were you arrested as was Ken? Do you know all the words to "We Shall Overcome"? What's your 60s' story? Come share it!

At Elephant Cloud Studio on Saturday, November 16, starting at 7pm. Peter, Paul and Mary as special guests.

Connect for Health help

Do you need affordable health insurance? Get answers from a certified health coverage guide at the Alamosa Public Library. Wednesdays and Fridays during the month of November from 10am-4pm. A 15-minute overview will take place at the top of every hour. Free and Informative. Find out more about the Connect for Health Colorado marketplace on November 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 and 22. For questions, contact Donna Wehe at 587-1330.

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Community Thanksgiving Potluck Nov. 24

On Sunday, November 24, Neighbors Helping Neighbors will be hosting the annual Community Thanksgiving Potluck celebration at the Crestone Charter School. The dinner will be from noon until 3pm. Please bring a dish to share.

NHN needs approximately 30 volunteers to help with setup, serving and clean up. Please contact Renee Hill at 256-4975 to volunteer.

3rd annual Saguache Christmas Bazaar

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, December 7, and join the Friends of the Saguache Public Library in Saguache at the Community Building on Seventh St. for our annual bazaar. We anticipate a wonderful lineup of vendors offering everything you need for your holiday shopping. We plan on baked goods, books, handiwork, crafts, art, baskets, pottery, jewelry, and other delights for you.

We cordially invite you to join us in this revamped holiday tradition by setting up a table. Table rental is \$10. The Town of Saguache requires that vendors at events on town property either have liability insurance of their own or sign a waiver of liability.

Hot lunch will be available and the bazaar will run from 9am until 3pm.

Please call Wilma at 719-655-2566, Hillary at 719-655-0297, or Delores at 719-655-2275 for any additional information.

Bioneers conference in Boulder Nov. 8-10

The Front Range Bioneers 11th Annual Conference will be held in Boulder on the University of Colorado campus November 8-10. This is a Bioneers network event. "Bioneers is inspiring a shift to live on Earth in ways that honor the web of life, each other and future generations". The Front Range Bioneers companion event creates community opportunities for sharing, learning and action, and brings together the region's progressive ideas, people and organizations. The event features a broadcast of the national Bioneers plenaries and is locally enriched with: music and arts; networking; children's eco-activities; field trips, and sessions, workshops and keynotes addressing topics of regional importance and community solutions.

Some of the 2013 national presenters who will be podcast from the national conference include: Janine Benyus, known for being a leader in biomimicry innovation; Joanna Marcy, a renowned Buddhist teacher; Tom B.K. Goldtooth, a social change activist within the Native community; Danny Glover, actor and activist; and Dekila Chungyalpa, involved with the World Wildlife Fund. One can see the full schedule and register for the conference at www.colorado.edu/center/bioneers.

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Friday, November 1

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

Saturday, November 2

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

Sunday, November 3

• Turn clock back 1 hr – 2:00 am
• New Moon – 5:45 am
• Dorje Trolo practice – White Jewel Mountain 10am-noon no charge www.whitejewelmountain.org 719-256-5773
• New Moon Fire Ceremony – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:00 am www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108
• Worship Service – Little Shepherd Church 2:00 pm-3:00 pm
• Diwali (Festival of Lights) - Chanting followed by a meal. – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 7-9:00 pm www.babajashram.org 719 256-4108

Monday, November 4

• Town of Crestone Planning Commission Regular Meeting – Crestone Town Center 6-8:00 pm

Tuesday, November 5

• Last day for Saguache County Clerk to receive ballots, 8am-7pm 655-2512

Thursday, November 7

• CCC Meeting & Hangout – Crestone Community Bldg (Old Schoolhouse) 5-8pm Free 719-480-5925
• SLV Restorative Justice Summit – Adams State Student Union Building 5:30 pm-1:00 pm FREE <http://restorativeprograms.org> 719-589-5255

Friday, November 8

• N. Sag. Co. Library Board meeting to discuss Baca Library facility – Baca Library 9:00 am
• Kora Concert at Shumei International Institute 7:00 pm-9:00 pm \$10 Suggested Donation www.shumeicrestone.org 719-256-5284

Saturday, November 9

• Finding your Muse with Creative Play – jane adorney 11:00 am-4:00 pm \$110 719-256-4575
• Alycia Chambers – Yak N' Cracker Cafe 6-8 pm
• SHEL and others, Salida SteamPlant 6-9:00 pm
• Ammi's 80th Birthday party – Birch St Studio 7:00 pm-11:00 pm free

Sunday, November 10

• Dorje Trolo practice – White Jewel Mountain 10am-noon no charge www.whitejewelmountain.org 256-5773
• Shumei's Monthly Sampai, Sanctuary 10:30am-noon Free www.shumeicrestone.org 256-5284
• Mixed Metal Mania – jane adorney 11:00 am-4:00 pm \$90 719-256-4575

Monday, November 11

• Baca Grande Friends of the Library meeting – Crestone Town Hall 1:30 pm 256-4100
• Town of Crestone Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Crestone Town Center 1:30pm-6:30pm

Tuesday, November 12

• Crestone End of Life Project public meeting – The Topping House 7pm Crestone-End-of-Life. www.org 719-256-4247/588-7415

Wednesday, November 13

• Veteran Benefits Information – Y.E.S. Building 10:00 am-4:00 pm 719-655-2680

Thursday, November 14

• BGPOA Board of Directors Working Business Meeting – BGPOA Meeting Room 5:00 pm
• CCC Open Hangout – Crestone Community Bldg (Old Schoolhouse) 5-8pm Free 719-480-5925

Saturday, November 16

• Monthly recycling pickup – Crestone Secret Garden (formerly Laughing Buddha) 10am-2pm
• HempCleans Returns – Saguache Welcome Center 10:45 am \$5 suggested, no one turned away 256-4525
• Rumi Circle with Shaykha Fariha, 3-5:30pm Free/Donation nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290
• Cheap Therapy Singers – Chokurei Farm Store & Yak N Cracker Cafe 6-8:30 pm 719-256-4700
• ALMA presents Potcheen, Inn of Rio Grande 7-10pm \$12, \$10 & \$5 almaonline.org 719-937-1255
• Be In – Birch St Studio 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 17

• Full Moon – 8:15 am
• Dorje Trolo practice, White Jewel Mountain 10am-noon free www.whitejewelmountain.org 256-5773
• Full Moon Fire Ceremony – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am babajashram.org 256-4108
• Art Symposium with local Thanka painter Sergey Noskov – Shumei Gallery 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Free www.shumeicrestone.org 719-256-5284

Tuesday, November 19

• Jeff Klein plays singing bowls at Elephant Cloud – Elephant Cloud Studio 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Wednesday, November 20

• CCAA Potluck Feast & Party – Zuki & Nick's Place noon-10pm FREE <http://www.facebook.com/events/170953376406893/> 719-480-1622

Thursday, November 21

• CCC Meeting & Hangout, Crestone Community Bldg (Old Schoolhouse) 5-8pm Free 719-480-5925
• BGPOA Board of Directors Business Meeting – BGPOA Meeting Room 7:00 pm

Friday, November 22

• BGPOA Election & Annual Members' Meeting, BGPOA Meeting Room 7pm bacapoa.org 256-4171
• Free Monthly Movie Night at Shumei, 7-9pm Free www.shumeicrestone.org 719-256-5284

Saturday, November 23

• Eric Karlstrom performs at Chokurei Farm Store & Yak N Cracker Cafe 6-8:30pm 719-256-4700

Sunday, November 24

• Dorje Trolo practice, White Jewel Mountain 10am-noon free www.whitejewelmountain.org 256-5773
• Neighbors Helping Neighbors Thanksgiving Pot Luck – Crestone Charter School noon-3:00 pm

Wednesday, November 27

• Community Potluck Feast – Zuki & Nick's Place 10:00 am-10:00 pm www.facebook.com/groups/CCAA-01 719-256-4544
• Vicious Cycle – Chokurei Farm Store and Yak N Cracker Cafe 6:00 pm-8:00 pm 719-256-4700

Sunday, December 1

• Oh! Chanukah, Birch St Studio 4-6pm \$1-\$5

Monday, December 2

• Deadline for Saguache Historic Preservation Commission application – 4:00 pm 655-2232

Thursday, December 5

• Rumi Study Circle, All welcome, 3-5:00 pm Free/Donation nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290

Friday, December 6

• WinterFest Cookie Classic – Crestone Mercantile All Day 719-256-5990
• Crestone WinterFest – Crestone Artisans Gallery 4:00 pm-6:00 pm 719-256-5330

Saturday, December 7

• 3rd annual Saguache Christmas Bazaar – Saguache Community Building 9:00 am-3:00 pm 719-655-2566, -0297, or -2275

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Daily

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

Sunday

• Mass at Nada Carmelite Hermitage 9am 256-4778
• Sunday School Crestone Baptist Church 10-11am
• Sunday Service Crestone Baptist Church 11-noon
• Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Town Hall 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 719 937 7769

Monday

• Zumba Toning Birch street studio 9:00 am-10:00 am www.angela108.zumba.com 719-256-4040
• DanZen with Diane Elephant Cloud Studio 10:45 am-11:45 am 719-256-5912

Tuesday

• Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Classes resume Jan. 21 shaktisharanam.com
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• DanZen with Diane Birch St Studio 10:45 am-11:45 am 719-256-5912

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Friday

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Being with the Elements of North Crestone Lake

by Susan M. Pierce

John P. Milton and Peter May and the participants for Cham-maling's Five Elements Retreat were minding their own business, doing the Bon tradition practices, when they saw the silhouette of something moving on the ridge. They were gathered at North Crestone Lake for five days of retreat in mid-September. John thought, "That's the funniest looking elk I have ever seen." John has lived in this area for over 30 years and had never heard of a moose in the Sangres. Next he thought, "That is a moose—but there are no moose here—but that is a moose!" The moose came down from the ridge, directly into camp and spent about a half hour amongst his admirers.

"In The Way of Nature, we have a belief that when an animal comes and shows itself in a very direct way, that it has a totemic quality. The moose made a



Sherpa Lyndsey on top of the pass overlooking North Crestone Lake.

strong connection with several of us and became a sort of totem for the group," explains John.

The young bull moose had joined a very ambitious endeavor led by Peter May, John P. Milton and Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche, a revered teacher of the Bon tradition. It took nearly twenty trips by locally hired "sherpas" to pack all the food and equipment for 23 people in and out of North Crestone Lake. I was one of those sherpas and was so grateful to be in my favorite place in the world—the alpine.

"To me a lot of the retreat was based on making a connection with the goddesses of the five elements—connecting with the sacred feminine. In the Bon tradition each element has a goddess," Milton shared.

People were there to connect with the elements and connect they did. The night before Lyndsey Dueber and myself arrived we were told that they performed the practice for the air element right before bedtime. That night winds came in that nearly flattened the tents!

Lyndsey and I had the won-

derful experience of hiking in with the Rinpoche, Geshe Yungdrung Gyaltzen and participants from Los Angeles and Santa Fe. The Rinpoche would keep us company, then suddenly sprint up the trail like a spirit of the high mountains and wait quietly for the group, catching some rare moments of mountain solitude. When I asked him if he felt at home here, he grinned and said, "Oh, yes!"

That night just before bedtime Peter May led us in a Bon tradition practice acknowledging all of the elements. The water goddess responded with a light sprinkle. We continued, in the dark, by the side of North Crestone Lake . . . earth, fire, wind, space, water. Our clothes became damp, but it was all too wonderful to interrupt the practice. Just as predicted by Peter, as soon as we finished the water element, the sprinkle became real rain, then quickly gained momentum into pounding rain. Now we were running for our tents. We giggled as four of us laid down in our sleeping bags, lined up and squished together like cheese enchiladas in a pan. We fell asleep listening to the rain from inside a dry tent.

However, our slumber was abruptly broken by a cry in the wilderness. It was Fredrick, whose tent was set up in a bit of a depression and to whom the rain goddess had made a personal visit. Alas, four people made due with three sleeping bags and Fredrick found shelter from the storm in another tent.

Morning came and I climbed over a few sleeping bodies, unzipped the tent and stepped out. I looked out at the magnificent scene and was ecstatic to see the bull moose swimming across North Crestone Lake! He traversed the frigid waters effortlessly, looking around casually, each great stride propelling him forward through the water. As he reached the other side of the lake and heaved his great body out of the water I couldn't help but admire a creature who on such a cold morning could take a little dip in glacier water as though stepping into a hot spring.

Apparently, the moose had made a personal visit to the Rinpoche's tent and John's tent before his swim. Not every day that one gets to pose for photos with a moose as the backdrop!

As I watched our guest, I couldn't help but notice the dichotomy that is the moose. Huge, strong, magnificent and yet at the same time an almost comical conformation, bordering on goofy. Maybe it is the nose. Maybe just too much Bullwinkle as a kid.

This retreat was truly magical and all of Peter May's, Fredrick's, John Milton's, Tenzin's Wangyal Rinpoche's and the numerous sherpas and others' efforts were so very well spent. As the Rinpoche said, "See you next year!"



Tenzin Rinpoche and the moose



People gather round for morning coffee at camp.

photo by Susan Pierce



Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche and Geshe Yungdrung Gyaltzen feeling at home in our high mountains!

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Morning Elements practice on the mountainside looking down at the lake.

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Crestone hospitalist Dr. Daniel Perlman joins HRRMC medical staff

Daniel Perlman, M.D., an internal medicine physician who specializes in infectious disease, has joined the medical staff at Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center as a part-time hospitalist, a physician who specializes in treating hospitalized patients of other physicians.

Dr. Perlman will provide hospitalist coverage as well as internal medicine primary care services in conjunction with Dr. Randal Vilalovas at the HRRMC Outpatient Services Clinic, located in the hospital.

Before relocating to Crestone, Dr. Perlman practiced in the Denver area for more than 20 years as an infectious disease specialist. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Colorado Medical Society and is the chair of the finance committee of the Infectious Disease Society of America.

Dr. Perlman earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine through Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and a fellowship in infectious disease through the University of Colorado Hospital. He is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in Infectious Disease.

“Our community is fortunate to have Dr. Perlman providing internal medicine consults and hospitalist coverage,” said hospital CEO Robert Morasko. “HRRMC is committed to the expansion of our internal medi-



Daniel Perlman, M.D.

cine program and providing hospitalist coverage to meet the health care needs of adults in our area.”

Adult patients seeking an internal medicine provider can make an appointment with Dr. Perlman by calling 719-530-2204.



Skate boards, long boards, snowboards, yoga supplies, handcrafted items, sporting goods and all sorts of cool items are being stocked in CreStore.

CreStore moves into the Secret Garden building & expands their line of products

by Mary Lowers

CreStore is here. CreStore is wow. It's local, earth-friendly, vegan and cool. Located formally in Shambala but moving their ever expanding stock to a larger location upstairs on the north side of the Secret Garden building, proprietors Benny Roman and Jennifer Daveler are all about, “supporting locals who create and importing things that are not here already, but Crestone would like.” CreStore also provides goods and services addressing our needs.

Jennifer, who is a crafts-person herself and will refurbish and repair your worn but loved items on her sewing machine right in the shop, remarked, “There are enough creative people here to stock a store.” Along with her hand-sewn belt bags and scented candles glass she and Benny provide consignment space for local artisans of all ages. My holiday gifting will include many of the

wonderful creations from Laura Enzer's incense cones to Amy Myzko's herbal tea blends to Julian Wade's hand blown glass honey dippers. There's something special for everyone at CreStore!

Skateboarding is a big part of this family and the store. Benny, who teaches a skateboarding mentorship at CCS, carries boards and parts for skaters.

There are yoga supplies, good quality sporting equipment for all and an expanding music section featuring local artist's CDs, and new and used equipment. Ask about consignment opportunities.

CreStore's off-the-grid section is marvelous. The store carries wind-up flashlights and headlamps along with portable solar power units. They have hard to find items such as iPhone chargers.

As a vegan store, CreStore deals with nothing made from animals or animal-based ingredients. It's a fun experience meeting Benny and Jennifer, who moved here from Virginia with their fifteen-year-old son Jedi, a student at CCS's LINK program. Their diverse interests, personal philosophy, and love of their new home are reflected at CreStore. They are open Monday through Saturday from 10 am—6 pm. To contact them you may call 719-315-4828.



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'Prosperity Consignment' store opens in downtown Crestone

by Mary Lowers

"Clothes for everyone, clothes for every occasion, clothes here in Crestone", a vision Donna Gohr and her daughters Melody Gohr and Crystal Owens have been rolling around "for a few years" is now becoming manifest. The evolution of this is the birth of Prosperity Consignment located in the newly remodeled Secret Garden building on Alder St. in downtown Crestone. As a family these three women will be able to work their jobs in food service while running this exciting new shop. "This is a family enterprise and we want it to work. When you walk in it looks like a fine high end boutique but you can pick up a skirt for \$8.00."



Clothing racks are starting to fill with good quality clothes, outerwear, costumes and "doggy duds"

Donna shared with me that "creating clothing is an old hobby I passed on to my children." They saw a need in Crestone for more retail outlets. Working at the Desert Sage Restaurant for many years, Donna noticed, visitors often inquire where to shop . . .

"Where to buy a meditation pillow or get a Crestone souvenir. And locals have clothing needs beyond the Free Box.

"We will feature clothes for every occasion and every individual." They will have outerwear including shoes, "we already have winter items including Vasque hiking boots." All footwear and clothing in the shop is special and unique. "All items are lightly used and we will have a bit of everything for all shapes and sizes." Prosperity Consignment will also carry new socks and underwear along with some Crestone tee shirts. The goal is that "everyone will be able to shop in the store."

All segments of the community from young adults and teens and up will find something unique and priced right. Local clothing designers will have their own racks in the store to display their creations. There will be some jewelry, "including Melody and Crystal's Chicky Chick cruelty-free feather ear-rings" and natural makeup featured to complement your new Prosperity Consignment outfit.

What Donna calls a Big Book is being compiled that will feature larger items such as high end appliances, furniture and other large non-clothing items for sale. If you want to put an item in the Big Book "you will pay a flat rate fee to keep items in the book. All Big Book items come complete with a photo and description." Gift items, prints, pots and small



Donna Gohr and daughter Crystal Owens, along with other daughter Melody Gohr, have opened the Prosperity Consignment Shop.

household goods will have a corner in the store.

Another feature at Prosperity Consignment is the "Doggie Duds" section including "many ways to primp your pup" for warmth in the winter as well fashion. "Store stock will be regularly rotated so there will always be something new to view when you come into the shop." There will be a permanent costume section for those party needs or dramatic endeavors. To help us throw that special holiday party, Prosperity Consignment will have fine china available for rental.

Prosperity consignment is always on the lookout for new items for the store. Looking for cool and vintage stock, Donna may even offer to clean out your storage unit in quest of hidden treasures. The consignment rates vary depending on the type of item being consigned. Prosperity Consignment encourages and welcomes folks to come into the store with new things to put on consignment. Donna told me, "Watch the Prosperity Consignment Facebook page for hidden contests, new cool items and holiday specials."



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What is the future of the Crestone library? Can we create a new one?

by Sarah Koehn Frey

There have been many questions regarding what's happening with the Baca Grande Library. Many folks completed surveys over the summer, and that has informed the process that the Northern Saguache County Library District is using to move forward. Progress is being made, and we're excited to let you know what's been happening.

The Northern Saguache County Library District formed a Facilities Committee early in 2013 specifically for this process, and this subcommittee has been meeting regularly since spring. The Facilities Committee is comprised of community volunteers, members of the Friends of the Baca Grande Library, and NSCLD Trustees. They discussed the process and agreed that the first step is getting community input—hence, the surveys over the summer. That survey very clearly showed that the majority of respondents are interested in moving the library to an existing building in the town of Crestone. This feedback informed the next steps.

And just what are the next steps? A planning process that will result in identifying a new site for the library. This means hiring someone qualified to look at existing buildings in Crestone to see if one or more would be suitable and is or could be for sale. Questions that need to be answered include whether a building could be modified to suit the library's needs in a cost-effective manner, parking options etc. It could also mean identifying building sites if no existing building will work for the new library site.

The Facilities Committee created a Request for Proposal, which was sent to 9 licensed, qualified architects on October 1. Proposals were to be returned by October 15. Proposals are strictly for the planning process. The selected architect will be expected to provide the following services:

- Work with NSCLD Facilities Committee to determine suitable location in the town of Crestone for relocation of the Baca Grande Library branch.

- Assist the NSCLD Facilities Committee with developing a Building Program that will encompass the needs of the new facility.

- Assist the NSCLD Facilities Committee with assessing up to 5 available structures and determining their appropriateness for the needs of the library branch.

- If there is an appropriate existing building available for purchase, then provide schematic design services, including preliminary cost estimates for the renovation, OR

- If there is NO appropriate existing building available for purchase, then provide architectural services including site selection and schematic design for a new facility, including preliminary cost estimates for building a new library branch.

The Facilities Committee has a Proposal Review Subcommittee, who created a checklist of criteria and valuations to evaluate the proposals. This subcommittee will meet to discuss the proposals between October 15 and November 1.

There will be a Facilities Committee meeting on November 1, at which the Proposal Review Subcommittee will inform the others of the results of the tabulation of criteria. The entire Facilities Committee will then go through the checklist again and will agree on a recommendation for the NSCLD Board of Trustees.

The NSCLD Board of Trustees will hear the recommendation at their November 8 meeting, which takes place at 9am at the Baca Grande Library. The successful proposal will include information relating to the cost, so the board of trustees will also discuss earmarking and/or raising funds for this purpose at the November 8 meeting. As always, public is welcome to attend the NSCLD Board of Trustees meeting.

There are bound to be many questions throughout this process, and the public is encouraged to bring them to Library District Director Sarah Koehn Frey (655-2551) or Facilities Committee Chair Kim Smoyer (655-0104).

Crestone End of Life Project receives grant; to be featured on CBS Sunday Morning news show

October was a month of recognition for the Crestone End of Life Project (CEOLP).

The group has been aware of growing national interest in the various services it offers to our community. However, the Annenberg Foundation's announcement that CEOLP would be a recipient of an unsolicited \$12,000 grant, to be used for educational outreach program development under Informed Final Choices, came as a complete surprise.

As if that weren't enough, Mark Hooper with CBS spoke with Stephanie Gaines about including CEOLP in a feature on end-of-life choice for the Sunday Morning program. Barry Petersen, Hooper's partner on the program, came with camera and sound men in tow, to interview Gaines, Joany Petersen and Ken Nelson. Broadcast time will be provided at a later date.

In other CEOLP matters, three beautiful new wooden benches have been delivered to the cremation site to serve as permanent seating, thanks to donations from the Dorjes and the Cardens.

On Saturday, November 2, at 2pm, Informed Final Choices and CEOLP will host the Death Cafe at the Birch Street Studio. Join us for delicious treats and tea as we share our thoughts on the mysteries that life and death hold for each of us.

If you want more information on CEOLP and Informed Final Choices, attend our open meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 7pm, the Topping house, 33 Sunset Overlook (first left behind Century 21 office). Call 257-4247 or 588-7415.

New library board member needed, to start January 2014

Would you like to contribute your time to the running of our local libraries in Crestone and Saguache? The Northern Saguache County Library District has a managing Board of Trustees. Two Crestone-Baca positions will be open, beginning at the first meeting of the new year (January 8). Regular meetings are held on the second Wednesday morning of each month, and there are other meetings and special tasks. The term of the assignment is two years.

Qualifications to be on the library board: You must be at least 18 years old and you must reside within the library district. In the case of a Crestone-Baca board member, you must live in Crestone, the Baca, or in the county nearby.

How to apply: Pick up and fill out the application for new board members. Copies are available at the Saguache Public Library and the Baca Grande Li-

brary and it is also available in PDF form at nscl.d.colibraries.org.

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

Please mail your application to the Saguache Public Library, P.O. Box 448, Saguache, CO 81149. If you happen to be in Saguache, you can drop it off at that library.

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Who We Are

Sheila Ramsey: Bridging cultures, opening spiritual/practical doors

by Gussie Fauntleroy

In her new school in Illinois, 8-year-old Sheila Ramsey and her classmates had been asked to memorize a poem. Sheila was prepared and confident, ready to recite: "I think that I shall never see, a poem as lovely as a tree . . ." But as soon as the first words left her mouth, her classmates began to laugh. Sheila was stunned. Finally she realized—they were laughing at her Texas accent. "It was the first time I realized I was different," she says now, sitting by the wide windows in her warm, uncluttered Crestone home.

Differences—between cultures, races, languages, and deep-seated values and assumptions—have formed the context and core of Sheila's career for most of the past forty years. With a PhD in human communication, she has lived and worked in Japan and spent decades teaching people around the world to understand and interact with those



In Nairobi, Kenya, Sheila works with Personal Leadership practitioner and Kenyan friend, Anastacia Wambui Karuri.

photo courtesy Sheila Ramsey

who are different from themselves. And as it turns out, the principles and practices for smooth, productive intercultural communication, and the spiritual teachings of the world's wisdom traditions, are one and the same.

Learning about difference

Sheila's personal path began in Texas as the daughter of a woman with a long career in speech therapy and a father whose series of jobs turned the family into "domestic nomads." Moving multiple times between Illinois and Texas, Sheila adapted by learning early on to read people's expressions, gestures and unspoken words. It was a way of quickly becoming popular and earning teachers' approval in a new environment, and also of masking her sadness at making friends and then having to move.

In high school and college, her practice of paying close attention to others' behavior—"being a good detective," as she puts it—was reinforced through involvement in theater and anthropology. After two years at Southwestern University near Austin, she switched to the University of Illinois, graduating with a B.S. in anthropology. Later she earned a masters and PhD in human communication at the University of Pittsburgh. Fortuitously, although she didn't know it when she enrolled, the Pennsylvania school happened to be at the hub of the burgeoning field of intercultural communication.

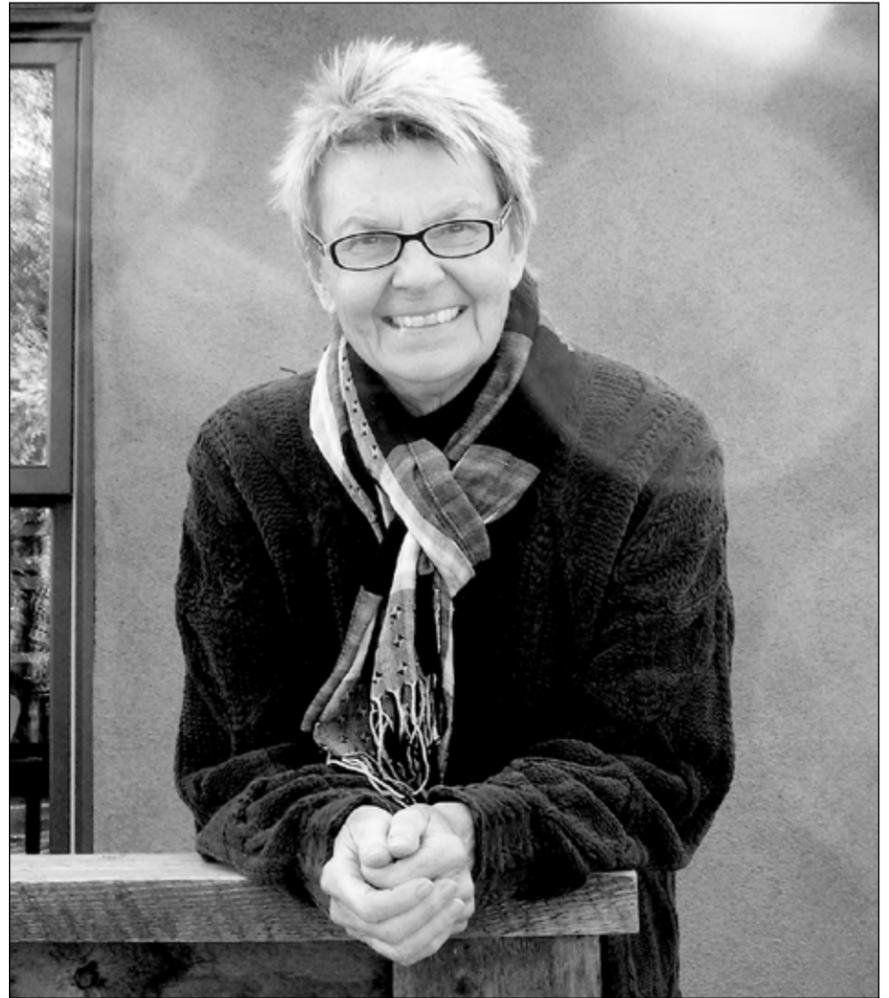
From knowledge to competence

As a graduate level teaching assistant, Sheila gained experience in facilitation and training by leading workshops for foreign students in non-verbal and cultural behavior and communication. After earning her PhD she continued to hone these skills as an instructor at International Christian University in Tokyo and then through the American Chamber of Commerce in Tokyo in one of the first programs to train non-Japanese businesspeople to live and work with their Japanese counterparts.

A few years later Sheila earned a painful but invaluable lesson after returning to Japan to serve as a potter's apprentice in a small village. The pottery teacher spoke no English, and Sheila was the artisan's first non-Japanese student. In six months of working together, teacher and student encountered a succession of misunderstandings that left both women frustrated and hurt. When the pottery teacher declined to renew her visa, Sheila had to leave Japan. The experience brought home an essential aspect of intercultural communication: It is one thing to know what to do; it's another to be able to do it.

Merging the practical and spiritual

Back in the United States, Sheila continued consulting and training in a variety of settings, including the Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication, where she served as a faculty member. Meanwhile, she met and began working with a spiritual teacher named Dawn, who owned a home in Crestone. Sheila's first visit to Crestone, in 1993, was to attend a seminar at her teacher's home. As



Sheila Ramsey

she pulled into Dawn's driveway, she heard an audible but disembodied voice speak these words: "Will you have a home here?" She could not have known it then, but seven years later she would buy that house, and has lived there since 2009.

In the mid-1990s Sheila moved to Washington, D.C., where her work quickly expanded to include consulting and organizational development work for Peace Corps members and non-profit international development organizations. She traveled and worked in the Balkans, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and elsewhere. Then, at one point, she heard an audible yet inexplicable voice again: "Study leadership." So she began a course of self-study, guided by intuition. Eventually this led to her current focus on global leadership and collaboration with two partners in the establishment of a training program (and book) inspired by both intercultural work and personal meditation practice. The partners called it Personal Leadership (PL).

Taking the lead

Sheila, now 67, points out that participants in her leadership seminars often assume they'll only be learning tools to lead others. "But when they leave they realize it's all about self." In fact, it's both, and more. Based on the principles of mindfulness and creativity, Personal Leadership is a path to awareness and responsibility for one's own responses and behavior in the moment. It's a way of being in the world that smoothes the way in any interaction in work and daily life, and—especially—in situations of

uncertainty, transition or change. It involves intentional practices of full body/mind intelligence and attentiveness to judgment, emotions and sensations, cultivating stillness, engaging ambiguity—remaining open to not knowing—and aligning with personal vision.

Doing by being

Sheila infuses the Personal Leadership perspective in overt or subtle ways in all her work. Under the umbrella of Personal Leadership and through her organization, the Crestone Institute, she has used these and related practices to train hundreds of leaders at the United Nations, the Smithsonian Institute and other organizations around the world, and has held PL seminars in Crestone since 2001. She would love to teach the approach to high school students in the local San Luis Valley schools. In the professional world, Personal Leadership has highly practical applications for interacting with co-workers, colleagues, business team members or foreign counterparts from very different cultures—and between cultures within the United States. In its form and language, it is accessible to anyone. Yet it also answers the question: How can a path to awakened consciousness be offered to people in a way that doesn't scare them? "They can enter it from wherever they are. So one of my roles is to be a bridge," Sheila observes. "It's really important to be practical. But you start . . ." She smiles—and points to her heart.

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Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

October began with the Divine Mother Festival, Fall Navratri, which was wonderful with folks attending from around the world. Children's day was a highlight, as always, and you can see the photo here.

Our annual Festival of Lights (Diwali) is on Sunday, November 3 and 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 sumptuous desserts served at 8pm. All of the spiritual groups have been invited to share their songs and we hope many of you will also join in. It is a magical evening so please join us.

Our new-moon fire ceremony

this month is on Sunday, Nov. 3 (Diwali) and the full-moon fire ceremony is on Sunday, November 17. The fire ceremonies begin 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 Festival of Lights, we will have a 50% off sale all of November 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 mahalakshishop.wazala.com.

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A voice clamant of uncertainty's postulates
An architect of knowledge, not its source.
This powerful bonds slave of his instruments
Thinks his low station Nature's highest top . . .

—Savitri, Sri Aurobindo, pg. 240.

These times are tumultuous, with the federal government shutting down and local POA issues. With all the contention around us, our teachers advise equanimity. Here are some words by Sri Aurobindo:

"Equality is to remain unmoved within in all conditions. Equality is the chief support of the true spiritual consciousness. Equality means a quiet and unmoved mind and vital, it means not to be touched or disturbed by things that happen or things said or done to you, but to look at them with a straight look, free from the distortions created by personal feeling, and to try to understand what is behind them, why they happen, what is it in oneself which they are cast against, what is to be learnt from them. It means self-mastery over anger and sensitiveness and pride as well as desire and the rest—not to let them get hold of the emotional being and disturb the inner peace.

"Equality means another thing—to have an equal view of men

and their nature and acts and the forces that move them; it helps to see the truth about them by pushing away from the mind all personal feeling in one's seeing and judgment . . . Personal feeling always distorts and makes one see in men's actions things behind them which, more often than not, are not there.

"In ordinary life personal feeling and sensitiveness are a constant part of human nature. I think a strong, large and equal attitude towards men and things would be a (good) defense. But for a (spiritual seeker), to surmount them and live rather in the calm strength of the spirit is an essential part of his progress . . . Samata (equanimity) does not mean the absence of ego, but the absence of desire and attachment."

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Moving Up Higher Enjoying everyday life

by Joyce Meyer

Trust and patience: Keys to God's peace and rest

Peace is one of the most precious gifts God has promised His children. I know, because for many years my life was not peaceful, and I was miserable. So, to now have this peace and live in God's rest is a treasure to me. And it is a gift that He wants all of us to have.

But to attain this peace and rest, I had to learn to be patient while God was working in my life. It definitely didn't just happen overnight. I had to learn to trust God while His peace was being cultivated in me. And I think we all have to learn this very important lesson.

I believe that a trusting attitude and a patient attitude go hand in hand. You see, when you let go and learn to trust God, it releases joy in your life. And when you trust God, you're able to be more patient. Patience is not just about waiting for something . . . it's about *how* you wait, or your attitude while waiting.

The key to it all is *humility*. Philippians 2:5 says, "Let this same attitude and purpose and mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus."

Humility may well be one of the most difficult of the fruit of the Spirit to be cultivated in us—and to maintain. That's because without humility, it's not likely that you will put your complete trust in God.

I have learned from personal experience that putting trust in God means there will be some unanswered questions. That was a hard lesson for me because I naturally want to understand everything . . . to know what's going on so I can feel like I'm in control.

It's just human nature to try and figure things out. So, when we're in the midst of a situation, we usually try to reason our way through it. We generally want to know "Why, God, why?" or "When, God, when?" We want to know the outcome now. Our pride just has a hard time with *not knowing*. Because to not know means to not be in control, and that's

hard on the flesh! But humility submits to what God is doing. This is where we must make a decision.

Where will you put your trust?

Deciding to trust God releases us from feeling like we have to have all the answers. And Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us exactly where to put our trust: "Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths."

Forty years or eleven days?

As I mentioned earlier, another essential part of trusting God is having patience. It is very important to realize this, because even when a decision is made to trust God, it doesn't mean that things will just fall into place right away. We may have to wait—and wait longer than we think we should have to—on some things.

It's important to understand that while we're waiting, having a negative, impatient attitude will not make God hurry. Remember, the Children of Israel spent 40 years in the wilderness on what could have been an 11-day journey, mainly because of their attitude! When things were not going like they wanted, they began to murmur and complain and ultimately, they sinned against God, simply because they got impatient and stopped trusting Him.

A good question to ask yourself is, Will I keep God's commands when I'm not getting what I want? Will you continue to put your trust in Him? Will you exercise patience while you wait on Him to work things out for you?

Remember, God is always in control. So, humble yourself . . . trust Him . . . and be patient. You will not be disappointed.



Restoring right relations Center for Restorative Programs presents SLV Restorative Justice Summit

After losing her own son to a medical condition, Joan continued to open her home and heart to the young teens who had been his childhood friends. When his best friend Brad forged one of her checks and tried to pass it at a local grocery, she found herself dissatisfied with what the legal system had to offer. What she wanted for Brad was not punishment, but accountability. She missed seeing Brad and wanted a genuine opportunity to mend her broken trust and restore their relationship. Her search led her to a new program being offered in the San Luis Valley. She and Brad were among the early participants of what was then known as Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP).

"Mediation let us both put this incident in the past, so we would no longer have to dwell on it or let it damage our relationship. I really believe we might have lost our relationship completely without it," Joan reported recently. "Instead, we were able to move on as before, with things restored between us." Rather than being "soft" on Brad's offense, Joan experienced this face-to-face process in her livingroom as not only meeting her needs for restored relationship, but also as a time for true accountability for Brad.

Years later, Joan still gets excited thinking about this process and the long-term impact it has had. And she gets obvious joy from sharing "the rest of the story." Joan and Brad remained close, visiting regularly even after he left for college, until his death some ten years after their restorative encounter. Joan participated in an outdoor memorial service for Brad where she suddenly had a realization. She and her husband had never buried their son Ryan's ashes, and now she knew where she wanted them to be laid to rest. Some time later, arrangements

were made between the two families to place Ryan's ashes next to his best friend Brad, in a beautiful wilderness area, bringing this story of restoration full circle.

Restorative Justice (RJ) is an approach to crime and wrongdoing that engages victims, offenders, and their affected communities. This process provides support and answers for victims, allows offenders to take responsibility for their actions, and restores a sense of community safety. RJ is cost-effective, results in high rates of victim satisfaction, and has been shown to reduce typical recidivism rates among juvenile offenders by greater than 50% in national studies. RJ is an integral component of programming offered by Center for Restorative Programs (CRP).

CRP presents the SLV Restorative Justice Summit on November 7-9. In addition to a current video interview with "Joan," this three day event invites institutional leaders, professionals, service providers, and community members to engage with national RJ experts, hear RJ success stories, and brainstorm action plans for integrating RJ into the San Luis Valley. All events are free. To learn more about the summit, please call CRP at 719-589-5255 or visit restorativeprograms.org.

The names have been changed in this account, to protect the privacy of Brad's family.

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Thomas Keating: A Rising Tide of Silence

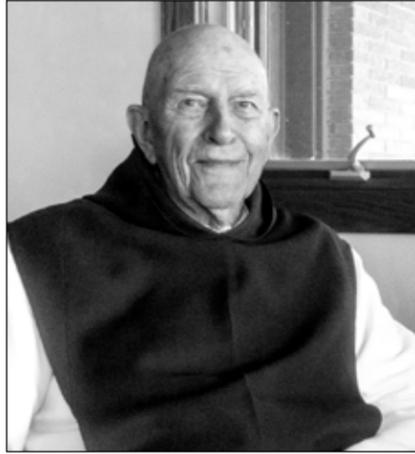
A film by Peter C. Jones

reviewed by William Howell

It is perhaps vitally important that—amidst manifest corruption, violence, and global lack of confidence in our species' socio-political endeavors—a film emerges about someone whose energies have been devoted to counter all such limited images of hopelessness and angst in order to focus instead on human possibility. A standing ovation at the Aspen world premiere in early October of Peter Jones' biopic of Thomas Keating certainly was an expression favoring the positive potential that this movie and the life it investigates represent.

Early in *A Rising Tide of Silence*, a photo of an obviously handsome Thomas Keating, age 13, is shown in great close-up. The texture of the paper on which this black-and-white image is printed takes on the same importance as the visage. The question—which is background?—reveals the subtle theme of this 106-minute film, Jones' first, a project that took a dozen years to complete. The young Keating has already been mysteriously attracted to visit a local monastery, the way young people are drawn to secret trysts. Such a vital magnetism, despite a father's wish to pass on his very successful New York City law business, means there will be no more cinema, no more opera with his doting grandmother, no more dating for this life in the act of choosing the quiet of sanctuary and the strictest Christian path available.

As few viewers in most audiences will have encountered a living saint, some will wonder if such a stature is really possible. Perhaps this is the main heft of the film—to deliver the very human goods about a life given to ardent spiritual pursuit, yet one that did not escape the burdens of the world. The young Keating's romantic idea of monastic life faded within months of his entry, and his family's reaction to his life of rising silence would be a long-carried burden. Yet it was heading the mother house of the Trappists in

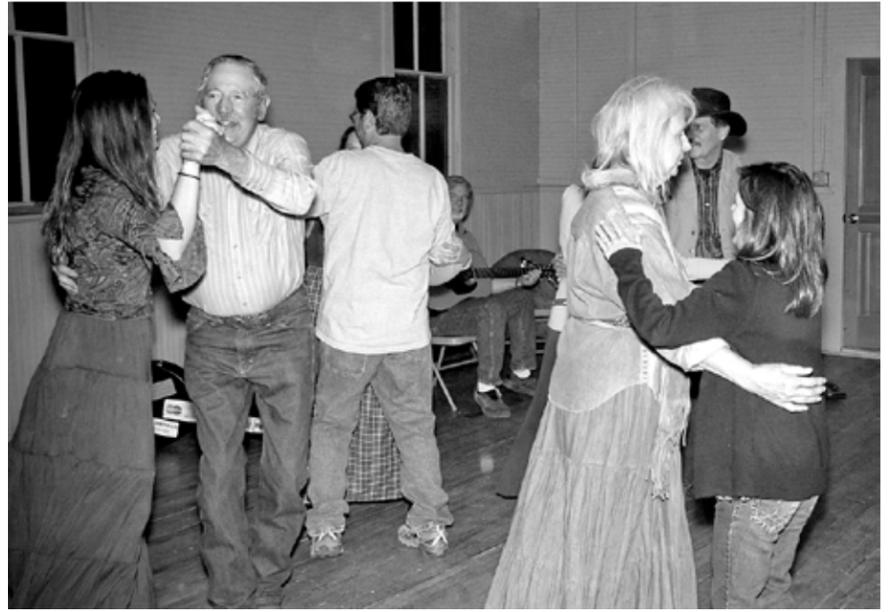


Thomas Keating

this country that proved to be a position of heart-wrenching demands during the electrifying era of Vatican II, and the pain of a strict abbot is evident. Even his personal about-face towards the efficacy of compassion could not solve the dilemmas of office. Those under the opinion that spiritual folk just sit and pray all the time will be freed from such a generalization.

Films often portray lives of great personages, but this cinematic effort unveils the life of one who never sought greatness, but rather humility. For the protagonist to follow a very inward call, in which the way forward aims neither at status nor achievement, constitutes a virtually unique event in American movie making.

As a piece of art, the film, as the director suggests, "is still drying on the canvas"—unless the viewer sees in this as creating a natural intimacy that hints at the blemishes of personality forming necessary circumstances out of which a pristine inner terrain develops. For such a transformation, the movie suggests, every heart longs. Toward that end, Thomas Keating has authored many books and founded an organization, now serving some two million souls in 34 nations, that offers a simple method of prayer-meditation to allow, without effort, the spiritual journey (which Thomas says begins the day we are born) to unfold. Few would choose such a life as his, yet fewer still will fail to appreciate such dedication—the result being a certain gladness that silence infatuated a young man who could have easily achieved the American dream . . . but chose to wake up on behalf of us all.



Eric Karlstrom's band gets 'em going. Some good ol' fashioned square dancin' going on at the Barnyard Dance on October 4 at the Community Center. photo by Lori Nagel

Paradise Divide, a new CD by Eric Karlstrom

A music review by Peter Anderson

Attention all traditional American music lovers: we have a number of fine musicians here in our midst. One of them, Eric Karlstrom, has a new CD produced down at Don Richmond's legendary Howling Dog recording studio in Alamosa. *Paradise Divide* includes eight vocal songs in the bluegrass/traditional style, six classic bluegrass banjo tunes including the well known "Foggy Mountain Breakdown," and three originals including "Paradise Divide," an original tune inspired by a camping trip into high lonesome country not far from here.

Bill Monroe, the "father of bluegrass," described bluegrass this way: "It's Methodist and Holiness and Baptist. It's blues and jazz, and it has a high lonesome sound." It's that high lonesome sound that makes this collection, which includes not only bluegrass but old folk and gospel tunes, especially appropriate for a cold autumn evening when the last of the aspen leaves are riding the wind. That's especially true in Eric's versions of tunes like Peter Rowan's "Wild Geese Fly Again" and Willie P. Bennett's "White Line." These tunes describe late night longings: in one case those of a lone cabin dweller

for a distant lover and, in another, a hitchhiker's desire for warmth and company on a highway headed to the Tetons.

Something about this kind of acoustic music—banjos, fiddles, flatpick guitar, and tight vocal harmonies often drifting into soul-stirring minor keys—speaks to mountain dwellers in the Rockies, in the older mountains of Appalachia, and in the highlands and heaths of the British Isles where it is rooted. This is mountain music at its core and Eric Karlstrom celebrates that in *Paradise Divide*.

Eric is a good picker with a soulful baritone voice. His choice of songs makes *Paradise Divide* a fine listening experience. I enjoyed his interpretations of some old traditional tunes like "Shady Grove," "The Old Crossroads," and especially "You'd Better Let That Liar Alone" by the Carter Family. In the magic realm of Don Richmond's studio, he provides, in some cases, all the voices in some tight harmonies. This is a fine CD by one of Crestone's talented musicians. If you're a traditional music lover, you will find much to like on *Paradise Divide*. Check out Eric's website at www.erickarlstrom.com and/or order a copy of *Paradise Divide* by emailing Eric at erickarlstrom@fairpoint.net.

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Awakening Artists Crestone Creative Council news

by Lisa Bodey

A new culture and lingo have arrived in town . . . a “sick” skateboard culture that has many of the kids, teens and young adults super “stoked”. And it’s about time. The talk of a skate park or ramp has been simmering in the background for years and this dream just became a reality with a generous donation of material, time and construction expertise from the Canpo Construction Crew. The energy and positive vibe that has been created by youth learning new tricks, painting the ramp and taking ownership of the park is amazing. Thank you to parents Benny Roman, Jennifer Daveler and Trevor Hollyer for all of your extra time helping the kids learn to skate and clean up the park.

Crestone Creative Council (CCC) has sectioned the ramp into different areas for artists young and old to express themselves through painting. We would love to see some of the adult artists in the community get involved in this project and we are grateful to CCS art teacher, Ashlee Jernigan, for helping us get this process started. This is a great way to have your work displayed in town and appreciated by our young people. One of the easiest ways to share your passion for painting with youth is to get involved in the projects that excite and interest them.

We are also looking for donations of clear satin minwax, helmsman spar urethane or a similar exterior sealing product to help prepare the ramp walls for the winter weather as well as put a final coat on the Dragon Mural in Little Pearl Park. If you have some open cans sitting around, we can put them to

good use. Finally, we will complete and install the “stars” and “fish” on the Dragon Mural as the culmination of this community art piece.

These projects will be completed through our Awakening Artists program which meets every Tuesday in November from 4-7pm. We will be split between Town Park painting the skate ramp and working on arts and crafts at the Community Building. Special thanks to Chris Tolian for helping us receive a generous community sponsorship of \$1200 from Iberdrola Renewables which will help us continue this program over the next year.

CCC couldn’t make all of these projects possible without a good home base, so we are continuing our “Sponsor A Month” program to help us continue renting the historic 135-year-old Community Building. We are asking individuals or businesses to sponsor one month with a minimum of a \$100 contribution. This allows CCC to pay for our rent, utilities and to keep basic cleaning, toiletry, kitchen and first aid items in stock. Thanks to the town’s mitigation program we already have a firewood supply ready to go for heating the building. Hosting our program in the Community Building allows us to offer a safe, comfortable and conveniently located space where youth can participate in council meetings, create art, play music, complete office/school tasks and accommodate community gatherings.

To get involved or for more information about CCC, please call 719-480-5925 or email bodey-crestone@gmail.com. You can also visit our Facebook page at Crestone Creative Council.



CPI, as part of their Youth Enrichment Program, brought the popular band Red Bandana to perform at area schools.

We did it again! 2013 was another great year for Crestone Performances—you can join the fun *and* support good times

by Tom Dessain

Crestone Performances Inc. would like to thank the Crestone Community for a fun, challenging yet successful year. Thanks also go out to everyone who helped us pull off the Halloween Ball. We hope everyone had a blast.

We want you, the community, to feel free to give us feedback on anything you feel is important. Your opinions, complaints, compliments and ideas are a big part of what makes us fit the community and its needs.

2013 in review

We again took our educated guesses and made a budget that worked for 2013. The festival held its own with good attendance, miraculous weather and positive feedback. We also produced nineteen total school performances across the San Luis Valley with eleven of them in Saguache County. Shows included: the Celtic duo “Four Shillings Short”; the all-girl teen rock band “Red Bandana”; Crestone’s own “Crestone Kaminari Taiko”; the energetic band from Cuba, “Savor”; the drum and dance troupe that was so popular at the festival from Ghana, “Logo Ligi”; and finally the Aztec song and dance troupe, “Tzotzotllin”. Whew!

All presentations were sponsored, produced and subsidized by Crestone Performances Inc. and a grant from Saguache County. All Boys and Girls Club shows are sponsored by a collaboration between the Alamosa Live Music Association, Crestone Performances Inc. and the Boys and Girls Club of Alamosa. Several thousand students benefited from these quality, unique and educational presentations.

This year we helped eleven other organizations produce a total of thirteen events. We provided, for

free, some assortment of the following; consulting, tents, electrical, trash cans, tarps, fencing, sound, booking, MC’s, lights and more to the following organizations and events: the Chocolate Festival put on by the Saguache County Sheriffs Victim’s advocate group; Yaktobfest by Chokurei; the Alamosa Live Music Association; three Neighbors Helping Neighbors fundraisers; The Crestone Charter School; Crestone 4th of July; Crestone Energy Fair; Shumei International Institute; La Puente; Su Casa; and a cancer walk.

All this ain’t easy to pull off and the best way to keep it all flowin’ and growin’ is to become a member. Memberships start at \$50 a year and can be paid by the month if you choose. We have a fast, easy & secure way to join. Go to www.crestfest.org and click on Membership-Donate! You can also mail a Membership/Donation Form to CMF, PO Box 6, Crestone, CO 81131, or call 719-256-4533 for more information. Forms are available at the Crestone Post Office, our office and on-line. Make checks payable to CPI. All donations receive a tax-deductible receipt. Please remember how important your contributions are, and know that you are investing in community by investing in Crestone Performances Inc.

CPI is a 501(c)3 non-profit community service organization that annually produces the Crestone Music Festival, produces and subsidizes educational and cultural presentations in San Luis Valley schools and offers free consulting and technical assistance to other community endeavors. You can call us at 719-256-4533 or email us at crestfest@crestfest.org. Stay tuned for more and thank you all again!

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Moffat School news

Healthy students, healthy schools = academic success

by W. Shellabarger

Academic success is what we are striving for. While attending the Healthy Students, Healthy Schools professional development summit in Alamosa I had the opportunity to hear a principal from a school district in northern Colorado speak to the fact of how they are getting their kids moving through short bursts of physical activity throughout the day, which is leading to improved test scores across the grades.

As the Moffat School PE teacher, I am a part of the School Wellness Committee as well, and as a school we have many opportunities to educate students about healthier food choices that will lead to their own healthy lifestyle down

the road. We also have a huge influence on getting them to love activities that get them moving and get their heart rates up. After this conference I came away with several ideas that I would like to work on with the administration to come up with a plan to integrate several all-school "brain breaks" throughout the daily schedule to get everyone moving and to infuse more physical activity into our school day other than just PE and recess.

This is the time for us to instill lifelong physical activity habits in our students, and if it leads to improved test scores, then that will be a bonus for providing students with the physical activity they need for good health and learning.



The Moffat/Mountain Valley Girls Cross Country Team takes a moment to show off their 2nd place plaque.



Zeven Garcia pictured here working on the Homecoming float that came in 2nd place overall.



A few student athletes from the Moffat/Mountain Valley Cross Country Team take a little time to relax in the shade. Moffat student athlete Layla Anzelc-Tolian will be running in the state cross country meet in Colorado Springs on October 26. Good luck Layla!



Ginger Stringer, MS/HS Science Teacher at Moffat, requested money for a Celestron LCD Microscope II for her classroom and was awarded the funding to make this a reality. DonorsChoose.org is a free non-profit website where teachers can receive funding for student resources.



Homecoming King and Queen, Zeven Garcia and Megan Gillespie.



The 1st quarter Civil Engineering STEAM group are pictured here in front of the secondary student body testing the bridges they built this quarter. It was exciting to see just how much weight they could hold.

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Charter School news Cast your vote on Amendment 66 this fall

by Michael Hayes

According to National Kids Count, Colorado ranks 41st in the nation in per-pupil funding for public education. On your November ballot, Amendment 66 asks for a statewide \$950 million tax increase to fund a recently passed law, Senate Bill 13-213, that would implement school finance reform and change the way the state distributes dollars to school districts. This would cost San Luis Valley taxpayers about 1.5 million dollars collectively and, due to our population demographics, it is pro-

jected that about 15 million dollars will pour into the valley to fund education. This amendment is predicted to increase Moffat District's funding by about \$1,400 per student.

Specifically, the measure raises the state individual income tax rate from 4.63% to 5.0% on the first \$75,000 of taxable income and to 5.9% on any taxable income over \$75,000 and deposits the additional tax revenue in a separate fund to increase public education funding. It implements legislation passed by the state legislature creating a new formula for allocating state and local funding to school districts and requires that at least 43% of state income, sales, and excise tax revenue, collected at existing tax rates, be set aside annually to pay for public education.

How will Amendment 66 affect education in the San Luis Valley specifically? The amendment provides funding for full day kindergarten and increases funding for pre-kindergarten. More money is allocated for English language learners, special education, and at-risk youth. The legislation creates a teaching and innovation fund and a competitive innovation grant program.

What does Amendment 66 mean for Crestone Charter School? More money for district education means more money per pupil to the Charter School. Though our kindergarten students attend school for the full day, the state funds us for those

students at ½ the level of the rest of our students. This legislation will switch that funding to full funding for each kindergartener. In addition, our school will get about \$450 per student specifically for facilities. The bill also provides increased transparency about mill levy override revenues to districts, the ability to negotiate sharing those revenues with the district, and the ability to shift to authorizing with the Charter School Institute if those negotiations fail. Finally, the bill updates the student count system to more accurately account for our student numbers so that our revenue stream matches our student population.

Amendment 66 would collec-

tively mean a significant tax hike for Colorado. In my view, the benefits also far outweigh the costs to the San Luis Valley. 1.5 million dollar input to 15 million dollars received seems like a good return and an investment in our future. While more money does not guarantee better education, there is good evidence that increased funding and improved student performance do track together. We have a collective obligation to the children to invest in their education, help them realize their potential, and engage thoughtfully in their world. Please take the time to educate yourself on Amendment 66 and cast your vote.

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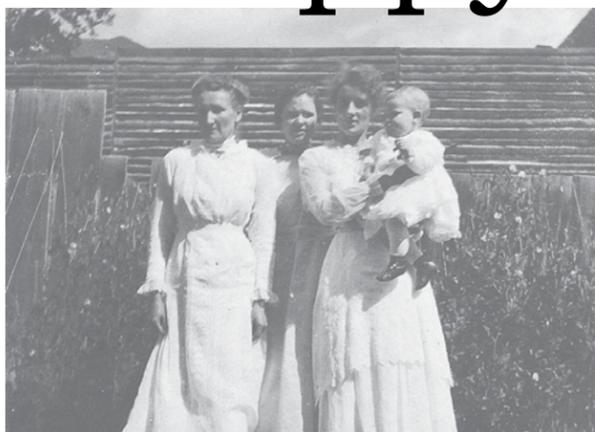
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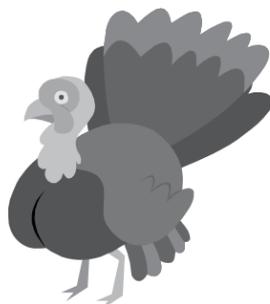
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The Washington Beat

*16 days in October—
Can it happen again?*

by David Nicholas

Looking back a month ago, the conventional wisdom had President Barack Obama written off, the man and his presidency as just another ineffectual president, not one of the pantheons, the greats. That was last month.

In just 16 days that has all changed. October 1, the Republican-engineered shutdown began. Boom! This was just a matter of time they said. Time before the president would be brought to his knees and cave to their demands on Affordable Care/Obamacare, budget cuts, and the debt ceiling.

Well, not only did it backfire, the president made good on his declaration that he wouldn't negotiate on any of their craziness, especially the debt ceiling, and by October 16 the Republicans folded. Just two hours before America would begin defaulting on paying its bills (such as foreign loans, putting off Social Security payments, causing financial mayhem reminiscent of the Lehman Brothers collapse in 2008, which led to the global financial crisis), the House of Representatives voted 288-144 to pass HB2775. It took 15 minutes for House members to cast their votes to reopen the government, extend the debt ceiling, agree to reiterate a provision on Obamacare (already in the law) and ensure all furloughed federal employees would be paid for loss of wages caused by the shutdown.

Watching that vote, as GOP members almost fell over themselves to cast their votes, was really something to see. The Beat has never seen anything quite like it.

The end result was that Republicans were overwhelmingly blamed for the shutdown, revealing that the GOP House conference was/is seriously split between the ideology of the Tea Partiers and the pragmatists; that Speaker Boehner can't control his conference; and Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) is Mr. Obama's blessing in disguise.

So can it happen again? Yes it could, and in 90 days the fight could be on again. But will it? Unlikely, and here is why. Read on.

Senator Cory Booker

Cory Booker was mayor of Newark, New Jersey when he decided he would run for the Senate seat vacated by five-term Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ). Governor Chris Christie had nominated a Republican, then-Attorney General Jeffrey Chiesa, to fill the position before having a special election. Mr. Chiesa said at the time he wouldn't run for the special election, so the GOP put up Bogota Mayor Steve Lonegan to contest the seat. The aim of the game was give a Republican candidate an edge over Mr. Booker.

Mr. Booker is very opinionated and a very left-of-center Democrat, who frequently appears on NBC's MeetTh-

ePress. Some would say he's outspoken, but I like the guy and I like what he says.

But there was also the Conventional wisdom, which said a black American would never win a Senate election in New Jersey and up until the shutdown October 1, the race looked like it could be very close. Booker won it 55%-44% on October 16. Not a landslide, but it was very decisive. True, it had low voter turnout (1.2 million out of 4.5 million eligible voters), but the edge that incumbency will give in re-election will make Senator-elect Booker hard to beat.

The shutdown contributed to Mr. Booker's clear margin of victory.

To further rub salt in this Republican wound, the next test is the Virginia gubernatorial election in November when former Democratic National Chairman Terry McAuliffe goes up against the Republican state Attorney-General Ken Cuccinelli. Since the shutdown, the Virginia polls show Mr. McAuliffe leading by 10 percentage points over his rival. If his polling continues like this for the next two weeks, it would be an upset: a Democrat would be replacing a Republican governor.

Shutdowns never favor the instigators

When the shutdown began I wrote our erstwhile editor on October 5 the following: "shutdowns never favor the instigators." When former Speaker Newt Gingrich pulled this crap in 1997, Democrats won back control of the House in the next election in 1998.

I noted that Republicans were going to blink first. This was a PR thing. When House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) faces the press (he needs to be really tanked to do it), and President Obama uses the bully pulpit of the presidency as a daily battering ram on House Republicans, there is really no contest. To add to the pressure, just before the shutdown went into effect, the Department of the Treasury announced the debt ceiling would be reached by October 17, so the shutdown and the possible default became a single issue.

The big mistake was that the GOP really expected Obama to back down on the continuing resolution funding bills and to agree to their demands to overturn/defund/drop specific provisions of his signature legislation, the Affordable Health Care Act, in order to pass government-spending bills. They were so besotted with the righteousness of their cause, they didn't believe his resolve.

To be fair, their judgment was clouded. House Tea Party Republicans were captivated by Senator Ted Cruz,



cited by many pundits (including moi) as the next or new Joe McCarthy (as in "Were you ever or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?" fame). The cause to destroy Obama's presidency became do or die. The senator was saying that Obamacare could be overturned by delaying the basic implementation of the law (in this case, that part of the AHC which requires all people to have some health insurance by the end of 2014), and they believed him. When you get besotted, you've drunk then Kool-Aid and you forget you don't have a Plan B.

So there was a dinner on October 3 for Republicans Senators paid for by a pro-GOP lobbying group, where many Senators, who opposed the shutdown as a reckless act, dumped on Mr. Cruz and seriously asked him, nay interrogated him, as to what his end games was? That is, how did he propose to get the GOP out of the mess and emerge victorious against the Democratic-controlled Senate and President Obama? He had no end game. As one guy remarked, this was all about him. And worse, he refused to apologize for this disaster.

Now it's been well known for sometime—certainly it was by December 2012—that Boehner was/is not master of his own House. If Republican conservatives had their druthers they would have tossed him then when the GOP caved to Obama's demand not to extend the Bush tax cuts. So he became dependent on/addicted to their good graces to keep his job.

Meanwhile House Democrats were gathering signatures of House members to bring a "clean bill" (one without extra attachments) for government funding before the House for a vote. This Discharge Petition, as it's referred to, is a rarely used procedure, but it can be brought to bear by the minority party. They needed 218 votes, a majority of members to sign it, to make it to the floor for a vote. They needed 200 Democrats (easy) plus 18 GOP (presumably moderates), who hated this shutdown. If they had gotten the signatures, they would have introduced the bill on the House floor on October 11, Friday, for a vote on Monday, Oct 14. The actual bill was a Republican continuing resolution already voted on once that never went forward. Co-opting this CR was designed to get a speedy vote in short order, where a Discharge Petition would normally take 30 days.

Now it doesn't matter if they failed, because in the narrative news it cycled for days as Democrats being seen to do something to move the deadlock, and to pour more blame on Republican obstinacy. As PR, it succeeded, whereas the actual effort failed because none of the moderate GOP members were prepared to revolt against their leaders' wishes at that time.

Towards the end of the second week of the shutdown, the talk began about a Grand Bargain, which combines the continuing resolution funding bills, debt ceiling increase, plus some reduction in entitlement spending as a way out for Republicans in this mess. President Obama floated this several months back as a long-term solution for the next couple of years, but his offer was ignored.

HB2775, the bill to reopen government

The final bill wasn't quite the Grand Bargain. Such a bargain may still come about when this is addressed in fewer than 90 days. But what the GOP caved on was that the government would reopen and be funded until January 15. The debt ceiling is raised until February 7. Also, there will be negotiations by a committee comprised of both House and Senate members to discuss budget cuts. These negotiations are to be concluded by December 13 this year (good luck with that).

Then, the provision that was included in the bill was a provision that people who receive subsidies for their health care had to be verified before receiving the benefit. This would apply to people receiving health insurance under the Medicaid provisions of the AHC law, which was already included when the AHC was passed in 2010.

Lastly, all government employees furloughed because of the shutdown will be paid for time lost. So Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve employees, you got a break.

In short, the immediate gains in the shutdown test of wills were for the President and Congressional Democrats. There were major losses for the Republican Party, in particular the GOP moderates in the House. Incredibly, neither the Tea Party wing nor Senator Ted Cruz in the short term are thought to be losers. Why?

The 2014 midterms

Right after the amended Senate version of HB2775 passed 81-18, Senator Ted Cruz started ranting to an empty chamber and boasted that he was unapologetic for the disruption to the federal government and the near disruption of the world financial market. This is because Mr. Cruz' cause is not just overturning Obamacare and handing major defeats to President Obama, but to run the pragmatists in the GOP and the political establishment into the ground no matter what the cost. His recklessness cost the nation \$24bn, but it was recklessness the pragmatists in the Republican Party were at a loss to control.

This weakness was not lost on the elected Tea Party wing of the GOP, nor on the Tea Party followers throughout the country. Senator Cruz is front and center and more popular with them than ever.

But it is the midterm election

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THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

—MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS

by Ish

1/ Potiche: I was attracted to this one as it stars Catherine Deneuve and Gerard Depardieu and only is 3 years old. It has some political overtones, as the genteel wife of the owner of an umbrella factory has to take over for her husband who had a heart attack. The ensuing conflicts with the Marxist union boss offers some funny class conflicts.

2/ Paris: Here I was attracted by Juliette Binoche, who is the sister of a young cabaret dancer with a heart condition awaiting a risky surgery. They tend to get involved with a variety of strangers as they watch the Parisian streets closely.

3/ The Nasty Girl: This interesting film is about a German high school girl who decides to write an essay about her home town's heroic resistance during the Nazi era. However as she uncovers one situation after another it begins to point towards a collaboration with the Nazis, and as the guilt percolates, the hate and opposition to her inquiries become debilitating. This won a BAFTA Award for Best Film not in the English language.

4/ Stellina Blue: This indie film revolves around Stellina who is reclusive and is found recovering from a store robbery gone bad. She also awakens from a coma and has to contend with an extraordinary gift she's received . . . her life will never be the same.

5/ Absolute Wilson: This biographical documentary I found to be captivating as I wasn't aware of this artist or the story. An homage to famed stage designer Robert Wilson who overcame childhood learning disabilities growing up in Waco, Texas, eventually rising to be one of the stars of 1960s New York avant-garde. A tale of social injustice and a portrait of his artistry via live performances and interviews. Casted with David Byrne, Tom Waits and Susan Sontag.

where the GOP will see losses as a result of the shutdown. Not Tea Partiers (who have their districts conveniently gerrymandered in Republican red states), but incumbent moderate Republicans will be marked by conservative action groups in April and August. They may defeat extremist Tea Partiers, but in the end will feel voter anger that at the moment favors Democrats.

In November, one year out, I think the Democrats will win back control of the House at the expense of moderate Republicans, and that they will strengthen the Democratic hold in the Senate, thought unthinkable before October 1.

Will the GOP want to fight the shutdown battle for a second time in 90 days? They would be foolish to try. The country isn't in the mood for another shutdown and if it has to go through this aggravation again in the middle of winter, it will punish the instigators more. I think House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va) and House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) have to be concerned about their political futures if this goes on.

Right now working out an accommodation on a federal budget and passing it for the first time since 2009 would be a high priority. Then have a one- to two-year automatic increase of the debt ceiling, while allowing planned, modest cut in entitlement programs such as Medicare and Social Security. Such a grand bargain would pass if Speaker Boehner got the gumption to go for a bi-partisan vote and avoided the stupid Hastert rule, which requires budget bills to pass with a GOP majority.

However, Mr. Boehner may have his own problems with a primary challenge in his district because he went for the shutdown deal this time. The Speaker may not lose his job for his heresy this time, as there is really no one else who wants it on the Republican side. But he may be out of a job next August. My view, this would not be a loss.

Iran: Positive nuclear talks

Just shows what a 15-minute phone call between Presidents and a few tweets can do to break the ice. The

talks about Iran's nuclear program are back on with an initial two-day meeting held in late October and a more detailed meeting coming up November 5-7.

Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif put forward a new proposal for transparency by the west on plant inspections on the Natanz site and other complexes. The Natanz site is where Iran is thought to have centrifuges, which can produce uranium-237 for nuclear bombs. Iran has denied it was/is doing this, but the west and Israel have insisted that this is so.

US Secretary of State John Kerry welcomed the proposal with "cautious optimism" which, given the last 10 years, is quite positive. The Secretary has been following President Obama's maxim, a priority in his administration, that resolution come through diplomacy over military action. Also, most of the American media missed that Secretary Kerry acknowledged Iran's right to have a peaceful nuclear program, if it can be verified.

All the Iranian harmony is because sanctions are beginning to take their toll and President Rouhani has an agenda to open up trade with Europe and other countries so that his people—60% of whom are under 30—can enjoy benefits from their oil prosperity.

President Rouhani tweets; therefore he is. Tweeting diplomacy (even tweeting that Iran recognizes the Holocaust) has been winning hearts and minds and making critics take another look at Iran and its intentions. With one exception.

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who hates all things modern Persian (he liked ancient Persia apparently), and desperately wants to bomb and wage general war on the Islamic Republic, is doing his very best to sabotage the nuclear talks. Jumping up and down, yelling and screaming, calling President Hassan Rouhani "a wolf in sheep's clothing" and Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khomeini "a wolf in wolf's clothing" at the UN in late September, gave the Israeli Prime Minister a sense of the quixotic.

Mr. Netanyahu lusts for an "I

Chi'ling out the Elements of Crestone

by AnnaLousie Stewart

In the past couple of years Crestone has had knock down, drag out battles surrounding the Fire Department, Baca Water & San, and more recently the POA.

Given that my healing work Chi Nei Tsang is based in the Taoist alchemical system of the 5 elemental forces I find it useful to view these battles from that perspective.

The 5 forces or principles are Water, Wood, Fire, Earth and Metal. The laws of how they interact in Nature in the greater sense, as well as internally determines the level of Harmony we experience.

There is no such thing as a perfect and constant balance of these elements. It is rather an organic flow of constant change. However, extreme behavior, again in Nature as well as within us, can be the result of one element overpowering another.

This concept is perfectly illustrated by the recent floods on the Front Range. Excess water overpowered Earth, destabilizing the solidity, regularity, consistency and balance that are all aspects of the healthy Earth principle.

For the purpose of this article, I am only going to address the three elements represented by the above mentioned entities. The Property (land) Owners Association represents Earth.

Healthy Fire Chi has the power of love, high spirit, respect, sacredness, purpose and guidance. It is also responsible for good and accurate communication internally as well as within families, communities and nations.

Weak Fire Chi causes insensitivity, impatience, cruelty, inconsideration, obsession and mockery. We lose faith in ourselves and in others. We become helpless and also unable to help others.

The intense fear and therefore rejection of fire in Crestone could have initiated an imbalance. Fear, an extreme quality of Water weakens Fire.

Again, Fire is controlled by Water—the power of gentleness and the ability to follow the path of least resistance. Healthy Water

Chi gives us a rich cultural heritage and a solid support system from friends, peers and community. It provides a strong will but gentle behavior. It also provides our dreams.

When Water Chi is weak we go into fear mode, which promotes fits of depression, anger and powerlessness.

Water is controlled by the Earth principle of support, presence, comfort, harmony, nurturing and hospitality. When our Earth Chi is out of balance we become judgmental, biased, envious, blaming, dissatisfied and unfriendly.

How is this information helpful? How does one person face the disharmonies of a whole community? To answer this, I would like to quote Swami Prajnanpad who says: "It is not others who must change, but you."

Look closely at the interaction between your own internal elemental forces. Which ones may need strengthening? Which ones needs surrender?

The following are suggestions of how to gain a greater harmony between these principles:

To strengthen Earth Chi, it is important to ground yourself. Work towards greater satisfaction and comfort in all aspects of life. Work towards a feeling of safety. Nurture yourself. Eat regular meals that you cook yourself. Doing crafts and gardening promotes healthy Earth Chi.

The Water principle is empowered by plentiful sleep and dreaming. Go on vacation, travel, pursue an art and take up swimming.

Finally, to raise and balance your inner Fire, feed your spirit, your passions and your enthusiasm. Have fun, laugh, renew your spiritual practice and deepen your relationships with friends, family, your loved one, animals or Nature.

As each one of us harmonize our inner beings, I believe it will reflect in our community as better communication, more support, greater respect for each other, more satisfaction and a higher common purpose and vision.

told you so" moment, but so far he hasn't had one and it ain't likely on Mr. Obama's watch. Mr. Netanyahu knows this, but being "Given to God", he aims to be a righteous man or right in history and so waits, at present in vain.

Saudi Arabia gets nasty

Saudi Arabia, which had won a seat on UN Security Council a week before, rejected the highly coveted position on Friday, October 18, surprising many. Saudi Arabia's action reflects its disapproval of what it sees as weak and conciliatory stances by Europe and President Obama towards Syria, Iran and Egypt.

Saudi King Abdullah is financing Syria's Sunni opposition forces as well as Egypt's bogus military-backed government which overthrew a democratically elected president in June. In backing these specious allies, King Abdullah sees Saudi Arabia as the counter-weight to Iran's growing influence in the region.

The Saudis, being Wahabis (a warrior sect of Sunni Islam), are not democrats. Preferring to rule by monarchist dictatorship, they have little

time for forces that support Shia Islam. Hence, they oppose anything that appears to be pro-Iranian by the west or any political movement that threatens their rule. Shia Islam vastly outnumbers Sunnis when you take the Middle East as a whole. For example, Bahrain, an emirate next to Saudi Arabia, has a vast Shia majority ruled by a Sunni Sheikh. During the Arab Spring two years ago, the Shias in Bahrain rose up to protest lack of democratic rights. The Saudis sent in troops to support the Sheikh, and ruthlessly put down the uprising.

So how far Saudi displeasure goes remains to be seen, but Saudi Arabia's rejection of the Security Council seat is hard to ignore. Should Saudis treat the west with economic displeasure, such as cutting off or restricting the flow of oil, things could heat up pretty quickly. We shall see how it plays out.

Meanwhile a Happy Thanksgiving to all. May the turkey be moist and succulent, may there be plenty of it. Blessings.

And the Beat goes on.

Water rights

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prove damages and press charges through the courts.

In 2004 Senate Bill 222 authorized the formation of water management subdistricts in the SLV as a local management alternative to measures that might otherwise have been taken by the State Engineer. One such district, with some 3,000 pumped wells, about half the high-capacity wells in the entire SLV, has been operating for the past two years during which some acreage has been fallowed and augmentation plans have returned water to the Rio Grande. In the midst of an extended drought, however, the aquifer showed little recovery until the September-October rains which were welcome but also did little to help surface rights holders who rely on naturally flowing wells (artesian) and creeks.

After years of efforts to bring attention to reduced artesian flows, falling water tables, dry creeks, and violations of their senior rights, a group from the Saguache and San Luis creeks area was heard by the Water Resources Review Committee (WRRC) of the legislature on September 26. In addition, some

30 pages of letters were submitted. Then, on October 23 we learned that State Engineer Dick Wolfe, who was scheduled to conduct a meeting of the 55-member rules committee in Alamosa on the 24th, would also meet with concerned surface rights holders in Saguache that evening.

Much of the testimony and many of the letters presented to the WRRC on September 26 called for the Closed Basin Project to be discontinued, for the repeal or modification of SB 04-222, for groundwater rules and regulations which have been pending for several years, and for appointment of a special water master to regulate groundwater use. For instance, Ed Nielsen noted that "Water division 3 is the only area in Colorado that has no Rules and Regulations for ground water pumping. Sub-district #1 in the San Luis Valley is operating under . . . a very new water model, yet the water levels continue to drop. The rest of the pumps in the valley can pump with very few restrictions. Yet, when the State Engineer determines that my surface water rights, decreed prior to 1870, are being diverted out of priority, I am immediately curtailed. There are in excess of 50 wells within 10 miles of me that are still allowed to pump while I am being curtailed. All of them were decreed at least 50 years after my surface rights."

Martin Shellabarger stated he "thought the subdistrict idea might work and at that point any pumping management would have been better than no management by the State Engineer's Office. The notion of . . . having a single group augmentation plan . . . had a lot of appeal. However, the subdistrict plan has not performed well . . . The Rio Grande Basin needs pumping ad-

ministration now, not eventually in 20 years when all of the Subdistricts are formed and have learned how to restrain themselves."

Peggy Godfrey added "The Prior Appropriation Doctrine recognizes the value and importance of water supplies to productivity of the land, and provides for the allocation of water based on priority. I've heard comments about Colorado needing a 'water plan.' Colorado has a water plan and it is Prior Appropriation Doctrine. . . . Prior to the development of high-capacity wells . . . the [doctrine] provided a reliable, fair means of allocating scarce water supplies. . . . The State Engineer . . . has failed to take any action to protect the San Luis Valley and senior water rights, and has substantially contributed to its degradation."

And Thomas McCracken wrote after the hearing: "When the legislature required the State Engineer to bring wells into the priority system, why were the directives completely ignored? The priority system by definition means that wells not in priority are to be shut down. It is unlikely that this action would devastate the SLV economy. Most of

the wells belonging to the established farms in the valley . . . are augmented and would be the last to be shut down. No one has any qualms about shutting my water off when the

creek level drops. Wells in the valley that are not augmented must be shut down until the aquifer returns to sustainable levels. . . . The State Engineer and many others admitted injury to surface water users. This injury is now historical and ongoing with no end in sight. Why then are the sub-districts not required to provide a method of compensation for these injuries? . . . Mr. Wolf[e] admits the harm done yet complains about the lawsuits that have been triggered, while simultaneously suggesting injured senior surface water right holders must sue in civil court if they want compensation. . . . The sub-districts should have a mechanism and funds from the taxation of ground water to compensate injured surface users. This could serve to placate those injured and foster a sense of trust between the competing groups. Cooperation . . . could result from a fair approach to the problem."

At the October 24 meeting in Saguache, another person echoed McCracken's remarks. Wolfe responded at some length, but didn't address the question of why the wells are not being regulated. After the meeting, I asked Division 3 Engineer Craig Cotten for an explanation and learned that the situation may have been related to a call on the stream from a prior right, also that until rules and regulations are in place, Wolfe has no authority to regulate wells.

The model and the rules

On September 25, one day ahead of the Denver WRRC hearing, Wolfe issued a letter to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (RGWCD) providing estimates of stream depletions for several response areas in which subdistricts are to be formed, but San Luis and



That magical twilight time of day, right after our first significant snowfall.

photo by Lori Nagel

Saguache creeks were not included: "We are still incorporating into the model the recent borehole drilling/geologic work the District funded last month in the northern part of the basin in the Saguache and San Luis creek areas. . . . the data provided by this recent work will help the model more accurately predict impacts in those areas."

The model is the Rio Grande Decision Support System (RGDSS) and is to be the basis of the long-awaited rules and regulations. At the rules committee meeting, maps of the response areas, which correspond roughly to the one existing and several proposed subdistricts, were distributed. The response areas define regions with similar hydrological conditions in which most high-capacity wells are drilled to similar depths. The estimated annual depletions for each area will determine how much water must be replaced to the respective rivers and aquifers to comply with rules that, when approved in water court, will require all high-capacity wells to participate in a subdistrict, or have augmentation plans, or shut down. Those that continue pumping will be subject to a fine of \$500/day. These provisions would go into effect one year after the rules are promulgated, i.e., submitted to water court. Also set forth were benchmarks for the formation of additional subdistricts.

During the day-long meeting, it emerged that an entire section of the rules regarding wells in subdistricts as drafted in 2011 had to be deleted because the State Engineer does not have legal authority to enforce them. Thus it appears that subdistricts may be allowed, or required, to develop their own means of replacing depletions.

Over the past year we have often heard from local people that the State Engineer, or a succession of them, refused or failed to enforce the law; however it seems that the crux of the matter is that no State Engineer has authority to do so. That has to come from the legislature and it has to be upheld in water court; and the court has rejected several prior attempts to establish ground water rules for the Rio Grande Basin. Thus, the SLV remains without regulations for high-capacity wells. As Wolfe

remarked at the Alamosa meeting, the need to establish rules and regulations that would pass muster in water court is the main reason behind the time devoted to refining the RGDSS.

If the model is completed and rules promulgated as now envisioned, it is just possible that the 2014 irrigation season would be governed by a new policy that establishes well pumping limits based on their 5-year rolling average. Wolfe encouraged anyone concerned to review the policy and proposed rules and to participate, as supporters or otherwise, in the process of developing rules so that they have some chance of being approved in water court. He noted that in the Arkansas basin, 22 objections to rules were settled without trials. As he said in Saguache, "We need to do it right, otherwise there's too much litigation."

In an effort to sort out the historical, environmental, and legal roots of the SLV's very own water gap, this report begins a series of articles that will examine the issues from all sides. The gap here differs from those in urban parts of Colorado where water managers face both agricultural and municipal demands for the same water supplies. Here, in

the context of drought and declining aquifers, the gap is between prior and junior rights utilized overwhelmingly for agriculture, between surface and groundwater consumption, with supplies that have admittedly been over-appropriated for many years, and undersupplied by snowpack since 2002.

Proceedings of the Water Resources Review Committee can be found at www.colorado.gov/lcs/WRRC; printed documents can be downloaded. Audio of the hearing is archived at www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2013A/cslFrontPages.nsf/Audio?OpenPage. No transcripts are provided: notes taken during the webcast were used for this report. Thanks to Peggy Godfrey for background information.

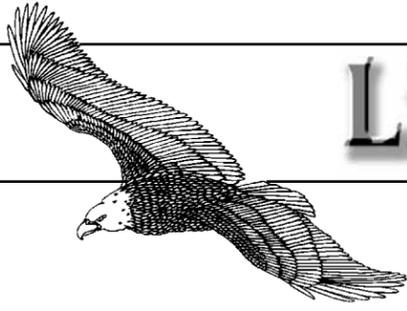
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Living on the Earth

History of the Baca Ranch/ Baca National Wildlife Refuge, Part II: 1900 to present

by Gussie Fauntleroy

It was a blustery early spring day in the late 1940s, and the cavernous wooden auction barn at the Baca Ranch was humming with excitement. Automobiles rolled in and cattle buyers from fifteen states and Canada took seats in the bleachers, ready to bid on some of the most highly prized Hereford bulls in North America. The auctioneer rattled off prices, dust rose from hooves, and buyers signaled bids. When the auction was finished, the cattlemen's bids totaled almost \$1 million. Among the animals sold that day at record price was Baca Duke the Fifth, a five-month-old descendant of Domino, the original Hereford bull brought to the Baca Grant years earlier by legendary ranch manager Alfred Collins.

From gold to grazing

The Baca Ranch—much of which is now the Baca National Wildlife Refuge—was spread across almost 100,000 acres south and west of Crestone, the result of a Spanish land grant that came into private hands in the mid-1860s. (See Baca Ranch History,

Part I in the August 2013 *Eagle*.) Early owners and settlers sought riches, though few found them, in gold mines in the mountain foothills. By the early 1900s the mines were playing out and mining settlements, including Liberty and Cottonwood, were being abandoned.

The San Luis Valley Land and Mining Company purchased the Grant in 1900, its new owners focused on mining and ranching. They turned their attention increasingly to the latter and in the early 1920s changed the company's name to the San Luis Valley Land and Cattle Company. In 1930, Alfred Collins, a Philadelphia-based big game hunter, polo player and major stockholder in the company, took over management of ranching operations with the aim of bringing the company out of a reported \$1 million in debt. While Collins had no experience with cattle, he was an astute businessman, manager and promoter. He knew to hire men who knew cattle, and he soon earned the respect of these men.

A fine spread

With water flowing west from the Sangre de Cristos and east from



Alfred Collins, 2nd from right, owned the Baca Ranch in the 1900's.

La Garita and Saguache Creeks, several hundred miles of irrigation ditches, and artesian wells at the corner of each pasture, the ranch was blessed with expansive natural tall-grass meadows. This bounty allowed for winter grazing on the valley floor and summer grazing closer to the foothills. Hay from the meadows was cut, raked and stacked for winter feed, with twelve-foot stacks placed in stack-yards throughout the ranch. For decades, haying on the Grant provided

reliable seasonal work for many young men. By 1940 the Baca Ranch had gained a wide reputation as a well-run operation, with registered bulls from its Hereford herd in high demand. In 1949 Collins was named Cattleman of the Year. He retired in 1950 and died the following year, at which point the Grant was sold to Newhall Land and Farming Company. In 1962 the Arizona-Colorado Land & Cattle Company acquired the ranch.

Lifelong valley resident Bob Bunker began working as a cowboy on the Baca Ranch in 1970. In 21 years of living and working on the ranch, he witnessed two decisive changes: the development of the Baca Grande subdivision, which eliminated summer grazing grounds for 800 cows, and increasingly arid conditions in the valley. "In its time, this was probably the easiest operating ranch there ever was," he remembers. Rather than drive or transport cattle long distances between seasonal grazing grounds, the Baca's cowboys had only to open the gates between summer and winter pastures. Bob worked on the ranch and lived there with his family until 1991.

Another plan for the land

In 1971, Arizona-Colorado Land & Cattle (later renamed

AZL Resources) created the Baca Grande Corporation, which removed 14,000 acres from the ranch operation at its eastern edge to de-



Bill Hutchinson and a prize Hereford bull.

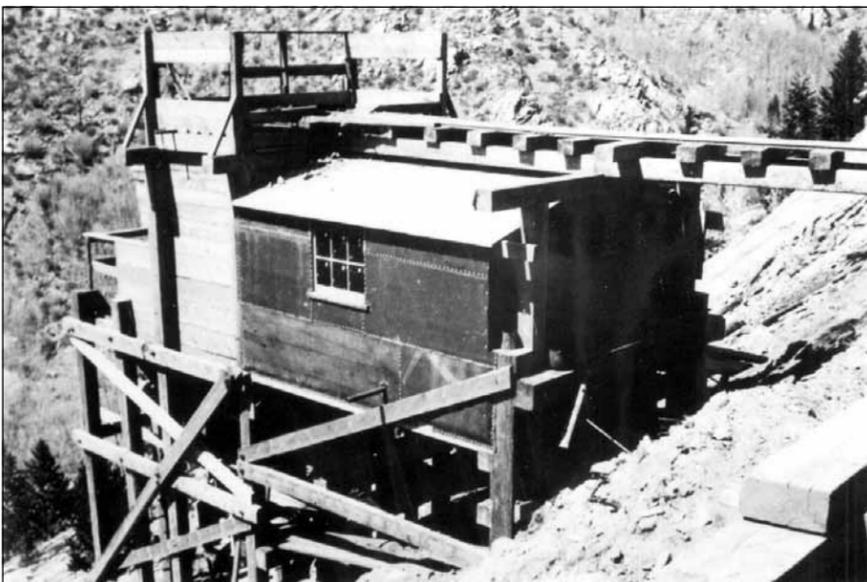
velop a subdivision aimed primarily at retirees. The land was plotted into 10,000 lots with roads and underground utilities and marketed nationally and overseas. Amenities including an airstrip, nine-hole golf course, the White Eagle Inn and a lake (just west of the inn, now dry) were built. Prospective buyers were flown in, but the development never got off the ground. Instead, individuals gradually acquired lots and over time the subdivision took on its own, more iconoclastic, life. Then in 1978 Canadian businessman Maurice Strong, who owned a controlling interest in AZL, and his wife, Hanne Marstrand Strong, moved to the Baca Ranch headquarters. Soon afterward Hanne was visited by a man locally known as a visionary. Following internal guidance prompted by this visit, she established the Manitou Foundation, which began granting parcels of land to spiritual organizations from a variety of wisdom traditions. Today there are more than two dozen spiritual centers on former Baca Ranch land.

The Baca National Wildlife Refuge

In 2000 as part of a bill authorizing establishment of the Great Sand Dunes National Park, Congress created the Baca



Commercial cattle auction on the Baca Ranch. This prize Hereford herd drew buyers from all over the country. photo courtesy of Elaine Johnson collection.



Mining for gold and silver in the Crestone area. photo courtesy of Elaine Johnson collection

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Astrologically Speaking

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(mountain time zone calculated)

On Sunday November 3, put your clock back.

We begin this month with Mercury still retrograde which began October 21 and continues until November 10 at 2:12pm.

There is a total solar eclipse (New Moon) November 3 at 5:50am, but we won't see it in Colorado. Uranus and Pluto are still in a difficult aspect which continues on and off in intensity until 2016. This aspect was birthed actually in the mid sixties and we're experiencing the seeds that were planted during that time period. My Dad made an anti-war film (*Offspring*) about the horrors of Viet Nam War in 1966. I remember going to see it at "Little Carnegie," in New York. I was very proud of my father (and still am). Those were the days the seeds were being planted to ... question authority."

November 1 Uranus and Pluto are once again being activated, this time by the Sun, Mercury and Mars. Today could be an eruptive day based on the need for equality globally. Do be careful. Mars is in a challenging aspect to Uranus and is an "accident-prone aspect."

November 1-15 Uranus and Pluto remain in a tight 90° aspect to each other, making the potential very real for eruptive energies to explode.

November 3 before 2am is when we put our clocks back one hour.

November 3 a New Moon total solar eclipse will be taking place at 5:50am although mostly not visible in the U.S.A. The Sun and Moon

will both be at 11° of Scorpio close to Saturn. This brings about a serious concern for the economic future. Taxes and APRs could be rising and causing us to wonder how our future will unfold. As always it's best to stay focused in the present moment and allow intuitive intelligence to lead the way.

November 4-6 the Sun and Saturn are both at 14° of Scorpio, gifting those born November 3-6 of any year serious thoughts and feelings that are uncomfortable. Hopefully those individuals will decide to face their fears and get help if needed. The rest of us need to get more organized in our dealings with "worldly issues" which demand concentration.

November 5 Venus enters Capricorn until March 5, 2014. That's a long time! "She" will be turning retrograde during this time. Venus will be in a positive aspect with Neptune ushering in wisdom and sensibility when it comes to taking care of oneself and others. There must be a balance. Those born with planets in Capricorn or Pisces will benefit profoundly from the spiritual inspiration that comes. Music's healing action is activated!

November 7 Jupiter turns retrograde until March 5, 2014, suggesting we go within for our spiritual support and strength. Writing what comes from contemplation and meditation would prove worthy of your attention.

November 7-9 Mars is in a positive aspect with Saturn which is fine for organizing and creating that

which demands physical strength and stamina. During this time Mercury will be nicely aspecting Neptune which is incredibly helpful for writing poetry, music, stories, and lyrics. Your imagination is accelerated by your inner peacefulness.

November 10 Mercury will turn direct at 2:03pm having been retrograde since October 21. Sometimes it takes a few days more to straighten out the complications that have been triggered. Your communications with others should be greatly improved. As far as computer glitches and viruses, this may still be annoying. The next time that Mercury will be retrograde is February 6-28, 2014.

November 10-12 good news! The Sun in Scorpio is in a super fine aspect to Jupiter in Cancer! This aspect ushers in psychic awareness, the urge to nurture and receive nurturance (get a massage!), spontaneous guidance proving to be "right on," and a deep sense of relaxation and an inner knowingness that . . . "It's all right." This aspect could prove beneficial financially for all those who were born between March 10-13, July 12-15, & November 12-15 of any year. Also anyone who was born with Jupiter natively at 20° of Cancer would be flying high, as well. It fits with the birth chart of the U.S.A., which means that the economy for this country is going to pick up. I hope I'm correct.

November 12-14 Venus will be awkwardly aspecting Uranus, a signal that a relationship that starts up will not be long term; however, it will have incredible magnetism. This aspect stimulates unique one-of-a-kind works of art as it does bring out creative genius.

November 13 Neptune turns direct after being in retrograde motion since June 2013. This fact informs us that the only planets retrograde right now are Jupiter and Uranus. Best of all is when there are absolutely no planets retrograding at all, which doesn't happen often. The next time there are no planets retrograde will be December 26, 2015-January 5, 2016.

November 13-15 Venus and Pluto are conjunct at 9° of Capricorn which can intensify "the fear of abandonment." Once the fear is faced it can diminish if you sit with it in silence and let it "burn away." This aspect can also grant you freedom from expectation from others. When free from expectations, you naturally feel happy to extend love.

November 17 the Full Moon takes place at 8:16am with the Moon at 25° of Taurus and the Sun opposite the Moon at 25° of Scorpio. There are bound to be conflicts between you and others which seem uncomfortable and yet could get resolved during the Full Moon, either 3 days before, on the exact date, or within

the following 3 days. Your ego is apt to get in the way. Your old unhealed feelings are screaming for attention: healing. It usually brings up quick reactions rather than slow thoughtful responses. Feeling understood on a deeply personal level is what is needed.

November 17-19 Mars is in a positive aspect with Jupiter which brings on a huge amount of physical energy, joy and playfulness.

November 18-20 Mercury is in a favorable aspect to Pluto. This is a fine time for doing research and writing which requires your full attention.

November 19 Mercury is in an awkward aspect to Uranus. Think before speaking as this aspect can speed up your nervous system. You're inclined to over extend yourself and end up feeling resentful.

November 21 the Sun enters into the adaptable fire sign of Sagittarius and remains here until December 21. This is a time for seeking adventure and philosophical answers to "why are we here, & what is life about?"

November 21-23 Venus is nicely aspecting Saturn which clearly shows who you can count on.

November 22-24 the Sun is in a challenging aspect to Neptune which is known to spur on confusion.

November 23-25 Mercury is conjunct Saturn at 16° of Scorpio bringing about a serious mood, which might even be gloomy unless you take time to write down (by hand) your concerns then burn the paper in a stainless steel bowl. It works.

November 26 the Sun is in an awkward aspect with Jupiter which means you feel like taking a gamble on something that sounds good where you could bring in lots of money. However, this aspect promises more than it can deliver. Be forewarned here/now.

November 26-28 Mercury will be in a positive aspect with Jupiter which brings about humor and terrific ideas especially for promoting something. Are you going to be leading or teaching a class or workshop? Also Venus is opposite Jupiter, a fine time for a celebration.

November 28-30 the Sun in Sagittarius is in an ideal aspect with Uranus for those who enjoy trusting their intuition and experiencing what unfolds. This aspect encourages creativity and adventure.

November 30-December 2 the Sun in Sagittarius is in a positive 30° aspect to Pluto in Capricorn. You're feeling empowered.

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by Kim Malville

What's happening in the sky this month?

November 3: A partial solar eclipse will be visible from the eastern shores of the US, southern Europe, and most of Africa.

November 6: Look to the southwest for a slender crescent moon paired with Venus

November 17: Full moon

November 17/18: In the evening the full moon will be close to Aldebaran and the Pleiades.

Before dawn the Comet ISON may be visible to the unaided eye as it passes close to Spica in the eastern morning sky. The comet comes less than a solar diameter from the sun on November 28. On that day, the nucleus of the comet should be heated to 4900°F, hot enough to melt iron. The grav-

more gas and dust released by the nucleus means a better show for us on Earth next month.

A meteorite over Russia

Perhaps you remember the event. On Feb. 15, 2013, soon after sunrise, an asteroid streaked across the skies of the town of Chelyabinsk in the Urals of Russia, producing a brilliant flash that some described as bright as the sun. Incredibly, residents had to wait 2 minutes 23 seconds for the sound to arrive. Unfortunately those standing by windows were blasted by glass fragments as the town was shaken by a stupendous shock wave. The shock wave produced all of the destruction in the area, which included injuries to 1400 people and damage to 7200 buildings. One of the heroes is a

fourth-grade teacher in Chelyabinsk, Yulia Karbysheva, who saved 44 children from the imploding window glass cuts. Most of those who were injured rushed to the windows to see what had happened, but Ms. Karbysheva thought it prudent to order her students to stay away from the windows and to hide under their desks. Ms. Karbysheva, who remained standing, was seriously lacerated when the air blast arrived and window glass severed a tendon in one of her arms. Not one



Meteorite recovered from Lake Chebarkul: Oct. 16, 2013: People look at what scientists believe to be a chunk of the Chelyabinsk meteor, recovered from Chebarkul Lake near Chelyabinsk, about 930 miles east of Moscow. AP photo by Alexander Firsov

ity of the sun will overpower the weak self-gravity of the nucleus, and the comet may be dismembered. We don't know what the comet will be like when it returns to our skies in the first half of December. A break-up of the comet could be good news for us. The

sheva thought it prudent to order her students to stay away from the windows and to hide under their desks. Ms. Karbysheva, who remained standing, was seriously lacerated when the air blast arrived and window glass severed a tendon in one of her arms. Not one



Meteorite over Chelyabinsk Feb. 15, 2013: A meteorite contrail is seen over the Ural Mountain city of Chelyabinsk, about 930 miles east of Moscow, Russia. AP photo by Yekaterina Pustynnikova

of her students suffered a cut. The meteorite exploded at a height of some three miles and produced an explosion equal to 460 kilotons of TNT.

The object plunged into Lake Chebarkul, leaving a 6 meter-wide hole in the ice. Live TV footage shows a team of divers pull out the five-foot-long rock from the lake. Once ashore, the meteorite was placed on top of an industrial scale, which promptly broke at the 1,255lb mark. What are the odds of death by asteroid? They are lower than a plane crash, but higher than death by lightning.

A wet asteroid falls into a white dwarf

A white dwarf star at a distance of some 170 light years contains evidence of the death of a giant asteroid that may have once been flooded with water. A white dwarf is the cooling cinder of a dying star, left over after the star has used up its fuel for nuclear fusion. That star started out roughly the size of our sun and collapsed into a dense object roughly the size of the earth: a teaspoon of its stuff weighs as much as a locomotive.

The star appears to be surrounded by rubble, the remains of a large asteroid that came too close to the star such that it was ripped shreds. Some of the asteroid's remains are now scattered over the surface of the star, where they show up as chemical signatures in the Hubble Space Telescope's Cosmic Origins Spectrograph, which was designed by astronomers at the University of Colorado and built by Ball Aerospace in Boulder. The researchers also found a huge excess of oxygen, an amount that indicates the asteroid was originally composed of 26% water. That is a wet asteroid or huge comet. The earth, by contrast, is only 0.02% water. This is pretty interesting because Earth, having formed too close to the sun for water to survive, got its oceans from just such large, wet asteroids that impacted Earth long ago. To add to the fascination of this story, it is likely that several planets orbit the white dwarf, and one of them pushed the asteroid to its doom. This planetary graveyard is a peek at the future

of our sun, when our star will run out of fuel and become a white dwarf in some five billion years.

A comet over Egypt

Some 28 million years ago a comet exploded over the sands of

Egypt, heating up the sand to over 3,600° Fahrenheit. The result is a 2,316-square-mile area of yellow silica glass known as Libyan Desert Glass. A piece of that glass is in the center in Tutankhamun's brooch, discovered by Howard Carter in 1922 when



Tutankhamun's Brooch.

photo by Jon Bodsworth

he uncovered King Tut's tomb in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt.

The silica glass was one the clues that led Professor Jan Kramers of the University of Johannesburg, South Africa and colleagues to their proposal about the ancient comet over Egypt. In addition to the silica glass scarab, a strange black pebble was found years ago by an Egyptian geologist in the area of the silica glass. Described as angular, black, shiny, extremely hard and intensely fractured, the pebble has been a major puzzle for geologists. After conducting chemical analyses on this pebble, Kramers concluded that it represented the very first known specimen of a comet nucleus, rather than an unusual type of meteorite.

The impact of the explosion produced microscopic diamonds found within the pebble. Diamonds are produced from carbon-bearing material formed deep in the earth, where the pressure is high. But diamonds can also be produced by the shock wave of an explosion. Kramers named the diamond-bearing pebble "Hypatia" in honour of the first well known female mathematician, astronomer and philosopher of Alexandria. There is some sad and perhaps unwitting irony in naming a part of this dismembered comet after Hypatia. In AD 370 Hypatia was murdered and dismembered by a mob in Alexandria.

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ScSEED: Helped create Saguache Pocket Park & more community projects

Saguache County Sustainable Environment and Economic Development (ScSEED) is pleased to announce the opening of the Dave Martinez Park in downtown Saguache. The installation of this pocket park on Fourth St., next to the Ute Theatre, was part of the Saguache Downtown Revitalization Project and was made possible by a partnership between ScSEED, the Town of Saguache, Saguache County, the Gates Family Foundation, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), Kim Smoyer, Burt Wadman, Don Jensen, RMMP Inc., Baxter MV Lumber, Laura Archuleta, Kate Vasha and a number of individual donors and volunteers.

ScSEED has also been busy working on a number of other economic development and environmental conservation projects throughout the year. ScSEED continues to work closely with Saguache County staff and website developer Mark Talbot on enhancing the Economic Development Website—www.choose-saguache.com—to help attract business owners and site selectors to consider industry in Saguache County. The site contains information on local demographics and resources, including targeted

industries, access to transportation, and labor force. ScSEED encourages all community members and local businesses to review the site, provide feedback and distribute the link to friends and colleagues.

In the spring, ScSEED partnered with Saguache Works, a local community organization, and received a generous award from the Saguache County Sales Tax grant to fund start-up costs for the Fourth Street Local Foods Store in Downtown Saguache. Saguache Works founders Lindy McDaniel and Marge Hoglin used the funding to establish a space in the Saguache Welcome Center where local producers can market their goods (including dried grains, frozen meats and fresh produce) and where residents and tourists can purchase healthy local foods. Visit the store or find more info online at www.facebook.com/sos.saveoursaguache.

New brochures are now available for the Downtown Saguache Historic Walking Tour! With funding from the Saguache County Sales Tax grant, ScSEED re-printed and distributed brochures throughout the town of Saguache this summer, and more are available for free circulation. Please contact Julie Mach if you are interested in distributing

brochures at your place of business.

In August, ScSEED hosted its annual pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Crestone Music Festival. The event raised several hundred dollars for the organization and contributed nearly \$1000 in food purchases to local businesses. Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who contributed over 75 hours to the event and to the partners who provided in-kind or cash donations: the Valley Food Coop, Gosar Sausage, the Fourth Street Diner and the Kiwanis Club.

On the horizon, ScSEED is pursuing several new environmental education and outdoor recreation projects for the coming year. The Northern San Luis Valley Conservation Roundtable is a forum of diverse stakeholders collaborating to conserve natural resources, and ScSEED is exploring several potential projects that would expand environmental and agricultural education resources in Saguache County and the San Luis Valley. ScSEED also hopes to be involved with the planning and implementation of new outdoor recreation amenities at the Vista Grande site in Saguache. The Town of Saguache and the Southwest Conservation Corps recently submitted a grant application for

construction of non-motorized trails at Vista Grande which will connect hikers, bicyclists and equestrians to BLM trails directly from town.

Finally, ScSEED is seeking new board members who are passionate about economic development and environmental sustainability in Saguache County. New members will join Mark Swart (Chair), Liza Marron (Treasurer), Lynne Thompson (Secretary) and Hew Hallock (Member)—a dedicated group of professionals who contribute their knowledge and expertise to help guide ScSEED initiatives. The board meets every 4-6 weeks and maintains financial and project oversight for the organization. If you are interested, please email a cover letter and resume to Julie Mach and consider attending our annual meeting on Dec. 10.

ScSEED's mission is to work together as a community to develop a sustainable economy that builds on our existing strengths, contributes to a strong integrated community, and protects the environment, rural lifestyle and the character of Saguache County. Find out more at www.scseed.org or contact Julie Mach, Development Coordinator, at development@scseed.org or 719-966-7060.

Rio Grande Roundtable update

'Like herding cats'

by Bea Ferrigno

Members of the Rio Grande Water Conservation Roundtable (RGRT) met on October 8 in Alamosa. As there were neither a quorum nor any funding proposals to be heard, the group discussed ongoing issues and heard a number of reports. Chairman Mike Gibson noted that all the proposals submitted to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) in September had been approved. The Rio Grande Basin has been the most successful one in Colorado: it has secured more than \$8 million for valley projects.

Division 3 Engineer Craig Cotten reported that State Engineer Dick Wolfe issued a letter in late September on anticipated replacement obligations for subdistricts in the valley although data for San Luis and Saguache creeks had not yet been compiled. (See related article on page 1 on these areas.) Wolfe provided information from the Rio Grande Decision Support System so that additional subdistricts could base their plans on a minimum to maximum range of replacements. While Subdistrict 1 has been operating for two years, the schedule for formation of other subdistricts is unclear as there are statutory notice provisions, petitions, and draft plans of water management to be prepared. Steve Vandiver, manager of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, noted that because depletions vary by hydrology and amount of pumping, the target numbers are "mushy" and will change annually.

Regarding the long-awaited rules and regulations for non-ex-

empt (large capacity) wells, Travis Smith, Rio Grande Basin representative on the CWCB, reported that the advisory committee was to meet on October 24 in Alamosa. After the rules and regulations are approved in the committee, they will go to water court. It is expected that owners of pumped wells will be required to have an augmentation plan, participate in a subdistrict, or cease pumping. These provisions will not apply to domestic wells. In response to a query about when the rules might actually be

in place, Smith remarked it is like "herding cats: if there are objections, it could be a couple of years going through trials and appeals to the Supreme Court." Vandiver added that the Supreme Court is on break so there's been no word about the deficiency of the augmentation plan and use of Closed Basin Project water, issues raised by local objectors to the first subdistrict.

Tom Spezze, Executive Director of Rio Grande Watershed Emergency Action Coordination Team, reported on numerous accomplishments since the group was formed in July to address the aftermath of the West Fork Complex fire. An interactive burn scar/RWEACT action map is available at [\[act.org\]\(http://act.org\) under "Maps."](http://www.rwe-</p>
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Jim Ehrlich of the Potato Administrative Committee offered a preliminary report on the drip irrigation test plots at Hooper. The harvest at 300-325 cwt/acre was comparable to potatoes grown under sprinkler irrigation. One plot used 25% less fertilizer, while the water savings on the other tract were disappointing. A complete report is due in December and will include an economic analysis by Colorado State University. The trial may be repeated next year and other crops may be tested: Miller Coors is reportedly interested in sub-surface irrigation for barley.



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Deck the Halls Without Much Money

Even in tough times, solid consumer spending reached nearly \$6 billion during the 2012 holiday season, according to the National Retail Federation (NRF), Washington, D.C.

Some people may feel guilty about not spending as much time with their loved ones or friends and will compensate with a special gift. Others may feel they need to 'keep up with the Joneses' to match what friends, families, neighbors, and even co-workers are doing. And some simply get swept away in the glitter of the season - overspending before they realize what they're doing. For all of these reasons, setting a budget and making a list - and matching the two - can be really effective at reining in the 'over' part of holiday overspending.

Smart Spending

Below are some recommendations of how to spend smartly during the holiday season:

- Crunch the numbers. Create a holiday budget listing all expenses, including small gifts and "extras," such as cards, wrapping paper, decorations, and holiday clothing purchases.
- Start early. Avoid the last-minute rush so that you'll have more time to comparison shop.
- Get creative. Set up a gift exchange among friends and family. For children with big-ticket items, consider pooling resources with other family members.
- Be a quitter. When you hit your budget limit, stop! Leave credit cards at home and put each person's budget in an envelope, in cash. When it's gone, it's gone--and you're done.
- Spend within your means. If you run up a big bill to celebrate the holidays and then pay it off at a leisurely pace, next year you may experience financial heartburn.

Holiday Traditions Beyond Gifts

The special feeling about the holidays doesn't always come wrapped in a box and tied with a bow. Here are a couple of ideas on how to live, work, and spend/save in alignment with your values:

- Mark the holiday through traditions rather than gifts. Pool efforts with other family members or friends to help out another family in need. Contact churches and other organizations in your community and ask for recommendations. You can unite anonymously to buy food, gifts, and holiday goodies for the family in need.
- Make the holidays special. Talk with your friends and family about what they like and dislike about the holidays. From those discussions, build a plan that decreases the attention on gift giving.

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<p>Commercial Properties</p> <p>121 E. Galena - NOW \$425,000 Premiere, newly renovated dntwn commercial bldg, incl. upstairs apt. and 3 rentals 1st floor, one with modern commercial kitchen. Great opportunity!</p>	<p>Downtown Commercial Lots</p> <p>Lots 11 & 12 Blk 43. \$85,000 Rare opportunity to purchase 2 downtown commercial lots. 2 each 50x142. Utilities available. Prime location for development.</p>	<p>Historic Hotel</p> <p>Willow Springs (Moffat) NOW \$299,000 Historic building 9Bd/3BA 3600sf; detached studio, artesian well. Great business potential.</p>	<p>Baca Grande Properties</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>
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<p>Baca Grande Properties</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>786C Panorama Way - \$427,000 This Lee Mitchell custom 3bd/2ba/sunroom/library/balconies ~2400sf home with fabulous gardens sits on 2.14 acres w 2-car garage/studio.</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>1266C Forest Grove OL - \$375,000 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>	<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>4262C Serene Way - \$299,900 Immaculate 2500SF 3-level home on .98 acres 5bd/2.75ba. Custom finishes, fire resistant, energy efficient, magnificent views, bricked patio, landscaped.</p>	<p>909C Brookview Way \$299,000 Home on 1.12 acres w/ spectacular views at top of Baca iWaiting for the right person to complete the vision. 2324 sf & designed with 3bd/2ba. Separate 576 sf guest house w/kitch.</p>
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<p>A lovely sanctuary</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>Bonus Cabin/Studio</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>5 Lots!</p> <p>1202C Hilltop Way - \$295,000 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 CUSTOM 3bd/2.5ba/2 car garage 2232sf home close to town. Screened porch & wrap deck. Gracious Living with exceptional views!</p>	<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>Oversize Garage</p> <p>149 Moonlight Way \$275,000 Beautiful 3bd/2ba 2118sf home w/ 2 living areas - extensively updated & immaculate condition. Cathedral ceilings & a wall of glass w/ great views. Adjoins greenbelt & creek.</p>	<p>MILLION \$ VIEWS!</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>
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<p>New Construction Reduced! Was \$269,000</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>New Construction</p> <p>1738C Willow Creek - Way \$239,000 New Paul Koppana strawbale eco-friendly home high in Chalet 1. 2bd/2ba, 1532sf on .91 acres. Strong passive solar. Solar radiant floor heat & domestic hot water. Energy efficient.</p>	<p>WAS \$260,000</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 Koppana.</p>	<p>Reduced! Was \$232,000</p> <p>764 Indian Hill OL - NOW \$229,000 This sunny 3 bedroom 2 bath ~1800+ sq. ft. home. 2 living areas- with magnificent views from interior & deck. Detached 576 sq.ft garage & studio. Open plan & energy efficient.</p>	<p>4114C Cordial Way - \$217,000 2171sf 3bd/2ba w/loft and extra room up on 1.021 acres of wooded lot. Decks and 2 car garage. Rastra walls. Spacious open floor plan. Adjacent lot available.</p>	<p>WAS - \$235,000</p> <p>3869C Jubilant Terrace - \$215,000 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>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>
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<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>3356C Camino Del Rey - \$210,000 2 story, 1981sf, 2bd/1.75ba home w/ passive solar sunroom - great views on .864 acres. Master suite w/ clawfoot tub, pine floors, pellet stove. Propane heat, great appliances.</p>	<p>1468C Horseshoe Trail - \$209,500 Spectacular 360 degree views, immaculate, almost new 3 bd/2ba. Large windows, granite counter tops, hickory custom cabinets in kitchen and bathrooms. 2 stone patios.</p>	<p>Private Retreat</p> <p>1885 Sentinel Point OL \$209,000 Like-new Swedish cope log home on 1.425 acres. 3bd/2ba & is beautifully crafted w/ hardwood floors. Views and natural lighting complete this immaculate home. Great price!</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>	<p>Detached Studio</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>
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<p>Was \$174,000</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>Close to Town</p> <p>2747CR Easy Way - \$169,000 A unique 2 story, 1768sf, 3bd/2ba home in Chalet 2, 1.86 acres. Brick floors, rock walls, wood ceilings. Passive solar w/ ETS heater, propane heater & woodstove. Detached shed.</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>Great retreat home!</p> <p>936 Spanish Creek Trail \$159,000 1449 sf 1or 2 bd/1ba house on 1.57 acres backs to greenbelt and Spanish Creek. Unique design w/ open floor plan and rastra exterior walls. Passive solar.</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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Growing Food in a Hotter, Drier Land

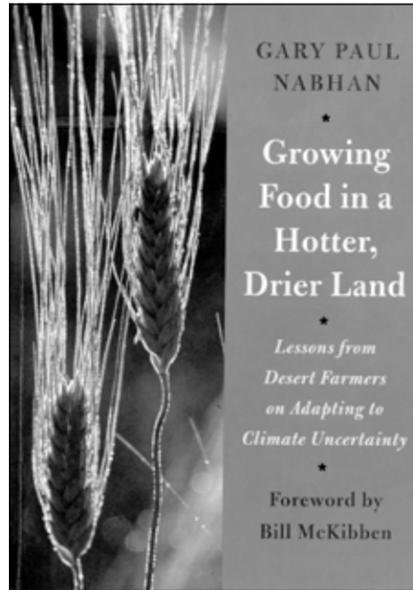
**A book review
by Leigh Mills**

I read a lot of books. I rarely buy one. I know about permaculture, yet tend to follow the “do-nothing” gardening approach. Moments after opening this book for the first time, I knew I had to own it. When I skimmed the book and saw pictures of green trees growing in mountain deserts, wise words shared by elders of other cultures and their methods for creating ways to harvest organic matter and retain soil moisture, I knew I had to share this find with others.

Growing Food in a Hotter and Drier Land—Lessons from Desert Farmers on Adapting to Climate Uncertainty, by Gary Paul Nabhan is just the resource for gardeners, landscapers, and all community members who are interested in eating and growing plants in high-desert regions.

Gary Nabhan is a “food and farming activist” who has lived in desert regions for most of his life. In this book, he tells the story of his inspiration through meeting “a remarkable Moroccan farmer and Sufi visionary, Aziz Bousfisha”, and weaves “Parables” from other wise desert farmers who share their methods for harvesting water and organic matter, retaining moisture in and building soils, how to prevent plant heat stress, creating fruit and nut guilds in a desert environment, how to build and edge terraces for optimum plant growth, and getting “In-Sync” with pollinators. He also reminds us that food production is only a small fraction of our carbon “foodprint” and a tremendous amount of energy is used to produce and distribute harvested materials.

Each chapter is divided into four sections. The first section talks about how the warming effects of climate change are impacting different areas of food production, then “Parables” are provided for inspiration and method; next are “Principle and Premises” for each subject, followed by concrete how-to steps in “Planning and Practices”. I was surprised to learn that I was already doing a couple of the “practices” here at the Heyokah and was inspired to complete several of the easy projects mentioned to harvest water



and increase soil moisture. Most of the projects are low/no cost, with the exception of planting ollas (clay fired pitchers), and all are community-oriented. Indeed, the whole book is about how communities can come together to strengthen their local foodsheds.

I found the book very enjoyable to read and there were lots of color pictures of the various desert places that had enlivened their soil and were growing abundant food crops.

Growing Food in a Hotter, Drier Land is wonderfully inspirational for everyone, whether you grow food or just eat it. Because we live in uncertain times, no matter where we are and what is going on, our communities need to be prepared to handle growing food in all kinds of climate changes. Gary’s book is a wonderful tool to study and then to practice its principles. Every library needs a copy to share.

You can find *Growing Food in a Hotter, Drier Land—Lessons from Desert Farmers on Adapting to Climate Uncertainty* on Gary Paul Nabhan’s website: <http://garynabhan.com>.

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 high-altitude 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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SOLD	780C Palomino OL	\$520,000
SOLD	1230C N Indian Bend	\$399,000 *
SOLD	340C Palomino Way	\$395,000 *
SOLD	3615C Splendid Terrace	\$239,000 *
SOLD	62 E. Horse Tooth Trail	\$235,000 *
SOLD	233CR Sweetgrass OL	\$219,000 *
SOLD	2676C Happy Hollow Way	\$215,000
SOLD	3713 Enchanted Way	\$195,000
SOLD	3435C W Graceful Ct	\$184,999
SOLD	3486C Graceful Way	\$179,900 *
SOLD	3862 Cordial Way	\$169,000
SOLD	1380 Chaparral Way	\$149,000
SOLD	3735C Jubilant Way	\$149,000 *

SOLD	294C Palomino Way	\$159,000 *
SOLD	1381 Saddlerock Trail	\$159,000 *
SOLD	Townhouse 9	\$159,000 *
SOLD	356 N.Chaparral Way	\$149,000
SOLD	2721 Happy Hollow Way	\$149,000
SOLD	826C Ridgeview Way	\$140,000
SOLD	4407 Twin View Terrace	\$129,000 *
SOLD	151 Moonlight Way	\$119,000 *
SOLD	600 Heatherbrae	\$99,000
SOLD	364 E. Birch Trail	\$89,000 *
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Baca Ranch

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National Wildlife Refuge (BNWR), to be administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Fish and Wildlife had been interested in the grant's rich wildlife habitat since the 1930s, notes BNWR manager Ron Garcia. The refuge was formally established in 2003 and today is among the largest in the lower 48 states. To ensure that its meadows, bird nesting areas and other wildlife habitat remain healthy, sections of the refuge are selectively grazed by cattle and sheep—

with prescribed burns as another tool—for keeping down growth of invasive species. Plans for restoration of historic ranch headquarters buildings are in place and awaiting funding, with work to begin in 2014. Meanwhile, citizens are invited to join Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges (slvrefuges.org). And while the Baca Refuge currently is closed to the public, Garcia leads periodic educational tours of the magnificent expanse of land that contains so much of this area's history, ecological richness and human hope. Contact Garcia at 719-256-5527.



The Baca National Wildlife Refuge meadows with the Sangre de Cristo Mountains above in recent times. *photo courtesy of Ron Garcia*



Haying on the Baca Ranch was a huge operation. There were hundreds or acres of hayfields. *photo courtesy of the Elaine Johnson collection*

Water, oil and gas on the Baca National Wildlife Refuge

by Gussie Fauntleroy

In the late 1980s, American Water Development, Inc. (AWDI), a group of investors including Maurice Strong, proposed pumping and piping billions of gallons of water from the San Luis Valley to the Front Range. Local residents and ranchers fiercely opposed the idea, and although AWDI purchased an interest in the Baca Ranch in 1992, the water export plan was stopped by legal measures. A few years later local rancher Gary Boyce, who had been a strong opponent of AWDI's plan, established the Stockman's Water Company and proposed a similar water export project. After several years of court battles, that plan, too, met legal defeat.

While the Baca Wildlife Refuge's water resources now are basically safe, the majority of the ranch's subsurface mineral rights were sold in the late 1980s to the Canadian mining company Challenger Gold, which later became Lexam Explorations Inc. and now is known as Lexam/VG Gold. In 2006 Lexam filed an application to drill oil and gas exploration test wells on refuge land.

In response, the non-profit San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council (SLVEC) filed a lawsuit forcing the Fish and Wildlife Service to adhere to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by producing an Environmental Assessment of the potential environmental impact of the proposed exploration wells. The agency's assessment, released in 2008, developed stipulations and standards for Lexam's drilling proposal, along with a "finding of no significant impact" if these procedures were adhered to.

The finding was legally challenged by the SLVEC. As part of a negotiated settlement, in 2011 Lexam offered to sell its mineral rights on the refuge for \$8.3 million, but sufficient federal and private funds were not available. The following year a meeting was held in Denver with 30 key players from government agencies and Lexam. The mining company proposed a land exchange that would swap mineral rights on the BNWR and adjacent public lands for property in Nevada in which Lexam was interested.

Since then, however, personnel changes and other circumstances have stalled the process and Lexam VG Gold has once again mentioned the \$8.3 million purchase option, notes SLVEC director Christine Canaly. While frustrated with the inaction and Lexam VG Gold's apparent shift in focus, Canaly and SLVEC continue to pursue congressional and other channels in pursuit of getting the land exchange back on track. "We're just at a place where we might have to wait," she says. "But you know, sometimes the kaleidoscope does shift and all of a sudden the landscape protection can move forward." For updates, see slvec.org.



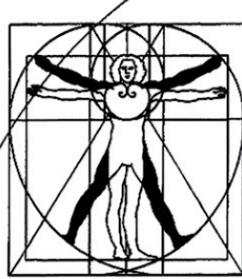
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<p>\$249,000</p> <p>5 bedroom 3.75 bath home with additional room off Master suite. Nice open living room with cozy fireplace. Kitchen has great pantry, and plenty of cabinet space. Attached 2 car garage with storage and extra bathroom. Call Shirley on 676577R</p>	<p>\$239,000</p> <p>SELLER MOTIVATED</p> <p>The kitchen features, concrete counters, with all appliances, and separate dining, and living room area. 2 spacious bedrooms, and bathrooms with custom vanities, and jetted shower in the master bath. Call Shirley on 680925R</p>	<p>\$239,000</p> <p>Completely off grid on 40 acres. Home. Gas stove, gas refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, pecan custom cabinets, breakfast nook, and lovely formal dining room. Spacious living room with wood stove, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Call Shirley on 678163R.</p>	<p>\$239,900</p> <p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>This home features Jenn-Air stove, all stainless appliances including side-by-side refrigerator, microwave, and built-in wine cooler. Large master suite and 3 additional bedrooms. Three lovely fireplaces, and a 3 car garage. Call Shirley on 682021.</p>	<p>\$239,000</p> <p>Beautiful 3 bed room 2 bath home, designed by architect Ross Chapin. Bright sky lights, large windows, high ceilings and big closets. Walking distance the Charter School! Call Dara on 683599R</p>	<p>\$229,500</p> <p>This home has 40 acres with Artesian Well. The barn has several stalls and storage. The lovely home has 3 spacious bedrooms and 3 baths. The Master Suite has a huge walk-in closet, and a newer bathroom addition. Call Shirley on 684796R</p>	<p>\$219,000</p> <p>SOLD</p> <p>This spacious ranch home features 2 Master Suites, walk in closets, with full baths, and an additional 1/2 bath in hallway. Modern kitchen, with all appliances. Washer and dryer included. One car garage, and attached workshop. Call Shirley on 683709R</p>
<p>\$218,000</p> <p>One level ranch, close in to new Charter School, on paved road. Home has been newly remodeled with fresh paint, hardwood floors, new ceiling fans, and both bathrooms have been updated with new fixtures. Call Shirley on 680230R</p>	<p>\$199,000</p> <p>PRICE REDUCED</p> <p>Large home 6 bedrooms, 3 baths. Open and spacious, would make great retreat for a group. Several areas could be used for meetings, etc. New hardwood floors in most of the home. Creek and very private setting. Call Shirley on 680925R</p>	<p>\$199,000</p> <p>Complete remodel on this home in 2011, new windows, roof, exterior siding, and interior remodel. Very retro modern design, features 4 bedrooms and 2 baths on nicely treed lot in The Baca Grande. Call Shirley on 685247R</p>	<p>\$198,000</p> <p>The perfect retreat home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, with a larger Master in the upstairs loft. Living room has wood burning stove. Kitchen features built in range, oven refrigerator, and dishwasher. Nice back deck, and a front porch. Call Shirley on 685060R</p>	<p>\$195,000</p> <p>Superbly constructed monolithic dome with R-60 energy efficiency.. Spacious 5 bedroom, 2 bath home with comfortable and spacious living area. Detached, insulated and heated garage/workshop/studio. Call Shirley on 678507R</p>	<p>\$189,000</p> <p>Walking distance to town and the Charter school. Great 3 bedroom 2 Bath house designed by Ross Chapin. Spacious rooms, large closets, high ceilings, sky lights, and beautiful balcony views of the Sangre De Christo Mountains. Call Dara on 684188R</p>	<p>\$188,500</p> <p>This 2 story stucco home has 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Open kitchen with pantry area, appliances include gas range, refrigerator, microwave, & washer, dryer. Master bedroom features walk-in closet, master bath. Call Shirley on 670054R</p>
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In Search of Economic Reality

Fixing a dysfunctional Congress

by Ed Lyell

The current demonstration of Congressional failure is often discussed as a personality problem, that the problem is Tea Party egos or Speaker Boehner's leadership failure. Yes, it seems that Boehner is more interested in keeping his job than helping America survive. As I wrote a month ago it may just be about money. The wealthy 1% will make billions or trillions more in interest income as the US dollar is devalued and debased now that the world no longer trusts us.

Yet, the current gridlock has occurred before, and always with damaging consequences. Even when the two-party system has worked, it has not been optimal. Look at the world's other democracies and you see parliamentary systems that encourage the diversity of ideas but force decisions and focus responsibility. America's two-party system has devolved into one in which all groups just point fingers at the other for increasingly serious mistakes.

It is also wrong that the US has a government purchased by a wealthy minority. By using the First Amendment, big corporations and wealthy individuals have purchased Congress, forcing decisions that only help the status quo wealthy and powerful. A Congress of millionaires cannot understand

and fully represent a country of much lower income. So what should we do now?

Anti-trust laws need enforcement, which means more government spending on investigators, regulators and prosecutors. We need laws to limit CEO pay to more like fifty times the average worker, similar to the rest of the developed world. Congressional districts must be balanced and not gerrymandered into safe seats on the far left and far right giving Congress no incentive to compromise for the good of the country.

We also need campaign finance reform since our campaign funding would be criminal fraud and bribery in every other developed nation. Reports show how Congress members use campaign funds to pay their own family, get great vacations, private jet travel, etc.

Congress should have to wear coveralls every day, everywhere, with labels on them showing which industries and rich people they actually represent based on campaign money. Something like what NASCAR drivers wear with the patch size representing the amount of money from each sponsor. Geographic representation is now all but meaningless, yet knowing who they really represent is critical. All elections should be fair, which they

are not now. A process is needed to permit each candidate to have equal access to the voter and media while limiting the amount of money from any one individual or organization.

If Congress cannot fix these flaws we should just eliminate Congress and go to direct democracy. Using the internet, the public itself would vote every week on every law, budget item, and specific tax increase or decrease. Representative government was needed in a geographically spread nation with slow communication. Yet in an instantly interconnected world why not have the public vote weekly or monthly through the internet? Would an empowered population permit the current big bank fraudulent behavior and let them just pay fines and not go to jail? Fraudulent activity by big banks should require jail time, not just fines. As it is now those that steal billions only pay millions in fines. My old neighborhood crooks would have liked to only pay a 10% fine for the money that they stole from stores and banks.

Going to a parliamentary system might be best, but requires constitutional changes not likely to be enacted by current legislators. The president would be replaced by a prime minister selected by a government formed by the winning majority or a coalition created by them. Yes, such a system tends to go too far right at times, but then is thrown out and replaced by a new

government perhaps too far to the left. Over time, progress forward is made, and at better speed than current American political gridlock and drama. In sailing, the worst situation is to be stalled with waves increasing. The boat will capsize, as the US government is now overturning in high waves of international tensions. Better to be under-sail and moving forward, left or right, staying upright through the waves and moving toward the desired destination. One gets forward by tacking, but staying underway, moving forward and adjusting over time.

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Osha, *Ligusticum porteri*

There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root

Osha (*Ligusticum porteri*)



Osha (*Ligusticum porteri*)
There is no herb for the cold and flu season quite like Osha. Whether you love it or hate it (and I haven't found too many people in the middle!), Osha is a phenomenal respiratory herb. The pharmaceutical industry has not come up with too many effective anti-viral drugs, but the herbal world has many such remedies. Osha is not only anti-viral and antibacterial, but also works to dilate the bronchial tubes, and is an expectorant. What does all this boil down to? Osha, in small quantities, is very help for colds and flus. Take it as a tincture, usually with other herbs (it's part of my respiratory tonic formula) throughout any respiratory infection. Keep a small piece of root on hand to chew as a cough remedy. To make an easy cough syrup, simply combine equal parts of Osha root tincture and Wild Cherry or Chokecherry bark tincture, and add to that an amount of honey equal to the combined tinctures. Mix well and keep in a dropper bottle. One or two droppers full are usually enough.

The root is the main medicinal part of the plant. It can be harvested this time of year, but only if you have previously identified and located the plant. There are two cautions here. One is that Osha root has been overharvested and is difficult if not impossible to cultivate. So try to leave the deepest part of the root in the ground so the plant can regrow, and don't dig

more than the stand can bear.

The second caution is that Osha is in the Umbelliferae family (carrot family), and has a couple extremely toxic look-alikes. Poison Hemlock usually grows at lower elevations than ours, but there are areas where both grow in close proximity. Here's what to look for: Poison Hemlock has purple blotches on the stalk (Osha has some purple coloring on the stalk, but not blotches). Osha root smells resinous, and Poison Hemlock root smells like dead mouse. At our elevation, the dangerous look-alike might be Water Hemlock (think Socrates). Until you are absolutely sure how to identify Osha (and the Hemlocks), go with a knowledgeable herbalist to learn the differences.

A less well-known use for Osha is as an anti-viral herb for stomach flu. Again, the tincture can be used, or a tea can be made. I have a formulas that I use for stomach flu and food poisoning which contains Osha and Golden-seal (another overused herb). We can continue to use these herbs in the right amounts for the right conditions. It's a matter of awareness.

Osha has also been called Bear Medicine, and is considered a very sacred herb.

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Baca Grande Library News



by Suzanne McGregor

At last count, our library contained approximately 12,500 items, including books, audio books, videos, periodicals and various reference materials. We do our best to track and take care of these items and make sure we have quality selections on our shelves for you. However, people have brought us library items (currently in circulation) that they found in the Free Box. Individuals and families move out of town without

returning their library books and videos, and a number of folks, after numerous phone calls, emails and postcards, just never return them at all. Herein lies an inspirational story.

Alder, Christina and Aidan Lakish from Crestone also have a home in Drake, Colorado, located in the epicenter of the massive flooding that occurred in September. After being flown out by helicopter to higher

ground, they returned to Crestone and realized that there were important documents and papers that they needed from the house. Alder returned to the area near Drake, drove as far as he could on operational roads, and with permission from the Forest Service, hiked up the rest of the way to the house (a 30-mile round trip). In his backpack, he returned with the papers, Aidan's favorite snuggly toys, and overdue library books ("Because they belonged to someone else").

Please remember that the items in the library belong to our community members and other members of our union catalog to share. We are very thankful that the great majority of our patrons are terrific sharers! We extend much gratitude to you.

Reminder: The Baca Grande Friends of the Library will meet on Friday, November 11 at 1:30pm at Crestone Town Hall. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Note: The library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holidays on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. May you have many blessings to count.

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Belly up to the pub

by Peter Anderson

A friend once told me that he would scan the yellow pages when he was traveling through a new town to see what the church-to-bar ratio was. That ratio, he said, offered a kind of demographic snapshot of a community. I think he preferred those towns where the split was at least fifty/fifty. He wouldn't have found much solace if he had conducted such a survey here in Crestone/Baca until the Silver Crest opened some years ago. Even then he would have wondered, what kind of town has so many spiritual centers and only one bar? Answer: A town that isn't easily categorized which, by the way, is why it is so often stereotyped—hippietown, lahlahland, buddhaburg.

I was a fan of the Silver Crest during its heyday. It had a down home roadhouse atmosphere that I thought brought much needed levity to a community that might

otherwise take itself too seriously. It was a place where refugees from one retreat or another came in to blow off steam. It was a place where you could belly up to a few beers with a rancher drinking to your left and a monk to your right. It was a place where you could circulate with locals that you hadn't seen for some time or cut up on a Saturday night dance floor when the place was rocking. I met many travelers who thought they had stumbled into a small town Shangri-la. Others might have reasonably thought they had wandered into the equivalent of the Star Wars bar scene full of alien life forms on the edge of the known universe. I thought it was a damn fine mountain bar while it lasted.

How might a visitor to the current incarnation of Crestone see our community through the lens of our only watering hole? When I think of the Bliss Café, the word

pub comes to mind. The physical bar in the Bliss is intimate and L-shaped as opposed to the long, saloon-style bar in the Silver Crest where it was a little easier to belly-up (and a little easier to avoid those patrons who one might want to avoid for whatever reason). If there is an American equivalent to the British pub, it might be found in a rural tavern, let's call it Joe and Lena's Sip and Chat (there really is a tavern by that name in Wisconsin), where there is a steady flow of regulars, all of whom have their places at the bar including the mailman, the newspaper editor, the mayor, a farmer, the local mechanic; in other words, it's a rural and largely blue-collar watering hole. The Bliss isn't that. Neither is it a British pub. But it shares aspects of both.

A tavern, as I think of the word, or a pub, is a community gathering place. Parents are comfortable bringing their kids along. Working people come in to unwind at the end of the day. The knitting club may meet there occasionally. And if you sit at the bar, you may have to endure some conversations you'd just as soon avoid, in much the same way you would at a family reunion.

But a pub is also traditionally supervised by a publican, the

owner of the place and the person behind the bar who does his or her best to maintain a certain ambience. If someone forgets their bar-side manners, say by getting overly emotional in the midst of an argument (which in and of themselves are fine as long as patrons remain cordial), or overdoing it with the spirits, the publican will ask that they take themselves elsewhere. In other words, the publican is a hands-on kind of bartender. It's not just ka-ching, ka-ching, sell all the booze and food you can; he or she is also concerned about what's happening with the gathering of souls who inhabit the public house on any given day. That, I believe, is true at the Bliss.

Visitors to our current watering hole may also notice that there is no television. If said visitors linger long enough, they may soon realize that the residents of our public house, including the publican and his lovely partner, have plenty of stories to tell. How ever one thinks of this unusual community, they will find that conversation in our tavern is entertainment enough. The Bliss Café allows those of us who live here the chance to experience that as well. And for that, I am grateful.

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2 consolidated lots at east end of Casita Park, surrounded by Land Trust lots, magnificent views. No bears and little fire danger! \$2,000 OBO, Kelly and Zana Hart 719-256-6033

Houses for Rent

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2BR, 2 BA home with views of the valley, peaceful and secluded. Radiant floor heat down, EBB up. Passive solar. W/D. 1 year lease. \$700/ month plus utilities. 719-937-7786/7796. Photos: <http://www.crestonegenie.com/houses-for-rent.html>

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Furnished 3 BR, 2 BA, with den. \$750 plus utilities. Sunny new screened in porch, trees. Wood stove, ETS. 1-2 people. Backs to South Crestone Creek. One well-behaved pet negotiable. Available October 15 – May 31, 2014. 719-937-7786 / 719-937-7796. Photos – <http://www.crestonegenie.com/houses-for-rent.html>

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3 bedroom 2 bath, 3-season porch, back deck; mountain views, backs to Willow creek; wood stove, propane, all radiant heat; remodeled, warm colors; new stainless kitchen, high-tech washer/dryer; slate bathrooms, shower panels. Seeking very neat tenant who can take good care of the house and grounds. 1st/last/security. \$875/month. 818-790-7098

HOME FOR RENT

For rent: 3 BR, 1.5 bath home in chalet I. Available Nov. 1st. \$850/month plus utilities. Call 719-588-3243 for more information.

Apartments/Rooms/Misc. for Rent

Apartments for Rent

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Commercial Property for Rent

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Seeking My Spiritual Place

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Licensed Real Estate Appraiser with 25 years experience, many years experience in Crestone. Don Root. 937-7796 or 720-244-1097. donald.root@yahoo.com.

DirecTV Sales, Installation, and Service

DirecTV For Sales, Installation and Service call Dennis at 256-4110.

Crestone Talks! Email Discussion Group

Crestone Talks! Email Discussion Group for Crestone. Events, perspectives, queries, and the uncategorizable. To subscribe, send a blank email: crestonetalks-subscribe@yahoo.com

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Recycle-Creede provides drop-off recycling services in Crestone the 3rd Saturday of every month in The Laughing Buddha parking lot. We take almost everything! For more details call 303-503-9975; visit us on Facebook and at www.creede.org.

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Craig Electric Services

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Looking for a Healthcare Practitioner?

Looking for a health care practitioner in Crestone? Massage therapists, herbalists, energy healers, doulas, and more. Also lodging, hot springs, gift certificates. www.crestonehealers.com.

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BACA GRANDE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT NOTICE CONCERNING 2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT AND PROPOSED 2014 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested parties that the necessity has arisen to amend the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District 2013 Budget and that a proposed 2014 Budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District; and that copies of the proposed Amended 2013 Budget and 2014 Budget have been filed at the District's offices, 141 Union Boulevard, Suite 150, Lakewood, Colorado, where the same is open for public inspection; and that adoption of Resolutions Amending the 2013 Budget and Adopting the 2014 Budget will be considered at a public meeting of the Board of Directors of the District to be held at the District Office, 57 Baca Grant Way South, P.O. Box 520, Crestone, Colorado, 81131-0520 on Friday, November 15, 2013, at 8:00 A.M. Any elector within the District may, at any time prior to the final adoption of the Resolutions to Amend the 2013 Budget and adopt the 2014 Budget, inspect and file or register any objections thereto.

BACA GRANDE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
By Kyle Grote, Secretary

Published The Crestone Eagle, November 1, 2013

TOWN OF CRESTONE NOTICE OF BUDGET AND PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Town of Crestone for the year 2014, and will be reviewed and considered for final adoption at a Public Hearing in the Crestone Town Hall, 108 West Galena Avenue in Crestone, Colorado, on Monday, November 11, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. A copy of said proposed budget will be available for public inspection in the Town Hall beginning November 1, 2013. Any interested elector of the Town of Crestone may file with the Town Clerk any objections or other comments regarding the proposed budget, in writing, at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.

Kairina Danforth, Mayor
Akia Tanara, Town Administrator/Clerk

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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL

Saguache County is currently accepting proposals for the Saguache County 2013 Fiscal Year audit. The ideal firm or individual will have extensive knowledge and experience related to conducting governmental audits in accordance with generally accepted accounting and auditing standards, and preparing financial statements that conform to all state, federal and industry guidelines. All interested parties should submit a letter of interest and a proposal for services by November 15, 2009 at 3:30 PM to: Saguache County Administration. For additional information contact Lyn Zimmer at 719-655-2231 or lzimmer@saguachecounty-co.gov.

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Part-Time Help Wanted

Wanted: Part-time housekeeper for Casadeloul. Call Gary at 719-256-5788

Full-Time Receptionist

Baca Grande Property Owners Association is seeking a full-time receptionist. Requirements: Excellent communication, client services and computer skills including Microsoft Office. Quick Books is a plus. Also a willingness to work in a high paced environment and adaptability to change. Must have reliable transportation and a valid Colorado driver's license. For an application: call 719-256-4171 or email info@bacapoa.org.

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL

Saguache County is currently accepting proposals for Saguache County 2014 Property and Casualty Plan. All interested parties should submit a letter of interest and a proposal for services by November 15, 2009 at 3:30 PM to: Saguache County Administration. For additional information contact Lyn Zimmer at 719-655-2231 or lzimmer@saguachecounty-co.gov.

BACA GRANDE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FIX OR INCREASE FEES, RATES, TOLLS, PENALTIES OR CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to § 32-1-1001(2)(a), C.R.S., the Board of Directors for the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District (the "District") will consider the increase of fees, rates, tolls, penalties or charges for water service at a public meeting to be held on Friday, November 15, 2013, at 8:00 A.M., at the Baca Grande Shop, 57 Baca Grant Way South, Crestone, Colorado. Any interested member of the public may attend the public meeting.

New Classifieds online daily. Check www.crestoneeagle.com!

Notice of Job Opening

The Town of Crestone has a job opening for a Public Works Assistant. This is an on-call, part-time, hourly position with a rate range of \$10.00 to \$16.00, DOE. Under the direction of the Public Works Coordinator, the Public Works Assistant performs a variety of technical, mechanical and administrative tasks to supply services which include sewer system maintenance, fire mitigation, and maintenance of the Town's roads and drainage, buildings and grounds, including the cemetery. Preferred knowledge, skills and abilities: working knowledge of the language, principles, methods, materials and equipment common to municipal public works; ability to operate and maintain a variety of equipment and tools; knowledge of light construction; ability to interpret and apply a variety of public works policies and procedures; ability to communicate effectively and maintain confidential client information. Contact Town Administrator Akia Tanara at 256-4313 or crestonemgr@fairpoint.net for the job description and employment application. Submit applications to the Town Administrator, P.O. Box 64 (108 W. Galena Ave.), Crestone, CO 81131. Applications must be received no later than November 5, 2013.

Misc. Wanted

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Misc. for Sale

'97 Toyota Camry for sale.

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A Piece of Crestone

Send a chunk of Crestone to your loved ones! A small Crestone Conglomerate rock, complete with explanatory reprint from The Crestone Eagle, attractively packaged in a 3"x3" box for only \$5. All sales benefit Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Available at His & Hers Hairstyling and The Crestone Eagle

TOWN OF CRESTONE NOTICE OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-010

"An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 2009-005 (An Ordinance Prohibiting Dogs "Running At Large" In The Town Of Crestone, Colorado) And Re-Enacting Said Ordinance With Additional Provisions"

Adopted and Signed this 14th day of October, 2013 by Kairina Danforth, Mayor

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL

Saguache County is currently accepting proposals for Saguache County 2014 Workers Compensation Plan. All interested parties should submit a letter of interest and a proposal for services by November 15, 2009 at 3:30 PM to: Saguache County Administration. For additional information contact Lyn Zimmer at 719-655-2231 or lzimmer@saguachecounty-co.gov.

Moving sale

Steve and Jane are moving to England early next year, and will be selling a lot of our tools of trade and household items. Feel free to call us and arrange a visit, to see what we have. (719) 256-4575

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Community Service

Need a Caregiver?

I can help you find a local caregiver for you or a loved one. I have several names and numbers of individuals with a variety of skills and experience. (I am also looking for more trained caregivers/CNA) For in-home assistance, elderly care, ongoing illness, etc. call Kris at 719-256-4786; LM—Please speak clearly, I'll return your call.

Need Food? Crestone Food Bank is now Open

Crestone Food Bank is now open in the Crestone Town Center, SW corner of Galena & Alder. Open Wednesdays from 1-3pm, and as needed. Call Denise 256-4644.

CB Village – Local Help, Give & Receive

CB Village is a local time bank where you can help others and gain credit for future help when you need it. Go to www.cbvillage.net or call 480-8757 to join for free.

Need Food? Emergency Food Supply-

Need Food? The Moffat Food Bank will provide an emergency supply of food for 3 days to anyone in need. Open 2-4 Tuesdays. Call for information at 256-4226.

Emotional and Spiritual Counseling

Change your life for free. "Change your mind/change your reality/expand consciousness through grace." Alice Blaszak provides free emotional and spiritual counseling to local residents. Privacy maintained. Phone Alice at 256-5670 for appointment.

Events

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER – NOVEMBER 22, 2013 7:00PM Please join us November 22, 2013 at 7:00PM for the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Baca Grande POA. ALSO, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR BALLOT ASAP! Even though this is an uncontested election, YOUR BALLOT IS NEEDED TO ESTABLISH QUORUM FOR THE MEETING. Without quorum, the meeting will be postponed and may require to the POA to resend election materials at a great cost to the membership. Contact the office at 719-256-4171 if you have any questions, and PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE WEBSITE (www.bacapoa.org) to receive timely information about upcoming news & events.

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by Keno

Since it's been a few years since I last wrote about winter weather warnings, and since what they cover does change a bit from year to year, I feel it's time for an update.

Winter Weather Advisory – Issued when general snow accumulations are expected between 4 and 8 inches in 12 hours in the mountains, and between 3 and 6 inches in 12 hours at lower elevations; when falling snow is accompanied by blowing snow to cause travel problems due to lower visibilities; when windblown snow will occasionally reduce visibilities and create a hazard for travelers.

Winter Storm Watch – Is issued when winter storm conditions are possible within the next three days, but the timing, intensity, or occurrence may still be uncertain.

Winter Storm Warning (WSW) – Years ago this was called a "Heavy Snow Warning". A WSW means a winter storm with heavy snow is occurring or is about to occur in the area, usually within 36 hours. The heavy snow that comes with the storm may be accompanied by wind greater than 15 mph, along with blowing snow.

Blizzard Watch – Is issued when blizzard conditions are possible in the next 12 to 36 hours. Unlike a WSW, a blizzard watch can be issued even if little or no snow is expected, with wind being the main key.

Blizzard Warning (BW) – For the lower elevations, a BW is

issued when for at least 3 hours sustained winds of 35 mph or greater and considerable falling and/or drifting snow lowering visibilities to less than a quarter mile are expected. Falling snow doesn't have to be in the forecast for a BW to be issued, and often isn't, as long as snow is already on the ground and high winds are expected.

For the mountains, a blizzard warning is issued for the same conditions noted above, but winds must be in excess of 50 mph.

Wind Chill Advisory – Is issued on the plains and valleys when wind and temperature combine to produce wind chill values from -18° to -25°. A wind chill advisory is issued for the mountains and foothills when wind and temperature combine to produce wind chill values of -25°.

Wind Chill Watch – Issued when wind chill warning criteria are possible in the next 12 to 36 hours.

Wind Chill Warning – Is issued for wind chills of at least -25° at lower elevations and at least -35° in the mountains and foothills.

High Wind Watch – Issued when high wind conditions are expected to develop in the next 12 to 36 hours.

High Wind Warning – For the mountains and foothills, issued when sustained wind speeds of 50 mph for at least 1 hour or gusts to at least 75 mph for any duration are anticipated. For the lower elevations, is issued when sustained wind speeds of 40 mph for at least 1 hour or gusts to at least 58 mph for any duration are anticipated.

Dense Fog Advisory – Is issued when widespread fog will reduce visibilities to 1/4 mile or less.

There are other wintertime warnings that for the most part are never issued for this part of Colorado, like Ice Storm Warnings, and Freezing Rain Advisory, etc. Lucky for us, we don't ever see such events in our neck of the woods.



Oh, the wonder of the first snow of the season! On the morning of Oct. 16 the Crestone/Baca area awoke to 3-4" of nice wet snow. photo by Lori Nagel

Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno

Sept. 21 to Oct. 20

Total precipitation for period:

Liquid precip: 1.63"

Snow: 5.6"

Measurable precipitation fell on 8 days.

Measurable rain fell on 3 days.

Measurable snow fell on 5 days.

A trace of rain fell on 2 days.

A trace of snow fell on 1 day.

4 thunderstorms occurred, and one dry thunderstorm also occurred.

Hail occurred on 2 days.

Total precipitation year to date

Since Jan 1: 11.92"

Total snow to date

Since Jan 1: 36.9"

Snow Season *: 5.6"

*Snow season runs from July 1 to June 30

Temperatures for the period:

High temp: 72.6°F on October 1

Low temp: 20.2°F on October 5

Avg. high: 59.8°F

Avg. low: 31.2°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 70°: 4

Number of days with the low temperature below 32°: 18

Winds for the period:

Avg. speed: 3.0 mph

Highest gust: 42 mph on October 10

Main direction: Out of the east.

Weather summary:

Temperatures for the period were slightly below normal, with precipitation above normal. Six new weather records were broken, including seeing the most precipitation ever to fall in the month of September with 3.71" recorded. The old record was 3.52" in 1990. The Crestone Baca also saw a possible tornado hit on September 22, when 3 separate thunder-

storms hit our area. The largest hail to hit in over 10 years came with the last storm of the day (with hailstones measuring up to three quarters of an inch), along with rotating clouds overhead, and widespread damage occurring from the high winds. The .91" of rain and hail was also a record for that date. The old record was .40", set in 2010.

Outlook for November:

November is usually a somewhat dry month for us. We average .65" of precipitation, making that total the third lowest amount of precip expected in any month of the year. The most precipitation to fall in November was 2.13' in 1997. We also see 7.4" of snow fall in November on average, with 33.5" the month's record, also set in 1997, when most of that fell on Thanksgiving night.

Temperatures wise, it starts to get much colder as the month grows old and winter approaches. In the first week of November we can expect to see highs and lows of 52° and 24°, with average highs and low readings of only 38° and 12° by the last week of the month. The record high was 68° on November 12, 1999, and the lowest temp was -11° on November 30, 2006.

The 30 day average for November is calling for well above average temperatures along with average to slightly below average precipitation. But keep in mind, that was what the 30 day outlook claim for last month and we saw the opposite when all was said and done. 2013 has seen the 30 day forecast turn out to be wrong more times than right, so do take this news with a grain of salt.

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

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CRESTONE MERCANTILE

Happy Holidays from the Crestone Mercantile!

While everyone needs to go to "town" once in a while to get away from the quiet pace of Crestone, it is no longer a necessity! Holiday shopping can now be done without ice-packed roads, crowded parking lots, and endless lines of shoppers.

The Crestone Mercantile grocery store can meet all of your holiday cooking needs. We have a full line of conventional goods and have added an extraordinary number of organic and natural products this year. The Crestone Hardware and Lumber store is much more than just hardware! We have a gigantic selection of items that are just right for that special holiday gift. From dolls to sleds—we have what you're looking for!

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ANNOUNCING THE 1ST ANNUAL WINTER FEST COOKIE CLASSIC

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The Crestone Artisans Gallery opens the festivities on Friday night. The gallery will be featuring new work by area artists and special holiday music. Saturday begins with the traditional Gift Bazaar in a centralized location this year: the new Crestone Charter School. Hours are 10am to 5pm on Saturday, and 11am to 4pm on Sunday. A variety of craftsmen and fine artists will offer new and exciting products and gift ideas, as well as old favorites you have come to expect. Chokurei and other vendors will be offering delectable warm foods at the Charter School both days.

Robin Blankenship will have that beautiful horse and cart you've seen driving around town by the Charter School on both Saturday and Sunday. It will make traveling between the school and town a charming delight.

Santa will be arriving on Saturday. We expect him to land sometime around 2pm. So put on your holiday spirit, get out your shopping list, and support your local artists and craftsmen.

For more information on how you can participate, call Mati Fuller at 256-5330. Special thanks to our Early Bird Angel sponsors The Crestone Mercantile and the Artisans Gallery for their support. Thank them early and often by sharing the generosity and shopping locally!



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The Mirage Trading Company in Moffat has all your holiday needs. Bags of freshly roasted, organic, fair trade coffee beans make a wonderful holiday gift. A great selection of art by local artists is also available. Jewelry, paintings, pottery, photography, warm winter hats and scarves and cozy slippers are just some of the items available at the Mirage. Come on by and enjoy a latte while you do your holiday shopping! Hours are 8am to 4pm every day. 719-256-4357.

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Saturday, December 7th
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Santa Arrives - 2 pm

Sunday, December 8th
Holiday Shopping Extravaganza
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P.S. Save the evening of December 20, as we will be hosting a special evening with Don Richmond entitled "Fellowship and Memories"! Details to follow!



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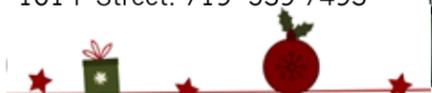
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Salida's holiday Parade of Lights was voted the Best Winter Event for 2012. The Parade of Lights has been a Salida tradition since 1990, beginning just a year after the lighting of Christmas Mountain U.S.A. was initiated. At first the parade consisted of lighted stationary floats parked on corners along F Street but a year or so later the stationary parade became a moving one, with businesses, clubs and other groups decorating floats to fit a specific holiday theme. Festivities supporting the Parade of Lights include free hot chocolate and hot cider served by the Salida Rotary Club, food booths, caroling and of course, the highlight of the evening, when Santa Claus pulls the switch to light Christmas Mountain.

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