

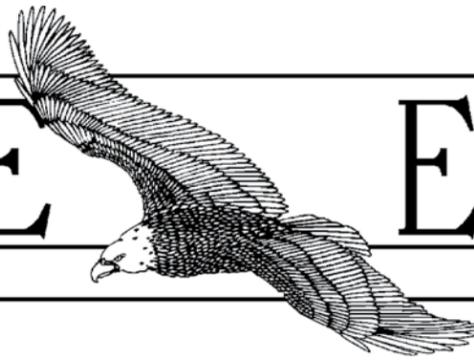
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DEA pot bust arrests 6 Saguache County men on federal charges of intending to sell 20 lbs out of state

by Mary Lowers

Six Saguache County men were taken into federal custody on Thursday, May 2. They were charged with two federal complaints for selling some 20 pounds of marijuana to a drug operation in Oklahoma. The men were arrested without incident at the Alamosa airport and in the Crestone/Baca and Moffat area. All six were transported to a federal facility in the Denver area and five were released on personal recognizance bonds.

The six Saguache County men involved include: Curtis Frank Wagner, 49; David Geubelle, 45; Marty Shellabarger, Jr., 26; Skyler J. Freeman, 25; Shawn N. Maminakis, 34;

and David Lincoln Steele, 48. Five men claim to be Colorado residents. David Geubelle is on record as being an Illinois resident. Maminakis remained incarcerated due to firearms found in his vehicle. All six of the accused arrested in Colorado are being charged with "conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute in the Western District of Oklahoma 100 kilograms or more of marijuana" according to a press release from the US Department of Justice, Western District of Oklahoma.

In Oklahoma City three individuals were arrested in connection with this incident. Terry Hardin Wilkerson, 71; William Jesse Hoge, 53; and Crystal Adams, 45. Wilker-

son was taken into custody on Tuesday, April 29. Hoge and Adams were arrested on Thursday, May 2. Wilkerson has been known by law enforcement as a drug dealer and has been under surveillance since 2011 according to affidavits from Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Special Agent Samuel E. Ward. In April 2013 an undercover Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) agent met with Wilkerson and heard of his plans to distribute pot and cocaine from Colorado through Oklahoma and on to Chicago. A phone tap in March alerted the Drug Enforcement Task Force called Operation Stale Smoke about the deal going down in the

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Contempt citation filed on property tax settlement procedures

by Matie Belle Lakish

Confusion seems to be the best description of the tax assessment process in Saguache County, as yet another legal action is filed against the Saguache County Assessor's Office. Local residents represented by Goldman, Robbins and Nicholson, PC. filed a Motion for Contempt Citation saying that the Assessor's Office did not follow the Court's order of March 17. A hearing date has been set for June 3.

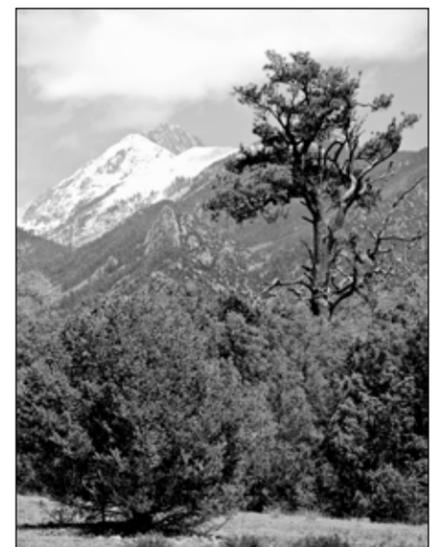
According to the Motion for Contempt Citation, "On March 17, 2014, the Court issued an Order:

Amended Order Approving Joint Stipulation and Approving Dismissal With Prejudice. This Order provided the correct respective values and classification of Plaintiffs' properties on Exhibit A to the Order. The Order further provided that "The Saguache County Assessor shall revise her records to reflect the new values and Folk property classification and shall issue new Tax Notices to Plaintiffs on or before April 1, 2014." Thus, the Assessor was ordered to adjust the values as if a petition to the Board of Equalization was granted or new values had been

established in a trial de novo. The correct valuations and classifications were expressly set forth in Exhibit A to the Order. The Assessor was given clear direction as to both procedure and the correct property valuations."

Plaintiffs in the case contend that the Assessor did not send out the new Tax Notices by the deadline of April 1, but instead they received Abatement Petitions on April 5, 2014 that were already filled out with numbers which were not the same as those ordered by the Court. On the notices, dated March 5, Plaintiffs were ordered to sign and return the Abatement Petitions. When Plaintiffs' attorney questioned the use of an Abatement

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Ponderosa pines are rare in this environment and are showing signs of stress due to drought. Please see our feature on restoration efforts along Spanish Creek on page B-1. photo by Dave Miller

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Kudos to Shumei

Dear Editor,

Hopefully, this is one of many letters in this issue of *The Crestone Eagle* expressing gratitude to Shumei International for its 12th Anniversary Celebration on May 17. I simply wish to acknowledge not only what a brilliant afternoon it was—with story-presentations by ten of our spiritual centers, followed by the inimitable Taiko drumming troupe and a sampai for World Peace—but also what a gift such a celebratory vision brings to our community.

For its first ten years, Shumei provided us with a focal day dedicated to the many spokes of the wheel of Spirit so evident in our town. Such efforts demanded vast planning, coordination of many presenters and volunteers, and the commitment of significant energies and resources. I can only commend all who were involved from 2002 to 2012 and now to those responsible for returning such a valuable day of togetherness to us this year—from the entire staff of Shumei to the players, both young and old, of the many spiritual centers who brought the crowd of more than 200 to laughter and tears with poignant presentations of a powerful story of their respective traditions.

For continuing to play a central role in our community's spiritual richness, for walking its talk and for going the extra mile to fulfill Ms. Koyama's vision in establishing Shumei International here in our international village, please accept the appreciation of the many for whom I feel this letter speaks.

Thank you.

William Howell

Goodbye friends

To all my friends,

I am so sorry that I missed saying good bye to so many of you but things moved quickly and before I knew it I was out of town. Right now I'm in Berlin visiting my son and family having a wonderful time. On May 22 I'm off to the Camino de Santiago and I'm praying that my knees will be good to me. Wish me luck. All of you will be in my heart and mind wherever I go. Thank you all for your friendship, it is one thing that I cherish above all else.

Be well,

Harper

New Directions for POA

Dear Editor,

I have lived, and been a property owner, in the Baca Grande since 1988.

During this time I have seen many controversies, disturbances and general rancor within the board of the Property Owners Association. Like many people here, for the most part I have been content to leave well alone and not get politically involved.

It has become clear to me that over the last year that the situation regarding the board had deteriorated to the point that something needed to be done. I was disturbed that the late Russell Schreiber should be sued, to my mind vindictively and without good reason, essentially by fellow board members during the time of his terminal illness. There have been numerous statements made by people at POA meetings of bullying tactics perpetrated by board members Bruce McDonald, Nigel Fuller and Bob Garnett, often directed at fellow POA and board members.

Both Fuller and McDonald were essentially appointed to the POA board, rather than elected, as they ran unopposed and barely reached a quorum. Yet they seem to me to be acting as if they have a mandate to push through some highly questionable, even reckless, policies that are not in the best interests of the Baca community.

So I joined New Directions, an informal group of POA members, dedicated to restoring sensible and appropriate governance to our community. While people can have honest differences of opinion about matters such as the Fire Department and the Emergency Services District, services such as these are vital to our community and seemed to be in danger of becoming dysfunctional.

At this time I feel strongly that a fresh start and further involvement from our local citizenry is badly needed. It is very encouraging to see unprecedented turnout at recent POA board meetings, as well as discouraging to witness the deaf ears, and frankly the arrogance, shown to completely valid concerns expressed by their membership by a majority of its directors. A fresh start is called for at this time, and I strongly encourage participation in New Directions with the aspiration that proper and decent governance can be restored to our community. For more information please go to www.bacagrandeactionforum.com.

Sincerely,

Mark Elliott

Action Forum website on POA issues launches

Dear Editor,

I'd like to make known to your readership (especially, but not exclusively, to those POA members who live out of town) the launch of a new website: www.bacagrandeactionforum.com.

It is a website—sometimes pithy, sometimes in-depth—that offers insights and facts into the workings of the POA and its board.

We invite all to take a look, offer your feedback, tell us what you'd like to see on the website and send us your email so we can continue to nourish this website and this community.

Sugandha Brooks

Primary election reminder

Dear Editor,

I would like to remind everyone that this year's primary election is by mail ballot only. The ballots are being mailed out on June 2 with

the final day to return them being June 24.

Although I am running unopposed on the Democratic ticket, I would greatly appreciate you taking the time to mark your vote for me. Many of you who know me know that I am looking very much forward to representing you as your new Saguache County Assessor next year, lending not only my extensive training and life experience to this vitally important position, but also my real passion and energy for it and the opportunity to serve and work closely with each and every property owner in the county.

This is a very important "off year" election as you all know, not only for Saguache County, but for Colorado and the country as a whole. So please fill out and return your ballots as soon as you receive them (so they don't wend their way to the bottom of the "pile") and remind your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Thanks and with gratitude,

Peter Peterson

Connie Trujillo announces for treasurer

Dear Editor:

I, Connie Trujillo, have announced my intention to seek reelection to the office of Saguache County Treasurer.

I began serving this capacity in January 1995 and have continued through the present day. I am a life-long resident of Center and have one son, Jacob.

The Office of County Treasurer has the responsibility for the collection, custody and distribution of County funds as well as all investments and budgetary obligations. The office is also responsible for maintaining the records of all financial payments issued and received in the County. Along with the duties of Treasurer, I also serve as Saguache County Public Trustee. I am responsible for all foreclosures filed within the County, as well as the processing of Releases of Deeds of Trusts.

Many changes have taken place since taking office and most recently during the past four years. The decision was made a couple of years ago to go with a new software provider along with several other valley treasurers and assessors. Along with this change came new interactive website advantages. It provides easy access for customers to research property, tax, and general information. All this is updated daily. Customers may make credit card payments as well. This year the office will now offer paperless statements as well.

I am an active member of both the Colorado Counties Treasurers Association and the Public Trustees Association of Colorado. I have also completed the approved CCTA/PTAC Accreditation Program through Mesa State, which certifies me as a Colorado County Treasurer and Public Trustee. I continue my education through this program. "Changes in legislature and procedures constantly change. It is very important that we follow all new laws."

I have served on the San Luis Valley GIS/GPS Board for several years, previous Past District Chair

Editor's Notes Summertime fun

I sometimes wait months for days like these—the kind of warm early summer days we pull out of our memories that keep us going in January. Now, they are finally here. And wow, they have been worth waiting for!

Apple trees have been in bloom and the lilacs are just starting. Everything is so green! We had a nice snowy winter, with snow continuing into May, laying inches of spring snow onto freshly planted gardens. Then lots of rain. Last evening we stood outside during a sunset sprinkle and the sky lit up with a brilliant double rainbow. Yay, the rainbows are back! I think it's a sign that this is going to be a wonderful summer.

Things have been very fun in Crestone. *Hamlet* by the Charter School was great, *Radio Daze* was lots of fun and the Dragon & Fairy Festival was fabulous! (Kudos to all the performers & organizers!) Art in the park will be starting again as well as lots of music at Cloud Station and the Yak'N'Cracker. The Saturday Market is picking up speed and more markets and fairs are starting around the county.

Many events are being offered for kids—camping, riding programs, youth activities. Please take a look at our "Summer Fun" special section this month. It highlights places to go and things to do around the greater San Luis Valley and Salida regions—besides outdoor activities, there are entertainment, festivals, shopping, tours and even train rides. Please refer to it when friends and relatives come to visit.

Yesterday I de-winterized our Casita camper—so you know what we'll be doing. And tomorrow the brocolis discover the great outdoors. Let me encourage you to also get out and up the trails.

Wishing you a wonderful Colorado mountains summer.

—Kizzen

for CCTA, currently serve on the Center Planning & Zoning Committee, and previously served on the advisory board for the former Saguache County Credit Union.

"I credit my staff for their outstanding work. As I have said many times in the past, we are nothing without the staff that we employ. I am so pleased and proud to work with each of them. It will be an honor to serve Saguache County another term. I ask for the support of all Saguache County citizens."

My sincere thanks,
Connie Trujillo

Support for Tim Lovato

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in support of Tim Lovato as the next Saguache County Commissioner for District 3. From 2006-2010, I served Saguache County during its Master Plan process and was an Alternate on the Planning Commission from 2008-2009. From this and other community involvement, I know what it takes to run Saguache County effectively.

Being a Saguache County Commissioner demands that one knows all the issues of the county and requires diligence to insure it is administered properly. As someone who has directly served Saguache County for many years, Tim Lovato has the experience our county needs. He knows our land issues as a rancher and land owner and from serving on the Planning Commission since 2009; our water issues from working on several water commissions since 1976; and has volunteered at the Moffat Consolidated Schools and Mountain Valley School Board, Saguache Town Council, and Fire Department.

I know Tim Lovato is dedicated to equal representation for everyone, an open line of communication with the public and county employees, fiscal responsibility, conscious economic development, better services for the public, and the protection of private property rights.

Choose the next Saguache County Commissioner as someone who lives, works, and serves Saguache County. Tim Lovato is the very best candidate to serve based on his experience and dedication to Saguache County. Vote Tim Lovato at the June primary.

Thank you,
Leigh Mills

Liza Marron, commissioner candidate

Dear Friends,

Saguache County is a very special place and is the place that I have chosen to set down my roots. I moved here 27 years ago from Woodland Park where I was a reporter for the *Ute Pass Courier*. Before that I was a ranger in Rocky Mountain National Park in Grand Lake. I have always been community-minded and have volunteered in many venues here. From 4-H leader to foster mother to school board, I care passionately about the youth and relevant education. I have spent 14 years working for economic betterment here on the board of SCSEED—Saguache County Sustainable Environment and Economic Development. As County Commissioner I would work hard to move Saguache County up the ranks from the county with the poorest per capita income in the state. I believe in a local living economy where together we build local economies that are inclusive and resilient, provide green job opportunities, and conduct business sustainably and responsibly. I would work hard for you to protect the land and water, to bring in much-needed resources and to increase lifelong health care, educational, employment and recreational opportunities while being mindful of preserving our rural culture. I believe I would be a good complement to the team in place with my experience in public health, social services, economic development and education.

I would love to talk with you if you would like to share your ideas for this county with me.

Thank you for voting in the mail-in Democratic Primary by June 24 and the general election by November 4.

Liza Marron,

For Russell

(This letter was written and sent to Russell Schreiber a few months before his death. It was later read at his cremation.)

Dear Russell,

Although we are separated by thousands of miles you have not left my mind and heart over the past few months and you have been constantly in my prayers. I have prayed for you everywhere from a Buddhist temple in Vietnam to a mosque in



Russell Lee Schreiber
Dec. 16, 1948-April 27, 2014

Russell Schreiber passed away on April 27 at his Baca home attended by his wife, Norah, and several friends. In addition to his wife and her family, he is survived by his mother, Henrietta Pasarew, and brother Sanford Schreiber and wife Tobey and their children Carrie, Michael, and Amy. Russell will be greatly missed by his family and friends and the Baca community which he served with unflinching courage and measured intelligence in the face of strong opposition.

Russell was born on Dec. 16, 1948 in Baltimore, MD. He graduated from Bucknell University in 1970 with a BA in psychology. Twenty-five years later he received a masters in psychology from Regis College, Denver, and worked in community health for a couple of years.

In 1971, Russell moved to Basalt. He lived for 26 years in a one-room log cabin with no water. The cabin was heated with wood he harvested himself.

Russell first came to Crestone in 1998, visiting friends William and Barbara Howell. He moved here in 1999. In 2002 he

married Norah Tunney, a former Carmelite nun who shares his contemplative interests.

Although he had been meditating since age 18, in 1980 Russell met Shanti Baba and began doing the Hari Om Tat Sat Jai Guru Datta mantra. In late 1981 he spent six weeks in the ashram in India of Shri Punit Acharya Maharaj ("Bapu"). This was the first of five meditation retreats at Bapu's ashram. He began teaching the mantra to many people in the Snowmass Valley and in Crestone. He held a thrice-weekly Dhun, a particular style of chanting the mantra, in the house which he built in the Baca. Russell wanted it emphasized that the practice is a totally universal practice that can stand alone or in combination with any other spiritual tradition.

Russell worked at Blue Earth Design from 1999 to 2013 as a cabinetmaker. After dabbling in aromatic oils he took a course in perfumery and began to manufacture sets of oils for sale in local shops.

In 2009 Russell volunteered for the Baca Grande POA Board of Directors where his dedication to the good of the community and penchant for truth made him a hero to most Baca property owners. His principled performance of duty was bolstered by a guiding philosophy which he adapted from Swami Vivekananda: "Positions and accomplishments are nothing. Who I really am is just a small boy sitting in wonderment at the feet of Punit-Bapu."

Russell discovered he had advanced cancer in the late summer of 2013. A few hours after Russell's passing, and for consecutive days until his cremation, friends gathered to chant the mantra in his Baca living room, to honor the memory and continuing soul presence of an influential man of devotion.

the mountains of Morocco, from sacred cathedrals in Paris and Cocacabana, Bolivia to a shaman's hut high above Lake Titicaca. I figured it couldn't hurt to invoke as many religious powers as possible! You have been with me every step of the way on this incredible adventure and I am grateful for that.

Whether you realized it or not you have had a significant impact on who I am today, as a role model to me and someone who I respect immensely. Ironically on your birthday I want to thank you for all of the many gifts that you have given to me and many others. Thank you for your deep thoughtfulness, your unhurried patientness, your dry sense of humor, your unassuming compassion, your refreshing honesty and genuineness, your keen intelligence, your quiet wisdom, your boundless curiosity and your spiritual groundedness. And of course your magnificent beard :) These are some of the qualities that I most admire in you and that I aspire to. I sincerely hope I can lead a life that incorporates these qualities in the natural and genuine way that you do in yours.

There are so many memories that I have of you, especially dur-

ing our time together in Crestone . . . sitting and listening to lengthy conversations around the dinner table from which I learned so much, the reliably delicious box of Russell Stover's chocolates every birthday, the fabled Russell-wearing-random-objects hat series, the powerful dunes you led, wandering over to your trailer for a cup of tea and a chat, countless performances that you endured good-naturedly, your and Nora's wedding in the big room. These memories are some of the few that I will always cherish and hold close to my heart.

I hope that things are going as painlessly as possible and that the healings are helping. In every way you are family to me and I speak for all the Hall kids when I say that we are so blessed to have you in our lives. Words cannot sufficiently express the unconditional and eternal love and respect that I have for you. This is something that does not need words . . . it is infinitely beyond their scope and scale. It is simply known and constantly present.

I know I will see you at some point later on!

Love always,
Conor Hall

About the cover art & artist Philip Tarlow

Philip Tarlow is an artist who, with his wife Mikela, has lived in the Baca, where his studio is located, for over 20 years. His work can be found in numerous private, corporate and museum collections including the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C.

He has shown his work internationally, is a recipient of an NEA grant, and is currently preparing a museum show in Melbourne, Australia.

Tarlow is passionate about painting plein air at the creeks above Crestone. He uses these small paintings to create larger studio works where he takes the marks and gestures he has made while observing nature directly, indicating rocks, water or branches, and incorporates them into collages, thus developing a language of signs that, while abstract at first glance, upon inspection reveal a world of suggestive biomorphic forms that are open to interpretation.

He studies the work of 11th & 12th century Chinese landscape painters and calligraphers, who made no distinction between calligraphy and painting. And he is a great fan of all indigenous art, which reveals in its pure state our timeless need to create beauty and make marks on a surface.

This small 6" x 12" painting is one of a series of the Crestone/Baca landscape Tarlow executed in 1999-2000 while sitting in his car. They were studies for a larger work on linen commissioned by a bank in Cherry Creek, Denver, where it now hangs.

Tarlow's work is currently on view at Elephant Cloud, where both his more realist landscapes of Crestone/Baca hang alongside his latest abstracted landscapes in collage on canvas. for more on the artist visit. <http://philiptarlow.com>.

Commentary

Concerned about firefighters & safety

by Daniel Shahid Johnson

As a Wildfire Safety Officer and former Assistant Fire Chief of the Baca Grande VFD, I am extremely concerned with the near dissolution of the fire department. After 20 years of effort, a fire district was finally formed last year but, due to a disinformation campaign and some voters' concerns about increased taxes, it was not funded.

Why is a good idea to have a fire district? The Baca Grande is the only POA in the state which oversees its own fire department. Back when there was no alternative, a POA department was a necessary to purchase fire equipment for volunteers who would be the only responders in such an isolated and widespread area. As more residents moved into the area, emergency services became even more vital and volunteers spent long hours on grant proposals for new equipment, drives for new members and vastly expanded training. With up to 32 members and a solid core of 20 experienced and qualified volunteers, the Baca VFD was considered as good as any in the state and better trained in wildfire response than most.

The biggest problem was trying to assure that some of the most experienced firefighters would be available in the summer, as many of us make our livings working far away on federal wildfires. That was when the POA agreed to make paid positions for the chief and equipment manager, to allow them to survive financially without having to go elsewhere. Plenty of trained volunteers and a rotation schedule allowed the firefighters to go to federal fires, where they would get the best experience and on-the-job training, but not be gone all at once.

The other major problem was liability. A POA board is not required to be proficient in firefighting issues and, with the instability of a consistently changing board, it has been a constant struggle between the fire department and board members. Without a fire district, the POA itself is the liable entity should lawsuits be filed, and there is no cap to the costs. How much might you have to pay? Half a billion dollars in suits have been filed in Yarnell, AZ, where 129 homes burned and 19 hotshot firefighters died last June. Both the people being sued for negligence and who those who died are highly-qualified career firefighters with massive experience. (Most annual wildfire fatalities have been local volunteers whose confidence levels exceed their skill levels). A single lawsuit could max out the (\$4 million or so) POA's insurance coverage, and the membership would have to pay all excess. With a public district, liability would be capped.

So, what happened to the experienced firefighters? I saw the trouble start when the POA hired an urban-based management corporation to replace the single lawyer who advised the board on legal issues, at far less cost. Firefighters were required to sign a code of conduct declaring allegiance to the board, waiving their free speech rights to question POA activities and agreeing to absurd rules. Fire chiefs, elected by the department members, were fired by the board.

Heated meetings took place to remove the most ridiculous rules, and a hostile work environment continued, culminating in the salary of the last chief being slashed in half before he was suspended, then resigned, followed by most of the remaining volunteers.

Who has taken their places? The interim chief is fully qualified but lives in Alamosa and can be called away on wildfires anytime. Three other volunteers have some experience and the rest are brand new volunteers, trying to get a fast-track course in the first-year basics of fire management. A part-time chief job is advertised.

The present Assistant Fire Chief wrote in last month's *Eagle* that the department will not be involved in emergency evacuations, but will be engaging the fire. A decision to engage or not must be made by a qualified Incident Commander based on the size-up of the hazards, the spread potential of the fire and the safety of his people. The Sheriff's office is 45 miles away and not equipped to do a door-to-door evacuation, only a reverse 911 call to those enrolled in it, if there is time. It is the job of any trained firefighter to save human life first; there is no house or tree worth a losing a life over. Inexperienced volunteers are often killed trying to defend non-defensible houses or misreading the fire behavior while trying to be heroic.

I have been fighting wildfires since 1977 and my opinion is that a catastrophic wildfire in the Baca is only a matter of time. The way the slope aligns with the prevailing winds from the southwest is compounded by overgrown foliage, beetle-killed trees and deadfall which has been dried by years of drought. Extensive experience will be needed to manage such an incident safely.

My suggestion is that the property owners of the Baca Grande, resident or not, make changes without delay. Mitigate your homes for wildfire hazards. Then, by funding your fire district, you will put a governmental cap on liability and secure the oversight of state and local agencies. The same equipment will still be serving you, providing POA membership votes to transfer all Emergency Services equipment, vehicles, supplies, land and buildings to your new district.

Funding would be by assessed value of property, so those with only empty lots would pay far less than those with large houses. The fire department can get back to standard operating procedures. You won't get back all of the experienced firefighters, but many dedicated volunteers might return if the department is overseen by a board dedicated to public safety, not to the POA board.

Johnson currently fights federal wildfires as a Type Two Safety Officer and Division Supervisor and oversees Firewise mitigation programs for Saguache and Conejos counties. He has worked on nearly 1000 fires over the last four decades—on hand crews (including hotshots), various wildland engines and as a supervisor on some of the biggest wildfires in American history. He's worked for the US Forest Service, BLM, New Mexico State, Colorado State, fire departments and a few contractors.

Public Health reports hantavirus-associated death in Saguache County; Second hantavirus case confirmed

Laboratory tests confirmed on Wednesday that a second San Luis Valley resident has developed Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) following exposure to hantavirus. Earlier this month, a Saguache County resident died after being exposed to the virus in Rio Grande County. The most recent exposure occurred in Costilla County, and that patient has been hospitalized.

"We urge people to take proper precautions to prevent exposure because although it is rare, HPS is a serious, often deadly disease," said Samantha Escobedo, San Luis Valley Regional Epidemiologist. "The virus is not spread from person to person. It is carried by deer mice in our area, so keeping rodents away from where you live and taking proper precautions when cleaning are the best ways to prevent infection."

Keep rodents away by storing your food and pet food in secure containers, closing holes in walls and foundations, keeping the area around your house clear of woodpiles and debris, and setting out mouse traps at the first sign of mice.

Spring cleaning can increase your risk unless you take proper precautions. Do not sweep or vacuum mice droppings or nesting materials, because breathing dust containing infected droppings or urine is the most common way to be exposed to the virus. Before entering or cleaning enclosed buildings and other enclosed areas where mice may have been present, open them up to air out for 30 minutes. Wear gloves and consider wearing an N-100 rated respiratory mask (available at most hardware stores) when cleaning rodent-infested indoor areas. Spray mouse droppings and nesting materials with a disinfectant and let them sit for a few minutes before disposing of them in a plastic bag.

Early medical care is crucial for those who do become infected. First symptoms appear 1-6 weeks after exposure and are flu-like: fever, headache, muscle pain, and sometimes nausea and vomiting. A few days later, difficulty breathing develops and progresses very quickly to inability to breathe. Anyone who experiences early symptoms in the weeks following exposure to rodents, their droppings, or their nests, should seek medical care immediately and be sure to tell the medical provider about the exposure to rodents.

According to CDPHE statistics, the San Luis Valley reported a total of ten HPS cases in the ten-year period from 2003 to 2013.

For more information call your local Public Health agency (Alamosa County 589-6639; Conejos County 574-4307; Costilla County 672-3332; Mineral County 658-2416; Rio Grande County 657-3352; Saguache County 655-2533) or go to www.cdc.gov/hantavirus.



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Pot bust

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San Luis Valley. This operation was carried out by the DEA with help and cooperation from the ATF and the US Department of Justice in Oklahoma, Colorado and Illinois.

The sworn affidavits of ATF Agent Ward and DEA Task Force Officer Eric VanGurp indicate that Wagner and Geubelle were the main contacts in Colorado. Negotiations to purchase marijuana through these two men were recorded by phone tap from March 20 through the end of April. Most conversations were conducted in code. They seem to indicate that Geubelle was the Chicago connection. A conversation between Wilkerson and Geubelle on March 20, according to the affidavits, included talk of hydroponic pot and "crushed ice" which is thought to be a code for methamphetamines. On March 23 Bill Hoge from Oklahoma was said to be "in Colorado in contact with someone operating a grow." In a call between Wilkerson and Geubelle on March 26 Wilkerson was told, "The green man is suppose to be harvesting this week" with multiple pounds for distribution.

Both Wagner and Geubelle travelled to meet with Wilkerson and Hoge in Oklahoma City. Conversations recorded on March 29 and 30 talk about Wilkerson arranging a plane to pick up marijuana in Alamosa and flying it to Oklahoma City. There's some indication in recorded conversations mentioned in the affidavits that the pot would be traded for cocaine. Affidavits show that the legal market in Colorado was paying \$2000/pound for marijuana. Wagner, who was getting enough pot together from growers

to satisfy the 20 pounds Wilkerson wanted, was told Oklahoma would pay \$2200 to \$2600/pound.

The operation was negotiating to buy or lease land in Saguache County to grow marijuana for export. Wagner and Wilkerson were recorded in conversations talking about a three- to five-acre ranch near Moffat. Wagner, who has a family in Oklahoma, allegedly grows pot in Colorado to support them. According to affidavit testimony he indicated to an undercover DEA agent in Oklahoma City that "we are talking about a monster deal up there." On April 4 Wilkerson and Wagner met with an undercover agent to discuss their partnership to traffic pot from Colorado and possibly buy 12,000 acres there to grow pot. Wilkerson paid an outstanding electric bill for Wagner with SLV Rural Electric Coop.

On April 10 Wagner flew on a DEA undercover plane to Alamosa with an agent posing as Wilkerson's partner from Oklahoma. Wagner and Shellabarger, according to the affidavit, assured the "partner" that they could provide all the marijuana Oklahoma wanted. Wagner was paid \$3800.00 in DEA official advance funds. According to affidavits and the Department of Justice press release it looks like the three Crestone defendants not shown to have direct dealings with Oklahoma were brought into the operation by Wagner, who was looking to get enough pot to make the deal go through. Trials are to take place in Oklahoma.

This reporter was unable to get comments from any of the defendants or their families. The facts in this article are from the Department of Justice press release and affidavits from Operation Stale Smoke surveillance of suspects.

Saguache County Crime Report

by Mary Lowers

The warmer weather seems to have sprouted a rash of crimes of passion. Like the snows and sunny days of spring these sorts of acts are often disturbing and confusing. A Center man was incarcerated on \$50,000 bail for first degree assault. Another Center citizen was brought in and given \$60,000 bail for unlawful distribution, being a fugitive from justice and driving under restraint. A man from Mancos was held without bail for third degree assault, domestic violence and obstruction of a telephone.

Two employees of a Saguache restaurant were arrested in early May. A 32-year-old man was charged with second degree attempted murder, false reporting and tampering with evidence. The charges include two felony counts. This man is claimed to have attacked another man with a large edged machete in a drunken brawl. The victim received medical attention and is expected to fully recover. The man with machete was held on \$50,000 bail. A 25-year-old woman was held in connection with this crime. She was held on \$5,000 bail for being an accessory to a crime, false reporting and tampering with evidence.

Summons and Complaints were issued by the Saguache County Sheriff. In one complaint a Saguache woman is accused of assaulting a police officer. The complaint states the woman "caused such person to come in contact with saliva, expelling, spitting such fluid materials" at a police officer. A Baca man was issued a summons and complaint for violation of a protection order. Evidently the man chose to enter the Chokurei Ranch knowing that the person he was court-ordered to stay away from was there. The complaint states this caused "fear, annoyance and alarm".

In a tragic incident, the Co State Patrol reported a 21-year-old Adams State University student was killed early in the morning on May 13 in a single vehicle accident. The young man from Chama, NM drove off the road on the east side of Hwy 17, six miles north of Alamosa. When he attempted to correct he veered off the west side of the road, rolled over twice and was ejected from the vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the hospital. It is not believed alcohol was involved in this accident. The State Patrol claims excessive speed and not using a seat belt were the causes of this crash.

In less violent crime news, a homeless man in Saguache was taken in as a fugitive from justice and held without bail. A Center woman was brought in on a contempt of court and failure to appear charges. Her bail was set at \$25,155.

Lots of speeding tickets were issued on both sides of the county. Hwy 285 between mile markers 75 and 101 seems to a particularly popular spot to speed. More tickets were issued on Hwy. 17 last month. A man was cited for excessive speed near Camper Village on Rd T. A woman was ticketed in the Baca for driving an unregistered vehicle with a headlight missing.

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Saguache County News

by **Matie Belle Lakish**

Elections are coming up again. June 24 is Primary Election Day. There are no polling place elections, so watch for your ballot in your mailbox. Please see the article by County Clerk Carla Gomez, and note that there is now a drop-off box by the Court House in which you may place your ballot if you don't wish to mail it.

Crestone June 10 meeting

Due to space considerations in the Court House, elections now require the Commissioners' meeting room to be used by the County Clerk for a several-week period. Therefore, Commissioners will be meeting at the Road and Bridge meeting room for the month of June. However, they have decided to bring their meetings to their constituents where possible. Therefore, Commissioners have scheduled their June work session at the Crestone Charter School on June 10 at 9:30am. If you would like to see your board in action without the drive to Saguache, this is a good opportunity to join them.

Grants road access

At the June 10 Crestone meeting, Commissioners will discuss an alternate access road to the Grants with Ron Garcia of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge. A secondary emergency access has been in place for a while, but although the POA has an easement for the road, it belongs to the Refuge. Garcia is proposing to trade this road to the County in exchange for abandonment of the old airport road and runway, which has not operated as such for many years. Randy Arredondo, Road and Bridge Supervisor, will be discussing the possibility of the County upgrading and maintaining the road as a secondary access to the Baca Grants. From the Grants, the road would be an extension of Spanish Creek Trail going north across Willow Creek, passing Water and San's facility and then intersecting Road T. Mr. Garcia will be meeting with Commissioners at 2pm at the Charter School.

PILT funding discussed

In a rural county with three-quarters of its land in the public domain, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds from the feds are very important. As discussed in earlier News reports, the PILT payment that had been automatic for decades was withheld by the House of Representatives. Finally, it was added to the Farm Bill, but only for this year. Fortunately, it was funded at 100%, rather than a smaller amount, which is yielding about 1.2 million for the County, rather than the \$496,000 that was budgeted. Although the money has not actually been received yet, Commissioners are examining options to increase funding in some areas that they had earlier cut, while also trying to retain some money in reserves in case PILT or SRS (Se-

cure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act) funds are not reauthorized next year.

While this is an ongoing discussion, they looked at proposed increases to their Commissioner Contributions. Such expenditures are usually made on a yearly basis to some of the local county institutions and programs that do not have a tax base to support them, special expenditures for county needs, and categories for which there is no other funding stream. Some of the items discussed and funded include: Commissioner dues and meeting expenses for state conferences, high school interns for the Assessors and Land Use Offices, required well-testing and ballot initiative expenses for the landfill, an update to the county website, repairs on the sidewalk for the Center clinic, funds to pay a grant writer, and a new door for the jail. \$3000 will go to the Saguache County Museum for needed repairs. The most controversial request was for \$20,000 for the Center Library. The library, which is located in the Center School, opted not to join the libraries in the Baca and Saguache in seeking a mill levy a few years ago, and instead, have asked for county support. They were earlier awarded a lesser amount than they requested, but commissioners agreed to fully fund their request for \$20,000 with the understanding that citizens will begin to develop an independent funding stream supported by taxpayers in the southern and western portions of the County.

Change in the air

The County Commissioners are looking at ways to make the County more responsive to citizens and more efficient with funds while also improving services. Bringing some of their meetings to venues around the county is one move in that direction. With the help of State grants, they are also exploring how County functions can most efficiently be offered. This strategic planning process has helped other counties, such as Gunnison County, offer better service while also cutting costs. Commissioners and County staff have met with the strategic planning team once, and will meet again in June to discuss further steps.

Another change being explored is expanding the space available for County functions. Thanks to a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Planning Grant, a team of graduate students and faculty from the University of Colorado-Denver, are looking at infrastructure needs and will be bringing refined ideas on a County Annex to the Commissioners.

A serious push is being made to bring broadband and high-speed internet to Saguache. Crestone Telecom is working with the Planning Commission, Commissioners, and Town of Saguache officials to bring better telecommunication to County offices as well as local businesses and residents.

Another area where changes may be imminent is in Public Health and Social Services. For years, the departments have operated as separate County enti-

ties, but in many small counties in the state the departments are being combined to save administrative costs and to allow for better service to clientele, as the two departments have some overlap in the people they serve. Often, the clients who need the services of one department, can benefit from services of the other, but don't always know what is available to them. As there are currently openings for directors in both departments, Commissioners are discussing whether another administrative model might serve the County better.

Landfill issues

Road and Bridge Supervisor Randy Arredondo reported that the county landfill is still running in the red, and Commissioners have agreed that something must be done. Arredondo said that revenues are lower than anticipated, while expenses are higher. He anticipates needing about \$95,000 this year to run the facility. The county budgeted \$82,000. A major trash hauler has not brought trash to the landfill as had been anticipated, so that revenues are likely to be about \$45,000. That puts the county at a \$50,000 shortfall. Since this has been an ongoing problem for the landfill, Commissioners are asking Arredondo to develop a ballot initiative to ask voters to approve a 1% sales tax to support the landfill, an expanded recycling program, and perhaps a bit for wildlife.

The landfill, which is currently open to the public from 8am to 3pm on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, offers a recycling center, as well as trash disposal. Due to Department of Health requirements, some major expenses such as monitoring wells and special liners have seriously increased the cost to operate. Saguache County has the only remaining county landfill in the Valley. It must still meet the strict requirements of larger regional landfills, but without the revenue. Therefore, equipment, such as a bailer, to make a fully functioning recycling center, is not available. Justin Love, of Crestone, has recently signed a 5-year contract with the County to run the recycling functions. He has already moved the mountains of glass back into production. Tires are still an issue, and Arredondo asked Commissioners to use some of the PILT money to get rid of some of the mounds of tires, as the Department of Health is requiring they be moved.

Social Services

Jeannie Norris, Social Services Director, noted that there are increases in numbers served in all programs over the last few years. At a recent strategic planning retreat, staff noted that in 2009 there were 14 TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) and 445 food assistance cases. With increases every year, in 2013 the county served 29 TANF and 677 food assistance cases. Service to clients is up in every category including LEAP (Energy assistance), Aid to Needy Disabled, Old Age Assistance and Child Protection. According to Norris, "The first six months of Affordable Care show 486 Saguache County residents now receiving expanded Medicaid coverage, with 212 additional persons now covered by purchasing

health insurance through Connect for Health Colorado. Earned income tax credit recipients number 706, for \$1,680,485 in tax refunds."

Public Health

Della Vieira, who has guided Saguache County's Public Health Department through some excellent years of service, is moving on. She will be heading up Alamosa County Dept. of Public Health. Thank you, Della, for exceptional public service.

Public Lands update

Joe Vieira, BLM's Solar Energy specialist, gave Commissioners an update on current status of solar projects on BLM land. The only project site identified for development in Saguache county is DeTilla Gulch, which is north of Saguache to the east of Hwy. 285. The project has been significantly reduced from the original proposal, and Vieira said even that project would only be built out at about 80% of the space. However, due to the economic constraints of distance to major energy markets, and the fact that our transmission lines are limited, he does not anticipate development any time soon. California and Nevada are attracting the most attention from geothermal developers because of the proximity to markets. He also noted that no decision has yet been made on revenue sharing with counties from the sale of power from projects on public lands.

Jim Pitts, US Forest Service, informed commissioners of upcoming events on FS land, including several projects of various types in the western part of the county. Forest Service roads are now open for the summer, and livestock permits will not be limited this year because of drought. There will be a burn project at Buffalo Pass, which is in the San Juans, but may possibly cause smoke in the Crestone area because of prevailing westerly winds. He also said that fire management in the Sangres is coordinated with other departments, and that two fires a year is average, primarily from lightning strikes. Nationally, fires on FS lands are way up, and that is taking budget money from other services.

Jason Anderson noted that beetle kill is a big problem in all areas of the Valley now, and recommended that the FS speed up processing of permits or other measures that would facilitate harvesting those trees for building materials, firewood, wood pellets, or other industries. Otherwise the wood is wasted and becomes a serious fire danger, as we saw in South Fork last year.

SRS Forest Service payments

SRS has provided funds for our local communities to receive fire prevention education and mitigation over the last four years. Funds this year were severely reduced. \$54,077 was provided for 2013. Commissioners will likely divide that amount evenly among the entities that have requested it: Town of Crestone; Daniel Johnson, who provides service to individual homeowners; Kundalini Fire Protection; and Baca Grande POA. They have all been asked to provide a detailed plan for how they will use the \$13,519 that will be available for this fire season.



Here come the zombies!

by Deputy Clerk
Gretchen Nelson

The 4th of July will be here before we know it. This year we are calling all “Walking Dead” to take part in the “Free the Zombies” theme parade. Booth space rental fees for the vendor area in the park have changed as follows: \$75 for a 10’x 10’ space or \$100 for a 10’x 20’ space for full meal vendors, and \$10 for a 10’x 10’ space for non-food vendors. The Town of Crestone would like to welcome Jessica Martinez as the 4th of July event coordinator; you can contact her at 256-5844 for general event information. Vendor applications can be obtained at the town hall; contact Gretchen at 256-4313. Dress up and let’s have some fun this year!

Crestone Botanical Gardens

The greenhouse is now open for the third year and is full of flowers, bedding plants, house plants, soil and soil amendments. This project is sponsored by the Town of Crestone and supported by a Saguache County

grant to promote economic development for disabled adults. Stop by when you are in town; your support is appreciated!

Youth Work Force

Paul Grice was hired in May to assist Lisa Bodey with the scheduling duties associated with the Youth Work Force. If you see Paul around town, please welcome him aboard. To schedule youth workers, contact Paul at 719-480-2553 or pgrice64@msn.com.

Ordinance adopted

The Town of Crestone adopted Ordinance No. 2014-003 “An Ordinance Prohibiting The Smoking of Marijuana and Marijuana Products In The Town Park(s) of The Town of Crestone, Colorado” on May 12. Marijuana smoking in public is illegal throughout the state. This ordinance will allow the Town’s Code Enforcement Officer to issue citations for these violations. The Board of Trustees is hoping that this ordinance will help solve the problems of adults hanging out in the parks smoking marijuana and intimidating other people who want to use the premises, including families and children.

New resolutions

Resolution No. 009-2014 “A Resolution Amending The Fee Schedule For The Town of Crestone” was adopted, adding a \$500 “late” renewal fee for medical marijuana licensing. Resolution No. 010-2014 “A Resolution Supporting The Formation of a Colorado Creative District Within The Town of Crestone In Order To Enhance Economic Development and Creative Industry Employment” was adopted, supporting and endorsing the formation of a Colorado Creative District in Crestone.



North Crestone Creek is running full through town. So good to see the water!

Downtown Revitalization Grant Awarded

by Akia Tanara,
Crestone Town Administrator

In mid-May the Town of Crestone received notification from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) that the town will be offered a grant award of \$500,000 for its Pedestrian Pathway Network Project (PPNP), also known as downtown revitalization. This is very exciting news! Many community members, mostly volunteers, have worked on creating this plan for more than two years. The process was guided by Kim Smoyer and illustrated by local (and awesome) architect Burt Wadman. A copy of the Phase 1 illustrative development plan can be reviewed at Crestone Town Hall. Another grant was sought for this project from Safe Routes to School in the amount of \$300,000, but was not funded.

The PPNP will begin to address significant infrastructure issues, inadequate handicap accessibility, unsafe pedestrian routes and economic development in the commercial district. The project will concentrate rather than disperse improvements to maximize impact, including street improvements that will slow traffic and improve safety; road striping; signage improve-

ments; debris removal; tree pruning; emphasize beautification to increase “linger time” in the business district; establish anchor features (or events) to act as social magnets for community use; improve air quality, and capitalize on the existing charm of Town Center park. Completing redevelopment of the commercial district will provide a strong, sustainable platform for future economic growth and community revitalization, and address existing public health and safety problems.

There are several deliverables that the Town must complete before the grant money will be disbursed and the project components can be advertised for bids. Now that the funding for Phase 1 of the project has been secured the project will have to be revised for the funds that are available. Almost \$64,000 has been raised in matching and in-kind funds from the Conservation Trust Fund, County Sales Tax Grants, Saguache County Road & Bridge, Town of Crestone and local cash donations. That is an amazing amount of local support for a community of our size!

The project is still about \$12,000 short in matching funds. There is great incentive for making a donation to this project at this time. Because the PPNP is an Enterprise Zone Project, significant tax deductions are available. For example, a donor gives \$10,000, which is tax-deductible as a donation to a local governmental entity. If that donor pays income tax at the rate of 28%, federal taxes are reduced by \$2,800. The donor then has a lower taxable income for state income tax and saves 4.63% or another \$463. Then, the donor will receive a certificate to be included with his or her state income tax filing for an additional tax credit of 25% or \$2,500. If that’s too great of a deduction for one year, the 25% credit may be carried over to the following year. Imagine donating \$10,000 and saving \$5,763 on taxes! The Enterprise Zone Credit is 12.5% and pre-approval is required, which Town staff will be happy to arrange. Donations can be earmarked for specific parts of the project, such as trees/plantings, benches, etc.

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

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Water flow, forensic audit, wildfire mitigation some of POA board topics

by Earl W. Sutherland
& Janet G. Woodman

Spanish Wetlands site evaluated

At the April 24 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Baca Grande Property Owners Association (POA) concern was expressed about the area in the Grants where Spanish Creek encounters Camino del Rey (near the intersection of Heatherbrae) and the location of a sign indicating "Wildlife Habitat" created by the Crestone Baca Land Trust. Manager Ron Garcia of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge (BNWR) and local district Water Commissioner Jim Swanson reported that "silting up" of the stream course resulted in extensive lateral dispersion of water and consequent diminution of surface flow to the Refuge. The Refuge, holder of senior rights to nearly all water traversing the Baca, is now calling for relief of this diversion of water. With this request the POA is now faced with alleviating the stream situation itself or allowing BNWR access to fix it themselves. Failure to do one or the other of these could result in stiff fines and the POA board expressed a clear preference for BNWR to go ahead and fix the problem. A site visit on May 5 sought to assess just where the problem was and what steps were needed to fix it.

The field trip was preceded by a briefing in the Refuge headquarters where useful aerial photos and LIDAR ("light radar" measures distances, e.g., topography, by reflected laser light) views of the area were presented. Attending were Mr. Garcia, Mr. Swanson, Eric Smolik, water manager for the Refuge, Noah Baen and Julie Reinhart-Sutherland of the POA's Committee for Natural Surroundings, Bea Ferrigno and Margo Williams of the community, and this observer, on behalf of the Crestone Baca Land Trust, of which he is president. Of particular importance is the information that Spanish Creek is modified by two adjudicated ditches in the area, one on the southern reach of the greenbelt (#20) and the other to the north (#19). The proposal by the Refuge is to mitigate surface flooding by facilitating flow in Ditch #20. A longer range project is to improve flow through Ditch #19, which will allow irrigation of a larger area of the nearby Refuge wetlands. As these modifications seem minimally invasive and will result in the reopening of dirt-lined ditches from which water will subside (sub-irrigate) the existing wet meadows ("Spanish Wetlands"), the observers expressed general approval of the project, feeling that modification of the present "wet meadow" habitat will be slight.

In the May 8 meeting, newly appointed director Janie Thomas joined the four other directors before an audience of 23.

Nominating Committee—This committee, chaired by Ken Nelson with members Diane Dunlap and Judy Gilbert, presented its more or less final report. August 6 is the deadline for candidates to register for the three available positions. Minor changes were made in the forms for those who apply through the committee. Others may apply by petition. Contact the POA office

for forms and details.

Committee for Natural Surroundings—This committee, represented by Noah Baen and Julie Reinhart-Sutherland, visited the site of the proposed amelioration of ditch flow on lower Spanish Creek mentioned above. The committee didn't object to this planned project by the Wildlife Refuge. Concerns were raised by Director Garnett about possible violations of the Clean Water Act by the ditch repair. Therefore the original motion was rescinded and replaced with one which merely acknowledged the right of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to perform the work of maintaining the waterway rather than actually approving it. Interestingly, this subtle legal issue had not been studied by the General Counsel.

Mr. Baen reported that the Colorado Water Conservation Board, regulator of in-stream flows, seemed interested in meeting with the POA concerning the Resolution generated at the board meeting of April 10 and sent out to several interested parties (see POA website for minutes of that date). A meeting of stakeholders is under development. Mr. Baen also noted that not all potential disturbances to the natural surroundings are known to the POA administration; for example, the not too long-ago broaching of streams to install fiber-optic cable. Baen suggested that citizens who see unusual activities report them to the POA office, 256-4171. The committee also needs more volunteers for this worthy community activity.

Forensic audit—This is now known as "risk assessment", but apparently has the same objective, although differing in some ways. This special audit is reportedly required because our usual auditor refused to carry out the regular audit because he noted unspecified "red flags". In other words, the plan to conduct this special audit was not the result of a decision by the board. The audit will be carried out by Dennis Crown, who has already begun accumulating materials for his investigation, and who was identified as a Certified Fraud Examiner, one of the prerequisites for this type of audit. It has been estimated that this "risk assessment" may cost the POA \$5000. The regular audit costs about \$6500 and must still be done, but it may cost less because of Mr. Crown's work (at the May 24 meeting, the cost of the audit was still not known).

In response to a member's question, the Finance Committee, formed to aid the forensic auditor and consisting of Lisa Cyriacks and Directors Garnett and Thomas, was identified as not being required to hold public meetings. Director Garnett's justification for the secrecy was that the committee might uncover information about someone which should not be made public.

Clubhouse repairs—Following up on a motion passed at the board meeting of April 24 (see *The Crestone Eagle*, May, 2014), Directors Fuller and McDonald visited the lower level of the golf course clubhouse (the upstairs of which is the Yak-N-Cracker Café) where limited repairs were planned. Director

McDonald felt that, in fact, the limited repairs would be inadequate and felt that the best solution would be to suspend the minor repairs (aside from grading the earth next to the building) and to get a new assessment aimed to fix the entire building. The original motion authorizing the minor repairs was rescinded in favor of the more expansive assessment and project. Charles Sommers opined that if major re-modeling is envisioned the facility will have to be brought into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, which he felt could entail establishing either access to the upstairs restaurant or the availability of food on the lower level. The absence of money for extensive work this year had previously been highlighted by Director McDonald.

At the May 22 meeting of the board, there were 9 in the audience.

Executive session protocol—Extensive discussion took place regarding an executive session on the evening of the May 8 meeting. Directors Garnett and Lakish both left that meeting because of inappropriate subject matter. Director Garnett said he didn't like what goes on in executive session that doesn't belong there.

Director Lakish requested that in the future, when an executive session is closed at the end of the session, that it be done by motion, second and vote. Director Garnett stated that wasn't necessary, but Director McDonald disagreed, saying *Robert's Rules of Order* requires a vote to dismiss.

There was some discussion about recording the executive sessions. POA Community Manager Kristen Ecklund said it wasn't allowed; both Directors Lakish and Garnett said they should be recorded. Martin Macauley said the Baca Water & San board recorded their meetings unless advised by counsel to turn off the recorder.

Burn inspections, permits, mitigation—Baca Grande Interim Fire Chief Chris Botz emphasized that, because of liability concerns, it's important to distinguish between burn pit inspections, which the Baca fire department does, and issuing a burn permit. The Saguache County Sheriff has ultimate authority for approving outdoor burns, and anyone wanting to burn should notify the sheriff first. Title III grants pay for inspections of burn sites, and Daniel S. Johnson, Peter May and Frederick Dunets are the local people trained and qualified to do the inspections.

Interim Chief Botz outlined his plan to use the \$13,000 in Title III funding to acquire a brush hog and mow a wide swath on the Baca's south and west borders to prevent the encroachment of flames, should wildfire approach from that direction. Director Lakish expressed concern about fire that may start inside the Baca borders, and there was mention of the amount of dead wood in the greenbelts. Botz felt that as long as there was water running in the creeks, the well-hydrated cottonwoods would slow the spread of fire, and roads running through the Baca would act as firebreaks; that these physical barriers, in addition to teams of firefighters watching for

and extinguishing blowing embers, would provide a defense against the encroachment of wildfire.

It was decided to distribute fire mitigation literature to the local population.

The fire department, still in the process of purchasing a 4-gas meter to detect dangerous gasses, is looking at a price of \$450, although it may be possible to obtain one for \$100 less than that.

Parks & maintenance—Maintenance Director Shawn Holmer reported that there are plenty of tables in the parks; he also said that since the Desert Sage Restaurant locked its dumpsters, more household trash has been dumped in Baca park trash barrels. The Casita Park playground project is on hold, although the unsafe wooden swingset will be taken down if it can't be repaired. Gravel will be spread.

County Commissioners—Commissioners have scheduled their June work session at the Crestone Charter School on June 10, when they will discuss an alternate access road to the Grants with Ron Garcia of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge. The POA has an easement for the road, but it belongs to the Refuge. Garcia is proposing to trade this road to the County in exchange for abandonment of the old airport road and runway. Randy Arredondo, Road and Bridge Supervisor, will be discussing the possibility of the County upgrading and maintaining the road as a secondary access to the Baca Grants. From the Grants, the road would be an extension of Spanish Creek Trail going north across Willow Creek, passing Water and San's facility and then intersecting Road T. Mr. Garcia will be meeting with Commissioners at 2pm at the Charter School. The public is invited.

Elk Park—Director Garnett inquired about the state of Elk Park, the commercially-zoned area to the east of the POA building, where no visible signage is permitted. The status of that area was to be looked into.

E&AC—There was lengthy discussion about the Environmental & Architectural Control Committee's process of pursuing those violating the Covenants & Bylaws. Adjustments were made to the second violation letter (famously referred to as "the nasty letter").

Crestone Music Festival—Tom Dessain of Crestone Performances, Inc. appealed to the board to keep the price of renting the golf course at the same rate as last year, \$1250. The board agreed in a 4-to-1 vote.

At approximately 8:30 the board went into executive session.



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New officers & 2013 audit highlight May meeting

by BGWSD Board of Directors

With the election completed, the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation Board turned to the election of officers for 2014-2015. Outgoing President Vicki Matthews was named Board Secretary. Martin Macaulay continues as Vice President. Cindy Reinhardt was elected to serve as Board President; Michael Scully, Treasurer; and Kyle Grote, Assistant Secretary.

Independent Auditor Eric Barnes of Wagner Barnes & Griggs, PC reviewed his draft findings for the 2013 audit with the board. In bottom-lining his findings, Barnes said that he is issuing a “clean” audit, quoting the draft report, he said “In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the District, as of December 31, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.”

Barnes noted that the District’s revenue from services (water, sewer, and AOS fees) does not cover the cost of providing these services, a concern that the Board looks at as a part of each budget cycle. According to District Manager AJ Beckman, this is not unusual in small ru-

ral districts. Property taxes are the primary additional revenue source, and they spread the cost among all property owners.

In other business, the Board approved an agreement with Shumei International Institute granting Shumei a variance from water and sewer service on a 187-acre parcel. Shumei’s present plans include construction of three cabins and a garden. With the variance, the garden will be watered with non-treated water. In return, Shumei formalized its agreement to pay an annual payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) on its main campus property as well as on the 187-acre parcel. Board President Reinhardt noted that “the Board and Shumei worked hard to create an agreement that is good for the District in terms of Shumei’s commitment to the annual PILOT and for Shumei in terms of honoring their commitment to natural agriculture. It was truly a collaborative effort.”

The Board also approved a sewer main replacement project on Alpine Overlook and heard updates on projects including the 2014 Biosolids Land Application Project and the status of the Water Distribution System Improvements Project which will go out for bids in June.

The June Board meeting will be held on Friday, June 20 at 8am, at the District Office, 57 Baca Grant Way South. And, as always, visit the District’s website www.bacawater.com for more District information.



Saguache County Search and Rescue Team receives safety training from Colorado Flight for Life.

Search & Rescue “Lift Tickets” renewed

by Kimberly Bryant

Fourteen members of the Saguache County Search and Rescue team attended their annual helicopter training on May 3. Participation earned team members a “Lift Ticket” which allows them to ride in the helicopter in an emergency. Training topics included how to use safety gear on the helicopter, how to safely enter and exit the aircraft and how to direct a successful landing. The team also learned how to free and rescue the helicopter



Search and Rescue training chopper.

crew if they are trapped in it. Our thanks go to Flight for Life Colorado and staff John Huston, Flight Nurse, Rod Gano, Paramedic and Pilot Vince Oullette.

2014 Election news: Primary coming right up, ballots to be mailed soon

by Carla Gomez, Saguache Co. Clerk & Recorder

The 2014 Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014. Ballots will be mailed to all active, registered voters beginning June 2. The Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC), located in the Commissioners Room in the Courthouse, will be open beginning June 16 from 8am until 4pm, Monday through Friday, and from 7am until 7pm on Election Day. Voted ballots can be returned to the County Clerk’s office by mail or they may be hand-delivered to the VSPC on the days indicated above. Please note that ballots received after 7pm on Election Day will not be counted, with the exception of the overseas/military ballots.

New for the convenience of voters this year is a drive-up Ballot Drop Off Box, which has been installed in the east parking lot of the Courthouse. The drop off box is located at the back of the lot, close to the courthouse building. Easy in, easy out.

Visitors to the courthouse will also notice newly installed, red “100 Foot Limit” signs on all sides of the building. These are to inform the public of the lawful boundaries for electioneering. Many of these changes are our effort to be in compliance with new and existing election laws. We are well into a busy election year as we prepare for the

primary in June and for the general election scheduled for November 4.

Please keep in mind that we have changed our Center office hours to Monday instead of Thursday. Also, that we are changing our driver’s license renewal service to Tuesday only, beginning on July 17. As in the past, we will be suspending our Center office hours and the driver’s license service as we get closer to Election Day. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause residents; however, election activities require the full attention of our staff. Please contact us at 719-655-2512, with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the voting process or any of the other functions we are required to provide.



Renee Hazard, election official, and Saguache County Clerk Carla Gomez showing the County’s new ballot drop-off box located on the east side of the courthouse and accessed from the side parking lot.

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- 2) Obtain a petition with signatures of twenty-five (25) Members in Good Standing.

Candidates must submit their materials by 5:00 PM August 6, 2014 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 or info@bacapoa.org if you have any questions.

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Mark Mikow

Mark performs both original and classic jazz blues on the guitar. He has authored *Build Your Chops! Technical Studies for Jazz Improvisation* and runs the Build your Chops! School for Guitar Mastery. He also teaches math, science, and music theory at the Crestone Charter School. Come check out the old guy in town.

Meryl Ennis



Meryl Ennis

Coming in for her fourth round at Crest' Fest', Meryl is bringing fun-spirited and spiritual songs with her wide-ranging vocals. She has recorded three CDs including *Dancing with the Divine*, an original collection of blues, folk, and gospel, *Opera and Other Pretty Songs*, and most recently *With the Love of the Lord* with special guest Don Richmond. Meryl is the original director of the festival and will always hold a special place in the hearts of our community.

Cari & James

Cari and James are a new duo in town from South Africa. They have collaborated for more than a decade and traveled the world playing music. An acoustic duet, they will be performing original folk and rock songs. Come and enjoy this new addition to Crestone.

Eli Dokson & Dale Smith



Dale Smith got the beat.

These are two friends who have been playing music together for many years. Eli Dokson on guitar and Dale Smith on cajon are unplugged and playing an astounding repertoire of originals. Both are songwriters and are finishing up their own respective albums and will be sharing songs from their new releases. If you want to see a real couple of friends clowning it up, don't miss these jokers.

Air Plane Mode

An Indie Rock band that plays of a mix of originals and covers influenced by Rilo Kiley, The Beatles, The Pixies, Death-cab for Cutie and Feist. They often switch between vocals, guitars, bass, xylophone, trumpet, harmonica, drums, cajon and other percussion. The name comes from the mode you set your phone on to prevent any interruptions while listening to your music. They also enjoy long walks on the beach or just sitting around watching silly movies on rainy days. And they love you.

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CB Jazz is Dennis Neuhaus, Dean Lloyd, Nick Chambers & Al Sutherland, playing older jazz classics with horn, bass, keys and drum. You'll hear swing, bossa, blues and standards! They enjoy playing and are seasoned musicians who have been delighting us all for years.



River Bottom Blues Band

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With influences from the Bayou to the Bowery and the British Invasion, the River Bottom Blues Band rocks. They play upbeat danceable blues you can use and feature the driving harmonica of Mr. Peter Taylor, a smooth booming bass from Dee Rudoff, Jim Sheeran on drivin' drums and River Burt fronting the frolic. Kick off your sandals and put on your dancing feet!

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Plan Be

Plan Be is the coalescence of four gypsy soul dirt loving men who really know how to tap in!

Adam Kinney, Nick Chambers, Jacob Pesqueira and Tom Hart enliven what it means to be fathers, husbands, workers and seekers as they jam their gypsy mountain rock 'n roll. This will be their third appearance at the festival and they just keep getting better.



CB Jazz

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More regional acts join the festival

by Tom Dessain

The 16th Annual Crestone Music Festival will be held at Challenger Golf Club in Crestone Colorado August 1, 2, & 3. The festival is a three-day, two-stage, multi-genre, multi-cultural event with a Kids' Zone, family activities, all-age contests, arts & crafts, international cuisine and great libations. We are excited to announce three more regional acts added to our star studded line-up.

The first band is Gumbo which hails from the Democratic Republic of Congo. They bring a new genre to our festival called Soukous. Soukous comes from the French word for "shake" and it describes contemporary Zairean/Congolese dance music. It is known for its intricate guitar work

where the 1st and 2nd solo guitarists "combat" each other with notes both complementing and competing with each other for the spotlight. It is a wild ride but loads of fun. Gumbo is comprised of DRC natives who have brought this exciting genre to the USA. They've landed in Aurora CO, of all places, and we are thrilled to have them showcase their music with us. You probably haven't ever heard this before, so come on out and get an earful!

Next is a gift that just landed in our lap called the Young Ancients. This talented band unites three renowned performers, John Magnie and Steve Amedée from The Subdudes and Cary Morin, who in 2013 was named Colorado's International Blues Challenge Solo Champion. Together, their musical roots intertwine in an inspired blend of blues,

folk-rock, soul, gospel, Native Americana, and New Orleans R&B. Their sound features rich vocal harmonies and unexpected instrumentation. All three band members have performed across the globe, sharing stages with such legends as B.B. King, Ray Charles, Al Green, and Al Jarreau.



Beth Quist brings it home Saturday afternoon.



Young Ancients will be at this year's Music Festival.

They've played celebrated venues including New York's Lincoln Center, New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, Paris Jazz Festival, and Folk Alliance International. This is an unexpected treat for us here in Crestone, and we know you will be wowed!

Our third addition to the festival is the very popular multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, and composer, Beth Quist. Beth began playing piano at age two and has toured with Cirque du Soleil and sings with Bobby McFerrin's Voicestra. Her music combines influences from the Balkans, the Middle East, and India. She teaches Turkish, Greek, Bulgarian, and Indian Raga singing, improvisation, music theory and keyboard. She has been here before and we have finally got her back. Don't miss this unusual and compelling artist and her talented friends.

Other regional acts include: bluegrass from the Blue Canyon Boys, Gypsy Jazz from Taarka, the singing sisters SHEL, Intuit from Naropa, frisky funk from Rachael and the Ruckus and the hard salsa power house, Conjuntos Colores!

Don't forget our headliners! Friday features the eclectic folk rockers Paper Bird. Saturday has the award-winning blues artist Ruthie Foster. Sunday brings us Grammy winning Charles Neville and Kora master Youssoupha Sidibe and the Mystic Rhythms! This is gonna' be just a flat-out cool year!

Tickets and more information can be found at crestfest.org or call 719-256-4533 or toll free at 855-85music. Check out our locals line-up in this edition of *The Crestone Eagle*.

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Crestone Artisans Gallery highlights Dancing Elk Designs

Sponsors Second Saturday Artwalk

Once again we celebrate summer and our creative community by sponsoring Second Saturday Artwalk. On the second Saturday of June-Sept. CAG will have a reception from 2-5pm when patrons can visit with our artists, enjoy wine & refreshments and relax with some local live music. The gallery is extending its hours for summer: Wednesday through Monday 11am-5pm, closed on Tuesday.

Our highlighted artists for June are Myan and Jeff Sorensen of Dancing Elk Designs. The husband/wife team has been creating works of wearable art from naturally shed antler since 1989. Hiking and searching the hills and back country of Colorado and the west provides them with shed deer and elk antler. "The designs evolve by means of a creative relationship first with the antler itself, observing what each piece's best qualities are to be revealed," says Myan.

Jeff not only finds the antler, but also takes the first step of cutting and shaping each piece. Myan's relationship is then with the refined antler piece. The polishing and wire and stone embellishments bridge the piece to make it ready for display. "We see the result of our work as a transformation of an organic gift of

nature to a useful adornment reflecting our values of honoring wildlife and Mother Earth," say the Sorensens. CAG has a wonderful display of Dancing Elk Designs' incredible antler jewelry including pendants, pins, earrings and barrettes.

Don't forget Dad on June 15! What better way to celebrate Father's Day then with a handmade gift from a local artist or crafts person! At CAG we have a great selection from books & CDs to fine art, hand-turned wooden vessels & boxes, photographs, art glass, leather works, stone, paper & metal sculpture, pottery & jewelry. Bring Dad to the opening on the 14th and celebrate his special day with art, wine and music!

Crestone Artisans Gallery is an artist cooperative showing the works of 24 local artists and crafts persons. You can meet both Myan & Jeff, and all the artists currently showing at the gallery at the June Second Saturday Artwalk reception on June 14 from 2-5pm. This month's entertainment is by Steve & Trevor Storm. Artisans Gallery is located in downtown Crestone, on the corner of Galena & Cottonwood. For more information: 719-256-5280 or visit our web site at www.crestoneartisansgallery.com.



Potter Tyler Brandon demonstrating his art in Artisans Park as visitor look on during Art In The Park. This summer many more great events are planned. Come see!

Crestone celebrates summer with Second Saturday Artwalk

Come enjoy art in the park!

Crestone is a unique and creative community with a lot to offer locals and tourists alike! This summer the town of Crestone will be celebrating our uniqueness by coming together on the Second Saturday of the month (June 14, July 12, Aug. 9 & Sept. 13) and offering town-wide events, activities and shopping discounts. For a small town we have a high percentage of creative folks so there is something to interest just about anyone!

If you'd like to learn about the rich history of our town and surrounding areas, the Crestone Historical Museum will be open. The museum has an interesting display of historic artifacts from early Crestone, the mining days and even earlier! You can peruse a large selection of books written about the town and mining camps, including maps for hiking throughout the area. The Small Gift area includes books, maps and Crestone T-shirts.

Crestone Artisans Gallery will be holding its monthly artists' reception from 2-5pm. The gallery represents over 24 local artists and crafts persons showing works in many media including paintings in oil, acrylic & watercolor, jewelry, glass, leather work, pot-

tery, hand turned wood, furniture, textiles, handmade paper, sculpture, wind chimes & photography. There are several new members showing this summer. Don't miss this opportunity to meet the artists! Refreshments & wine will be served with live music in Artisans Park.

Local businesses will be participating by offering specials. If you're an art enthusiast you will find that every store, restaurant or shop will have local arts and crafts displayed and for sale.

Saturday Market is our version of a farmers' market & crafts fair rolled into one. Local vendors will be selling everything from homemade salsas and baked goods to homegrown veggies, handmade jewelry, arts & crafts and much more. The market begins around 10am and runs until 3pm.

If you're from out of town and have always wondered about the little town nestled at the foot of the Sangre de Cristos, this is the time! Come and visit our Creative District in downtown Crestone. The creeks are flowing, flowers are bloomin' and the mountains are calling! Please visit us for the Second Saturday Artwalk and see just what a friendly and creative community Crestone is.

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Students discussing their art at a workshop held by Jennifer Thomson.

Art retreat with Jennifer Thomson to be held August 8 thru 12

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Mornings: We will develop form and motif "out of the colors", an approach inspired by Goethe and Steiner that perceives colors as the visible outer garments of invisible forces and beings. Students will create a large veil painting watercolor during the 5 mornings, inspired by a given color exercise.

Afternoon: One afternoon sketching in nature. Develop landscape sketches into abstract paintings. In the studio, explore painting exercises inspired by O'Keeffe's compositional space and form art. Materials used in the workshop: watercolor, gouache, ink, charcoal & colored pencils.

It is a quiet inner period of time to gather your forces. Many have come who are on a threshold of their life, whether in health, life change, death-related, or to renew their art experience.

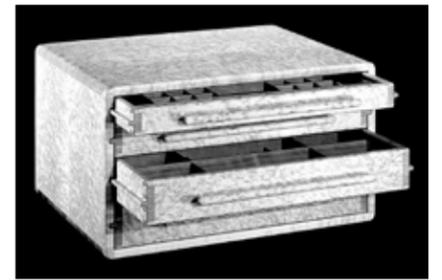
Evening presentation

Georgia O'Keeffe & Stieglitz Ammi & Jennifer will explore their characters through impersonation and showing slides of O'Keeffe's art. August 9th, 7pm, Elephant Cloud studio. Open to the public and free.

Further information: POBox 894, Crestone, Colorado, 81131, 719-937-7694 or 496-3184, sunstudio.thomson1@gmail.com, www.jenniferthomson.net

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Woodworker Edward Wohl Shumei featured artist for June



Jewelry Box by Edward Wohl

There will be an art opening at the Shumei Gallery for woodworker Edward Wohl on Sunday, June 1, 3-5pm. Edward Wohl's functional and beautiful woodworks will be on display in the Shumei Gallery for the month of June. Edward says, "I make things of wood that I'd like to have myself: functional pieces that are quiet, peaceful, and a pleasure to touch and look at. My approach emphasizes select materials, structural integrity and utility. I like to

let the wood do the work, to coax nature to imitate art." Wohl is the owner of Edward S. Wohl Woodworking & Design of Ridgeway, WI, a shop specializing in limited-edition pieces including cedar-lined blanket chests, stools, benches and coffee tables. Refreshments follow the artists' presentation. Call 256-5284 for more information or visit www.shumeicrestone.org.

Dance with Ahgadaze in Crestone July 4 at Cloud Station

The legendary Ahgadaze, a power trio, plays classic rock, blues, oldies, country and more. They performed in the San Luis Valley from 1994 until 2001. During those years they played in Crestone for the 4th of July and Halloween Ball dances but mostly in clubs from South Fork to Salida.

Scott "Oly" Olson was the music teacher at the Moffat School for 10 years in the early 90s and played in several bands before forming Ahgadaze with Scott Alexander. He has degrees in music education and music therapy. He teaches music in a Colorado Springs charter school and continues to entertain on guitar and vocal.

Scott Alexander heads up the Northern Saguache County Ambulance District and plays in the

band Kicker, mostly at Cow Town. Scott owned a cable TV company in Saguache and is a pro sound engineer. He's a solid drummer and an excellent singer.

Dennis Neuhaus, a 20-year Crestone resident, plays bass and sings in Ahgadaze and flugelhorns in CB Jazz. The CB stands for Crestone Baca. Dennis is a member of Crestone Telecom, the new local internet company, and has a computer business.

Many of the songs played by Ahgadaze are not attempted by bands as they are too difficult to pull together for most groups. Ahgadaze captures the sound and feel of a song with a strong get-up-and-boogie beat.

If you like to dance, you'll have fun with Ahgadaze.

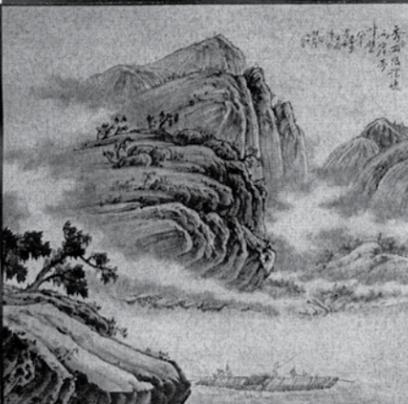
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Ghost Horse Gift Gallery will host new Moffat Farmers Market

Moffat, CO - Ghost Horse Gift Gallery at the corner of Rd. T and Hwy. 17 in Moffat, will host a new farmers market. The Moffat market will be open on Friday mornings, 9am-1pm starting June 6 and running to September 19. The new farmers market will emphasize local produce, seeds, and plant starts as well as fine arts and crafts. Vendor set up is free. Optional donations to the Ghost Horse Haven hay fund after a prosperous day would be appreciated. The public is encouraged to spread the word in support of this community effort to support local farmers and artisans. The time for the new market was chosen to compliment already ex-

isting farmers markets in Salida, Alamosa, Crestone, and Saguache.

"Our community goal is to support the exchange of financial prosperity, wholesome food, and quality crafts," says gallery owner Anne Severn. "The Moffat market is for everyone. It's all about nurturing and respecting the heart of the valley, our love for the land and creativity."

Interested vendors should contact Anne Severn at 719-256-4177 (Gallery), or drop by Ghost Horse Gift Gallery in Moffat. The gallery is open six afternoons a week noon-5pm, closed Tuesdays. The opening market day will be Friday, June 6.



The Fishtank Ensemble were a popular & exciting band when they played at the Crestone Music Festival. Come see them again at Cloud Station on June 21.

Cloud/Yak collaborates for dinner & music June 21 with Fishtank Ensemble

"Cloud Station and the Yak'n'Cracker are happy to announce the collaboration of the Cloud Station Venue and the Yak'n'Cracker Cafe for a full night of dinner and live music!

The first collaborative event is June 21, with music from the Fishtank Ensemble, who are a world music group from Los Angeles, CA. They are known for their unique and high-energy stage show that blends a wide range of styles including Balkan, Romanian, Gypsy, French hot jazz, Flamenco, Turkish, Greek, and a little rock'n'roll.

The Yak'n'Cracker Cafe and Cloud Station have teamed up to bring you a full night of good food and live music! We hope to continue to bring these events to our community, through a wonderful venue space and food crafted to reflect the musical genre of bands! The Cafe and the Cloud Station have the same fundamental beliefs on the importance of GMO-free food and supporting local community so we may all thrive and have fun! So come out for dinner to the Yak'n'Cracker before the concert, buy your tickets in advance, and receive a great deal all-around."

Dean Coombs nominated for Governor's Creative Leadership Award

Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) on April 2 announced three nominees were selected to receive the 2014 Governor's Creative Leadership Award. The winners are Curt Bean of Denver, Walt Pourier of Denver, and Dean Coombs of Saguache.

The Governor's Creative Leadership Awards honor Coloradoans who have demonstrated a significant commitment to the state's creative landscape through civic leadership and volunteerism including advocacy, vision, collaboration, and social change.

Nominations were considered based on the following factors:

1. Significance and magnitude of the use of the arts and the creative sector to enhance Colorado's social and/or economic fabric, quality of life and well-being.
2. Breadth of population served by arts action.
3. Extent of vision and long-term community impact.

Dean Coombs, Saguache Crescent

Dean Coombs was nominated in the arts and community action category for preserving the art of linotype (hot lead) and carrying on the publication of the *Saguache Crescent* since the late 1980s. The *Crescent* is now the last linotype

newspaper in the United States. Way to go Dean!

Liam Christy to play June 1 at Elephant Cloud in Crestone

Liam Christy returns to Crestone and will be playing Sunday, June 1 at the Cloud Studio at 7 pm. After many years of touring as a soloist and with The Reventones, he has built up a loyal following. Liam plays traditional flamenco guitar, but his set includes pop, bossa nova and a few surprises. Liam is known for his inventive, original compositions and passionate performances. His collaborations and projects include accompanying pop singer Pia Toscano (American Idol), Moroccan Roll (a Flamenco/ Middle Eastern fusion), SEiX (A gypsy/fusion group with Ursula Knudson and Fabrice Martinez of Fishtank Ensemble), The Reventones, and Cuban Maestro Lazaro Galarraga in Sitara Son.



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Summerfest on the Rio

This festival is June 6-8 in beautiful Alamosa's Cole Park.

Friday night: concert 6-9pm with Tumbleweed.

Saturday: 9:30am Poker run registration; 10am-10pm activities closing the day with Martini Shot

Sunday: 11am-6pm activities, closing with Pedro and the Pistons

Much more live entertainment on two stages, art, craft and food booths, poker run, activities, beer garden, and pump track participation event.

Fun in the sun for everyone. Don't miss it! More information at summerfestontherio.org.

Open house at Crestone Massage

Saturday June 7 from 11-2pm there will be great food, free raffles, and live entertainment with Andy Skellenger. Come and celebrate our four-year anniversary in downtown Crestone.

Cottonwood Creek field day

The Crestone-Baca Watershed Council monthly field day for June will continue our survey local creeks with a walk through the Cottonwood Creek watershed and riparian zones, which include some of the most bio-diverse habitat in the Baca subdivision. Along the way we'll review the history of the creek and a discuss strategies for restoration. We will meet Thursday June 19 at 1pm where Cottonwood Creek crosses Camino Baca Grande, just beyond Tranquil Way. Bring a notebook, snack, water, and a camera.

For directions and more information email crestonebacawatershedcouncil@gmail.com or call 719-256-4182. Reach us during the field activities at 917-392-6962

More surveys, please

Thanks to the fifty of you who have filled out and returned the Living Wisdom surveys about what kind of senior community facility will fit Crestone's needs. The tallies so far show some clear directions and are very exciting in terms of indicating a clear need for such a project. However, we are hoping for 100 responses, and therefore encourage everyone 55 years and over to pick up a survey—at the Crestone Mercantile, at the Desert Sage Restaurant or at the ERA office of Vivia Lawson in town—and return it to Vivia's office as soon as possible. It takes only 10 minutes to fill out the 14 questions. Whether you plan to grow old in Crestone or not, your voice is important.

Zacheis Planetarium will continue free shows through the summer

The Adams State University Zacheis Planetarium presents the summer 2014 show schedule. All programs are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Check in at the front desk when you arrive.

All shows are Thursdays at 7pm and 7:45pm. Doors open at 6:45pm.

June 5 – "Earthquake: Evidence of a Restless Planet"

June 12 – "Escher's Universe"

June 19 – "Experience the Aurora"
For the complete schedule through August 21, and movie descriptions, visit blogs.adams.edu/zacheis.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors needs your help!

If you or someone you know has received assistance from NHN, it would be so appreciated if you donate your energies, strong backs and helpful spirit to the events NHN sponsors to raise the much-needed funds for the benefit of community members in crisis. You will have an opportunity to do so at the upcoming NHN Yard Sale on June 7. If you are interested in helping NHN on upcoming events, please call Joany Peterson 937-7790 or Lynda Kucin 256-5458.

Senior activities on Wednesdays at the YES building

On Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm, beginning June 4, we will offer activities such as yoga, card games, Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit, brain games, charades, word puzzles, movies, potlucks, etc.

Speakers will present subjects of interest to seniors. Day trips will be planned, some evenings, too. Give us your input of what you would like to do. A light lunch will be provided. Please respond if you wish to participate.

For more information call YES at 937-7788 or email us at yescrestone.org.

YES is open Monday-Thursday 10am-2pm.

Pass this information on to friends and neighbors!

NHN annual yard sale June 7

Neighbors Helping Neighbors' annual yard sale will take place on June 7 from 8:30am to 3pm in the parking lot of Elephant Cloud. Please bring any items you wish to donate for our sale the morning of the sale to Elephant Cloud parking lot at 8:30.

All sales will go to the general fund for NHN. Thank you for your support.

Wildwood Sounds presents House Concerts

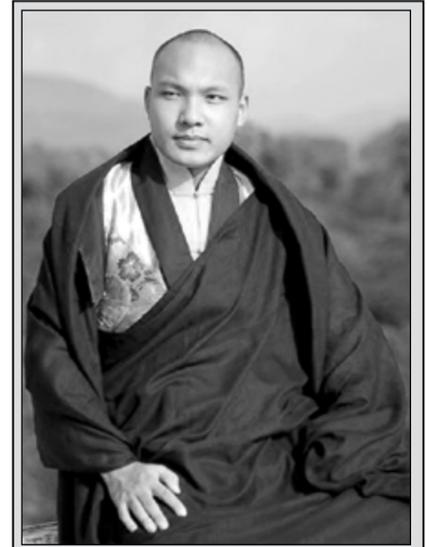
Stephen and Konnie started presenting concerts as Wildwood Sounds in 2002 because they believed in the joy and love of sharing music. They felt that every community should have the opportunity to experience the beautiful sounds of instruments, the lyrics of talented writers and the voices of beautiful souls, who make this world a better place.

Their audiences have been loyal, supportive and appreciative of their efforts over the years to provide a diverse music scene for Del Norte and the San Luis Valley. Their goal each time is to help make it a joyful experience for everyone with potluck sharing, coffee and tea on the house all steeped in the universal language of music.

Through Wildwood Sounds we all have the pleasure of discovering amazing artists who share their music with us. Every concert takes us all on a musical journey through landscapes, visions, dances, styles, emotions, laughs and cries.

Speaking of musical journeys, Wildwood Sounds Mini Music Festival V (Fund Raiser) will be held Saturday, June 14 starting at 11am and lasting until late in the evening. This is a fun all day event with musicians taking turns on our indoor and outdoor stages and a great potluck (please bring something to share).

For more information regarding this event and other concerts check out our website: www.wildwoodsounds.com or call us at 719-657-4757. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces soon.



Karmapa's birthday party is June 26

Please join KTTG at the Tashi Gomang Stupa to celebrate the 17th Karmapa's birthday on Thursday, June 26 at 10am. There will be a fire offering (Riwo Sangcho) and long life prayers led by Khenpo Tenzin Lobzang, followed by birthday cake and refreshments. People of all ages are welcome! For more information contact Zoe DeBray at 360-370-7770.

Colorado Mountain Club offers youth adventures

Are you ready for summer adventure? Join the Colorado Mountain Club for a summer of rock climbing, hiking and some overnight camping adventures! Our programs are designed for all skill levels and abilities. Let's explore your wild backyard together!

Camp details:

July 7-11 - Wild Land Adventures ages 9-12. Join us for a day camp filled with SLV exploration, hiking and rock climbing.

July 21-25 - Mountain Adventure and Rock Climbing for High School age youth. We will rock climb and hike throughout the week culminating in a one night overnight backpacking trip.

July 28-August 1st - Overnight Climbing Camp for Middle school youth. We will spend 5 days climbing and camping at Penitente Canyon.

Contact Ryan Johns or visit the website for pricing, more details and registration: <http://www.cmc.org/Youth/IndividualStudent/SummerCourses.aspx> Call 303-563-9767 or email ryanjohns@cmc.org

Summerfest on the Rio Festival

June 6th-8th at Alamosa Cole Park

Friday 6pm - 9pm ~ Concert with Tumbleweed

Saturday 9:30am ~ Poker Run registration

Saturday 10am - 10pm ~ Activities - closing the day with Martini Shot

Sunday 11am - 6pm ~ Activities - closing with Pedro and the Pistons

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

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

Monthly Events

Friday, May 30

- Zumba Fitness - abs & glutes! Birch street studio 9:00 am-10:00 am www.angela108.zumba.com
- Nath's Cambodian Food & Fun-K-Chikunz Band, Yak'n'Cracker 5:30 pm-9:00 pm 719-256-4700

Saturday, May 31

- Yak 'N' Cracker 3yr Bday...Free organic cake! – noon-9:00 pm 719 256 4700
- Retirement party for Jim Hollmer – Community Building 3:00 pm Potluck
- River Blues Band @ Steel Horse Grill, 6-9pm steelhorsegrill.com 719-655-2004
- CCC Youth Fundraiser: Sacred World Dances, Crestone Charter School 7-9pm \$5-15 719-480-5925
- Tribal DJ Dance- Androcell & Meta Myth – Cloud Station 9:00 pm-1:00 am \$5-10 719-480-5925

Sunday, June 1

- Liam Christy at Cloud Station
- Dorje Trolo practice – White Jewel Mountain 10:00 am-12:00 pm no charge 719-256-5773
- Fellowship Sunday, Crestone Baptist Church 10am-1pm
- Shumei Art Symposium with Edward Wohl, 3-5pm Free www.shumeicrestone.org 256-5284
- Bluegrass/Acoustic/Roots jam – Yak N Cracker Cafe 4:00 pm-7:00 pm Free

Monday, June 2

- Town of Crestone Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Crestone Town Center 6-8pm 256-4313

Wednesday, June 4

- BGPOA Ad Hoc Dues Structure Committee, BG-POA Meeting Room 2pm bacapoa.org 256-4171

Thursday, June 5

- Baca Refuge Tour-Gen'l Tour – Baca Refuge Office 9:00 am Free 719-256-5527

Friday, June 6

- Summerfest on the Rio – Cole Park All Day atsummerfestontherio.org

Saturday, June 7

- NHN Annual Yard Sale – In front of Elephant Cloud 8:30 am-3:00 pm
- Open House, Crestone Massage 11am-2pm
- Paul Archuleta @ Steel Horse Grill, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm steelhorsegrill.com 719-655-2004

Sunday, June 8

- Monthly Sampai at Shumei Sanctuary, 10:30 am-noon Free www.shumeicrestone.org 256-5284

Monday, June 9

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

Tuesday, June 10

- Sag. Cty. Commissioners meet in Crestone – Crestone Charter School 9:30 am
- Crestone End of Life Project Open Meeting – The Topping House 7:00 pm-9:00 pm 719.256.4247

Wednesday, June 11

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

Thursday, June 12

- Full Moon – 12:00 am
- Full Moon Fire Ceremony, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am www.babajashram.org 256-4108
- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome. – 4:00 pm-6:00 pm free or by donation nurashkijerrahi.org

Saturday, June 14

- Camino de Crestone – All Day www.caminodecrestone.com 719-937-7697
- Wildwood Sounds Mini Music Fest V 11am-11:30pm wildwoodsounds.com 719-657-4757
- Second Saturday Artwalk, Crestone Artisans Gallery 2-5pm crestoneartisansgallery.com 256-5280
- Eric Karlstrom @ Steel Horse Grill 6:00 pm-9:00 pm steelhorsegrill.com 719-655-2004

Sunday, June 15

- Fathers' Day – All Day
- Kirtan with Vamadeva & Friends, Elephant Cloud (Jillian's) Studio 6:00 pm-8:00 pm 949 356 3303

Monday, June 16

- Baca Grande Stables Summer Children's Riding Program, 8:30-11am \$150/week 256-6200

Thursday, June 19

- Baca Refuge Tour-Baca Grant/Ranch History – Baca Refuge Office 9:00 am Free 719-256-5527
- CB Watershed Council Field Day, C'tt'nw'd Crk at Camino Baca Grande 1-3pm free 917-392-6962
- Sufi Dhikr All Welcome – 7:30 pm-9:00 pm free or by donation nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290

Friday, June 20

- BGW&S Board Meeting – BGW&S District Office 8:00 am www.bacawater.com

Saturday, June 21

- Summer Solstice – All Day
- Earth Knack 5-Day Family Gathering, www.earthknack.com 719-256-4909
- Baca Volunteer Fire Dept. Open House – Baca Fire House 9:00 am-12:00 pm Free
- Fishtank Ensemble at Cloud Station – 719-496-0966

Monday, June 23

- Baca Grande Stables Summer Children's Riding Program – Baca Grande Stables 8:30-11:00 am \$150/week 256-6200

Tuesday, June 24

- Primary election – All Day

Thursday, June 26

- Crestone Solar School 4-day workshop – noon www.crestonesolarschool.com 719-256-4656
- 17th Karmapa's Birthday Celebration! – Tashi Gomang Stupa 10am-noon 360-370-7770
- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome. – 4-6pm free or by donation nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290
- Brian Rill @ Steel Horse Grill 6:00 pm-9:00 pm steelhorsegrill.com 719-655-2004

Friday, June 27

- New Moon – All Day
- New Moon Fire Ceremony, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am www.babajashram.org 256-4108

Sunday, June 29

- CO Symphony Percussion Ensemble at Salida SteamPlant 3pm, 719-530-0933
- CO Symphony Percussion Ensemble at Salida SteamPlant 7:30pm 719-530-0933

Friday, July 4

- Crestone Annual Independence Day celebration – Downtown Crestone All Day
- Ahgadaze at Cloud Station

Saturday, July 5

- Camino de Crestone – All Day www.caminodecrestone.com 719-937-7697

Daily/Weekly Events

The Crestone Eagle does not carry events over to the following month automatically.

For more information about these events, visit <http://www.crestoneeagle.com/calendar>

Daily

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

Sunday

- Mass at Nada Carmelite Hermitage 9:00 am-10:00 am 719-256-4778
- Dorje Trolo Practice, White Jewel Mountain 10am no charge 719-256-5773
- Sunday School and Service, Crestone Baptist Church 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Monday

- Dharma Ocean Meditation Group, Crestone Charter School 5:30-6:30pm free <http://docrestone.wpengine.com/> 719-937-7948

Tuesday

- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45pm By donation shaktisharanam.com 256-5668
- Zumba Fitness Birch street studio 9-10:00am 719-256-4040
- Toddler-grade school reading program Baca Grande Library 10-11am Free 719-256-4100
- Awakening Artists Crestone Community Building (Old Schoolhouse) 4-7pm 719-480-0151

Wednesday

- Yoga Fundamentals & Refinements, Shakti Sharanam 8:30-10am By donation shaktisharanam.com 256-5668
- Zumba Fitness Birch street studio 9:00 am-10:00 am www.angela108.zumba.com 719-256-4040
- Senior Activities at YES (Formerly CCS bldg) 10:00 am-2:00 pm 937-7788
- Hutchinson Homestead Ranch Tours 1:30-2:30pm facebook.com/hutchinsonhomesteadranch 719-239-0955
- Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement 1538 Willow Creek Way 5:30-6:30pm 256-4480
- Wednesday Night Bible Study Crestone Baptist Church 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Thursday

- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45pm By donation shaktisharanam.com 256-5668
- Psychic readings, Ghost Horse Gift Gallery All Day First 15 minutes free 719-256-5609
- Zumba Fitness Birch street studio 9:00 am-10:00 am 719-256-4040
- Council Meetings, Hangouts & Dinners, Old Schoolhouse, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm 719-480-0151
- Zacheis Planetarium shows 7:00 pm-7:45 pm blogs.adams.edu/zacheis

Friday

- Moffat Farmers' Market, Ghost Horse Gallery 9:00 am-1:00 pm Free 719-256-5609

Saturday

- Lakota Song Classes The Singing Stone 3-5pm www.thesingingstone.com 719-256-5307
- Crestone Saturday Market, Crestone Parking Lot 10:00 am-2:00 pm 719-588-9020
- Hutchinson Homestead Ranch Tours 10:30-11:30am facebook.com/hutchinsonhomesteadranch 719-239-0955

Crestone holds Dragon & Fairy Fest



Adam Kinney & Paul Grice battle it out as Puck & Pan, as Queen Mab (Ara MacDonald) looks on.
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Lisa Bodey & Matthew Lyon Clark pause to pose.



Simone & Charity take advantage of a photo op.



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Kyle Grote was the Yak running for the POA board. No RMO's! (Rocky Mountain Oysters, that is) as he gets interviewed on 'Radio Daze' by Findley West. photo by Lori Nagel



The entire cast of the 'Radio Daze' performance. photo by Kelly Hart

Company of Players breaks new ground with 'Radio Daze'

The Company of Players broke new ground with its production of "Radio Daze" at the Charter School on Mother's Day weekend. The show, broadcast over KSTN420, was the Company's Crestone version of Garrison Keiller's Prairie Home Companion. Findley West was the DJ, Barry Monroe, Dennis Newhaus, and Dean Lloyd supplied the music. Some featured performers were Kyle and Tiana Grote, who starred as Growler and the Divine Bovine, Peggy Godfrey recited cowboy poetry, Virginia Drake from Moffat was the Station Manager, and Ammi Kohn as the Deli Lama.

Five new features made this production different from previous shows. First, the production was the largest yet for the Company, a cast of twenty-four, including a sizeable group of students from the Charter School. The Company is succeeding in attracting youth to participate with older cast. Second, music was a major and crucial element in the production. Third, the show was created and directed by women, Robin Blankenship and Findley West. Fourth, the cast featured a performer from outside of Crestone, Virginia Drake

from Moffat. Fifth, the comedic element was dominant, a change from many of the past productions which featured storytelling.



Teanna Grote plays the role of a mama cow, Divine Bovine, talking about her alien abduction and impregnation. Hilarious! photo by Lori Nagel

Satire (the POA board), comedy, music, and laughter ruled the Charter School on May 10 and 11. Company members had so much fun doing "Radio Daze" that now there is interest in updating and doing a Radio Daze annually, casting a satiric and comic eye on Crestone life.

Help Bill Ellzey help 8 Tibetan photographers document Tibet's disappearing lifestyle

When modernity began to creep into the Tibetan Plateau a small group of amateur Tibetan photographers coalesced to document the traditional ways of life. They've amassed thousands of images and now want to learn how to process and catalog them. They're hungry for instruction in Adobe Photoshop Lightroom as well as basic photography skills. A Kickstarter initiative has been launched by Tibetan Village Project (TVP) to fund this educational program for the Plateau Photographers.

In 2007 a like-minded handful of amateur Tibetan photographers started chronicling the disappearing lifestyle in their far flung villages. In time they become an organized team of documentary photographers who are intent on preserving with cameras the cultural traditions and old ways of daily life. Modernization is gradually erasing centuries-old sustainable farming techniques and every day practices.

The Plateau Photographers have created more than 20,000 of images. Now these images need to be digitally processed, organized and cataloged. The training will include instruction in Adobe Photoshop Lightroom as well as basic photographic skills. The group has asked its parent organization, Tibetan Village Project, for help.

TVP contacted Crestone-based photographer Bill Ellzey to go to Tibet to train the photographers in these varied needs. The Kickstarter initiative is to raise the funds to send Ellzey and Marv Ross, TVP board member and semi-pro photographer, to Xining on the Qianghi Tibetan Plateau for this intensive training.

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Contempt of court filed in tax case

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Petition and the discrepancy in property values stated on the form, which differed from the values ordered by the Court, the County Treasurer's office sent a different Abatement Petition dated April 9 with still different tax figures. Although a few properties were listed with the same numbers as the Court had ordered, most of the properties were off a few dollars. For example, one property for which the Court ordered an assessed value of \$6,250 was valued instead at \$6,247.

Plaintiffs filed the original appeal because they felt the Assessed Value of their properties was too high, and did not reflect the true market values of properties in the Town of Crestone. Baca properties were assessed inconsistently, and in one case, a residential property was assessed as a business. In a Settlement Agreement, the Court agreed with Plaintiffs and set specific values for each of the properties, which were lower than the values set by the Assessor. The Assessor, Jackie Stephens, had set the values at the direction of the Department of Local Affairs, Division of Property Taxation, which assisted in the re-assessment process. The County Board of Equalization (Commissioners) had then heard appeals from the Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs did not agree with the County's decision, and appealed to the Court through a trial de novo.

Elaine Johnson, one of the Plaintiffs, explained that the Abatement Petition forms that were sent to Plaintiffs contained a notice that specifies that an Abatement Petition cannot be filed by a taxpayer who has already gone to court to appeal the assessment values. Because the Abatement Petition was repeatedly, and erroneously, sent, and because the figures were not precisely what the Court ordered, Plaintiffs decided to file a Motion for Contempt of Court. Johnson, an attorney herself, said she strongly believes that citizens need to have confidence that when the Court makes an order that it will be followed precisely. Citizens "need clear rules, clear boundaries, and certainty." "Why not use the numbers the Court gave? The Court ordered one number, and the Assessor used another number."

Saguache County Commissioners, who also function as the County Board of Equalization, have issued the following statement regarding the Contempt of Court motion:

"As previously reported, a protest of property valuations resulting from the re-appraisal assessments last year was filed by a group of Crestone/Baca citizens—Steven P. McDowell, Elaine T. Johnson, MJ Investments, LLC, William Henry Folk, II and Julie E. Folk, Patricia Zinn, the Estate of Robert E. Sisemore (Deceased) and Eileen P. Sisemore, Lisa Cyriacks and Curtis English. Their protest was reviewed by the County Assessor, and subsequently appealed to the local Board of Equalizations. Not satisfied by the outcomes of those reviews and adjustments, they chose to further appeal in District Court. The hear-

ings scheduled in early March never took place. Instead, the Appellants' attorney proposed a settlement.

"The State Division of Property Taxation indicated acceptance of the proposed Settlement, with final adjustments resulting in total tax abatements of \$8,957.55, across the 17 parcels involved in the appeal, of which the County portion is \$1,832.17. The Saguache County Board of Equalizations and County Assessor were pleased with an ultimate solution agreeable to the Appellants and the State Division of Property Taxation, and the stipulated Settlement was completed, on March 17, 2014. The stipulation included requirements that the County Assessor would revise her records to reflect the new values (stipulated) and Folk property classification, and issue new Tax Notices accordingly, on or before April 1, 2014.

"On April 17, 2014, the Appellants in this Settlement filed a Motion for Contempt Citation. This Motion seeks to have the Court find that the Assessor did not comply with the Court's Order in the following aspects:

1) The new tax notices were not provided to the Plaintiffs on or before April 1, 2014.

2) The Assessor's Office used an Abatement process to internally change the property values, and the plaintiffs claim that this process was not appropriate.

3) The new tax notices do not accurately reflect the stipulated property values.

"The Assessor's positions on these claims are:

1) The updated tax notices were not provided by April 1, due to the unavoidable absence of the Assessor from her office for an extended time period.

2) The Abatement process was used because the Settlement Agreement did not provide enough information for the Treasurer's Office to process new Tax Notices.

3) The Abatement process was the only means available to the Assessor, to properly reflect the change in property taxes agreed upon in the Settlement.

4) The new Tax Notices reflect, within a few dollars, the stipulated values of the properties - any differences are due to the computer program utilized in determining the property taxes, reflecting a "rounding up" or "rounding down" function.

A hearing has been set for this Motion on June 3, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Saguache District Court."

Abatement process explained:

"As a separate but related matter, if a citizen feels there is an error in their property taxes they may file for an abatement. Abatement applications are filed to the County Assessor. The Assessor must respond to a filed abatement within 90 days. If not satisfied with the Assessor's findings, citizens may appeal to the local Board of Equalization, which may uphold the Assessor's recommendations, or approve an abatement. If still not satisfied, citizens may further appeal to the State Board of Assessment Appeals. For information or assistance regarding property taxes, please contact the County Assessor's office at - 719 655-2521."



The lush meadows on the Baca National Wildlife Refuge. They will be giving tours this summer. This is a fun thing to do with visiting friends and family.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to hold summer tours on the Baca National Wildlife Refuge

by Ron Garcia

As most of you already know, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is in the 8th year of possession of and management of portions of the former Baca Ranch (Ranch). The Baca National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), as it's now referred to, consists of those Ranch properties that were primarily west of the Baca Grande subdivision. The Refuge, along with the Alamosa and Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuges make up the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Complex).

The Baca Refuge as well as the other refuges in the Complex are well into the process of putting together a long-term management plan. This plan, which is referred to as a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP), will formally establish habitat and public use management goals for the Refuge and will be supported by an Environmental Impact Statement. A draft is expected to be released for public comment in late fall 2014.

In the interim, management of the Refuge will continue to be guided by the Conceptual Management Plan (CMP) which is available at the following link: fws.gov/alamosa/PDF/archives/baca_cmp_web.pdf.

The CCP will also analyze ways in which the Service can effectively open the refuge to appropriate wildlife-dependant public uses. During the process the Service gathered information on potential uses that are of interest to the general public and determine if those uses are appropriate (wildlife-dependent) and compatible with the purposes for which the refuge was established.

Baca refuge staff are planning to once again offer tours during the summer of 2014. The tours will concentrate on familiarizing the public with refuge management, monitoring, maintenance, and history. In addition, they will provide an opportunity for the Service to provide updates on current initiatives and happenings.

Tours are primarily by auto and will incorporate frequent stops getting in and out of the vehicle(s). The refuge has limited vehicle seating which will be reserved on a "first come, first served" basis. Additional participants will be required to drive their own vehicles. High clearance vehicles are required and four wheel drive is recommended.

To reserve seating on Refuge-owned vehicles and to RSVP for the tours, contact the Refuge office or leave a message at 719-256-5527. Tour participants will meet at the Baca Refuge Office (69812 County Road T) and tours will promptly leave at 9am. Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately for seasonal conditions and bring a sack lunch.

2014 scheduled dates for the Baca Refuge Tours:

Thursday, June 5—General Refuge Tour
Thursday, June 19—Baca Grant/Ranch History (with Bob Bunker)
Thursday, July 17—Water and Habitat
Thursday, July 31—Invasive Species Management
Thursday, August 14—Refuge Planning Update/Proposed Public Uses
Thursday, August 28—Fall Management

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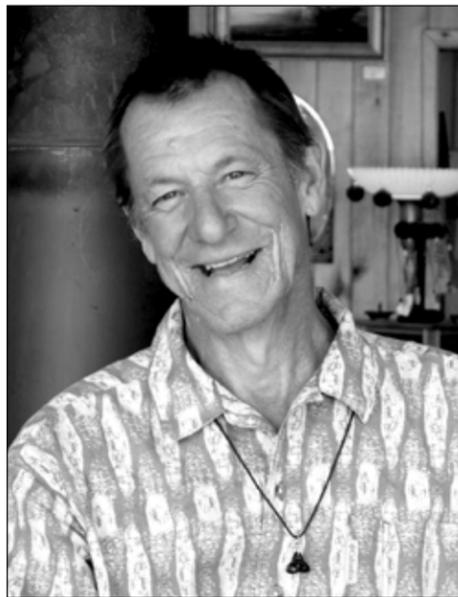
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The graceful art of sculptor Robert Long

by Mary Lowers

To sculpt is to reform, alter or draw out a form hidden in the medium the artist chooses. Robert Long, sculptor, Moffat resident and fixture at the popular Mirage Trading Company, was drawn to carve stone after seeing a figure in a stone a friend gave him twenty years ago in Boulder. After working for many years as a bass player with rock bands doing original music, Bob's artistic journey took a turn from music to carving. After bringing forth in stone the woman he saw in

“to bring my work down to Sharon. I put food money in my gas tank and offered to run the shop for her in exchange for board.” The SLV turned out in several ways to be the perfect place for Bob to work on his art. Bob commented, “There's very little distraction, nothing much to do here so I am more inclined to stay home and work. The beautiful vistas, surrounded by the mountains, the sunrise, sunsets and the clouds, inspirations for next to nothing . . . this is home. I sculpt and take as much time as I need to do it!”



Sculptor Bob Long.

Most of Bob's early pieces were small, pipestone and soapstone pipes with figures included in the design. His art has branched out a lot since he began. He works with alabaster, marble, limestone, jade, petrified wood, lapis lazuli and other gemstones. Bob told me some of his petrified wood came from up near Lazy KV. A man digging a septic system found in the course of his excavation three petrified trees which became jewelry and sculptural works. “People bring me stone all the time. I have a lifetime worth of stone.”

Bob's stone jewelry is delicate and flows beautifully. In the case at Mirage I was particularly drawn to an Ankh of lapis inlaid with black pipestone and a delicate three dimensional braid of pale green jade. While many of his pieces are abstract, there's a Celtic theme in much of his work. Bob told me, “I am drawn to Celtic art and wanted to create these designs in three dimensional forms.” His pieces flow—they have that moving liquid quality.

Bob's larger sculptures, scattered through the coffee shop/gallery, have the same sense of movement. There's a tactile quality to his work that demands touch. Bob believes, “with sculpture touching is good.” Bob does commission work as well as series and theme pieces. Elements in a group of alabaster sculptures express air, water and fire in abstract forms. Another group of sculptures, titled Resurrection, “grew from a large piece that shattered.” One of Bob's limestone pieces seems to just float. “This work reminds many people of MC Escher. The concept of three loops tied together. The stone showed me how it was to be.”

Another sculpture in the east window of the gallery area is a polished Mobius Strip that begs to be touched. The strip has the math-



Sound, made from Colorado Alabaster.

that rock, Bob was hooked. “Sculpture became a passion in a hurry.” Nine years ago after becoming a committed sculptor, Bob moved to the SLV to help his friend Sharon with her coffee shop and gallery.

Bob explained that this arrangement transpired in his art and life by listening to a little voice telling him after a show in Denver,



Creation of Air made of Colorado Alabaster.



Kokopelli #2, made of Colorado Black Marble



Pan, made from New Mexico Matinite.

ematical property of being non-orientable, in other words, if an insect crawled along this strip it would be able to crawl along the entire length of the strip without crossing an edge. As a mentor at Crestone Charter School Bob mentored a young local artist who sculpted another mobius.

Bob keeps moving into larger and larger pieces. He's interesting in producing pieces for public and corporate display. Bob says, “My biggest inspiration for this work is the sensuality of the natural world. “He has plans to travel east to Indiana this summer to bring back



Intimacy, made from Indiana Limestone.

large pieces of limestone to craft into large sculptures. It was an aesthetic adventure to visit with Bob Long and share his artistic vision. I would encourage readers to take a coffee break and check out his work at Mirage Trading Company.

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Crestone in the running for Creative District Status

This could be great for our community!

by Gussie Fauntleroy

With so many Crestone/Baca residents actively engaged in creative, artistic, entrepreneurial pursuits, one would think that much combined creative energy could power a town. In a sense, according to a program called Colorado Creative Districts, it can. Or at least, a community's dynamic creative potential can be harnessed to attract more of the same, to help establish economic sustainability and enhance the qualities that make it a wonderful place to visit or live.

Crestone is in the running to receive a substantial, multifaceted boost in this regard. Through the initiative of local residents headed by Robin Rosenberg and Mayor Kairina Danforth, the community earlier this spring applied for consideration as a Certified Creative District, a statewide program administered by Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) and put into motion in 2011 by Gov. John Hickenlooper. In mid-June, seven commu-

nities out of this year's 22 original applicants will learn whether they have made the next cut. If Crestone gets a thumbs-up in this round, it will receive a variety of concrete benefits including participation in a two-year incubator-style training program, and go on to the final step in the application process.

Colorado Creative Industries is part of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. It is partnering with other state agencies, business professionals and non-profit organizations to offer an array of services, assistance and networking opportunities to communities selected for participation. As part of the application process, CCI officials including agency Director Margaret Hunt visited Crestone last month. They met with representatives of local government, businesses, culture and the arts. I sat down with Hunt to find out more about the program and its potential for building on the cultural and creative assets already here.

CCI defines "creative industries" more broadly than the obvious areas of performing arts, fine arts and crafts. It also encompasses all aspects of design, architecture, creative consulting and planning, writing and publishing, and light manufacturing, especially with a clean, innovative and sustainable focus. Hunt, whose education included contemplative studies and visual arts at Naropa University in Boulder, sees the Crestone/Baca's spiritual centers as among the community's most valuable cultural attributes. Ancient wisdom teachings from around the world are often embedded in distinctive, aesthetically compelling forms of architecture and art, she pointed out.



Crestone has many talented artists. Weaver Shirley Motz demonstrating fiber spinning techniques for two young girls in Artisans Park.. photos by Patrick Moore



Carmin making armadillo bone jewelry during Art In The Park.

Recognizing and working with a community's authentic distinguishing character is key to a Creative District's success, Hunt said. "When a candidate comes in, one thing we focus on is: What is the community's cultural heritage and story, and how do you tell your unique story?" Creative District applications will be reviewed by a panel of professionals with experience in the arts and creative industries, city planning, and economic and business development. Other important criteria include a high concentration of creatives in the community and a strong core group working collaboratively toward a shared vision. A local meeting in February to introduce the Creative District idea brought together some 30 Crestone area residents. From that group, individuals volunteering to help steer Crestone's application through the process Kairina Danforth, Robin Rosenberg, Elaine Johnson, Burt Wadman, Akia Tanara, Jim McCalpin, Matthew Crowley, William Howell, Nancy Onizuka, Donovan Spitzman, Robin Ross, Renee Hill and McGregor Gaines.

If Crestone is chosen as one of the seven top candidates, the next step is a two-year immersive training beginning July 1, in preparation for taking full advantage of Creative District status. Included in the training—for representatives chosen by the community—are monthly webinars; assistance with asset mapping; twice-yearly convening of all candidates for networking and sharing information; and 30 hours of free consultation from among more than 40 professionals in a variety of fields. For example, a community could choose



Painter Beatris Burgoin demonstrating oil painting to a young artist during Art In The Park.

to consult with experts in such areas as strategic planning or social media, depending on the community's needs and goals. "It's not a cookie cutter program," Hunt said. "It has to be driven by the community. We don't come in and say how to do things."

Once the training phase is complete in 2016, candidate communities can apply for official Creative District status. Even those not chosen will benefit from the training and can apply again later, Hunt said. For the seven selected, the designation comes with a \$25,000 award from the non-profit Boettcher Foundation, to be used in any way the community decides. "The timing is perfect," Robin Rosenberg said. "The community is ready to take the next step forward to create a stronger economic base through arts and culture working together with the support of Colorado Creative Industries."

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Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

First of all, we all at the Ashram wish to thank everyone that supported the on-line auction that ended mid-May. It was a tremendous success. The proceeds from the auction help us keep everything in good repair here. It is amazing that some of the buildings and systems are now 25 years old, so upkeep is important. It has also made it possible to begin plans to perhaps realize a long-time dream to build an indoor fire kund so that we can continue a daily small fire ceremony throughout the cold winter months. This would also be wonderful to have during fire bans and on rainy or snowy days for our regular new- and full-moon fire ceremonies. Thank you for helping us begin to consider this dream a possibility. We are now researching size, design, costs, and most important, proper ventilation for the smoke. Anyone with experience on indoor fires is welcome to contact us at 719-256-4108.

Along with all of this, we have also received tremendous news that a nearly 40-year-old marble murti (enlivened statue) of Old Haidakhan Babaji (Babaji's earlier manifestation from late 1800's to 1920) is coming to stay at the Ashram. This murti was blessed and enlivened by Shri Babaji, Himself in 1978, as well as by Shri Shatriji. We are going to celebrate the murti's arrival here at the new-moon fire ceremony, which will be on Friday, June 27 at 10am. The murti will be traveling with me in Oregon, northern and southern California, and Denver during June. In each place there will be celebrations honoring Old Haidakhan Babaji. If you would like to know where all the ceremonies are taking place, check out our June newsletter at www.Babajashram.org.

Our full-moon fire ceremony this month is on Thursday, June 12 and the new-moon fire ceremony is



Celebrate the arrival of a nearly forty year old murti (enlivened marble statue) of Haidakhan Babaji in His earlier form. This will take place at the new-moon fire ceremony at 10am on Friday, June 27 at the Haidakhandi Universal Ashram. Read article for more information.

on Friday, June 27. The fire ceremonies begin at 10am and are followed by a meal. (If you are new to the ceremony, a call to the Ashram ahead of time. We can help you be properly prepared.) 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.

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Please visit our website at www.babajashram.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

Faith & sacrifice

In *The Philosophy of Religion*, we can learn a lot about faith and sacrifice in the development of the religions according to the philosophy of Hegel, and according to the more recent writings of Pannikar on inter-religious understanding. The concept of sacrifice generally means renunciation, and entering into the emptiness in order to purify oneself of attachment and desire. This is a common theme especially of Hindu and Buddhist scriptures. The inner renunciation of attachment and desire, and the dissolution of fears and anxieties that are associated with attachments to things, known as the six poisons, results in a state of consciousness known as emptiness, sunyata, in Buddhism. In Christianity we have seen the same fundamental process. By making yourself the son of God through suffering and charity and the giving up of worldly pursuits, you identify with the Christ through this movement of sacrifice. In the end you experience a rebirth into the fullness of being that is called pleroma. And for Hegel, this negation and elevation makes possible what he calls "ethical action". It becomes possible to live selflessly for the well-being of others.

What we read in Hegel's philosophy, we find to be not only in consonance with Sri Aurobindo's philosophy, but suggestive of a much deeper concept of Spirit than we might have expected from the father of phenomenology. Hegel writes, "If heart and will are earnestly and thoroughly cultivated for the universal and the true, then there is present what appears as ethical life. But consciousness of the true, of the divine, of God, must be directly bound up with it." We must be conscious of the divine, in a direct, substantial way, in order to live the ethical life. That is what he says. And we will find that this fundamental idea of philosophy and religion has developed consistently, throughout a long period of time, from 400 BCE to 1800 CE, without much difference. It is somehow a fundamental perception and phenomenon of human consciousness since rational thinking began.

Through negation, one no longer sees only the becoming of things in the world; one sees and experiences and knows the Being of things, which is eternal and divine. In this liberated consciousness, it becomes possible to see human endeavors to practice disciplines such as art or medicine, for example, as manifestations of universal principles such as beauty and truth or health and service, which are eternal qualities and powers of divine being. For Sri Aurobindo, however, this universalization and elevation of consciousness is a preliminary spiritual transformation, which prepares us for the descent of the divine shakti and the integral transformation of the human instrument.

This is the culmination of our selections from *The Philosophy of Religion*, a Lecture Series of the University of Human Unity Project in Auroville by Rod Hemsell (2014)

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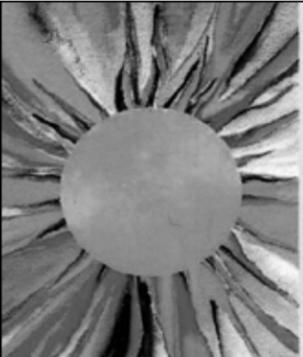
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Enjoying everyday life Faithfulness

by Joyce Meyer

Faithfulness: It's what you do repeatedly that makes a statement

Faithfulness is a character trait we all want other people to have. We want our spouse to be faithful to us in good times and bad. We want the guy who's repairing our roof to do a good job and get it finished on time. And we want our children to obey us not just to get gifts or special privileges, but because they trust us and believe we want the best for them.

Faithfulness is a wonderful thing. But it's not easy to be faithful, and it's not easy to find other people who fit the definition these days. One place you notice it is in the workplace. Years ago it was normal for a person to hold the same job for thirty years or more. Today, turnover is a lot higher. We like to keep our options open, looking for bigger paychecks and more attractive benefits.

It's okay to want to be fairly compensated for the work that we do. But a lot of times, people are looking for a way to get the same benefits today that would take the next person several years to earn.

TV commercials are another place we see this, with products like weight loss supplements and skin creams that promise us overnight results. Why do we buy this stuff? I think it's because we want something for nothing. It takes so little effort to take a pill or rub some cream onto your skin. Yet we're expecting the same results as if we were at the gym three days a week doing stomach crunches, lifting weights and watching what we eat.

The thing that can bring us real joy and satisfaction is faithfulness . . . doing what we know is right in obedience to God's Word.

Second Timothy 2:13 says, "If we are faithless [do not believe and are untrue to Him], He remains true (faithful to His Word and His righteous character), for He can-

not deny Himself."

I love that about God! No matter what we do or don't do, His attitude toward us is always the same. And that's the kind of stability that people need to see from Christians today.

Sometimes we start out doing the right thing for a while and then, when we don't get a right result or a positive response from people, we change our mind and do something else. But God wants us to remain faithful to His Word even during times of discouragement. And for our faithfulness, He promises us a reward.

Galatians 6:9 (AMP) says, "And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint."

There will always be a reward for our faithfulness, just as God has promised. We may not know when it will come, but we can trust that it will. And really, our motivation needs to be deeper than that. Instead of having our hearts set on rewards, we can set our hearts to be happy doing what's right just because it pleases God.

Is there an area of your life where God wants you to come up higher? We all have something we can improve on. I want to encourage you to make your mind up to follow through with whatever God has put on your heart to do and what you've learned about in His Word.

All great men and women of faith finish what they start.

Keep doing what you know is right, even when you're not getting immediate results. Do it even when no one is looking . . . just because you want to be the great man or woman of faith that God created you to be.



Pet Partners

Dogs peeing on their own property again . . . & other important community pet news

by Patrick Moore

The new leash requirement in Crestone has been a success for humans and pets, Pet Partners celebrates a landmark; and pets will be in next month's 4th of July parade.

A friend and I were talking about the new leash requirement recently. We both have extremely well behaved dogs so of course we were discussing whether there was even a need for the requirement. Then she reminded me that pets pee on their own property. This was a wise reminder.

The fact is dogs are very much like little children, they want to know where they belong and what they're supposed to do. Have you ever noticed that dogs and cats walk around their property and pee at strategic spots? They do that because it tells them where they belong (and others don't) and that they should guard that space. It gives them perimeters. They like that. They want that.

A leash on a dog while in public space does the same thing. The leash signals several important things to a dog: 1) it tells the dog that we are going into public so adjust your behavior; 2) it tells them that I and this leash are your current territory so you don't have to guard our property right now; and 3) it tells them that we are a team (or pack) among other packs. Our pets like these signals. They give them a sense of confident calmness. It tells them that even though we are not on our property, we are safe together.

During the implementation of the new leash requirement Pet Partners helped by providing free infor-

mation cards, collars and leashes to the compliance officer so he could offer free help rather than just a reprimand or citation. This helped ease the transition to compliance.

For those who don't know, Pet Partners was founded over eight months ago by a group of kind,



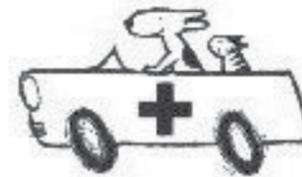
This handsome doggie enjoys a 4th of July Parade—on a leash of course!

community and pet-minded people to help humans (and our community) be better partners to our pets. Since its founding it has assisted over fifty pets in our community receive necessary medical care. It has also provided food and homes to pets in need. It is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization and a project of Crestone Peak Community Alliance. Please support this organization and our community of pets by calling 719-588-6431 and donating generously.

Finally, next month Pet Partners will have a presence in our community's huge 4th of July parade. So bring your pet, dress up (don't forget the leash accessory) and fly your freak flag high for fun and community and our community of pets.

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Cuba: Tradition & surprise

Crestonians travel to the land of music & Fidel

story & photos

by Denise Peine & Peter Taylor

Despite recent easing of travel restrictions to Cuba, US travelers still face problematic options. US citizens can travel freely in Cuba, entering through Mexico or Canada, as I did 15 years ago to avoid the US embargo. We recently took advantage of another option, which is to go with a US tour operator granted a license by the US Treasury's OFAC (Office of Assets Control.) This office basically enforces sanctions against targeted countries, such as Cuba, based on "threats to national security" and grants licenses to "approved" educational and cultural tours. Traveling on your own is still restricted by our country's punitive and coun-



Man with a Havana hand-rolled cigar.

terproductive policies.

Our trip's "people-to-people" mandate required group travel (for this tour, 20 people from all over the US), keeping a very programmed schedule with little free time and perhaps, tacitly supporting the restrictive US policies originating from the infamous 52-year-old Cuba embargo.

That said, any way a traveler chooses to get there, Cuba is a fabulous destination, with lots of tourist



Fidel still keeps an eye on his people.

facilities, very nice hotels, restaurants, cultural events and warm, friendly people. Our tour kept us very busy with activities that ranged from meeting artists, musicians, and a modern dance troupe to visiting a Catholic Church-run kindergarten and senior center, a coffee plantation, an historic sugar mill, a lush botanic garden and Hemingway's beautiful Finca La Vigia. No beach time on this itiner-

ary, but there was plenty of opportunity for mojitos, daiquiris, lively music and good food.

Our wonderful Cuban guide Milly, a state employee, was frank and open while she answered all of our groups' questions on current economic conditions, Raul Castro's leadership, immigration, the Communist party, human rights, the military, health care, gay rights, education and much more. Like all Cubans, she was justifiably proud as she explained the country's strong commitment to free, universal health care and education. We visited state run stores to see and price the consumer goods available and checked the selection at a ration shop where Cubans can buy basic food items at subsidized prices.

Raul Castro, president since 2008, has liberalized the state-run economy, implementing major changes such as transferring unused state land to small farmers and cooperatives. Almost half a million Cubans now work in private sector jobs and small-scale businesses are very much in evidence. We visited a private shop selling knitted and crocheted items made by women in their homes and sold by an entrepreneurial young woman with high hopes for the future of her "boutique."

Cuba seems to have as many musicians per capita as Crestone! We heard son and other Afro-Cuban music played in restaurants, clubs and in the street for income and entertainment. Cuban music shares the same origins as our blues, jazz and other roots music, influenced by the African slave trade. Spanish influence can be heard in ballads played on nylon-stringed guitars and an instrument called a "tres," which has three pairs of strings. Percussion is dominant in all forms of traditional Cuban music.

Tourism brings in much needed income, and with state employee's wages averaging \$US25/month, a doctor, lawyer or teacher can make more money selling souvenirs, driving a cab or converting his home into a restaurant. Milly encouraged us to ask most everyone we talked to what their education was and how much money they made.

The US and Cuba had been at odds long before Fidel Castro seized power. By the time rebels overthrew the Batista government in 1959, the Cuban economy was almost completely controlled by the US, corruption was rampant in government and business, and Havana became a popular sanctuary for American organized crime figures. After the revolution, when US properties were nationalized, trade and travel



Crestone resident Peter Taylor staying cool in cuba.



Parading street performers.

restrictions were imposed. While the world has changed greatly since the 1960's, the punitive embargo on Cuba remains essentially the same.

US policy to isolate Cuba through the embargo has only isolated the US citizens and companies; the rest of the world travels and trades freely with Cuba. The embargo has caused great human and economic damages to the Cuban people and missed economic opportunities for US companies. It is a loss to both countries to block the free exchange of people, ideas and the development of economic, cultural, sport and scientific relations.

Despite the contentious US-Cuban history, it was easy to interact and learn from the outgoing, frank Cubans we met. Havana is culturally vibrant and alive with street performers and music. The beautiful colonial buildings, plazas and monuments of 16th century Old Havana are undergoing resto-



Hemingway's typewriter.

ration. We also enjoyed the smaller towns of Cienfuegos and Trinidad, as the later celebrated its 500th anniversary. Outside Trinidad we passed through beautiful, verdant valleys that historically were huge sugar cane plantations. Cuba is an interesting, exciting, colorful, and unique destination—and with January temperatures in the 70's and 80's, it is especially recommended in the winter! ¡Viva Cuba!

(To see our 18 minute slide show with Cuban music, search YouTube for "Cuba: Tradition and Surprise")



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Brenda Lee's vision of educating people about the environment has been a lifelong endeavor. With a background in interior design, industrial design, her experience in the arts and the environment will prove to be valuable in the age of computer technology and media and how we can protect the planet and secure our devices.

Her story is one of triumph and challenge. She struggled for many years with alcoholism and is proof today that if she can change, anyone can change. The Black Bear came to her dream one night and chased her down a steep mountain side. When she woke up she realized this meant great change to come, and since October of 2009 has changed her life around insisting the Black Bear is symbolic of her strength. Delivered by the Holy Spirit through Bear, Brenda Lee surrendered her life and asked God to heal her from the addiction. The Sky is Not The Limit!



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Book review

Jana Bibi's Excellent Fortunes

by Betsy Woodman

reviewed by Mae Green

Betsy Woodman in her first novel develops the story of a Scottish woman raised in India who inherits a decrepit house in a Himalayan Hill Station.

Jana is a widowed matronly unconventional eccentric who speaks Hindi and has no intention of returning to the family home in Scotland—much to the consternation of her adult son. Son Jack finds India too rustic for his life style and his mother at “her old age” of fifty-eight certainly “too old to live alone” in a remote Indian Hill Station. He does everything he can to dissuade her from her living arrangements.

In turn when news spreads that a European woman has inherited the Jolly Grant House, No. 108 Central Bazaar, adjacent to Ramachandran's Treasure Emporium and across from Royal Tailors, and she plans to move in, the locals of Hamara Nagar are flabbergasted and curious. In characteristic Indian style, the townspeople adopt this new resident with aplomb and graciousness, giving credence to the Indian aphorism “the guest is next to God.”

Jana, excited to explore her in-

heritance, arrives at the Jolly Grant House only to be greeted by dozens of monkeys guarding the courtyard and premises as furiously as Gurkha fighters in battle. The solution astounds, and sent this reviewer into peals of laughter.

As time marches to adjustment, Jana's household expands to include an unconventional assortment of householders: her ayah—cook, housekeeper, chaperone and long-time companion; a local bagpiper who serves as chokidar or night watchman; an eleven-year-old child whose duties are dubious but his loyalty unquestionable; and her delightful pet companion. A most endearing character in the story is this companion, one Mr. Ganguly, whose parrot heritage is questionable but whose wisdom extends beyond his approximate one hundred-word vocabulary.

A curious series of events transpire to eventually lead Jana to become the local “fortune teller” in order to save the town from a proposed catastrophe. Naturally, outfitting Jana, along with designing the drawing room to authenticate her fortune-telling mystique, becomes the project of the bazaar shop owners. This in turn binds the community in friendship. Jana, not a professional fortune teller, delights with her common sense solutions to presented questions.

Ms. Woodman captures the essence of an Indian Hill Station and its local population with clarity and humor. It is evident that she has lived in and loved India. In writing she delineates Indian thinking; she explores and develops events that progress into dramas as they unfold from start to unorthodox conclusion characteristic of Indian nature. Her descriptions of the bazaar, stores and items, backroom treasures, taxi rides with Mr. Kilometer, along with the students attending private schools in area, are truly authentic.

There is a second in the series featuring Jana Bibi, *Love Potion Number 10*, and a third scheduled to be released this September.

One will find that it is an enchanting read.

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Lisa Bodey in mock battle at the Fairy & Dragons Parade. But will she battle the zombies or be their Queen at Crestone's 4th of July parade? photo by Cari Vodicka

Free the Zombies: Crestone's 4th of July

by Lisa Bodey

When I first heard the Town of Crestone's theme for the 4th of July, "Free the Zombies", my initial reaction was "Why would we want to free the zombies?" Aren't zombies just mindless, reanimated corpses with a hunger for human flesh? With no prior knowledge of this subject, my research took me all over the world.

Zombies were first found in traditional African myths when dead people could be revived by a bokor, a sorcerer, and then did not have free will but abided by the tasks of the person who resurrected them. Through the voodoo religion, Haitian folklore animated zombies through magical means and witchcraft. Zombies are also referenced in mythology in the *Epic of Gilgamesh* when the goddess Ishtar promises "I will knock down the Gates of the Netherworld, I will smash the door posts, and leave the doors flat down, and will let the dead go up to eat the living! And the dead will outnumber the living!" In the DC Universe comic series, Solomon Grundy was portrayed as a zombie supervillain and enemy of the superhero Green Lantern. The zombie also appears as a metaphor in protest songs, symbolizing mindless adherence to authority, particularly in law enforcement and the armed forces. Finally, there are a plethora of modern day video games such as *Minecraft* and *Call of Duty* which utilize zombies as central motifs.

Then a flash of inspiration came over me when I thought about this theme in reference to our community . . . what if each of us freed our own inner zombie? What is it in our lives that makes us feel dazed, not present or zoned out? Do television, internet, computers, phones, video games, relationships,

families, drugs, alcohol, food, finances, work or school have this effect on us? How can we break free of the parts of ourselves that feel zombified? The zombies are just a reflection of one part of our selves. Each of us may feel challenged or pushed to the point of tuning out at certain times or with certain aspects of our lives. I urge each of us to remember what makes us feel more present, alive and connected. Bring that part of your authentic self out to participate in the 4th of July activities and get creative with this year's theme.

I am honored to be your Grand Marshall for this year's 4th of July parade so you will definitely see me playing in the streets. Thank you to the Crestone Board of Trustees for this opportunity to lead the community in celebration. I encourage you to get involved, volunteer, dress-up, sing, dance and come out to play. If you see a zombie on the street, don't run . . . you may just be seeing a version of yourself. Together we can all help each other free our inner zombies!



David Drawing



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Eagle columnist spreads her wings; Leigh Mills now also writing for Colorado Gardener

Writing is an art that takes many forms. Leigh Mills started writing poems and fictional essays when she was a young girl, keeping diaries and journals of her life until she was in her late 20's. She stopped writing and began making jewelry—a passion that kept her busy for many years. In 2008, she started writing fundraising grants and short news articles for a local school garden project. Her talent was noticed, and in April of 2010 she was asked to write *The Crestone Eagle's* "As the Worm Turns" monthly gardening column.

"Writing for the *Eagle* gave me the opportunity to grow," she says, "I started interviewing other area gardeners and incorporated esoteric themes into my 'Wormy' articles." Many readers of *The Crestone Eagle's* column would compliment her on her writing and encourage her to "Keep it up." She started her gardening blog "The Infinite Bee" in the spring of 2013. "I went from writing once a month to every other day," says Leigh. "Practice makes perfect" works, and her writing caught the eye of a magazine editor several months later.

In February of this year, Leigh was asked if she wanted to write some gardening articles for *Colorado Gardener* magazine. *Colorado Gardener* has been publishing for over 18 years and has a focus on gardening in the Front Range. Jane Shellenberger, the editor, wanted to extend her coverage to

include the San Luis Valley. "The SLV is an important place to Colorado," she says "and I didn't have anyone writing about that gardening community." She met Leigh in March and soon after, Leigh was writing her first article, "Gardening in the San Luis Valley", for



May's issue. "We're happy to extend our coverage," says Jane, "and plan to have more of her in future issues."

Leigh is honored to be a part of *Colorado Gardener* and is helping to distribute the colorful and free magazine to select places within the San Luis Valley and Salida area. Look for June's issue and read its article about the Alamosa Community Greenhouse and the VEGI program.



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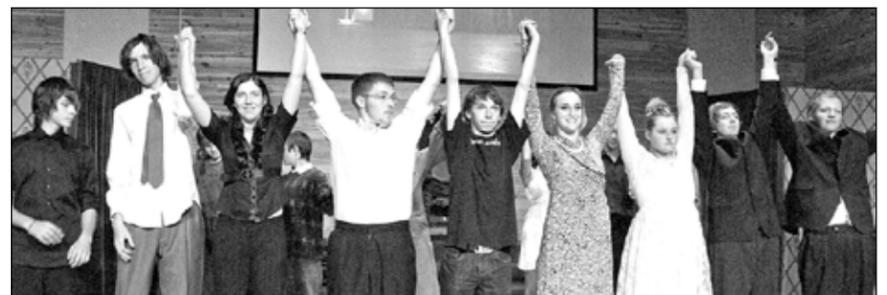
The cast and crew of Hamlet after their April 26 performance at the Crestone Charter School. all Hamlet photos by Lori Nagel



Left: The king is dead! At the Charter School's production of Hamlet.

Above: Hamlet and his mother.

Bottom: The cast and crew take their bows.



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LINK students kayaking around the Beardsley Islands in Glacier Bay National Park.

Charter School LINK students travel to Alaska

by Karen Acker

The first time I heard about a ferry ride up the Inner Passage to Alaska (about thirty years ago), I was sold on the adventure, but life never directed me this way. This year's LINK travel program offered up the opportunity not only for me to go, but to drag nineteen teenagers, my co-teacher (Mark Mikow) and a parent (Kevin Off) along also. The adventure was well worth the wait. From the natural pristine beauty, vast rugged landscapes, diversified flora and fauna, and generous people to the rich historical traditions, world-class ocean, coastal beaches and generous people, Alaska beckons visitors. Alaska, the last frontier, has left lasting impressions on each of us.

Our two-day drive to Bellingham, WA took us to the Alaska Marine Hwy Ferry, but first we visited the local Goodwill Store. Kevin generously spent \$150 outfitting the students so they could live up to the Alaskan mantra concerning clothing: stay dry . . . layer . . . layer . . . layer. Our first job on the ferry was to duct-tape our tents to the top deck. Our second job on the ferry was to take down most of our tents at one in the morning as they were being blown flat on the deck. The students, much to their chagrin, were able to lounge under warm heat lamps the rest of the three-day adventure. While on the ferry we were treated to views of protected coastal waters,

the Canadian Rockies, sea life, a bit of sea-sickness and the elusive northern lights.

We reached Juneau at 4am. Even that early, Juneau's unique nature showed bright. Juneau is the second largest city in the United States, by acreage. We quickly learned, as we walked to a local breakfast hangout from the ferry that, to people living in Juneau, "one mile" really equals five. The International Youth Hostel was clean and accommodating, but it wasn't open until 5:30pm, so we hiked the Perseverance Nat'l Recreation Trail into the rainforest. The trail highlighted the mining history on which Alaska's economy was built, as well as gave us our first bear and mountain goat sightings.

The Mendenhall Glacier and Nugget Falls was our next day's destination. Words cannot do justice to what we experienced this day—time "frozen" still. This region of Juneau is a beautiful example of geology in action. LINK students were not happy with just "seeing" the glacier; they wanted to "touch" the glacier. They were then not happy to "touch" the glacier, they wanted to find the caves and go within the glacier. Photos do not do justice to what we experienced this day. Pure magic. Pure beauty.

Gustavus, a small community of 350 full-time residents, the Gateway to Glacier National Park, a World Heritage Site, became our last destination. Our three-day kayaking adventure took us to view areas that glaciers have only recently uncovered. We paddled next to the Fairweather Range—mountains rising to over 15,000 ft. with steep sculpted peaks and valleys marked by Ice Age glacial activity dating 115,000 years. Our host, Jeff Irwin, the orca whales, sea lions and puffins made our adventure unforgettable.

My love of Alaska has grown exponentially after this adventure. I would be very surprised if all the students who travelled on this trip do not return. Alaska, the last frontier, shared with us its finest.



We were visited by a friendly pod of Killer (Orca) Whales!



We camped in tents on the Ferry from Bellingham, WA to Juneau, AK.



LINK family singing with our hosts, Eric and Tania, around a campfire in Gustavus.



LINK students inside an ice cave within the Mendenhall Glacier near Juneau, AK.

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The Washington Beat

Immigration & foreign policy: The issues for the mid-terms

by David Nicholas

We are now in the midterm pre-election phase, meaning everything being said or done in DC is with an eye to the 2014 midterms in November—November 4 to be exact—from the Obama Administration on down to the Congress. The strategy for the Republicans is to keep President Obama's policies front and center of the electorate and in the negative. With the President's major poll numbers still in low 40s, Republicans feel they have the upper hand to gain control of the Senate and still keep control of the House of Representatives. So everything is geared in June to rev up Republican voters and provide disillusionment to Democratic voters and not show up at the polls.

This notion still remains in the realm of myth. Not that they aren't giving their all to beat the drum, they are: the frenzy of hearings in the GOP-controlled House Committees to churn the anti-Obama narrative, working in tandem with Fox News and negative ad campaigns being run by the Koch brothers, and Sheldon Adelson spending fortunes to support ultra-conservative candidates for the Senate. Nevertheless, it's still not a given that Democrats will lose control of that body.

The big question is what independents will do and that still is uncertain. The conventional wisdom says that traditionally, midterms don't favor the party in power, but independent voters are an ornery lot and predicting what they will do is never easy.

The GOP upper hand remains as myth. The issue they settled on in

December 2013, that Affordable Healthcare/Obamacare was the Achilles heel of the Obama administration, isn't the negative it looked six months ago. Polling shows that, while Obamacare still has a majority of voters still pretty leery about whether the program is working well or not, the numbers are trending upwards with approval growing that the program is working.

Thus changing negative ad campaign strategy has GOP strategists trying to find an issue that resonates with independents. That, lo and behold, is foreign policy, specifically Benghazi, but also foreign policy stances generally. So not surprisingly House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Darryl Issa (R-CA) has decided to have another round of investigative hearings on Benghazi.

Yes, Benghazi, Libya where on September 11, 2012, four US citizens were killed, including US Ambassador Christopher Stevens. Congressman Issa believes it is Obama's Watergate cover-up. Yes, he does and by golly, he's going to get to the bottom of it—while happily using the incident to raise campaign money at a Republican fundraiser on May 16. This, despite 13 hearings and 50 briefings that having been conducted on the issue.

Obama's foreign policy

Perhaps it would have been better to find someone other than current Secretary of State John Kerry to articulate an Obama Doctrine for our imperial future. Kerry suffers from being inarticu-



late. When he speaks off-the-cuff or even delivering a written speech, it lacks confidence and conviction. Simply, it lacks punch and clear definition of our intentions. Yes, he does his best but those who need to pay attention and respect his position don't take him seriously.

What Kerry says is OK. The US is scaling down/back its presence in the Middle East. It means that Middle East Peace Process is wasting our time because neither Israel nor the Palestinians want a negotiated settlement for peace or a two-state solution which was the reason for going down this road in 1979 after the Camp David Peace Accords.

It means given the experience of our two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Syria is a problem for the protagonists. Despite the intentions of the best imperial endeavors and limited contributions of aid, we are not inclined to interfere beyond paid lip service and stern advice. Good luck to whoever wins. Despite 3 million refugees in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, US aid is minimal, being just enough to display concern without going all out as a cause celebre. We really don't want to be involved.

It means despite the pressure of Israel, talks with Iran are preferred over bombing their nuclear program into temporary oblivion, because despite the bluster of US war hawks and neo-cons, bombing the nuclear facilities would be only a temporary setback. Also these talks have had a moderating influence on the clerics on the Iranian Supreme Council who distrust the "Great Satan" (us) but know that Iran's under-30 population—who make up the majority—want the West in their lives.

It means that the Indo-Pacific policy, which focuses west to Asia, South America and Africa, is a more lucrative priority for these United States than squabbling neighbors in the Middle East. Remember imperialism currently is about gaining most-favored-nation

status and dominance in competitive trade in the emerging markets, India and China and Japan (somewhat). It's still pretty shaky as articulated policy but that's due to the screaming banshees of hawks and neo-cons, who still want the US more aggressively fronting-up in the Middle East, which isn't going to happen under President Obama. Letting go of empire isn't a neo-con strong suit, particularly when they are bought and paid for by J Street lobbyists (meaning the Jewish Lobby, AIPAC and Bibi Netanyahu acolytes).

So what about Yemen, you say? Yemen, that little country down on the southwest tip of the Arabian Peninsula whose promontory point stands watch over Babel Mandeb—the narrow channel entrance to the Red Sea from the Gulf of Aden, the Arabian Sea, and points east—and monitors major world shipping heading to and from the Suez canal. Yemen just for that reason is of strategic interest to the United States and it comes under Indo-Pacific policy. We are seriously drone-active there, aiding the Yemeni forces against the local alQaeda in Arabia and the Levant. We have forces active on the ground as "advisors" propping up the regime of President Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, who, if it wasn't for our presence, would have been run out of town when he came to power in 2012. A secular Sunni, President Hadi is a minority head of state in a population that leans to fundamental Islam, meaning that folks strictly adhere to the Q'uran. It's a situation just below the visibility of media coverage, but it can blow up any time. US citizen Anwar al-Awlaki, a strong anti-US critic and pro-alQaida prophet, was killed in Yemen.

Again it's good to remind readers that foreign policy is a career industry. People who start out going to the School of Foreign Service and Government at Georgetown or American Universities and hope for careers in the State Department and foreign policy think tanks really hope there's a niche for them in the scheme of things, when they emerge with masters and doctorate degrees. When the US is in conflict, careers and reputation offer better opportunities for advancement. Now, however, theses on the Middle East don't get you hired when jobs on Asian economic analysis and/or a working knowledge of Mandarin or Hindi is what's wanted; so you can be up the creek without the proverbial paddle.

Essentially, what the Obama Doctrine offers is a complete about-face of imperial priorities. It's complicated and not as simple as waging wars. So going into the midterms in what is essentially a work in progress appears weak and chaotic. Complicated doesn't suit the Republican narrative; charging the President is weak and incompetent at foreign policy is much simpler and in the GOP red states, white voters eat this right up.

One issue that could ignite a firestorm is the Iranian talks ending without agreement. Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu will let rip with "I told you so!" rhetoric. If this happens between July and September the President's poll numbers could take a further dip and it could end with Democrats

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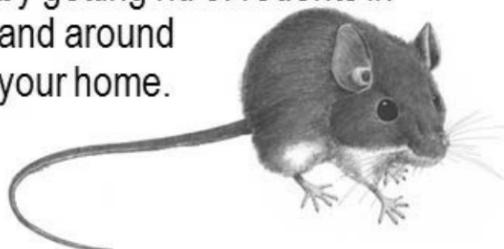
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losing the Senate. But in June this is just speculation and right now talks are going on in Geneva and are likely to be extended until an agreement can be arrived at. The hawks in Congress and the rabid neo-cons—who gave us the war in Iraq—definitely want these talks to fail and if they have the chance to scuttle the talks, they will.

So it goes but that explains why foreign policy is an issue in 2014 and a precursor for the 2016 presidential election, if Hillary Clinton, the former Secretary of State, runs and gets the Democratic nomination.

Immigration

Remember the Senate last year passed a comprehensive immigration bill? The bill included a “pathway to citizenship” provision so austere that if applicants actually went through the process and fully complied with the conditions they might get citizenship in 13 years. But to get it passed it needed the support of Senate Republicans and in particular Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL).

There the bill sits. It was sent to the House of Representatives for a vote but Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) in his mendacity has declined to bring it before members for committee consideration and floor vote. Republicans hate this bill with a passion for various reasons, predominantly their dislike of the Hispanic vote which assiduously votes Democratic in elections and which is a major reason why President Obama occupies the White House for a second term.

Right after the 2012, after much soul searching—such as Republicans do—it was considered to be realistic to start making inroads to the Hispanic vote, making friends of the largest single block of voters destined to be the major force in American politics by 2040. Biggest Republican advocates for this realism were Senators John McCain (R-AZ) and Lindsay Graham (R-SC). They were considered moderates in a party that has grown increasingly conservative to extreme right of center in the last two years.

Both Senators McCain and Graham have become minority voices in their party, playing second fiddle to right-wing Republicans such as Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Rand Paul (R-KY), who not only oppose immigration they consider the Hispanic vote not germane to GOP success in coming elections. Senator Graham in particular has had to moderate his position and sound conservative as he is up for re-election this year. But the big turnaround came from Senator Rubio.

Mr. Rubio recanted his support and now opposes the immigration bill. Reasons vary but the likelihood of a presidential run in 2016 has a lot to do with it. It was known throughout 2013 that the Senator had a hard time with the “pathway to citizenship” provisions but in the end he came out and endorsed it. The recant has to do with the likelihood that Ted Cruz may also make a presidential bid and being charged with being soft on immigration was something that would kill Senator Rubio’s chances at the brass ring.

So with Republicans now of one voice or silent over immigra-

tion reform, the narrative is to blame the President and Democrats for opening the flood gates of illegal immigration and leaving the immigration bill hanging for all to see.

Surely you would think that Hispanics would be happy to have the President in their corner, but Mr. Obama is getting criticism for not doing enough to push the immigration bill through. When Hispanic television channel Telemundo goes after you, Latinos pay attention. You can’t blame them, President Obama made this a hallmark piece of legislation for his second term and having the bill in limbo with little or no chance of it becoming law is sticking in their craw. When you make a promise people will hold you to it.

In truth, President Obama hasn’t fought for this bill, but the negotiation is that “pathway to citizenship” goes and he just doesn’t have the political clout right now to force the bill through as is. Hispanics are impatient. They expected this president to deliver certain things and on this he has come up short.

What this does in the mid-terms is neutralize the Hispanic vote. Rather than coming out and voting Democratic just in principle they stay at home and in a state like Texas where the Hispanic vote is vital for Democrats, that’s not good. And not just in Texas—it plays out in Colorado where Senator Mark Udall is up for re-election, and in California in Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Orange counties where the Latino vote decides who gets to go to Congress.

So this is where it stands in June. It could change, and the Beat will be watching

Ukraine: Mea culpa time

At time of writing last month it really looked like Russian President Putin was speeding up by the hour to send troops into eastern Ukraine. Mr. Putin suddenly stopped short and decided to let political events play out. So egg on my face for calling it wrong.

What we have is everything in limbo. In the referendum held on Sunday May 11, in regional cities such as Mariupol, Slaviansk, Donetsk and Luhansk, lines of pro-Russian voters lined up for as far as the eye could see. But what does it mean? The vote was anything from 84-70% in favor, but Ukrainians who didn’t agree with the referendum didn’t vote for fear of violent repercussions.

So what do you do with a vote that the west won’t recognize and Kiev calls illegal?

Depends who holds the cards. What the west thinks doesn’t matter to Mr. Putin; really what matters is what he wants to do.

The International Monetary Fund rushed to grant Kiev \$15bn in loans to be given over two years, but the loan hasn’t consolidated Kiev’s legitimacy to govern Ukraine in Russian eyes, nor was it going to. Also, the threats of stronger sanctions are not holding Mr. Putin back. His strategy appears now to exert intense pressure on the Ukrainian leadership so that Kiev will make a mistake—a provocation—that gives the Russian president an excuse to move. So the tensions are still there. What may exacerbate events is the presidential election on Sunday,

Udall-championed trade deal expected to boost Colo. potato growers, exports to Mexico

Mark Udall, a strong advocate for Colorado’s farmers and ranchers, welcomed news today that his successful effort to expand U.S. potato exports to Mexico is expected to directly benefit Colorado’s potato growers and could “nearly quadruple” all American potato exports south of the border. Mexico’s decision in March followed years of Udall’s work to press Mexico to respect its trade agreements with the United States.

“Fresh, Colorado-grown potatoes are a critical part of the Centennial State’s job-creating agricultural economy. This news only underscores the importance of my successful, years-long effort to expand Colorado growers’ abilities to export their fresh potatoes,” Udall said. “I will keep fighting in Washington to ensure that our trade policies strengthen Colorado’s farmers and ranchers and the thousands of jobs they support.

“The agreements to dramatically expand trade in fresh potatoes between the United States and Mexico are important steps in the continued partnership between the two countries. This historic step would not have been possible without the commitment of Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack and the continued encouragement and input of Senator Mark Udall,” said John Keeling, executive vice president and CEO of the National Potato Council. “Expanded fresh potato trade with Mexico will benefit consumers in Mexico and potato growers in Colorado as the market grows.”

Udall has fought to ensure U.S. potatoes—including those grown in the San Luis Valley—have access to Mexican markets. He led a bipartisan effort in December 2012 urging the president to work with Mexico to allow U.S. potato growers access to Mexican markets. Udall also has worked to ensure the U.S. Department of Agriculture gives families access to healthfully prepared potatoes through the Women, Infants and Children program.

May 25. We will see.

The 2016 presidential contest

Yeah, it’s early, but it’s what the punditry talks about amongst themselves and Sunday talk shows. People I like at this point are the Senior Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and the Castro brothers (D) out of Texas. Keep an eye on these folks, their stars are rising.

Senator Warren sits on the Senate Banking Committee which, along with Foreign Relations, comes with a lot of clout. Julian Castro is mayor of San Antonio and guests regularly on NBC’s Meet the Press and Joaquin is Congressman for the Texas 20th Congressional District. Next time.

The Colorado US Senate race 2014: It’s tight

The Colorado senate race this year is between incumbent Democrat Mark Udall and Representative Cory Gardner (R-CO). Not surprisingly, Mr. Udall won his re-nomination unopposed at the Democratic State Assembly on April 12 while Mr. Gardner received a whopping 73% vote in the Republican state assembly vote, beating out other hopefuls Randy Baumgardner and Tom Janich. Without a primary runoff it gives Mr. Gardner has a clear path to fighting his

Democratic opponent up until the November 4 election.

The state PPP (Public Policy Polling) poll conducted May 7-8 shows this is a close race so far with Senator Udall leading 47-43 with 10% of voters undecided. The sampling size was 526 registered voters and while the margin of error was not disclosed, the rule of thumb is probably between 4-6% plus or minus, putting result with in the margin of error. So the race is tight and not much movement from the Quinnipiac University poll in early April gave the Senator a 45-44% lead by 1298 voters with a margin of error of 2.7% plus or minus. So it is a statistical dead heat six months out.

As we go on in coming months I will use these two polls. The reason being that while PPP got a lot of heat for it’s state polling in the 2012 Presidential election during the race, they called it correctly in every state they focused on, while Quinnipiac is just thorough & methodical. More next time.

And the beat goes on.

Crestone Botanic Garden

Crestone Botanic Garden is open Monday – Saturday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Shop for flowers and bedding plants, house plants, soil and plant food. Donations of plants, containers, etc. are welcome. This project is sponsored by the Town of Crestone and supported by a Saguache County grant to promote economic development for disabled adults.

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Colorado State Legislature update

Colorado pulls in millions in marijuana tax revenue

by Lisa Cyriacks

Banking for marijuana businesses and property tax forgiveness for disaster victims headlined the final day of the Colorado Legislature. Since the start of the session, Colorado lawmakers have acted without a lot of controversy, as many might expect in an election year. All House members and many senators face re-election this November.

Probably the biggest victory of the session was the creation of an aerial firefighting fleet to try to contain wildfires within the first hour after they're spotted. Senator Steve King (R- Grand Junction) sponsored the \$20 million proposal.

It also helped that Colorado had more funds to work with in 2015's budget. The rebounding economy meant lawmakers had hundreds of millions of dollars to put back into higher education and K-12 schools, after deep cuts during the recession. The funding represents the largest increase in education spending in the state's history and results in a more than \$400 million spike for public schools, equating to about \$400 per student.

Lawmakers also increased higher education funding by \$100 million, while setting a tuition cap of 6% for the next two years.

State lawmakers approved

a plan to spend marijuana taxes, primarily on child drug use prevention and outreach. The \$33 million plan includes money for more school nurses and public education on using marijuana responsibly. Even Colorado cops plan to receive some of the new revenue, asking for a 10-15% share of D.U.I. fines.

Afraid of volatility in the new marijuana market, Colorado lawmakers decided to spend only pot taxes already in hand. In other words, the pot-tax spending plan for the fiscal year starting in June is entirely made of medical marijuana taxes and fees already collected.

The one issue that didn't pass this legislative session was a proposal to try to give communities dealing with oil and gas drilling more control over noise levels and setback distances from homes and schools. Governor John Hickenlooper's administration has been working with a large number of stakeholders from homebuilders, and energy companies to environmentalists to achieve a workable solution.

According to Hickenlooper, the goal is to avoid a fight at the ballot box in November when a proposed ballot initiative to allow cities and towns to ban fracking could go before voters. The Governor—who is also up for re-election in the fall—said Colorado would be better

served with a compromise, adding that he's open to calling lawmakers back to the capitol this summer for a special session to pass oil and gas legislation.

The marijuana banking plan approved on the last day of the session would create the world's first financial system for the pot industry, with co-ops acting as uninsured credit unions if the Federal Reserve Bank agreed to allow the business to access merchant payment systems.

The state House and Senate have to settle a dispute over whether industrial hemp growers also should have access to the co-ops.

Tax revenues from Colorado's newest industry

In the first three months, the state Department of Revenue is reporting nearly \$7.3 million in taxes on recreational marijuana sales; including revenues from sales of medical marijuana would bring the number to \$12.6 million.

The bulk of sales continue to be in medical marijuana, which has been legal in Colorado since 2000. Medical marijuana recorded \$35 million in sales for the month of March compared to \$19 million in recreational sales for the same time period. However, since recreational weed is more heavily taxed—15% excise tax and 10% sales tax—it could still rapidly outpace medical marijuana in total tax dollars by the end of the year. In total, Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper projected in February that total Colorado marijuana sales could approach \$1 billion.

Despite taxes, no one is com-

plaining—especially not the Department of Revenue. Even at relatively high rates, consumers are still buying and state officials have indicated that those numbers are on target.

Here's the reality: forget marijuana, it's the tax dollars that are addictive.

Twenty states plus the District of Columbia allow people to use medical marijuana. Two states—Colorado and Washington—allow sales for recreational use. Nationwide, public opinion appears to be changing. Alaska voters will decide later this year on adult-use marijuana. Currently similar ballot measures are being organized in California, Oregon and the District of Columbia.

Under federal law, marijuana is still classed as a Schedule I drug which means that it is not legal in any form, including for medical purposes. That hasn't stopped states moving to legalize marijuana for medical purposes. States that have moved to legalize marijuana for medical reasons have done so for quite logical reasons: legalizing the drug (like nicotine and alcohol) means that it can be regulated. Regulations mean control. And control is directly linked to the almighty dollar.

If the federal government successfully puts an end to legal medical marijuana sales—and the revenue generated for states and municipalities—where will those dollars go? Underground? Street criminals? Mexican cartels? One thing is for sure: those dollars are not going away.

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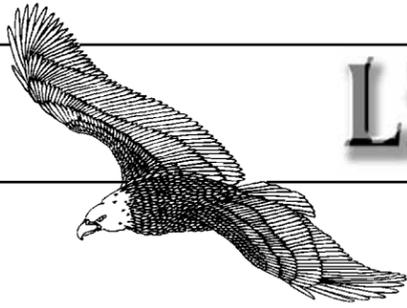
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Living on the Earth

Wetland & woodland restoration efforts along Spanish Creek

by Larry Calloway

Tom Tucker spreads his fingers. This is the way the water used to run, he says.

Spanish Creek, like the others that flow through the Baca Grande subdivision, no longer fans out as it pours into the San Luis Valley. Its newborn water from the high basin south of Kit Carson Peak was disciplined long ago to serve the hay fields and pastures of the ranch that is now the Baca National Wildlife Refuge.

Still, the pretty little mile of Spanish Creek from Wagon Wheel



Many of the streamside cottonwoods died after the drought of 2002.

photo by Dave Miller

an open area of humpy grasses where nervous elk graze in small groups and coyotes in the thickets are heard but seldom seen. In the background is the gallery of indigenous Narrowleaf Cottonwoods with fluttering shadows of swallows and other birds.

But everything in the flat foreground is dry. That's a problem, according to Tom and Noah. They pointed out swales of slightly greener kinds of grasses and plants like yarrow as evidence of a watery past. Tom calls them mesic species – inferring an environment of intermittent water. They hang on, though the water is gone, because of deep roots established at least a decade ago, he says.

Jan Miiller, who joined the tour, recalled what it was like the first couple of summers when she and her husband, Bill, began building their place on Brook Trout in 1999. There were two seasonal pools here and the wetlands extended out beyond the trees.

Now some less thirsty species are beginning to take hold in the dried-up meadow. Noah pointed out



The Spanish Creek trail runs southeast of the creek.

photo by Dave Miller

a lawyer. As much as 90% of the water streaming out of the Crestone range of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains belongs to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The government acquired the water rights along with the remainder (after creation of the subdivision) of the Baca Ranch. And the rights are impressive. They are prior rights, established in the 19th century under the first premise of western water law: "Priority of appropriation shall have the better right."

Out on the refuge the agency is beginning restoration of the barren riparian areas destroyed first by livestock grazing and now by the predator-free elk (recently counted at about 2,300). To keep the elk away from the streambanks, where they eat the shoots of willows and cottonwoods, the agency is building high electric fences. The electrified rectangle protecting Crestone Creek is a mile long. Volunteers are helping to plant, hopefully, sprouts of future trees.

But this restoration, too, requires water. And there is not enough of it to go around. Ron Garcia, manager of the refuge, is familiar with Spanish Creek and the case Tom and Noah are trying to make. True, many places had water when, in his words, "the sponge was full." But these are dry times. "In Spanish Creek the Fish and Wildlife Service does have the water rights, and there's not enough water to satisfy them," he



Group touring the Spanish Creek area.

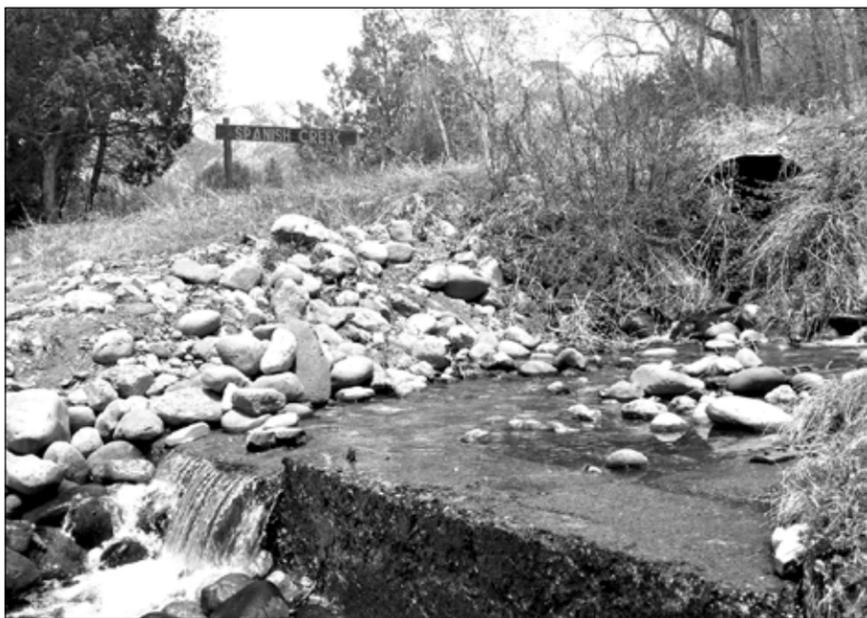
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told me in an interview about this. Tom Tucker and Noah Baen have a new view of water rights. They asked the POA board in April to write a letter to the Colorado Water Conservation Board with the purpose of acquiring water "in-stream flow" rights on streams passing through the Baca subdivision. Slowing, or even diverting, water to improve riparian areas above the refuge would require findings that this would not be "consumptive" use.



Tom Tucker and Noah Baen (right) explain the altered river course to Paul Kloppenburg (left), Emmy Savage and Larry Calloway.

photo by Dave Miller



Foundation of diversion works at the Wagon Wheel culvert.

photo by Dave Miller

Road to Camino Real (Two Trees) is one of the most popular walks in the subdivision. A dedicated greenbelt protects the streamside woodlands as this stem of the creek bends in a rough arc to some sand hills. But there is more protected land on the southeast flank of the belt, and this is where Tucker and Noah Baen of the Crestone Baca Watershed Council are taking us, on one of their monthly demo tours, out in the Grants section of the subdivision.

The Crestone Baca Land Trust acquired a number of Grants lots between the greenbelt and Brook Trout Road and converted them into a conservation easement. It's

new thistles in the empty depressions.

So how do they propose to water this grass? Restoration would involve removing some serious obstacles—both physical and legal. Spanish Creek was diverted from its natural course when Wagon Wheel was built as a main road in the subdivision more than 40 years ago. A culvert was installed in a convenient place, and the water was channeled through it. Later a ditch was scraped to carry water away from what seems to be the main stem of the creek, but the ditch has been dammed. That pile of dirt and rocks could be removed by a backhoe, except . . .

Well, this is where you need

Garcia's response to this idea is that, at least on the Brook Trout easement, there is no instream flow because there is no live stream. "In-stream flow rights pertain to where water is now," he said.

Meantime Spanish Creek (and the others) living with less, frolicking, meandering, gurgling, splashing, goes where it is told to go.



Astrologically Speaking

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Mercury will be turning retrograde on June 7 and then turn direct on July 1. The Full Moon this month will be on June 12 at 10:12pm. The New Moon will take place 2 weeks later on June 27 at 2:09am.

June 2-4 Venus will be in a fine aspect with Neptune increasing your romantic imagination and idealistic hopes and dreams. This is a super time for creativity to flow.

June 2-3 the Sun will be in a challenging aspect with Pluto which is known to bring up difficult issues. Someone's action may trigger your belief system and find you stuck in thinking that things must be a certain way. Try to remain open to being responsible for the thoughts you entertain and how that has an effect on you that might cause you to react in a way that you may regret. It's time to change or examine (closely) your judgmental thoughts which create agitation for you.

June 3-6 your creativity is soaring if you are paying attention to your intuition. Be innovative and step out of the box which has held you back in the past. The Sun is in a positive aspect to Uranus.

June 5-6 (until noon) Mercury is in an awkward aspect to Saturn. You're apt to find yourself worrying unless you are vigilant with your thoughts and reframe them.

June 6-7 Venus and Mars are in an awkward aspect indicating the need to find balance between receptivity and assertiveness. Your needs may collide with your partner's needs/wants which might require a compromise.

June 6-8 Venus is in a favorable aspect to Pluto which enables you to love more deeply. Compassion and kindness is expressed joyfully. Falling madly in love is likely. Creative expression is at an all time high.

June 7 at 6am Mercury will be turning retrograde until July 7 at 6:51am. Remember that this phase is not good for signing legal documents or buying a vehicle. Delays are likely to take place, so strive for patience. When Mercury is retrograde it favors inner work such as journaling your ideas, insights, dreams and feelings.

June 8 will find you frustrated while the Sun is in a nasty angle with Saturn which only increases the effects of Mercury retrograde. If you're reading it here it may help you to relax with events. If you're

writing a song this aspect will help you to go over and over it until you feel satisfied with the results.

June 8-15 Jupiter is now in an awkward aspect with Neptune. Oh boy, this aspect will bring about major misunderstandings and assumptions. Don't pay attention to gossip or get involved in it in anyway. The news media will get all messed up and will have to offer apologies.

June 9 Mercury is in an awkward aspect to Saturn. This is the exact same aspect that was taking place June 5-6.

June 9 Neptune turns retrograde at 7° Pisces. This is personally meaningful to all those who were born February 23-27 of any year. These individuals will find that they are more confused and forgetful. Neptune is teaching all of us (and these individuals in particular) to learn to trust your inner connection with the divine via meditation, dream life and contemplation. Those who experience forgetfulness at this time will find that the mind will clear out cobwebs and become clear once again after November 16, 2014 when Neptune will turn direct again. It might be confusing to discriminate between imagination and real divine guidance; however, as you know, by practicing, we learn. Painting or drawing your dreams will help bring about further clarity. You are apt to be more impressionable at this time and believe what you hear especially if it's something you want to hear. There could be news about a cult leader directing his/her followers inappropriately.

June 10-11 2pm Venus is nicely aspecting Uranus which is known to bring about a sudden out-of-the-blue romantic attraction. It's time to redefine the "rules" for relationship. Both individuals want to retain their individuality and spontaneity yet enjoy the electrical charge of the attraction between them. Just don't get too attached to the experience because as we know, everything in this world changes.

June 10-12 Venus in Taurus is in an opposition aspect to Saturn in Scorpio. Disappointments resurface in regard to financial dealings. Those you thought you could trust may not be trustworthy after all. Step back and observe.

June 12 the Full Moon will be taking place at 10:12pm with the Moon in Sagittarius and the Sun in Gemini. This is the time for learn-

ing, teaching, and sharing pertinent information. You will get ideas from dreams that, if they manifest, will open pathways you hadn't been aware existed for you.

June 12-14 Mars is in a challenging aspect to Pluto which could be said to be volatile and combative. Try not to be reactive and defensive. Observe what sets you off and take responsibility for your thoughts and actions. Anger is quick to ignite with this aspect even if you've read this and feel forewarned!

June 13 the Sun and Jupiter are in a positive aspect today which is fine for financial investing and spending. This is a playful day topped off with clarity and a cosmic philosophical approach.

June 16-18 noon Venus is in a favorable aspect to Jupiter. This is known as a fun time and is ideal for family reunions, parties, fundraisers, and weddings (if it fits with your chart). It's almost impossible to avoid being somewhat indulgent in sweets and alcohol today.

June 17 Mercury enters into Gemini at 4:05am and remains in this quick witted air sign until July 12. Mercury is still retrograde and turns direct on July 1. While Mercury is in Gemini expect your life to be busy with interesting new people and all kinds of events to go to. It's a good time to be open to learning. Try not to get over extended. It's easy to do that with so many interesting choices of things to do.

June 17-19 the Sun and Mercury will be conjunct (close together) in Gemini which guarantees that your mind will be sped up. You'll have plenty of insights to share.

June 20 Venus is in an awkward aspect with Pluto which could dredge up old hurt feelings and find you feeling jealous and insecure. These feelings need to be healed.

June 21 is when Summer Solstice takes place at precisely 4:52am when the Sun moves into Cancer indicating the first day of summer, officially. This day is the longest period of daylight of the year for us in the northern hemisphere. While the Sun is in Cancer you are apt to dream

more and experience your emotions more fully.

June 23 the Sun is in a challenging aspect to Saturn indicating delays and frustration. Venus is aspecting both Mars and Uranus, finding you confused about relationships and how to find cooperative decisions that are satisfying. Venus will be entering into Gemini today and remaining in this adaptable air sign until July 18. With Venus in Gemini those Gemini-born individuals will find themselves even more outgoing and playful in entertaining new friends.

June 23-25 Mars is now in an opposition aspect to Uranus which is known as an "accident-prone time." Try to avoid impulsive actions and decisions now.

June 25 is a perfect time for writing, teaching and learning while Mercury is in a positive aspect with Jupiter.

June 27-29 Venus will be in an awkward aspect with Neptune bringing about confusion and vulnerability. You're apt to be easily influenced and probably in need of good counsel from a friend that is trustworthy. Also during these two days the Sun is in a super-fine aspect to Neptune bringing about spiritual inspiration and increased faith.

June 27 the New Moon takes place at 2:09am with the Sun and Moon at 5° of Cancer beautifully aspecting Neptune in Pisces. The next 29½ days offer us all the opportunity to tune inward and receive guidance from the spiritual realms of truth. Taking some time out for meditation and retreat from everyday routines is highly recommended. Mars is nicely aspecting Saturn which suggests that it's easy to take some time out from external demands.

July 1 is when Mercury will turn direct after having been retrograde since June 7. Mercury will become direct at 6:51am.

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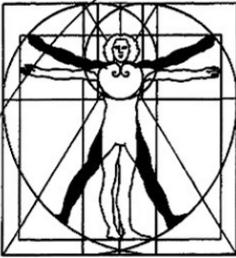
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Sacred Earth
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by Kim Malville

What's in the sky this month?

June 7: The moon moves beneath Mars

June 10: The moon is below and to the left of Saturn

June 21: The longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere. June solstice occurs at 4:51 local time. This is the longest night of the year in Antarctica.

June 29: This will be another chance to catch the moon next to a June planet. Low on the western horizon about 45 minutes after sunset, look for the slender crescent moon. Just to its right will be Jupiter.

Life in space

Plants are now being grown at the International Space Station as part of a joint research project of Russia's Institute of Biomedical Problems and Utah State University's Space Dynamics Laboratory. The project is exploring if one can grow plants in a gravity-free environment. If plants can grow at the International Space Station, they certainly should be able to grow on Mars.



Russian cosmonaut Sergei Volkov, checks the progress of a new growth experiment in the LADA greenhouse of the International Space Station.

photo courtesy NASA

So far, station crews have harvested peas, leafy greens and a variety of dwarf wheat, all of which have now been certified as safe to eat. You can tell in the figure that the plants are standing strong, growing upward toward the artificial light source. It's fortunate those plants know about phototropism. After undergoing some repairs this year, the greenhouse will be restocked with rice, tomatoes and bell peppers. In addition to supplementing the crew's diet, the crops will be analyzed to see if they genetically change in space. At least, they are not outside the Space Station, exposed to dangerous radiation.

Surviving in space

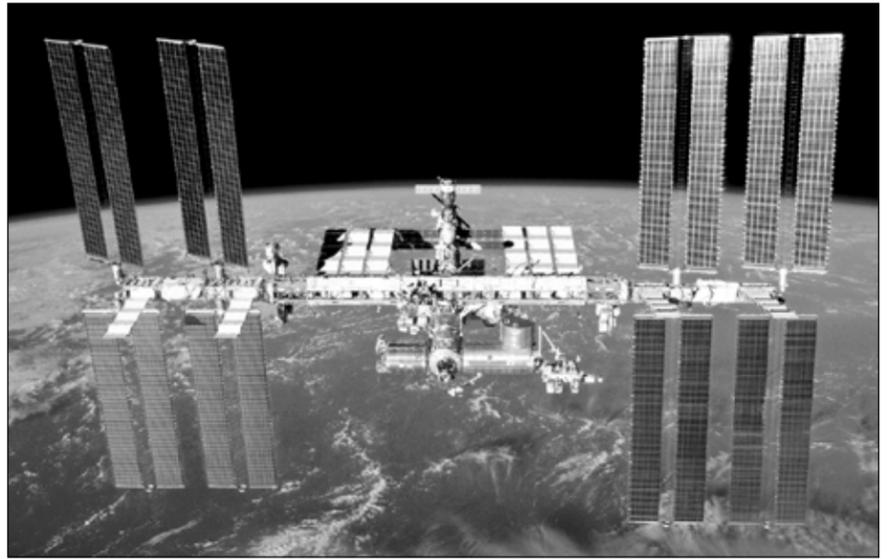
In another study at the International Space Station, two varieties of spore-forming bacteria were placed on aluminum chips and left

outside for a year and a half, approximately the time required for a space craft to get to Mars. In the vacuum of space they experienced huge temperature variations, boiling and freezing, and were exposed to ultraviolet lights from the sun and cosmic rays. Most of those plants that were exposed to ultraviolet light were killed. However, of those protected shadowed from sunlight about half survived.

Here we have a little of good and bad news. Travelling spacecraft to Mars may have terrestrial stowaways, and we don't want to contaminate that planet with terrestrial bacteria, before we have a chance to determine whether or not there's life on the Red Planet. There is an ethic involved: we really do want to maintain the purity of other worlds. The spacecraft and instruments that we have sent to Mars have been baked for hours, in what NASA describes as a large casserole dish. It's baking and not broiling, and hence there may be some bacteria have survive the process. NASA is searching for more effective procedures such as chemical sterilization. However, these new discoveries about how hardy microbial life is in the extreme environment of space, have caused more concerns about the adequacy of the sterilization procedures. The other side of the coin involves future space vehicles or samples of dirt coming from Mars, and we want to be sure they don't bring alien organisms with them, which could be disastrous for life on Earth.

Colonizing Mars

German astrophysicist Robert Schwarz, who runs the major telescope at the South Pole, is eager and well prepared for a one-way trip to Mars. His is the telescope that recently made momentous discoveries about gravity waves and inflation in the early universe, described in this column in the *Eagle* two months ago. Schwarz has applied to the program called Mars One, which is designed to send colonists the Red Planet by 2025. It's planned to be a one-way trip. These colonists plan to die on Mars. Have you ever wondered what makes someone tick who makes such a incredible commitment? Meet Robert, who was interviewed recently by *New Scientist* (20 May 2014: newscientist.com). He currently is in his tenth winter at the South Pole, returning each year home to trees and grass for only two and a half months. He says he certainly knows what it is to



International Space Station.

photo courtesy NASA

live in a remote environment. The South Pole is a harsh environment psychologically because of the extreme cold and dryness, and the fact that it's six months of darkness, six months of light. Mars might actually be more benign. Schwarz considers winters at the South Pole to be more dangerous than at the International Space Station, where if a disaster occurs, one can jump into their Soyuz spacecraft and be back on Earth in 3 hours. At the South Pole, if they lose electricity during the Antarctic winter with temperatures of 100°F, and can't start their backup generators, they are most likely doomed. It would take weeks to get a plane down there, which might not actually be able to land in the frigid darkness of midwinter.

On Mars it might be years before help arrives. But as a colonist he thinks he could cope. "I'm good at fix-

ing electronic and mechanical stuff. Down here you have to improvise because you have limited resources; you have to come up with solutions with the stuff you have. That will be even harder on Mars." Schwarz comments that he would leave the earth "laughing and crying." If he departs for Mars in 10 years he'll be 54. "That would be an age where I would say, yes, okay, I'm ready to leave now. I think the best Mars astronaut would be between 60 and 70, because you'd still be healthy enough to have your wits about you, but you had a life on Earth as well. I am not married. I still have my parents, a brother and nieces. It's certainly something you have to consider. Going to Antarctica, you never know what's going to happen and you can't just fly home. Going to Mars is a step farther because you're never going to come back."



Long shadows of the South Pole Telescope with Robert Schwarz inside. photo courtesy NSF

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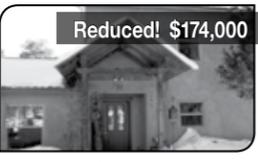
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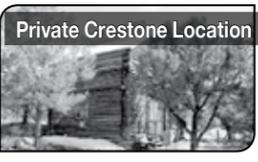
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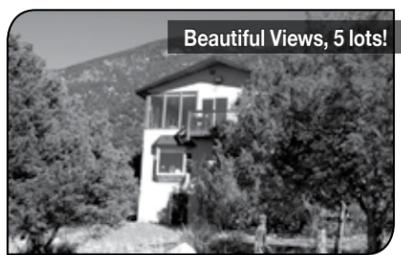
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Open house

There will be an open firehouse June 21, Saturday 9am-2pm. Jack and Robin welcome everyone. If you have the time please stop by to say hello and meet our firefighters! Minor nosh provided.

The Title III funds provided by Saguache County for mitigation have begun to flow. The County Commissioners receive plans and award the grants. 719-655-2231.

Mitigation on your property

If you have any questions about whether you qualify for mitigation on your property, Daniel S. Johnson would know. You can view his flyer at the post office on the public service bulletin board. (You remember those things: thumb-tacks, push pins, paper commu-

nications?) You can also pick up the "Ready Set Go" brochure at the POA office or fire department, which explains mitigation around your home and what to take with you if you need to go.

Another great local resource is Keno's weather station on the internet: "Used daily by those in the know." He posts red flag warnings at the top of his site: www.keno.org. Thanks, Keno.

Living in this place is kind of like being aboard a ship, in that sense everyone is a firefighter.

The firefighter to do list

- Make sure all fires and ashes are truly out.
- Remove wood piles from near structures.
- Clear any pine straw, cones, etc. from roof and gutters.
- Clear the chamisa and thistle, since these fuels carry fire swiftly.

Chamisa is also known as rubber rabbit brush (say that three times). The scientific classification is, *ericameria n.* (Side note—the Crestone post office is in the Wikipedia photo illustrating the plant.) The tumbleweed we are most prone to is *salsola tragus*. We live in an amazing place; even the nuisances have beautiful names . . . in the interest of full disclosure, the n. stands for nauseosa.

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Energy Fair surges August 23 & 24

by Donovan Spitzman

The 25th annual Crestone Energy Fair will be held on August 23 & 24 with a theme of "Resilience" and a focus on "Crestone Energy". This year we would like to construct a community-inclusive event highlighting the ways we strive for, and continually foster, an environment conducive to strengthening resilience within our isolated oasis.

Topics currently scheduled on the presentation stage for Saturday are edible permaculture, solar cooking, Tim White bringing his unique brand of intellect, along with tips on servicing and maintaining your small engine generator. There are still 2 spots open if you have a topic or presenter you would like to see.

The building systems demonstration area will encompass straw bale, rammed earth tires, earth bags and Greenstar Blox, power generation information and demonstrations on gasification, wind, solar, geothermal and hydro power. We are still seeking someone to represent hydrogen possibilities and anything else appropriate to our energy independence.

The event will also showcase a sustainability swap meet and flea market. Bring your leftover building materials, power system components and any items that you no longer need that may assist the next generation of off-grid and sustainability-driven home owners. Additionally, this area will feature "wild ideas", DIY projects and personal innovations. Stop by the Brain-Storm Board and share ideas on several topics relating to strengthening our local resilience.

With a focus on Crestone energy, it only seems appropriate to host an area to showcase the multitude of personal growth modalities offered within our powerfully quaint community. From basic massage and body work to the light beings of the Pleiades, practitioners access the highest levels of integration. We welcome you to explore the ethers of your inner cosmos with these practitioners.

We will also play host to Art in the Park. Installation, inspiration and performance, Crestone has it all, from paintings and photography to glass and hand-made textiles along with creative repurposing of abandoned resources. This eclectic

display of visual inspiration will be found throughout the event and backdropped by the always popular mix of Crestone musicians.

Saturday nights musical entertainment will be accompanied by the Crestone Fire Spinners and performers at the Yak 'N' Cracker Sundown Stage . . . starting, not surprisingly, around sundown.

Sunday will once again be filled with guided tours of a diverse collection of resilient dwellings. This year finds the Home Tour expanding its diversity into 4 separate tours, offered as morning and afternoon options. This will allow attendees to select the 2 most inspiring groupings of homes to tour. Tours will encompass completed structures of varying ma-

terials and power systems, dwellings under construction and commercial-sized facilities. If you would like to open your home, project or facility to this year's attendees, please contact Donovan.

For general, home tour and vendor information, contact Donovan at 303-868-6352 or join Crestone Energy Fair 2014 on Facebook.

For information about Music in the Park, contact Benny Roman at CreStore.

We are still seeking volunteers to assist with Art in the Park and the Personal Growth and Resilience area.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help bring this year's event to fruition.



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As the Worm Turns Growing Weed in the SLV

Part 1 – Seed and Sun
by Leigh Mills

Disclaimer: Colorado's Amendment 64 has made growing marijuana for personal use legal; however, it is still a federal offense. All photos and persons interviewed are anonymous sources: JD = Jane or John Doe.

Part 1 of this series will touch briefly on growing marijuana from seed using sunlight in an enclosed structure like a greenhouse or hoop house. Part 2 will touch on indoor growing with clones and Part 3 will discuss the harvest and its products.

"If you can grow a tomato plant, then you can grow weed," says JD. "I like growing from seed because that's how I started. You can get real anal about growing, or you can just stick a seed in some dirt and go for it. When my partner and I decided to start growing, we got the best book around, *Marijuana Horticulture—The Indoor/Outdoor Medical Grower's Guide* by Jorge Cervantes. His book tells you everything you need to know about growing high quality weed from either



Female marijuana plant.

seed or clones." I was curious and asked to borrow the book to help write this article. I found out lots of interesting facts about growing marijuana and thought I'd share a couple.

The life cycle of marijuana grown from seed is similar to a tomato plant in that it takes about 8 months from seed to harvest—depending on the growing environment and any applied nutrients. Marijuana is light-sensitive and its growth cycle is dependent on how much light it receives. Starting weed from seed means you'll need to plant it early in the year, just like a tomato plant, so it will be ready to harvest in the fall. There are many strains of marijuana, just like there are many types of tomatoes. JD says, "Yeah, I know folks who are very picky about what they grow for their particular use, but I just grow it for the high. I know my plants are potent and when folks ask me what kind it is, I just say "Good Quality!"

If you grow weed from homegrown seed, there will be male and female plants. The young marijuana plants will start showing their sex within a couple of months; again, this is light-determined. It's the female plants that are cultivated for their flowers—or buds—and any males must be thrown out, unless you are growing for more seed, because males provide the pollen that fertilizes the females. The medical/recreational marijuana industry prizes seed-free buds—so growing from seed means you'll need to purchase female seeds online or get

others from a trusted source. This information is also in Jorge's book.

"I think weed is pretty easy to grow," says JD "The plants like getting different kinds of fertilizer, depending on their stage of growth, and there's other kind of maintenance they like, too." I asked what kind of maintenance, and JD said "Oh, like if you want bushy plants, then you'll want to 'top' them when they are still pretty young, kinda like growing basil. When they get about 3 sets of branches, then you clip off the top. The plants will start growing more side branches and the end result will be big, bushy plants." "How big," I asked. "Well," JD said, "that depends on the size of the growing pot. I like to transplant them about two times, the second time being into a big container—at least 10-15 gallons, but I know other folks who can get a much bigger harvest using 33 gallon, heavy-duty cloth, "Smart Pots". It means purchasing/getting a lot of soil, though, and that can get expensive." "What kind of soil is best?" I asked. "Well, it varies from grower to grower," JD replied. "I know some who blend of all sorts of ingredients like garden soil, perlite, peat moss, bat guano, oyster shell, coconut fiber, and other goodies. There lots of pre-mixed brands too, and I think FoxFarm makes some good products. Just go to a hydroponic or greenhouse supply and ask. They'll hook you up."

I was grateful for JD's input and for the use of Jorge's book. There is SO much information about growing high quality medical/recreational marijuana that cannot be covered in these articles. Please research more by going to the closest dispensary, grower's supply store, or by purchasing Jorge Cervante's book.

Leigh Mills has lived and gardened in the San Luis Valley since 2002 and written the "As the Worm Turns" column since 2010. If you enjoy reading her monthly, visit her website, *TheInfiniteBee.com*, to view color photos and read journal entries filled with tips about high-altitude gardening, seed-saving, food preservation, yummy recipes, and off-the-grid, homestead living.



Male marijuana buds.

Colorado marijuana regulations

Note: This section originally appeared in the January 1, 2014 issue of the Mountain Mail newspaper.

Marijuana Law

Colorado's recreational marijuana law means that people of age 21 and older may:

- Possess up to an ounce of marijuana
- Use marijuana on private property, with the approval of the owner. However, people may not use marijuana at marijuana stores or places where the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act applies.
- Grow up to six plants in their house, in an enclosed, locked space.
- Buy up to an ounce of marijuana at a licensed retail marijuana store if they have a Colorado I.D. People from out of state may buy up to a quarter ounce.
- Give up to an ounce of marijuana to someone else 21 or older, but no money can be exchanged.
- It is still illegal for someone younger than 21 to possess marijuana, unless they have a medical-marijuana card. Additionally, people may not give marijuana to individuals younger than 21; use marijuana in public or at places that have banned it, such as schools or federally owned lands; drive under the influence of marijuana; or take marijuana across state lines.

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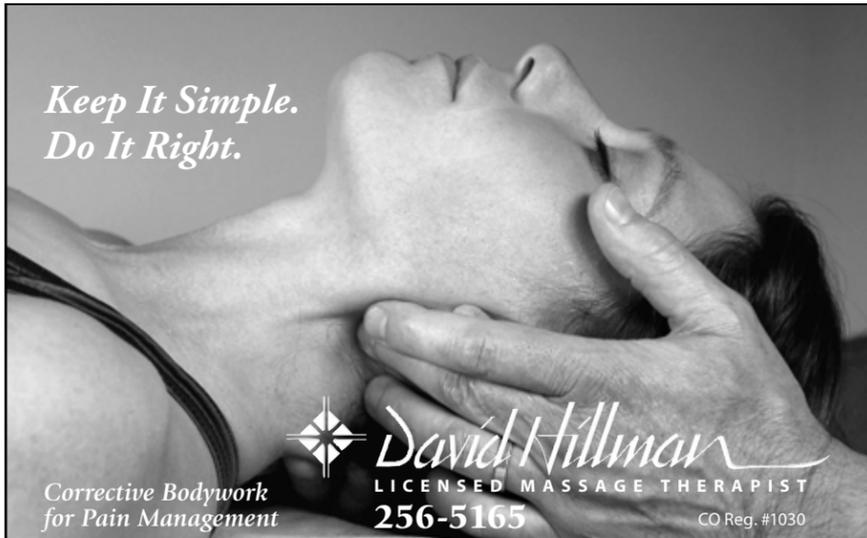
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In Search of Economic Reality

US freedom at risk from a lack of affordable open broadband internet access

by Ed Lyell

America is on the verge of losing its last vestige of real democracy-internet access. Big business is taking control of the internet through consolidation and pricing mechanisms that will drive out the little guy, the innovator, the protester, and the student who wants to learn more than what big business wants to provide. Several billionaire families already control the bulk of US TV, cable, movies and internet infrastructure and content. Documentaries on inequality, the exploitative health care system, and other negatives are not even shown on cable, TV or in movie theaters.

The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) is letting the big cable and telephone companies end open fair access to the broadband internet pipelines. These monopolistic companies want privileged access to distribute only their content, their version of truth. This reminds me of past governments taking control of their media to enforce fascist views. America is acting more and more like the 1950's Soviet Union, the 1930's Nazi Germany, and many other countries that have shut down their newspapers, radio stations, TV and other media in order to keep truth and opposing viewpoints from being heard or shared.

America is already well behind every other developed nation in both speed and affordable access to the internet. Countries like Japan, Korea, and many in Europe have used government tax money, rules, regulations and enforced competition to provide their citizens with low cost very high speed internet access. The USA is 15th in the world in speed and cost of broadband wireless and fiber based internet. The average American home gets only 4.8 mbps (million bytes per second) whereas world leader Japan is at 61 mbps. Not only are we slower but Americans pay \$3.33 per month per mbps while Japanese citizens pay \$0.27. We get less than 10% of the speed at 10 times the cost. Fourteen other nations are between Japan and the USA, but even 10th place France is only \$1.64 per mbps. (visual.ly/internet-speeds-and-costs-around-world). Thus we can see why the Social Progress Imperative ranks the USA 17th in access to information and communication, behind Canada, Australia and most of northern Europe. (socialprogressimperative.org/data/spi). We also have fewer users than many other countries with Asia having four times more users. (www.internetworldstats.com/stats.htm)

When fiber optics infrastructure was being implemented most countries used government policy and funding to create fiber to the home and office at low cost. The USA, under the mantra of deregulation, encouraged multiple companies to pursue short term profit at the cost of long term access

for most Americans. I remember working for a think tank on Denver's 17th Street and watching 5 companies take turns digging up the pavement to each install a fiber cable to the office buildings. We all suffered from traffic disruptions as streets were torn up, fixed, torn up, fixed, etc. In other countries the government would have an auction or regulations awarding territory to a few competitive companies, and have them share the cost of putting in the fiber. Some governments installed fiber and wireless themselves. Others forced companies to not just serve profitable urban business but to also make their fiber available in rural and poor areas as the US did early last century providing electricity and telephones to everyone. It is estimated that American business wasted one trillion dollars putting in redundant fiber to office buildings while not providing fiber to rural or poor areas. In today's globally connected world broadband fiber and wireless should be treated as a public necessity like water, sewer, and electricity.

Most of the world understands that 21st century opportunity and economic prosperity requires affordable access to very high speed broadband internet. If everyone had a high speed level playing field we would create more innovation and competition in every industry and region. Instead we have even more concentrated capitalism by limiting access to low cost information and communication.

America seems less democratic than the countries that created affordable broadband internet access to every home in their country. Instead, America has let cartel-like private for-profit companies take control of the pipeline (fiber optic and wireless), and now the content that will be delivered. In the 1920s when private companies would not provide electricity to rural and poor America, local government stepped up and created public and cooperative electricity companies to best serve

everyone. Many cities have been trying the same public solution for internet access but have been shut down by private companies using their political power to prevent more cost effective broadband internet un-hindered by big business-controlled content. (bloombergview.com/articles/2012-02-15/the-case-for-publicly-owned-internet-service-commentary-by-susan-crawford)

The American public is slowly waking up to the immense power of the world's wealthiest one percent. Revolutions around the world have used Twitter, Facebook, and other bottom-up media on quality internet pipelines to share information on government oppression of the majority by the wealthy minority. Instead of embracing real freedom and democracy our biggest companies and richest people, both Republicans and Democrats, are taking control of America by controlling access to information.

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3766C Carefree Way - \$159,000
Immaculate, cozy home, 950sf 2bd/1ba ranch-style house built by Terrapin mid 2013. Magnificent mountain and valley views. Full-time residence or a vacation getaway.

NEW LISTINGS!



1234 Laredo Trail - \$265,000
This strawbale 1831sf 3bd/2ba home with detached studio on 1.86 acres has magnificent views and fine finishes, an open floor plan, a Master Suite with soak tub, a deck with bamboo fencing and plenty of privacy.



2715C Happy Hollow Way - \$209,000
Nestled in the trees, this 1860sf 4BD/2BA/2 Living Area home offers great retreat and/or income potential. Located on 1.54 acres and close to Spiritual Centers, but very secluded. A very versatile home!

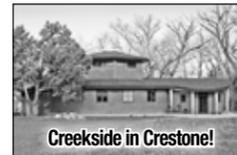


1004C Badger Road - \$149,000
This 8BD/3.75BA home sits on 1.119 acres up high in Chalet I. With 1,913sf on main level & 1,762sf in walk-out basement, and kitchens on both levels, this unique property offers plenty of space for 2 families or retreats.



375 S. Cedar - \$134,500
Built in 2010, this charming, 1110sf 2BD/1BA 2-story home is located conveniently to downtown. Large BD upstairs, BD & BA on main level, open kitchen with gas range & breakfast bar, comfy living area with wood-burning stove.

Town of Crestone



332 E. Mica Ave - \$499,000
This 3BR/2BA 3448sf unique home is nestled among the trees next to North Crestone Creek in Town of Crestone. Custom styling, spacious kitchen, & outdoor amenities. A great family, rental, or vacation home.



170 E. Golden - \$239,000
This 3BD/2BA 1500sf home is beautifully situated with attention to detail. High ceilings, bright skylights & fenced-in back yard make this a must-see property!

Town of Crestone



345 S. Cedar - \$189,000
A short walk to the post office, coffee shops, restaurants and shopping, this Victorian style 1434-sf home has three bedrooms and two baths.



370 S. Alder - \$179,000
This recently renovated 5BD/2BA 1950sf house can be used as a single-family dwelling or be divided for duplex housing.

Off-Grid



765 Heatherbrae Rd - \$355,000
Exquisite, custom 2-story traditional home located on 11.94 acres offering amazing views and lots of privacy. Bonus attached garage with an upstairs studio apartment. Solar electric & well water.



358 Birch Road - \$289,000
Off grid home with 3bd/1.75ba, office, 2nd living room, modern efficient kitchen & elegant bathrooms-an inspired renovation. Natural light, expansive & unobstructed views.



802 Holly Trail - \$159,000
Solar electric ~1,700sf strawbale 2bd/1ba fully passive solar with wood burning stove. Large open living space with beautiful views. Well and septic.

Baca Grande Properties



637 Panorama Way - \$699,000
Magnificent ~3000sf 3bd/3ba 1-1/2 story custom home with exquisite detailing & beautiful woodwork. 750sf det. garage w/studio apt. above. Stone fireplace, net meter solar, Viking appliances.



2795CR Brook Terrace - \$499,500
The castle tucked away on a private cul-de-sac on 2.765 wooded acres. 3 level stone & stucco with views to the sky. Artistic with quality & attention to detail.

Baca Grande Properties



923C Blue Spruce OL - \$428,000
Handcrafted home w/ spectacular views. ~2350sf on 1.93 acres. 2bd/2ba, spacious artist studio & meditation room. Surround windows & south facing 2nd floor deck.



786C Panorama Way - \$427,000
This Lee Mitchell custom 3bd/2ba/sunroom/library/balconies ~2400sf home with fabulous gardens sits on 2.14 acres w 2-car garage/studio.



1234C Brookview - NOW \$419,000
Lee Mitchell custom home. 2400sf 3BD/2.5BA/Office/attached 2 car garage, balconies. Magnificent Views.



340C Palomino Way - \$389,000
Immaculate 1820sf, 2 story, 3 bd, 2 ba home on 1.79 acres graced by lovely meditation gardens w/ rock lined pathways & patios. Includes detached double garage with 108sf insulated storage room, 396sf studio space w/ full ba. & possible kitchen.



4262C Serene Way - \$299,900
Immaculate 2500SF 3-level home on .98 acres 5bd/2.75ba. Custom finishes, fire resistant, energy efficient, magnificent views.



483C Point of Rock OL - \$299,000
Teahen Construction, Beautiful 3bd/2ba 2-story home on 1.946 acres Attached 2 car garage, detached studio. High energy efficiency & quality throughout.



909C Brookview Way - \$299,000
Home on 1.12 acres w/ spectacular views at top of Baca iWaiting for the right person to complete the vision. 2324 sf & designed with 3bd/2ba. Separate 576 sf guest house w/kitch.



3919 Cordial Way - \$299,000
Two story, 3BD/2.5BA ~2400 sf home has a walled courtyard & 4 intimate decks w/ great views. Southwest style home gracefully adorned with fine details and finishes.



22 Alpine Way - \$295,000
CUSTOM 3bd/2.5ba/2 car garage 2232sf home close to town. Screened porch & wrap deck. Gracious Living with exceptional views!



733C N. Rendezvous OL - \$270,000
This 1972sf 2bd/1.75ba/large studio/office Southwestern style strawbale home is located on 1.14 acres at end of secluded cul-de-sac. Adjacent lots avail.



1255C Eagle OL - \$267,000
Beautiful 2075sf 2-story home with 2bd/2ba/office/sun room, Chalet I on 1.766 acres, private cul-de-sac. Dramatic view windows, vaulted ceilings, master suite w/soak tub.



149 Moonlight Way - NOW \$250,000
Beautiful 3bd/2ba 2118sf home w/ 2 living areas - extensively updated & immaculate condition. Cathedral ceilings & a wall of glass w/ great views. Adjoins greenbelt & creek.



1647C Willow Creek Way - \$249,000
Brand New Terrapin Construction. 1760sf 3bd/2ba home on 1.98 acres with 2 decks + flagstone patio/walkways. Backs to Greenbelt. Views.



1564 Wagon Wheel Road - \$249,000
A 2,192sf beautiful single level ranch style home built in 1997 on 1.66 acres. 3bd/2ba, great room, living room & 2 car attached garage. Well and septic.



4376 E. Twinview OL - \$239,000
Custom 1 1/2 story, 1350sf, 2 bdr, 1.75 ba, contemporary new construction by Steve Elliott, long time local builder. Exceptional design w/ energy efficiency & magnificent views. Backs to Cottonwood Creek greenbelt.



4511C Ridgecrest Way - \$239,000
Straw bale home 1.59 acres Backs to greenbelt and national park. 2 adjacent building lots available. Built by Paul Koppana.



397 N Chaparral Way - \$219,000
Lee Mitchell Home, 1410sf, 3 bd, 2 ba, 2-story stucco home has magnificent mountain and valley views. Gorgeous Master Suite encompasses entire 2nd floor. This private suite is complete w/ large closets, elegant master ba, 2 balconies offering amazing views.



1447 Chaparral Way - \$199,000
This 1440sf 2bd/2ba home-complete remodel with bamboo flooring, Jenn-Air stainless appliances, maple cabinets, granite countertops, travertine bathrooms, ma ba soak tub. Adjacent lot available.



3356C Camino Del Rey - \$210,000
2 story, 1981sf, 2bd/1.75ba home w/ passive solar sunroom - great views on .864 acres. Master suite w/ clawfoot tub, pine floors, pellet stove. Propane heat, great appliances.



3704 Carefree Way - \$195,000
Immaculate like new 3 bd/1.75ba, 1316sf home has wood floors, stucco privacy wall, single car garage, beautiful views of the mountains.



2664C Happy Hollow - \$195,000
This spacious 2356sf home On 1.041 acres with 4bd/2ba, 2 separate dining areas + gardens, carport & workshop! Large windows-sunshine & awesome views. Passive solar & woodstove.



3705 Carefree Way - \$177,000
This 1874 sf, 3 bdr/1.75 ba home built in 1995 as a passive solar home. Great value & offers lots of space for price. Also includes the upper adjacent lot to protect the views to the mountains.



3732C Cordial Way - \$169,000
Private & unique hexagonal 2 bd, 1.75 ba home on 1.36 treed acres. Separate 384sf. building incl. heated & finished office & workshop/storage area. Great views, wrap around deck.



2747CR Easy Way - \$169,000
A unique 2 story, 1768sf, 3bd/2ba home in Chalet 2, 1.86 acres. Brick floors, rock walls, wood ceilings. Passive solar w/ ETS heater, propane heater & woodstove. Detached shed.



1573C Kings Hill OL - \$159,000
Light & bright 3bd/2ba, 1480sf, 1.5 level stucco with large south facing windows and view deck on .84 acres. Easy access off paved road. Hot water baseboard heat/passive solar.



4406C Twin View Terrace - \$147,000
Artistic straw bale home located high in Chalet II on consolidated 1.417 acres w/ privacy, amazing mountain & valley views. ~1450sf, 2-story, 2-bd, 1-ba, w/ studio/office space, energy efficient passive solar design w/ wood stove backup.



1914 Lone Pine Way - \$142,000
Built in 1999, this 1bd (+Loft) / 1ba 900sf house is in a convenient location off the main road in Chalet One with lots of privacy. It is sunny & bright with lots of windows. Energy efficient with passive solar and in-floor radiant heat.



1372 N Saddlerock Trail - \$139,000
This 1960 sf 3 bed 1.75 bath has a three room master suite & a 200sf sunroom. Panoramic views of three mountain ranges on 2.03 acres bordering the Willow Creek greenbelt. Well & septic.



2776 N. Carefree Way - \$139,000
This 2-story, 2BD/1BA, 1338sf wood & stone home set in the trees high in Chalet II. Great mountain & valley views, close to retreat centers. A cozy mountain feel, very private and quiet.



36 Camino Baca Grande - \$115,000
This lovely chalet style home with soaring windows and high ceilings has 3bd/1.75ba, a loft sitting area and attached sunroom. Wood fireplace, Toyostove heater.



381 Del Sol Lane - \$64,500
Casita Park-Immaculate 3bd/2ba bath 1216 sf home located on 0.819 acres (5 cons. lots). Includes attached 2 car garage, storage + appliances. Magnificent views & privacy.



13 Camino De La Plata - \$43,500
Casita Park-Immaculate 3bd/2ba bath 980 sf duplex has two complete fully functional separate units (380sf. & 600sf). Decks, Storage shed & landscaping. There are beautiful views of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range. Excellent investment property!

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There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root

Blue Flag (Iris missouriensis)



Blue Flag, or Wild Iris, grows throughout the Rocky Mountains, usually in places that are a bit marshy. Often, in the Crestone area, it blooms at the same time as and along with Golden Banner, the beautiful yellow pea family plant that is one of the first bloomers here.

In addition to being a beautiful wild flower, Blue Flag is also a potent medicinal herb. It is so potent, in fact, that it can be toxic if taken fresh internally or if too high a dose is taken. Please check in with a knowledgeable herbalist if you have never used this herb before.

The root or rhizome is the part used, and with all roots it is best gathered in the spring or fall. That having been said, please only harvest where you find it in great abundance, and then only take a small percentage of what's there.

The fresh rhizome can be toxic, it needs to be dried before tincturing or using internally. The fresh rhizome however can be used externally as a poultice for staph skin infections. The tincture dose is measured in drops, instead of droppers, and is usually combined with milder herbs,

such as Echinacea, Burdock, and Yellow Dock.

Blue Flag acts on the liver and the pancreas. It promotes flow, so it benefits the lymphatic system, clears toxins and can clear chronic skin conditions. In high doses it is a cathartic. It is too strong to use for chronic or acute liver conditions but works well for liver stagnation. Traditionally this plant has been used as an alterative, or blood cleanser.

Blue Flag has also been found to benefit hypoglycemia, or low blood sugar.

Homeopathically, Blue Flag has been used as a remedy for migraines, specifically migraines preceded by an aura, also described as a "sick headache".

I found this description after struggling with writer's block writing this article, "Blue Flag Iris Flower Essence encourages the flow of artistic creativity. It holds the vibration of stillness at the center of creativity. When we cannot grasp the nature of our next creative endeavor, Blue Flag Iris is like the ringing of a Tibetan bowl. It brings us back to the still point, the source where all creative expression is born. Tuned to this beginning place, we are like someone at the headwaters of a river, ready and able to move downstream once again." ~ Green Hope Flower Essences.

Dorje Root is an herbalist and natural healer, also working with Plant Spirit Medicine, Intuitive Energy Healing and 'The Journey' cellular healing. For an appointment call 719-937-7786 or visit www.rootsofhealing.com



Blue Flag.

Bears bear precautions

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

- Keep garbage in a well-secured location, and only put out garbage on the morning of pickup.
- Clean garbage cans regularly to keep them odor free.
- If you don't have secure storage, put items that might become smelly into the freezer until trash day.
- If you use a dumpster, make sure that it can't be opened by a bear.
- Don't leave pet food outside.
- Bird feeders should be brought in at this time of year—birds don't need to be fed during the summer.
- If you have bird feeders: clean up beneath them daily, bring them in at night, and hang them high so that they're completely inaccessible to bears.
- Secure compost piles. Bears are attracted to the scent of rotting food—and they'll eat anything.
- Allow grills to burn for a

couple of minutes after cooking to burn off grease and to eliminate odors. Clean the grill after each use.

- Clean up thoroughly after picnics in the yard or on the deck. Don't allow food odors to linger.
 - If you have fruit trees, pick fruit before it gets too ripe. Don't allow fruit to rot on the ground.
 - Keep garage doors closed.
 - Keep the bottom floor windows of your house closed when you're not at home.
 - If you see a bear in your neighborhood make it feel unwelcome by making noise or throwing things at it. But stay at a safe distance and never approach the animal.
 - Do not keep food in your car; lock car doors.
 - Talk to your neighbors and kids about being bear aware.
 - For more information go to the Living with Wildlife section on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website: wildlife.state.co.us/WildlifeSpecies/Living-WithWildlife/Pages/LivingWith.aspx.
- If you want to talk to a wildlife officer about bear issues, please call CPW's office in Monte Vista at: 719-587-6900.

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23 Acre Estate



3926 Cordial Way - \$599,000
Secluded 4100+sf home 4bd/3.5ba 550sf guest house plus 2 car garage on 23.749 acres on Cottonwood Creek. Lovely views and privacy!

Retreat Property



4460C Ridgecrest Way - NOW \$479,000
Residential Retreat Complex w/3025sf central complex w/Chartres labyrinth as the centerpiece. 1000sf 2/1 home; 450sf office; 707sf yurt plus grow dome. A beautiful property.

Commercial Properties



121 E. Galena - NOW \$399,000
Premiere, newly renovated downtown commercial bldg, incl. upstairs apt. and 2 rentals 1st floor, modern commercial kitchen. 3800sf. Great opportunity!



46 Camino Baca Grande - \$257,000
Six-Unit professional center. 2 story structure is ~2600 sf. and conveniently located near the entrance to the Baca on a nicely treed 1.05 acre lot - plenty of parking.

Historic Hotel



Willow Springs (Moffat) - NOW \$299,000
Fully restored former historic Forbes Hotel. 9bd/3BA 3600sf; detached 22x24 studio, 500ft artesian well. Great business potential for B&B, hotel /retreat center.

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upstairs 1 bedroom apartment.
Kitchen features all the modern
amenities.



\$334,500

Creek meanders thru this 2.72
acre lot. New builders home
has lots of upgrades. 3 bed-
rooms/ 2 baths, open floor
plan. Kitchen features gas,
range, dishwasher, disposal.



\$289,000

5 acres with north Crestone
creek running through it just
north of the town. With a 960 sq.
ft home secluded near the creek.
About 200 feet of creek. Call
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\$283,000

Complete remodel in 2012 All
new appliances and kitchen
remodel. New wood stove in
living room, and new flooring.
Windows added for solar gain.
Call for your private showing.



\$275,000

PRICE REDUCED
Lovely contemporary home on 8
acres. Creek runs thru the back-
yard, greenhouse, studio apt.,
open floor plan, exceptional
price for this beautiful property.



\$265,000

This professionally built home
in 2000 by Fine Design with its
energy efficient R panel con-
struction will steal your heart.
High ceilings in the living room.



\$259,500

PRICE REDUCED
Lovely contemporary styled 2
story with expansive views from
the upstairs porch. Priced well
below the last appraisal, seller is
out of country and says "sell!"



\$255,000

Lovely contemporary home
with 3 spacious bedrooms,
and 2.5 baths. Kitchen fea-
tures gas range, refrigerator,
and microwave. formal dining.



\$249,000

Straw bale home. New sun-
room addition. In-floor heating.
Nice open floor plan down-
stairs. Spacious kitchen. Two
bedrooms upstairs.



\$245,000

Large contemporary style
home. Additional studio. 2 bed-
rooms and 2 full baths with 2
propane fireplaces and one
wood hearthstone fireplace.



\$239,000

PRICE REDUCED
Completely off grid on 40 acres.
Gas stove, gas refrigerator,
dishwasher, microwave, dining
room, & living room. 2 bed-
rooms, and 2 baths.



\$229,500

ARTESIAN WELL
This home has 40 acres with
Artesian Well. The lovely home
has 3 bedrooms and 3 baths.
The Master Suite has a walk-in
closet, and a bathroom addition.



\$229,000

5 bedroom 3.75 bath home
with additional room off Master
suite. Nice living room. Kitch-
en has plenty of cabinet
space. Attached 2 car garage.



\$225,000

New construction, backs to
Cottonwood Creek. Upstairs
and downstairs in new no
maintenance decking. Bath-
room has a garden tub.



\$199,900

Spacious 3 bedroom/ 2 bath
home has a loft area with a
secluded office attached. Kitch-
en with all the amenities. Master
Suite with an adjoining full bath.



\$199,000

Amazingly beautiful creek lots-
2.08 acres bordering Cotton-
wood Creek. Home is contem-
porary open floor plan with one
large bedroom.



\$198,000

3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a
larger Master in the upstairs loft.
Kitchen features built in range
oven, refrigerator, and dish-
washer.



\$195,000

Spacious 5 bedroom, 2 bath
home with comfortable and
spacious living area. De-
tached, insulated and heated
garage/workshop/studio.



\$188,500

This 2 story stucco home has
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Open
kitchen with pantry area. Ap-
pliances included. Master
bedroom & a master bath.



\$179,000

Creekside home, on paved road,
close to town, beautiful views
from the great room/living room.
Large fireplace, spacious kitch-
en. There is 1 bedroom and 2
loft rooms on the upper levels,
and a bathroom.



\$179,000

Great 5.25 acres for your horses
or dogs. Backs to willow Creek
greenbelt for trail riding.
Thoughtfully built strawbale, 3
BR, 2 B home.



\$169,500

This home features a newly
remodeled kitchen with all new
stainless appliances. 2 bed-
rooms downstairs, and a loft
bedroom with 1/2 bath upstairs.



\$168,500

Unique setting for sweet soli-
tude in this custom 2 bdrm 1
bath home built by Terrapin
construction, near Pundarika.
Sunny, open, interior base-
board heat, woodstove, all
appliances included.



\$167,500

Walking distance to Dharma
Ocean Institute-High up on the
mountain with amazing pano-
ramic views of mountains from
upstairs deck.



\$165,000

Charming home in Crestone.
4 bedrooms and 2 bath, newly
painted, new wood laminate
floors in upstairs. Large green
house on the back of the home.



\$159,000

SOLD
High up on mountain straw-
bale home with efficient in floor
radiant heat, and solar hot
water. 2 bedrooms 2 baths.



\$149,000

PRICE REDUCED
Complete remodel on this home
in 2011, new windows, roof,
exterior siding, and interior
remodel. 4 bedrooms and 2
baths. Separate studio, or
mother-in-law apt, has its own
entrance.



\$129,000

Very cute and quaint adobe
home with full bath downstairs,
great room floor plan. Upstairs
is one large room, could be
converted to 2 bedrooms. New-
er gas stainless range/oven.



\$90,000

SOLD
Great ranch style home with
oversized 3 car garage, barn,
horse fencing, storage trailer,
and loafing sheds. Home fea-
tures 4 bedrooms 3 baths.



\$64,900

UNDER CONTRACT
This home is on CR CC on the
west side of the subdivision,
home features spacious rooms
with large kitchen.



\$62,900

Nice open floor plan, with spa-
cious kitchen, separate dining
room, and a wood burning stove.
Horses and chickens allowed on
1 acre.



\$58,900

Great retirement home! Nice
stucco finish and sweeping views
of the Sangre De Cristo moun-
tain range. Property sold as is.



\$54,500

PRICE REDUCED
New roof, new carpet, new paint
on this bank owned manufac-
tured home on 1 acre of land in
Lazy KV subdivision. Spacious
living Room, and open kitchen.



\$29,500

3 bedroom/ 2 bath home with
nice woodstove in living room,
additional storage shed. Great
mountain views, close to tennis
court, golf course, and library.



\$27,000

Mobile home needs TLC but
backs to farmland and great
views of the Sangre De Cristo.
On 1 acre, horses allowed.



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DISPATCH

from the edge 

by Peter Anderson

Note: Michael “Track” Ruppert was a writer, journalist, thinker, and activist who came to the valley a year or two ago and made some friends here in Crestone. Ruppert was the author of *Crossing The Rubicon: The Decline of the American Empire at the End of the Age of Oil*. He was the subject of the 2009 documentary film *Collapse*, which was based on his book, *A Presidential Energy Policy*, and which received the New York Times’ “critics pick”. More recently Ruppert was featured in a 6-part series titled *Apocalypse, Man*, much of which was filmed here in Crestone. You can find both documentaries on YouTube. You may not agree with everything he said—I didn’t—but it would be hard to deny his dedication to telling the truth as he understood it. Sadly, he took his life in mid-April while he was back in California. More recently, I saw the flyer for a memorial to honor him here in the Baca. I didn’t know him that well, so I didn’t attend. Had I been there, I might have said what follows.

Dear Track:

In this town of lost and found dreams, I’m not sure what your dream was when you came here, or even if you had one. I only know that you came here tired, broke, angry, and sad. It’s been said, and maybe it’s true, that your dreams

were spent, you had nothing left, and you came here to end your life. Maybe so. I didn’t know you that well. But it also seemed as though you found a glimmer of something here at the end of the road, if not hope then at least a renewed conviction to bare witness. For a while anyway.

I knew you as a thinker. A writer. A tracker of the truth as you described yourself.

I admired you for that. You were a tireless investigator who broke some important stories and left behind some courageous books and documentaries. You spoke your truth as best you understood it. And you put your life on the line, which is more than most writers and thinkers are willing to do.

I sat next to you at our neighborhood pub, listened to your dark jokes and your stories about being an LA cop. I heard you talk about being a whistleblower in your department. I watched the YouTube video where you confronted the head of the CIA, claiming they brought drugs into the ghettos of LA and tried to recruit you to join that operation. You were not a lightweight, that’s for sure.

For all I know, your prophetic read on our future—that global climate change and/or repercussions from Fukushima will soon do us in—may be correct. Maybe it’s true, as you said, that our planet will

only support us for another twenty years or so. I agree we have problems, big ones, that could snuff us out. But I’m not savvy enough to lay out a timeline for doomsday. And truth be told, I am a skeptic when it comes to believing that anyone can predict the end of it all, even though you clearly did your homework, which is more than I can say for many doomsday preachers who seem to enjoy their dark sermons for the attention it brings them.

When it comes to the future, I am a faithful agnostic. By faithful, I don’t mean I believe that everything’s going to be ok. I just believe it can be. We don’t know for sure, when we plant our seeds in the ground, if we will get the rain and sun we need to make them grow. But we do it anyway. By agnostic, I mean the only thing I know for sure is that everything’s uncertain.

And maybe, as philosopher Joanna Macy says, it’s that very

uncertainty that inspires the best in us. To think that everything is or will be ok, no matter what, isn’t any better than believing we’re doomed. Both ways of thinking are absolutist. Neither way of thinking calls forth the creative good work we need to solve our problems the way that uncertainty does. “There has never been a guarantee of human life,” Macy says. “And it’s on that very edge of uncertainty where we are most alive.”

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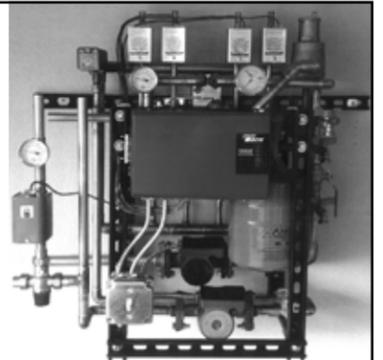
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“Fizz, boom, read!” this summer by *Suzanne McGregor*

Calling all youngsters! The summer reading program at the library will begin on Tuesday, June 3 from 10-11am and will continue ev-

ery Tuesday morning for eight weeks. The program, “Fizz, Boom, Read!” is for toddlers through grade school-age and will be presented by Penny from the Saguache Public Library. This summer, the program will focus on topics in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and will include scientific exploration, cool craft projects and experiments, much fun and lots of laughter! There will be related stories, of course, and a reading contest (with prizes!) for the youngsters. There is no charge for the program, and registration forms are available in the library. Drop-ins

are welcome, and healthy snacks will be served. Parents are encouraged to stay for the program if they choose to do so, and older kids are welcome to assist the younger ones who might need a helping hand.

The Friends of the Library (FOL) is always seeking new community members for input and direct involvement in developing fundraising projects and planning activities for our new library relocation project. Folks have been asking, “When do we move to our new library?” but please ask, “How can I help?” The FOL needs the participation of many com-

munity members to move it forward successfully. Please ask at the library for meeting schedules and for more information on this group.

Just a note concerning books checked out at the library: The outer mylar covers are placed on the hard-cover books to protect the inner cover and to keep the books clean. This process is a bit time-consuming but worth it for the life of the book. We ask patrons not to cut the tape on these covers in order to remove them—the tape is a special tape and is quite difficult to remove for re-taping. So, please, just enjoy the book with its cover intact!

“There’s so much proscip-tion in the lives of young people, and it is so vital to have a place that says, look, here are the doors onto the world and amazingly, you’re free to choose any one you like.”

—Patrick Ness

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Growing high-altitude raspberries

by **Matie Belle Lakish**

Raspberries are one of my two favorite fruits, apricots being the other. Really tasty apricots and raspberries are some of the most difficult to find in produce aisles, so successfully growing my own is a high priority. Along with my experimentation with apricot varieties, I have several raspberry patches where I'm trying out known cultivars and unknown hand-me-down varieties.

We are fortunate to have native raspberries in our forests and along some of the creeks. They like sun, but will do well in filtered sun-

light, survive in our sandy soil and don't seem to mind our cold temperatures. Their berries are small, however, and competing with the bears for the tasty morsels means my harvests are usually limited to a handful or two—not enough to satisfy my berry craving—so planting domesticated varieties is my solution.

Red and yellow raspberries come in two types: Summer-bearing and everbearing, or fall-bearing. Each year, red or golden raspberries send up stems, or canes. Summer-bearing means that flowers and berries form on canes that grew the previous year and survived the winter to bear the following summer. Canes have leaf and fruit nodes all along the upright stems, and each node on a cane should provide flowers that will form berries in summer. Some everbearing varieties claim they will produce both small crops in summer on previous year's canes and heavier crops again in the fall on new canes that have grown in the current year.

The challenge in the San Luis Valley is cold, and the canes of many varieties do not survive the winter to produce summer fruit. Fortunately, like our wild berries, some summer-bearing plants such as Latham, Nova, Boyne and Killarney tend to be hardy. There are also berries that have survived and borne well in the Valley that you may get starts of from local residents. Most of the everbearing varieties that I've tried have challenges with cold. As they

bear on canes produced in the same year, most of them flower and bloom too late in the year to survive the first hard frosts. The most popular of the everbearing varieties is Heritage, and in my experience, in most years it blooms and bears too late in the season to mature berries. I have also tried Caroline and Fall Gold with no success. The best everbearing variety that I've tried so far is Polana, which produces strong canes and fruits well in late summer. Even with this one, I lose the later berries to frost, but the first two or three weeks of harvests are worth it. Autumn Britten is another variety worth trying.

Red and gold raspberries reproduce from runners underground. New plants will sprout up wherever there is enough moisture. These can be transplanted to start a new berry patch. Be sure to get enough root with your starts and water well to establish a strong root system. It usually takes two or three years to



Raspberry. photo courtesy highaltitudegardening.blogspot.com

establish a good berry patch.

Black and purple raspberries do better in warmer climates, and I have not experimented with them at this altitude. Thankfully, there are always challenges to make life interesting for gardeners. Maybe next year.

Raspberries, like most berries, prefer slightly acid soil, so I add a sulfur/iron combination (Ironite is one brand) as well as bone meal and compost to the soil before planting. They also like leaf mulch, which means I collect leaves or pine needles for them in the fall. A soaker hose is a good choice for watering. Dry plants yield mummified berries.

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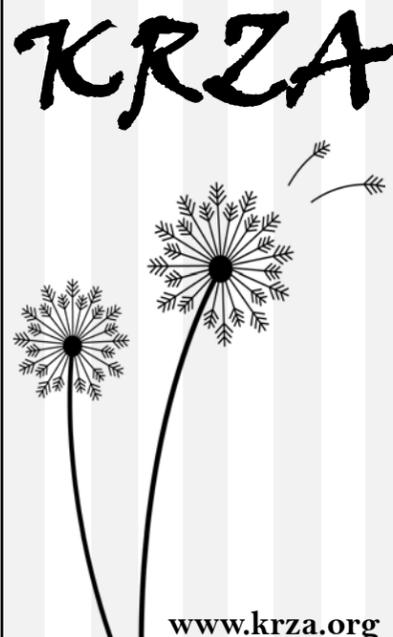
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Lost and Found

Lost Earring

Lost: Silver feather earring with turquoise bead hanging from silver hook—special gift years ago from a friend. If found, please call Isadora: 719-256-4128.

TOWN OF CRESTONE PUBLIC NOTICE

Ordinance No. 2014-003, "An Ordinance Prohibiting The Smoking of Marijuana and Marijuana Products In The Town Park(s) of The Town of Crestone," was adopted and signed on May 12, 2014.

Approved: Kairina Danforth, Mayor

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Why do we see east winds in the foothills on most nights in the Crestone area?

On most nights in the town of Crestone, and also in the Baca Chalets, we see easterly winds, whereas in valley locations like the Baca Grants or in Casita Park, this is mainly a wintertime occurrence. The closer to the foothills you live, the more likely are easterly nocturnal winds year-round. Yet the valley is only a few miles away, so why? Well, these easterly winds are generated at night by cold air drainage from the mountains to our east. Thus this downslope wind. Cold air drainage is something we might think about in the winter months when it makes the valley floor very cold, but it actually occurs year-round in the foothills; ever notice how on even a hot summer day, it still cools off quickly after the sun sets? That's summertime cold air drainage taking place, and it's what gives our foothills their easterly winds each night.

What is the highest temp. ever reported in Crestone, in Colorado, in the U.S., and also for the entire planet?

The hottest temperature ever recorded at the Crestone-Baca weather station was 98°F, reached on July 20, 2005. That was also the warmest July, and summer, on record for the area. During that July alone, ten of the warmest days ever to occur in Crestone were recorded, including 95° on 8 days, and 96° on another. All of these highs were recorded between July 11 and July 23. Crestone hasn't seen another July even close to that hot since.

The hottest temperature ever recorded in Colorado was 118°F, on July 11, 1888, in Bennett, on the eastern plains, due east of Denver. For the US, it reached 134°F at



Gusty spring winds created a "Red Flag" day in late May. However, rainy weather lessened the fire danger. It was good to see plenty of snow still up on the peaks. Last year there wasn't much snow left by June 1. This year fresh snow and hail keeps adding to the alpine snowpack.

Death Valley, CA on July 10, 1913. For the entire world, the highest temperature ever recorded was in Africa, on September 22, 1922, when the thermometer in El Azizia, Libya, hit 136°F!

How much rainfall does it take to water our outside

plants for a day?

In a 24-hour period, ten hundredths of an inch (.10") or more is needed. Any amount less than that doesn't go deep enough to water plants.

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

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Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno

April 21 to May 20

Total precipitation for period:

Liquid precip: 0.59"

Snow: 7.1"

Measurable precipitation fell on 7 days.

Measurable snow fell on 6 days.

Measurable rain fell on 1 day.

A trace of snow fell on 3 days.

A trace of rain fell on 1 day.

Hail fell on 1 day.

4 thunderstorms occurred including: 2 thunder-snow storms, 1 storm with hail, and 1 with rain.

Total precipitation year to date:

Since Jan 1: 2.95"

Total snow to date:

Since Jan 1: 37.7"

Snow Season *: 80.7"

*Snow season runs from July 1 to June 30

Temperatures for the period:

High temp: 75.1°F on May 19

Low temp: 16.1°F on April 29

Avg. high: 60.2°F

Avg. low: 30.2°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 70°: 7

Number of days with the low temperature below 32°: 19

Winds for the period:

Avg. speed: 4.5 mph

Highest gust: 39 mph on April 26.
Main direction: Out of the east.

Weather summary:

We really saw some extremes with both above and below normal temperatures at times, yet overall temperatures were around normal, with precipitation below normal. We broke 6 weather records, 4 were for record low temperatures and 2 were for record snowfalls, none of them shattered previous records, other than on May 13, when a record low high of only 39° was set, breaking the old mark of 46°.

Outlook for June:

June is an average month for precipitation around here, with .91" what we can expect. The record year for precip in June was in 1988 when 3.20" fell. Since 1982 it has snowed 3 times in the month of June, although not since 1999; the most snow, one inch, fell on June 13, 1983.

We can expect highs and lows of around 70° and 40° in the first week of the month, warming up to highs and lows of 80° and 46° in the last week. The record high for the month is 95°, set on June 29, 1998, and the record low is 24°, set on June 2, 1990.

The 30-day outlook for June is calling for average temperatures, along with—believe it or not—above average precipitation. This is something the monthly outlook hasn't predicted in our area since August of 2012—and it got that predication wrong. We ended up with below average precip in that month when all was said and done. So as I like to note from time to time, take any long range forecast with a grain of salt, since they turn out wrong as often as correct.

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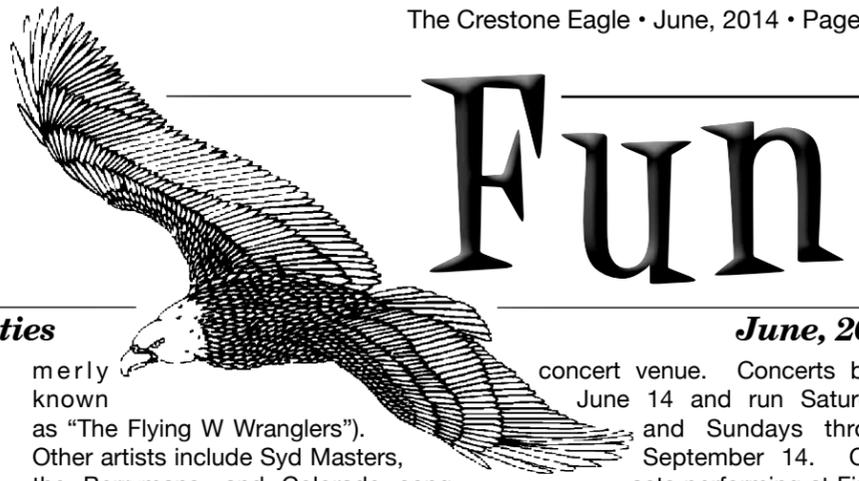
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The Crestone Eagle's guide to regional events & activities

June, 2014

Take a Ride on the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad

Grab your boots and hat, put on your stars and stripes and jump on the train this 4th of July weekend as the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad debuts the Americana Music Festival. This welcome addition to our summer lineup takes place atop beautiful La Veta pass at 9400' where you'll find music stages nestled into a quaint little meadow that is only accessible by train. The 3 day festival will feature 20 musical acts on 4 stages accompanied by a beer garden, locally prepared barbeque and a merchant area with booths from local

artists and vendors.

Headlining the festival this year are Colorado favorites The Wranglers (for-



merly known as "The Flying W Wranglers"). Other artists include Syd Masters, the Berrymans, and Colorado song writer Chuck Pyle.

The train will be shuttling up and down the pass throughout the day giving you the opportunity to come and go as you please. The first train departs Alamosa at 8am with the last train leaving the concert site at 6pm. This event also marks the first time that Rio Grande Scenic Railroad has opened up the concert site for camping to the public.

The Americana Music Festival is part of summer long concert series put on by Colorado's only train and

concert venue. Concerts begin June 14 and run Saturdays and Sundays through September 14. Other acts performing at Fir this summer include Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Michael Martin Murphey, Suzy Boguss, Juice Newton and more.

Dads Ride Free on June 15. In honor of Father's Day the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad is inviting dads to come and enjoy a free ride to see the Haunted Windchimes perform. Dads ride free with the purchase of a regular child or adult ticket.

For more information or to make a reservation visit coloradotrain.com or call 877-726-7245

Hear great music from Symphonic Salida!



On Sunday, June 29, KHEN 106.9 FM, Symphonic Salida! presents the Colorado Symphony's Percussion Ensemble at the Salida SteamPlant, playing two shows, at 3pm and 7:30pm. Advance concert tickets \$23; \$28 at the door. Doors open at 2:30 & 7pm. Purchase tickets at the SteamPlant office (530-0933); Salida Chamber of Commerce (539-2068); Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce (395-6612).

Please note venue change: Holders of tickets for the originally scheduled 3pm concert in Salida Riverside Park may exchange their tickets for either concert time listed above, at any one of the specified box offices.

Between concerts: KHEN 106.9 FM, Symphonic Salida! presents a gourmet multi-course dinner served by Kalamatpit Catering on the SteamPlant Plaza at 5:15pm. Advance reservations are required. Dinner tickets are \$37.50 per person, including a complimentary glass of wine, beer or soft drink. Tickets may be purchased at any of the above-referenced locations.

Commencing a third season KHEN LP community radio's Symphonic Salida! collaboration with the Colorado Symphony is about to enter its third season of a multi-year partnership to bring more of the highest quality classical music to Salida. The collaboration again offers a Thursday evening concert series in Salida beginning October 2014 and continuing through June 2015. Each of the first three visits by Symphony musicians includes a special daytime concert and other music education opportunities for area school children, at no cost to the students or schools.

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They invite you to visit or go to their website at www.BabajiAshram.org and click on the Maha Lakshmi Shop. All proceeds from the shop go to support the ashram and its work. Hours: 9-5 daily, 256-4108.

Crestone Artisans Gallery

Please visit us for the Second Saturday Artwalk and see just what a friendly and creative community Crestone is! Crestone Artisan's Gallery will be holding its monthly Artists Reception from 2-5pm. The gallery represents over 24 local artists and crafts persons showing works in many media including paintings in oil, acrylic & watercolor, jewelry, glass, leather work, pottery, hand-turned wood, furniture, textiles, handmade paper, sculpture, wind chimes & photography. We have several new members showing this summer. Don't miss this opportunity to meet the artists! Refreshments & wine will be served with live music in Artisan's Park.

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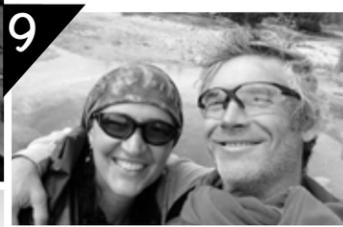
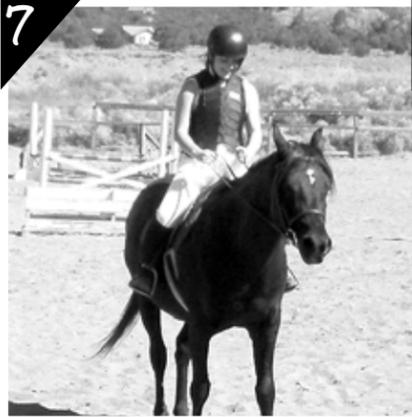
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- Fire mitigation
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- Firewood stacking
- Weeding & yard work

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4 Helen Martin's Miramonte Pottery Studio

Yay, summertime! The flow of creativity abounds at Miramonte Pottery Studio. The small, solar-powered, working studio in Villa Grove provides space for Helen Martin to fashion her functional, hand-built, wheel-thrown, and slab stoneware pieces. Visitors are welcome to stop in or call. Helen's work is also available at the Crestone Artisans Gallery, the Mirage Trading Company, the Villa Grove Trade, the Saguache County Museum, and the Hodge-Podge in Salida. On Saturday mornings throughout the summer and fall, Helen can be found with her display at the Salida Farmers Market. Enjoy pottery inspired by nature and created with love!



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Saguache

10 Saguache County Museum

The refurbished Indian-Spanish Room at the Saguache County Museum has a fantastic display of arrow points, carbon-dated, and arranged back to 400+BC. The Memorial Room's new exhibits include glass insulators, Ostrich Farm mementoes, watch fobs, and a historic display of Rio Alto settlers, Otis and Nell Albert. Find new books in the gift shop, along with a variety of local artwork and crafts. The museum is open 9am to 4pm daily. Admission: \$5-Adults, \$1-Children 12 & under.

On June 22, at 1:30pm, Mountain Valley School students will tell about their trip to Florida; includes refreshments. Donations accepted.

ing a mouth-watering dinner Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights 6pm-9pm. 4th Street Diner offers a variety of baked goods and jams. Impress your guests with cream puffs or a banana cream pie. Their handcrafted bakery goods can be ordered by calling 719-655-6411. Enjoy free soup and endless conversation with great locals every Wednesday night from 6-7pm.

9 Smith Market Gallery

Summer Days at the Smith Market Gallery! You are cordially invited to visit the Smith Market Gallery. Owner Byron Williams has a beautiful "fresh" collection of intricately designed gourds and baskets, many with antler embellishments or handles. In addition, we are showing watercolors by well-known SLV artist, Yvonne Halburian. You've got to see her whimsical "Fantastic Fowl" series of cards and bookmarks. We have added to our interesting collection of western decorating items, which includes saddles and other vintage horse-related items, and tobacciana of all types. You might even find an already-broken-in pair of cowboy boots to make your western outfit complete. If you are looking for antlers to decorate your house or garden be sure to stop in and see our selection. We look forward to your visit, but suggest you call to ensure we are open, 719-655-0155.

7 Blue Earth Thrift & Mercantile

Blue Earth Thrift & Mercantile is a great place for Saguache County residents and visitors to shop for almost anything and spend next to nothing. The thrift store, located at 406 4th St. in downtown Saguache, features a wide selection of gently used home furnishings, clothing and books at prices unmatched anywhere in the Valley. A nonprofit project of Saguache Works, Blue Earth is staffed entirely by volunteers and supported by generous donations. The store is open seven days a week, from 10am to 4pm weekdays and from 10am to 3pm on weekends.

8 Magpie

Magpie features the art of Judith Page, and Dean Coombs' collection from Africa and beyond.

Producing and selling art in the San Luis Valley since 1998, Judith's mixed media illustrations depict rich and detailed narrative imagery and symbolism, often

5 Old Cow Town

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6 4th Street Diner

Family and quality is what made the 4th Street Diner a great addition to Saguache. Esther Last and her sons Reed and Tom invite you to a wholesome breakfast or fresh lunch seven days a week from 7am-3pm. We are now serv-

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Salida

1 Amica's Pizza & Microbrewery

After a perfect day, whether rafting, fishing, ziplining, shopping, biking, hiking or just enjoying our Salida vibe, Amica's is a must for dining. We have been part of the Salida experience for more than 20 years, featuring wood-fired oven pizzas, the freshest salads and sandwiches using a variety of local purveyors, and of course, our hand crafted, award-winning microbrews brewed right here. We are still going strong and always evolving, a truly local establishment.



delectable eat-in or take-home meals—from Colorado green chile mac to seasonal fruit crisps. When you're here, you're our guest and a guest of Colorado's great producers.

Our mission is to make local food as available as possible, while helping central Colorado farmers and producers grow, our local economy thrive and giving our customers value for their food dollars.

2 Ploughboy Market

Ploughboy Local Foods Market is unlike any market you will experience. We are all about food; real food; Colorado food. Most of our foods are sourced within 100 miles of Salida and all from Colorado.

We also craft local foods into

3 Gallery 150

Gallery 150 artists are a diverse group, at once local and from around the country.

Our main categories are contemporary hand made jewelry, wall art which includes paintings, pastels and mixed media, ceramics and pottery, small table sculpture, fine studio furniture, and lots of glass art. The jewelry you will find at Gallery 150 is as varied as the Colorado weather. We have original studio jewelry from \$22 to \$20 thousand. Jerry Scavezze and Toni Tischer hand forge gold and silver into wonderfully classic heirloom designs, using a technique called Anticlastic Raising. On special occasions such as Art Walk we bring in guest artists, fabulous masters, who graciously consent to share their work with us for limited engagements. Please watch our website for those announcements.

4 Guidestone

Guidestone's Farmhands Youth Education programs provide hands-on, experiential farm & ranch education opportunities for children of all ages, families and youth organizations in beautiful Chaffee County!

Guidestone partners with The Hutchinson Homestead Ranch &



Learning Center and area farms to provide learning opportunities that focus on the Arkansas River Valley's local ranching heritage, traditional homesteading skills and present-day food production and ranching techniques. All programs include fun, age-appropriate, hands-on activities that allow kids to participate in and explore life on a farm or ranch!

To learn more, visit www.GuidestoneColorado.org or call 719-239-0955.

Guidestone is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to strengthening the local food economy through the preservation of agricultural resources and educating for ecological literacy.

5 Antero Jewelers

Antero Jewelers, located in nearby Salida, offers handcrafted fine jewelry, on site repairs and local gemstones in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Come see our beautiful designs and one-of-a-kind pieces that are made right here in Salida. We are also proud to present our "Impressions of Colorado" collection which features unique scenes from the Arkansas Valley in gold and sterling silver. 136 W. Hwy. 50, Salida, CO www.anterojewelers.com.

Symphonic Salida!

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This collaboration between KHEN and the Colorado Symphony reinforces KHEN's role as a vital community asset and voice, and enhances Salida's reputation as a destination to hear the finest classical music. It also enables the Symphony to move closer to its goal of serving all Colorado citizens, especially those west of the Front Range.

Symphony performances sched-

uled during the third season are Oct. 23, 2014, Jan. 22, 2015, Mar. 19, 2015 and Jun. 28, 2015.

A gala "Symphonic Salida! third season promotional and fundraising event is being planned for Fall 2014. Sponsorships and subscriptions will be available to businesses and individuals at that time, or by calling 719-530-0933 any time.

See our ad on page A-7.

GUIDESTONE



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Salida

Sunshine Market

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6 Kaleidoscope Toys

Visit Kaleidoscope Toys in downtown Salida for all your summer adventures. We have lots of fun and unique outdoor toys to take to the park or river. We'll be roasting nuts in our entryway during the FibArk parade, Saturday, June 14.

Art Walk is the last weekend of June and we'll be doing fun crafts with the kids all day Saturday. Look for our booth in Riverside Park on July 4 for sweet treats and light-up toys. Join our email list, like us on Facebook or check our website (kalttoys.com) for details about sales and events throughout the summer.

7 Laughing Ladies Restaurant

The Laughing Ladies Restaurant is located at 128 W. 1st Street in historic downtown Salida, at the crossroads of the Rocky Mountains and

the Arkansas River. Chefs Margie Sohl and Jeff Schweitzer are dedicated to bringing you the freshest, boldest flavors both on your plate and in your wine glass. Open for lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch, they serve Modern Colorado Cuisine using only the freshest fishes and Colorado meats, with every sauce and dessert made from scratch. Subscribe to their weekly email describing the culinary delights available at the Laughing Ladies by going to their website: www.laughingladiesrestaurant.com

8 Free the Monkey

Looking for adventure? Did you forget a swim suit for the hot springs, lose your sunglasses, want some cool jewelry or do you just want a taste of what the locals have? Maybe some furniture for your summer home or some housewares for that neighborhood get together? Come shop Free the Monkey Consignment. With over 3,000 consignors and three locations, you'll be sure to find something you love. So swing on in and let's monkey around! Open every day and late 'til eight Wednesday thru Saturday.

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10 Independent Whitewater

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Salida

1 Creative Framing & Blue Water Gallery

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3 Splashland Water Yoga & Deep Water Cardio

Jan Marie Smith has been teaching Water Yoga all over Colorado and the Southwest for many years and is now offering her class at Splashland. Water Yoga is for everyone-even those who can't swim. Stretching, toning, and balancing are the fundamental basics for the class, with each participant going at their own pace. The warm mineral waters help increase the bodies' range of motion and maximize stretching potential. Also offered is Deep Water Cardio Class for folks comfortable in the deeper end of the pool. Stretching, deep water running and aqua movement variations-as well as isolated exercise for different muscle groups-make this an ideal workout for anyone wanting to workout with the water's resistance but little gravity.

4 UFO Watchtower

The UFO Watchtower will host the 2014 UFO Conference July 26 & 27. Speakers will talk about valley cattle mutilations, sasquatch, abductions and stories from indigenous people. To date, seventy-seven UFOs have been seen, spotted from the tower's observation deck. It is said two energy vortices draw UFOs to our area! You can peruse a gift shop

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full of books on the subject, and shop for out-of-this-world souvenirs. Just 3 miles north of Hooper on Highway 17. Admission is \$2/person or \$5/car.

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