

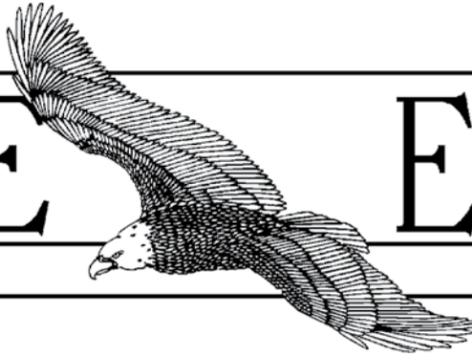
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## Moffat school board calls for ballot question in November to help fund new school

by Kirk Banghart,  
Superintendent, Moffat  
Consolidated School Dist. #2

At the regular Moffat Board of Education (BOE) meeting on August 19 they passed a resolution to ask the voters to approve ballot question 3A, which will provide the 27% local contribution required to receive a \$12.1 million BEST grant.

In May, Moffat Consolidated School District #2 was awarded a \$12.1 million-dollar grant if the

district is able to pass a \$4.5 million local bond issue contribution to replace the Moffat Pre-Kindergarten-12 School. The award was one of 6 grants given across the state in the last year of large scale funding. The BEST (Building Excellent Schools Today) grants are awarded to schools with the highest health, safety, and facility needs in the state. The grant will only be received if the district passes 3A; should 3A fail, the 12.1 million will

go to another school district.

Through a state facilities assessment process, it was determined that the Moffat PK-12 school is in need of \$9.9 million in repairs. The district by law can only raise 4.5million, 20% of the district assessed valuation. The state determined through the BEST grant process that it would offset the difference (\$12.1 million) between what the district can raise and

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And the crowd goes wild, dancing to the Afro-Disco beat of ATOMGA's 10-piece. photo by Lori Nagel

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## Saguache County Commissioners weigh tax assessments

by Matie Belle Lakish

The reassessment of properties by the Saguache County Assessor's office, under the direction of the Department of Local Affairs, Division of Property Taxation, drew about 50 Crestone and Baca residents to a meeting on July 31. State Senator Larry Crowder and Representative Ed Vigil, as well as representatives of the State Division of Taxation also attended.

Many residents, especially of

the Town of Crestone, felt that the new values placed on their properties are excessive, and not representative of the true market value. Elaine Johnson, especially, said that taxable values on many properties had gone up over 1000%. Several protested that the town economy, and especially wages, are not strong enough to allow residents to pay the taxes that would result from the new assessments. Others noted that all residential lots were

assessed at \$7,000, and all commercial lots were assessed at \$40,000, even though there is a great deal of variation in lots.

JoAnn Groff, Property Tax Administrator for the Division of Property Taxation, explained that "Mass Appraisal" is the approved way of assessing property across the state, and that means that assessors must give an equal value to an equal class of properties. It is

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## Endless gratitude

Dear Crestone Community,

As many of you know I have been diagnosed with stage 4 Melanoma. I received a similar diagnosis 14 years ago and did more than beat the odds, I lived. Things are a lot more serious this time and I spent several of the last months in the hospital in Denver. My prognosis is not encouraging—I was admitted to the hospital with 5 brain tumors and 3 lung tumors. While in the hospital I also suffered an extreme case of diverticulitis which meant yet another surgery. I am currently home recovering from both brain and abdominal surgery and am thrilled to be by North Crestone Creek's healing waters once again.

As much as I have wanted to thank each of you individually for your support and help during this time, this is an impossible task, as the amount and forms of love you have and continue to send my way are immeasurable. I am still home bound so it is not likely that we will have a post office run in any time soon.

I wanted to publish this note of gratitude for all that each of you are doing to help me during this time. I am stuck in the loop of the administrative nightmare and have yet to receive any government assistance. My medical care expenses per month and being unable to work is a challenge to say the least. There is a donation box set up at The Bliss and any and all contributions help me get by. Thank you to all who have already contributed to this fund. My understanding is that the YES program also has a donation situation set up but I am not sure of the logistics of how this works, so I recommend calling them for more info. Other ways to help is to sign up to deliver meals at: www.foodtidings.com. If you are having trouble setting up an account with the site, you can contact Marina at 719-937-1059, and she will help get you scheduled.

Again, thank you for all that you have been and continue to do to help me on this journey. I am beyond blessed to be surrounded by so much love in my life. My dream is to beat the odds again and recover so that I can shower you back with oceans of love as you are doing for me right now.

In humility & endless gratitude,  
Kalisama

## Thank You

Dear Editor,

After having my wonderful show at Shumei, I wanted to give special thanks to a few particular people: My Mor, because she's awesome and the best mom in the world. Marika Popovits, for teaching me (or leading me to) everything I know. David Reid-Marr, for pushing me and fighting with me. Lynn Drake, for introducing me to

the wonderful medium of clay. Mirage Cafe, for displaying and selling some of my work. Blue Earth Designs, for giving me a surface to paint on. Desert Sage Restaurant for hosting my fundraiser in 2011 (I wouldn't be here or anywhere otherwise). Deana and Shumei, for answering the 19,000 questions I had and allowing me to have my first real show.

And of course anyone and everyone that contributed in any way.

Thank you!

Zienna Brunsted Stewart

## Crestone EMTs rock!

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my sincerest appreciation for the four EMTs that saved my life! Chris Botz and Pam Gripp who immediately arrived in the ambulance, called for backup and the other two gracious EMTs who met us in Mosca to assist Chris and followed us to the Alamosa Hospital. I realized how challenging it is to get an IV installed in a person with really low blood pressure and no protruding veins. Good work guys. Your compassion and diligence kept me feeling safe and alive. All the helpers in the emergency room were kind and caring. Special thanks to Robin Rosenberg who called 911 recognizing when I couldn't, that I needed emergency care. Gratitude for Tim Brenner who came to the hospital to pray with me, support me, and bring me home. Thanks to Marjorie Levin for watching over Brandon and being willing to care for him in the event that I didn't return. I would also like to acknowledge my wonderful team at the Crestone Music Festival, for trusting in my strength and courage to return and do my jobs. And last but not least, a humungous "thank you" to my community for your expressions of love and appreciation of my presence here. I'm still alive so apparently God is not done with me yet. I have much to do here in this life and I'm glad to have a second chance to continue. Actually, I think I have nine lives because I'm like a cat, so I still have a few left.

Blessings to all,  
Elianna

## Wildflower kudos

Dear Editor,

Kudos to the Baca Grande Volunteer Fire Department for leaving the gorgeous sunflowers and bee plants in place while enlarging the fire break for which Camino Baca Grande also serves. It's a joy to drive through such beautiful colors on both sides of the road. We must take photos or at least shoot neurochromes to be called out of memory when the snow's blowing sideways and keeping on the icy road is tricky come January. Hard to believe during our harsh winter months that seed of such glorious color still lives, defying death in the rock hard, frozen soil to unfold again when its season comes.

So, much obliged BGVFD for not clear cutting what's so pleasant to the eye and too quickly gone. Your skillful, wise and laborious task is a community service in more ways than property protection.

Cheers,  
Bill Ellzey

## Yes on 3A, yes to Moffat School

Dear Editor,

I would like to ask for community members to take the time to become truly informed about the long-term repercussions for all residents should 3A not pass. This is the last year that the BEST grant will be offered, and Moffat desperately needs a new school. If any community members are unclear as to why the building was rated 4th worst out of 60 schools that applied for this grant, please go to the Moffat school website (www.moffatschools.org) and click on the short video link titled *Building Video*. Support the future of the San Luis Valley. Please vote "YES" on 3A.

Sincerely,

Daleth McCoy, Parent

## Vote yes!

Dear Editor,

I swore I wouldn't get involved in one more thing. Then I heard about the Moffat school and realized we have an opportunity *too big* to ignore. The school foundation is crumbling. The pipes are rusting out. Water has been shut off many times and sewage has backed up. The roof is leaking in multiple places. With a patchwork of 14 different, outdated heating systems, it is expensive and hard to keep the school warm.

In the very near future, this 92-year-old school will be declared unsafe. If this happens, the economic impact would be incalculable.

Crestone Charter is full to capacity. New families would be less likely to move here if there isn't a school. Families who are already here might leave, if there were no longer a functioning school.

If you own or work in a local business, work in construction, or care about property values, this directly affects you. Growth in our area will likely stop and a slow, steady stagnation will set in.

Fortunately, the Moffat School has received a BEST grant from the state.

Here's what you need to know: Amazingly it would actually cost us *more* to repair the old school than build a new one, since the state pays 73% of new building costs.

This is our *only* chance. If we vote no in November, another school somewhere else will get the money. It will cost homeowners less than \$4 a month per \$100,000 of property value. If you are not a property owner, it doesn't cost you anything!

If Moffat school is declared unsafe, the cost to you in property values, lost jobs, community decline, and economic contraction will be far greater.

I haven't even mentioned the kids. Imagine their excitement going to a brand new school with great resources. Research shows that merely improving quality of a school building improves performance.

Vote yes if you care about local jobs and businesses. Vote yes if you care about property values. Vote yes if you care about our kids' future.

Mikela Tarlow

## Editor's Notes

### 30 years & rising

This summer marked the 30th anniversary of my move to Crestone. Most of my adult life has been lived on the edge of the Sangre de Cristos, along North Crestone Creek overlooking the vast San Luis Valley.

What an amazing unexpected adventure this has been. With husband, 4-month-old baby, a 6- and 9-year-old, we came for a 2-week visit. Just checking it out. Got pulled right in. The dream of creating an intentional community resonated deeply.

Crestone was very small then. Maybe 50 people in Crestone and 200 in the Baca during the summer. About half that in the winter. We knew everyone's names and where they lived. There were maybe a dozen school-age kids, and only 1 house in the Baca Grants. Town had the 21st Amendment liquor store, Curt's Store, and Alder Terrace (Casa del Soul). The Bistro (the Desert Sage) was sometimes open. The Inn at Baca (White Eagle) had a restaurant, bar and swimming pool!

I've seen lots of changes—of people, places and landscape. From hardly any young families to many. A dreamed-for spiritual community flourishes. Alternative homes, organic gardens, rural lifestyle, a love of nature define us. Our commercial area has blossomed. We've invested in ourself.

We no longer know the names of everyone. People still arrive wondering how we all managed before they showed up. People still leave—for many reasons, and some still stick around who we may wish wouldn't.

We continue evolving and learning how to all live together—putting our talk into our walk. Building for our future.

After 30 years, my roots have sunk deep. I've learned and lived so much I may have to write stories about it. But I think the title "The Agony & The Ecstasy" may already be taken!

Thank you Crestone, thank you mountains, for all of it.

—Kizzen

## Commentary

### Water rights in the SLV, a big problem that needs to be solved

by Virginia Sutherland,  
Saguache County rancher

Want superior and a #1 irrigation water right in the San Luis Valley?

Easy, just have a pump well. You will supersede all previous water rights, including surface (no matter how old), all artesian (no matter how old), all other wells (no matter how old). Because there are no rules to stop your pump!

Despite years of dawdling, the State Engineer of Colo, the Division 3 Engineer, the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, and the Colo Water Conservation Board (all of whom are supported by our taxes) have not got the intestinal fortitude to advocate and curtail pump wells. In addition, some of the beer-supported and lettuce farmers condone weather modification, so as not to spoil the salad and brew! All together, the effect is to help the drought become even more catastrophic.

The grim reaper is already destroying the north end of a once-beautiful valley: the trees are dead, the artesian wells are gone or failing, the native grasses are unable to survive, the mountain springs and creeks are all being sucked down into a diminishing water pit. Thousands of sheep are long gone, and hundreds of cattle are following. The once-flourishing meadows are sorry patches of tough wire grass; thousands of acres of once-good pasture land are turning to bare dirt. There are no longer ducks, once as thick as mosquitoes; other water fowl are long gone. Many people who once had jobs are living on welfare. Now the forests are burning and the skies are full of smoke and dirt from formerly productive range lands and plowed ground awaiting seed and a sprinkler to feed precious water . . . for another cash crop!

Then some can fold up and go to Arizona or wherever to recreate, leaving livestock and wildlife to survive the winter. Ranchers who can afford another year are buying vastly over-priced feed from those who pumped their water out from under their land! Concurrently, the many weather modification

programs west of the valley get the snow, while we just get the wind and cold, bleeding our last dollars to try and keep the livestock one more year!

Old-timers in this area remember previous droughts when the natural hydrology supported native vegetation, now barren ground. Excessive pumping with no regard for depleting the aquifer in drought years has drained by gravity water from the mountains, whose geology creates long-term water storage. Lush meadows and grasslands are now just memories.

I am old, but not quite senile, and I witnessed the drought of the 1930s. We still had a water table, drain ditches, and strongly-flowing artesian wells. Native grasses, not dependent on surface irrigation, survived; but during a vicious winter thermometers broke at fifty below zero, and a foot of snow covered the summer's growth. These combined factors took a toll on our animals, as well as animals on farms around the valley which could not make a crop. Similar conditions occurred in the 1950s, but we survived.

Then came the pump-well mania, and development of new brush-covered "trash" land for farming. By this time all irrigation wells were registered, adjudicated, and had appropriation dates; this enabled groundwater management, adhering to Colorado's statutes, recognizing the seniority of prior water rights. But, oh no! A previous state engineer, with no regard for law, tossed the priority regulations into the trash—so newcomers can pump away, injure and deplete surface rights and older wells, without rules and regulations.

So we are all equal . . . right? Think again! Now the guy with the pump can suck up all the water his pump can manage, effectively depleting and destroying the water table! He can pump with no ability or requirement to replace any of the water he's taken from the aquifer.

One sub-district has been created and all others are in limbo. There is no evidence to date that the sub-district effort has begun to slow the aquifer's downward spiral. But the state engineer is using the sub-district concept as a scapegoat for his refusal to promulgate rules and regulations for the San Luis Valley.

money, and enough is never enough. The POA has become a complaint driven and vindictive organization pitting neighbor against neighbor and fraught with seemingly endless infighting, to mention just two organizations. Some of the non-profits seem to make an effort to honestly pursue the goals outlined in their mission statements and at least make an attempt to be a real asset to the community but some others and one large one in particular do nothing except survive off the blood and sweat of, again, the hard working individual taxpayer while their CEO's travel around in style expounding their fairy tales and collecting donations. So all in all it's no wonder the county struggles

## SLV ranchers travel to state capital to express their concerns about valley water use & abuse

by Peggy Godfrey

Over the past month a number of your ranching neighbors in northern Saguache County have written letters to the Water Resources Legislative Review Committee with our concerns about the unregulated pumping of groundwater, the destruction of ecosystems and landscape, as well as our diminishing aquifer. Every other water division in Colorado has rules and regulations in place which fine-tune the Colorado statutes for the state engineer's administration of groundwater pumping. The recently published *Headwaters Magazine* (by Colorado Foundation for Water Education) features the San Luis Valley and our water crisis. One of the articles is titled "Water in the Bank" referring to reservoirs up high in the watershed. Aquifers and their sub-basins provide underground storage, another form of banking water, less likely to evaporate. The mountains with their capacities to store water in cracks, crevices, soils, and in the San Juans to our west, the volcanic nature of the rocks. It is these water banks that are being robbed or embezzled. We'd like to see that stopped.

As a result of our letters, we have been invited to the state capitol to discuss our issues with the legislative committee designated for water resources on September 26 regarding what we feel is the long-term lack of management of valley waters. Many of us have written letters or spoken to ap-

pointed leaders of these governmental entities for years and have been ignored, dismissed as inaccurate, or bulldozed with the current opinions of those touting the "science" of political hydrology. It is a very heavy-handed game being played by the "experts."

Loss of habitat for waterfowl, wildlife, and ranching neighbors with domestic livestock will likely result in sales of smaller tracts of land, lots of houses scattered across the landscape, more demand on county services. Every house will have a well but will only be allowed domestic use, aquifer recharge will consist of septic system filtrate, and if you think government-held lands will stand up for your water rights, dream on. Agency personnel may be sympathetic, but stand to be transferred or lose their jobs if they assert opinions publicly. Keep in mind their government salaries and pensions are not at risk when conditions deteriorate on the landscape they manage. Only private landholders live the risks and losses.

Letters can be sent in care of staffer David Beaujon to david.beaujon@state.co.us or snail mail to Colorado Legislative Council, Room 029 State Capitol, 200 E. Colfax Ave. Denver, CO 80203. I would like a copy of your letter sent or forwarded to poetpeggy@gmail.com so that if you are unable to attend, those of us who go can represent your interests and concerns.

to find ways to make ends meet and eventually is put in the position of having to raise taxes. There are just too few of us homeowners to pay them.

William Hauser

### Recycle Crestone hiatus

Dear Crestone Community,

Please note that the Recycle Crestone T Road Drop Off Center will be closing for a brief time while it receives a thorough cleaning and a few upgrades (3-5 weeks). Thank you for your patience while we create a more efficient, user-friendly version that will not allow as much non-recyclable material to accumulate. I will post another letter in *The Crestone Eagle* when it is ready to open again. Thank you, Recycle Crestone.

Justin Love

### Crestone kids need a new Moffat School

Dear Fellow Community Members,

I respectfully ask you to vote 'YES' on 3A to support the building of a new facility for the rapidly deteriorating Moffat School. You may wonder why you'd want to support a new facility for Moffat School when the Crestone Charter School just opened their new facility last

year. Don't all the kids in Crestone/Baca already have a new school? The answer is no they do not. The Crestone Charter School provides an alternative experiential-based curriculum to a restricted number of students. Therefore, not all of the students who wish to attend can enroll (and there has been a waiting list ever since the new school opened).

In addition, alternative experiential-based curriculum, while great for some students, may not meet the needs of others. These kids are served by Moffat School which offers a more standard curriculum. Currently, roughly half of the kids attending public school from Crestone/Baca attend the Charter School and the other half attend Moffat School. I believe that all of the amazing young people in our school district (which includes Crestone/Baca as well as a significant portion of the valley floor) deserve a new school regardless of their educational preferences or their place on a waiting list. Please vote 'YES' on 3A and support ALL of our kids.

Sincerely,

Krissy and Rocky Hedstrom

Proud parents of three of our amazing young people

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest. —Benjamin Franklin

### Unhappy with nonprofits

Dear Editor,

My wife and I moved to the Baca Grande area in 2002 believing it to be one of the more placid and affordable areas in Colorado. For a while it seemed just that but in recent years with various unrelenting tax and fee increases, costs of services, and falling land values we are now considering leaving the area. Those increases coupled with the high number of burdensome and freeloading non-profits here that the individual tax paying home owner has to carry on his back together has made, for us anyway, an untenable situation. Water and Sanitation, for example, is never satisfied, is always asking for more



# Saguache County News

by **Matie Belle Lakish**

Property tax assessments and marijuana discussions dominated the county commissioner meetings during August, with conversations with schools over SRS funding following as a close fourth. It was a busy month.

Deliberations over taxes began on August 1 and 2 with appeals to the recent re-assessment done by the Saguache County Assessor's office and the Colorado State Department of Local Affairs Division of Property Taxation. Most of the appellants were Town of Crestone residents protesting the significant increases to both residential and commercial properties in the town.

## Marijuana

Commissioners have issued a draft of an ordinance prohibiting the commercial cultivation and sale of marijuana within the county until the state develops rules and regulations to implement Amendment 64. "The Board of County Commissioners will be having a second reading of the Ordinance Prohibiting the Operation of Marijuana Cultivation Facilities, Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facilities, Marijuana Testing Facilities or Retail Marijuana Stores within the Unincorporated Boundaries of Saguache County, State of Colorado on: Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 11AM. The proposed ordinance will be available to the Public view as of Tuesday, August 27, 2013 during normal business hours, in the Saguache County Land Use Office located in the basement of the Saguache County Courthouse." It can also be found on the Saguache County website, [www.saguachecounty.net](http://www.saguachecounty.net).

Passing of the ordinance will give commissioners the time they need to review the State of Colorado's Rules and Regulations that are being developed to implement the Colorado constitutional amendment that was approved by voters in 2012.

According to part 5(f) of Section 16 of Amendment 64, "A locality may prohibit the operation of marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana product manufacturing facilities, marijuana testing facilities, or retail marijuana stores through the enactment of an ordinance or through an initiated or referred measure; provided, any initiated or referred measure to prohibit the operation of marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana product manufacturing facilities, marijuana testing facilities, or retail marijuana stores must appear on a general election ballot during an even numbered year.

"WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has determined that additional research and consideration of the potential impacts on the citizens of the County of Saguache of permitting the commercial activities authorized under

Amendment 64 to occur in Saguache County is required prior to making a final determination on permitting such activities; and

"WHEREAS, the County is in the process of researching the possible adoption and implementation of appropriate rules and regulations for the commercial activities permitted under the provisions of Amendment 64. The County is also researching the potential effect, if any, that State and Federal regulations or laws may have on the adoption of local rules and regulations; and

"WHEREAS, the County has determined that a limited time period, not to exceed one year, is required to perform the above stated activities; and

"WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the County in Amendment 64 the Board desires to adopt this ordinance prohibiting the operation of marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana product manufacturing facilities, marijuana testing facilities or retail marijuana stores within the unincorporated areas of Saguache County, Colorado."

While the ordinance is meant to be temporary, and expires a year from final adoption, it carries the full weight of any law, including fines of up to \$600 per day for violators, and, "If so directed by the Sheriff of Saguache County, a criminal prosecution may be brought against any person who violates any provision of this ordinance."

## Landfill to re-open

Most local citizens now know that the Saguache County Landfill has been closed for much of the summer. Already reports have come in of trash being left in ditches and along county roads. Commissioners and the Saguache County Road and Bridge Dept. director, Randal Arredondo, have worked hard to meet the complex state standards that continue to become more and more restrictive. Last month, commissioners met with representatives of the Colorado Department of Health and Environment to find some way to keep the landfill open, and a few concessions to local conditions were made. However, the requirement for a clay liner remains in place. At this time, Arredondo has found a source for the required clay, and a new cell has been dug. Staff are moving forward on finishing the construction, lining the hole, and are preparing to re-open the landfill. Cost to re-open will be about \$70,000. Although no definite timeframe can be accurately predicted, Arredondo hopes to have the new cell completed and ready for receiving trash in early to mid-September. Residents are likely to see an increase in fees and a reduction to four days from five. However, these are small prices to pay for local landfill service.

## Veterans

Commissioner Linda Joseph and Saguache County Veterans Services' Officer Jim Sheeran have been working hard to improve services to veterans in Saguache County and the valley. Medical services, particularly, are hard for veterans to access, and often require a trip to the Front Range for simple medical

procedures. Joseph says that part of the problem is that many of the valley veterans are not registered with their Veterans Service Offices, and it skews the numbers so that state and national offices don't recognize the need for services. Although it is estimated that 10% of Saguache County's population are veterans, only about one third are registered, perhaps because they don't know that help may be available, because they have given up on receiving services they may need, or because of privacy issues.

Both Sheeran and Joseph hope to turn this around and get the services for veterans that they deserve. Ex-service personnel and/or their spouses and families can help by calling Sheeran or by attending one of the meet & greet sessions he will be holding. He will be in Center at the Public Health building, 220 Worth St., on the last Thursday of every month from 10am to 4pm, at the YES Building in Crestone on October 9 and 23 from 10am to 4pm, and at the Saguache Fall Festival on September 21. The Veterans Services Office is located in the Saguache Public Health Clinic building at 501 4th St. in Saguache, and is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 4pm. Call Sheeran at 655-2680.

## Funding for schools

Superintendents and commissioners met to discuss the possible Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS) funding for 2013. For the last several years, since the Obama administration funded the act that was initially passed in 2000, local schools and county roads have received federal funds based on the amount of federal land within the county. For most counties, this is a small financial bonus, but for Saguache County, which is about two-thirds federal land, it is a substantial contribution. There have been some contentious moments over the last four years about how the funds would be distributed, with schools and county government struggling to get their needs across to the other public entity. Last summer, a very productive discussion gave the parties a better understanding of what each is dealing with, and set the stage for better communication.

At a special meeting on August 13, superintendents from Saguache, Moffat, and Sangre de Cristo districts met with commissioners and Department of Local Affairs representative Jarrod Biggs to discuss options for 2013. Although neither counties nor schools have been officially notified that funding would be renewed for 2013, it's rumored that the US House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee is recommending reauthorization of funding at 2010 levels.

Funding for counties through SRS is also tied to the county's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding. Although Colorado legislation dictates that 25% of funds will go to schools, and 25% to roads, 50% is negotiable. However, if a county accepts SRS funding, their PILT funds are reduced. Another difficulty is that counties cannot use SRS funds for anything besides roads and bridges; PILT funds can be used for any county need. PILT funds, however, are significantly less than SRS

funds. If this sounds confusing, believe me, it is.

The scenario that brings the most federal dollars into the county is for the county to give all the SRS dollars to schools and receive its full PILT payment instead, which is what was supposed to happen last year. The goal was for the county to pay general administrative expenses with the full PILT payment of around \$930,000. As reported in the June issue, this backfired when the state auditor's office made a clerical error that reduced the County's payment to around \$461,000.

The problem with the above distribution plan, from the county's perspective, is that PILT funds are much less than SRS funds. Road and Bridge expenses, some of the county's largest, suffer losses. From the schools' perspective, they get the most revenue from such a distribution, and they too, are greatly in need of funds.

If SRS funding is indeed at 2010 levels, and schools and roads split the SRS funds equally, the county would get about \$1,258,175 for roads, and the 4 schools would split a similar amount, divided on a per-pupil operating revenue (PPOR) basis. If PILT is refunded (still unknown) at last year's levels, the county's share, under this scenario, would be about \$420,000.

Although no decisions were made, and cannot be made until Congress decides on appropriations, both parties are deliberating about what formula will meet both county and school needs the best. Commissioner Joseph said, "The county needs to get at least \$600,000 to support our General Fund. Our reserves are low. We have only one and a half months reserves for General Fund, and six months for Road and Bridge."

Superintendent Banghart, of Moffat School District, advocated for schools to get all the SRS funds in 2013. He described the deteriorated condition of the Moffat School building and said that if the mill levy they are asking for does not pass and the school is condemned, Moffat students will have to ride the bus one and a half hours each way to get to a neighboring district school. He said, "We want to support your and our General Funds."

## 4H & extension

Marvin Reynolds, CSU Extension Agent, brought three talented 4H youth to tell county Commissioners how much they have enjoyed and benefited from the 4H program.

The La Garita young people, Elizabeth Hoppner, a high school senior and State of Colorado 4H President, and Mason and Johnny Torr, stressed the leadership skills they have developed, as well as the self-discipline and confidence they have acquired from doing their projects with goats and showing them at the regional fair.

Reynolds is hoping to involve a lot more of our youth in the many aspects of 4H. Although 4H has several skill paths, such as making clothing, model rocketry, preserving foods, gardening, raising livestock and shooting sports, the real focus is on developing the core skills of teamwork, leadership, perseverance and time management.

4H is open to kids ages 8 to

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## Tax assessments

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what allows assessors to do “lots of properties in a short time”. She suggested that the way to handle variations is to appeal to the County Board of Equalization (CBOE), in this case the county commissioners acting in that capacity, who can make changes to a valuation if they judge it to be incorrect.

On the following days, August 1 and 2, twenty-four property owners representing a number of properties, mostly in Crestone and the Baca, did just that. Protests ranged from inconsistencies in Casita Park lot values within the same cul-de-sac to huge disparities between similar business properties across the county. Elaine Johnson, attorney and owner of several properties in Crestone, said that in many cases, “none of the statutory case law requirements were met.” She contended that the sample used for commercial properties did not meet the requirements for “compa-

rables” because the sample was too small, as only two sales in two years were used. Other transactions were thrown out for various reasons, which, objectors contended, led to an artificially high value of \$40,000 per commercial 50 ft. lot. Residential lots went from around \$1200 per lot to \$7,000 per lot. There are three types of residential lots in Crestone defining how many lots are needed to build a home on. “High density” only requires one 50ft lot, whereas “low density” requires three 50ft lots to build. All were valued the same. Twentyfive ft. lots were valued for half of the 50ft lots, even though they are unbuildable, according to Crestone zoning regulations.

Bill Folk objected to his Baca home being taxed as commercial because of a B&B in his guest house. He said it brings in less money than his increase in taxes from residential to commercial. He strongly objected to the fact that he has tried for years to get his property on the tax rolls, but without success. This year, he was charged for two years of back taxes, plus the 2012 taxes, which are now due.

After two days of testimony, commissioners, acting as the County Board of Equalization, had one week to analyze the information and issue a ruling on the protests. Each decision was mailed to the owner without the information being made public. In an Eye on the County piece, however, Commissioners Linda Joseph, Jason Anderson and Ken Anderson reflected on some of the concerns raised.

“In recent property reappraisals of some 15,000 parcels in Saguache County, conducted by state personnel in conjunction with the Saguache County Assessor’s Office, it was found that some parcels of land in the Town of Crestone exchanged hands at prices that were significantly higher than in the past. This was a primary factor resulting in higher land values for Town of Crestone properties, and in turn created a great deal of concern about a tax increase. While some land values rose, there are numerous other factors in the equation used to calculate taxpayers’ bills. Whatever the % increase was in the value of the land, or infrastructure, is not automatically the same % increase in taxes.”

In further reflections, commissioners continued: “The State system is complex, making every attempt to accurately assess and to equalize taxation across the entire State. But, erratic free market behavior in land sales, such as Crestone has seen, can have an impact on land valuation in such a small community.

“In studying these issues, it appears that taxing districts falling outside the State’s equalizing range is rare. Many factors are accounted for, to exclude transactions that artificially skew values, such as family members/friends exchanging land with little or no sale price, higher prices often paid to purchase an adjacent lot, and foreclosure sale prices. And yet, excluding these caused the town and it’s taxing district to have, at the State’s own admission, ‘insufficient comparables’. Unfortunately at this time, there are no alternate methods to address such circumstances. Larger places and

the free market do seem to equalize fairly well, or absorb boom and bust volatility better. The lack of resilience of such a small community as Crestone in these regards, brings up the question—Is it time for the State to address this situation, even if it is a rare occurrence?

“In various forums of Government working with the State level, it is an ongoing discussion that—even when they truly care, and really try, and have had some rural experience, the systems are geared to urban/suburban scenarios, and don’t really understand and address rural/frontier realities. The question for Saguache County with regard to taxation—is there a case to be made, and, proposals to offer, that warrant bringing to our State Legislators and Governor?”

In a further description of their review process, commissioners said, “So far, a solution for how to better equalize for disparate property values in Crestone has not been found. With “insufficient comparables” cited by the state, the CBOE first looked to expand the sample size, by going out further across the county. This effort offered no relief. Larger towns and some other unincorporated areas in Saguache County are already assessed at higher levels than Crestone. The board next tried to expand the time frame from 2 to 5 years, and eliminated the highest and lowest values. This yielded a few additional comparables to justify adjustment, which the CBOE made across the commercial property in the Town of Crestone.”

As a result of their deliberations, “the CBOE made a further reduction in the base value of commercial property in Crestone as a class, to \$36,850.00.” There is concern, however, that this figure is “out of the broad range within which the State equalizes. Ordinarily this and several other avenues the BOE looked into are resolved by . . . a reappraisal!” Since a reappraisal has just taken place, and the state supervised, it is unclear what the state’s reaction will be to this action taken at the local level. “To challenge the state on its reappraisal, an informed case must be made that there is an extreme experience in this town that justifies new and different solutions than what seems to work for the rest of the county and state. Changes to systems, measures and rules for extreme rural, extremely small communities, would be required.”

Regarding individual property differences, they said, “Factors such as terrain (slope and features that impact development), and age and condition of buildings can lead to individualized adjustments. These are meant to be picked up in the protest period, which is the opportunity for citizens to bring forward any information that requires closer consideration for an adjustment. The Assessor’s office will be conducting an individualized look at some protestor’s properties, to see the circumstances they brought forward in the meeting with the County Board of Equalization - CBOE (Commissioners). Because of the disparities arising in Crestone, the Assessor’s office will do a site review of ALL parcels in the Town of Crestone.”

Commissioners noted the technological problems encountered

in doing the assessment due to internet connectivity in our remote areas, and the extra time that was required to complete the assessment. “Perhaps most maddening to all, is that meanwhile, we await the information needed to answer that most burning question of property owners, the Town, and the County alike—what is the average Tax Increase? And is there really a systemic problem to tackle?”

Commissioners offered the following “Next Steps”:

“For Protestors who are not satisfied with the findings/decisions of the CBOE and wish to continue your appeal, you must do so within 30 days of the date of the County Board’s written decision, to the Board of Assessment Appeals or District Court.

“For the Town of Crestone, some creative possibilities within their authority may exist. Researching options such as allowing lot consolidation, or refining commercial zoning to include additional categories with different development parameters may offer some solutions.

“The CBOE and Assessor’s office will continue looking deeply at the facts on the issue. Is the system failing the Town of Crestone? Are there other local solutions available? Is an appeal by the Town and County to the State warranted? If so, the challenge, and the opportunity, is to identify what would work better.”

Assessor Stephens, in a report to commissioners on August 19, said extra taxes are likely to be collected on 353 omitted properties (out of 15,000). 80% of owners’ taxes went down, while 20% increased. Total revenues, if all owed were to be collected, an almost impossible feat, would yield \$1,299,410. An increase to estimated taxes, due to the reassessment, is \$72,014. These figures are NOT final. Final numbers will be available in December. In 1996 the county passed a de-Brucing referendum, so any new funds generated can be retained and used locally.

## County news

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14. Cloverbuds are younger, ages 5 through 7. Adult volunteers are key to the program’s success, and Reynolds said one or two leaders are required for each club. If anyone is interested in working with youth as a leader, or is the parent of a child who might like to participate, call Reynolds at 719-852-7381. Enrollment begins Oct. 1.

### Bits & pieces

The county’s first Solar Garden has finally found a home. The commissioners approved a 20-year lease with two possible 5-year extension periods on a portion of the county gravel pit just southwest of Saguache. They also discussed signing a contract to buy power for the Saguache County Public Housing units if a purchase price can be agreed upon.

BLM Director Andrew Archuleta reported that the De Tilla Gulch solar site has attracted applicants to build the valley’s first BLM solar facility. Several companies have expressed an interest in bidding when the environmental assessment work is finished in the spring or summer of 2014.

Jim Pitts, Forest Service, said that the proposed 33 miles of the Continental Divide Trail has received numerous comments regarding whether mountain biking should be allowed. Many bikers from around the country have asked for access. Comments from hikers are just the opposite, asking for bikes to be excluded.

Commissioners held a phone conference with Marv Widemer 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.

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Some storms threatened at the Crestone Music Festival, but nothing substantial ever took shape. Meanwhile, in the town of Crestone, the rain gods blessed our gardens with lovely heavy rain showers. photo by Lori Nagel See more fest photos on page 25



by Deputy Clerk Leanna Bradbury

#### Thank you, Kalisama

Kalisama Micklin has resigned from her elected position on the Town of Crestone Board of Trustees. During her time as trustee, she provided a great deal of service to the community, particularly with her keen insights, expertise in many matters that came before the board, and volunteer work to shop the best prices for essential goods and services. The town board has accepted Kalisama's resignation with regret and joins in her aspiration to be able to re-run for a trustee position in the 2014 municipal election. Thank you, Kalisama, and best wishes to you. The procedure to appoint a temporary trustee has been officially posted and appears as an advertisement in this issue.

#### New ordinance to clarify septic system regulations

The town has a dual wastewater policy of requiring sewer hookups in a designated district where the water table is high, while permitting septic systems well away from the riparian zone. Those septic systems, however, must be inspected and approved for compliance with Colorado State regulations so they won't create public health hazards. Two previous regulatory ordinances adopted in 1978 and 1993 have been found to have contradictory procedures for violations. Ordinance 2013-008, "An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #1978-2 and Ordinance #2-1993 Concerning Individual Sewage Disposal Systems and Establishing the Municipal Court's Jurisdiction over Violations of Regulations and Permits Concerning Such Systems," designates the Board of Trustees as the Local Board of Health, requires septic system permitting and inspection, and places violations under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court. In the related matter of sewage disposal at construction sites, property owners or their designees are not permitted to live on their property until it has a sewer connection or approved septic system.

#### Added traffic signs

An unfortunate side effect of our prospering town is the increase

in traffic hazards. Everyone can do their part to truly observe the 15 mph speed limit. That alone would eliminate a lot of near collisions involving vehicles, pedestrians, bikes, baby strollers, and animals. Since not everyone drives safely the trustees have approved additional signs near each of the food stores. Vehicles rolling down the mountain on East Galena Avenue now have a stop sign just above the Crestone Mercantile to reduce risk to pedestrians in the crosswalk and cars backing out of businesses. At the southwest corner of the commercial district, No Parking signs are being installed on the blind curve across Golden Avenue from Elephant Cloud. Although the 15 mph speed zone begins two blocks to the south, many inbound drivers are still going too fast around that blind curve. People who park along the fence now risk a parking citation in addition to risking their lives when they get out of their vehicles.

#### Local shopping, yes!

Thank you to everyone who has kept shopping locally despite the temporary absence of a gas station. While the measurement of local shopping—sales tax revenue—is about 4% below the 2013 projection, it is still double that of 2009. Look around the stores next time you shop to see how many local jobs you have created, and then please give yourselves a big pat on the back.

#### NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCY

The Town of Crestone is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. The term for this position expires April 2014. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, be a registered voter in the Town of Crestone, and must have resided in the Town for the 12 consecutive months prior to applying. If you are interested in serving your Town by becoming a Trustee, please submit a letter of interest to the Board of Trustees, C/O Town Clerk, at P.O. Box 64, Crestone, CO 81131 no later than Tuesday, September 3rd, 1:00 pm. For additional information, call Akia Tanara at the Town Hall, 256-4313.

## POA report: focusing on election

by Earl W. Sutherland

The regular business meeting of the Baca Grande Property Owners Association (POA) was held on August 22. All of the directors were present except Treat Suomi. About 10 members were in the audience. The meeting began on time (7pm) and continued until nearly 10:30, when it dissolved to an executive session involving a personnel issue.

There has been some talk of why so few members attend these meetings. Some argue that they are too unpleasantly confrontational. The last two meetings, while free of that problem, have introduced an additional repellent: boredom. This meeting featured a meander of over half an hour on the various aspects of the routine monthly financial report, with no serpents being found beneath the many over-turned rocks. Perhaps one desirable outcome was a decision to change the accounting method from "accrual" to "modified accrual", which seems preferred by the management agency (Hammersmith) and perhaps offers greater transparency to the actual financial state. This method will begin with 2014. It sometimes seems that if the Community Manager had more authority to move forward, that the board could devote its efforts to the more serious issues facing our community. Cookies for the members might help, too.

Emergency support from outside agencies in the event of a catastrophic fire must be paid for and there have been cases where the money was required upfront, according to Fire Chief Ben Brack. He had for that reason requested that the board make accessible to his department funds to be drawn in case such an untoward event arose. This request was defeated, Directors Motz and Garnett being opposed.

Ken Nelson, chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that two tellers (vote-counters) have agreed to their appointment, Linda Stagner and Peggy Godfrey. Several other important issues related to the forthcoming election also arose. It was finally decided to use regular mail-in ballots, not proxies. A proxy is a form of power of attorney enabling one's vote to be cast by another and will remain an option for voters, but must be requested. Clarification was made of the matter of "Votes on Other Items". While some had argued that nearly any subject could be brought up for a vote at the annual meeting, it was pointed out that it was necessary for the membership at large to be aware of such issues before decisions on them could be validated. Fortunately the By-Laws, Section 5.10, are explicit on this topic: "All other issues may be presented at any meeting for a vote by the Members in Good Standing constituting a quorum". Since the membership of the POA is around 3000, a quorum would be somewhere around 600 votes (20% of those in good standing). Being in "good standing" means not owing any money to the POA or being enrolled in a payment plan which is completed by year's end. A plan to allow payment of dues before the election was devised. Also, it was decided to allow voting at the POA office all day, but, as in state and federal elections, to close the doors to any further votes at 7pm. Quite a few accomplishments on this topic.

The Committee on Natural Surroundings continued its worthy presence, sponsoring a review by Peggy Godfrey, a local rancher, of the water concerns related to the Closed Basin Project and kindred issues. This topic impacts the Baca Grande because of depletion of groundwater and the potential damage to riparian areas and our greenbelt/open spaces. The Committee for Natural Surroundings sought and received from the board a resolution urging the Colorado Water Resources Legislative Committee (of the state congress) to moderate the Closed Basin pumping and to press for implementation of rules and regulations in our (Rio Grande) Water District.



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# Corrosion control study & budget workshop highlight BGWSD board meeting

by **Cindy Reinhardt for the Baca Grande Water & Sanitation District Staff & Board of Directors**

At the regular meeting of the BGWSD Board on August 16, district water engineer Ron McLaughlin, presented the results of the extensive Corrosion Control Study undertaken to identify an optimal water treatment method to control copper and lead levels in drinking water. In short, the report recommends continuing treatment using soda ash to increase pH as the optimal approach. As required, the report has been submitted to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for final approval.

The study found that water from Well 18 is “of uniform, very high quality, having low dissolved

solids concentrations—and thus is inherently mildly corrosive.” These characteristics create the likelihood for copper concentrations to exceed CDPHE criteria as a result of causing corrosion in customer systems with copper plumbing, hence the requirement for corrosion control.

The study compares two control strategies: (1) the addition of polyphosphates and (2) the addition of alkalinity to increase pH. In addition to public concern about polyphosphates, studies have suggested that they are not effective for all waters. The use of phosphates, even in very small amounts, is generally considered environmentally negative and thus not recommended.

Alkaline chemicals which can be added to increase pH include lime, caustic soda, soda ash (sodium

carbonate), and magnesium hydroxide. What about the alternatives to soda ash? The study indicates that lime is best suited to systems that were originally designed for its use. It does not dissolve easily and can create blockages in a system not designed for its use. Caustic soda is not optimal as it is hazardous; and there is currently not an approved liquid form of magnesium hydroxide for drinking water treatment. Therefore, the study recommends continuing the current treatment using soda ash as the optimal approach. The study is available for review on the district’s website, [www.bacawater.com](http://www.bacawater.com).

Additionally the CCS cited the high water loss rate in the district’s water distribution system. This concern is being addressed in a comprehensive water conserva-

tion project.

## Budget workshop in Sept.

District staff and board are evaluating needs and priorities in preparation for budget season, which kicks off on September 27 with a budget workshop as part of the board’s monthly meeting. Budget work will continue in October and a draft budget and budget hearing will follow in November.

## Water Conservation Project update

The district’s engineer has completed and tested a model base along with strategic flow testing in order to conduct an extended period simulation (EPS) of the water distribution system. The EPS will identify areas that may be responsible for high water loss in the system. Results will be presented at the September 27 district board meeting.

# Don’t tax credit unions

by **Lisa Cyriacks**

The U.S. Congress is considering tax reform that could include stripping credit unions of a long-standing exemption from federal corporate income taxes, an exemption that dates back 80 years.

Unfortunately, the big banks and some in Congress want to raise taxes and impose new fees on 96 million credit union members who represent 40% of all Americans, yet represent only 6% of the assets in financial institutions. And, they want to do this despite the fact that credit unions are not-for-profit and meeting their core mission of providing financial choices at lower costs for their members every day.

As member-owned, not-for-profit financial cooperatives, any new tax on credit unions is nothing more than a tax on every individual who belongs to a credit union. According to Greg Mills, Aventa Credit Union President and CEO, small credit unions like Aventa will feel the impact the most.

## What is at risk?

“Crestone is a true credit union model—people helping people, community helping community,” Greg Mills affirms. “This is what is at risk. If money has to be diverted to taxes, then products and services have to be downsized or eliminated. People earn money, make deposits; those deposits are then loaned out

to neighbors. Keeping the money in the community.”

What makes credit unions different from banks? Credit unions are owned by their members. Banks are owned by individuals or corporate stockholders. Credit unions return profits to their members and the communities they serve. Banks return profits to their investors.

Credit unions are governed by volunteer boards, which are elected by their membership. Since credit union members can vote or run for the boards, members can have a direct role in shaping the values and policies of the organization. Credit unions don’t answer to stockholders, but to each of their members—over 21,000 members in Aventa Credit Union. They are also required to abide by federal and state regulations.

Credit unions promote the economic well being of their members, especially those of modest means, through a system that is member-owned, volunteer-directed and not-for-profit. Profits are re-directed to the members through better interest rates on deposits and lower loan rates.

Credit unions invest in people by helping those who have been traditionally underserved by banks—in our case, rural Saguache County. Other groups that rely on credit unions for important financial services include seniors on fixed incomes, single working moms, minority communities needing greater community investment, and small business owners struggling to make

ty, strengthening local economies.

Nationally, credit unions are experiencing a surge in popularity, as people resist paying exorbitant fees to the very same large banks that were at the center of the 2008 economic melt-down. According to the National Credit Union Administration, credit unions in the United States added nearly 2.1 million new members in 2012, bringing total national membership to a record 93.9 million.

Proponents for credit unions say the effort at repealing their tax-exempt status is simply an attempt by banks to eliminate competition and consumer choice. The tax exemption is crucial to credit unions, which by law can’t raise capital through public stock offerings like banks can, but instead rely on member deposits. Credit unions also face limits on types of investments, who they can take deposits from, and lending caps on certain types of loans.

Don’t let Congress raise taxes on 96 million credit union members. Don’t let Congress eliminate real financial choice. Don’t let Congress destroy our credit unions. Contact your federal Senators and Congressmen and let Congress know your not-for-profit credit union is all about providing great financial services to you and your fellow members and need protected as part of federal tax reforms.

ends meet.

Cooperative structures (like member-owned credit unions) circulate the benefits back to their member-owners, and these benefits ripple out to the broader communi-

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### Baca Grande Property Owners Association - Election Announcement

There will be two (2) vacancies on the Board of Directors of the POA this fall. Any Member in Good Standing is eligible to become a candidate. Candidates may qualify to run for a position in one of the following ways:

- 1) Submit an application through the Nominating Committee. Contact the POA Office to obtain a Candidate Packet.
- 2) Obtain a petition with twenty-five (25) signatures of Members in Good Standing.

The date of the election and Annual Members’ Meeting is Friday, November 22, 2013.

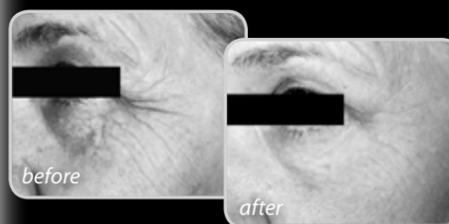
**Candidates must submit their materials by 5:00 PM September 18, 2013 to the POA Office. Petitions must be verified by the POA Office prior to the due date.** Contact the POA Office at 719-256-4171 if you have any questions.

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## 2nd Annual CrestoneArtists Open Studio Tour

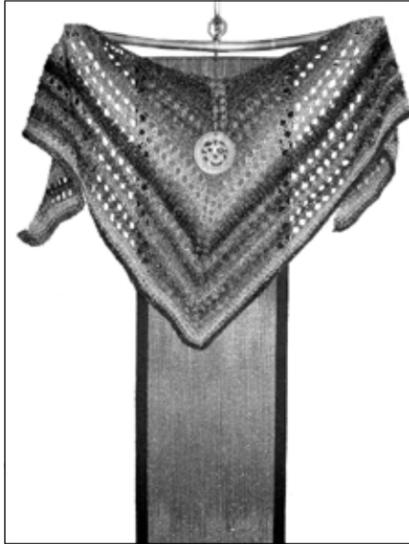
by Stephen Futral, aka Ish, & Robin Ross

Are you an art lover, collector or an appreciator of art? If so, please come and be welcomed into 15 artists' studios in Crestone and the Baca for our 2nd Annual CrestoneArtists "Open Studio Tour." This will be held the first weekend in October, the 5th & 6th, from 1-6pm. Enter the artists' studios and be swept into their worlds.

CrestoneArtists open the doors to their studios for the general public during this tour enabling conversations, questions and dialogues giving further insights into the background, training, philosophy and driving forces of the various artists involved. You may find different projects and witness the creative process in real time up close and personal. In the viewing and interchange you can expect to experience beauty, passion, honesty and perhaps a dash of outrageousness.

This year's artists are:

**Noah Baen:** creates environmental installations, document-



Moira Forsythe, 2 fine hand woven scarves.

**Beatris Burgoin:** is a self-taught painter who uses only 5 colors of paint to create an orchestration of glowing color.

**Barbara Dose:** makes use of acrylics and soft pastels in her paintings of animals and dreams that also inspire her healing work.

**Mae Green:** paints nature's bounty and spiritual insights, often working with a renaissance glaze technique and in watercolor.

**Marika Popovits:** has a unique way of showing glowing light from the inside out. Also to be seen are her current watercolors.

**Robin Ross:** primarily an oil painter, who works figuratively within abstraction as light will show large new canvases and her new abstract book-works.

**Emmy Savage:** seduces you into her landscapes, creating lustrous wind-strewn sensuous motion and this vision is further displayed in her past-

tels on paper.

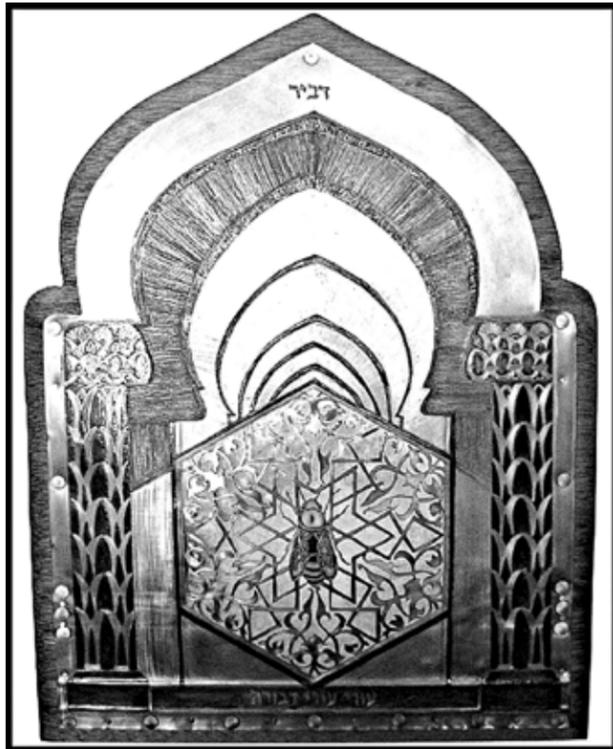
**Moira Forsythe:** delights with her beautiful hand woven wearable fiber art.

**Stephen Futral, aka Ish:** works in various mediums that cross over from figurative to abstract utilizing encaustics (wax medium and pigment), acrylics, water-

colors and sumi ink calligraphic brush-stroke paintings.

**Josefina Gordh:** creates painted fabric cushions, shawls and wall hangings inspired from nature and multicultural mythologies.

**Shahna Lax:** works in 3 dimensional copper as wall hangings that embody a cross cultural language of interwoven calligraphic and symbolic forms.



Shahna Lax, Waggle Dance Divir, bronze and glass wall piece.

ing the growth and deconstruction of them in unique photographs. He will also display his landscape paintings from his 40-year career.

**Rose Burek:** uses salvaged metal parts with glass beads and handmade brass bells from India as chimes or wall hangings.



Robin Ross, detail of Crossing, oil on canvas, 60 x 36".

**Nancy Onizuka:** creates stone and leather works of deer-skin wrapped rock necklaces with intricate patterns spanning both functional and wearable items.

**Jennifer Thomson:** strives to use color to reflect the "aliveness" of the natural world, to express the interweaving of the living, musical elements of light, darkness and color.

**Allison Wonderland:** encompasses in her work hand-made paper into sculptures that facilitates them as installations and also creates puppets in a community workshop settings.

**Billy Wright:** paints dreamscapes in brightly colored panoramas. He is also a puppet-maker.

This event is a project of www.CrestoneArtists.com, fulfilling one of its goals of making professional artworks and education accessible to the community. There have been monthly gatherings of this group to facilitate mutual support, networking, and awareness of each other's work. Their hope is to become a visual and active part of the Crestone experience. The art of 12 members of this group will be exhibited in the Salida Steam Plant at the Paquette Gallery during November and December.

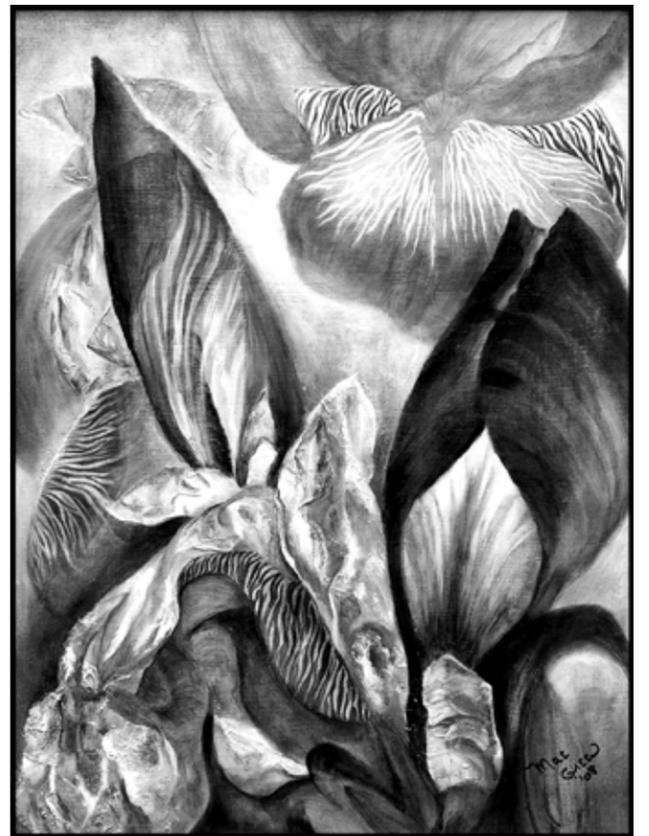
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To find out more about individual CrestoneArtists and to plan



Allison Wonderland, sculpture made from hand-made paper, 48" high.



Mae Green, Iris Blooming, oil on canvas, 30 x 24.



Stephen Futral, Water Snake, ink on rice paper, 20 x 20".

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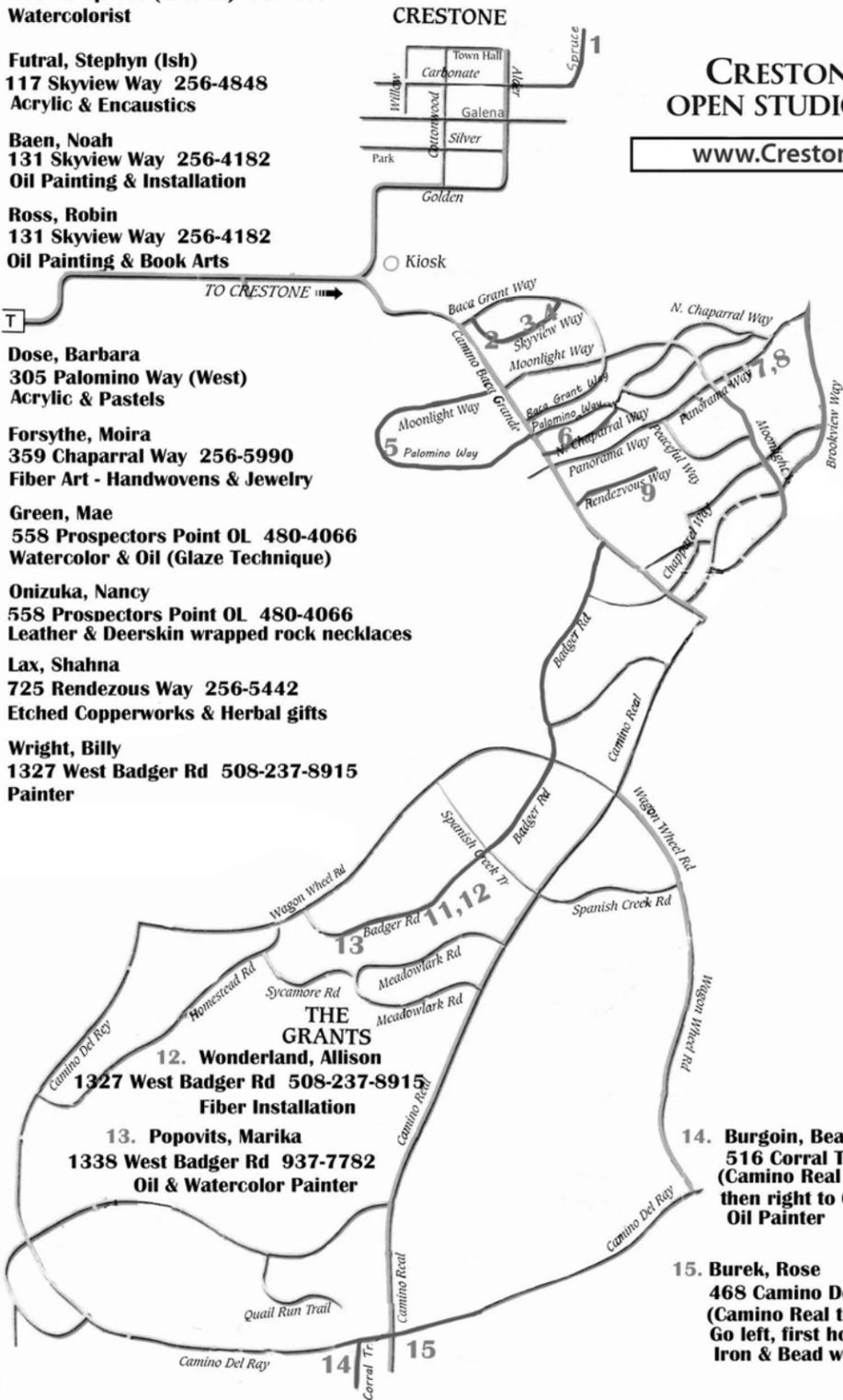
All true artists, whether they know it or not, create from a place of no-mind, from inner stillness -Eckhart Tolle

I dream a lot. I do more painting when I'm not painting. It's in the subconscious. -Andrew Wyeth

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Matt Venuti brings the Hang to Shumei in Crestone Wed. September 18 at 7pm.

## Matt Venuti brings hang instrument & 'Songs of Life, Loss & Love' to Shumei in Crestone Sept. 18

"Matt's performance opens the heart, quiets the mind, and deeply touches the soul," —Arun Gandhi, author, lecturer, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi.

Multi-instrumentalist/singer-songwriter Matt Venuti will be performing a special concert singing his deeply moving songs while playing the hang, the most exciting new acoustic instrument of the 21st century and one of the most captivating and versatile of all time. Matt is one of the world's premier players of the instrument. Hang means hand in Swiss-German and in Matt's hands it is pure magic! Matt's compositions and performances have been commended by worldwide fans of his original music. He has a history of performing at progressive happenings like the TED conferences and gala events worldwide, either as a soloist or with his San Francisco-based ensemble, The Venusians. He tours throughout most of the year performing solo concerts. Matt's website and his videos can be found by visiting [www.mattvenuti.com](http://www.mattvenuti.com).

"An extraordinary journey into a new frontier of rhythm, melody and resonance," —Sherri Baptiste.

Concert begins at 7pm. There is a \$10 suggested donation at the door. The artist has requested that there be no children at this event.

For concert information visit [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) or call 719-256-5284

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## Photographer Randy Brown to be featured artist for September at Shumei

Randy Brown's work will be on display at the Shumei Gallery in Crestone for the month of September. A symposium with Randy will be held on Sunday September 22 starting at 3pm. A reception will follow.

Randy Brown is a Denver-based artist, arts activist, and educator who has worked and exhibited in the Denver and national arts community for more than twenty-five years. Through his work as an artist, Randy has consistently created photography-based projects that challenge not only himself, but also his viewers in the community. As he provides opportunities to explore works that address conceptual ideas about being human, a focused visual language emerges that facilitates the discussion about where we overlap rather than diverge.

Meet with Randy and learn



"Can We Talk." Archival Cyanotypes, 26X26, Randy Brown

more about his work on Sunday September 22 starting at 3pm to 5pm. This event is free to the public. Please visit [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) or call 256-5284 for more information. The Shumei gallery is open every day 9 to 5pm.

### Crestone Botanical Garden

The Crestone Botanical Garden will be closing for the season at the end of September. We're open at Crestone Town Center Mon. - Sat., 11 am to 4 pm. Stop by for beautiful houseplants, outdoor plants, supplies, and youth artwork. Unique indoor and outdoor plants are still available. This project is sponsored by the Town of Crestone and Saguache County to promote economic development for youth and disabled adults.

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Company of Players during July 4 parade. Left to right are Kelly Delamor, Dean Lloyd, and Ammi Kohn.

## Company of Players benefit for the library & creative Crestone youth

The Company of Players presents an evening and matinee performance of storytelling, titled *Stories at the Edge*, on Saturday, September 21, 7pm, and Sunday, September 22, 2pm, at the Colorado College Conference Center. All proceeds after expenses will benefit the Crestone Baca Library and Crestone Creative Council. Come hear your friends and neighbors tell stories about their important life experiences. Have fun and support your library and our youth community.

*Stories at the Edge* combines a variety of storytelling styles and experiences. The themes of the stories range from cults to bees to ecstatic love. One difference from previous Company of Players' productions (the Storyville series) will be the addition of some non-autobiographical material, both biographical and folk tale. The featured players are Robin Blankenship, Kelly

Delamor, William Howell, Ammi Kohn, Dean Lloyd, Michael Onewing, and Jennifer Thomson. The storytellers have either chosen their own directors (as opposed to a single director for all storytellers as in previous productions), or developed their stories using group comments and reactions during the rehearsal period. This new process reflects the company's intent to create a style unique to our community.

A suggested donation for the benefit is \$10 for adults, less for children, but no one will be turned away! This production is of the community, for the community, by the community, with proceeds after expenses going back to the community, to the Library and the Crestone Creative Council. We welcome everyone. Come and enjoy Crestone storytellers. Join in supporting your local library and youth activities.

## Library district offers programs

The Northern Saguache County Library District is sponsoring a series of programs in the communities served by the Baca Grande and Saguache public libraries. These monthly events will feature civic or creative organizations that enhance life in the valley, and we're calling them "Talk About a Small Town". Last month, the Sagebrush Quilters presented a program in Saguache and the folks from the Orient Land Trust were featured at a program in Crestone.

We're happy to announce that local resident Caren Kershner has

offered to share her knowledge of the primitive rock art found throughout the area at programs scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 18, in the Crestone Town Hall, from 6-8pm, and again the following evening, Sept. 19, from 6-8, at the Saguache Library. Refreshments are served at every program.

In October we have scheduled special performances at both libraries. Mark your calendars for the evenings of October 8 in Crestone and October 15 in Saguache when Abe Lincoln (or someone who looks and speaks just like him) will be appearing.



Rock art in the San Luis Valley. Courtesy of Caren Kershner, who will present on Wednesday, Sept. 18 in the Crestone Town Hall, from 6-8pm, and again the following evening, Sept. 19, from 6-8, at the Saguache Library.



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10\$ suggested donation but no one will be turned away!

**This is a benefit for Friends of the Library and the Crestone Creative Council**

# Telluride's Mountainfilm on Tour in Crestone Oct. 5

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is again bringing Telluride's Mountainfilm on Tour to Crestone!

Our community will experience a special treat October 5 when representatives from Telluride's International Mountainfilm Festival will come to town to give us a taste of the best offerings from this year's event, at the Crestone Charter School.

Thanks to an outreach program launched in 2000 and dubbed Mountainfilm on Tour, this traveling show is dedicated to "educating and inspiring audiences about issues that matter, cultures worth exploring, environments worth preserving, and conversations worth sustaining."

Each year, a selection of films hits the road to reach audiences who otherwise wouldn't have a chance to experience the festival. The films this year display themes of adventure, remarkable personalities and important environmental and social messages.

With independently crafted films of various lengths by some of today's most gifted filmmakers from all over the world, Mountainfilm on Tour "inspires us—it informs us; it challenges us; it makes us laugh; it even makes us cry; it makes us mad as hell and, above all, it shows us the power of



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

film to change the world."

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is pleased to offer this second annual Mountainfilm event. Please mark your calendars and join us for a truly unique and memorable day! This event is a benefit for NHN.

## Mountainfilm on Tour info

Films are shown from 10am to 10pm at the Crestone Charter School, 330 Lime Avenue. This is an event of 21 films that run from 4-55 minutes in length.

The Morning Children's Program is free to children under 12 accompanied by an adult (\$5).

Afternoon Program: \$10

Evening Program: \$15

All Day Pass: \$20

All proceeds benefit Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a non-profit helping families in crisis.

Find out more about them at [NeighborsHelping-NeighborsCrestone.com](http://NeighborsHelping-NeighborsCrestone.com).

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# Adams State Zacheis Planetarium begins fall programs & presentations

The Adams State University Zacheis Planetarium fall 2013 program will include Thursday evenings, Friday afternoons and one Saturday a month.

Every Thursday, the planetarium will alternate between movies and live presentations. Live presentations will sometimes cover astronomy and sometimes earth science, using the new software installed this summer. A live presentation, "The Layered Earth," highlighting a few of the evening constellations, will begin at 7 and 7:45pm, Thursday, Aug. 22. Doors open at 6:45pm.

Dr. Robert Astalos, Zacheis Planetarium director, said Friday afternoon programs will begin at 4:30pm and at 5:15pm. "We are holding these shows later this semester in the hope that more people will be able to attend." The Friday shows begin with "Robot Explorers," on August 23. Doors open at 4:15pm.

One Saturday night each month, starting in September, a live presentation on the evening sky with telescopes out for public viewing is planned. Times will be arranged to coincide with dark skies. Astalos said he knows October 12, International Observe the Moon Night, will be one of the Saturday night shows.

All shows are free and open to the general public. Tickets will be available at the planetarium when the doors open, and are required for entry to the theater due to limited seating.

For more information visit [blogs.adams.edu/zacheis](http://blogs.adams.edu/zacheis).

# Peace begins with me—Sacred Art's Club event Sept. 22

Come and participate—we are excited, this is the 4th Annual Sacred Arts Club's International Day of Peace, an exhilarating event celebrating Peace Within Peace Without. We will gather for an exciting evening of prayer, art, poetry, and dance. You will experience the uplifted quality of peace within through the ancient arts, Kathak and Middle Eastern Dance by Signe Ramstrom; invocation by James O'Dea, returning speaker; paintings of the spirit by local artists and poetry by Wali-Wayne Easter of Denver; Rumi poetry by Matthew Crowley, returning artist; and an ancient Indian Chant-Bhajan. We invite you to an open mic featuring your own thoughts & prayers on what peace within means to you.

Music Mountain Sanctuary, 3564 Double Tree Overlook, 6:30pm, September 22; suggested



Signe Ramstrom performing at the Crestone Music Festival. photo by Lori A. Nagel

donation \$11.

The intention of the Sacred Arts Club is to preserve and enrich sacred ancient art forms. Please call 719-588-2929 for information or reservations; email to [sacredartsclub@gmail.com](mailto:sacredartsclub@gmail.com).

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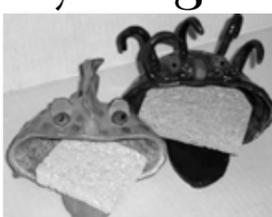
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## Salida Fiber Festival happens Sept 7-8

The Salida Fiber Festival will offer knitters, weavers, bead-ers and fiber artists of all kinds the opportunity to meet and share fiber products from all over the United States during the weekend of September 7-8 in Salida. Now in its second year, the festival brings in vendors of yarn, fleeces, fabric, embellishments and completed fiber pieces who set up their tents under the trees at a riverside location in downtown Salida. Last year over two thousand visitors to the festival enjoyed the finished garments and household goods handmade by local and national artisans, as well as yarns of every description, demonstrations of weaving and spinning, a beer and wine tent featuring local brewers and vintners, and kid-friendly activities such as making rope and weaving potholders.

This year's festival promises to be bigger and better, with 40 vendors reserving spaces in the park. Demonstrations will also include dyeing animal fibers using natural plant dyes, using a floor loom, and a "sheep to shawl" activity in which local artisans will begin with a fleece and finish with a completed garment during the weekend. Home knitters and cro-

cheters will find yarns for all their projects, home sewists can buy fabrics, buttons and other embellishments that can't be found in their hometown stores, and all fiber lovers can purchase beautiful, one-of-a-kind garments, jewelry, home decorations, and weavings. Then the refreshment tent beckons, with local beverages and a caterer offering meals and snacks to give shoppers a break.

Salida, a town in the upper Arkansas River Valley, is one of the few places in Colorado designated as an Historic District. It is home to a large group of artists of every media and its numerous galleries showcase everything from plein air paintings of local mountains, rivers and wildlife, to sophisticated modern and post-modern art. Local fiber artists produce hand-knitted, crocheted and woven art garments, rugs, wall hangings, and art pieces, with an annual fashion show every October bringing in visitors from across the state. Hiking, rafting, and other sports give the non-fiber-focused members of the family lots to do while appreciators of the arts visit the Fiber Festival and walk nearby downtown streets full of art galleries.



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## An old-fashioned, foot-stomping end of the summer bash! Sept. 28 at OLT

Come join us Saturday, Sept. 28 from 4-8pm for a foot-stomping, fun-loving, dessert-eating hoedown at Orient Land Trust's Everson Ranch!

There will be plenty of food, music, games, face painting, the Salida Circus and other fun stuff.

This hoedown is a fundraiser for Orient Land Trust's Green Team. A grant from OLT has allowed six northern San Luis Valley kids to work over the summer on conservation-oriented projects. It has been such a great experience and the kids have learned so much that we want to keep it going through the school year, working with our public schools. All the funding that we raise from this event will go towards that goal!

Come for just for fun. But you will also learn about our Green Team Program and how we are creating opportunities for SLV youth as well as future plans for OLT's Educational and Agricultural Center. At 6pm there will a short presentation about the Green Team and what we have in the works for making this a permanent San Luis Valley program. We will also talk about all the new and great things happening at OLT and the Everson Ranch that may interest you.

If you RSVP by Sept. 15, the cost for dinner, music and lots of fun is \$7 for adults and \$5 for 10-18 years old. Kids under 10 are free. At the door on Sept. 21, the cost is \$9 for adults, \$7 for 10-18 years old and \$1 for kids under 10. If you can't afford this, please call and we will arrange something!

Our bash will take place at the Everson Ranch, 2 miles west of Valley View Hot springs. From Hwy 17 and turn east on CR GG. Turn south on CE 61 and go about 1/2 mile. You'll see a row of cottonwoods on the left where you turn into driveway of the ranch. Watch for the signs! We'll post balloons where you need to turn.

We encourage you to RSVP so we can plan the food. Call 256-4315 to RSVP. Come join the fun!

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## Come DanZen with Diane! New gentle dance class comes to town

"If you keep on dancing you'll never grow old."—Steve Miller

Diane Bairstow loves to dance. "Throughout my life, I've studied just about every form of dance and movement there is: ballet, jazz, modern, tap, belly dance, a little African, creative movement, Zumba, yoga and a some tai chi. I started thinking I wanted to create a fun dance class for people who are a little older or a little out of shape, sort of like Joanne Connington's gentle yoga class in which you get all the benefits, but not the intensity," she said. Finally, she decided to quit thinking about it and "just do it!"

"We'll have a long slow warm up and focus on stretching our muscles and opening the spine," she continued, "then we'll move into more aerobic dancing, and finish with a gentle 'melt down.'"

Diane was wondering what to call this class when, "I woke up in the middle of the night and the word DanZen came to my mind. I wrote it down and went back to sleep." The next morning she looked at the word and liked it. "Dance for me is a form of meditation. I'm not thinking about anything when I dance; I'm just moving, flowing with the music. I watch other people and

mirror their movements and let the movement change and evolve. And when I look into the eyes of people who are dancing around me, we share a moment of joy, beyond words, beyond self.

"It will be an eclectic sort of class incorporating movements from many disciplines and music from different eras: everything from sultry 50's torch singer to present day hip hop and rap." She wants to do some creative movement with the class eventually, but she will begin with more structured dances. "So" she says, "Don't be afraid! I'm not going to start out asking people to 'dance like nobody's watching' like I do." She laughed, "At least, not yet!"

Diane's running a half price introductory offer for the first two weeks. Regularly \$10 for drop-ins, September classes will only cost \$5. After that, she will be offering "great deals" and a senior special. "I want to make it affordable enough for people to come as often as they want and not stay home because they feel they can't afford it."

Classes will be held on Mon. Wed. and Sat. from 10:45-11:45. For more information you can call her at 256-5912 or email her at mdianebairstow@gmail.com.

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## Two old ladies/ two old buildings

Two old ladies in rural Saguache, Colo., are doing their part to save their tiny town from extinction.

On Sept. 14, they will host a 1st anniversary celebration of the thriving Saguache Welcome Center, Gallery and Gift Shop, in what had been a long vacant downtown building. Business partners Marge Hoglin, who turns 65 next month, and Lindy McDaniel, who turns 70, are celebrating their birthdays at the same time.

In a town of less than 500 residents whose boarded-up storefronts and dwindling population earned its 2009 "Most Endangered Place" designation from Colorado Preservation, Inc., the two relative newcomers took on a significant challenge.

Both were impatient with going to meetings and talking about downtown revitalization. So they pooled their retirement savings, purchased two near-empty, dilapidated buildings on the town's Main Street, and got to work.

Many were skeptical, and not everyone was supportive of their ef-



Lindy McDaniel and Marge Hoglin.

forts. But the two have persevered and created a downtown thrift & mercantile, a local food store, farmers market and exercise studio, in addition to the welcome center, all under the umbrella of their newly formed nonprofit corporation.

And more projects are in the works for the remainder of the 6,000-plus square-foot buildings dating back to 1897. A fiber arts cottage industry and a 1950s-style ice cream parlor are next.

## Walk your doggy for a good cause Salida K-9 Cancer Walk Sept. 7

Online registration is now open for the Salida K-9 Cancer Walk at [www.MorrisAnimalFoundation.org/salidawalk](http://www.MorrisAnimalFoundation.org/salidawalk). The walk benefiting the Morris Animal Foundation will take place on Saturday, September 7 at 8:30am in Alpine Park in Salida. The walk is approximately 2 miles and the registration fee is \$30.

Cancer is a disease that touches many of us, that is why Morris Animal Foundation is dedicated to finding a cure. An estimated 50% of all dogs will battle cancer. It is the No. 1 cause of death in dogs over the age of 2.

All dog-lovers are invited to walk with their dogs to celebrate the life of their canine best friend or to walk in memory of dogs that have lost their battle with canine cancer. Register or donate (virtual walk) online. Registrants can also form or join a team. Volunteers are needed. Please call Suzanne Vieth at 539-6773 or Laura Bussing at 239-0553.

The event is sponsored by Wag N Tails, Salida Mountain Sports, Animal Care Center, Gone to the Dogs, Spirit Mountain Antler & Log, First Colorado Land Office, Sally Mather & Conrad Nelson

### Antero Jewelers 50% off sale

Summer is coming to a close and it is time again to make sure your jewelry is in good shape for the rest of the year. At Antero Jewelers, we do all our bench work onsite and offer the best service in the valley! We can also help with your bridal jewelry needs and find that perfect gift for that special someone. Come down to see us September 27 & 28 for our store-wide 50% off inventory reductions sale!



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### Wholistic Living Fair

Salida's Wholistic Living Fair is set for 10am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 at the Salida Community Center, corner of Third and F streets.

The community center will feature booths offering Reiki energy therapists, sound frequency healers, behavioral health therapists, movement therapy, crystals and gemstones, readers, jewelry, information on arts and health and free lectures on a number of topics represented by the various practitioners.

Pam Hughes, harpist and sound therapist, will be playing throughout the weekend.

The fair is sponsored by The Gathering Place . . . A Center For Wellness. For more information call Elayna at 719-539-4561, email gather@lightgatherings.com or check the website at www.lightgatherings.com.

### Free programs at the Saguache County Museum

Sunday, September 1, 1:30pm: David Smith, co-author of *On the Backs of Burros*, discusses how the burro played a special part in Colorado history. Sunday September 8, 1:30pm: Russell Box, one of the few Utes still living in the San Luis Valley, will speak about Ute culture. Refreshments will be served. Donations are accepted.

The museum has a variety of author autographed books and local art work for sale in the gift shop. Visit the museum before it closes in mid-September. You'll be glad you did!

### ASU Band Director creates new ensemble

The Adams State University Band Director, Don Miller, invites any campus and community musicians interested in rehearsing and performing concert band music to join him at 7pm Thursday, Sept. 5. Miller plans on continuing weekly rehearsals in preparation for future performances.

He wants to provide "a musical service to the community, a musical outlet for performers, and to enhance the artistic life of the San Luis Valley."

Traditional concert band music will be rehearsed and performed at the public concerts. The first concert will focus on the year 1963, including "Scenes from the Louvre" and "Elegy for a Young American." No audition is necessary and there is no cost associated with joining the band.

Miller said he wants participants to "make good music while enjoying rehearsals and provide enlightened and interesting performances."

For more information contact Miller at 719-587-7059 or email at dkmiller@adams.edu.

### Veterans' benefits

Veterans—learn about the range of benefits you earned at the YES building next to the library on October 9 and 23, 10am to 4pm.

Call Jim Sheeran, Veteran Service Officer, Saguache County at 719-655-2680 for more information.

### Yaktober Fest

Chokurei Ranch is presenting the 1st Yaktober Fest on October 12 at the golf course. Music, food, entertainment, dancing and fun games. Craft vendor booths only \$25. Contact: chokureiranchoffice@gmail.com

### Shumei Free Movie

On Friday, September 27 at 7pm Shumei Free Movie Night hosts: *A Small Act*. When Swedish citizen Hilde Back sponsors the education of Kenyan student Chris Mburu, she not only educates one child, but she sparks a lifelong love of learning. As an adult, Chris establishes a scholarship program in his home village. Refreshments provided; 256-5284.

### Update on the Baca Grande recycling program

As you may know, there is a recycling depot that offers recycling of glass, metal and plastic (please no cardboard). What you may not know is that the person who manages this program is not currently collecting enough funds to cover the cost of fuel.

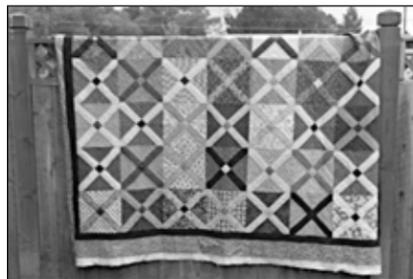
Please consider even small donations, as every dollar helps. There is a box to leave your donation on the south side of the recycling bins. If you'd like to make a larger contribution, please stop by the POA office to make a cash donation. If you are interested in volunteering, we can put you in touch with the appropriate person as well.

Thank you very much for your help in keeping this a vital, ongoing program.

### Democrats Central Committee meeting

The Saguache County Democratic Party Central Committee will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 6:30pm at the Saguache Road & Bridge Meeting Room, 305 3rd St., to discuss our fundraiser at the Saguache Fall Festival to be held on Sat. Sept. 21 as well as other future fundraisers and events in which the party will participate. The meeting is open to the public. All are welcome! Please join us!

For more info. contact:  
Barb Tidd 719-221-8434, slvbarb498@gmail.com



### Saguache Sagebrush Quilters Fundraiser

It is time for the annual Fall Festival Quilt offered by the Saguache Sagebrush Quilters to help raise funds for comfort quilt supplies and their annual October retreat at Joyful Journey. This grass roots community group will be at the Otto Mears Park Community Building in Saguache on Saturday, September 21 from 9am to 4pm. The 2013 Fall Festival Quilt is hand quilted and is an oversized Queen size item that could become a heritage piece for the person who wins. The design was chosen by Sara Fernandez and it is after a Civil War Cot design created in the 1860s. Tickets are available at the 4th Street Welcome Center in Saguache and also at the Fall Festival on Saturday, 21 Sept.

The Saguache Sagebrush Quilters meet monthly to share quilting tips and skills along with a potluck luncheon. Their motto is "Done is better than perfect" and their creed is "We will keep you in stitches" See you at Fall Festival.

### Crestone Baca Watershed Council field day Sept. 14

The CBWC monthly field day is Saturday, Sept 14 at 10am at the Willow Creek Park entrance, at the top of Camino Real (Two Trees Rd).

Make connections with fellow nature-lovers. Open to every one.

We'll go on a leisurely hike. Bring hat, snack, water and camera, and come and learn about our riparian areas. Learn about the greenbelts' flora and fauna, and the incredible ways water moves.

Contact: Paul 256-4677/ CBWC@gmail.com.

### End-of-life decisions

Tom Deegan will moderate a 5-member discussion panel, including SLV Hospice & CEOLP, on September 9 at 7pm in Alamosa at Adams State, in McDaniel Hall, Room 101 (on the south side of First St. at the traffic light).

### 'The Flame', film about Crestone, to be Shown Sept. 29

"The Flame: a film by Sean Owen featuring Crestone and its spiritual groups, and surrounded by the region's history will be shown at the Colorado College Sunday, September 29 at 5:30 pm. Local people were interviewed for this film.

### Barn dance in Saguache

CYP presents: Sunshine Sue's Old Dominion Barn Dance at The Lodge in Saguache (located at 21495 Hwy 285) on Friday, September 6 from 7-10pm, with live music by The Good Ol' Country Folk Old-Timey Bluegrass Band (Eric Karlstrom and Thad & Sue Englert). All ages are welcome! Sodie pop, cookies & coffee will be available. Adults (18+) \$10; Youth (7-17) \$5; 6 & under free. Y'all come join us for good music, good fun, good dancin', good refreshments!

### CYP back-to-school sale

The CYP Thrift Store will be having a Labor Day/Back-to-School Sale Monday, September 2 & Tuesday, September 3.

Remember that every Tuesday is special at the CYP Thrift Store because Tuesday is Senior (60+) Appreciation Day! Seniors receive 20% off their purchase every Tuesday!

### WinterFest 2013: It's that time of year again!

Leaves are changing, nights are getting cooler and thoughts of impending holidays send many crafters to their tables to begin creating for the upcoming gift-giving season. This year's Crestone WinterFest event welcomes back former director Moira Forsythe to join efforts with last year's coordinator Mati Fuller in making the annual holiday kick-off as prosperous as ever for our community.

Plans are in the works for a vibrant new venue and better exposure than ever for our local crafters. Due to restraints from the Saguache Tourism Board, all marketing funds will need to be raised locally. Sponsorships are available in a range of prices with early top contributors receiving *free* inclusion in all WinterFest advertising in October and November.

Call or email Moira today for more information at 256-5900, easecoach@yahoo.com. For vendor applications please contact Mati Fuller at 256-5330.

### Benefit for library & CCC

*Stories from the Edge* performance proceeds will benefit the No. Sag. Co. Library Dist. and the Crestone Creative Council. The performances are at the Colorado College on Saturday, September 21 at 7pm and Sunday, September 22 at 2pm. Refreshments will be sold by the Friends of the Library during intermission.

Be entertained by local actors, eat locally prepared treats, and support two local organizations. See you there!

### 'Cloud of Unknowing', an open spiritual gathering

Contemplative prayer and meditation with Brother Anthony Barviner, OSB, OLIV (a Benedictine Monk) and Mark Swart (Zen ordained, a friend of the Crestone Mountain Zen Center). Beyond cognitive understanding, inviting the experiencing of sacred presence, stepping in and out of the sheltering tent of wordless reality.

Sunday, September 1, 9-10:15am at the Elephant Cloud Studio.

**Don't Miss a Trip to The Saguache County Museum on Hwy 285 in Saguache**

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# Community Calendar—SEPTEMBER 2013

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## Monthly Events

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

Check the Crestone Eagle online calendar for more information on below events, links, photos and more! Visit [www.crestoneeagle.com](http://www.crestoneeagle.com).

### Friday, August 30

- Deadline for Moffat School Board nominations – Moffat School All Day
- Saguache Farmers' Market – Saguache Visitor Center 2:00 pm-5:00 pm 806-543-8337

### Saturday, August 31

- Nikki Z @ Yak N' Cracker – Yak N Cracker Cafe 6:00 pm-8:30 pm [www.nikkizband.com](http://www.nikkizband.com) 719 256 4700

### Sunday, September 1

- "Cloud of Unknowing", spiritual gathering, Birch St. Studio 10:15am
- Discussion re: role of burros in Colorado history – Saguache County Museum 1:30 pm free

### Monday, September 2

- CYP Labor Day/Back-to-School Sale – CYP Thrift Store All Day
- Labor Day – All Day
- Town of Crestone Planning Commission meeting – Crestone Town Center 6pm 719-256-4313

### Wednesday, September 4

- Dem. Central Com. meeting, Sag. Road & Bridge 6:30pm 754-9163, 588-6961, 719-221-8434
- Rosh Hashanah evening services – Crestone Community Center/Old Schoolhouse 7:30 pm 719-256-4890

### Thursday, September 5

- New Moon
- New-moon Fire Ceremony Followed by a Meal – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:00 am-noon [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org) 719-256-4108
- Rosh Hashanah morning services – Crestone Community Ctr/Old Schoolhouse 10am 256-4890
- BGPOA Board of Directors Working Business Meeting, 5:00 pm [bacapoa.org](http://bacapoa.org) 719-256-4171
- SLV Trails & Rec. planning, Birch St. Studio 5:30pm [facebook.com/SLVGO](http://facebook.com/SLVGO), [instagram.com/slvgo](http://instagram.com/slvgo)
- Liquid Flow Retreat, Hooper Pool, 6-8am \$200 liquid-flow.com/content/sand-dunes-liquid-flow 720-310-0273
- Meeting to form concert band – ASU Music Bldg, Rm 116 7:00 pm 719-587-7059

### Friday, September 6

- Saguache Farmers' Market – Saguache Visitor Center 2:00 pm-5:00 pm 806-543-8337
- Sunshine Sue's Old Dominion Barn Dance – The Lodge, Saguache, 7:00 pm-10:00 pm

### Saturday, September 7

- Salida Fiber Festival – Alpine Park All Day
- Salida K-9 Cancer Walk – Alpine Park 8:30 am \$30 719-539-6773, 719-239-0553
- Horno cooking, 4pm Suggested donation \$5, RSVP to [slvlocalfoods@gmail.com](mailto:slvlocalfoods@gmail.com)
- "Cheap Therapy" music @ Yak N' Cracker – 6-8:30pm [www.chokureiranch.com](http://www.chokureiranch.com) 719 256 4700

### Sunday, September 8

- Shumei Sampai for 9/13, Shumei Sanctuary 10:30am-noon free [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) 256-5284
- Discussion of Ute culture – Saguache County Museum 1:30 pm
- Ukemi Playshop- Art of rolling & falling, Ancestral Messages Gallery 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

### Monday, September 9

- Crestone Board Of Trustees Regular Meeting – Crestone Town Center 1:30 pm 719-256-4313

### Tuesday, September 10

- Crestone End of Life Open Meeting – 33 Sunset Overlook 7:00 pm 588.7415/256.4247

### Thursday, September 12

- BGPOA Board of Directors Working Business Meeting, 5pm [bacapoa.org](http://bacapoa.org) 719-256-4171

- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome, 4:15-6:30pm Free/Donation [nurashkijerrahi.org](http://nurashkijerrahi.org) 719-256-4290

### Friday, September 13

- Zumba Fitness – Birch St studio 9:00 am-10:00 am [www.angela108.zumba.com](http://www.angela108.zumba.com) 7192564040
- Friends of the Library meeting – Crestone Town Hall 1:30 pm
- Saguache Farmers' Market – Saguache Visitor Center 2:00 pm-5:00 pm 806-543-8337
- Yom Kippur services – Crestone Community Center/Old Schoolhouse 7:30 pm 719-256-4890

### Saturday, September 14

- Local food day at Alamosa Farmers' Market – Downtown Park All Day
- Crestone Baca Watershed Council Field Day – Willow Park 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- Yom Kippur services – Crestone Community Center/Old Schoolhouse 10:00 am 719-256-4890
- Crestone Artisans Gallery Opening + Thank You Party, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm 256-5280
- Steve + Trevor Storm perform, Yak N Cracker 6-8:30pm [www.chokureiranch.com](http://www.chokureiranch.com) 719 256 4700

### Monday, September 16

- DanZen with Diane – Birch Street Studio 10:45 am-11:45 am 719-256-5912

### Wednesday, September 18

- DanZen with Diane – Birch Street Studio 10:45 am-11:45 am 719-256-5912
- CCAA Potluck Feast & Party – Zuki & Nick's, noon-10pm [freefacebook.com/events/170953376406893/](http://freefacebook.com/events/170953376406893/) 7194801622
- Deadline to submit materials for Baca BoD candidacy, POA office 5pm [bacapoa.org](http://bacapoa.org) 256-4171
- Primitive Rock Art with Caren Kershner – Crestone Town Hall 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
- Concert at Shumei with Matt Venuti playing the Hang, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm \$10 suggested donation [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) 719-256-5284

### Thursday, September 19

- Full-moon Fire Ceremony followed by a meal – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:00 am-noon [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org) 719-256-4108
- Primitive Rock Art with Caren Kershner – Saguache Public Library 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

### Friday, September 20

- Crestone Eagle Ad Deadline – Crestone Eagle Office All Day [crestoneeagle.com](http://crestoneeagle.com) (719) 256/4956
- Zumba Fitness – Birch St studio 9:00 am-10:00 am [www.angela108.zumba.com](http://www.angela108.zumba.com) 7192564040
- The Goddess Within: Fall Equinox Goddess Retreat and Workshop, \$90 for locals, 505-603-2217
- Saguache Farmers' Market – Saguache Visitor Center 2:00 pm-5:00 pm 806-543-8337

### Saturday, September 21

- DanZen with Diane – Birch Street Studio 10:45 am-11:45 am 719-256-5912
- Harvest Moon Soirée – Chokurei Ranch \$100/plate, RSVP to [slvlocalfoods@gmail.com](mailto:slvlocalfoods@gmail.com)
- Saguache Sagebrush Quilters Fall Festival Raffle Quilt – Otto Mears Park All Day, 719.850.0051
- "Teddy & The Tarantulas" @ Yak N' Cracker, 6-8:30pm [www.chokureiranch.com](http://www.chokureiranch.com) 719 256 4700
- Company of Players presents Stories from the Edge – Colorado College 7pm \$10 suggested donation, 256-4511

### Sunday, September 22

- Autumnal Equinox
- The Harvest Moon Soiree Farm Tour – All Day \$30 per person
- Event to honor Lorain Fox Davis – Shumei International Institute 1:00 pm free

- Company of Players presents Stories from the Edge, Colorado College, 2pm \$10 suggested donation, no one turned away 256-4511
- Art Symposium at Shumei with Denver photographer Randy Brown, 3-5pm Free [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) 719-256-5284
- 4th Annual Sacred Arts Club's International Day of Peace – Music Mountain Sanctuary 6:30 pm Suggested donation \$11, 719-588-2929

### Monday, September 23

- DanZen with Diane – Birch Street Studio 10:45 am-11:45 am 719-256-5912

### Wednesday, September 25

- DanZen with Diane – Birch Street Studio 10:45 am-11:45 am 719-256-5912
- Community Potluck Feast – Zuki & Nick's Place 10:00 am-10:00 pm [www.facebook.com/groups/CCAA-01](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CCAA-01) 719-256-4544
- Affordable Care Act Info Session and Q&A – Crestone Community Building (Old Schoolhouse) 5:30-7pm, [nscld.colibraries.org](http://nscld.colibraries.org) 719.655.2551

### Thursday, September 26

- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome. – 4:15 pm-6:30 pm Free/Donation [nurashkijerrahi.org](http://nurashkijerrahi.org) 719-256-4290
- Affordable Care Act Informational Session and Q & A – Saguache Public Library 5:30 pm-7:00 pm <http://nscld.colibraries.org> 719.655.2551
- BGPOA Board of Directors Business Meeting – Baca Grande POA office 7:00 pm [bacapoa.org](http://bacapoa.org) 719-256-4171

### Friday, September 27

- Zumba Fitness – Birch St studio 9:00 am-10:00 am [www.angela108.zumba.com](http://www.angela108.zumba.com) 7192564040
- Saguache Farmers' Market – Saguache Visitor Center 2:00 pm-5:00 pm 806-543-8337
- Shumei's Free Movie Night for Sept. 2013 – Shumei International Institute 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Free [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) 719-256-5284

### Saturday, September 28

- DanZen with Diane – Birch Street Studio 10:45 am-11:45 am 719-256-5912
- CB Jazz @ Yak 'N' Cracker – Yak N Cracker Cafe 6:00 pm-8:30 pm [www.chokureiranch.com](http://www.chokureiranch.com) 719 256 4700

### Sunday, September 29

- Showing of documentary film *The Flame*, Colorado College Conference Ctr.. 5:30 pm

### Monday, September 30

- DanZen with Diane – Birch Street Studio 10:45 am-11:45 am 719-256-5912

### Wednesday, October 2

- DanZen with Diane – Birch Street Studio 10:45 am-11:45 am 719-256-5912

### Friday, October 4

- Fall Navratri, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-noon [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org) 719-256-4108
- Saguache Farmers' Market – Saguache Visitor Center 2:00 pm-5:00 pm 806-543-8337

### Saturday, October 5

- DanZen with Diane – Birch Street Studio 10:45 am-11:45 am 719-256-5912
- NHN-Telluride Film Festival in Crestone, day
- CrestoneArtists Open Studio Tour, 1-6:00 pm [Freecrestoneartists.com/crestone-artists-studio-tour-2013.html](http://Freecrestoneartists.com/crestone-artists-studio-tour-2013.html) 719-256-4182

### Monday, October 7

- Last day to register to vote – All Day [sos.state.co.us/voter-classic/secuRegVoterIntro.do](http://sos.state.co.us/voter-classic/secuRegVoterIntro.do)

## Daily/Weekly Events

The Crestone Eagle does not carry events over to the following month automatically. If you have a daily or weekly event which you want to be sure to appear in the Community Calendar, please submit the information to [www.crestoneeagle.com/calendar](http://www.crestoneeagle.com/calendar) by the 22nd of the month:  
 • online (preferred) at [www.crestoneeagle.com/calendar](http://www.crestoneeagle.com/calendar)  
 • in writing to Crestone Eagle, PO Box 101, Crestone, CO 81131.

There is a \$5 charge per calendar listing for for-profit classes/events with a discount for display advertisers. For more information contact us at 719-256-4956.

To list calendar items online (between print issues), please fill out the form at [www.crestoneeagle.com/calendar](http://www.crestoneeagle.com/calendar).

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| <p><b>Daily</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Aarati, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 7-8am, 256-4108, <a href="mailto:info@babajashram.org">info@babajashram.org</a>, <a href="http://www.babajashram.org">www.babajashram.org</a></li> <li>• Sampai &amp; Jyorei, Shumei Sanctuary, please be seated by 7:50am and 5:50pm, 256-5284</li> <li>• Tours, gallery and Jyorei, Shumei, 9am-5pm, 256-5284</li> <li>• Evening Aarati, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 6pm, 256-4108, <a href="mailto:info@babajashram.org">info@babajashram.org</a>, <a href="http://www.babajashram.org">www.babajashram.org</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Sunday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass at Nada Carmelite Hermitage 9am 719-256-4778</li> <li>• Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting – Crestone Town Hall 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 719 937 7769</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zumba Toning, Birch Street Studio 9:15-10:15am <a href="http://www.angela108.zumba.com">www.angela108.zumba.com</a> 719-256-4040</li> <li>• All Levels Yoga Birch St. Studio 5pm \$10 walk ins <a href="http://www.crestoneyogainstitute.com">www.crestoneyogainstitute.com</a> 706-429-4781</li> <li>• Bahai Study Group, Home of Maria and Arie 6:30 pm-8:30 pm Free 719-937-7765</li> </ul> | <p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior (over age 60) Appreciation Day at CYP Thrift Store CYP Thrift Store All Day</li> <li>• Pilates Mat Class – Birch Street Studio 1-2:00 pm <a href="mailto:katherineteahen@gmail.com">katherineteahen@gmail.com</a> 719.588.2856</li> <li>• Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5:00 pm-6:45 pm By donation <a href="http://shaktisharanam.com">shaktisharanam.com</a> 719-256-5668</li> <li>• Baca Grande Fire Department Trainings – Baca Fire House 5:30 pm-7:30 pm 719-480-5925</li> <li>• Dance Classes, Salsa, Tango, Meringue, Swing Elephant Cloud Studio 6:00 pm-8:00 pm \$10 <a href="http://www.conscious-heart.org">www.conscious-heart.org</a> 719-937-3052</li> <li>• Narcotics Anonymous open meeting, marijuana users welcome – Baca library back door 7:30-8:30 pm <a href="mailto:crestonena@gmail.com">crestonena@gmail.com</a> 970-309-0710</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yoga Fundamentals &amp; Refinements Shakti Sharanam 8:30-10:00 am By donation <a href="http://shaktisharanam.com">shaktisharanam.com</a> 719-256-5668</li> <li>• Zumba Fitness – Birch Street Studio 9:15-10:15 am <a href="http://www.angela108.zumba.com">www.angela108.zumba.com</a> 7192564040</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DanZen with Diane – Birch Street Studio 10:45 am-11:45 am 719-256-5912</li> <li>• Toning Yoga Elephant Cloud (Jillian's) Studio 5-6pm \$10 walk in <a href="http://www.crestoneyogainstitute.com">www.crestoneyogainstitute.com</a></li> <li>• Potluck &amp; Bible Study Crestone Baptist Church 6:00 pm</li> <li>• Dharma Ocean Meditation Group, Blazing Mountain Retreat Center 6-8pm 719-588-3210</li> <li>• CoDependents Anonymous meeting – Crestone Town Hall 7-8:00 pm <a href="http://www.coda.org">www.coda.org</a> 7203522078</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5:00 pm-6:45 pm By donation 719-256-5668</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gentle Yoga Birch St. Studio 10:30 am-11:30 am \$10 walk in <a href="http://www.crestoneyogainstitute.com">www.crestoneyogainstitute.com</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Saturday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crestone Saturday Market Silver Ave. 10:00 am-3:00 pm</li> </ul> |
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## San Luis Valley Trails & Recreation master planning

### Crestone presentation Sept. 5

San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLVGO) has recently launched a project to create a new San Luis Valley Trails and Recreation Master Plan. The plan will offer strategies for improving access to the outdoors, expanding recreation opportunities, and increasing awareness and promotion of all there is to do and see in the San Luis Valley.

Such a plan will give SLVGO the tools to strategically and sustainably improve the San Luis valley's trails and outdoor recreational opportunities and improve the quality of life for Valley residents while also enticing more tourism.

Our Valley's heritage, culture, tourism attractions, agricultural traditions, local food and art are also very important to this planning effort since they distinguish the San Luis Valley from anywhere else in Colorado and help make it a unique destination for recreation and a whole lot more!

The planning effort will build on the 1996 SLV Trails and Recreation Master Plan and involve many opportunities for public and stakeholder engagement. Public involvement and support is essential to the success of this project and the creation of improved recreation and tourism opportunities in the San Luis Valley. As a result, SLVGO has begun taking the project "on tour" and intends to host public meetings in each county.

SLVGO will be in Crestone at the Elephant Cloud on September 5 for a meeting at 5:30pm. SLVGO will also be collecting community input and share information through an online survey, social media channels, email updates and their website. The digital survey can be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/SLVGO](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SLVGO)

SLVGO has hired Root House Studio to assist with the planning effort, and Mimi Mather is currently collecting and inventorying recreation resources throughout the valley.

#### San Luis Valley Great Outdoors Coalition

With leadership from Rio Grande County Commissioner Karla Shriver, the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors Coalition (SLVGO) is made up of representatives from all six San Luis Valley counties, NPS, USFWS, USFS, BLM, CO Parks and Wildlife, Sangre de



A mountain trail in the San Luis Valley. SLVGO plans to improve SLV outdoor recreational opportunities. photo by Heather Messick Dutton

Cristo NHA, Adams State, community governments, as well as tourism, conservation and recreation organizations. The San Luis Valley Council of Governments has taken the master plan project under its auspices in order to guarantee the participation and outreach to all communities in the valley.

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## The San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition sponsors events

**Horno cooking:** On Saturday, Sept. 7 in Capulin, Elena Miller of Cactus Hill Farm will teach a lesson on cooking in a traditional outdoor oven. Cooking starts at 4pm, followed by a local food meal and traditional music. A meat dish will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able. Suggested donation of \$5. Please RSVP to sylvlocalfoods@gmail.com

**Southern Colorado Film Festival:** On Sept. 12-15 the inaugural Southern Colorado Film Festival will provide diverse independent films on the theme of land, water and community. The Local Foods Coalition will be co-sponsoring a film to be shown at Adams State University in Alamosa. For more info and updates go to www.soco-filmfest.com.

**Local Food Day at the Alamosa Farmers' Market:** On Sat. Sept. 14 this annual event promotes local foods at the farmers' market with special vendors, music, activities for kids, and a local food raffle.

**Harvest Moon Soiree, a local foods benefit:** On Sat. Sept. 21 at Chokurei Ranch the finest SLV local foods will be served straight from the farm to the table. This

delicious and fun event is not to be missed. \$100 per plate.

**The Harvest Moon Soiree Farm Tour,** a fundraiser/farm tour, takes place Sun. Sept. 22 in Alamosa and the surrounding area. \$30 per person.

**Permaculture workshop, October 12:** Learn the basic principles of permaculture with local expert Kenny Fischer followed by a hands-on demonstration. Suggested donation of \$5. Location TBA.

**International Food Day, Oct. 24:** Join us for this family-friendly event featuring pizza-making with local ingredients and *What's on Your Plate*, an acclaimed documentary film by two eleven-year-olds. 5pm at the Alamosa Senior Center.

*Some events have suggested donations. Donations are always appreciated, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.*

*The San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition develops local networks, educates the community, and promotes programs and policies that create an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable local food system for the San Luis Valley region. www.sanluis-valleylocalfoods.blogspot.com.*



Lettuce harvesting at the Mullville brothers' place southwest of Saguache. People in pic are Kelly Mulville, Sarah Kammlade, George Whitten, Julie Sullivan, Drew Cole, Tim Mulville.



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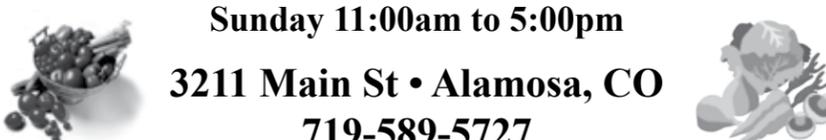


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Helen Martin, new potter at the gallery!

## Crestone Artisans Gallery hosts thank you party Sept. 14

Crestone Artisans Gallery is an artist cooperative showing the works of 24 local artists and crafts persons. We have several new members this summer who have added their new style of creativity to our group.

Rose Burek moved to Crestone just over a year ago and joined the gallery in June. Her story begins 5 years back when she took a welding class where the teacher introduced her to the fine art of scavenging at the salvage yard. Rose's first welded sculpture included an old rusty muffler. She was inspired by the discarded metal objects that had been someone else's "throw away" and finds beauty in the shapes and patinas. Rose had been creating craft pieces with beads for many years and found that the combination of the found metal objects and beautiful beads complimented each other. Adding brass bells to her creations make the most unique wind chimes you've ever seen, each a one of a kind piece of art. Her business is called Bead it with Metal and the gallery has a great selection of these unique wind chimes.

Helen Martin's pottery studio, Miramonte, is located in Villa Grove. Helen moved to the valley in the 1980s and for 20 years dedicated herself as a teacher at the Moffat School. Recently retired from teaching, she was drawn by her other passion, clay art. Her work is functional, beautiful and organic in style. Helen says "Living in the northern San Luis Valley of Colorado inspires me to connect with the natural environment of this high altitude park. The mountains, waters and flora provide subject matter for bas-relief on my pottery, intuition to draw subjects from other natural environs, as well as keeping me connected to the earth from which functional and aesthetic clay pieces are formed." Helen's work is not only beautiful, but expertly crafted. She is currently displaying platters, mugs and bowls at the gallery.

### Second Saturday Artwalk

The Artisans Gallery has experienced its best summer ever with our Second Saturday Artwalk bringing in locals and tourists alike. We would like to thank everyone who stopped in to appreciate the art, meet the artists and take some of our treasures home with you! We will be having one more Artwalk, so don't miss it! Saturday, September 14, 2-4pm; enjoy live local music and refreshments. This event will be a "thank you party" to the community to show we appreciate the support of local businesses, residents and friends who have spread the word regarding the gallery.

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# Services for the Jewish New Year 5774 in Crestone

*"The Lord doth guard, I have no fear."*

The Jewish High Holidays are going to be celebrated in Crestone for the eleventh year. These Days of Awe are a time for introspection, self-examination, spirituality, prayer and the start of a New Year. All are welcome to respectfully join in these holy services.

All services are held at the Crestone Community Center/the Old Schoolhouse. (Please dress warmly.) Rosh Hashanah services begin at 7:30pm on Wednesday, September 4 with morning services at 10am on Thursday, September 5. We will share refreshments together for a sweet New Year after the approximately one hour evening Rosh Hashanah service.

Yom Kippur services will begin with the Kol Nidre service on Friday, September 13 at 7:30pm. Services continue on Saturday, September 14 at 10am for morning services. Afternoon services begin at 4pm, followed by Memorial and Concluding Services.

Services are not lead by a rabbi or a leader. The attendees take turns reading from a traditional, heartfelt reform prayer book. The services also include the blowing of the shofar, traditional cantorial solos sung by Meryl Ennis, with prayers and songs sung by all. Some past participants have said that these were the most meaningful and enjoyable High Holiday Services they have attended.

There is no charge for the services. Donations, however, are accepted to help cover the expenses. Any donations above the cost of services will be sent to the Hadassah Hospital in Israel, which serves all people regardless of religion or nationality.

To reach the Crestone Community Center/Old Schoolhouse, please take Hwy 17 and turn east on Road T into Crestone. Stay to the left at the curve by information parking area heading into Crestone's "downtown". Turn left at the first stop sign and continue for three blocks. The Community Center is on the right just past the bridge. For those who do not wish to travel on the Holidays, there are rooms for rent within walking distance. For more information, please call Meryl at 256-4890.

May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a joyous, healthy, loving and peaceful New Year. L'Shana Tovah!



Cynthia Greb will lead the workshop "The Goddess Within".

the equinox while watching the moon rise over the beautiful Sangre de Cristo Mountains? Well, in the company of other beautiful women, it becomes even more magical!

From September 20-22, women will be gathering in Crestone to participate in "The Goddess Within," a retreat and workshop led by Crestone resident, Cynthia Greb.

Cynthia, who has been leading women's groups and teaching about the Goddess for many years, is looking forward to creating sacred space in which women can immerse themselves in the energy of the Divine Feminine and emerge more connected with their own power and beauty.

The weekend will include the exploration of different manifestations of the Goddess, ritual, chanting, light yoga, labyrinth-walking, hot springs, vegetarian meals, as well as wisdom channeled by the gifted Terra Sonora. Terra is author of *Awakening the Higher Self: A Journey into your Soul* and has been a spiritual counselor and channeler of the angelic realm for 27 years. Her guided meditation CD, *Awakening the Higher Self*, is a best-seller on Amazon.com and her channeling work has been featured in two documentary films.

Terra will also be doing a channeling open to the public on Thursday evening, September 19.

Cost to local women for the retreat/workshop is \$90. Partial work scholarships are also available. For more information on either the retreat or the channeling, email Cynthia at [cynthiagreb@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiagreb@gmail.com).

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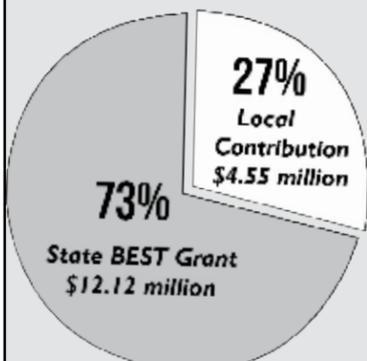
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## Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by **Ramloti**

August was a very full month. Our Garage/Estate Sale to benefit the Ashram was a big success. Thank you to everyone who participated. We also had a great softball game and look forward to a couple more games in September. Call the Ashram for dates at 719-256-4108. Fall Navratri, the Divine Mother Festival, falls in October this year and begins on Friday, October 4 and ends on Saturday, October 12. There will be daily fire ceremonies at 10am during this time.

Our new-moon fire ceremony this month is on Thursday, September 5, and the full-moon fire ceremony is on Thursday, September 19. 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. There is often a small daily fire ceremony at 8am.

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

## Sri Aurobindo Learning Center

During the week of August 11-16 a series of lectures on the Kena Upanishad, and readings from Savitri corresponding to the Upanishad, were presented to a wonderful group of listeners and devotees in the Savitri Solar Dome. The group shared many delightful experiences together throughout the week, including visits to several of the beautiful and powerful spiritual centers here. Their intimate and luminous time together included discussions on the philosophy of evolution, a presentation on the theory and practice of Thai massage (with many personal demonstrations), an evening of Kirtan, an art workshop, hikes in the mountains, and visits to the hot springs. The celebration of Sri Aurobindo's birthday on the 15th included a Lakshmi Puja performed by Santosh (a priest at the Mt. Madonna temple in Santa Cruz), and instruction in Pranayama practices.

The focus on the teaching of Sri Aurobindo in this workshop emphasized the inspirational sources of both his philosophy of evolution

and his use of the technique of mantric transmission based on the Upanishads. The Kenopanishad in particular was the subject of many commentaries written by him, and in those texts we learn that he found answers to the problem of evolution in the idea that the universal principles of consciousness such as sight, hearing, and speech, truth, beauty, and power, actually precede the evolution of form. The forms that we perceive reveal the essences of structure such as quality, proportionality, mutuality, and meaning, because those principles exist eternally in the One. Through yoga we learn to draw back from preoccupation with the forms of things to their essences, and through their universal essences we can learn to perceive their divine origin.

The Savitri Solar Dome in Crestone is open to meditators almost any time, and the library of Sri Aurobindo's teachings, as well as study groups and discussions, are available to students and devotees by appointment.

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# Honoring sweat lodge leader Lorain Fox-Davis Sept. 22

by Sandia Belgrade

Lorain Fox-Davis, a widely respected Native American teacher who has held the sacred space here for more than 20 years, will be honored at Shumei International Institute on Sunday, September 22 at 1pm. Lorain and her husband David Davis have impacted this community in lasting, heartfelt ways and this will be an opportunity to thank them..

Lorain, a Cree/Blackfeet Elder, taught Native American Studies at Naropa University in Boulder for nine years. She was the Founder/Director of Rediscovery Four Corners, for thirty years. Rediscovery was a non-profit organization serving Native American youth and elders, as well as Rediscovery Wilderness Leadership Programs for Native and non-Native youth, which operated out of Crestone for ten years and included many adolescents from here. For sixteen years Lorain served as an Indigenous Ambassador with Chief Arvol Looking Horse for World Peace and Prayer Day at sacred sites around the world with traditional spiritual leaders. She was an Indigenous Representative at the Eagle and Condor Gatherings at Lima, Machu Pichu and the upper Amazon in Peru, and recipient of an international envi-

ronmental award. For three years she was a guest speaker at the International Buddhist Compassion Conference in Telluride, CO and for ten years she was a board director of Haidkhandi Universal Ashram in Crestone. Lorain has worked and studied with numerous traditional spiritual teachers worldwide. Her primary teachers were Haidakhand Babaji; Tulku Urgyen Rinpoche and Adzom Rinpoche, Tibetan Dzogchen Masters; Chief Looking Horse, Lakota Keeper of the White Buffalo Calf Pipe; Lama Tsultrim Allione, Director of Tara Mandala; Irma Bear Stops, Lakota Elder; and Tla-kae-lel, Nahuatil Shaman.

Lorain had a private practice with a wide spectrum of healing modalities. She is a published poet, an artist and a Grammy Award winner for Best Native American Music Album, *Native American Healing Songs: Come To Me Great Mystery*. She is a frequent presenter at indigenous and spiritual conferences on the underlying truths shared by all the great wisdom traditions of the world. A great-grandmother, she has seven children and eighteen grandchildren and, until recently, lived in Crestone for thirty years with her husband David, where they were the guardians of the Sacred Circle Medicine Wheel.

Her husband David Davis is a true partner, a lodge leader himself and water-pourer. He would like to be acknowledged as a humble servant whose life has been blessed and beautified by living in harmony with Lorain.

Lorain has generously shared her accumulated wisdom. In the sweat lodge it was her voice that will stay with us. That precious voice hastened us into the lodge. As we sat in a circle in the dark,

as water was poured on the heated rocks and the smell of sweet grass penetrated our pores, she guided us in the songs and led us in prayers that led us deeper into the mystery and showed us the right relationship to the elements. We have gone through the change of seasons with her, prayed for her when she was ill. Her intrinsic respect for all life, for Mother Earth and Father Sun, the Creator, with compassion and reverence for all beings and the sacredness of life has been instilled in us.

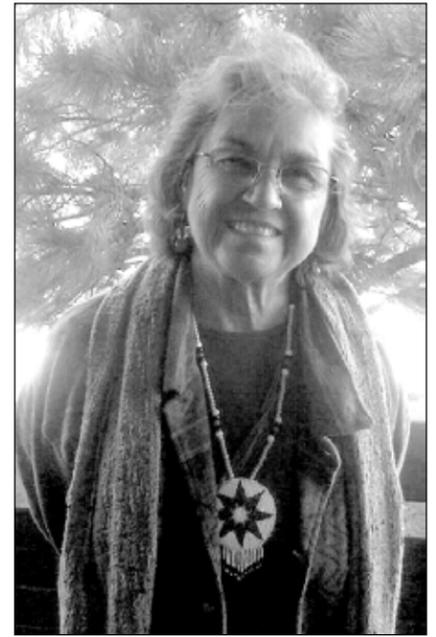
### Voices from the circle

Will Porter has served many years as the dedicated fireman for the lodge. For him, the lodge was a natural fit, more like home than any other spiritual tradition. He witnessed how David and Lorain ran the lodge with a true conviction that embraced a cosmology and traditions. He also experienced their evolution, their expansion of consciousness and the level of integrity they bring to all life.

Pavita Decorah was one of several participants who rode their horses to the Medicine Wheel and had a revealing deja vu experience. As they sat on their horses looking at the central pole with flags and colored strips of bundled cloth, they felt they had entered another dimension and that they had been there in a different time and space.

This honoring was inspired by Sue Beck and Dan Retuta of Crestone Healing Arts Center. Sue said that she will miss them on a cellular level.

All of us who have been fortunate to know their dear presences and to pray with them in sweat lodge will sorely miss them. For this we give thanks. O Mitakuye oyasin. All my relatives.



### Heart Song

Standing within the sacred circle of life  
 I sing my heart song  
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 I am part of all that is  
 I am one with my brothers and sisters  
 Black and red, yellow and white  
 I am one with my brothers and sisters  
 Feathers and fur, scales and skin  
 I am one with those who swim and those who fly  
 One with those who walk and those who crawl  
 I am one with the mountains and rivers  
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 Singing my song I give thanks  
 —Lorain Fox Davis

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Dennis and Lynn Ertle of the Crestone Baptist Church.

## Crestone Baptist Church welcomes you

The Crestone Baptist Church would like to introduce its new spiritual leader, Dennis Ertle and his wife Lynn.

Dennis has been in the Crestone, Moffat area for the past 30 yrs. He and his wife are currently studying at the Patriot Bible University, where they have received their degrees in Theology. Lynn currently holds degrees in Christian counseling, women and children's ministries and is now taking a compassion course. Dennis continues his studies toward his masters.

Dennis and Lynn are interested in the focus of our community. Dennis says "We want the community to know that we are an independent church that falls under the umbrella of the Southern Baptist Association. What this means is that we believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior, for John 3:16 says 'God so loved the world that he gave His one and only son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.'"

Dennis says this prayer every Sunday before preaching: "Lord, I do not ask that crowds should throng the church, that standing room be counted worth a price; I only ask that as I voice the message—they may see Christ.

"I do not ask for pomp in church or pageant, or music such as wealth alone can buy; I only pray that as I voice the message, He may be near.

"I do not ask that men may sound my praises, or flaming headlines spread my name abroad, I only pray that as I voice the mes-

sage, hearts may find God."

The couple encourages everyone to stop by and check out the service. There are several opportune times: Sunday School 10am, Service at 11am; Wednesday night pot luck and Bible School; and every other month there is a prayer breakfast on the second Saturday of the month at 8am. The next prayer breakfast is October 12.

We will be hosting an open house on Saturday September 21 from 1-3. Please stop by and visit with us and meet our members.

Look for future programs such as: children's ministries, women's ministries, men's meetings, and support and counseling for the whole family.

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## Moving Up Higher Peace on purpose

by Joyce Meyer

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

We must pursue peace if we really want it. The Bible instructs us to seek the kingdom of God . . . because God is the source of true peace. Romans 14:17 (AMP) says ". . . the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but instead it is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

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

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

### Roots

Consider a tree for a moment. As beautiful as trees are to look at, we don't see what goes on underground—as they grow roots. Trees must develop deep roots in order to grow strong and produce their beauty. But we don't see the roots. We just see and enjoy the beauty. In much the same way, what goes on



inside of us is like the roots of a tree. Others may not see what's going on inside, but they surely will be able to see the results, or fruit.

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

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

### Focus

We are instructed in the Word to follow . . . pursue . . . seek peace. First Peter 3:11 tells us to "search for peace (harmony; undisturbedness from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts) and seek it eagerly. [Do not merely desire peaceful relations with God, with your fellowmen, and with yourself, but pursue, go after them!]" (AMP)

In other words, you must seek to be peaceful on purpose . . . because you cannot bring peace to a situation if there is no peace within . . . just as a tree cannot produce beautiful, healthy leaves if its roots are unhealthy.

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

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

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# 'Golden Plaza' being built in Crestone, will feature shops, office space & apartments

by Mary Lowers

Pari Adli and Joe Campo moved to Crestone with visions and dreams of earth-friendly, sustainable community. Adli, originally from Iran, has lived in southern California since the 1970's and worked as a private practice psychotherapist since 1982. She had half finished her two doctoral degrees when she was diagnosed with cancer five and a half years ago. As an intelligent person facing personal health challenges, Adli chose to move to "a place where I could grow veggies, away from the traffic and

start, so did our families. We have the same mind-set," Adli shared. They came here to build dreams in November 2012.

Campo grew up in his family construction business founded by his father in the Colorado Springs area in the late 1940s. "The apprenticeship my dad gave me left an old fashion work ethic." Campo told me. The family business acquired a contract to build the second McDonald's in the USA in the Springs and developed commercial properties in thirty-eight states. After working in the Atlanta, Georgia area for



Joe Campo and Pari Adli are bringing their dreams to Crestone.

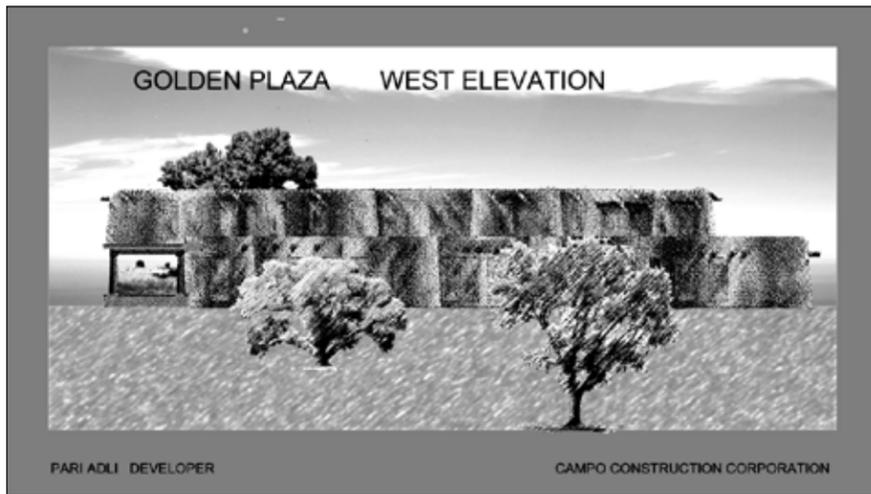
smog." When she came here she got "an overwhelming feeling from the land, something sacred."

Concern for the environment motivates her life and all her building projects. Her home being built on the southern end of the Baca Grande will be entirely off grid and include green houses and aquaculture. The commercial development she's spearheading in downtown Crestone on Golden Ave next to the Free Box will be an energy-efficient adobe-style structure with upstairs apartments and ground floor business space.

When Adli was searching for a place to "live healthier" she became acquainted with alternative architect and builder, Joe Campo. They became "instant friends" and went on a search for the perfect place to settle. "We hit it off so well from the

many years building "lower rise commercial buildings, schools and shopping centers", Campo returned to Colorado and New Mexico excited by energy-efficient alternative construction. "I built Energy Star state-certified energy efficient homes in Pueblo West and worked with pumice crete south of Santa Fe New Mexico." Some of his ideas on design and construction can be viewed on the internet at [www.yoursmartroom.com](http://www.yoursmartroom.com).

Adli shared with me that their downtown project was inspired by new friends in the community who encouraged her to build sooner rather than later. They told her, "Hey if you build we will be your tenants." The first floor above the underground parking will feature seven commercial units. Tenants will include Century 21 Realty,



Golden Ave. development, artistic rendering of the "Golden Plaza".



Golden Ave. development 'style features.'

Blue Water Alchemy, a yoga studio, a clothing boutique, and a shared medical office out of which Adli will practice. Residential space on the building's top floor will feature two two-bedroom apartments, one three-bedroom apartment and two studio apartments that are, Adli says, "Already spoken for."

The Crestone downtown project features "double framed exterior walls which allows a large cavity and insulates to R-50." The building will use solar power "as much as possible for heating and cooling." Town water and sewer will service the structure. Adli mentioned the apartments will be very soundproof due to the construction style. The exterior will be a southwest plaster finish with unique artistic flourishes.

Campo said that, as with many projects, it's taken a while to get started. "There's been a lot of stop n' start". Surprises on the building site have included hitting a fresh water spring which, "is being diverted back into the earth."

Giving back to the community, Campo and crew are building a "half pipe skateboard ramp"

in the Crestone Park. The "professional quality outdoor ramp" is being installed with Campo footing the bill for materials and labor. The Crestone Town Board approved this addition to the park gratefully. The crew at the Golden Ave. site is all local and Campo is thankful for their help, knowledge and insights.

Adam Kinney of Crestone, who is the local foreman on the Golden Ave. building, is enthusiastic about the project. "We are having a lot of fun working on this project. I'm so impressed with our crew of young local men who are enjoying their work and doing a great job. As for the crew and me, we are grateful to have local employment. I can feed my family without worries through the winter for the first time in three years. I feel very comfortable with Joe and Pari and their goals for this community."

Adli and Campo are "overlapping the construction schedule to finish on time." New visions have been a hallmark of Crestone and the Baca and this new development along with Pari Adli and Joe Campo add yet another layer to our creative sustainability.

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# Stepping it up! Yak 'N' Cracker Cafe, Peace of Art Cafe, & Red Star Farm are winners

by **CMF Greenification Crew & Cristina Cabeza-Kinney, Crew Co-Coordinator**

This year at the Crestone Music Festival, we aimed higher than in years past, officially moving towards a Zero Waste festival. As it sounds, this is no easy feat and it takes broad spectrum participation. We were delightfully surprised to see real enthusiasm with the reduce, reuse, and recycle way of thinking.

We saw more reusable water bottles, better sorting practices, and remarkable participation by the campers to pack it in, pack it out, and unpack at the recycling

courage the vendors to embrace our move towards Zero Waste. These were the criteria:

1. How localized are your food products, etc.?
2. How green are your sources for wares: napkins, utensils, cups, straws, plates?
3. Do you compost your food scraps?
4. Do you sort your recyclables?
5. Any special things done to minimize environmental impact?

Not easy questions to answer, yet three vendors stood out for going the extra miles. All three winners composted their food scraps



Peace of Art Cafe & Tonto.

center. Even the ScSEED Sunday pancake breakfast fundraiser went all compostable and recyclable! Way to go!

Thank you to our inspiring volunteers who brought the fun to the funky. Our thanks also goes to Recycle Creede and Nick Chambers of Living Arts Farm for helping us with our huge amount of recyclables and rich compost. And, our biggest thanks goes to the vendors who chose to participate and help take us towards a restorative festival. We held a contest to en-

and recycled. In third place, Ofia of Red Star Farm supplied organic produce from their local farm, made great efforts with compostable and recyclable wares, and even reused Chili's restaurant paper! Thank you Lynette Tieder!

In second place Peace of Art Cafe from Del Norte brought growth, enthusiasm, and serious efforts in considering their impact on the environment. We saw them unloading their local & organic compost, engaging in conversations of best practices, and expanding their use of compostable products including gloves and trash bags. Congratulations to Charlie & Merlinda Cellura and KimAnna & Mike Shields on moving the movement forward!

## Lost & Found

The Crestone Music Festival lost and found is pretty minimal but here are the highlights: We have an off-white tent cover, a brown and purple blanket, a red Snap-On tie down strap, a small baby carrier tan and brown, a blue metal water bottle with "Faith" on it, a red metal water bottle, a medium assortment of shirts and hats and shoes plus a blue and gold Sargent Peppers style kids jacket. To retrieve something call 719-256-4533 or 855-85MUSIC. Our office is room 204 in the Professional Center, the first house in the Baca. We will put the unclaimed items at the world famous Crestone Free Box on September 16. It will be marked as the CMF lost and found. Thanks!



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Kyle and his crew from Chokurei.

photo by Lori Nagel

And in first place, our local change-makers, Yak 'N' Cracker Cafe. Working with their Chokurei Farm, they brought full cycle awareness. They grow their own organic produce, eggs, and yak, and then create yummy healthy food, compost the scraps to build their soil, and then begin the cycle all over again! With all compostable or recyclable wares and products, they pay attention to their impact all along the way. And the special thing they do to minimize environmental impact? They are fully GMO-free! This is not an easy accomplishment. We congratulate Kyle Grose and all those at Chokurei for raising the standard for what is possible and probable in our present and into our future.

Thank you all the way around for participating and finding the joy in growing towards a Zero Waste festival. We will see you next year . . . greener than before!

## Festival thanks

by **Tom Dessain**

A big "Thank You" to all who attended, vended, volunteered, cheered, coordinated, worked, sponsored, played and swayed at the 15th Annual Crestone Music Festival. The festival ran as smooth as ever and we had the most near misses with the weather as I've ever seen. Attendance was normal except for a little more growth on Friday. Over-all the festival had a nice mix of musical styles, vendors, food, libations, contests and activities. Feedback so far has been positive. We listen so if you want to comment, complain, commend, connect or connect, please call 719-256-4533 or call toll free at 855-85MUSIC or email [crestfest@crestfest.org](mailto:crestfest@crestfest.org). Thanks again to everyone. Be sure to see next month's Eagle to check out our numbers and to see what we are doing in the schools for the fall. Keep on festin' in the free world!

## Get on board!

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The Crestone Performances drive is in full swing. Memberships run from festival to festival so now is a great time to get on board. Please consider becoming a member and help us continue our community services. There are levels of support that have great perks, including an "All Access Pass" to next year's festival, so check them out below. Our community services are: We produce the Crestone Music Festival now in it's 16th year, our Youth Enrichment Program now in it's eleventh year and our free consulting and technical assistance service to worthwhile community endeavors. To learn more, please see our web site at [www.crestfest.org](http://www.crestfest.org) or call 719-256-4533. Thanks!

We have five levels of membership:

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1. Members of the Salida Circus grandly pose for this photo.  
photo by Lori Nagel

2. Haunted Wind Chimes wowed the crowd with awesome harmonies and fun stage presence.  
photo by Lori Nagel

1. African style dancers enjoyed the international rhythms.  
photo by Ron Dessain

1. Kickin' some serious Women's-Woodchopping butt in a skirt.  
photo by Lori Nagel

1. Oh yum or oh yuk. Depends on your perspective. photo by Ron Dessain

1. Peter Taylor guest starring in River Burt's River Bottom blues band at the Crestone Music Festival.  
photo by Lori Nagel

1. Matthew Crowley and son Arthur. photo by Ron Dessain

1. CMF has fun activities and crafts for kids. photo by Ron Dessain

1. Vieux Farka Touré rocked the festival. photo by Ron Dessain

1. Tab Benoit and Tom Dessain. photo by Dara Blumenhein

1. Sarah from SHEL. photo by Ron Dessain



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# The Story of the Seven Dragons

by **Karen Kenney**  
**Lead Artist,**  
**CCC Dragon Mural**

One of the best things that happened during the painting of the new community artwork piece, permanently installed in Little Pearl Park, was the candid, non-censored conversations of people using their right brain while painting.

Our red Dragon Mural was conceived of and completed by volunteers working in concert. The art dragon with its body nestled into Sage-Juniper forests, rushing waters and granite, rears its head off the mural's surface in the same way the art drew us out of our social comfort zones into a room full of unknown neighbors to engage with each other in a non-traditional way. Without even making eye contact, participants freely bounced ideas about, while dipping brushes into vivid-colored paint, letting the conversations become colorful with the art. Talk of religion, current events, Crestone history, folklore, personal goals, wishes for family members, insects, dogs and Crestone's natural wonders all made their way to our lips, as we dipped, painted, dipped, painted.

One participant came with a friend and eagerly dove in deep . . . the previously unpainted dragon's face appeared before his brush. He shared casually about dragons . . . their powers in different cultures and especially how he had read that Seven Dragons together were a sign of Creativity, that the entire world could be created by Seven Dragons together.

Although I was unable to verify from which culture this myth

originated, the story nonetheless stuck in my imagination. The story reared its head and became visible to me during our final four days of painting. See, the rains came on a Sunday afternoon, and their tentative, yet circling persistence created low-lying clouds against the Sangres. Stopped on my refreshing walk, I saw! I saw one cloud dragon snake down Willow Creek draw, clear as a cloud . . . then above it a smaller dragon, its scales made of wispy clouds all seemingly pushed away from its face by the breeze, then another . . . so clearly a third in S. Crestone Creek draw. Curious, I found the mere heads of two more dragons in the clouds, one a face above my head and one further north near San Isabel trail.

Five dragons . . . how clear. So many residents who participated in the mural had personal connections to the dragon motif, but not I. Yet, here I was, seeing them, imagining their eyes in the clouds, respecting the wonder of the art process we had been through and open to seeing what other community members so freely referred to as Dragon Energy.

Five . . . not seven. But as I walked in the lovely rain, weeds were bursting into bloom. The desert, it is said, wastes no water, but immediately uses it for growth, procreation. The land became more filled with fire-colored flowers as I walked. The dragon's fire, I thought, the land has been gently touched . . . the sixth dragon.

Our unveiling party was Thursday August 1. The warmth of townspeople rallied around the new art was palpable. The party included many new relationships



CCC youth put the final touches on the Dragon Mural.

photo by Lisa Bodey

discovered or developed during our mural painting weeks. The Seventh Dragon had appeared to me . . . our Dragon Mural. It had the creative power to make a community of artists where there had been mere individuals before.

Individuals or businesses interested in supporting local youth & community art can sponsor a "star" or "fish" on the dragon mural with a minimum \$50 contribu-

tion. Please call 719-480-5925 for more information.

Please join Crestone Creative Council for *Stories From the Edge*, a production of Company of Players, Saturday, September 21 at 7pm and Sunday, September 22 at 2pm at the College Conference Center. Proceeds will benefit CCC and Friends of the Library. The suggested donation is \$10, but everyone is welcome!



Crestone Community Dragon Mural.

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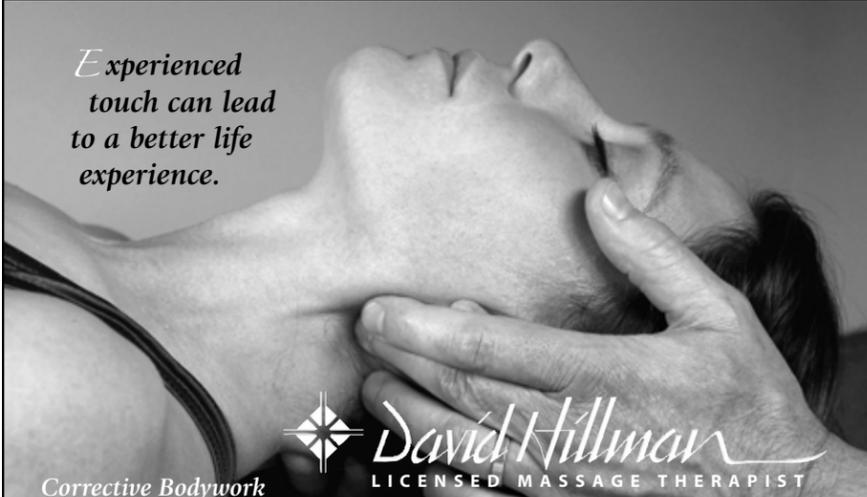
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# Do you have questions about Moffat School's BEST grant & bond issues?

## Frequently asked questions

by **MACBEST (Moffat & Crestone BEST) Committee**

**Q. What are the top three reasons we need a new school?**

A. 1. Our first concern is the health and safety of our kids. The foundation of the building is rapidly deteriorating. In the very near future, Moffat School will likely be declared unsafe. Ongoing problems with plumbing, heating, water and sewage raise health concerns for children and staff, and cause the loss of instructional time due to the need for constant repairs. Further, in a recent review of safety issues, many deficiencies were found due to design flaws of the building.

2. Our second concern is educational quality. Much of the building is 92 years old. Many of the old classrooms have poor natural lighting, poor acoustics, and no fresh air circulation for most of the school year. Classrooms are outdated and not designed to incorporate current and future technologies necessary for a 21st century learning environment. Further, poor classroom conditions have caused us to lose good teachers, and retention of teachers will become a growing problem if the school is not updated.

3. Our third concern is the cost to the taxpayer. The State has determined that we need \$9.1 million in repairs to the existing building over the next three years to bring it up to code. The cost to local property owners for repairing our 92-year-old school would be \$4.5 million. This is *exactly the same* as what it would cost to build a brand new school, and with no guarantee these repairs would last. This is because the state is funding 73% of the cost of a new building through the BEST grant.

If we vote no this November, this grant will go to another school. Local taxpayers will be left with equal or greater cost to repair and maintain an outdated building.

BEST funds for new school construction have reached their cap, so this is the *last* year for us to receive this grant. It's *now*, or never.

**Q. Who inspected the school and told us we have *health and safety* problems?**

A. The State of Colorado hired a professional building assessment company and they assessed all the schools in Colorado during 2008 and 2009 for the Colorado Department of Education. Wold Architects and Engineers along with Adolphson and Peterson Construction completed an update in 2012. Severe, worsening problems with the old foundation and additional environmental quality issues were found during this updated review last year and agreed to by the State of Colorado.

**Q. Is the current school safe?**

A. Currently, the 1921 building is safe. Based on our structural engineer's recommendation, the district is actively monitoring the building for movement and cracking. This monitoring will ensure that children are safe attending classes for the short term. When the monitoring shows any significant movement, the building will be closed for the children's safety.

Due to the soil acidity and the type of concrete used in the original construction, the foundation has been under a sulfate attack for over 90 years. This means that over many years sulfate crystals that are created by ground water have formed inside the foundation and disintegrated the foundational walls by about 25%. The walls are structurally sound up to 33%, but there is no way of knowing how long it will take to erode the additional 8%.

In some areas 21-inch walls are eroded to just 6 inches! In the spring of 2013 the Moffat School Board contracted with a national testing firm (Terracon) to do structural testing on the foundation. Terracon's core compression tests found that the 1921 building foundation rated from non-testable to 680 pounds per square inch (psi). Modern foundations rate between 3000 and 5000 psi on the same test!

**Q. Why is it so important to do this now?**

A. Statewide, the Moffat district ranks as one of the *most* in need of replacing its facilities. That is why we were awarded the grant.

There is only a limited amount of BEST funding available for school replacement projects. BEST funding has also reached its statutory cap for projects like ours. Therefore this will be the *last* year for us to receive this grant opportunity.

With our low property tax base, we could never do what this grant would allow us to do. Without this grant, we could never afford to give our kids the safe and modern facilities they deserve.

Many communities in our valley have already said *yes* to this state funding. Center, Sangre de Cristo, Alamosa, Del Norte and Monte Vista are building or have already rebuilt their schools with BEST funding.

**Q. If I don't have kids in school, how will I benefit?**

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

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

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

**Q. Who would design and build the new school? Will the community have input in the design process?**

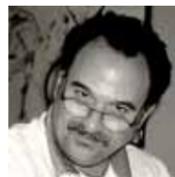
A. There will be a competitive selection for the designer and contractor if the bond is passed. It is very important for the district to involve as many stakeholders as possible in the design of the new school. A design advisory group will be formed to assist in the design of the new school and broad-based participation of the Moffat/Crestone community will be encouraged.

**Q. How much will the proposed new school cost?**

A. The Moffat project application was approved by the BEST (Building Ex-

## THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

### —MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



by *Ish*

**1/ Flying Swords of Dragon Gate:** This movie has some historical aspects and it stars Jet Li along with some other key martial arts stars. As the Ming Dynasty dissolves, the ruthless warlord Yu tightens his grip on China and Zhao and his men plan a rebellion at Dragon Gate Inn. As they prepare for battle a once-in-60-year sandstorm returns and changes destiny.

**2/ Jet Lag:** While at the the airport in Paris, an artist plans to stop his ex-wife from marrying again, as he's pining for her. However, plans change abruptly when he meets a tempestuous beautician at the terminal. This romcom stars Juliette Binoche, Jean Reno and others.

**3/ The Prophecy:** This cinema noire crescendos with the performances of Christopher Walken, Virginia Madsen, Eric Stoltz, Viggo Mortensen, Amanda Plummer and others as the story of angel Gabriel is angry because God let humans into heaven. Gabriel descends to Earth to capture the most evil human soul to defeat his enemies. A good hearted angel hides the soul and a detective tracks Gabriel.

**4/ Shaolin Soccer:** In this action comedy an ex-soccer player is injured during a rigged match . . . he joins forces with a former monk and they get some other Shaolins to use their disciplines and Kung Fu powers. A movie with Stephen Chow and others.

**5/ In the Electric Mist:** Here we have a seedy New Orleans mobster played by John Goodman and detective Robicheaux played by Tommy Lee Jones finding himself in the murky waters of corruption and deception as he inquires about connections with a rash of murders and this New Orleans mobster . . . discovering secrets better left untold. Also starring Peter Sarsgaard, Mary Steenburgen, Ned Beatty, Levon Helm, Buddy Guy and others.

cellent Schools Today) Board. The total cost of the Moffat proposal was \$16.67 million. In order to receive the \$12.12 million dollar BEST grant, district residents most vote to contribute \$4.5 million of the total cost by passing a bond election (or about 27%—that's just 27¢ for each dollar of cost). Our district's recommended contribution is so low as a result of our low property tax base.

Receiving a new Pre-K-12 school through the BEST program represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our community and Moffat/Crestone students.

**Q. How long will it take to pay the bond off?**

A. While the bond will be paid in 20 years (a requirement of the BEST program), the building will last far longer. School facilities are designed for 30 years before major renovations on some systems need to occur. Typically, a new facility has a life expectancy of 50-60 years. Our oldest building is 92 years old.

**Q. Why can't we just renovate our existing facilities?**

A. Moffat School District began a "Facilities Master Planning" process in February of 2012. The Facilities Master Planning Committee consisted of parents from both Moffat and Crestone, staff and students. Several community meetings were conducted in Moffat and Crestone allowing residents to express their opinions about their desires concerning the various options for upgrading our facilities through the BEST program.

The total estimated cost for completely renovating the existing facilities was about \$9.1 million. This cost to repair and bring the buildings up to code exceeded the legal limit of the district by \$4.5 million. The community would still need to raise \$4.5 million to pay for these repairs. With the BEST grant, the cost to property owners is exactly the same whether we choose to repair the old building or construct a brand new facility. Either way the cost is \$4.5 million over 20 years.

An energy-efficient, LEED-certified building would then begin to save us money. It would significantly reduce our utility costs and the growing maintenance and repairs that come with a failing 92-year-old building. These savings could be redirected for education and further increasing the quality of our services.

**Q. With 73% of the funding coming from the BEST grant, what is the**

**BEST program? Where does BEST money come from?**

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

BEST funding comes from a portion of the proceeds (50%) of rent and royalty income—mostly from minerals—collected by the State of Colorado on State Trust Lands. In addition, a portion of lottery proceeds are allocated to the BEST program so the funds are not a tax. Our BEST grant funds never have to be repaid.

**Q. What happens if we don't pass our bond election?**

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

Given our critical facility issues, especially the foundation problems in our old building, the future of our district will be uncertain. If the 1921 building is vacated, students will either have to travel to neighboring districts or be housed in temporary modular classrooms. Either way, this would disrupt the students' educational experience and have a huge impact on the future of this area.

**Q. How much will this cost me as a taxpayer if I own property in the district?**

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

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

# Moffat School funding vote

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what it would cost for a new school. It was determined that it is more sustainable to build a new facility at the same cost to tax payers than to only fix half of the issues for the same cost to taxpayers.

The 1921 building was found to have critical foundation concerns during the inspection process. The engineers discovered that due to the soil acidity and the type of concrete used in the original construction, the foundation is under a massive sulfate attack. This means that, over many years, sulfate crystals that are created by ground water have formed inside the foundation and disintegrated the foundational walls. In some areas, 21-inch walls are eroded to 6 inches. In the spring of 2013, the Moffat School Board con-

tracted with a national testing firm (Tarracon) to do structural testing on the foundation of the 1921 building. Tarracon's core compression tests found that the 1921 building foundation rated from non-testable to 680 pounds per square inch (psi). Modern foundations rate between 3000 and 5000 psi on the same test. The district is monitoring this issue and believes that within the next two to three years, the building will have to be closed.

At the August 19 BOE meeting, the board of education weighed two different options for ballot language. Both options moved forward, with an election this November. The first option asked taxpayers to fund the full match with an additional tax increase for the bonds. The second option was a combination of mil levy increase for new bonds and a redirecting of a portion of the mil levy override dollars passed in 2010. The BOE's final resolution was to approve the second option which utilizes already existing mil levy override dollars to reduce the total cost to taxpayers even further. BOE members felt that this option is the best for tax payers and honored the community for their continued help to support world-class schools now and in the future at both the Moffat and Crestone sites.

The cost to taxpayers on residential homes is about \$3.84 per month on a \$100,000 home. For commercial, the tax impact will be approximately \$13.97 per month per \$100,000 commercial value. And for seniors, the Homestead exemption will reduce your taxable value of your home by 50%, up to \$200,000, reducing the tax burden by half.

It was stated during the Au-



One of the Moffat School classrooms flooded last year due to old pipes breaking.

gust 19 meeting that ballot question 3A will provide an incredible opportunity for our school and for the Moffat/Crestone community to leverage Front Range dollars to pay for 73% of a new building for the students of our area, in which 1/2 come from the Crestone/Baca area and 1/2 come from the valley floor.

Important legal campaign deadlines for voters and the district are below

- October 7 – Last Day to Register to Vote. You can register online at [sos.state.co.us/voter-classic/secuRegVoterIntro.do](http://sos.state.co.us/voter-classic/secuRegVoterIntro.do)

- October 14-18 – Registered voters will receive ballots in the mail

- November 5 – Election Day- Last day for ballots to be received by the county

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# Crestone Charter School, a community-based school

by Michael Hayes

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, about 55 million students attended public and private schools pre-kindergarten through 12th grade in the United States in 2012. Assuming that number will stay roughly the same this year, similar numbers of students will walk through the doors of schools somewhere in the United States this fall.

School staff and families all over the country spend time preparing for the start of the school year. Among educators, there appears to be some baseline level of agreement on the skills and knowledge students should learn at different developmental stages. Students and staff in public and charter schools are held increasingly accountable for those skills and knowledge via state standards and the associated standardized testing.

I am struck by the commonality in these experiences across our country. I have also heard and experienced many people this summer discussing a current sense of crisis or just getting by in their lives, living from day to day without much greater vision for

themselves, their families, or their community. With all due respect to the sincere efforts of school reformers throughout the country I have the sense that many schools are no different. They are expected to do more and are held more accountable with fewer resources and less support. Administrators, teachers, and students have their heads down, just trying to get through the day.

The Crestone Charter School will see 96 students walk through the doors on September 3 for the first day of school. We will be an almost infinitely small percentage of the total number of students in the U.S. headed to school on that day. Yet, I would venture to say that there aren't so many places in the country where people have such strong emotions and a strong sense of connection to their school. I am involved in conversations daily where people speak with passion and conviction about their children and the ways we can best serve them in this community.

CCS is an ongoing educational experiment on a big pile of very unique rock out on the edge of nowhere. We were founded by families who felt discontent with their options and acted to make change happen. They didn't think "someone" somewhere off in the distant future would do the work. They had the vision and they acted on it.

It was individuals within this community, whom you see at the post office, who started the school in a living room, advocated for a charter, helped students thrive in pieced-together buildings out in the flatlands, and brought us this new school building. We are a liv-

ing and breathing example of how individuals as community members can do much more than just get by from day to day.

I know that others share my strong sense of commitment to carry on the work and passion of these people who have given so much of themselves. On the one hand our task is to teach our most precious treasures to meet the standards set out by our state and federal government to read, write, do math, think critically, but our real work is bigger and grander than that.

We are an infinitesimally small part of education in this country and yet as the quote goes: Never underestimate the power of a few committed people to change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. I know that our task is to continue to send out ripples. To join with the pockets of others who are doing the same and together turn the ripples into waves, tidal waves, and tsunamis.

This has been a community-based experiment from the start with many of those who started the experiment still alongside us. To continue this work we need engagement. We need people to show up, volunteer their ideas, their passion, their time, and their money. We need you to show up for community gatherings, school board meetings, to vote, to do your research, to learn about best practices, to attend school plays, music, fundraisers, and presentations of learning. We need people to pull weeds, move rock, drive vans, mentor students, help in classrooms, help with homework, help with trips, help with dishes. We need you to read to your child, to help them with math, to play outside with them, to listen to them, and to foster their passions. So if you don't know what to do, please ask, and there are some folks around here who can point you in the right direction.

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## The Washington Beat

### *GOP singin' the blues*



by David Nicholas

September. Summer is over and Congress returns from the recess. Strangely enough, there is no reason for optimism that what is wrong with Washington will get fixed in coming months. What is wrong with Washington? Republicans, and in particular conservative Republicans; but you knew that. Does the GOP actually want to govern the country? We shall see by October 1 if they really are serious. Why October 1?

#### Answer: Debt ceiling

Yeah, it's that time of year again, when House Republicans believe they can negotiate an ultimatum and get President Barack Obama to back down and agree to more cuts to entitlement programs, before they agree to pass an increase. Now, the debt ceiling used to be an automatic roll call vote in both houses, because it was agreed that government needs to function, no matter what their political persuasion was.

Not any more, not since the GOP's Tea Party faction started venting their hatred that American's first black President wouldn't go away and is still leading the country. So in order to make the President feel their pain, America's Taliban (as Will McAvoy in the TV series "The Newsroom" refers to them) wants to shut down the government, hoping the president will get the blame.

Well, the GOP tried this back in 1997 when Bill Clinton was president and Newt Gingrich was speaker of the house. It was a catastrophic miscalculation then, and in blocking the debt ceiling in 2013 it looks to be a similar blunder. Former Speaker and ex-presidential candidate Newt Gingrich, who lost his speakership over the government shutdown in 1997, is wisely speaking out this time to try to dissuade colleagues from making the same mistake. To no avail at this point.

The debt ceiling, the figure Congress allows itself to run over budget, currently stands at \$16.7trillion. It was increased from \$16.4trillion when the government was due to exceed that amount in April. House Republicans signaled they would address it later in the year. Well, it's later in the year.

The strategy was that if things were still weak economically, it would force Mr. Obama to back down from an entrenched position not to negotiate on the debt ceiling. This is not working so far, but there's all of September yet, so who knows?

Why it's not working is that

although the economy is still sluggish, the new job numbers are up and the unemployment number is down to 7.4%. Pundits go 'round about why that is, but suffice it to say the economy is trending improvement, while there is still a long way to go.

The argument the President makes is that not increasing the debt ceiling could a) stall the economic recovery; and b) if the Credit Agencies lower the US credit rating further from AA+ to AA, it makes it harder to borrow on the debt from countries we borrow from, China and Japan because interest rates would be higher. In addition, this also lowers the value of the dollar on international financial markets and it could/would/might cease to be the reserve currency. That is, the main currency used to write global contracts and letter of credit. The effect would cause the dollar to drop further, and would be as bad as you might possibly imagine.

So who has the upper hand on the debt ceiling? It's President Obama, and the old GOP hands know it. When the GOP is not seen in a favorable light (with the 2014 mid-term election season kicking off in November), the narrative that they are shutting down government is a loser.

#### Answer: Overturning Obamacare strategy

So when Congress decides to take a break, they should take a break. But August for the GOP was to fly back to home districts to prepare the battle lines for overturning Obamacare.

The GOP believes that because they gave small businesses a break by allowing them to implement health plans for their employees for another year, it means the law is flawed. Republicans believe that if they can move public opinion against Obamacare, they can justify moving against it in Congress. They figure that if popular opinion goes against Obamacare they can keep control of the House and regain control of Senate, without having to worry about the Hispanic block which will vote against them. It's about using white middle class voters to keep control while not having to pass immigration reform that includes the Pathway to Citizenship. Good luck with that.

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for another year, it means the law is flawed. Republicans believe that if they can get enough public opinion turnaround, they can pledge to overturn if they get a majorities in both chambers of the Congress. Good luck with that.

#### Immigration reform in danger of failing

To return to a familiar tune, four more weeks have passed, and Republicans are still split about the bill. To recap there are four versions of immigration reform in the House and all do not, repeat, DON'T include the pathway to citizenship.

The GOP as a whole really doesn't have any idea how bad this narrative is playing in the Hispanic community. Republican exceptions are the four members of the Senate's "Gang of Eight", plus Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL). Both Senator Rubio and Lindsay Graham (R-NC) have been vilified on Fox News Channel and by radio pundit Rush Limbaugh, so much so that Mr. Graham (who is up for re-election) could be looking at a close race for what was normally a very safe seat. So September could be crunch time in immigration reform.

The reason why the House GOP members are resistant is that they come from pretty much all-white communities and so don't have to worry about how Hispanics will vote in 2014, although it becomes an issue when the 2016 Presidential election is a popular vote.

The big winner of course, if the GOP doesn't see the light, will be Democrats. It's win-win for them. Dems win if the bill passes with the Pathway to Citizenship in the bill, and they win if it doesn't, because they are seen as making the effort and the GOP as obstructionist.

Essentially, if there is no movement in the House in September, that's another four weeks of bad publicity you can't ever make up. It's perception, and it matters.

#### Manning sentenced to 35 years

Wikileaks whistleblower Bradley Manning was sentenced to 35 years imprisonment for espionage against the United States. In addition, Army Private Manning was reduced in rank from corporal; was dishonorably discharged; and forfeited all pay and benefits.

Judge Advocate Col. Denise Lind handed down the sentence a little after 10am Wednesday, August 21. It comes after two weeks of sentencing hearings that began July 31. He had been found guilty on 17 of the 22 charges, except "Aiding the Enemy." Aiding the Enemy was the major charge, which carried automatic life imprisonment without parole. Of the 17 lesser charges, including five charges of espionage, Mr. Manning was found guilty. They carry, if served consecutively, 140 years.

The 35-year sentence to be

served in a military prison (probably Ft. Leavenworth in Kansas) is almost half of the 90 years the prosecution had called for. However, this stiff sentence is long enough to send a message of what will befall whistleblowers who leak documents in a time of war, one of which the United States is still technically fighting.

On 14 August, Manning was contrite and apologetic for his actions, telling the court: "I am sorry that my actions hurt people. I'm sorry that they hurt the United States. I am sorry for the unintended consequences of my actions. When I made these decisions I believed I was going to help people, not hurt people. . . . At the time of my decisions I was dealing with a lot of issues."

Didn't know if adding, "Basically I'm a nice person," would make a difference to the judge, but apparently not.

The sentence is automatically referred to a military court of appeal, and at the discretion of the General of the Army the sentence could be reduced. Unlikely; instead Private Manning will serve at least a third of his sentence, about 11 years, before being eligible for parole. But as he has served three years already, time served plus a reduction of 112 days is counted in the sentence. The 112-day reduction stems from his punitive handling in Quantico. Parole eligibility would occur in seven years.

There is much talk by supporters of soliciting the President for a pardon. But as Mr. Obama called his conduct criminal in earlier comments, it's unlikely he would consider such an option before the last day of his presidency, January 20, 2017, when pardon applications are usually granted.

24 hours after sentencing, Private Manning announced that he would be undertaking hormone therapy while in prison to become a woman, and henceforth wishes to be known as Chelsea Elizabeth Manning. Private Manning hopes this factor will result in leniency in his sentence when it's reviewed by the General of the Army in coming days. We shall see.

#### NSA surveillance

Obama said he had decided on four specific measures to improve transparency under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), which has been used since it was revised in 2007 to monitor persons of interest within the United States.

**First**, the President plans to work with Congress to pursue "appropriate reforms" of Section 215 of the anti-terrorism Patriot Act that governs the collection of so-called "metadata" such as phone records. He insisted that the government had no interest in spying on ordinary Americans.

**Second**, Mr. Obama said he would pursue with Congress a re-

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form of the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which considers requests from law enforcement authorities to target an individual for intelligence gathering.

Obama said he wants to let a civil liberties representative weigh in on the court's deliberations to ensure an adversarial voice is heard. The court, authorized under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, has been criticized for essentially rubber-stamping the U.S. government's requests to search through Americans' electronic records. Currently, the FISA court makes its decisions on government surveillance requests without hearing from anyone but U.S. Justice Department lawyers in its closed-doors proceedings.

**Third**, the President said he wants to provide more details about the NSA programs to try to restore any public trust damaged by the Snowden disclosures.

**Fourth**, Mr. Obama wants to create a high-level group of outside experts to review the U.S. surveillance effort.

On the first, the President might just get Republicans in the House to agree to this.

On the second, I look forward to that becoming a procedure, but the reality is both the CIA and NSA will oppose it because it lengthens a process when time maybe of the essence. So I am not optimistic that a civil liberties rep gets to be included.

The third will automatically have intelligence agencies opposing further transparency into how the CIA and NSA do what they do. The fourth is well intentioned, but by the time this goes through Congress, if the makeup is still solely high-level outside experts, I will be surprised.

**Egypt in civil war mode**

The problem with militarists who are corrupted by power is that once they get a taste, they always want more. Such is the case of Egyptian General Abdul Fatah al-Sisi, who in his infinite wisdom overthrew the democratically elected government of the largest Arab country, because his compatriots didn't like the government. Essentially, when you put this premise in American terms we would be tossing out leaders just because the wind blew the wrong way. This was a coup d'etat in everything but US recognition. Therein lies the rub.

Last month I began a discourse about imperial withdrawal. About what happens when we loosen the ties in regions where we have major national security interests, and Egypt is a case in point.

In Egypt's case, we give \$1.5bn in military aid to keep the armed forces up to current strength in weaponry and other support. It's meant for defending Egypt against outside forces, not to use against its own people.

The aid came about as a car-

rot for then-President Anwar Sadat to recognize the state of Israel, a direct outflow from the Camp David accords, struck between PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and then-Israeli Prime Minister Menachim Begin, to begin the Mideast Peace Process.

However, in the time since then, the Egyptian armed forces have become self-sufficient from businesses they control, about \$4bn in all. Deposed President Hosni Mubarak saw to that during the 42 years he ruled the ancient kingdom.

The one thing never said about the Egyptian military is that during World War II it was very, if not completely, anti-British and very pro-German, meaning pro-Hitler. The pro-Hitler attitude was prevalent in the officer corps for decades after. Inspired, former Presidents Nasser, Sadat and certainly Mubarak thought military dictatorship to be the preferred method of ruling and they held democracy in contempt. It certainly is the view held by General al-Sisi, judging by his actions.

Now the Muslim Brotherhood (MB), which has 12 million followers in Egypt, is the most powerful voting bloc in the Arab republic and are devout Sunnis. The MB was formed in 1928. They are similar to the people in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Syrian National Front fighting the Assad regime, the Sons of Iraq who oppose the Iraqi National Government, and yes, al-Qaida.

For years, wary Egyptian dictators/rulers knew the MB would be powerful if they ever had a chance to run for elected office, and so they banished—outlawed—them from running for political office for decades. The power of the MB is found in its social programs. It is a society within a society that doesn't look to secular Egyptians for commercial interaction. With 12 million followers you don't need the worthless morals of secular Egyptians to corrupt your devotion, and so they grew over the years.

On occasion, being denied participation in the political process would beget violence and ad-hoc acts of terror, but never a really concerted effort to overthrow a well-militarized and ruthless government, a government that carried out its own acts of terror through the notorious Interior Ministry, well-armed thugs masquerading as "security forces."

So the Arab Spring and the demonstration in Tahrir Square two years ago was a gift to the Brotherhood. Mubarak was overthrown and presidential elections were called. The Brotherhood agreed not to run candidates as the MB. Instead in April 2011 they formed the Freedom and Justice Party and ran candidates and won. The Freedom and Justice Party is described as having "the same mission and goals, but different roles" than the Brother-

hood. A technicality, you might say, but there was no objection to this.

Taking advantage of this relaxation on Egyptian political rules, Mohammed Morsi stood for president in the April 2012 election, and won with a clear majority—51%—of votes. Having won, President Morsi saw it as his mission to reform those who thought they could control him, the army and the judges' club, all-powerful and all corrupt. He actually rewrote the Egyptian constitution and successfully had it approved in a popular referendum. No mean feat for a president considered a political neophyte, who did it in a little under eight months.

The reason that he lasted as long as he did was that he worked with former US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton in brokering a cease-fire between the Israeli Defense Force and Hamas in Gaza. So for a while he had protection from his sworn enemies the judges and the so-called liberal parties who didn't like anything he did because he left them out of the process. The army he humiliated and punished when they incompetently suppressed a border incident in the Sinai, and replaced Mubarak's poodle, Field Marshal Tawfiq, with the former intelligence chief General al-Sisi. Opportunism and a lagging economy made the perpetual complainers come out against him in mid-April, occupying Tahrir Square. They turned secular Egyptians against him.

There's a lot of back-and-forth, as six weeks later the interim government (made of Mubarak hacks and members of the notorious judges' club) were installed as a front for army coup-makers. Having over-

thrown the elected president, they then called on the MB to join them in rewriting the constitution and participating in a government that overthrew their leader. Needless to say, they told them what they could do with it.

This detail explains why, after 48 hours' notice, MB demonstrators protesting the coup against Morsi (held under arrest since the overthrow on July 4) were ruthlessly set upon by Interior Ministry "security forces" while the Egyptian Army looked on with some approval. The attacks on massive demonstrations began Wednesday, August 14, in Nasr City and Cairo University and caused the massacre of 2,600 people (according to the MB) or 1000 people (according to the Interior Ministry account), with many thousands wounded.

The question remains: what could we, the United States, do? Secretary of State John Kerry hesitated, and true to his usual level of wavering decisiveness, waffled. The coup was not a coup under the US definition, thus the Egyptians could keep their US military aid, and Secretary Kerry spent time on the phone with General al-Sisi every other day imploring the general not attack defenseless, peaceful civilians.

In essence we are thoroughly screwed. Due largely to Mr. Kerry's bumbling and our perceived indecisiveness to engage militarily in Syria, Egypt's new leadership read that our strategic interests override the need for action on human rights. Not our best moment. So it goes.

And the Beat goes on.



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# November 2013 ballot shaping up

by Lisa Cyriacks

Two statewide ballot measures are certified for the November 5 statewide ballot. Approval for the Colorado Funding for Public Schools, as an initiated constitutional amendment, is pending.

Locally the Moffat Consolidated School District will elect school board directors should the election prove to be contested. The school district is also working on a ballot question proposing an increase in property taxes to district residents as matching funds for the BEST grant for a new K-12 facility in Moffat.

Colorado Department of Education's Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) awarded Moffat \$11.3 million in March of this year. Funding for BEST comes from income collected on State Trust Lands and a portion of lottery proceeds. BEST grant funds never have to be repaid.

However, the \$11.3 million requires a \$4.55 million match from the district—proceeds totaling to a

\$15.88 million new school. Should the residents of Moffat School District fail to approve an increase in property taxes to raise the required funds, the State will award the money to another community.

Ballot language is still pending on the issue including the details of the amount of the mill levy needed to raise the required matching funds. More information can be obtained from Superintendent Kirk Banghart at 719-256-4710. (Also see page 1 story this issue.)

Already certified to the ballot for November 5 are two questions regarding retail marijuana taxes: a 15% excise tax plus a 10% statewide sales tax on all retail pot purchases.

If passed, the 15% excise tax would be used to fund the construction of schools. The 10% sales tax is in addition to the standard 2.9% state sales tax and any local taxes that may apply. The revenue would be used to fund the regulation and monitoring of the marijuana retail business.

The Colorado Funding for Public Schools Initiative may appear on the November 5, 2013 ballot in Colorado as an initiated constitutional amendment.

The measure would raise income taxes, projected to total around \$950 million, for funding public education in the state. The tax initiative impacts higher wage earners more. Right now, Colorado's income tax rate is a flat 4.63%, regardless of income level. The proposed initiative will ask voters to approve a tax rate of 5% for earners up to \$75,000 and a rate of 5.9% on income above \$75,000.

Colorado Commits to Kids is the committee that is working to put the two-tiered income tax increase on the ballot November 5. As of August 5, the committee has filed more than the required number of signatures. If enough signatures prove to be valid, the measure then certified for the ballot by the Colorado Secretary of State.

The measure would also allow for the implementation of the new School Finance Act (SB 213 signed into law in May 2013). The

bill takes the first step in nearly two decades to change the formula for financing public education. Enrollment funding would be calculated on an average daily membership rather than based on attendance on one day each year, beginning in 2015-16. Supporters of the legislation say this formula would result in more equitable funding than the current system allows.

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The bill also envisions a more transparent public finance reporting system, to add reporting of expenditures, including salary and benefits, at each school. The department of education is then required to create a website that will translate that data into a format that can be understood by the layperson.

## Future School Finance Act seeks funding through statewide income tax

by Lisa Cyriacks

Governor Hickenlooper signed Senate Bill 213, a school finance overhaul, into law in May. But a big piece of the equation is still open: Will taxpayers approve some \$1 billion in new taxes this fall to pay for the upgrades?

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All kindergarten students who meet the eligibility requirements would be funded for all day school; pre-school students would be funded as half-day pupils.

The bill changes the funding for at-risk and English language learners students, by allowing those who qualify under both definitions to be funded twice, to allow for a longer school year for those

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The success of SB 213 is contingent on voter approval of a ballot measure in November that seeks to initially raise taxes by about \$1 billion.

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The public vote on the initiative is required by the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, an amendment to the state constitution passed in 1992, which requires all tax increases to be approved by voters.

Before any vote can happen, the measure must earn its way

onto the ballot by petition. Organizers have submitted sufficient signatures, which are being verified by the Colorado Secretary of State, in order to qualify for the November ballot.

Supporters have until 2017 to seek the higher tax. That is, if the higher tax fails this November, the finance overhaul could be triggered if voters approve it on a future election. The bill states that the new finance act will be repealed unless a ballot measure funding the reforms is not approved by November 2017.

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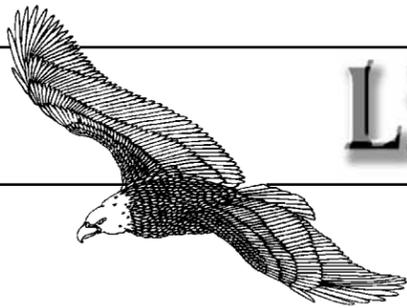
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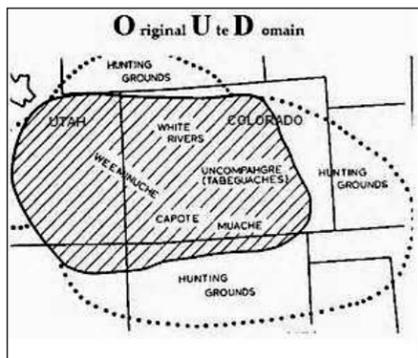


# Living on the Earth

## Chief Ouray & the Utes in southern Colorado & northern New Mexico

by Mary Lowers

It was one of those clear early winter nights in northern New Mexico, when the stars seem so close you could reach up and touch them, when Ouray, the famous diplomat and chief of the Ute Nation, was born. On or around November 13, 1833, as Ouray arrived in the world, the Leonoid Meteor shower was raining shooting stars over his birthplace



Historic map showing Ute territories and bands.

near Taos. Ute oral history tells us this was interpreted as a sign of good to come for the new-born.

Ouray's mother was Ute and his father, Guera Mural, was Ute and Jicarilla Apache. Along with his native languages Ouray grew up speaking Spanish and English. Taos was a part of Mexico at this time. He worked herding sheep with Mexicans in Taos County and traded with Anglo trappers, traders and early ranchers.

As a young man Ouray travelled north and joined the Uncompahgre (Tabeguache) Ute band where his father was a leader. During these years he experienced many hardships. Ouray's first wife Black Water died early and their son, his only biological child, was captured by the Sioux while the Ute were raiding in Sioux territory. He never saw his son again or knew for certain his child's fate.

Ouray became a respected warrior as he did battle with Sioux and Kiowa. Along with battle skills Ouray began to develop talents as a negotiator and diplomat.

In 1859 Ouray married the beautiful and articulate Chipeta or White Singing Bird. Born Kiowa and Apache near Conejos, Colorado around 1843, Chipeta was adopted as a toddler into the Uncompahgre Ute Band, one of the then seven bands making up the Ute tribe or nation. She was 16 when she married Ouray.

In 1880 when his father died, Ouray became chief of all the Ute

people. He and Chipeta became renowned diplomats, eloquent in many languages. Chipeta played guitar and sang in three languages. Ouray and his beautiful young wife worked as a team sitting next to one another at councils. They tried to smooth the trail so all people could live in peace and prosperity.

When Europeans first appeared in the western part of North America, the Ute Tribe lived in central and western parts of what's now Colorado, eastern Utah and the upper parts of the San Juan River drainage in northern New Mexico. Mostly a hunter-gatherer people, the Ute lived in bands scattered over 150,000 square miles. Part of the native population called Shoshonean by scholars, the Ute are connected linguistically with the Paiute, Chemehuevi, Kawaiisu, and Bannock peoples.

Ute life changed drastically with the introduction of the horse by the Spanish. The "magic dogs", as the Ute dubbed the horses, became treasured companions. The Ute quickly became legendary horsemen. Along with trading human slaves, a common practice among the natives and European immigrants, the Ute became expert horse traders. Ute raids on horseback were very successful. Ute Mt. in northern Taos County was a designated peaceful trading center for the native peoples of the Taos and San Luis valleys. The Ute were known as Querechos by the early Spanish and later Mexican settlers to the region.

As with many groups who were not traditional workers of the land, farming was abhorrent to the Ute. Many conflicts with new groups coming into their territory were perpetrated by the agricultural life style being forced on the natives. When the United States began administering the territory of southern Colorado and northern New Mexico after the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (1847) which ended the Mexican American War, the common policy in Washington, DC was based on the premise that the



Chief Ouray and Chipeta in a formal portrait around the time they went to Washington, DC. Mount Ouray west of Poncha Pass was named after the diplomatic Ute chief. Chipeta was inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame in 1983.

"Indians" would be "better off" turned into farmers. This became the goal of many missionaries and government-contracted agents during this period. This policy of cultural assimilation promoted cultural genocide. It was also a policy easily manipulated by rich mining interests who, in the period after the American Civil War, gained

increasing power and influence in the western US, as more and more valuable minerals were discovered by prospectors. Many ore deposits were found on lands native groups had legal claim on. Removing this "problem" was seen as necessary by the late 1870s.

During this time a man named Nathan Meeker was made agent over the Ute in northwestern Colorado. Meeker was unpopular and very rigid about turning the native people under his management into peaceful farmers. Against the advice of many, Meeker plowed under a favorite Ute horse racing track. Threats were made and in 1879 the cavalry was sent to help deal with the volatile situation. Upon seeing the 200 mounted troops enter their territory the Ute said the US government was invading. This was seen as an act of war, and Ute warriors attacked the fortified trading post. Eleven were killed, including Nathan Meeker. Three women and children from the agency were held captive. Ouray and Chipeta were instrumental in negotiating the peace and gave the hostages sanctuary and safe passage. Ouray and Chipeta were invited to Washington to testify about the incident.

Despite a quick and peaceful conclusion to this violence, the sentiment in Colorado turned against the Ute. Mining interests,



Chipeta as an older woman near Montrose, CO.

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## Astrologically Speaking ... with Ananur *(mountain time zone calculated)*

**September 1** the Sun in Virgo has been in a potently positive aspect with Pluto in Capricorn since August 30 offering us all an increase of confidence, courage and opportunities to advance in ways that feel personally empowering. You are able to conjure up the strength to kick a bad habit or an addiction that has been plaguing you. The result will be getting your self-esteem back, big time. On this day Venus is awkwardly aspecting Neptune, which is fine if you're totally immersed in a romantic fantasy novel. If you are taken up with thoughts of a real relationship becoming your ideal relationship, then I suggest you wait a while before coming to any kind of conclusion. It's possible that your desire for love and affection is taking you into the realm of fantasy.

**September 2** Mercury is in a challenging aspect with Mars until 3pm which may find you making hasty decisions which you would regret.

**September 3** the Sun is in a nasty aspect with Uranus which brings out the rebellious teenager in all of us. It's the, "Don't tell me what to do" aspect, which has you in a reactionary mood.

**September 4** Mercury is in a difficult aspect with Saturn, known to find your mind worrying needlessly. Observe your thoughts and don't give permission to negative thoughts that want to dominate your mind. Someone told me that we have 70,000 thoughts per day. Whoa!

**September 5** the New Moon takes place at 5:35am with the Sun and Moon at 13° of Virgo. The good news about this particular New Moon is that Jupiter is positioned at 15° of Cancer, forming a positive aspect to the point of the New Moon, making it expansive financially and opening up all kinds of possibilities. At this time organizing yourself is better than eating candy and it will bring results.

**September 5-7** the Sun is in a positive aspect with Jupiter blessing us all with a positive approach to life, which is attracting and magnetizing. Your positive energy is infectious.

**September 7-9** Mars in Leo is in a challenging aspect with Saturn in Scorpio. Feeling stuck? Angry? Impatient? You're not alone with those feelings. Make an effort to shift your attitude about what is occurring for you right now. It just might help the situation to shift. This aspect ends on September 9 at noon.

**September 9-29** Mercury enters rational Libra and remains here until September 29. Remember to balance your thoughts with feelings. The air sign Libra can be so rational that it forgets to consider feelings. Balance is the key word. Cooperation and speaking respectfully are Libra qualities. Mercury, representing the conscious mind, wants to please others and win approval when journeying through Libra.

**September 9-10** Mercury in Libra is awkwardly aspecting Neptune in Pisces which is known to stimulate confusion and misunderstandings.

**September 10** Mars in Leo is aspecting Pluto in Capricorn, suggesting difficulties with those who seek to control "everything."

**September 10-30** Saturn in Scorpio is in a favorable aspect to Pluto in Capricorn, bringing about solid decisions globally which will aid in our evolution as a whole on this planet.

**September 11-October 7** Venus will be entering into the intense water sign of Scorpio and remaining here until October 7. Fortunately while Venus is in Scorpio "she" will be mostly making positive aspects during this time span. While Venus is in Scorpio, passions are deeper and sexuality leads the way, which can stir up all kinds of issues, especially jealousy & possessiveness.

When making positive aspects, Venus in Scorpio can love profoundly. The person must choose to feel, let go, and allow such depth of feeling to take place. It can be scary, if there is an unhealed past.

**September 11-13** Venus in Scorpio is now displaying how glorious unconditional love can be and just how healing and transforming it is to love this much. Venus is in a positive aspect with Neptune in Pisces.

**September 12-14** Mars in Leo is in a positive aspect with Uranus in Aries nudging you to step out of your comfort zone and be more active and adventurous. During this phase Mercury is roughly aspecting Pluto, causing fearful thoughts to emerge. Face fears. Overcome the past, now.

**September 13** Mercury is aspecting Saturn which helps you to be orderly in your thinking process with a great deal of patience.

**September 14-16** Mercury is nicely aspecting Mars and Uranus which is stimulating all kinds of ideas to be implemented between the New Moon (just took place September 5) and the Full Moon, September 19.

Your intuition is clear and piercing through any doubts you still have.

**September 15** those old doubts are creeping, holding you back by encouraging you not trust your intuition. The Sun is in an awkward aspect with Saturn.

**September 16-18** Venus and Saturn are conjunct in Scorpio and are nicely aspecting Pluto in Capricorn. This aspect is fine for manifesting a new job or relationship or for taking a relationship to a deeper level of authenticity. You absolutely know who you can rely on.

**September 17-19** Mercury is joyfully aspecting Jupiter giving you ideas and insights. Try not to get too scattered with all this going on. This is a busy time and it's easy to get unfocused. Be careful with your words. Thinking before speaking is always good advice.

**September 19** the Full Moon will be taking place at 5:11am with the Moon in Pisces and the Sun in Virgo. Your emotions are strong and may be a veil to your rationality. Try to weigh out your thinking brain with your feeling heart. At times like this it is best to rely on friends to give you their caring perspective while you seem to have lost it. Just because you want something to be a certain way doesn't mean that it is. Wait and observe.

**September 20** Venus is in an awkward aspect with Uranus finding you in unsettling circumstances with someone you really care about. Mercury is awkwardly aspecting Neptune which makes it more confusing as to what the heck is really going on.

**September 22-October 23** the Sun enters Libra and remains in this active, relational air sign until October 23. During this phase we are more focused than ever on learning to understand how each other ticks. Placing less emphasis on oneself and instead seeking to give more, love more, and understand our fellow man/woman feels most rewarding.

**September 22-24** Mars is favorably aspecting Jupiter which is incredibly energizing if you are super organized.

**September 23** Jupiter is in mid range section of Cancer and is in a challenging aspect to Neptune in early degrees of Pisces. This is a problem.

I see it as suggesting deception and manipulation. Be careful with what you hear on the news. Something is twisted up. We are not getting the truth. It will come out, but not until mid-October/mid-November

**September 24-26** Venus in Scorpio is in a splendid aspect with Jupiter in Cancer. This is ideal timing for a fundraising event, social function or a marriage ceremony to take place. You're relaxed, able to be yourself, you feel loved and appreciated and enjoy gourmet food and good friends. Spending money for something meaningful feels great! Meeting a new potential romantic partner would be very fortunate.

**September 26-28** sexual energy is running high due to an aspect between Venus in Scorpio and Mars in Leo. It's easy to lose touch with your dietary regime and overindulge in eating and drinking whatever you feel like in the moment.

**September 29-November 10** Mercury will enter Scorpio, a water sign of great depth of observation. Mercury will be retrograde October 21-November 10. You can see through other's façades easily, while Mercury is in Scorpio.

**September 30** Saturn is in an awkward aspect with Uranus indicating rebellious activity. The Sun in Libra is in a challenging aspect with Uranus and Pluto which also has to do with upsetting the status quo in search of solutions that are good for the whole rather than just a few. Stay strong with your principles.

"In order to control the power of a passion one should not try to destroy it but lead it into another and loftier direction." —Countess Constance Wachtmeister.

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by Kim Malville  
Almanac

Venus is low in the southwest throughout September and deserves watching, getting into various encounters with Spica, the Moon, and Saturn.

**September 5/6:** Look for first magnitude star Spica twinkling madly below Venus

**September 8:** Venus and the moon will get really close. As viewed from Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile, the moon will occult Venus.

**September 17/18:** Venus moves close to Saturn.

**September 22:** Autumnal equinox will occur at 2:44pm when the sun crosses the celestial equator heading south.

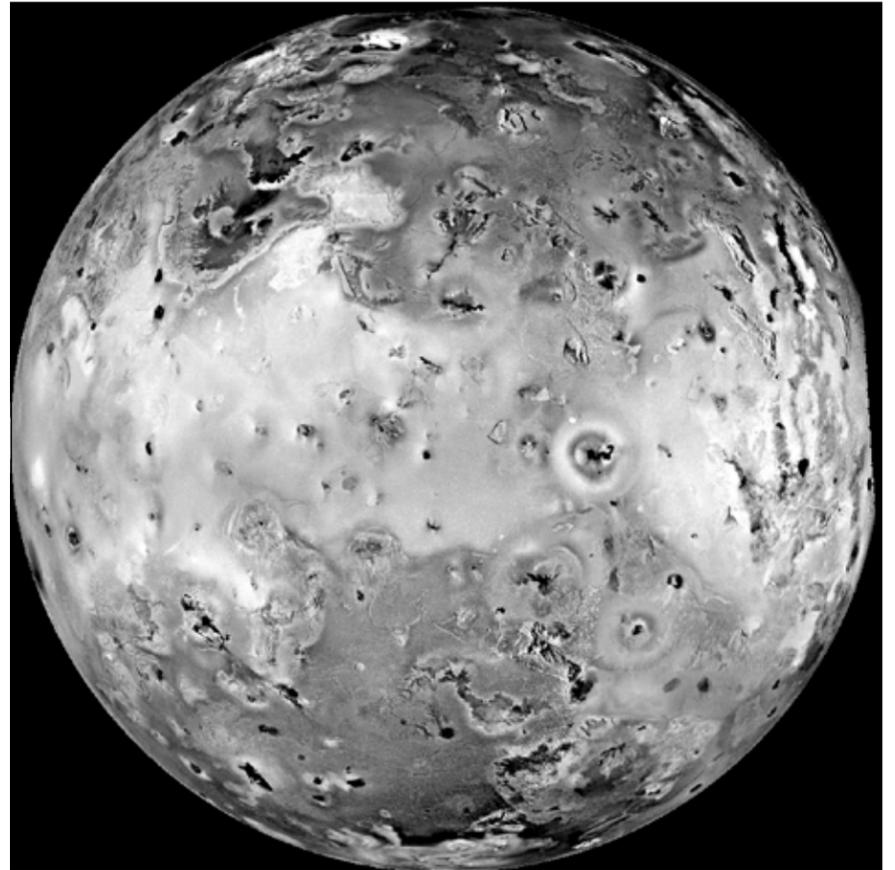
**The Perseids were good this year**

As predicted, comet dust rained down last month on planet Earth in the annual Perseid meteor shower. There have been many wonderful photographs of this year's meteor shower, but the

America. I continued to be awed by the silence and sudden brilliance of these meteors appearing without warning in the sky overhead. The brighter Perseids leave a luminous trail in their wake, making them even more memorable. These tiny fragments of dust were produced during the birth of the solar system over four billion years ago and have been gathered together in the icy embrace of comet Swift-Tuttle. All meteor showers result from comet debris, but Swift-Tuttle is one of those comets, with a diameter of 16 miles. As a result, the Swift-Tuttle tail contains many particles that are large enough to produce fireballs. Over the past six years, observers have reported about 100 fireballs (a few as brilliant as Venus) per year, more than seen in any other shower.

**The Sun's magnetic field is about to flip**

Within the next few months the magnetic field of the sun is go-



The dangerous volcanic plains of Io.

NASA photo

**Huge lava fountains are gushing from Jupiter's moon**

One of the most massive volcanic eruptions in the solar system was recently spotted on Jupiter's moon Io, by a telescope perched, no less, on top of a volcano on Earth.

On 15 August the Keck II telescope on Mauna Kea in Hawaii recorded fountains of lava gushing from fissures in the Rarog Patera region of Io. Heated by gravitational squeezing from Jupiter and its other moons, Io is covered in volcanoes that erupt almost continuously. This particular event is easily one of the 10 largest volcanic explo-

A rocky body roughly the size of our moon, Io has relatively low gravity and almost no atmosphere, which is why its volcanic eruptions can spray molten debris much higher than those we see today on Earth. The blasts are also much more intense: an individual eruption can produce 5 terawatts of energy. The total power produced by humans on the Earth these days is about 15 terawatts. Io gives us a view of the massive volcanism that dominated the early years of Earth. It is a wonderful volcanic laboratory, although I doubt that there are many volcanologists who would care to do field



Perseid meteors over China.

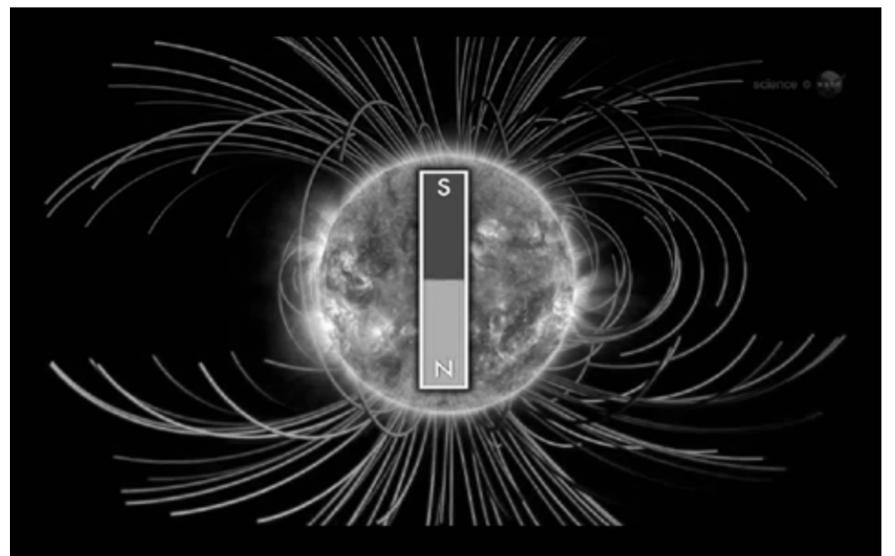
photo by Xiang Zhan

best is by Chinese astronomer Xiang Zhan who made a series of 10 second long exposures over a period of four hours on the night of August 12/13. Combining frames of 68 meteors, he produced a this remarkable composite. Although the sand-sized comet particles are traveling parallel to each other, the resulting meteors appear to radiate from a single point on the sky in the constellation of Perseus. This illusion is the same as that of parallel railroad track, which appear to converge at a distance. If you look closely at the photo, you can see the "wish-bone" shape of Perseus. Above the radiant out of which the meteors come is the brilliant double cluster of new stars, which easily visible in the dark skies of Crestone.

For a high school project many years ago, I spent several weeks on the slopes of Mt Tamalpais overlooking San Francisco, counting Perseid meteors. Later, I was involved in a program in the Antarctic searching for bursts of faint telescopic meteors, which had once been reported at Little

ing to make a 180° turn. It's a flip that occurs every 11 years as the sun reaches the peak of its solar cycle. The sun's north pole has already changed sign, while the south pole is racing to catch up. Right now it is a very odd magnetic system with two positive magnetic poles.

Normally the sun is a huge N-S magnet, like our Earth. In addition it has small pockets of intense magnetic fields which make their appearance as sunspots. Our Earth's field has small anomalies, produced by pockets of iron ore, but they are nothing compared to power of sunspots. Fortunately, the Earth's field does not flip as frequently as the sun. The last time we flipped was about was 780,000 years ago. While a flip of the Earth's field is a serious event since it leaves us briefly without a magnetic field to protect us from incoming charged particles (except for the protective layer of the atmosphere) there should be no great consequences for us on Earth for the sun's flip. No need to rush out for purchase protective head gear.



The flipping magnetic field of the Sun.

NASA photo

sions yet seen on Io by humans. The lava fountains spouted molten rock 1000 feet above Io's surface, erupting over an area totaling 31 square kilometres. The Galileo spacecraft, which visited Jupiter from 1995 to 2003, was the last mission to get a close up view of the action on Io. Since then, monitoring of Io by Earth-based telescopes have shown how much violence a squeezed moon can produce. The biggest eruption seen so far happened in 2001, when the Keck observatory saw a lava flow that spread many hundreds of square kilometres across Io's surface. In 2007 the New Horizons spacecraft spotted huge plumes from a volcano called Tvashtar as it flew past Io on its way to Pluto.

work there. In addition to all the bubbling hot pots and exploding volcanoes, Io is deeply immersed in the Van Allen belts of Jupiter. High energy particles are constantly raining down on the surface of this very, very alien world.

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## Roundtable approves draft basin plan for nearly \$300,000

by **Bea Ferrigno**

To comply with Gov. Hickenlooper's order that a statewide water plan be drafted by the end of this year and complete by the end of next, the Rio Grande Water Conservation Roundtable (RGRT) approved a Draft Scope of Work and budget for the Rio Grande Basin Plan at its August 13 meeting in Alamosa. Working with DiNatale Water Consultants of Boulder, a committee of the RGRT developed the draft based on prior studies and guidance from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). The plan includes seven major sections:

- Develop goals and measurable outcomes
- Evaluate consumptive and

non-consumptive needs

- Evaluate opportunities and constraints
- Basin projects and methods
- Basin implementation strategies
- Explain how the plan addresses the goals and measurable outcomes
- Develop stakeholder participation and project management

Among the goals of the plan are achievement of aquifer sustainability and measures to address the watershed effects of the recent West Fork Complex fires.

The budget for the plan comes to \$295,688 with about 10% going to local subcontractors who will provide information, writing and editing. The plan will be submitted for funding at this month's CWCB meeting under an expedited application process.

Tom Spezze, coordinator of the Rio Grande Watershed Emergency Action Coordination Team (RWEACT) reported that the group now has a website at [www.rweact.org](http://www.rweact.org) where updates on response to the extensive areas burned in the West Fork Complex fires are posted. Some \$2.5 million in funding has been received for measures to ensure public safety and begin mitigation work. Several rain and stream-flow gauges have been installed, along with temporary radar as part of an early-warning sys-

tem for area residents. Five teams have been formed to coordinate the ongoing responses. These include a hydrology team whose primary focus is on public safety by means of event detection and early warning communications; an emergency management team which has developed a Flood Plan and Protocol; a natural resources team that has been assessing conditions in the burned areas; an economic recovery team that, along with the Small Business Administration, is assisting businesses affected by the fires; and a communications team that has put up a website and Facebook page and distributed information about the potential for flash flooding and debris flows. By press time no serious floods had occurred, but the river was still running black at Del Norte, though no toxicity was reported.

The Conejos Water Conserv-

ancy District received approval of a proposal on behalf of three ditches at the confluence of the Conejos and San Antonio rivers. The Ephraim, Sanford, and East Bend ditches all need new diversions, measuring weirs, and telemetry in order to better manage the waters in this complex area. Because the original, hand-built diversion structures have deteriorated, the ditches, despite priority rights, no longer receive water directly from the rivers. Instead, they build temporary diversions and/or draw from wells that they also own. The project will improve the accuracy of flow measurements and downstream deliveries required under the Rio Grande Compact. The September RGRT meeting will be held in Manassa on September 10 from 2 to 5pm; a tour of the confluence area will be conducted in the morning.

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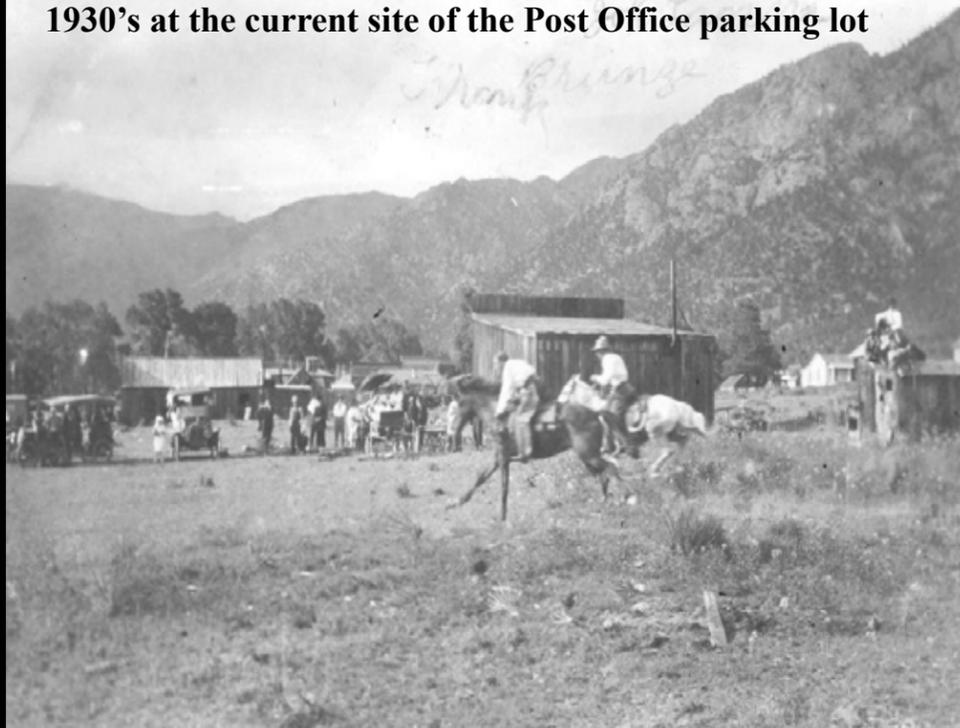
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# Making money from marijuana instead of spending money fighting it

by Lisa Cyriacks

In November, Colorado voters will be asked to approve a 15% excise tax plus a 10% statewide sales tax on all retail pot purchases.

If passed, the 15% excise tax would be used to fund the construction of schools. The 10% sales tax is in addition to the standard 2.9% state sales tax and any local taxes that may apply. The revenue would be used to fund the regulation and monitoring of the marijuana retail business.

On July 1 Colorado released temporary rules for the operation of recreational marijuana stores, providing finer detail to the state's new legal pot industry but leaving many of the most complicated subjects untouched. These temporary rules are set to expire in late October and state officials have already announced a more in-depth rulemaking process.

Recreational pot has been legal in Colorado since last year, but retail recreational marijuana stores cannot open until January 2014.

The Colorado legislature set broad parameters for recreational marijuana sales, but many of the details were left to the Colorado Department of Revenue. These rules mean Colorado is the first of two states (the other is Washington) to issue administration regulations for a legal marijuana industry open to anyone over 21.

The new rules govern everything from how a store obtains a license to how it transports marijuana to what types of packaging pot must be sold in. Rules include:

- Buyers have to produce a government-issued ID to prove age.
- Marijuana-laced snacks that can spoil will have to carry an expiration or use-by date.
- Labels will have to list the potency and carry such warnings as: "There may be health risks associated with consumption of this product" and "Keep out of reach of children".
- Exact specifications of who

can work in marijuana businesses and how the drug can be transported and stored.

- Recreational marijuana stores and medical-marijuana dispensaries can't operate out of the same shop unless the dispensary refuses to serve people under 21.
- Marijuana and marijuana-infused products must be sold in child-proof packaging.
- Marijuana products must be labeled with the license numbers of the producer that makes them and the store that sells them, as well as a to-be-determined "universal symbol", indicating that the container holds marijuana.

But the rules don't address the details of how a store tracks its marijuana inventory or how crucial marijuana-potency testing will work. The state's current medical marijuana is subject to the same "seed-to-sale" tracking. State officials believe that if voters approve the 15% excise tax and the 10% sales tax it, will provide sufficient funding to properly monitor every pot plant.

Eighteen states and the District of Columbia have legalized the use of marijuana for medical purposes since California voters made the first move in 1996. Voters in Colorado and Washington took the next step last year and approved pot for recreational use. Alaska is likely to vote on the same question in 2014, and a few other states are expected to put recreational use on the ballot in 2016. "By Election Day 2016, we expect to see at least seven states where marijuana is legal and being regulated like alcohol," says Mason Tvert, a spokesman for the Marijuana Policy Project.

But the question remains: Is America ready to legalize marijuana? In the meantime state legislators and agencies struggle with the question: How do you legally regulate the production, distribution, sale and use of marijuana for recreational purposes when federal law bans all of the above?

## SMOKE COLUMN

COMMUNITY INFORMATION FROM THE BACA GRANDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Mitigation matters**  
by Lisa Bodey, BGFDP  
Public Education Officer

Baca Grande Property Owners Association and Town of Crestone mitigation crews worked hard under the blazing summer sun and heat to improve current evacuation routes and reduce fuel loads along roadways. Participants from the Crestone Creative Council's Youth Work Force were also hired to help with clean-up efforts through Title III funding that was received by both organizations.

During the summer months, crews cease cutting along the creeks and greenbelts to provide nesting birds and other migrating animals areas of habitat that are undisturbed. The focus shifted instead to roadside mitigation in an effort to create better fire breaks by reducing fuel loads, provide easier access for vehicles to pull over and create improved evacuation routes always with an eye and appreciation for aesthetics. In the Baca, efforts so far have included removing grasses, chamisa, and other dead and dried material on Camino Baca Grande, Camino Real and Wagon Wheel. Special attention was given to areas surrounding electrical boxes, fire hydrants, road signs and intersections. In addition, extra efforts were spent to remove accumulated debris from culverts and trash along the roadsides.

A 5-acre parcel at the end of Camino Real was treated by weed eating to retain a Safer Zone which accommodates a large number of vehicles in the event that emergency crews need to evacuate residents and access to T-Road is unachievable. In addition, the main roadways in Casita Park were cleared for 15 feet on each side of the road.

Installation of the Town of Crestone's new water system disturbed many areas along streets

and paths throughout town. Mitigation crews focused on removal of tumbleweeds, invasive plants and dried grasses along the areas that were affected by this new system. Work has also been completed to thin and limb trees on the town's 8.5 acre parcel next to the new Crestone Charter School.

Collecting, cutting, splitting and seasoning firewood is a year-round process. Cold weather may seem far away, but now is the time to ensure that your wood is dry and in optimum burning condition. Freshly cut wood has a high moisture content—sometimes as much as 60-70% of a tree's weight is water. Wood that is just cut is considered "green" wood and needs time to dry to below 20-25% moisture content for most efficient home heating. Green wood produces much less heat because most of the heat energy is used to evaporate water content before the wood fibers can burn. In addition, green wood produces much more creosote and pollution and increases the potential for chimney fires.

Seasoning firewood includes cutting wood to length and then stacking it to allow air flow to circulate for at least 9 months. Pieces that are already cut to one foot in length can dry in 2-3 months, but that means if you start the process today your wood will be ready at best by November-December. That's if you have already harvested the wood and have cut it to length. It is also not necessary to cover firewood unless it is subject to heavy amounts of rain or snow. Make sure to ask questions about the type of wood, where it was harvested, how long has it been seasoned, is it a true cord of wood (128 cubic feet = 4'x4'x8' stacked)? Word of mouth seems to still be our best means of advertising at the end of the road, so start asking early and be prepared to have many warm cozy fires this winter.

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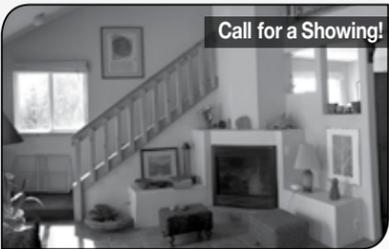
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Photoshoot with Baby Bear in Town Hall's backyard. No, this was NOT the bear that was injured earlier this month.  
photo by Lori Nagel

## Injured bear euthanized in Crestone

A bear that had been shot previously by property owners was euthanized Monday, August 5 by a Colorado Parks and Wildlife officer in Crestone.

This was the same bear that had been shot by a property owner on July 17. It had been hanging around town and had broken into numerous structures and attempted breaking into several others.

"The bear was causing damage to real property, so the property owner was within the law when he shot the bear," said Rick Basagoitia, area wildlife manager for the San Luis Valley.

Early on Monday the bear was trying to get into a shed when the property owner shot it and caused a serious wound. The large 300-pound plus bear ran off a short distance and settled under a tree. It did not move when the wildlife officer approached it later, indicating it was gravely wounded.

When examining the carcass, the officers found at least one old wound and likely others that were from gun shots. Basagoitia explained that bears are tough and that shooting at them doesn't guarantee that they'll be killed or that they will stay away. This particular bear was not showing the outward effects of having been shot.

"It's a myth that shooting a bear with rock salt or bird shot will keep them away," Basagoitia said.

The best method to keep bears away is to make sure that the animals can't find food attractants on the property. Negative conditioning can help only if homeowners are doing a good job of keeping food out of reach. Basagoitia encourages landowners to contact the local Colorado Parks and Wildlife office or your local District Wildlife Manager who can provide rubber buckshot in appropriate circumstances. Less lethal rounds like this are effective in delivering the desired sting with far less potential for real injury to the bear while also reducing the chance for legal ramifications to the landowner.

Overall, Crestone residents have been much more diligent this year than last about securing trash, Basagoitia said.

"People are talking to our officers, they're taking our recommendations and doing a much better job of reducing the amount of attractants," Basagoitia said. "But it's still a work in progress and we do have multiple bears in town now that are causing some problems. Bears are still getting food rewards and that means they'll keep coming back. People will always have to be diligent about bears in Crestone."

A few reminders for property owners and businesses:

- Store trash in bear-resistant cans and dumpsters; or store trash inside secure buildings.
- Bears have a powerful sense of smell and are often drawn to food by odors. Place food scraps that can become smelly in your freezer until the day of trash pickup. Food with strong odors, such as pet food, should be stored in a container to trap the odors. Wash containers regularly to keep odors down.
- Take down all bird feeders, including humming bird feeders. Birds do not need to be fed during the summer. Only put bird feeders out from mid-November to mid-April. Bird feeders are a major attractant.
- Keep pet food indoors and don't leave pet dishes outside.
- Small livestock owners should secure animals in a fully-enclosed pen.
- Pick fruit before it gets too ripe; don't let fruit rot on the ground.
- Electric fencing is an excellent deterrent around fruit trees, bee hives, gardens and livestock areas.
- Talk to neighbors who are causing bears to be attracted to a property.

If you have questions or concerns about bears, contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife at 719-587-6900.

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<b>New Listings</b>  <b>1468C Horseshoe Trail - \$209,500</b>	 <b>Newly Renovated</b> <b>120C Skyview Way - \$159,900</b>	<b>Baca Meadows</b>  <b>Townhouse 6, - \$199,000</b>	 <b>Townhouse 9 - \$159,000</b>	<b>Development Potential</b>  <b>Was \$350,000</b>	<b>Town of Crestone</b>  <b>Was \$149,000</b>	<b>Downtown Commercial Lots</b> <b>Lots 11 &amp; 12 Blk 43. - \$85,000</b>
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<b>1468C Horseshoe Trail - \$209,500</b> 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	<b>120C Skyview Way - \$159,900</b> 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.	<b>Townhouse 6, - \$199,000</b> Renovated & furnished 3bd/3ba 1622sf single-level townhouse w. granite tile counters, pantry, arch & walled courtyard.	<b>Townhouse 9 - \$159,000</b> 2-story 2bd/2ba 1480sf corner townhouse with mountain views. Wrap around patio and balcony. Peaceful & relaxing. Immaculate condition.	<b>Baca Meadows Townhome Development - \$175,000</b> Platted for development of 16 lots for single and duplex homes (3.388 acres). Infrastructure in place: water, sewer & electric. Close to town.	<b>375 S. Cedar - NOW \$129,500</b> Charming 2-story home filled with light, 1100sf, 2bd/1ba Conveniently located in downtown Crestone. Easy walk to stores, restaurants, bank, post office and Charter School.	<b>Lots 11 &amp; 12 Blk 43. - \$85,000</b> Rare opportunity to purchase 2 downtown commercial lots. 2 each 50x142. Utilities available. Prime location for development.
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<b>4262C Serene Way - \$299,900</b> Immaculate 2500sf 3-level home on .98ac, 5bd/2.75ba. Walkout basement includes den/yoga room, radiant floor heat, bricked patio.	<b>3919 Cordial Way - \$299,000</b> 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.	<b>1342 Badger Rd - NOW \$295,000</b> 2bd/1.75ba/office/screen porch/ 864sf 2-car garage. SW-style home on 13.5 acres. Backs to creek/trees, 2 stalls/paddocks/pastures. Expansive views.	<b>733C N. Rendezvous OL - \$295,000</b> 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.	<b>1202 Hilltop Way - \$295,000</b> Lee Mitchell custom-built, 3bd/2ba home on 5-Chalet 1 lots. Fine finishes, radiant floor heat & framed views.	<b>22 Alpine Way - \$295,000</b> CUSTOM 3bd/2.5ba/2 car garage 2232sf home close to town. Screened porch & wrap deck. Gracious Living with exceptional views!	<b>1647C Willow Creek Way - \$249,000</b> Brand New Terrapin Construction. 1780sf 3bd/2ba home on 1.98 acres with 2 decks + flagstone patio/walkways. Backs to Greenbelt Views.
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 <b>Detached Studio</b>	 <b>Was \$315,000</b>	 <b>New Construction</b>	 <b>WAS \$260,000</b>	 <b>Magnificent Views!</b>	 <b>Magnificent Views!</b>
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<b>1234 Laredo Trail - \$265,000</b> This strawbale 1831sf 3bd/2ba home has detached studio on 1.86 acres with magnificent views. Fine finishes, diamond plastered walls, open floorplan. Master suite with soak tub.	<b>1216C Chaparral Way - \$259,000</b> Immaculate 3bd/2.5ba custom home built by Keith Teahen on 1.132acres. Beautiful master suite w/ elegant master bath. Located on quiet street.	<b>1540C Willow Creek Way - \$250,000</b> This classic farmhouse has 3bd/2.5ba, large deck w/hot tub, 2 screen porches, hardwood floors, large studio w/bath & kitchenette.	<b>1738C Willow Creek - Way \$239,000</b> New Paul Koppna strawbale eco-friendly home high in Chalet 1. 2bd/2ba, 1532sf on .91acres. Strong passive solar. Solar radiant floor heat & domestic hot water. Energy efficient.	<b>4511C Ridgecrest Way - \$239,000</b> Straw bale home 1.59 acres Backs to greenbelt and national park. 2 adjacent building lots available. Built by Paul Koppna.	<b>933 Moonlight Way - \$234,000</b> Bright sunny custom 2115 sq. ft. home w/ valley & mountain views. 3bd/1.5ba, study with full guest apartment below. Radiant floor heat. Custom tile and woodwork, storage.	<b>764 Indian Hill OL - \$229,000</b> 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.
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 <b>WAS - \$235,000</b>	 <b>Spacious &amp; Gracious</b>	 <b>Includes Lot 1446</b>	 <b>Spacious &amp; Gracious</b>	 <b>Was \$239,000</b>	 <b>Gorgeous Views!</b>
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<b>3869C Jubilant Terrace - \$229,000</b> 10 sided two story home on 2.08 acres on greenbelt w/ creek. Private cul-de-sac. 360° views/large deck. Possible Owner Financing	<b>4114C Cordial Way - \$217,000</b> 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.	<b>2664 Happy Hollow - \$215,000</b> 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.	<b>1447 Chaparral Way - \$212,000</b> This 1440sf 2bd/2ba home-complete remodel with bamboo flooring, Jenn-Air stainless appliances, maple cabinets, granite countertops, travertine bathrooms, ma ba soak tub.	<b>3356C Camino Del Rey - \$210,000</b> 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.	<b>451C Chaparral - \$209,000</b> 1543-sf 2BD/1BA w/ sunroom, great room, patios, Roof top balcony with exquisite tree-top views. On 1.921 acres..	<b>1740C Willow Creek Way - \$185,000</b> 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.
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 <b>Close to Town</b>	 <b>Reduced-Was \$179,000</b>	 <b>WAS \$159,00</b>	 <b>Log Home - WAS \$139,000</b>
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<b>2747CR Easy Way - \$180,000</b> 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.	<b>40 Crestone OL \$174,000</b> 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.	<b>1573C Kings Hill OL - \$169,000</b> Bright 3bd/2ba renovated 1480sf 1 1/2 level home with large south-facing windows & view deck on .84 acres. Easy access, paved roads.	<b>3485 E. Graceful Ct - NOW \$154,000</b> Open floor plan - 2bd/1.75 ba w/lrg eastern deck Oversized kitchen, ETS heater, wood stove. Spacious master bdrm/ba w/long soak tub. Views.	<b>98 Skyview Way - NOW \$134,000</b> 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.
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## Chief Ouray & the Utes

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who wanted free reign to extract the mineral wealth of the Rocky Mountains, fanned the flames of the yellow journalists who sensationalized the so called "Meeker Massacre". In 1880 Ouray and Chipeta were in Alamosa, Colorado catching the train east to plead for the restoration of Ute land in Colorado before Congress in Washington, DC. They were nearly lynched and hung by an angry mob inflamed by the papers who wanted the Ute out of Colorado one way or another.

Before this time the Ute regularly hunted and camped in the northern San Luis Valley. Ouray and Chipeta often set up semi-permanent camps there, particularly in the summer. They were friendly and shared food and stories with early ranchers and trappers. This amiable relationship was undermined that day in Alamosa by wild rumor and sensationalistic journalism which painted all the Ute as murderous savages rather than

good neighbors.

Escaping with their lives the native diplomats made it to the US capitol. They poignantly argued the case for retaining traditional Ute lands. Chipeta was the first native woman and one of the few women in those days to address the full Congress. The Washington press was won over by the lovely, eloquent woman. Unfortunately, while moved, President Taft and the Congress signed and passed the Ute Removal Act in 1880 which largely forced the Ute from east of the San Juans. Land losses increased for the Ute as Americans, displaced by the Civil War and the so-called Reconstruction, and newly arrived immigrants from Europe, fled west in droves. They were fueled by the discovery of gold and silver as well as free land and the dream of somewhere to make a new life, but they knew little or nothing about the peoples and traditions of their newly adopted home. Resentment caused attempts on Ouray's life and some natives felt the couple "sold out" their people's interests; yet, he and Chipeta remained lifelong diplomats.

Ouray contracted a fever near the Los Pinos Indian Agency in Colorado not long after they returned from their unsuccessful mission to Washington, DC. The fever killed Ouray, who was buried secretly by his people near Ignacio, Colorado. He rested there for forty-five years until his grave was moved to a monument near Montrose, Colorado. Despite the anti-native attitude in the west at the time of his death Ouray was beautifully eulogized in the *Denver Post*. "In the death of Ouray, one of the historical characters passes away. He has figured for many years as the greatest Indian of his time and during his time, and

during his life figured quite prominently. Ouray is in many respects, a remarkable Indian pure instincts and keen perceptions. A friend to the White Man and protector of the Indians alike."

Chipeta moved to the Ute Agency near the White River in Utah. She adopted four children who she remained close to until her death. By the 1920's the rich mineral deposits had been pretty much mined out in much of the west, and Chipeta became an honored elder among Utes and Anglos. She died peacefully in her old age and is buried near Ouray in western Colorado.



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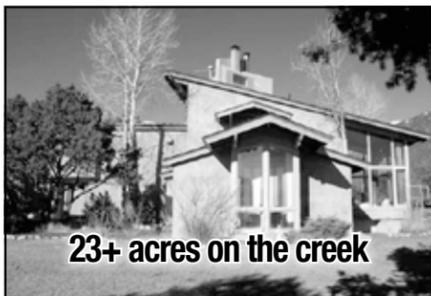
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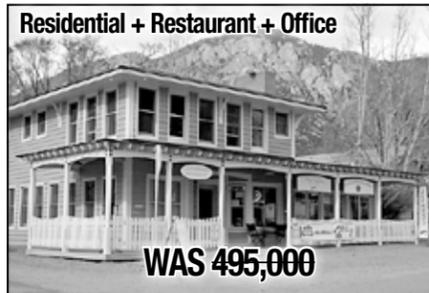
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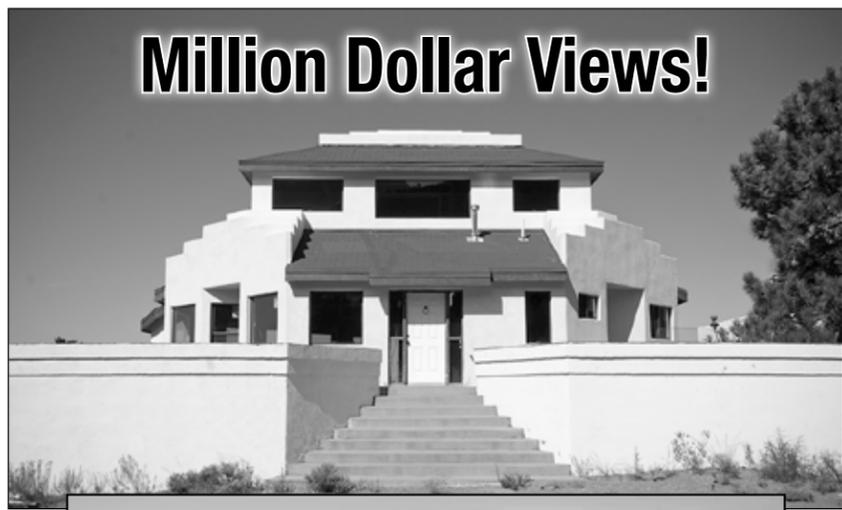
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# As the Worm Turns

## Saguache hollyhocks

by Leigh Mills

On August 3, the Town of Saguache celebrated its 2nd Annual Hollyhock Festival. Fun, hollyhock-related events took place in the Otto Mears Park and the town's community building. The main highlight of the festival was a "Best Hollyhock Garden" contest and a tour of 15 Saguache gardens, with prizes awarded in several categories. I had the honor of being one of the judges for the garden contests and in the process, found a new favorite flower.

I took lots of pictures as a garden judge during the Hollyhock Festival and many more when I visited my favorite hollyhock garden two days later. The whole experience renewed my attraction to the beautiful flowers. I did some internet research in preparation for this article and learned quite a bit about these very prolific, drought-tolerant plants.

Hollyhocks, *Alcea rosea*, were one of the earliest plants brought to the new world. Originally from Asia, the plant's hardiness, drought tolerance, and soil adaptability supported its cultivation throughout the Middle East, Europe and North American continent. The hollyhock plants growing in our southwestern region are probably descendants of the first seeds planted in the late 1800s when the area became settled, garden-

cluboftaos.org/Hollyhocks.

There are many uses for this plant and its 60 related species. The common hollyhock is a member of the Mallow family. The plants grow from May until late September and range in height from 3-9 feet tall. Found along fence lines and garden borders, these plants can live up to three years and are able to reseed themselves for generations of color and beauty. The abundant flowers also attract butterflies and bees.

The whole plant is edible and contains medicinal qualities. I found a great website, *The Nerdy Farm Wife*, which gives instructions for making a hollyhock cold infusion to assist with gastrointestinal, respiratory and urinary tract imbalances. It also shares how to make a poultice for chapped skin, splinters, painful inflammations and swellings. Here's the exact address for the document: [thenerdyfarmwife.com/five-uses-for-hollyhocks](http://thenerdyfarmwife.com/five-uses-for-hollyhocks). It also shares ideas for using the hollyhock cold infusion in soap making and how to make a hollyhock doll with the flowers and seed pods.

I also read several other websites that had information about hollyhock history. One of them mentioned that hollyhocks were found in the grave of a Neanderthal man from over 50,000 years ago:

Bees of all kinds were thoroughly enjoying the abundant pollen and nectar from these magnificent flowers. In color, this flower is what I call and "Old Fashioned Pink". The outer edges are pale pink with rusty pink streaks radiating out from the white center. For color photos: [flickr.com/photos/i-b-leigh](http://flickr.com/photos/i-b-leigh).

[guides.com/74814-hollyhocks.html](http://guides.com/74814-hollyhocks.html). These flowers have been around for a very long time! I even started to remember some childhood memories of my mother planting a long row of plants that grew very tall and purple flowers bloomed all summer long. I now think those were a type of hollyhock.

As I visited the hollyhock gardens in Saguache, I came to fall in love with the large, frilly edged, multi-colored flowers. Since learning more about them and seeing how they thrive in adverse conditions, I'm going to plant some hollyhock seeds here at the Heyokah this

fall and enjoy a new flower here at the homestead next year and many years to come.

*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 over three years and has started a high-altitude gardening and seed saving blog called The Infinite Bee. If you enjoy reading her monthly, visit her daily at TheInfiniteBee.com. See color photos and journal entries that share the experiences of gardening and off-the-grid, homestead living.*



This building is on the eastern edge of Saguache as you head north on 285. I gave this hollyhock garden an honorable mention because it was the prettiest and biggest one. The array of colors was spectacular and the health of the plants, amazing. All of it grew without any human intervention. Mother Earth is the winner!



Here's a view of some of the hollyhocks up against the clear, blue sky. Most of the flowers are various shades of pink with an occasional light purple that added depth. To see color photos of these hollyhocks and more, visit my flickr photo sharing site at: [flickr.com/photos/i-b-leigh](http://flickr.com/photos/i-b-leigh).

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## ElementsCamp for Kids—a successful beginning!

During the week of July 29, 17 young people participated in the first-ever ElementsCamp for Kids at the old Educo Adventure Camp, now known as Camp Manitou. There they got introduced to the elements through safe and playful interactions. The children walked away with a profound sense of wisdom related to themselves and the elements, totally empowered by nature.

The participants also got a chance to develop individual elemental qualities such as stability, flow, inspiration, and flexibility utilizing the newly built adventure challenge course, funded by a Saguache County sales tax grant. Group activities fostered a sense of team-building and leadership skills, enabling all of the campers to climb as a team over a 9-foot sheer wall safely, without assistance.

Fire awareness was a highlight for many of the campers, as they got to work with fire to cook their food, warm themselves, and create artwork, in safe and responsible ways.

The last night was spent up in Willow Creek Canyon backpacking for the night. There were a few special guests that evening during the thunderstorm in the magical realm up high, which the kids enjoyed immensely.

Many thanks go out to all of the local supporters of this first camp, as we raised a significant amount of scholarship funding which enabled many more local kids to participate.

The Camp Manitou facility is also used to host Shumei groups, Colorado College environmental stewardship teams, and local school activities. In the future it

will continue to host trainings for individual leadership and team-building as well as more camps.

We look forward to next year's events at the camp, where we will host another ElementsCamp for Kids, more environmental stewardship teams, other groups, and perhaps a PranaCamp for adults.

*Right: Arts and Crafts time at ElementsCamp for Kids.*



*Kids enjoy outdoor dining at the ElementsCamp for Kids.*



*Breakfast while backpacking up Willow Creek.*



*Climbing the wall as a team.*



**Loren Howard**  
CEO San Luis Valley REC

It is easy to imagine that everyone—residents, businesses, fire fighters, law enforcement—including us (San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative) is anxious to move past the fire that occurred this summer. Yes, there were some spectacular moments to view during the fire; but, the impact on the Valley during the fire was substantial and that impact continues to be felt.

The adverse economic affect of the fire throughout the Valley has hit businesses especially hard. SLVREC is committed to helping businesses work through this impact. We are exploring ways to help financially and

### West Fork Complex Fire: one last time (hopefully)

to help get the word out that our communities are open and the fishing, hiking, camping and other outdoor activities are still excellent. The economic loss this year is likely irreplaceable; surviving through to next year is vital and marketing our communities and businesses for next year is crucial.

Every Valley business and resident has likely learned some hard lessons and is taking steps to be more prepared in the future for disaster events like the West Fork Complex Fire (WFCF). SLVREC has learned some lessons also. The most important lesson we learned was to ensure that information regarding the status of our electric system is well communicated and timely.

While SLVREC public information personnel attended virtually all the public meetings and SLVREC operations personnel worked diligently to communicate

with the fire fighting teams, we found that many people affected by the fire were not here in the Valley at the time of the fire. We are working to expand our ability to provide information to our members through tools like Facebook or Twitter. While not everyone uses these online services, it is a way to send information quickly to large numbers of people.

The second most important lesson learned is to ensure that the electric infrastructure serving our members is protected. Just like keeping a fire-resistant zone around a home or business, it is important to keep a zone around poles, transformers and other electric equipment. This helps provide the fire fighters a safe zone to work.

A third lesson learned was the need to improve communications during events like the fire with external public service organizations such as law enforcement and fire

fighters. The need to improve is not just the equipment used, but also the content and format of those communications.

While the lessons learned noted above are some of the more important ones, SLVREC has learned many ways in which we can improve when responding to events like the WFCF. We continue to evaluate those lessons and are working to implement new methods to do an even better job next time. We also continue to express our gratitude for the outstanding efforts of the local, state and federal fire fighting units and the local, state and federal law enforcement offices.

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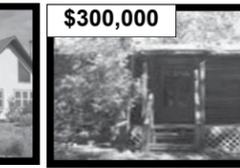
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This Spanish style home has lots of upgrades, including fireplace in Master Suite, along with walk-in closet. Formal dining area. 3 bedrooms/ 2 baths, open floor plan. Kitchen features granite counters, gas range, dishwasher, disposal, and custom tile work.



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**\$300,000**  
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This home is in an exclusive subdivision. Home features, 3 bedrooms and 1 bath, wraparound porch and is on 2 lots with well and septic. Ample parking for several cars and RV. Call Shirley on 682404R.



**\$269,000**  
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**\$249,000**  
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**\$145,000**  
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**\$145,000**  
Cute cabin on the outskirts of the Town of Crestone. Walk to hiking trails, biking, shops, and restaurants. Great location, charming getaway. Call Shirley on 681225R



**\$139,000**  
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Chalk Creek Stories  
Gold Fever

by Kizzen Laki

Nothing could get my husband going like old lost treasure stories. Lost mines, Spanish gold. He just knew that he was going to strike it rich someday and spent many an hour going over maps with a pendulum looking for that hot spot. It was the early 1970's and we were young, adventurous and living in an cluster of old cabins up Chalk Creek Canyon in the Collegiate Peaks of Colorado.

When a story about a miner stashing his gold to avoid having it robbed by . . . other miners, marauding Indians, herding cowboys . . . in the rough area east of Ruby Mountain near Nathrop, his pendulum pin-pointed the spot, and off he went to get it. He was supposed to be home by supper with our riches. By nightfall he still wasn't back. I grew worried, imagining broken legs, so called our friendly Sheriff's deputy who advised that we wait until morning to search. No one was anxious to head into that broken country at night. Came daylight and Earl was still not home. I was sure we'd find him dead. The deputy picked me up and we went out to the Arkansas river east of Nathrop and found Earl's truck, but no sign of Earl. As we walked toward the bridge, we spotted Earl walking down the railroad tracks. He had gotten too far in by nightfall, made a fire in a sandy wash and huddled close to stay warm. He wasn't happy I'd called the deputy. Making a big fuss about nothing. With my relief turning to irritation for him putting me through such worries, my consolation (and the deputy's) was that he had rolled closed to the fire and set his knit hat and some of his hair on fire. He looked (and smelled) somewhat scorched.

After that episode I told him that in the future I wouldn't call for help until I saw the vultures circling.

Not dissuaded by coming up empty on that expedition, he continued pendulum treasure hunting. (We took a trip to Las Vegas once to pendulum out the winning keno numbers, but the negative energy there caused problems-that's another story.)

Earl's gold fever seriously set in that winter when an older woman who worked at a local cafe told Earl stories of her father who had a gold mine way up Clear Creek in the 30's. He had been working the mine, pulling out small amounts

of gold and then, just when he had reached an area of a rich gold-laden vein, there was a cave in. Her father was injured and was never able to go back and get the gold. If someone just cleared out the mine, there was a wall of gold at the end, she said. Earl was hooked. He contacted his rock hound lost treasure hunter friend Gary, and the two of them pored over maps and spent days at the courthouse researching old claims until they finally found what they thought must be the lost mine.

That spring of 1977, up into the mountains they went, grinning with Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn delight. At the end of the dirt road, before it turned into a "Willys Jeep or Mule Only Track", was a small old miner's cabin nestled into a few sparse trees about 50' below timberline. A spring provided water and refrigeration. The guys hauled up a shepherd's camp stove and moved in with the mice. The mine was a rough 1/4 mile away. From its small entrance on a rocky slope you could look down on Twin Lakes or across to Mount Elbert, the tallest mountain in Colorado.

They posted a "grubstake" claim, dug out debris, hauled in new timbers and spent most of their summer working the claim. I had two small children at the time, plus chickens and assorted livestock, and also the only PAYING job in the family waiting tables in Buena Vista in the evenings. And I had already had *my* experience with high-altitude mining the year before. So, I mostly stayed home in our cabin in Chalk Creek. But once a week I would ferry food supplies up the mountain to them in my old VW bug and sometimes spend a night or two. While they worked the mine I'd wander above timberline among the wildflowers, pan out a few gold flakes from a stream down below, or cook up a big pot of something to keep the guys fed. This was during the days when I was still supportive of my husband's big dreams. Who doesn't want to be rich? The gold was just there for the taking. When you are young you believe!

It was while bravely attempting the Willys Jeep road that I burned out the clutch in the Bug.

They worked all summer long. Gary, who had a history of having "real" jobs, chipped in the money for the expedition. Foot by foot they cleared felled timbers and rockfall, doing back-breaking work



Hard-rock miners and treasure hunters Gary and Earl.

Below: The claim sign at the entrance to the "Sun Up Mine" (note timber entrance). View shows some of the Twin Lakes basin below. June, 1977.



at 11,000 ft. They hauled heavy beams and shored up the mine as they worked their way in. Encouraged by veins of rock that were known to carry gold. They were as happy as . . . they could be. Dirty, grizzled, bruised, grinning from ear to ear, dodging lightning and hailstorms.

By the end of summer they inched closer to the headwall. The big day was coming! I was really ready to be rich. The summer had been tough, money was tight, the clutch repair hurt the budget, winter was coming and we weren't prepared. Our marriage was feeling kinda "strained". But, all would be fine. We would find the lost mine full of gold!

As you might have guessed, they got to the end of the tunnel and there wasn't any light, and there wasn't any gold. The vein had petered out to just plain rock. But

Earl was convinced they needed to just dig a bit deeper. "No," said I. "No," said Gary, who had a paying job to get back too. Earl reluctantly packed it up. Not dissuaded one bit by his empty-handed adventure, still avidly reading any stories about lost treasure. (There's still that gold east of Nathrop to find, and a lost Spanish mine high in the Sangres)

I have already told you the story of how two years earlier I had tried to get him to work at the Climax mine above Leadville. He didn't want to work at Climax—why punch the clock working in a mine for a paycheck, when instead you can dig for gold!

*Kizzen lived with her family in a cluster of old cabins in Chalk Creek Canyon in the Colorado mountains during the 1970s. They chopped wood and hauled water. This is a story from those days.*



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# In Search of Economic Reality

## China: Friend or foe of USA?

by Ed Lyell

In the last fifty years China has embraced a self-serving form of capitalism, brought in foreign investment, and permitted foreign based companies to sell to their 1.3 billion citizens, but not on a level playing field.

By 2007 China had loaned more money to the US government than almost all other countries combined. We purchase almost \$500 billion per year more of their products than they buy from us. This trade imbalance permitted the Chinese, including the government itself, to become indispensable

to the US government. We bought more and more of their products, and they earned trillions of our dollars. However, the Wall Street casino-like derivative products created by our Big Banks were seen by the Chinese as a form of fraudulent business. Stuck with trillions of US dollars China, realized that they needed to get away from dollars. They have since sold off over one half of their dollar hoard. They seem to believe that the US dollar is going to rapidly devalue and lose its international purchasing power.

The biggest shift is to purchase actual US assets instead of

just holding dollars and government bonds. One Las Vegas realtor alleges that one half of his home sales are to wealthy Chinese who pay cash—US dollars. Thus China is now the fastest growing foreign investor in our land, and is taking over corporations and other businesses. We spend money that we do not have for Chinese-made products and they use that money to purchase half-priced foreclosed homes, and then rent them to us. We spend trillions of dollars being the world's cop while borrowing that money from China. We give money away around the world as if we were still a wealthy nation, when we are borrowing that money from the Chinese who get repaid with interest. Instead of losing an armed war to the Chinese we are losing our economic freedom and assets to them while walking off with big screen TVs that we do not need. Larry Edelson, long term gold hawk, has sent out an investment letter titled "One Nation (Under China)—China's Long March to World Domination". He pulls together some scary facts that make one think. For decades China has been growing its GDP by over 10% whereas the USA is now struggling to get a 2% growth rate.

China has the world's fastest bullet train, while the USA cannot even keep its century-old trains on the track. China has the world's greatest deep sea exploration capabilities and is finding oil around the world. Edelson states: "This is how China is marching toward world domination - flexing its economic muscles by buying up the world's resources and modernizing its military". China has massive oil, coal, and strategic mineral mining in Africa, Australia, North and South America. Edelson argues that China has a three-stage takeover strategy. First, control the US economy; second, monopolize the world's natural resources; and finally, destroy the US dollar to achieve ultimate financial superiority over the entire planet.

China now has a "controlling interest in strategic emerging industries worth almost four trillion US dollars." To paraphrase several pages in his newsletter, China leads the world in alternative energy, alternative fuel cars, high

end information technology, equipment manufacturing and other key industries said to have already cost over 5 million US jobs. They do this with the US government's help since they have been loaning the government the hundreds of billions needed to cover our unbalanced budget. They also do not abide by US and international law in terms of fair trade. Their form of state capitalism permits their government to control major companies and industries providing government subsidies, discounted materials and utilities, and other unfair and often illegal trade policies. Yet the US does nothing. China puts tariffs of 45% on US steel, and over 20% on US automobiles while not permitting the US to put tariffs on any of their products being imported to us.

According to Edelson, China now has over \$6 trillion in gold, hundreds of billions in copper and aluminum, and even billions in American soybean crops. Since the financial crash of 2007 China has shifted over \$3 trillion dollars from our financial paper products to hard USA assets like real estate, housing, commercial property, and corporate ownership. China is leading the shift in pricing oil from the dollar to a basket of world currencies. Lear Capital says that the value of the US dollar could drop 90% when it just becomes another currency. All purchases of imported products, or the raw materials needed to produce them here, will double and double again.

Thus China has been a friend, covering Americans' binge buying and borrowing; but could become our foe, even our owners, as they use those trillions of dollars to destroy the dollar, and control real assets in America. America may end up losing its economic freedom from bad individual, family, corporate and national borrowing. Of course the USA's wealthy one% have already protected themselves and their assets from a major loss to China, but the rest of us may be in big trouble. Our dysfunctional Congress is either too economically illiterate to see what is happening, or they have already protected themselves through insider knowledge and trading.

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from the edge 

by Peter Anderson  
Green Chili

Begin with the sweet and benign bell pepper, and climb the ladder of heat . . . anaheim, poblano, pasilla, chilcec, guajillo, jalapeño, serrano, manzana, arbol, chiltepin, habañero, and soon you're in the realm of chili madness, inhabited by the ghost peppers whose names—Carolina Reaper, Moruga Scorpion—tell you all you need to know. Go ahead, experiment if you like. I will meet you back on the Rio Grande, where the green peppers from Chimayó and Española dwell.

Smell them roasting in the parking lots of Santa Fe, Taos, and Alamosa. See the sweet smoke drifting off toward the first flashes of yellow along the western flanks

of the Sangres. Buy a steaming bag of roasted peppers and set them down on the seat beside you. You can breathe in Pepperland all the way home. After fifty miles, the heat has made a home in your nostrils. After one hundred miles, beads of sweat may appear on your forehead.

Now you are home in your kitchen, adding onions, garlic, and peeled peppers to the pork which is browning up nicely. You may need some kind of tantric wisdom to deny yourself a taste right now. Keep the lid on the pot. Drool a little if you must. Yes, this is hard, but the anticipation is exquisite. As the perfect green chili heat will soon be. The proper dose of pain is nothing short of ecstasy.



Grindelia, also known as "Gumweed."

## There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root

Grindelia (Grindelia squarrosa)



Also known as "Gumweed", Grindelia can be identified easily by the pool of aromatic, resinous goo in the bud and flower. It's one of the many NYC's (Damn Yellow Composites – that's a technical term) blooming here in Crestone and the Baca in late summer. Once you see it, feel it, and smell it, you won't mistake it for anything else.

Grindelia's primary medicinal use is in the lungs. The tincture of the buds and flowers has been used to loosen up the thick mucus typical of the last stages of a cold. It can be helpful in bronchitis, whooping cough, and anywhere there's a dry unproductive cough. According to the Doctrine of Signatures the resinous goo in the flowers and buds is indicative of the type of conditions the plant is useful for. The Doctrine of Signatures is a rather ancient view that the properties of the plant (color, shape, or in this case resin), have something to do with the type of tissue or condition that is treated by that plant. And it is a helpful way of remembering!

Herbs that are helpful for the lungs are also helpful for the urinary tract. That's not as strange as it may sound. Herbs that are excreted through the lungs are also excreted through the urinary tract. That's a handy thing to remember if you only have herbs for one area and end up with a problem in the other. As for Grindelia, it is helpful in cases of bladder infection but is generally too irritating for kidney infection. With any urinary tract infections I would use it in combination with a soothing herb like Marshmallow root.

A third general area of use for Grindelia is in skin conditions. It is used to soothe poison ivy and oak, red ant bites and mosquito bites. It can also be used for chronic skin conditions where there is poor circulation. In these cases use the fresh plant externally. The tincture can also be used externally, and I've even used it dry as a tea/wash once when that was the only medium I had.

When wildcrafting herbs there are several things to remember. First, make sure you've positively identified the plant; second, don't gather from along roadsides or trails; third, make sure there is enough of the plant present to gather at all; and lastly, be sure to ask permission of the plant and to offer a gift (cornmeal or tobacco will do) as an equitable exchange.

Enjoy the beauty and generosity of the plant kingdom!

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# Baca Grande Library News



by **Suzanne McGregor**

The library could not be the wonderful place that it is without the help of dedicated volunteers who contribute their time and efforts to enhance our services to you. We extend much gratitude to

the Friends of the Library (FOL) for the ongoing work that they are doing to move our vision of a new library forward. Many thanks to Peter Anderson and his host of volunteer workers and poets who brought "Poetry on Demand" to the Crestone Music Festival for the second summer FOL fundraising project. Many folks have asked about moving the library into a location in town, but this is an endeavor that will take a lot of work. Please consider helping out and come to the next FOL meeting on Friday, September 13 at 1:30pm at the Crestone Town Hall.

Also, much gratitude is extended to Tom Ontko and Parvin

Johnson for mowing and pulling weeds in the front yard, and to Barry Monroe for refurbishing the outside bench. Matie Belle Lakish helped out at the front desk, Aaron Anderson fixed our fridge, and Tony Bickford repaired our dumpster. Many thanks to all!

Mark your calendars for the next presentation by the Company of Players called *Stories From The Edge* on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 7pm and Sunday, Sept. 22 at 2pm at Colorado College. Half of the proceeds from snacks and donations will benefit our Friends of the Library group, with the other half going to the Crestone Creative Council. We gratefully appreciate

this generous gift from the Company of Players.

Jandi Namba, who had been a volunteer at the library for many years and has been a staff member for the past two years, will be leaving the library this month to embark on new adventures waiting for her in Maine! We will miss Jandi in the library, and we send along much love and best wishes for her journey.

Please note: The library will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

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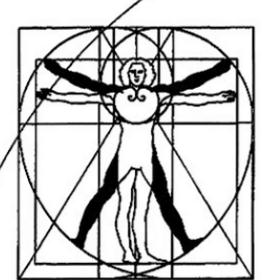
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**Ask the Weatherman**  
by Keno  
What does climatological spring, summer, etc. mean?

Let me try to answer this as easily as possible. The normal seasons are based on the length of the days, and not on the actual weather we experience.

We all know summer starts each year officially on June 21 or 22, and ends on either September 21 or 22. However, you also may have noticed we experience summer weather before June 21 every year, and fall seems to be with us around September 1. The same deal holds true for the other seasons as well. We see plenty of winter weather in November, even if the first day of winter doesn't begin until December 21 or 22, and spring weather usually starts in mid-March, not on April 21 or 22. So that's where the climatological seasons come into play.

Going by climatological seasons for most areas in the US, climatological summer runs from June 1 to August 31, climatological autumn from September 1 till November 30, climatological winter from December 1 until February 28, and climatological spring runs from March 1 until May 31. However, these dates don't apply to all areas, including here in the greater Crestone area. Going by our weather stats, usually we see



Great clouds over the Sangres during the Crestone Music Festival. The sky really put on its own show for the crowd. photo by Ron Dessain

the start of climatological summer from around June 11 and it stays until August 31; climatological autumn lasts from around September 1 till about November 14; climatological winter begins here around November 15 and runs through about March 15, with climatological spring starting around March 16, and runs until June 10.

**Does barometric pressure drop during afternoon rain showers?**

I assume the question is in regard to the kind of afternoon summer thunderstorms we normally see here, and the answer would be "not always", many times we see a steady barometer reading when these types of storms build overhead. However, normally with any other kind of rain or precipitation, yes, the barometric pressure will drop before precipitation falls.

Slowly rising atmospheric pressure for several days typically means that sunny skies will pre-

vail for the near future. But a sudden drop in atmospheric pressure over a few hours often forecasts an approaching storm, with heavy rain and strong winds, which will not last long. So the rule of thumb is: Decreasing barometric pressure indicates storms, rain or snow, along with windy weather. A rising barometric pressure indicates fair and dry weather. A very quick drop in pressure over a short time indicates a storm is likely within 5 to 6 hours, while slow and sustained decreasing pressure forecasts a long period of poor weather. Quickly rising pressure, when the pressure is low, indicates a short period of fair weather is likely, and finally, a large, slow and sustained rise in pressure forecasts a long period of good weather is in store.

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**Crestone-Baca Weather Report**

by Keno  
July 21 to August 20

**Total precipitation for period:**  
Liquid precip: 1.76"  
Snow: 0.0  
Measurable precipitation fell on 16 days.

Measurable rain fell on 16 days. A trace of rain fell on 6 days. 8 thunderstorms occurred, including 1 dry thunderstorm. No snow or hail fell.

**Total precipitation year-to-date**  
Since Jan 1: 6.57"  
Total snow to date  
Since Jan 1: 31.3"

Snow Season (7/1 to 6/30): 0.0"  
**Temperatures for the period:**  
High temp: 90.4°F on July 23  
Low temp: 40.4°F on August 9  
Avg. high: 80.1°F  
Avg. low: 48.9°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 90°: 2  
Number of days with the low temperature below 50°: 20

**Winds for the period:**  
Avg. speed: 3.0 mph  
Highest gust: 34 mph on August 15  
Main direction: Out of the east.

**Weather summary**  
While parts of Colorado saw record rains and floods, and we did see a good number of days with rainfall in our area, on most of those days the rain was light, and total precipitation was slightly below the norm.

Temperatures were slightly above normal, yet two record lows were set. A record low high temperature was reached on July 28 when the high only reached 66°, breaking the old record of 71°. This reading tied for the sixth coolest daytime high ever for the month of July. Then another record low high of 69° was set on August 8; the old mark was 72°.

**Outlook for September**  
September is our third wettest month of the year, with 1.38" of precipitation falling on average, with 3.52" the most to fall in the month, happening back in 1990. Snowfall records for September are incomplete before 2001, with the most since being 5.7" falling in 2006, and the earliest snow reported falling was on September 3, 1961.

The average highs and lows for the month are 75° and 44° on the first, dropping to 66° and 35° by the month's end. The warmest temp ever recorded was 87° on September 3 and 4, 1985, and the coldest reading was 18° on September 29, 1999. The average first freeze date of the fall usually occurs while the calendar still says "summer", that being on September 15.

The 30-day outlook for September is calling for above average temperatures, along with average precipitation.

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