

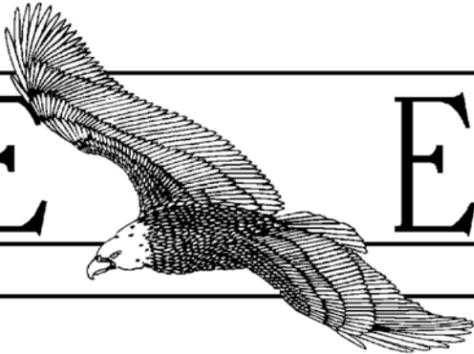
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Town of Crestone & citizens protest Saguache County tax assessments, request abatements

Plaintiffs withdraw contempt motion on property tax settlement procedures

by Lisa Cyriacks

Crestone and Baca Grande residents have flooded the County Assessor's office with at least 121 abatement petitions and property tax protest forms.

The abatement petitions are the result of high assessments and a lawsuit filed against the County in February by retired attorney Elaine Johnson and several other

Crestone residents. The lawsuit was based on the claim that valuations made earlier this year were in violation of Colorado statutes.

In June, the plaintiffs decided to withdraw a contempt motion against Saguache County for failing to comply with a court order issued in the settlement of the lawsuit. The lawsuit against the County Assessor and the County

Board of Equalization (The Board of County Commissioners serve as the Board of Equalization for Saguache County) established comparables that petitioners think should be used in the valuation process for all properties in Crestone/Baca, not just those included in the lawsuit.

By agreeing to settle the lawsuit, the Assessor, the State Property

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Rio Grande Roundtable reviews water implementation plan; water rights & well augmentation are serious concerns

by Bea Ferrigno

Progress on the Basin Plan

The June 10 meeting of the Rio Grande Interbasin Roundtable (RGRT) was an extended one devoted entirely to a review of the Rio Grande Basin Implementation Plan (RGBP). That plan, together with similar ones for each major river basin in the state, is being developed as part of the statewide water plan mandated last year by Governor Hickenlooper. The staff of Di Natale Water Consult-

ants (DNWC), engaged by the RGRT to help develop the plan, stepped through the entire 142 pages of the current draft, explained the rationale for various sections, and received comments and suggestions from RGRT members and some interested citizens. During the discussion it was noted that

- Irrigated land in the SLV has declined from some 700,000 acres in the 1930s to approximately 600,000 acres today;

- The SLV is home to some 11 listed or endangered species in addition to the Sandhill Cranes; the cranes are not endangered, but could be affected by groundwater rules that will apply to the refuges that host them each spring and fall.

- Although increasing population is not an immediate concern, towns and municipalities in the valley will have to augment their well pumping. Many regional small

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Editor's Notes

Taxes—still not right

I'm wondering what it is going to take for our County Commissioners to do the right thing—to work hard to get correct tax assessments and evaluations done in Crestone. Will it take another lawsuit? Filling up the courtroom with protestors? I hope not.

Tax assessment has been problematic in Saguache County for a while. As we discovered in the past few years, too many properties were not on the tax rolls or were wrongly assessed. We've heard the cause was an overworked, understaffed Assessor and a troublesome new computer system. The backlog of work not getting done finally led to the State stepping in and taking over the job.

However, the State really screwed up when it came to properties in the town of Crestone. They did a mass evaluation without regard to differences in properties—which is supposedly against state statute. They didn't have enough sales for accurate comparables, and the numbers they chose to use created great financial hardship and inequity. And then last year, the County Commissioners, sitting as the Board of Equalization, did not correct the problem.

The County got sued. They couldn't or didn't defend their decisions and were forced to settle. More accurate and fairer evaluations were agreed upon for those who sued. Now, numerous other townspeople are asking that their property values come in line with the court-agreed values. At the moment, they are getting denied.

This is not leadership. This is not problem-solving action. Abatement hearings should be coming up soon. There are currently 121 requests from the Crestone area. That ought to fill a courtroom.

Here's to hoping the Commissioners get in line with the court-agreed values, approve reasonable requests for abatement, and save ALL of us any more headaches.

—Kizzen



Friendship & good times

To all my friends & customers,

Thank you for all the friendship and good times that we have had over the years. You will never be forgotten. It is now time to say good bye. May we continue to stay in touch. My wife and I would like to thank you for the retirement party and show of support. I will forever cherish all of you. Hard to believe that 38 years have gone by, 37 of them in Crestone.

Thank you, thank you, LOL,
UPS "Daily Dave" Jaramillo

Thank you

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everybody for coming to my retirement party and for the cards and the gifts and all the good food. Thanks to everyone who helped throw the party. It was a lot of fun and was very special to me. I enjoyed working with all the people for the all the years that I worked for the Town of Crestone.

Thanks to everyone,
Jim Hollmer

Ashley for sheriff

Dear Editor,

Let's get ready to set up correctly for the general election.

Saguache County Sheriff, in my opinion, needs some new insight, intelligence and new blood. I can look at Edith "Edie" Ashley, sheriff contender, and see her open honesty and trustworthy demeanor.

As a bail bondsman for 15+ years, she has a better understanding of law enforcement than recruits from the academy and many deputies.

My vote goes for Edie Ashley, Saguache County Sheriff. Supporter of new approaches for the citizens of Saguache County.

Diane L. Kohl

Cheat grass: Wildfire threat

Dear Crestone Eagle readers,

It has been a wet spring, and cheat grass has proliferated in roadsides throughout the SLV, along city streets and county roads, even highway sides. If we have a dry summer or fall, this overgrowth will become an extreme fire danger. The BLM reports that cheat grass becomes flammable 4 to 6 weeks earlier and remains susceptible to wildfires 1 to 2 months later than native perennials. If you haven't yet educated yourself about this invasive species, do so now with this BLM Rangeland Management report: www.icbemp.gov/science/pellant.pdf and many other articles online. Now is the time for repeated targeted spraying with grass-specific herbicide, before this spring's

seeds mature. One spray per season is not enough, because with a staggered germination, new plants come up throughout the summer.

City, county, and state government each must do their part. Citizens must become informed of their duties too in controlling weeds on their own properties. The government can fine citizens for noncompliance. Citizens may complain about danger to pets and children, but it is citizens' responsibility to maintain their own safety, while governments should advertise spray dates.

We will all pay more in damages than we will in preventive costs. The state economy will suffer from loss of tourism and grazeable rangeland if insufficient attention is paid to this growing fire hazard. In my observation, within the SLV it is still mainly in roadside, ditch-side, and other disturbed-dirt areas, but it will not remain so. It is spreading.

Consult with experts on this invasive species and take action immediately in your respective sphere of influence. As a lesson for how concerted and long of an effort we will need to make, consider how effective we have been at controlling the spread of the non-native dandelion (which is harmless, beside crowding out other species).

—Ardell Broadbent

Toward a local watershed management plan

We local residents are fortunate to live with the exceptional wonder of streamways and riparian forests here at the northeast headwaters of the Rio Grande Basin. The June issue of the *Eagle* covered the May field trip of our local riparian steward organization. The Spanish Meadows area we visited is an example of a stream corridor, with its various springs and seasonal flows, which suffers from the lack of a water management plan with the water rights owner, the Baca National Wildlife Refuge and its parent agency, the US Fish and Wildlife Service. It is common practice for a National Wildlife Refuge to formalize a water management plan; one is overdue here. In the words of the educational liaison of the Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative, Judy Lopez, "Without riparian areas and wetlands, we don't have a functioning ecosystem." It is indeed all connected.

Larry Calloway's excellent article mentions that the Board of Directors of the Baca Grande Property Owners Association has sent a letter to the Colorado Water Conservation Board regarding "in-stream flows" in the subdivision. In the case of Spanish Creek, for example, a peak flow of 40cfs (cubic feet/second) was recorded around June 1 of this year, begging the need for proper management of seasonal groundwater recharge. Major recharge occurs within the sub-montane zone in Crestone and the Baca subdivision. It is a well established fact that this recharge is required to maintain the hydrology of local ecosystems and groundwater levels in both the confined and unconfined aquifers.

Crestone-Baca Watershed

Council is also utilizing Trout Unlimited's expertise. What's good for fish is good for the entire streamway ecosystem and corridors: its trees, shrubs and various aquatic species. Restoration management and a cooperative water agreement would help restore and maintain the health of local springs, alluvial flow, hyporeic (horizontally saturated) habitats, nutrient cycles, wetlands, meadows, riparian width, migratory bird habitat, groundwater seasonal flows and much needed recharge at the valley margin (where we live), the value of which is beyond estimation. A cooperative water management agreement between the Baca Grande POA, CO Water Conservation Board and US Fish and Wildlife Service would be in keeping with the mandates of each party and a vehicle for coordinated adaptation to climate change. An active and informed citizenry is imperative to bring this about.

Please join in on the Watershed Council's monthly field trips. The July trip will be July 15. See Haps and calendar listings for details. Check out our table at the July 4 celebration and be sure to attend an important stream protection meeting with Linda Bassi, CO Water Conservation Board Section Chief, hosted by the POA Natural Surroundings Committee, on July 7.

Crestone-Baca Watershed Council Steering Committee: Glyder, Noah Baen, Julie Reinhart-Sutherland, Paul Kloppenburg]

Talkin' trash

Dear Landlords,

Do you provide trash service for your tenants? If not, may I suggest you do and if needed, pass on the cost to them as part of their rent? It takes a lot of \$\$ to rent a house, pay deposits for rent, electric, propane etc. Renters may end up not signing up for trash service because of the deposits required. Renters may plan to haul their own trash, but if they don't do it frequently, then it accumulates on *your* property—attracting mice and bears. Or, it gets dumped in town & Baca barrels, neighbors' barrels or at the Free Box. If trash service is provided as part of rent, it could help to solve some of our community's trash (& bear) problems.

And, dear neighbors, if you don't have trash service, or if you do but rarely fill your barrel, please consider sharing your service (and the cost) with other friends and neighbors. It will make it more affordable for everyone.

Thanks for your consideration,
Kizzen Laki

The 4th of July!

You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism. —Erma Bombeck



Gladys Sisemore
July 26, 1921-June 8, 2014

Gladys Elizabeth Sisemore, 92, entered into eternal rest on June 8, 2014, in Guymon, OK.

She was born July 26, 1921 in Monte Vista, CO, the third of four children to William T. and Venetta Elizabeth (Shea) Stewart. She was a long-time resident of Crestone.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, William and Venetta; her husband, Bill; two brothers, William and Charlie Stewart; and her son-in-law, Bob Hathaway.

She is survived by her children, Beth Hathaway (Boise City, OK), Larry Sisemore and wife, Mary (Castle Rock, CO), and Anne Clifton and husband, David (Boise City, OK); her sister, Venetta Ackerson (Hotchkiss, CO); eight grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

"Take a picture, it'll last longer." This phrase has been used by children for generations, most assuredly at the expense of another. Though meant to be funny, it is painfully applicable to those who suffer from Alzheimer's disease. Gladys's final years were blessed by time shared with family and friends creating moments that she could never remember. And while she never lost her ornery spirit, we must not focus on who Gladys was when she died, but remember who she was when she lived.

Gladys was a blessing. She was raised in Crestone, where she graduated from Moffat High School. After high school, Gladys was united in marriage to William E. "Bill" Sisemore on June 22, 1941, in Del Norte, CO. To this union, three children were born: Beth, Larry and Anne.

As husband and wife, Gladys and Bill were never far apart. Together, they owned and operated the Crestone Service Station and Grocery Store. After retiring from the store, the couple read meters for the San Luis Valley Rural Electric Company, making sure to always leave

time in their day for a round of golf or fishing. For several years during the winter months, Gladys and Bill traveled to Boise City, OK to stay and be close to their daughters. In September 2000, they moved to Boise City, where Gladys lived until 2011 when she moved into Dunaway Manor Nursing Home, in Guymon, OK.

Gladys was a perfectionist with many interests and talents, though cooking was never one of them. As a young woman, Gladys developed her gift as a seamstress, frequently altering new dresses even before she had the opportunity to wear them for the first time. Her love for sewing grew into quilting and hand work, continuing until she could no longer thread a needle.

During the summer months, Gladys loved to garden, though this pastime brought with it a loathing for the local deer population. If there was a trick for deterring wildlife from her irises, Gladys had tried it. By the end of the growing season, the family's yard was traditionally redecorated with rags flying in the wind, soap bars and hair balls hanging from fence posts, and anything else that could create noise. It's helpful to know that her husband, Bill, spent his summers hand feeding apples to the same deer on one side of their house, while Gladys fought the good fight on the other side.

Gladys also had a life-long passion for writing. During her years, she wrote volumes of personal journals for her own benefit, while contributing articles and weekly columns to numerous newspapers around the area. Most notably, she was a published author of two books about the area where she lived, including *Drillin', Loadin', and Firin': in Crestone with the "Old Timers"*.

The final words of "The Writer's Prayer" states:

(Lord), wrap these gifts with opportunity, perseverance, And the strength to resist those who insist it can't be done.

May we all remember the life that Gladys lived, and hold strong to the memories that she leaves behind. And, like Gladys, may we all be blessed with opportunities, perseverance, and strength to use our gifts to live a life worthy of remembering.

We will always love you.

Interment services will be at the Crestone Cemetery. The family requests that memorials be made to Good Shepherd Church. They may be sent in care of Cimarron Mortuary, Box 277, Boise City, OK 73933.

Commentary on firefighters, safety & community preparedness

by **Chris Botz**

This regards some of the questions that have been raised about the safety of our fire fighters and our community. I believe that living in fear is not productive, and yet we must be aware of potential dangers so that we can mitigate them.

The Baca Volunteer Fire Dept. has trained diligently every Saturday and Tuesday for the last five months in intensive wildfire tactics and strategies. Personal safety is always emphasized; however, firefighting is by definition, dangerous. Last year there were 101 deaths in the United States, according to www.firehouse.com: 42 were volunteers; 59 were paid professionals.

In a residential area, a fire ignition begins small and can be managed under normal conditions. In recent history, there was a structure fire that extended to the surrounding trees; however, we had resources present from our departments, and all the surrounding mutual aid departments, to successfully control its spread.

Regarding wildland fires, we live in a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), which is the same for every community where homes are built near or among lands prone to wildland fire. Wildland fires can be brush fires, forest fires, rangeland fires, etc., Simply stated, it is where civilization and nature meet.

Our fuel model in Crestone/Baca is a pinon-juniper mix. It is not unique to us and includes about fifty percent of the WUI in the entire southwestern United States. This fuel model usually requires a large wind event to be catastrophic. We, and all our mutual aid partners, are trained to deal with the WUI, our pinon/juniper fuel model as well as structure fires.

Our place on the slope, our prevailing winds and lack of moisture do favor the fire. The Baca National Wildlife Refuge, to our west and south, is two hundred and fifty squares miles of wildland fuel waiting to catch a lightning strike. A brush fire from our South to our NNW being pushed by winds of 20 mph or greater is perhaps our biggest danger. A fire like this will travel at about 10 mph, depending on a number of factors.

We are trained to respond in a defensive mode that involves using natural and augmented fire-breaks enhanced by wet lines and foam lines to suppress fire spread into the community. If we can get a foam blanket established on our boundaries we have a reasonable chance of stopping it, although the lofting (embers arcing through the air), will still be a huge challenge.

Because this is the area of greatest danger, a series of fire-breaks would ideally begin as far to the west and south as we can put them. Mitigation in the Grants and on our borders will have a more profound impact on our ability to protect the community than mitigation done up the

slope in the trees above 99% of all community residences. Except under the most unusual circumstances, fire does not travel down the mountain.

Any fire situation has to be managed carefully, and we will not recklessly enter a dangerous situation. However, the Incident Commander (IC) makes these decisions, and is by protocol, the first responder at an incident—not always the highest trained person. As the incident expands and more responders arrive, the IC can change under these circumstances: a more senior official arrives, the incident calls for a technical expert, or the first IC was not from the jurisdiction.

Evacuation is the province of the County Sherriff, and would ideally be done using a team of volunteers trained in traffic control and evacuation procedures working in concert with that department. There used to be a great CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) here and perhaps still is. These responders can make a big difference in an emergency situation, and they free up firefighters to use their training and skills to not only save human life, but to save our community as well.

An evacuation, even in the best of situations, is problematic. In our area, with one road leading out of the community, it can become extremely dangerous. There may be limited visibility, panicked wildlife crossing the roads, normal driving speeds will be greatly reduced, and one accident can stop traffic completely. Imagine being trapped in your car in the path of an oncoming fire.

Preparedness by the community is essential for any evacuation to work. Former Chief Kimberly Bryant has a great deal of knowledge about evacuation protocols, and I would encourage her to teach an awareness/information course on this subject. The more community members there are who have the knowledge and ability to respond in an emergency situation, the safer our community becomes.

Any outcome is going to be decided by the interactions of all our reactions. "Luck," as I have heard it told, "is when preparation meets opportunity." We firefighters are well trained and prepared. Community participation and preparedness will go a long way to further a good outcome. Wise mitigation is another factor that will enhance our chances of avoiding disaster. The more aware we are of the dangers and how to mitigate them and the better prepared the community is, the luckier we will all be.

Chris Botz is the Assistant Chief of both the Crestone and Baca Fire Departments, and is also an EMT-I (Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate). He has served in both the Crestone and Baca fire departments for 8 years and is certified as both a structure and wildland firefighter.

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Tax protests

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Tax Division and the County Commissioners accepted these values as valid.

Contempt motion

Elaine Johnson, after speaking with her attorney Jeffrey Robbins, commented that Judge Martin Gonzales made it clear that he believed the County was in substantial compliance and would not hold Saguache County Assessor Jackie Stephens in contempt. This led her and her fellow plaintiffs to believe that pursuing the contempt citation was not worthwhile.

While plaintiff Elaine Johnson says she feels dropping the motion was the right decision, she added that property owners should “expect public officials to follow orders precisely” and now hopes Saguache County Assessor Jackie Stephens will move forward on the abatements in a timely fashion.

Where government officials are concerned, Johnson pointed out, taxpayers should have high expectations because “when the rules are bent and broken pretty soon the whole fabric of society will break down. I can’t believe how willing people are to accept the unacceptable. When we lower our expectations, performance goes downhill.”

Johnson has elected to persist and has aided several property owners in calculating valuations and completing abatement petitions. Most property owners have also elected to file protests for current year valuations in addition to abatement petitions for 2013 and 2012.

Town of Crestone concerns

At a recent Crestone Town Council meeting, trustees decided to address key points raised by the Saguache County Commissioners regarding the controversial 2013 valuations. In earlier correspondence, the trustees had requested that the County honor the methods and processes used to derive valuations in the recent settlement of the lawsuit—methods and processes that should have been used in the 2013 valuations rather than State-directed valuations.

The Board of County Commissioners acknowledges that the appropriate procedure for property owners is to apply for an abatement of taxes. They also assert that the 2013 valuations were part of a State-ordered process and were done in accordance with State requirements.

In response to suggestions that these problems could be resolved by the Town changing zoning regulations, limiting build-outs, use of lot-consolidation or other rezoning considerations, the Town asserts that the County Commissioners could resolve the question of valuations by approving the abatement petitions and restoring improvement values to 2012 values.

Colorado law provides that “every petition for abatement or refund filed pursuant to section 39-10-114 shall be acted upon pursuant to the provisions of this section by the Board of County Commissioners or the Assessor . . .” (C.R.S. 39-1-113(1.7)).

Property owners, citizens and the town council continue to be concerned about the impact on the

community. Local businesses are adversely impacted by increased valuations and corresponding increases in property taxes. Many are considering closing their doors, and these properties will be difficult to sell because taxes are so high.

A second issue raised is the devaluation of improvements and increased land values. Sales data for the period shows a slow but relatively stable market. When the Assessor made the decision arbitrarily to decrease values of homes and increase land values, lending agencies lost hundreds of thousands of dollars of collateral. This will adversely impact those who try to finance or refinance properties in the area.

Insurance companies rely on County assessment records to appraise values for policies on homes, and could argue that they will pay only the significantly decreased 2013 assessed values rather than the cost or true value of the improvement. This could result in injurious insurance settlements on property that has been erroneously de-valued.

Abatements and refunds may only be filed in the two years after January 1 of the year following the year in which taxes were levied. C.R.S. § 39-10-114 (1)(a)(D)(A). In most cases, this means that during calendar year 2014, a petitioner may only request an abatement or a refund for tax years 2012 and/or 2013. However, there may be an exception if taxes for years prior to 2012 were levied based on retroactive increases in valuation through a Special Notice of Valuation.

To file for an abatement or refund of taxes, the owner/petitioner must complete Section I of the “Petition for Abatement or Refund of Taxes.” Forms for abatement are available at the County Assessor’s office or online at: www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/DOLA-Main/CBON/1251590806926.

Update: As we go to press, people who had requested an abatement to their 2013 taxes and protested their 2014 taxes report they are receiving certified letters from the county. It appears that the petitions protesting the 2014 tax evaluations are being denied. This is before there has been any determination made on their request for abatement for their 2013 taxes. According to Assessor Stephens, this is because there is a statutory deadline requirement of June 30th to reply to petitions, while the county has 6 months from the filing of abatements to respond to them. However, the assessor’s office says they will begin addressing the abatement requests soon. Whether they are approved or denied, they go to the commissioners for approval.

The Town of Crestone has requested a meeting with the County Commissioner to try and resolve these issues.

Crestone whitewater enthusiast drowns in Arkansas River

by Mary Lowers

Longtime Baca resident Tom McMurray, 63, drowned in a rafting accident on the upper Arkansas River downstream from Salida the morning of June 23. According to Capt. Don Pinover of the Fremont County Sheriff’s Dept., McMurray’s body was spotted floating down the river at 11:30am. Emergency personnel from Salida were able to pull the body from the water near the Wellsville Bridge off US Hwy. 50.

It is thought that McMurray launched his “ducky”, a small individual raft designed for one person, from somewhere in Salida. An experienced rafter, he was doing everything right safety-wise. He was wearing a helmet, a personal flotation device and a wetsuit. It’s difficult to know exactly what happened since he was alone.

A kind-hearted person, McMurray loved nature and animals. He was active in animal rescue and a dog lover. McMurray was an avid birder and bird photographer. Local photographer Bill Ellzey told me his bird shots had “a real professional quality.” He returned recently from a trip to the Galapagos Islands and Panama with his granddaughter.

The river was measured on June 23 to be flowing at 2100 cfs. McMurray was the fifth fatality in the river this summer.

Saguache County Crime Report

by Mary Lowers

People seem to be speeding into summer but, having never seen as many tickets as I have this month for that particular infraction, I would be very careful when in a hurry in Saguache County. Many of the tickets were for five to nine miles over the posted limit. A Baca man was stopped in his neighborhood for careless driving and driving under the influence. He was taken to jail in Saguache and given \$500.00 bail. A Crestone woman was ticketed for driving without a license.

A Saguache man was summoned to appear in court for disorderly conduct. The summons states this individual “made a coarse and offensive display in public.” A 19-year-old homeless man was taken into custody in Saguache charged with second degree burglary and criminal mischief. A Center woman was arrested in Saguache for violating a restraining order. A man from Moffat was arrested in Saguache for third degree assault and harassment.

Center seemed to be a hub of domestic violence and assault this past month. Two Center residents under the age of thirty in two separate incidents were taken into custody for counts including: child abuse, third degree assault, violations of restraining orders, and domestic violence. Another Center man was held on \$50,000.00 bail on a litany of charges including resisting arrest, prohibited use of a weapon (possibly by a previous offender), reckless endangerment, child abuse, aggravated robbery, attempting to escape, and disorderly conduct for “offensive utterances”. A monthly total of five domestic violence arrests suggest the long hot summer was going full blast in June.

On Thursday June 20 a multijurisdictional car chase ended in Saguache County. A 34-year-old man being treated at the detox center in Monte Vista held a fork to the throat of an employee demanding her car keys. He then stole the car and led police on a high speed chase heading north. Public safety concerns caused police to back off the chase. They were able to track the stolen vehicle using the car’s ONSTAR system. He was taken into custody when he ran into a ditch. The chase took place on roads in Alamosa, Rio Grande and finally Saguache County. The escaped prisoner is now in custody with no bail. He’s charged with nine felony counts and three misdemeanor counts including second degree burglary, aggravated robbery, holding hostages, felony menacing, escape, reckless driving, resisting arrest and theft.

Also on June 20 the Colorado State Patrol was called to the scene of a fatal two-vehicle crash on CO Hwy 160 and Rio Grande Cty Rd 3. A 2006 Chevy sedan stopped at a stop sign and then took off into the path of an out-of-state 2012 Toyota RAV going west on Hwy. 160. The Toyota hit the Chevy on the left side and both vehicles rotated on the road. The driver of the Chevy, a 72-year-old man, was pronounced dead at the scene. His wife, the passenger, was transported to the hospital where she died. The couple in the Toyota went to the hospital where they were treated for non-life threatening injuries and released. Neither drugs nor alcohol were factor in this crash which remains under investigation.

We are keeping track of events around the DEA arrests reported in last month’s *Eagle*.

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Big topics, small attendance at Baca Property Owners Assoc. meeting

by Earl W. Sutherland

The Board of Directors of the Baca Grande Property Owners Association (POA) held their regular meeting on June 26. Director Lakish was absent and only eleven were in the audience, six of whom were there to give reports.

Baca Fire Chief Todd Ryker reported on his department, which has received two new volunteers, elevating his staff to eleven. His biggest news was a report on our ISO (Insurance Services Office) ratings. This rating system, used at least in part by most insurers to set their rates, is based on availability of water (hydrants, tankers), equipment, staffing, and communication. When the Baca Grande was last rated in 2001 we were gauged a "7" in parts and a "9" in others. A rating of "10" denotes virtually no fire services; "1" is the best. Applying the ISO criteria to the way our department is currently structured, Chief Ryker estimates that the results of a new evaluation (scheduled for later this summer) could improve us to ISO ratings of "4" and "5". Chief Ryker provided material suggesting a reduction in insurance rates of one-third or more. This improvement is related to several factors, including equipment. Our rating could improve further if we had another pumper, especially useful in structural fires. A grant proposal has been submitted to help in acquiring this equipment. Warm praise was given to the Fire Department for their recent highly informative Open House.

The Committee for Natural Surroundings reported on the use of grazing to improve vegetation in meadow-like parts of our open space/ greenbelts as well as further information on improving our supply of flowing water. A meeting at the POA on July 7 at 7pm featuring a representative of the Colorado Water Conservation Board will provide further information on this subject, important to the health of our riparian areas.

Topics related to the annual election were mostly deferred for the next meeting (July 10), but Director McDonald put forth several possible issues for the ballot along with the candidates. The four he suggested were: (1) efforts at amending the governing documents should be ruled by the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA, "Kiowa") and a 2/3 majority is not required; (2) a proposal to alter the loss in POA revenues attributable to lot consolidation; (3) a ruling to allow the POA to bill the Water and Sanitation District for property it owns in the Baca; (4) a ruling to allow the POA to dispose of unused major equipment. Further elaboration of these issues at the next meeting should be of great interest, touching as they do on some very controversial issues.

In the Members' Forum the Board was asked to comment on rumors about Hammersmith Management. It seems that the Board, through General Counsel Schwiesow, is attempting to sever relations with our management company. The precipitating event had to do with who had authority to hire a new Land Use Manager, as our current one resigns at the end of June. President Garnett said that this conflict was typical as Hammersmith seemed to be trying to be in charge of hiring ever more employees of the POA. In response to an observation that Mr. Garnett had seemed to have an even longer-standing dislike of Hammersmith Management, he noted that their cost has been much greater than expected. The allegations of the Board are serious and it is to be hoped that they will be presented.

It was questioned why no minutes have been approved and posted on the POA website since those of May 2. As this subject was not on the agenda, no clear answer was given.

The Board dissolved to executive session at about 8pm.



Red-tailed hawk parents protecting their nest.

photo by Kate Steichen

Lovato wins Democrat Saguache County Commissioner's primary race

by Lisa Cyriacks

Saguache County unofficial results report that Tim Lovato has won the support of Democratic voters in the County Commissioner race District #3. Lovato received 343 votes to Liza Marron's 241 votes.

Other local Democratic candidate totals were: County Clerk and Recorder candidate Christina Wilson 433 votes, Assessor's candidate Pete Peterson 413 votes, Sheriff's candidate Tristan Van Zalinge 409 votes and Coroner Tom Perrin 466 votes.

Local Republican candidate totals were: Commissioner's candidate Ellen Cox 284; County Clerk and Recorder Carla Gomez, 326; Assessor's candidate Janet Nelson Cox, 300; Sheriff's candidate Dan Warwick, 301; and Treasurer Connie Trujillo, 329.

As of Wednesday morning, June 25, Saguache County was reporting 987 ballots cast out of 4,210 registered voters or about 23.44 per cent.

In statewide contest races for the Republicans Bob Beauprez won the primary election for Colorado governor to challenge incumbent Democratic Governor John Hickenlooper.

In Congressional District 3, incumbent Scott Tipton prevailed over his Republican challenger, David Cox. He will face a Democratic challenger in the November General Election, Abel Tapia, from Pueblo.

There were no contested primaries for the Democrats in federal or state races.



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JULY 27 - REBECCA FRAZIER AND THE HIT AND RUN (BLUEGRASS)

AUG 10 - JAKA (AFRO POP/FUNK)

AUG 17 - INDIAN NICKEL (ROCK)

AUG 24 - SLV BIG BAND



Saguache County News

by *Matie Belle Lakish*

Unmanned flights—drones! The words evoke thoughts of the military, but Unmanned Aircraft Systems of Colorado would like to change that image. They envision bringing unmanned aircraft to the valley for peaceful purposes. They also believe that their vision could mean millions of dollars for the local economy. Commissioners heard a presentation from Sean McClung describing the valley, and Saguache County’s airport, as a potential site for a training center for those who will learn to fly these devices, which could range in size from a model aircraft to a small plane.

McClung suggested that unmanned aircraft can be very useful for a number of functions that now require significant human intervention. One use he demonstrated is finding lost hikers in the mountains. The craft can be equipped with heat sensors that can pick up light or heat from disabled mountain climbers and give rescue personnel a location. They can spot fires before flames get too big, and monitor the health of forests. They can give inspectors a bird’s eye view in dangerous situations, such as nuclear power plants, or monitor bad air around mines. McClung said that this would be a new industry for the U.S. as all current training centers are overseas, mostly in Saudi Arabia.

The proposal is being presented to valley counties for support, although Alamosa County would be the lead agency, and the Alamosa airport the main location. However, McClung is interested in using Saguache County’s Leech airfield, which is being renovated. The Saguache airport, which is located on Hwy. 114 outside of Saguache, is also of interest to his firm, once it is firmly in Saguache County control. It is currently being transferred from BLM to the County. He anticipates that it will require about 3 to 4 months to get FFA approval to fly the unmanned aircraft, but they could begin some operations by fall.

Commissioners expressed interest in this venture, especially the high-end jobs it could create in the economically depressed area of Center. Ken Anderson asked about the distinction between unmanned aircraft and drones, and McClung answered that drones are controlled by the military, while unmanned flights are regulated by the FFA. He also noted that any sensitive areas within the valley could be excluded from designation within the training area, and that if residents in the Crestone-Baca area did not want over-flights, the area would be excluded, except when the devices might actually be used in an emergency. Commissioners voted to send a letter of support to the FFA.

Road exchange

Commissioners met in Crestone on June 10 and engaged in dialogue with representatives from US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding a land exchange that would give the County ownership of a right-of-way into the Baca Grande Grants. Currently, the FWS owns the right-of-way for the Baca secondary access that connects Spanish Creek Trail in the Grants to

T Road just to the west of the Colorado College access road, which also goes past Baca Water & Sanitation’s facility. The Baca Grande POA has a legal access across the property, and the Baca POA Maintenance Dept. has been upgrading the access to make it usable in case of an emergency, such as a wildfire. However, at present, it is a one-lane road best accessible to 4-wheel drive vehicles. If it is transferred to the County, Road and Bridge Supervisor Randal Arredondo has said the County would upgrade it to a good two-lane road over the next few years.

In exchange for the Grants access road, the FWS proposes to receive title to the road to the old airport, which is on the Baca Wildlife Refuge. Currently, it is in County ownership. According to federal regulations, FWS cannot sell or donate public property, but it can exchange it for similarly valued property. Three members of BLM’s Regional team with an expertise in land transfers provided a federal perspective. They noted that three steps would need to be taken: 1. Receive a valuation based on comparable property sales, 2) Investigate the need for a NEPA decision on the process, and 3) Enter into written agreements on the title. There are, however, several investigative steps that must be taken, including assuring that all parties have clear title to the properties. The deed for the former Baca Ranch is complex, with many pieces, and a thorough investigation of who owns what will need to be done. POA Board President Robert Garnett said, “It sounds good to me. It cuts (for people in the Grants) 4 miles each way going to town.” However, when questions arose about whether the airport was owned by the POA, Garnett said that if the POA owns the airport, the POA might develop it for use. All parties agreed that investigation into the titles of the various parcels involved was an important first step. The FWS legal team will acquire all the needed documents and get a Title Report.

Annex plans

The University of Colorado—Denver student planning team from the Colorado Center for Community Development returned to Saguache with new plans to discuss with Commissioners and County staff. The students and their professor brought five architectural concepts for local officials to ponder. Each one offers something to generate thought. The Classical concept focuses on preserving the Neo-Classical style of the original courthouse, and simply surrounds the older building with a lower skirt, so to speak. Other, more contemporary models show an additional wing of a considerably different style, but perhaps better functioning. One model would move the courtroom to a lower level.

There was considerable discussion regarding vaults. Almost every department has some need for vault-like secure storage. The Treasurer’s office is obvious. Tax collections need to be in a secure safe. Not so obvious might be the needs of the County Clerk’s office, which actually requires considerable vault space to securely store property deeds, titles, voting records, and even old birth and death records. Many people come to research information stored in the County Clerk’s records, so the Clerk needs a small safe to handle fee collection, as well as a larger vault that can accommodate about three people using it, as well as all those records. Secure storage is one of the primary needs in a new building. Staff will consider the concepts and

discuss with Commissioners and then provide feedback. Students will use the feedback to return with yet another refinement.

National Representation

Commissioner Jason Anderson submitted the following report of his participation in the National Association of Counties (NACo) 2014 Western Interstate Region (WIR) Conference held in Anchorage Borough, Alaska May 21–23. “The conference brought together hundreds of Western officials, major stakeholders in decisions being made at the federal level.

“With critical legislative and regulatory issues being debated in the nation’s capital, county leaders discussed and addressed issues particularly important to local communities. These issues include reauthorizing MAP-21, the cornerstone surface transportation bill; securing long-term funding solutions for counties through the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) programs; and amplifying county voices on the newly-proposed definition of ‘Waters of Life’.

“It’s important for us to share what we’re doing well in Saguache County and learn from others who are faced with similar challenges,” said Commissioner Anderson. “By attending this conference, I’m able to make sure that Saguache County and Colorado has a prominent role in shaping key federal policies that affect us every day.”

The conference brought together nationally-renowned experts, state and federal policy leaders and county officials from across the country. Featured speakers included former Alaska Governor Frank Murkowski; Municipality of Anchorage Mayor Dan Sullivan; Alaska State Director Bud Cribley, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior; Alaska Regional Forester Beth Pendelton, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Martin Buser, four-time Iditarod champion.

“In addition to the line-up of dynamic speakers, the WIR conference organized workshops for county leaders to delve deeply into topics important to the West. These discussions included county solutions for managing wild horses and burros, innovations in rural economic development and reforming county public defender systems.

“WIR President John Martin, Garfield County, CO Commissioner Chair, spoke about WIR’s dedication to represent counties in policy decisions affecting the West.”

Restore Colorado

Speaking of decisions affecting the west, some smaller population counties within rural areas of the state are advocating for a change to how the state’s legislature is composed. They would like to have an arrangement similar to the federal houses of Congress, where one chamber is based on equal representation for each county, and the second chamber is based on population. Restore Colorado is proposing a state

constitutional amendment to change the Colorado House of Representatives to a body with one representative from each county. This would give it 64 seats instead of 65. The State Senate would remain based on population. Commissioners discussed the advantages to greater representation, as well as the responsibility of having yet another county official. They decided to monitor the situation, but take no formal position at this time.

Sales tax grants

Commissioners have spent several days over the last few weeks evaluating applications for Sales Tax Grants. Saguache County voters approved a 1% sales tax several years ago to be used to fund projects and needs within the county in three areas: 1) Renewable Energy and Economic Development, 2) Youth and Seniors, and 3) Emergency Services and Public Health and Safety. Commissioners discussed not only the requests they received, but also examined the criteria upon which they have been making decisions. They felt a need to give applicants more specific guidance on what types of projects are eligible for grants, and what information applicants should provide, as some of the requests were not very specific. There was considerable discussion about funding private business start-ups related to renewable energy. As a general rule, sales tax grants will not fund private business equipment or start-up costs for a business that serves only a single entrepreneur. Commissioners agreed, however, that they may agree to fund the expansion of a business that uses a renewable resource and provides an expansion of jobs in the county. Other criteria might be awarding funds that provides matching funds for another grant so that funding within the county is expanded. New guidelines are being developed to help applicants provide the best information for Commissioners’ consideration.

The following are the grants awarded in this cycle. Another cycle of grants will begin in August for fall and winter activities.

Emergency Services, Public Health & Safety:

Abiding in Him Fellowship	\$2,000
American Red Cross	\$2,050
Baca Grande Water and Sanitation	\$4,000
Crestone Performances	\$7,500
Neighbors Helping Neighbors	\$3,000
Office of Emergency Management	\$12,185
Saguache County Public Health	\$2,500
Saguache County Sheriff	\$6,090
Saguache Dept. of Social Services	\$7,000
Saguache County Maintenance	\$8,660

Renewable Energy & Business Development:

Center Conservation District	\$6,000
Saguache Chamber of Commerce	\$4,350
Saguache Works (fiber arts)	\$10,000
Saguache Works (Moffat School internship)	\$6,000
Saguache Works (healthy eating)	\$5,000
ScSeed: Four grants of \$5,000, \$3000, \$1,350, and \$1000	
Ute Theater (digital projector, matching grant)	\$10,000
Mountain Valley School	\$5,000
Crestone Performances	\$2,327

Youth and Senior:

Center Consolidated School	\$6,000
Crestone Charter School	\$6,000
Crestone Performances	\$3,000
Crestone Youth Plaza	\$4,000
Laurie Vigil	\$6,000
Mountain Valley School	\$2,000
Mountain Valley School garden	\$3,000
Mountain Valley School music	\$2,000
Northern Saguache Library District	\$6,675
Rio Grande Watershed	\$5,000
Southwest Conservation Corps	\$1,200
Sri Aurobindo Learning Center	\$550
The Ute Theater	\$4,000
Waldorf-Sudbury School Project	\$2,500



Soft delicate flowers on tough, prickly cactus—our desert blooms. photo by Kate Steichen



by Deputy Clerk
Gretchen Nelson
Alder Street Bridge

Replacement of this bridge is still on hold until contractual issues are resolved. In the meantime, the runoff from melting snow in North Crestone Creek peaked at just over 160 cfs on June 1! The historic average, based on 78 years of records, is around 50 cfs at that time of year. At the end of June, the creek was running at approximately 20cfs cfs. You can check the flow of the creek any time at <http://bit.ly/VnXGFk>.

Noxious weed management plan

As part of the Town's weed management plan, weeds along the water supply lines were sprayed on May 27 with Avenger, an organic, citrus-based weed killer. The Town is now providing Avenger and a portable weed sprayer to town residents, for as long as our supply lasts, in order to help mitigate noxious weeds on private property. The Town recommends using environmentally safe products like Avenger for weed removal. To reserve the weed sprayer contact Gretchen at the Town Hall at 256-4313 Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm.

Pedestrian pathway network project

The downtown redevelopment project details are being modified to accommodate the funds that are available for this phase of development—\$573,000. A \$10,000 dona-

tion was received for this project in early June, which is really awesome. Remember, significant tax benefits are available for donations to this project. Contact Treasurer Leanna Bradbury at Town Hall 256-4313 for more information.

New ordinance

Ordinance No. 2014-004 "An Ordinance of the Town of Crestone, Colorado Amending Ordinance No. 2008-002" was signed and adopted on June 9, 2014, increasing the penalty range for the jurisdiction of the Crestone Municipal Court so that it is commensurate with the provision of the state statute.

New resolutions

In order to correct the problem of two resolutions having the same number, the Town of Crestone adopted Resolution No. 012-2014 "A Resolution Renumbering The Resolution Amending The Fee Schedule Related To Medical Marijuana License Renewal".

The Town's insurer requires that the Board of Trustees to appoint a safety officer in order to be compliant with its insurance requirements; with Jim Hollmer's retirement a new appointment needed to be made. Resolution No. 013-2014 "A Resolution of The Town of Crestone Board of Trustees Designating A Safety Officer and Prescribing Duties Therefor" was signed and adopted on June 9, 2014, appointing Town Administrator Akia Tanara as the Town's Safety Officer.



Summer maintenance projects,
new board member sought

by **BGWSD**
Board of Directors

An unexpected opportunity in Salida resulted in the need for Vicki Matthews to resign her seat on the District Board. At its June meeting the Board accepted Matthews' resignation and created a process for appointing a replacement to serve the remainder of Matthews' two-year term.

The Board is seeking an individual who is ready to serve the community and able to commit to serve through May 2016. In becoming a Board member, you will have the opportunity to help guide the District as we continue to implement capital improvements and other projects to ensure long term viability. Are you ready to serve? If so, please email Frontdesk2@bacawater.com with a brief summary of your experience, why you want to serve, and the key strength you will bring to the Board. Then come to our July meeting to respond to any additional questions as we consider the appointment.

We will accept applications

for consideration through July 10, 2014. Questions? Contact any of the current Board members and we will be happy to share our experience with you. For more information and an application form, see the District website www.bacawater.com.

In other business, General Manager Steven Harrell updated the Board on a variety of summer maintenance projects, including the annual fire hydrant maintenance program. The District awarded a contract for removal of biosolids from the Aspen Wastewater Treatment Plant. Be sure to read the annual Consumer Confidence Report in this month's issue of *The Crestone Eagle*.

And, please note that effective immediately the District office will be closed between 12:30-1:30 daily.

The July Board meeting will be held on Friday, July 18 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.

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August 1, 2, & 3

Crestone Music Festival

Get ready! The Crestone Music Festival is right around the corner!

Featuring Ruthie Foster, Charles Neville and Youssoupha Sidibe and Paper Bird and more!

The 16th Annual Crestone Music Festival will be held August 1, 2, & 3. The festival is a three-day, two-stage multi-genre, multi-cultural event held at Challenger Golf Club in Crestone Colorado. We have camping, a kids' zone, contests, arts & crafts, a raffle, gourmet cuisine and Colorado libations. Please see other articles in this month's *Eagle*

for more information on our schedule, raffle and kids' activities.

Advance ticket prices for this year are: Adults \$27 for Friday, \$37 for Saturday and \$27 for Sunday. Senior prices are: \$17 for Friday, \$22 for Saturday and \$17 for Sunday. Teens ages 12 through 18 are \$10 a day and kids under 12 are free. Advance weekend pass discounts are:

Crestone Music Festival 2014 Schedule	
<i>Friday, August 1st</i>	
1:15 – 2:00 - (west stage) - Barry Bailey	
2:30 – 3:30 – (w) – Airplane Mode	
4:00 – 5:00 – (w) – Plan Be	
5:15 – 6:30 - (east stage) – Taarka	
6:45 – 8:15 – (w) – Blue Canyon Boys	
8:30 – 10:00 – (e) - Paper Bird	
<i>Saturday, August 2nd</i>	
10:45 – 11:15 – (e) Meryl Ennis	
11:30 – 12:15 – (e) River Bottom Blues band	
12:30 – 1:15 – (e) Fiji Acoustic	
1:30 – 2:00 – (w) Crestone Tribal Bellydance Project	
2:15 – 3:15 – (e) Beth Quist	
3:15 – 3:35 Break - Women's Wood Chopping Contest	
3:35 – 4:35 – (w) Intuit	
4:35 – 5:00 Break – Men's Wood Chopping Contest	
5:00 – 6:10 – (e) SHEL	
6:20 – 7:30 – (w) Rachael and the Ruckus	
7:30 - 8:00 Break – Scholarship Award	
8:00 - 9:30 – (e) Ruthie Foster	
<i>Sunday, August 3rd</i>	
8:00 ScSeed Pancake Breakfast	
8:00 – 8:40 – (e) Milton and his band of Angels	
8:50 – 9:30– (e) Mark Mikow	
9:40 – 10:20 – (e) Cari & James	
10:30 – 11:30 – (w) Fun-k-Chickunz	
11:45 – 12:45 - (e) CB Jazz	
12:45 – 1:00 Break – Pie Eating Contest	
1:00 – 2:15 - (w) Chaco Royal International	
2:30 – 3:45 – (e) The Young Ancients	
3:45 – 4:00 Break – Limbo Contest	
4:00 - 5:30 – (w) Conjunto Colores	
5:30 – 6:00 Break – Raffle Drawing	
6:00 – 7:30 – (e) Charles Neville & Youssoupha Sidibe with The Mystic Rhythms	



Misha Mfum and Chaco Royal International play Sunday afternoon.



Ruthie Foster wins "the Best Female Blues Artist of the Year" and will sing it Saturday at the 16th Crestone Music Festival.

\$75 for adults, \$45 for seniors and \$25 for teens. Camping is one price, \$30 per person, which covers 1 to 4 nights. Prices go up at the gate so don't delay, get your tickets now!

Stop the presses! More band announcements must be made. First off, our band from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which will bring a new genre soukous to our fest, has changed their name to Chaco Royal International. I don't know why, but am flowing with it. Next is a change to Dale Smith and Eli Dokson who are adding their very talented friends Mike Noonan and Scott Russell to the mix to become Fiji Acoustic. Our last addition is for Sunday morning gospel with the CITV Worship Team.

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 with the Mystic Rhythms!

Regional acts include: bluegrass from the Blue Canyon Boys, Gypsy jazz from Taarka, the singing sis-

ters SHEL, New Age intuit from Napora, frisky funk from Rachael and the Ruckus, Middle Eastern music from Beth Quist, Cajun rock from The Young Ancients, hard salsa from Conjuntos Colores and soukous from Chaco Royal International.

Local acts include: folk singer Barry Bailey, jazz guitar from Mark Mikow, Gypsy Mountain rock from Plan Be, jazz standards with CB Jazz, originals from Fiji Acoustic, Cari & James from South Africa, the ever soulful Meryl Ennis, Indie rock band Air Plane Mode, the power surge of The River Bottom Blues Band, the funk-ed-out Fun-K-Chickunz, Tribal Belly Dance Project and Milton and his band of Angels.

Crestone Performances Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit community service organization that annually produces the Crestone Music Festival, subsidizes and produces cultural and educational presentations in San Luis Valley area schools and provides free consulting and technical assistance to other community endeavors. It's easy & secure to order tickets on line at www.crestfest.org or by phone at 719-256-4533. We have fabulous acts and activities this year so don't miss out!



The men and women's wood chopping is always fun.



The young and talented "Paper Bird" will perform Friday night at the Crestone Music Festival.



Crestone Tribal Bellydance Project sway it Saturday.

New and cool raffle with 5 great prizes!

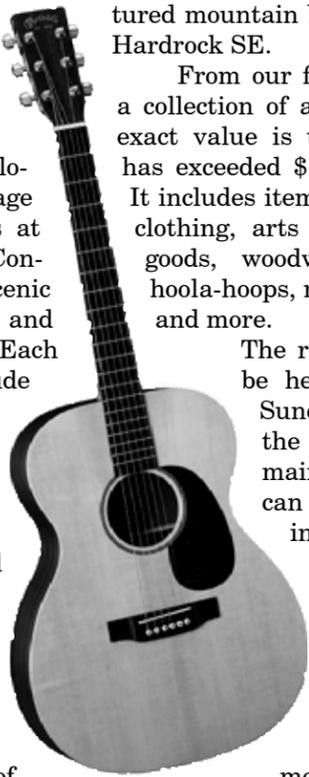
The raffle is back with five spectacular prizes!

New this year is our Destination Package for those who love to get out and explore what colorful Colorado has to offer! This package includes tickets for concerts at the Durango Community Concert Hall, the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad Concert Train ride and the Gunnison Arts Center. Each of those locations will include a one-night stay for two at nearby hotels. Also in the package is an overnight stay for two at Joyful Journey Hot Springs and one overnight for two at Orient Land Trust with a twist. The OLT night includes a private dinner provided by Rustingram Catering! Then, just for the fun of it, we've thrown in two adult ski passes to Arapahoe Basin. The total value of this prize is over \$1,200.

Next, directly from Martin, is a brand new Martin 000X1AE acoustic electric guitar worth over \$900! It comes with a hard shell case, Fishman active electronics and a full warranty. Our headliners' signatures will make it one-of-a-kind!

Worth over \$600 is a package with multiple Colorado Hot Springs day passes. It includes 10 passes to Joyful Journey Hot Springs, 4 passes to Orient Land Trust, 10 passes to Orvis Hot Springs and \$300 towards the package of your choice at the Sand Dunes Swimming Pool!

The prize from Kristi Mountain Sports in Alamosa is \$500 credit to be used for any product from their store. This can include hiking gear, ski gear, climbing gear or even a mountain bike. The fea-



tured mountain bike this year is a Hardrock SE.

From our festival vendors is a collection of arts & crafts. The exact value is unpredictable but has exceeded \$1,000 most years. It includes items such as jewelry, clothing, arts & crafts, leather goods, woodworking, candles, hoola-hoops, massages, services and more.

The raffle drawing will be held at 5:30pm on Sunday, August 3 at the festival on the main stage. Tickets can be purchased during the festival, at our booth at the 4th of July celebration in Crestone, at our office (719-256-4533), or from CPI board members. Board

members are: Peter Taylor, Aaron Conrad, Don Richmond, Kizzen Laki, Akia Tanara, Dennis Neuhaus, Eli Dokson, Steve Westra and Dan Perlman. They're all carrying so grab 'em and get 'em! You can view the mountain bike and play the guitar at our booth at the Crestone 4th of July celebration.



Stretch yourself with yoga in the mornings.



Kids flip over the festival.

Fun & Games!

The Crestone Music Festival is family-friendly with lots of great activities planned for kids of all ages! To start your days, we offer free Yoga with Cynthia Nielsen! Cynthia is a certified Yoga Alliance instructor who will also offer a special yoga workshop during the days geared towards little ones. The Salida Circus returns with parades, stilt walkers, acrobatics & costumes. This is a people circus so there will be no monkeys on your back, but there will be plenty of fun and laughs. Two youth workshops are planned for Saturday & Sunday afternoons so your little performer can learn real circus acts! The Kids Zone will see the return of "We are the drum" with drumming workshops for all ages by Rosario. We will still have our traditional men's and women's wood chopping contests and limbo and pie-eating contests. The ever-popular Euro Bungee jump machine will be back as well as Hoola-hoops, beach balls and bubbles. Our Family Tent is located on the west end of the festival. The schedule of activities will be posted on the tent and in the program, and workshops are free. So get your "kid on" and have some fun!



Balloons and boys grinnin' at the fest.



Salida Circus teaches plate spinning at the fest.



Sweet shark attack at the fest.



The kids just love the bungee jumper.



The drumming circle is always a hit.



Crestone Coyote by Mae Green.

Painter Mae Green featured artist for July at Shumei; Symposium July 13

Mae Green's work will be on display in the Shumei Gallery for the month of July. A symposium will be held July 13 from 3 to 5pm. A reception will follow the presentation. Mae describes her art as an external expression of inward thoughts, feelings, flashes of insight, and reflections of the creative realm. "A blank paper or canvas is an opening to an unseen and unknown world stirred to Self Expression. Often as an artist it is tempting to say a finished painting is 'my drawing, my painting, my technique' . . . In reality artists are only the tools through which creativity articulates itself."

Mae started drawing and painting in grade school and has continued throughout her life. Graduating as an Art Therapist from Naropa University in Boulder, CO she spent some years work-

ing in the mental health field. On weekends she often attended workshops. At home she painted and decompressed by drawing mandalas or circle drawings—inspired by the renowned psychiatrist Carl G. Jung.

Mae uses pastels, collage, watercolor, oil (Renaissance Glaze Technique), water based oil and multimedia. Today much of her inspiration comes from walks in nature, from a thought or vision in meditation, or simply letting a painting develop from "nowhere".

Meet with Mae and learn more about her work on Sunday July 13 starting at 3pm to 5pm. This event is free to the public. Please visit www.shumeicrestone.org or call 256-5284 for more information. The Shumei gallery is open every day 9 to 5pm.

Beauty and the bast

by Moira Forsythe

No, that's not a mis-spelling in the title: I meant "bast" as in flax, linen, hemp. This local weaver is super-excited about the prospects of being able to finally have access to fine enough hemp fiber to weave supple, useful items with. Up until recently most hemp fiber available to the average craft consumer was of a thickness appropriate for rope or macramé.

Recent improvements in processing equipment in Europe have made a finer thread available here and now a few U.S. suppliers are dyeing rich deep colorways using best American practices so that choices in design are expanding for cottage industry weavers.

Hemp is a breathable, strong fiber that rivals linen in its durability and is not only more absorbent than cotton but actually is stronger when wet, not weaker like many other fibers. Hemp is anti-microbial and mildew-resistant, making it an ideal choice for kitchen and bath items. Although hemp has been used worldwide for several thousand years, it has not been legal to grow here in the US for over 60 years. Over \$500 million in US hemp products sales reflect importation of these products from other countries like Romania, Canada, China. The majority of towels and goods featured by US companies are actually produced in Romania and France. Colorado SB 13-241 passed last year has opened the door for growing, processing and marketing industrial hemp and its products.



Hemp towels.

Local weaver Moira Forsythe will be hosting a special summer Fiber Open House on Saturday July 5 from 11am-3pm, featuring some of the first U.S. handwoven hemp towels and washcloths, all made right here in Crestone! There will be other exotic fiber items available (camel, yak, bamboo, cashmere). Pretty exciting and appropriate for our Independence Day weekend, especially given that the first American flag constructed by Betsy Ross was also made of hemp.



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“Free the Zombies” is Crestone’s 4th of July theme

by Deputy Clerk
Gretchen Nelson

Everyone is enthusiastically invited to our unique celebration with festivities that make downtown Crestone an all-day family event. Please see the event schedule and downtown map for details of this year’s fun 4th of July celebration in *The Crestone Eagle*.

Join the fun!

Calling all crawlers, walkers and runners, register at 7:30am at Elephant Cloud on Cottonwood St. to join the 5k race. Decorate your vehicle or bicycle into a float and get dressed up to join the parade. Lineup is at 11am on Copper Ave. This year’s parade theme is “Free the Zombies”. Lisa Bodey was unanimously chosen by the Town Trustees as the 2014 Grand Marshal in recognition of her contributions to our community’s youth. Eat, dance, shop, visit, listen to music and get dunked in the “Big Splash” tank in Artisans’ Park. Sign up for the Scavenger Hunt or be part of the Water Event located at the Town Park.

You can sign up at Town Hall for a vendor booth through July 3, 1 pm. You may still be able to make the last rehearsal of the Greater Crestone Kosmic Kazoo Band; call Tim Brenner at 588-1857.

Don’t bring your dog(s), please park appropriately, and help with safety

Please keep your dogs at home for the day. Even when leashed, dogs have undesirable interactions with each other and with humans, particularly small children. Please consult the downtown map for parking; don’t park in a “No Parking” area even if there is another vehicle there, and where roadside parking is permitted, park completely off the pavement or traveled part of the street. Because cars located in “No Parking” areas are problematic to keeping all events flowing smoothly, people who park in these areas will be issued a citation. Parents and everyone, please keep an eye out to prevent small children from running out in front of parade vehicles.

Volunteer!

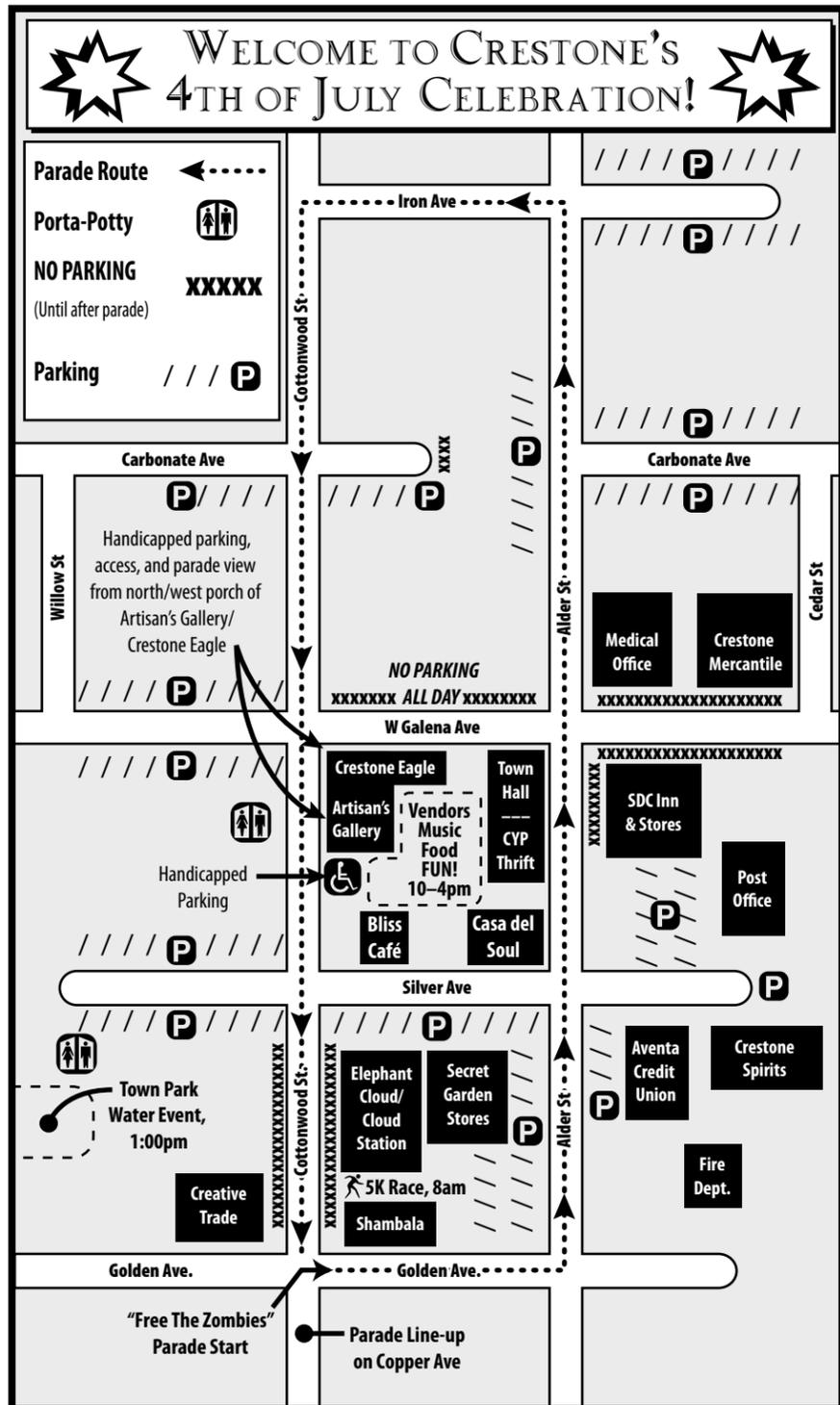
Thank you in advance to all of the very special people who help make the day a great event for everyone else. A very helpful spontaneous service is picking up litter, especially from the parade route and the parks. For general event information or volunteering opportunities contact Jessica Martinez at 256-5844. For vendor applications call Gretchen at Town Hall 256-4313, 9am to 1pm Monday-Friday or email at crestone@fairpoint.net.



The Greater Crestone Kosmic Kazoo Band marches on in the 4th of July parade, 2012.



The Crestone 4th of July parade in 2012, taken outside the Crestone Eagle & Artisans Gallery building, with Shumei’s Taiko drummers next in line. photo by Lori Nagel



Crestone 4th of July Celebration

It is not necessary to pre-register for any events.

Schedule of events:

- 8 am: Run, Walk or Crawl 5k Race**
Starts at Elephant Cloud on Cottonwood Street. Entrants may register at 7:30 am.
- 10 am - 11 am: Creation Station For Kids**
Decorate yourselves and /or your bikes to join the parade. Located in Crestone Town Center Park (behind Town Hall).
- 10 am - 1:45 pm Scavenger Hunt**
Grab a checklist at the “Scavenger Hunt Booth” in Artisans Park. Scavenge until you check off all items on the list. Sign the list and then drop it off in the box at the same booth by 1:45pm. We will draw two names from the box between 2-2:30pm and give out a sweet treat to the first two winners.
- 10 am to 4 pm: Vendors and Entertainment**
Vendors of food, merchandise, and ideas will be in Little Pearl & Artisans Parks. Entertainment will be in Artisans Park with a break for the Parade.
- Noon Parade: “FREE THE ZOMBIES”**
Dress-up and let’s help each other free our inner zombies. Everyone is welcome to enter the parade by joining the line-up on Copper Avenue at 11 am. The parade route is shown on the event map. Wheelchair/handicapped accessible viewing is from the Artisans Gallery porch—ramp at Galena Avenue.
- 1 pm - 2:30 pm: Water Event**
Get wet and wild at the Town Park! Bring your balloons and get ready to battle. You will get 45 minutes to build your cardboard box barrier for protection. Then we battle until the balloons are gone!
- 1 pm - 3 pm Dunk Tank**
Come enjoy the “Big Splash” as we dunk some friendly neighbors. Take your turn to hit the target and send a friend (or not) for a plunge! A schedule of the dunk tank line-up will be posted next to the tank from 10am to 3pm.

Dance, Dance, Dance!

Ahgadaze will be playing rock & roll at Cloud Station (200 S. Cottonwood St.) Doors open at 7 - 7:30 pm. Admission is \$15, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Crestone Fire Department.

Immersion in encaustic art & kundalini yoga August 15-17

Encaustic art is a 2000-year-old painting technique common to Greek and Egyptian cultures. Workshop participants will experiment with beeswax and oil pigments, heated and fused layer-by-layer, to create encaustic expressions characterized by striking colors and amazing transparencies.

Kundalini yoga kriyas and meditations will be taught to heighten creativity, enhancing participants' artistic experience. No experience in art or yoga is necessary. Come and experience this unique combination of yoga practice and artistic play!

Larain Matheson, MFA has been painting for over 30 years. She has taught art in colleges in California and has been working



Larain Matheson at work in her studio.

with encaustic art for over 6 years.

Sue Beck is a certified kundalini yoga instructor and teacher trainer. She has been sharing kundalini yoga locally and across the US since 1997. Both are incredible artists in their own media of expression.

To view Larain's encaustic art visit, www.larainmathesonart.com.

Contact Sue at suebeckretuta@gmail.com to receive workshop details.

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"Give a little and receive a lot" by being part of this super-fun event to fund school lunches for CCS K-12 students!

The 108 Sun Salutation Benefit will be in the Charter School Rainbow Hall on Wednesday, July 23 from 8:30am to 1:30pm, guided by four of Crestone's own loved yoga teachers. Annie Pace, Cynthia Nielsen, Lisa Meri and Charity Love will lead participants in their respective lineage teachings, totaling 108 Sun Salutations, followed by storytelling for all ages and yummy Chokurei lunch and chai for all.

There are several ways to get involved in this amazing event:

~**Participate** in the Sun Salutations, and reach out to family and friends to sponsor the \$108 entry donation.

~**Sponsor** one of the above participants.

~**Pledge** \$1 (or more) per Sun Salutation completed by one (or more) or the participants.

~**Contribute** directly to Crestone Peak Community Alliance "Feed the Kids" PO Box 399 Crestone, CO 81131 (tax receipt on request)

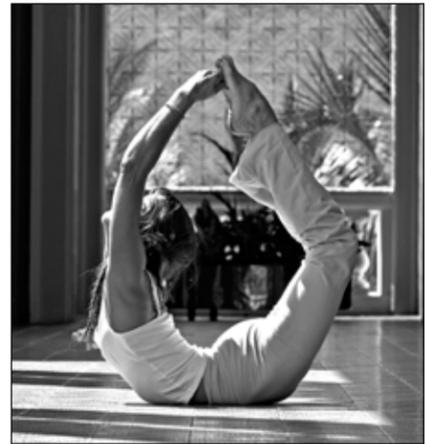
~**Show up** to support the participating yogis. (And perhaps catch a special guest appearance.)

~**All** of the above!

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Do you do yoga? Annie Pace does! Come join this fun fundraising event.

vide one student with 21 lunches, and 100% goes to the cause. Yoga participants will receive a thank you turkey feather blessed by Khenpo Tenzin Lobzang.

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Colorado's new certified candidate Creative Districts announced

Colorado Creative Industries (CCI), a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade, and the Boettcher Foundation, today announced the certification of four new Creative Districts and the acceptance of seven Candidate Districts into the Colorado Creative Districts Program. The newly certified districts are 40 West Arts District, Lakewood; Downtown Colorado Springs; RiNo Art District, Denver; and the Greeley Creative District. Candidate districts entering the program include: Mancos Creative District, Manitou Springs Arts Council Creative District, Crestone Creative District, Crested Butte Creative District, Downtown Fort Collins Creative District, Carbondale Historic Downtown Core and the Evergreen Creative District.

"These 2014 certified and candidate creative districts are great examples of how the arts create exciting places for people to visit and live," said Governor John Hickenlooper. "These districts not only increase quality of life, they also help with economic vitality of the area and attract people from all over Colorado and the country."

These newly certified districts have been working toward certifi-

cation standards since 2012. A review panel evaluated certification applications and conducted site visits. Evaluation was based on three foundational elements:

- A Certified Creative District must capture its unique story and reflect that story

- A Certified Creative District must be integrated with other community systems such as planning, economic development, tourism, transportation, urban renewal, safety and public gathering spaces

- A Certified Creative District must have local government endorsement.

The newly certified districts will join the seven Colorado Creative Districts: Denver's Art District on Santa Fe, Pueblo Creative Corridor, Corazon de Trinidad, North Fork Valley Creative District, Ridgway Creative District, Salida Creative District and Telluride Arts District.

"The goal of this program is to help Colorado Creative Districts achieve the administrative structure, funding streams, community engagement process, strategic plan and staff structure that provide both opportunities to grow the creative economy," said Margaret Hunt, director of Colorado Creative Industries.



Participant enjoying both art and nature at an art retreat.

Landscape painting retreat with Jennifer Thomson, August 22-26

Each morning we will venture out into the Sangre de Cristo Mountains to experience nature with a series of color and compositional exercises, to strive to become in tune artistically with nature. We will practice observing nature's various earth and plant formations, gestures & textures, and explore a mood in a landscape.

Afternoons in the studio are devoted to individual painting, taking inspiration from the morning's explorations. Some of these landscapes will be developed into finished art. There will be daily critique and one evening compositional light and dark drawing. For more info: sunstudio.thomson1@gmail.com; www.jenniferthomson.net; or 719-937-7694.

Crestone Artisans Gallery—come visit!

by Karl Grose

Dear all, summer is finally here and the gallery has expanded its hours to 11-5 every day except Tuesday. Please stop in to see our new layout and featured artists. We have all been busy over the winter months and have brought a bunch of new work in. You owe it to yourself to stop and visit, and to smell all of the flowers that Patrick has been working hard to establish and nurture. The outside of the gallery is finally looking as good as the work inside.

We are also pleased to be part of Second Saturday Art Walk. This is a program to promote all of the fine artists in the area. We will have live performances as well as refreshments every second Saturday of the month from 2-5pm. Please come and join us, enjoy some fine art, music, food, hang out on the deck, imbibe in some wonderful live music and soak up the wonderful weather we have here in the summer. Summer is short so let's get out and enjoy it!

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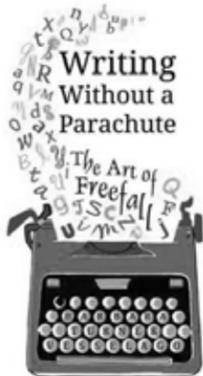
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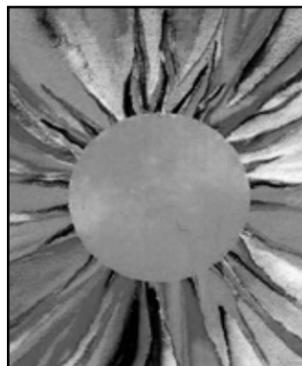
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Crestone community invited to welcome visiting Japanese youth

A gathering to welcome 40 Japanese Youth to Crestone will take place Saturday, July 19 at the Crestone Charter School. The students, all eighth graders, will be traveling from Shumei's new Miho Institute, a unique arts school located in the Shigaraki mountains of Japan, to go camping and attend special programs at the Charter School for 10 days this summer.

The Crestone community is invited to celebrate their arrival with an energetic family event that will include performances of local youth, dancers and musicians. Please come and share the warmth

of our community with these wonderful kids. Local children and families are particularly encouraged to attend. It will be a fun opportunity to interact with friends from the other side of the Earth and truly *be* world citizens!

We will gather from 2-4pm on the 19th after Saturday Market. Snacks will be provided. Please contact Kelly 719-937-7795 with any questions, if your group would like to perform, or about other opportunities for Crestone youth to hang out with these Japanese youth.

Local massage therapists 'lend a hand' to the community—Everybody Deserves a Massage Week event July 19

Local massage therapists are lending their hands to Crestone in celebration of the award-winning national event, *Everybody Deserves a Massage Week*, Saturday July 19 at the Saturday Market in downtown Crestone. The event is sponsored by Crestone Massage and Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals (ABMP), the nation's largest massage membership association.

Volunteer massage therapists will give free chair massages to raise donations to benefit the Crestone Food Bank, from 10am to 2pm. Please bring canned food donations or cash. These professionals join ABMP volunteers nationwide in an educational public service designed to promote the many benefits of massage therapy.

The use of massage therapy has boomed in the last two decades. Massage has proven health benefits, such as effectiveness in treating persistent back pain and arthritis pain, as well as strengthening the immune system. It also reduces symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome. Consumer research shows first-time massage therapy clients report very positive feelings about their experience. Consumers can enjoy peace of mind knowing ABMP members meet state licensing and educational requirements, as well as adhering to the ABMP code of ethics.

ABMP has sponsored a charitable, promotional massage event since 1995. For extensive information on massage therapy visit www.massagetherapy.com.



What a mess! Some volunteers showed up to help tidy up the freebox and this is what they were faced with. Piles of household trash, boxes and a huge pile of trashy clothes. The freebox is a community sharing project—not a dump! Please everyone, drop off only good items and take your boxes with you and recycle them. When you drop off items, please sort them according to bins. No large items. No junk! Love your box!

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From muddy mess to Mailbox Magic.

Community beautification update: It takes a village

by Moira Forsythe

Recent efforts to bring care and beauty to spaces used by residents and visitors alike has resulted in a coming-together of energies from a wide range of individuals. The Post Office Beautification Project coordinated last month by Patrick Moore and Beatris Burgoin brought over a dozen artists and residents out to enjoy great weather, comraderie and a sense of renewed community spirit. Beatris and her husband John also provided much-appreciated refreshments and drinks for the crew on hand.

The newly reorganized Mountain Wisdom Taiko Players (formerly Crestone Kaminari Taiko) played for almost an hour to energize the volunteer crew and delight Saturday Market attendees with their steady rhythms. One of the players then stayed for another 4 hours to help with rock clearing,

weedpulling, planting and watering and has gone on to provide regular early morning watering for 2 weeks to ensure the survival of the plants that went in.

Over \$700 has been raised from local donors to provide water-hardy perennials, groundcover and other supplies. Many thanks go out to Elaine at the Crestone Mercantile for her generous accommodation of discount pricing on mulch and organic soil for the project.

Efforts will continue to bring beauty and charm to areas of our town and all are encouraged to see how they might participate in ongoing support of these efforts. There is a sign-up sheet at the Post Office which outlines needed tasks such as watering and weeding. Interested parties can also call Patrick at 719-429-5458 to find out how you can participate in making your town beautiful!

Three honored by Crestone End of Life Project in May & June

The Crestone End of Life Project volunteers were honored to serve three community members, their families and friends. Cremation ceremonies were held in May for Russell Schreiber and Mia Filipek; Richard Bluestein, father of Mark Bluestein, was celebrated in June.

Information and materials will be available on the 4th of July at the CEOLP booth in Artisan's Park. Volunteers will be there to answer questions you may have on end-life-choice, Advance Directives and Medical Power of Attorney. For CEOLP registration packets call Lorraine Cazier, CEOLP Registrar, at 937-7802.

To learn more about the unique services provided by Crestone End of Life Project and Informed Final Choices Educational Outreach, attend the monthly open meeting on July 8, 7pm at 33 Sunset Overlook, first left behind the Century 21 office. Call Wayne at 256-4247 or Stephanie at 588-7415 for directions and information.

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Watershed Council field day July 15

The Crestone-Baca Watershed Council monthly field day for July will focus on Willow Creek's watershed and riparian zones. We'll explore some of the varied habitats and geology of different zones along the creek, look at changes wrought by this spring's heavy run-off and consider optimal restoration and maintenance practices. We'll begin at Willow Park at 1pm Tuesday, July 15. 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 field activities at 917-392-6962

H. E. Gangteng Tulku Rinpoche will be in Crestone August 23-27

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H. E. Gangteng Tulku Rinpoche is first and foremost a Dzogchen teacher. Dzogchen is the highest practice of the Buddha-dharma and is the dynamic, living essence of primordial awareness-emptiness. The meeting with an authentic Dzogchen master, and receiving his living transmission however he imparts it, is a blessing beyond measure.

Adult activities on Wednesdays in July

10am-2pm at the YES Building located on Road T, next to the Baca Library, each Wednesday we will have activities such as Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit, brain games and interesting conversations.

We will also have professional presentations about: alternative healing modalities, Medicare/Medicaid options, wills, trusts and probate and so much more.

See our upcoming Wednesday activities at www.yescrestone.org; visit us on Facebook at YES, Your Empowerment Solutions; call us at 719-937-7788. These programs are made possible by the Saguache County Sales Tax grant.

Baca National Wildlife Refuge tours

You're invited to take a tour to get to know your local wildlife refuge. Tours will last approx. four hours and depart from the NWR headquarters near the Yak & Cracker on County Road T at 9am. Registration is required.

Tour Dates:

- Thursday July 17 (Water and Habitat)
- Thursday July 31 (Invasive Species Management)
- Thursday August 14 (Refuge Planning Update/Proposed Public Use)
- Thursday August 28 (Fall Management)

For reservations call 719-256-5527.

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Instream rights and stream protection meeting July 7

The Natural Surroundings Committee of the Baca Grande POA urges everyone concerned with the health of our creeks to attend a special meeting with Linda Bassi, Stream and Lake Protection Section Chief of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). This meeting will take place Monday July 7 at 7pm at the POA Hall. Also present to discuss how instream flow rights can help protect our precious watershed will be Travis Smith, Rio Grande Basin member of the CWCB Board and several members of the Rio Grande Water Conservation Roundtable. Come to voice love and concern for our streamways and to learn ways we can protect them.

Information on CWCB's Instream Flow Program can be found at cwcb.state.co.us/environment/instream-flow-program/Pages/main.aspx. For more information on the July 7 meeting contact noahbaen@yahoo.com, 719-256-4182.

Kirtan with Vamadeva & friends, July 6

Sing with us! Kirtan is singing the ancient language of light. Come travel with us to India. There are celebrations all over the world singing together in this language. Come and experience your heart opening... Jai Ma!

Sunday July 6, 7-9pm at Jilian's/Elephant Cloud Studio. By love offering donation, \$5-10 suggested.



Jim Hollmer, long-time Crestone resident (he went to school in the old Crestone school-house) was honored at a retirement party. He was toasted and roasted at the community pot-luck. Jim had served as a Town Trustee and retired as the Town Maintenance man. All the best to you Jim!

Shakti Sharanam summer workshops

Back by popular demand, Yogic Cooking Workshop will be Sunday, July 27, 3-8pm.

As a lineage holder with 35 years of experience in traditional yogic sciences, Annie Pace is offering an opportunity to study and experience the ancient secrets of Sattvic cooking! Space is limited, so please pre-register. Sliding scale \$30-\$60. 719-256-5668.

Mark your calendar for Restorative Yoga Sun Aug. 17, 3-5pm, and Yogic Cooking, continued Saturday, Sept. 3. www.shaktisharanam.com

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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

Wednesday, July 2

- Follow-up meeting of RGRT Plan group – SLV Water Conservancy Dist. 10:30 am

Friday, July 4

- Crestone Annual Independence Day celebration – Downtown Crestone 10:00 am-4:00 pm
- Ahgadaze at Cloud Station – Cloud Station 7 pm

Saturday, July 5

- Camino de Crestone – All Day www.caminodecrestone.com 719-937-7697
- Fiber open house, Forsythe residence 11am-3pm

Sunday, July 6

- Museum Field Trip, Crestone Town Hall 1-4pm 256-5227
- Kirtan with Vamadeva & Friends – Birch St Studio 7:00 pm-9:00 pm \$5-\$10 suggested donation

Monday, July 7

- Summer Theatre Camp – \$25 articipate.net
- BG Stables Summer Children's Riding Program 8:30 am-11:00 am \$150/week 256-6200
- Town of Crestone Planning Commission Regular Meeting – Crestone Town Center 6-8pm
- Stream Protection Mtg, CO Water Cnsrvatn Brd & POA Natural Surroundings Comm., BGPOA Hall 7-9pm free 256-4182

Tuesday, July 8

- Toddler-grade school reading program Baca Grande Library 10-11am Free 719-256-4100
- Monthly RGRT meeting – SLV Water Conservancy Dist. 2:00 pm
- Crestone End of Life Project open meeting, Topping House 7-9pm 719-588-7415 or 256-4247
- Water meeting about water through Crestone & Baca – BGPOA Meeting Room 7:00 pm

Wednesday, July 9

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

Thursday, July 10

- Sufi Dhikr All Welcome – 6:00 pm-8:00 pm free or by donation nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290

Friday, July 11

- Archery Training, Earth Knack, 11:00 am-2:00 pm \$25 www.earthknack.com 719-256-4909

Saturday, July 12

- Full Moon – All Day
- Guru Purnima & Full Moon Fire Ceremony, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 9am www.babajashram.org 256-4108

Sunday, July 13

- Shumei's Monthly Sampai, Shumei Sanctuary 10:30am-noon Free www.shumeicrestone.org 256-5284
- History of Insulators – Saguache County Museum 1:30 pm Donations welcome
- Symposium for painter Mae Green, Shumei Gallery 3-5pm Free www.shumeicrestone.org 256-5284

Monday, July 14

- BG Stables Summer Children's Riding Program 8:30 am-11:00 am \$150/week 256-6200
- Town of Crestone Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – Crestone Town Center 1:30-6 pm

Tuesday, July 15

- Toddler-grade school reading program Baca Grande Library 10-11am Free 719-256-4100
- GAIA (Girls Activation Initiation Alliance) Camp – Manitou Foundation Land all day \$450 719-480-5925
- Primitive Pottery Seminar – Earth Knack, All Day \$185 www.earthknack.com 719-256-4909
- Willow Creek Walk, Crestone-Baca Watershed Council – Willow Park 1-3pm free 719-256-4182

Thursday, July 17

- Baca Refuge Tour-Water & Habitat – Baca Refuge Office 9:00 am Free 719-256-5527

Friday, July 18

- BGW&S Board Meeting – BG Water & San District Office 8:00 am www.bacawater.com
- Fibers Intensive – Earth Knack, 10:00 am-3:00 pm \$35 www.earthknack.com 719-256-4909

Saturday, July 19

- Everybody Deserves a Massage Week – Saturday Market 10:00 am-2:00 pm Free
- Passion Test workshop, Casa del Soul 10am-1pm \$49, <http://bit.ly/1vdSlp1> 720-535-6433
- Welcome Party for Japanese Youth – Crestone Charter School 2:00 pm-4:15 pm 7199377795

Sunday, July 20

- Talk on Tahiti – Saguache County Museum 1:30 pm Donations welcome

Tuesday, July 22

- Toddler-grade school reading program Baca Grande Library 10-11am Free 719-256-4100

Wednesday, July 23

- Little Spotted Eagle Sundance, The Singing Stone all day www.thesingingstone.com 719-256-5307
- Yogathon benefit, Rainbow Hall CCS 8am-1:30pm \$108 donation www.chokureiranch.com 256-4119

- 13th Annual Family Week, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10-1pm Free www.babajashram.org 256-4108
- Workshop w/Sofia Diaz, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10-1pm \$108 www.babajashram.org 256-4108

Thursday, July 24

- Crestone Solar School 4-day workshop, noon www.crestonesolarschool.com 719-256-4656
- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome. – 6-8pm Free or by donation nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290

Friday, July 25

- Fire-Making workshop – Earth Knack, 10am-3pm \$35 www.earthknack.com 719-256-4909

Saturday, July 26

- New Moon Fire Ceremony – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 11am www.babajashram.org 256-4108
- Third Annual Saguache Hollyhock Festival – Saguache Comm. Bldg 10am-3:30pm www.SaguacheChamber.org

Sunday, July 27

- Yogic Cooking Workshop, Shakti Sharanam 3pm-8pm Sliding scale \$30-\$60 shaktisharanam.com 256-5668

Thursday, July 31

- Baca National Wildlife Refuge Tour – NWR headquarters 9:00 am-1:00 pm Free 719-256-5527

Friday, August 1

- Crestone Music Festival – Crestone Golf Course 1:15-10pm 719-256-4533

Saturday, August 2

- Crestone Music Festival – Crestone Golf Course 10:45am-11pm crest-fest.org 719-256-4533

Sunday, August 3

- Crestone Music Festival – Crestone Golf Course 8am-9pm crest-fest.org 719-256-4533

Monday, August 4

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

Wednesday, August 6

- BGPOA Board Candidate Application Deadline – BGPOA office 5pm bacapoa.org 719-256-4171

Thursday, August 7

- Green River Canoe trip – All Day \$535 www.earthknack.com 719-256-4909

Friday, August 8

- Art retreat with Jennifer Thomson – All Day www.jenniferthomson.net 719-937-7694 or 496-3184

Daily/Weekly Events

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

Daily

- Morning Aarati, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 7am, 256-4108, info@babajashram.org, 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, info@babajashram.org, www.babajashram.org

Sunday

- Weekly Sunday Mass at Nada Carmelite Hermitage 9-10am 256-4778
- Alcoholics Anonymous Crestone Town Hall 7-8pm

Monday

- Dharma Ocean Meditation Group CCS 5:30-6:30pm free dcrestone.wpengine.com 719-937-7948

Tuesday

- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style 5-6:45pm by donation shaktisharanam.com 256-5668
- Zumba Fitness Crestone Charter School 9-10am www.angela108.zumba.com 719-256-4040
- Awakening Artist Crestone Community Building (Old Schoolhouse) 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
- Narcotics Anonymous open meeting marijuana users welcome Baca library back door 7:30 pm-8:30 pm crestonena@gmail.com 970 309 0710

Wednesday

- Yoga Fundamentals & Refinements Shakti Sharanam 8:30-10am by donation shaktisharanam.com 256-5668
- Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement 1538 Willow Creek Way 5:30pm-6:30pm 256-4480
- Sacred Heart Yoga, Rainbow Hall, Crestone Charter School 3:45-5pm Love Donation 256-4119
- Adult Activities on Wednesdays in July YES Building 10:00 am-2:00 pm 719-937-7788
- Martial Arts, Old Crestone Schoolhouse 4:00 pm-6:30 pm \$5 719-480-5925

Thursday

- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45 pm By donation 719-256-5668
- Free psychic readings Ghost Horse Gift Gallery All Day First 15 minutes free 719-256-5609
- Zumba Fitness Crestone Charter School 9-10am www.angela108.zumba.com 719-256-4040
- Meetings, Hangouts, and Movie Night, Old Schoolhouse 4:00 pm-8:00 pm

Friday

- Moffat Farmers' Market Ghost Horse Gallery 9:00 am-1:00 pm Free 719-256-5609
- Gentle Flow Yoga Rainbow Hall at the Crestone Charter School 10:00 am 719-298-0360

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



A community retirement party was held for Dave Jaramillo "Daily Dave" our UPS driver in the Crestone/Moffat area for 37 years. There was a large turn out of well wishers at the pot luck. Local musicians played and jammed and helped make it a fun party. Lots of hugs, and even a few tears. Be well Dave! We love ya! photo collage by Lori Nagel

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H. E. Gangteng Tulku Rinpoche returns to Crestone this August

Yeshe Khorlo is pleased to announce the return of His Eminence Gangteng Tulku Rinpoche this summer August 20-27. Rinpoche is the ninth body emanation of Tertön King Pema Lingpa, is the Abbot of Gangteng Monastery in Bhutan and is also responsible for over 50 satellite Nyingma monasteries and retreat centers in Bhutan.

Pema Lingpa himself was the final incarnation of Lady Pema Sal, the Tibetan Princess whom Guru Rinpoche revived from her premature death and to whom he imparted the Khandro Nyingthig, "The Heart Essence of the Dakinis", a key lineage of Dzogchen, before she passed away for the final time. Lady Pema Sal reincarnated several times before her penultimate

reincarnation as Longchenpa, "The Omniscient One," and her final reincarnation, as Pema Lingpa, who taught many of the great Buddhist masters of his era.

At a young age, Gangteng Rinpoche undertook extensive training, including accomplishing the traditional three-year retreat and studies with the highest lamas of the time, such as Dudjom Rinpoche, Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, Karmapa XVI, former Je Khenpo Tenzin Dhendup, and Chartral Rinpoche. Rinpoche later completed a second three-year solitary retreat.

Twenty-five years ago Rinpoche launched the renovation of the 500-year-old seat of the Gangteng Tulkus, Gangteng Gompa;

constructed a new monastery, Orgyen Ling in Thongsa; established three 3-year retreat centers; built the first shedra for women in Bhutan; and established a degree-level Buddhist shedra at Gangteng.

Rinpoche has created meditation centers in Taiwan, Singapore, the U.S., Canada, France, Poland, and Russia. In March, 2000, the Manitou Foundation graciously donated 320 acres of pristine mountain land in Crestone to Gangteng Rinpoche. This land has been developed as a retreat and teaching center, named Choying Dzong, with a temple and four retreat cabins already completed.

Gangteng Tulku Rinpoche is first and foremost a Dzogchen teacher. Dzogchen is the highest practice of Buddhism. The meeting with an authentic Dzogchen master, and receiving his living transmission is a blessing beyond measure.

We invite you to join us for these exceptional August events in Crestone. For full details, go to: gtr2014usa.com.



H. E. Gangteng Tulku Rinpoche.

Prior to his arrival in Crestone, Rinpoche will also be giving teachings and empowerments in California, Denver, and Boulder that will be open to the general public.

CYP (Crestone Youth Plaza)

Wishes You a Happy 4th of July!



ANNOUNCEMENT

ElementsCamp for Kids raised enough money for 14 50% Scholarships for local kids to go to Camp. We would like to express our gratitude to the following:

Bake Sale: Judie Rose and the Charter School Kids (\$630.00)

Individual Donations: Judie Rose, Jillian Karl-Ellzey, Bill Ellzey, Anne Silver (\$325.00), and other generous folks

Frederick's Three Doors Class: Ann Drake, Patty Gift, Sky Brooks, Sheryl Petty, Jane Hearne, Phil Toune (\$1,460.00)

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August 23 & 24 ~ Mipham's "A Lamp Dispelling the Darkness"

H. E. Gangteng Rinpoche will give the oral transmission blessing and commentary on this pithy text by the great 19th-20th Dzogchen master Ju Mipham Rinpoche. It provides profound trekchod ("cutting through") practice instructions pointing out the essence of mind. These clear, uncomplicated instructions make it possible for ordinary individuals who live and work in the mundane world to practice and realize the nature of mind in one lifetime.

Two sessions both days: 9am-12pm & 2-5pm Suggested donation is \$45 per session, or \$180 for two days.

General Public Welcome.

August 26 ~ Vajrapani Empowerment

Vajrapani is one of the earliest bodhisattvas and protectors mentioned in Buddhism. He is the embodiment of spiritual power, energy and fearlessness of the enlightened mind. Meditating on Varapani helps one to manifest one's pure intentions in the world with strength, courage and wisdom. This empowerment comes from Pema Lingpa's revealed treasure cycle.

2 p.m. Suggested donation is \$45 General Public Welcome.

August 27 ~ Peling Ultimate Secret Long Life Empowerment

The empowerment for this secret form of the Long Life Deity, a Peling Terma, has been bestowed by H. E. Gangteng Tulku only three times in his lifetime, until this visit to the USA, where he will bestow it twice. We are blessed by this rare opportunity to taste the secret nectar of Long Life from Guru Rinpoche through his hidden terma, revealed by Pema Lingpa, and transmitted by his direct descendent, the Ninth Gangteng Tulku.

2 p.m. Suggested donation is \$45 General Public Welcome.



You may register in advance on the website: <http://www.gtr2014usa.com>, or at the door (please arrive ½ hour early for this option).

Questions? Please contact Pat Keenan labdron@yahoo.com 719-588-2587

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What is your purpose in life?

Come experience the 'Passion Test' workshop July 19

by Victoria L. Travis, MS, CPC

Have you ever sat down and thought, "What is my purpose in life? What is my passion? Where do I go from here?" We all struggle with these questions. I'd like to suggest your passions can be the clues to your purpose in life. What does it mean to live a passionate life? Exciting, fulfilling, thrilling, on fire, purposeful, turned on, easy, fun, unstoppable?

A friend and advisor, Bill Levac, shared a piece of wisdom I'd like to share with you. It's really the essence of what's required to create anything you want in your life. It's the Intention-Attention-No Tension formula.

Intention: consciously stating what you choose to create in your life. This is the first step in manifesting it.

Attention: give attention on what you choose to create in your life. It will begin to show up.

No Tension: when you are open to what is appearing this moment, you allow the Universe or God or whatever your Higher Power is to move through you and things start manifesting.

I am a career and life coach and I live in Denver. On one of my

frequent visits to Crestone I connected with a wonderful intuitive healer & acupuncturist Cheyenne Mendel. She asked me if I'd come back to Crestone to talk. She said, "I just want your energy here for the people in Crestone to experience." She offered her office space for the workshop. I had just completed a coaching training program called The Passion Test. This program helped me connect to my true passions one of which is to "inspire others to discover their greatness." I had been wondering how to get out the word about this wonderful tool and a miracle (being invited to speak here in Crestone "out of the blue") occurred with no effort on my part except to be present and in integrity with my feelings.

If you'd like to add this powerful tool to your life, please consider joining us for The Passion Test Workshop Saturday, July 19 from 10-1pm at Casa Del Soul, 171 S. Alder, Crestone, CO 81131. The price is \$49/person and we have spaces for 20 participants. First come first served. Sign up at www.victoriatraviscoaching.com on the Crestone tab. Call my office at 720-535-6433 for more information.



Pilgrims on the Camino de Crestone, 2014.

The Camino de Crestone: now international

The Camino de Crestone is now an international interfaith pilgrimage. Ten pilgrims—two women from Canada, a pair of sisters from Arkansas, a part-time Crestone resident from New Hampshire, a Coloradan from Frazer, and four locals—made the June 14-21 pilgrimage, visiting 16 spiritual centers. Our ages ranged from 20-70: three generations. We had no rain, and winds often rendered the mosquitoes ineffective. Sunny without being hot, June is a great time for pilgrimage here. We did use lots of sunscreen. And on Father's Day, we celebrated the birthdays of two of our pilgrims, with another marking his 46th wedding anniversary (He phoned his wife twice.)

The mantra of this first Camino of the year was flexibility, as the Camino's many moving parts necessitated four schedule shifts. Having to be creative and open, the Camino de Crestone, as a result, has grown more supple so as to continue offering the finest of opportunities for personal growth.

Also, the possibility now exists for a "Personal Camino" and for "Special Caminos". Someone wishing to more thoroughly investigate the deeper nature of Crestone can now pick up a *Personal Camino Guidebook* (as well as an MP3 audio tour) at Crestone (next to Elephant Cloud Market) and walk the Camino pilgrimage trail by her/himself. (However, unless pre-arranged, solo pilgrims will not be staying with or receiving teachings at the various centers, though the Camino audio-tour is available.) The 36-mile Camino is marked by signs with the familiar spiral Camino de Crestone logo, as well as with yellow-tipped stakes and rock cairns. Someone walking alone could easily make the pilgrimage circuit in less than the usual seven days.

Special Caminos are for groups whose purpose in coming to Crestone utilizes the spiritual centers, but perhaps in a different format than the traditional Camino de Crestone. The Special Camino possibility began in early May. Matt Flickstein brought fifteen meditation teachers to Crestone in order to sit with inspired teachers here every morning for six days, the afternoons being dedicated to various outings—hiking, visiting the Great Sand Dunes, participating in a sweat lodge, enjoying a horseback ride or a hot springs soak.

There is now on the www.caminodecrestone.com website a page explaining the possibility of creating a Camino de Crestone Walkathon—raising funds (via donations for \$1-\$100/mile) to support one or more of a pilgrim's favorite charities.

An August 9-16 Camino is still planned, along with two in September (13-20 and 20-27). Please visit the Camino de Crestone website and/or call 937-7697 if you feel drawn to learn more.

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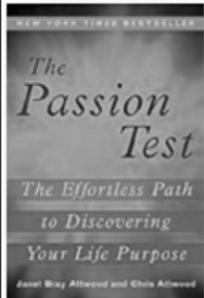
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Who We Are

Living Arts Institute: Bringing together local food, energy and people in artful ways

by Gussie Fauntleroy

It's a vision that has been in the works for at least 10 years: a beautiful, highly functional, solar- and biogas-fueled commercial kitchen at Chokecherry Farm in Crestone, available for use by local cooks and caterers. One of these is Cambodian-born chef Nath (pronounced "Not," short for Kimnath Nou), who for many years has prepared and served her popular Khmer/Southeast Asian Fusion cuisine at various venues around town. Since working with Nath at Crestone's Earthstar Co-Evolution cooperative in 2003, Chokecherry Farm co-owner Nicholas (Nick) Chambers has been promising her that the kitchen would eventually be up and running. Now that day is here.

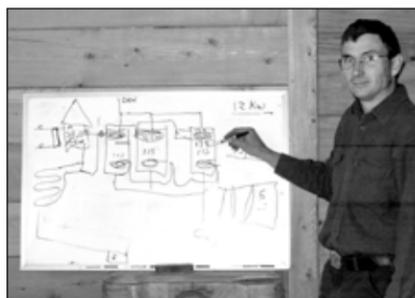
In a reclaimed circa 1910 former homesteader's house tucked away off North Alder Street, the commercially licensed kitchen began operation in early June. Limited-seating plans include Saturday lunch and dinner by Nath, and Sunday brunch by Lynette and Scott Tieder, whose full-service catering and food preparation business is called OFIA—Our Food is Art. Communal, separate and outdoor tables seat up to 15 at a time for meals featuring fresh local and Colorado grown and produced organic ingredients with gluten free options. Nath's most-requested dishes are among those served, including chicken curry, Vietnamese lemongrass soup, and Pad Thai with a tamarind sauce that requires lengthy preparation time.

At OFIA Sunday brunches, professionally trained chef Scott Tieder presents his culinary specialties—omelets and smoked and braised meats among them—while Lynette contributes an ever-changing selection of baked goods, pies, casseroles and soups. The duo has many years of food preparation experience, including catering for groups as large as 150. Their repertoire ranges from vegan and gluten free to full-on buttery/creamy French cuisine. Walking and biking to these weekend seatings is highly encouraged, since parking space is limited.

Fulfilling a mission

For Nick, who spearheads the "commissary kitchen" as director of the Living Arts Institute (living-

artsinstitute.net), the venture represents the embodiment of the Institute's mission: to build and operate a community-based resource that incorporates sustainable, integrated methods of fresh food sourcing and energy production and use. The facility is fully reliant on solar for domestic hot water and space heat. By late summer the kitchen and the Chambers' adjacent home will also be partly fueled by an on-site biomass digestion system that converts food waste, manure and other organic residuals into methane-rich biogas, with a byproduct of soil-



Talmath Lakai leads a solar thermal workshop as part of Living Arts Institute's workshop series. Talmath grew up in Crestone and as a kid would come to the old house and "straighten the curtains," as he puts it. Other youth knew it as the "paint-ball house." photo by Nick Chambers



The late great Safyia Balekin awarding Nick some micro-funding from Crestone Peak to help get the commercial kitchen certified, on May 1, 2012. photo by Alicia Chambers

ready compost. Nick, who serves as adjunct instructor at Santa Fe Community College's Biofuels Lab, also has been working on a feasibility study in grid-tied woodchip gasifica-



Principal partners in the Living Arts Institute kitchen, from left to right: Slim Wolfe, who contributed many days of carpentry, good allegories, and many laughs; Nick Chambers; Alycia Chambers; Austrian WOOFER, cabinetmaker, and knife maker Lukas; Lynette Tieder of Our Food is Art (Scott was absent for photo); jack-of-all-trades Paul Grice; and legendary pad thai artist Nath. "Thank you to all the people who have helped make this a reality over the years—you know who you are," Nick says. photo by Avery Chambers



The old house at 459 North Alder St. after 20 years of abandonment. Photo taken June 15, 2004. photo by Alicia Chambers



The old homestead house, as it is today. The house, which lay abandoned for 20 years before the Chambers acquired it, was restored board by board, with some sections torn down completely. photo by Nick Chambers

tion for the production of electricity, heat and biochar.

For the past 10 years Nick and Alycia and LAI assistants, including WWOFFers (Willing Workers on Organic Farms) from various countries, have cultivated an acre of irrigated land and operated various food-related projects. Among these: a CSA (community supported agriculture), chicken, turkey and egg sales, a micro-dairy, and educational workshops. Nick currently is a rep for the Denver-area-based company, SOURCE Local Foods, serving customers from Del Norte to Summit County by providing the freshest Colorado foods. He also works with SOURCE's parent company, recycOil, which collects used cooking oil from around the state for biodiesel production. Alycia serves the Crestone community as a certified registered midwife, herbalist, cheese maker, part time Crestone Charter School teacher and musician, and is mother to 14-year-old Avery and 11-year-old Isabella.

The art of sustainable living

Helping establish an economic infrastructure for sustainable food and energy production is central to Nick's vision with the Living Arts Institute. So is beauty and art. The LAI kitchen was designed with timber frame and strawbale construction, stone tile counters and tile mosaics on the wall over the range. "We want it to be an artistic experience, to accompany and inspire the people making food," Nick says. After the Chambers purchased the Chokecherry property in 2004, the LAI team gradually dismantled the old homestead house board by board and rewired, insulated and rebuilt it, incorporating wood they milled on site, some of which was hauled from



Interior of house before renovation.

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Workshop with Sofia Diaz at the Ashram from July 23-26 on the "Inner and Outer Fire." (concurrent children's program too!)



Friends from Crestone, Auromesa, and Auroville, in the Solar Dome.

Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

June is an exciting month with the arrival of our new murti (marble statue) of Old Haidakhan Babaji. This was one of the original murtis blessed by Babaji in 1977. It graced the Babaji Ashram that existed for many years on the Big Island of Hawaii. This ashram disbanded over ten years ago and the founder of it feels it is time for the murti to live at another ashram, we are deeply grateful. We have had celebrations, pujas, and fire ceremonies each place that I have stopped on my travels back to the ashram in Crestone. The culminating one was our new-moon fire ceremony at the ashram last week.

We are looking forward to our annual Family Week and Workshop with Sofia Diaz. This year it will run from Wednesday, July 23 and complete on Saturday, July 26 with our new-moon fire ceremony, which will be at 11am instead of our normal 10am, followed by a meal. We will have free programs for children 3 years old and older each day from 10am until 1pm. (Saturday the hours will be from 9am until noon, which includes the fire ceremony.) There is the requirement that the children have a parent or guardian on the premise during the program. The parents may sign up to attend the incredible workshop by world-renowned facilitator, Sofia Diaz. This year the topic of the workshop will be "The Sacred Fire, Within and Without." These workshops are always life-transforming and run concurrently with the children's program. The suggested donation for the workshop is \$108 with some partial scholarships

available. Please call the Ashram with questions and to register for the children's program and the workshop at 719-256-4108.

Our full-moon fire ceremony this month is on Saturday, July 12 and the new-moon fire ceremony is on Saturday, July 26. The full-moon ceremony begins at 10am and the new-moon at 11am. Both are followed by a meal. To honor the tradition, please arrive freshly bathed, with shoulders and legs covered, and having refrained from eating heavy food that morning (fruits, veges, liquids, yogurt, nuts are all fine to eat). Moon-time for a woman is not the appropriate time to participate in ashram celebrations. Morning aarati is at 7am with evening aarati at 6pm. Each morning at 6:30am there is a paduka puja (washing of Shri Babaji's sandals) in His kutir (just to the west of the temple) followed by chandan.

The Maha Lakshmi Shop is full of wonderful new items from India and is open every day from 10am until 5pm. We invite you to come in and if you mention that you are an *Eagle* reader, we will happily give you a 10% discount on your purchases. We deeply appreciate your support. Our shop website has been updated and you may view many items on-line at <http://mahalakshnishop.wazala.com>.

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

The Sri Aurobindo Learning Center

by Rod Hemsell

Our calendar of summer activities seems to be filling up faster and promising more this season than ever before. Already, garden planting and greenhouse reconstruction have kept the core group busy, and the fairies and devas are singing. But we have more to look forward to than a green harvest, especially in the context of our mission as an educational foundation to offer programs of study in the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. In July we will have a series of Sunday lectures by Rod on the philosophy of religion, based on his course recently completed in Auroville. These will be held from 10-12 in the morning, and then in August he will offer a six-day intensive Savitri Immersion workshop from the 11th to the 16th. This is an annual event and generally includes a wide variety of participatory and therapeutic activities. For registration information please call Brian at 719-256-6010, and for information see www.sriurobindolc.org.

Another resident of Auroville who is from our area, Tia Pleiman from Salida, will offer an Art Therapy Retreat from August 1 to 3, including residential accommodations. To find out more and to register please go to www.createandtransform.org. Both Tia and Rod will also be presenters at the AUM conference which is being held at Auromesa, in Taos, NM, this year from August 8 to 10. This is an annual conference of members of the Sri Aurobindo community from across the US, which is sponsored by a different group or center in a different location each year, and usually includes visitors from the Auroville community who present

their on-going work. This year one of the main presenters is Aviram who originally came to Auroville from Israel and has created a student exchange program that brings a few hundred students each year, from many different countries, to participate in a large reforestation project in S. India, and to learn about Auroville. For more information on this conference please go to www.collaboration.org/aum/2014.

In addition to these special programs and activities, we have remodelled Savitri House and made the center library available to the community. Visitors are now welcome to come in and read the books, and also to meditate in the Savitri Solar Dome. We have regular Tuesday evening readings and a potluck dinner from 6-9pm to which all students of the yoga of Sri Aurobindo are welcome. Our retreat and guest facilities are also available to any spiritual groups or organizations, seasonally, and may be scheduled in advance by calling 719-256-4917.

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Enjoying Everyday Life with Joyce Meyer



Happiness & Humility: A most unusual pair

Happiness and Humility are two words that don't seem to fit together. They essentially feel like opposites because it hurts to submit to authority and go through humbling situations and seasons of life. But humility really does bring us happiness! I'll tell you why.

A humble person has the freedom to be wholly and completely who they are. They don't have to impress anybody. They don't feel pressured to be perfect or see themselves in competition with other people. They simply want to be the best version of them that they can be.

And that's what God wants for you and me. He doesn't see one person as more important than another. He gives us each the gifts and talents that we possess, as well as our privileges and position in life. It all comes from Him! So whether we are highly gifted in some area or we have an impressive job title, we are no more valuable to God than someone who seems to have fewer talents or whose work seems insignificant based on a worldly viewpoint.

Meekness, which is a form of humility, is another word that's often misunderstood. A lot of people think it means weakness, or letting other people walk all over you. But meekness is actually strength under control. It's leaning on God to get you through tests and trials that, without His help, would be impossible for you to get through. I think it's encouraging to know that God would never ask us to humble ourselves if He hadn't done so first.

Jesus is our great example of meekness.

Jesus was wholly God. He had no sin or worldly defects. Yet He humbled Himself and became human so that God's work could be carried out in the earth.

Jesus humbled Himself to the fullest . . . but look what happened.

God exalted Jesus to the highest place of honor in Heaven. And when you and I humble ourselves to carry out His plan, God lifts us up, too.

The Bible says that humility comes before honor and pride goes before destruction (Proverbs 15:33;

16:18). And from time to time, we can expect God to test us in the area of humility.

Maybe someone you know has disrespected you or mistreated you and you'd love to get them back, but you're doing the right thing and waiting on God, praying prayers of blessings over them, because you trust God to bring about justice in your life.

We need these kinds of situations salt-and-peppered into our life every now and then. There's something about human beings. We just can't seem to stay humble if all we have are blessings and success, because we start to think it's all about us!

Out of all of the Christian virtues, humility is probably the most difficult to develop. It's something that has to be worked into us, just like a seed needs to be watered and nurtured in order to grow. We need to study humility, spend time with God, and go through tests where we have to apply it. But it's so worth it!

When God asks you to humble yourself time and time again and you feel like there's absolutely no way you can continue to do it, lean on Him to receive the strength you need.

God has so much that He wants to do in your life. He wants to give you favor and bless you in amazing ways. But first, we've got to humble ourselves. We've got to show Him that we'll do whatever He asks us to do with those blessings. Otherwise we run the risk of hurting other people, rather than helping them see the beauty of the loving, faithful, giving God that we serve.

Humble yourself . . . and at the right time, God will lift you to a place of extraordinary freedom.

New provider at the Moffat Clinic: Teresa Loftin, MD joins Valley-Wide

Teresa Loftin, MD has recently joined the Moffat Family Medical Center. Dr. Loftin is board-certified in Family Medicine, and she will see the full scope of patients including infants and children.

Originally from Oklahoma, Dr. Loftin relocated to Buena Vista, Colorado with her husband and two sons in 2011. For three years she has worked at a family medicine clinic owned by the Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center (HRRMC). Prior to that Dr. Loftin worked at the HRRMC and St. Vincent Hospital in Leadville.

Dr. Loftin was in private practice for eight years in Oklahoma. She has also practiced medicine at a Cherokee Nation health center in Stilwell, OK and with a family medicine practice in Fayetteville, AR. Dr. Loftin earned her medical degree at the University of Kansas School of Medicine and did her internship at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin, TX. She completed her residency in family medicine with the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Residency Program in Fayetteville, AR. The AHEC program serves as the main educational outreach of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and helps train physicians and other healthcare professionals to serve in rural areas.

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Retrospective Gallery opens in Salida

Retrospective Gallery, which opened in Salida in April, hopes to be unlike any other in the area. It features an eclectic mix of modern art, vintage decor, and hand-painted repurposed furniture. Natalie Kiser, the owner, is a former Greeley resident who moved to Salida with her husband and two children after vacationing here last summer. "We kept coming back to Salida every chance we could get and had a revelation that this is where we should live!" She and her husband, Shannon, love the laid-back atmosphere and friendliness of residents. Their kids, Haedyn, 14, and Seydie, 12, love riding their bikes around town to meet friends, a freedom they did not have in Greeley.

The gallery features pieces by 7 artists including several by Natalie herself. The majority of hers are large scale abstract pour paintings done in acrylic with a resin overlay. Also showcased are several Colorado artists including Father Giovanni DeZorzi, a monk from the monastic community of Our Lady of Saint Laurence. His use of bright colors and everyday themes landed his "Gourd" painting on the cover of *Colorado Central* magazine's June issue.

Jeff Brooks, a photographer from Denver, digitally enhances photographs featuring bicycles and other outdoor themes. Crestone artist Rita Berault's mixed media bejeweled goddesses are a feast for the eyes. Christine Murphy's unique interpretations always invite conversation. Jessica Vogel, owner of Art and Salvage in Salida, displays several large playful pieces featuring her easily recognizable birds and bicycles. Mark Carroll, a photographer from Dallas, shares the beauty he witnesses from his many travels with his bold canvas prints.

Throughout the gallery are retro furniture pieces including a turquoise dining set and a cocktail bar. Also available are vintage and antique pieces which have been reinvented with funky colors. Mid

century lamps, dishes and decor mix playfully among it all. Shoppers can find a small vintage ash-tray or a giant wall-sized painting, offering something for everyone's budget, style and space. The gallery is open from 11-5, Wednesday through Sunday. Please stop by and say "hello!"



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The Salida Dermatology team from left to right: Linda Burton, Office Manager; Sheree Beddingfield, PA-C; and Poppy Thorpe, Medical Assistant.

Salida Dermatology is a full service clinic

Individuals in Crestone with concerns about their skin now have a new option for nearby dermatology care and treatment. Salida Dermatology is the area's newest dermatology full-service clinic and is now open for business Monday through Thursdays. The clinic's founder, D. Sheree Beddingfield, PA-C, and her team provide high quality skin cancer prevention, detection and treatment—as well as treatment for rashes, acne, and other skin conditions. Salida Dermatology also provides cosmetic dermatology services and a line of specially formulated natural skin care products.

Ms. Beddingfield opened the doors to her clinic in early 2014 to provide additional options to area residents with skin concerns. The focus of her business is on helping patients find solutions to their skin concerns within the context of a caring and supportive environment. "I spend the time it takes with each patient to understand their problems and needs. That's a priority for me because when a person is educated on their diagno-

sis and treatment options they can take an active role in their care," says Ms. Beddingfield.

As an area resident for nearly ten years, Ms. Beddingfield is experienced in skin cancer prevention and treatment, as well as cosmetic procedures, and has been practicing in Salida since 2006. She received her undergraduate degree from The University of Texas at Austin in 1996 and attended the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston for PA school, where she graduated with honors in 2002.

She is active in the community, participating in health fairs, education and outreach, skin screenings, and has provided volunteer dermatology services at the People's Clinic. She is an active board member and volunteer for the Alliance against Domestic Abuse in Chaffee County.

For more information visit www.salidadermatology.com. For more information or to make an appointment, contact 719-539-5338. Salida Dermatology accepts all major insurances, and provides self-pay options as well.



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INTEGRATE mind•body•fitness in Salida is a holistic wellness center helping the San Luis Valley improve and maintain optimal health and well-being. We bring together a group of holistic practitioners with a vision to educate, inspire, and support the community. Our team helps to facilitate the personal growth of our clients, educating and empowering them to take a more preventative and active role in their own health care. Our goal is to create a truly unique wellness experience that will leave you feeling healthy, renewed, and aware.

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Our facility also includes a functional training gym, locker rooms, eucalyptus steam room, ionic foot bath, and a far-infrared sauna. The gym focuses on supporting each other through class-based fitness, offering Cross-Fit/Monkey Bar Gym fitness classes, along with rotating specialty classes like yoga, Feldenkrais, Zumba, and kickboxing. INTEGRATE is the San Luis Valley's one-stop-shop for health and wellness.

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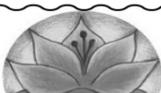
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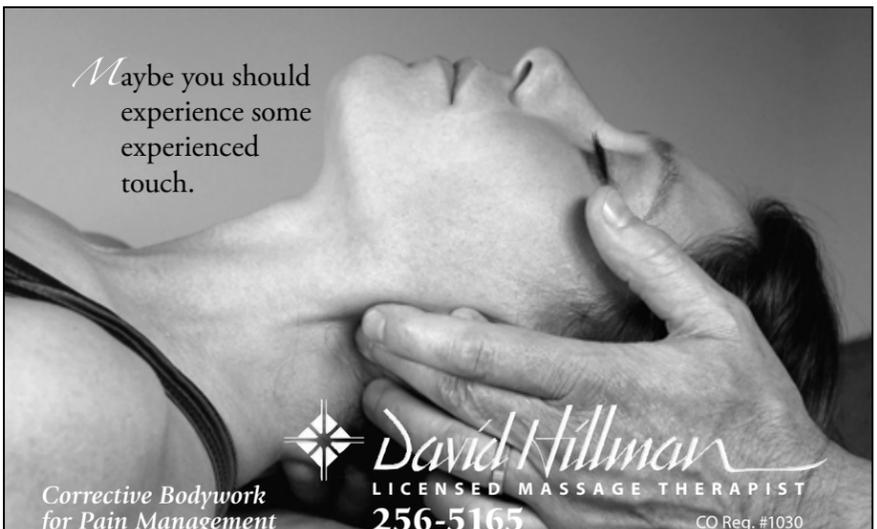
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Mirage Espresso & Ice Cream Shop, a community-supported business

by Leigh Mills

Summer is upon us with its hot, long days. There's a new place in Saguache that offers ice cream to cool you down and coffee to keep you going while enjoying the season's activities. The Mirage Espresso and Ice Cream shop is located on the corner of 4th Street and San Juan, tucked behind the 1st SouthWest Bank. Sharon Ray, who also owns the Mirage Trading Co. in Moffat, said she had always wanted to open a coffee shop in Saguache. When Lindy McDaniel of Saguache Works offered the space to her, "It was an offer I couldn't refuse", says Sharon.

Saguache Works is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping revitalize downtown Saguache. Marge Hoglin, also of Saguache Works, had a vision to open an ice cream shop and after receiving funding from the Gates Family Foundation and Saguache County Sales Tax award, they remodeled the back of an old building built in 1910, stocked it with equipment, and invited Sharon to start her dream. "It was a total gift," says Sharon "and I'm very grateful for the opportunity."

The renovated space is reminiscent of a 1950's diner with black

and white tiled floors, neat seating, and clean walls decorated with local art. It's an inviting space with reflective coffee mornings and ice-creaming afternoons. There is a game room stocked with board games to play while sipping coffee or eating ice cream, a cozy parlor room in the back and two patio areas where you can hang out and enjoy Saguache's small town atmosphere. It has WIFI too, so you can check your emails or surf. The Mirage Espresso and Ice Cream shop features its signature organic Fair Trade, locally roasted coffee and serves up all natural Boulder Ice Cream which is small Batch Churned™, making it the best ice cream around.

"We opened on Memorial Day weekend," says Sharon "and have been busy every day since." Folks love being able to get ice cream and espresso in town and the Mirage's hours make it convenient to stop by almost any time of day. It's open every day: Sunday-Wednesday 8am-4pm and Thursday-Saturday 8am-8pm. Sharon plans to have live music during weekends on the patio this summer and is working on plans for the winter. When you stop in for ice cream or coffee, she would love to hear your ideas.

Retail Marijuana coming to Saguache County

by Lisa Cyriacks

Coming in July! High Valley Retail Cannabis is opening an Adult 21+ recreational retail marijuana center in Moffat Colorado at the location of the former Scenic Station on County Road T at Highway 17. Residents of Colorado can now buy marijuana like alcohol—except the cannabis purchase is limited to an ounce, which is substantial enough to cost about \$300 or more, carrying additional taxes as voted on and approved by voters under Amendment 64.

In addition to cannabis, High Valley Retail Cannabis will offer a full range of edibles, drinks, tinctures, salves and Vape Pens (i.e. portable vaporizers).

Since January 1, 2014, Colorado resident adults age 21 and older can purchase and possess up to one ounce of retail marijuana. Non-residents visiting Colorado can purchase up to 1/4 ounce. Possession rules are the same for all retail marijuana products including edibles. Only licensed retail marijuana stores may legally sell retail marijuana.

High Valley Healing Center on Alder Street in Crestone will continue to serve medical marijuana patients. Summer hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from noon to 5pm. The phone is 719-256-4006 and High Valley Healing in Alamosa is open from 10am to 7pm Monday through Saturday, phone 719-206-3345.

Medical marijuana still requires a red card, which can only be obtained by Colorado residents with a recommendation from a doctor that a patient suffers a debilitating medical condition that may benefit from medical marijuana. For more information about medical marijuana, please contact the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment or contact the Crestone or Alamosa centers.

More information will be posted via posters and signs in July regarding an opening date and hours of operation for the recreational retail marijuana center in Moffat. You can also call High Valley Retail Cannabis at 719-480-7477 for updates. We welcome you and hope you will stop by and visit us soon.



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Living Wisdom survey results

by Burt Wadman on behalf of the Living Wisdom ad hoc committee

We want to thank those who took the time to fill out and return the Living Wisdom Senior's Survey. The level of community interest has been striking, and together with other local initiatives coming to fruition, shows that the Crestone/Baca community is truly alive and well. Some of the questions in the survey were a bit challenging, but a significant number of the over-55 community responded (roughly 14%), and this number constitutes a remarkable rate of response.

The information gleaned from the survey, though preliminary, gives a first snapshot of the seniors' community, and will help to shape the development strategy for the creation of an independent and assisted living solution in the Crestone/Baca area.

A 2009 survey found that 39% of the Crestone/Baca community is over age 65. Based on that percentage we can project a senior popu-

lation of between 500-550 persons. The return of 75 surveys allows a high degree of confidence in the results. The average age of respondents was 65.6 years. Three-fourths of the surveys returned were from women and one-quarter from men. Summarized below are the key results:

Q: Is a senior living facility needed in the Crestone/Baca? 79%, or 4 out of 5 respondents said it is "definitely" or "very definitely" needed.

Q: If such a facility were available here, could you see yourself living there? Almost half (47%) answered that they could "definitely" or "very definitely" see themselves living there. Another 26% could see it as a possibility.

Q: Where would you envision the senior living facility being located? 70% said in or near Crestone; 16% said in the Baca; and 10% said in the Desert Sage area.

Q: If you contemplate a

time when you might need an assisted living environment, how likely are you to want to live in the Crestone/Baca? 60% of respondents indicated that they "definitely" or "very definitely" would want to live here. Another 31% would favor staying in the Crestone/Baca.

Q: If you see yourself as a resident of the Living Wisdom Community, how far in the future do you imagine your need or desire? Of those surveyed, 51 (68%) responded to this question. Of that number 76% answered that it would be 7-10 years before they would expect to need or desire a senior facility. This response tells us two things: (1) that these respondents represent an active segment of the senior population, and (2) that now is an ideal time to begin planning for a facility to meet these needs. Of course the sooner a facility were to become available the better.

Q: What is your level of confidence that you have financial resources to fund your crowning years? 38% were "definitely" or "very definitely" confident. An

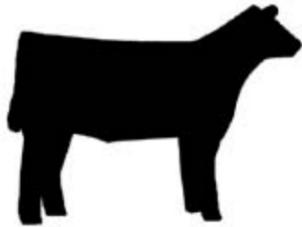
additional 41% were reasonably confident. This response is encouraging and is an indication of the potential viability of the project.

Lastly, in terms of type and size of dwelling, respondents indicated a preference of "cottage" type housing over "cluster" type housing by a margin of 3 to 1; and a preference for one-bedroom units over studio type units also by 3 to 1. 15% said they would prefer 2 bedroom units. These responses suggest the need for an appropriate balance of unit types and sizes to meet the community's needs.

Taken together the findings form a picture that is very useful in the initial planning phase. Further analysis, including an in-depth market study, will be required, but already the community's needs, preferences and capabilities are emerging. This is a great start, and we are grateful to all those who returned the survey. We will be continuing to make periodic updates as the project progresses. In the meantime we invite seniors to contact Barbara Hoepfner (256-4320) or Vivia Lawson (480-9384) for more information.

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SLV history to be dramatized by youths

by Anne Severn Williamson,
playwrite & author

Something wonderful is happening in Saguache County this July! Anyone interested in the history of the valley will enjoy a very special theatrical presentation under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Drake. Local students will have the opportunity to bring history to life! Articipate, the Saguache Community Theater Company, and Moffat Consolidated Schools are hosting a summer theatre camp July 7-13 with two remarkable performances as part of the camp experience. The shows will be on Saturday, July 12 at 5pm & Sunday, July 13 at 2pm. The classes and performances will be held at the Moffat School. As the playwrite for the summer theater camp, I encourage everyone to attend the camp show *Valley Echoes*. The play will cover Saguache County history from approximately 1830-1930. Students will be enacting their ancestors on stage. The show will start with Ute Chief Ouray and end with Saguache's clever Prohibition sheriff Slim Paul.

Present day concerns with conservation and environmental restoration are rooted in the past. The show is a sweeping tribute to changes in the San Luis Valley due to shifting attitudes and practices of western civilization. When your

great-grandfather is on stage, you get goose bumps, maybe even a tear or two in your eye. Suddenly, your own life makes more sense.

Compassion is born from visiting the past. Restoring and maintaining the San Luis Valley depends upon our collective understanding of just how much the ecology has changed in the past 150 years.

I encourage students from the Moffat Consolidated School District to attend the summer theatre camp. Virginia Drake has done a terrific job in pulling all this together. She will be directing the play and leading the camp. The Saguache Historical Museum and the Hazard House Museum hosted a sneak preview of *Valley Echoes* on Memorial Day weekend. The theatrical event in the garden of the Hazard House was a smashing success! There is great interest in local history throughout the valley.

The summer theater camp is open to 4th through 12th grade actors and actresses. The play is a series of monologues connected by two very special narrators. I will be teaching a series of exercises called Preparation for Movement along with basic choreography for the show. "Prep" has been successfully used to train professional Broadway stars. It will be a delight to share this top notch movement technique for actors, dancers, and singers with local students this July.

The cost of the camp is only \$25. Students may apply for scholarships at Articipate.net. Mark your calendars for the week of July 7-13, and invite your family and friends to the premiere of *Valley Echoes*! Students must be available to attend the camp every day and perform in both presentations. Transportation from Saguache, Center, and Crestone is available through the support of local schools. This will be a very special cooperative effort involving kids from Center, Moffat, Crestone, and Saguache. Student theatrical experiences change lives for the better, enhancing education and self-esteem.

See you there!



Magnum, Jess, and Kaleigh enjoy a weekend getaway from Denver at the North Crestone Campground, hangin' out and relaxin' by the creek. photo by Lori Nagel

Girls Activation Initiation Alliance (GAIA) Camp to be held in July

by Lisa Bodey

Over the last 6 months, Lyndsay Rose and I have had the opportunity to collaborate through Crestone Creative Council (CCC) on a girls' dance class to encourage support and empowerment of young women. It has been a thrill to see self-confidence and body image improve through fun and engaging classes and discussions. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our bellydance debut performance at the Sacred World Dances Fundraiser. We greatly appreciate all of the community's support attending the event and making donations to enable us to offer youth camp and program scholarships.

We have been so inspired by this work together that we decided to take it one step deeper and offer a new camp called GAIA (Girls Activation Initiation Alliance) Camp. CCC and E3KFM will partner to host this overnight camp for girls, ages 13-18, from July 15-19. We will encourage self-exploration through:

- Empowerment Training
- Expressive Arts
- Rites of Passage
- Inner & Outer Elemental Awareness
- Social Action

The young women participating will be guided to find their own unique way of expressing themselves in the world as they discover what makes them beautiful and powerful beings. Issues like body image, nutrition, conflict management, and healthy boundaries are part of a girl's experience growing up, and this camp will offer them support for navigating their life's journey.

This will be an overnight camp hosted on Manitou Foundation land in the Baca. The cost for the camp is \$450 which includes lodging, meals & supplies. Partial scholarships and work trade options are available for Saguache County youth. If you would like more information or to register, please contact: Lyndsay Rose 719-480-0822 or lyndsayrosed@gmail.com OR Lisa Bodey 719-480-5925 or bodeycrestone@gmail.com.

CCC will also begin a new Martial Arts class for youth 13-24 years of age. Classes will run on Wednesdays in July from 4:30-6pm at the Crestone Community Building. Doors will open at 4pm for snacks and preparation. We are delighted to have Karl Grose as our instructor.

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The Senior Class of 2014, on the night of their senior prank! They were tickled to get the car inside the building and were anxious to see how the junior class was going to get it back outside and clean up the chaos they left behind!



A retirement cake and reception was held in May for long-time Moffat preschool aide, Gretchen Haller. Congratulations and enjoy your retirement Gretchen!



Kristian Tran-Harrell and Tony Chavez are pictured here reciting the National Honor Society Oath. The Induction Ceremony and dinner was held on May 8 for the two new inductees, family members and returning NHS members, Renee Freel, Ellyon Williamson and Megan Gillespie. Keep up the good work!

Moffat Middle School travels to Glenwood Springs

Codie Heikes: Planning the trip

This past August the sixth and seventh grade class discussed going on an end-of-the-year trip. We decided that if each kid saved ten dollars a month we would be able to afford a trip to the caverns in Glenwood Springs. We had a class meeting every month to discuss the trip to make sure that we were doing well in school, were sticking to good behavior and that we all were earning the money to go. By the end of the year each student had earned and saved the required amount and we were able to go to Glenwood Caverns. On the way up to the caverns we were able to stop at the National Ski Hall of Fame Museum to talk with a 10th Mountain veteran named Sandy Treat.

Sheridan Taylor: The National Mining Museum in Leadville

On our middle school trip we stopped along the way and took a

tour of the National Mining Museum in Leadville. There were many fantastic things there, but I enjoyed the diorama room the best. In this room there were little dioramas that would explain how they would work the mine as well as dioramas showing the type of equipment they used when mining. It was a very interesting tour.

Maori Baca: National Mining Museum, a must see

On the second day we went to a National Mining Museum in Leadville. The mining museum was full of many models and rocks, but the part that interested me the most was the replica of an old mining cave. They re-created an old cave that had actual dirt and realistic tracks in the ground that they laid. They did a really good job of molding the walls that gave the cave a lot of realism as well. I really enjoyed how the museum put a lot of effort and excitement into the tour and everything they

talked to us about.

Kyle Roof: A visit with veteran Sandy Treat

Sandy Treat is an amazing man in his 90s who told about his service in the 10th Mountain Division. He told us a lot of what they endured, what they carried, their weapons and materials, and the training they went through. We were told that they carried 90 pounds of gear on their backs. They went through tough trainings in order to be able to go fight in the war. The primary place they were stationed in was Camp Hale, located in the Pando Valley of Colorado. Before the war they went through a training called D Series which was a 6-week-long training in the high mountain country. D Series happened to be during one of the harshest winters in Colorado history. They endured so much during the D Series trainings that one person purposely broke his leg so he didn't have to continue on with the brutal training.

The 10th Mountain Division was largely responsible for breaking



Moffat High School's graduation ceremony, held on May 24, for the students pictured here: Anthony Chavez, Jared Sheppard, Zeven Garcia, Megan Gillespie and Hannah Sheppard. Good Luck Class of 2014!

the German Gothic line and pushing the Nazis out of Italy and back to Germany, thus helping end the war. Without these soldiers the war could have continued for several years more than it did and more lives would have been taken as well.



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Moffat high school students attend State History Day

Five Moffat High School students ventured to Denver in early May to take in Colorado History Day on the CU Denver campus at Auraria. We started our trip Friday by taking a different route to Denver through Leadville and then up to I-70. Most of the travelers had not been through the Eisenhower Tunnel so it was quite an experience to see how long a tunnel can be when it goes through an entire mountain. We also drove through the little historic mining town of Georgetown to view the multitude of Victorian homes that remain there.

Once in Denver, we spent the day at the zoo where we saw the new baby leopards and a wide variety of other animals. After checking into the Downtown Comfort Inn, we shopped our way down through the 16th St. stores until it was time for dinner. Everyone enjoyed a great sushi dinner and felt pretty adventurous trying a wide variety of new foods. Later, we strolled down to Larimer Square and visited a great candy store while there. Then it was back to the suite for a movie and finally a little shut-eye.

The next morning we attended the state competition where our own Renee Freel displayed her exhibit on water rights in the San Luis Valley. It was interesting to see the huge variety of displays and the creative works of students from throughout the state. After a quick trip to the Colorado Mills Mall and a stop for lunch at Coney Island Hot Dogs in Bailey it was time for our return home. It was a fun weekend with beautiful weather and great friends!



School's out for the summer!!

Moffat School news

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The men of the 10th Mountain Division lost thousands of their brothers in arms through their service. There is a memorial for them at the base of Cooper Hill where they trained to be soldiers on skis. I see the 10th Mountain Division as heroes in war and we were all amazed by his stories of war.

Alyssa Chavez: The caverns

When we first arrived at Glenwood Caverns after a long ride from



Teacher of the Year Kaley Van Arsdale.

Moffat, it was time for some fun. The gondola ride up the mountain was very fun and slightly scary at the same time, because it was a long way down. The ride made you feel pretty relaxed, despite being so high in the air, so it was a nice getaway.

The alpine slide was the most amazing part of the whole trip. We got to go around the corners so fast it could be described as unbelievable.

The zip-line was super fun too! It was a very short ride when you're on it but it sure was a treat. You can go backwards at an incredible speed and forward even faster on the zip-line. We all played in two games of laser tag and we all had a blast.

We went on The Giant Canyon Swing, which was probably the most exciting part of the day. It starts out slow and then you realize how high off of the edge of the canyon you are and the shock sets in. I was screaming so loud, yet all of my friends said they could only see my expression and couldn't hear my screams. I have to admit that I was scared there for a moment or two during the ride, and it will forever be a memorable event etched into my mind.

I will never forget the rides at Glenwood, nor the entire trip to be honest. This trip was definitely one of the best times I've had in my life.

Marissa Heikes: Glenwood Caverns

We got done riding the swing and went to the cave. The cave was called Glenwood Caverns but they used to be called the Fairy Caves.

The first spot we went to was "The Barn" it was so big and was full of stalagmites and stalactites. Stalagmites are made up of calcium deposits from water to form the mound. Stalactites are like icicles hanging from the ceiling and are also made up of calcium deposits from the water dripping from the ceiling. The reason the stalagmites and stalactites are formed is because of the high humidity and the water from the humidity slowly forms the stalactites and stalagmites. There are also some stalactites called the Wedding Cake and ones representing Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The reason why they're called Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is because there is one big stalactite next to seven small stalagmites and the reason one is called the Wedding Cake is because it resembles a big cake with many layers.

Max Zapel-Ewy: Million-year formation

The Glenwood Fairy cave was very interesting cave. It started forming millions of years ago from limestone. Acidic water ate away at the stones making caves. Water carried minerals onto the walls making stalactites and stalagmites.

In the late 1900s it was discovered. It was sold twice and then turned into a park for many to enjoy. A few years later we arrived.

Isiah Wellman: Kings Row

There were a lot of sections in the Fairy Caves in Glenwood Springs, but the section called Kings Row was the coolest. It was the darkest; when the lights were turned out you could not see the person in front of you. My favorite stalactite by far was the Travelocity Gnome. There were many more cool caves, like the Castle and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The Glenwood Caverns was the best trip yet!

Phoenix Carter: Swimming in Glenwood Springs

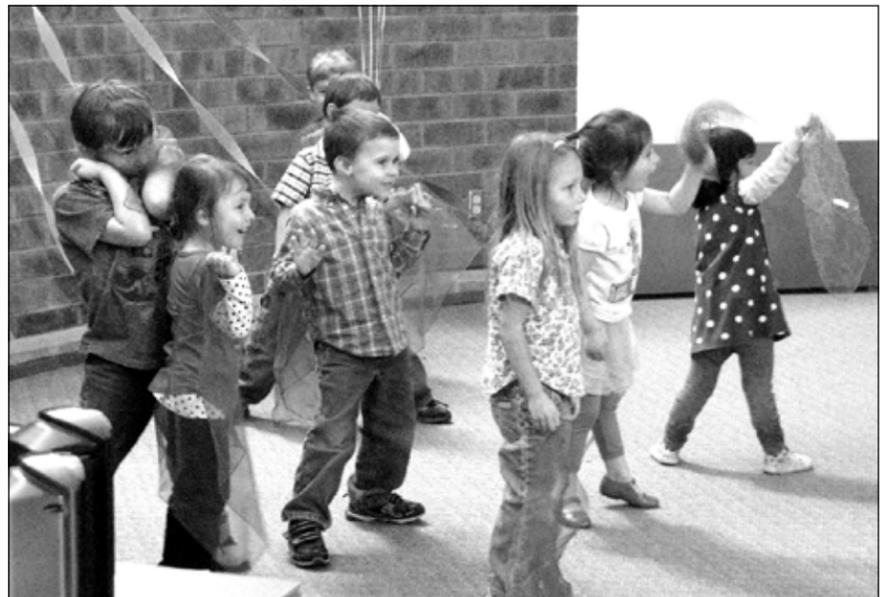
We went swimming at the Glenwood Hotel pool and it was fun. It had a cool water slide to slide down and the water was warm and delightful. There was a big mushroom too, that sprinkled water out of it like a shower. It also had a basket-

Crestone Charter School welcomes science teacher Ryan Jones

This fall the Crestone Charter School will welcome a new middle school science teacher to its team! Ryan Johns comes to us from Denver where he most recently held a position as the Program Manager for the Colorado Mountain Club's (CMC) Youth Education Program. During his time at the CMC he helped teach and coordinate the lessons for mountain-related science curriculum to students across the Front Range as well as managed a successful outdoor education and rock climbing summer camp program. Ryan has also taught science for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science as an Outreach Educator and various outdoor adventure and primitive skills programs. Ryan's ability to make real and heartfelt connections with youth as well as his genuine interest in teaching all things science-related makes him a great fit for the Crestone Charter School. Ryan will be moving to Crestone with his wife Rian Johns (that's right they both have the same name!) and their 2 children Adela, age 3.5, and Ezra, age 1.5. Please help us in welcoming the newest member of our Charter School community!



Ryan Johns will be the new science teacher for the Crestone Charter School middle school.



The Moffat preschool students performed a dance for their parents on their last day of school in May.

ball hoop near the edge so we could play basketball in the water.

There was another pool too, but it wasn't at the hotel, it was the famous sulphur hot springs pool in Glenwood Springs. It had two gigantic long swimming pools. There are stories from a long time ago that someone had actually driven a vehicle into the pool. I thought the pools in Glenwood were awesome!

Mikey Richardson: A hot spot for celebrities

On our trip to Glenwood, we took a tour of the Hotel Colorado. The Hotel Colorado is a 6-story ho-

tel modelled after a 16th-century Renaissance castle. It has housed many of our fine presidents, along with a few actors and celebrities throughout the years.

They say this pool is the biggest hot springs pool in America. The hot springs has three pools total with each pool's temperature varying in degree from 98°F to the hottest pool at an astounding 148°! I definitely would recommend staying or at least touring the Hotel Colorado if you are ever traveling through Glenwood Springs.

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The Washington Beat

Iraq: The past comes back to haunt us

by David Nicholas

Iraq is the millstone hanging around our neck. The Iraq War changed the perception about America. This war in 2003 was the first carried out under the pre-emptive first strike policy. It was announced by Bush43 on June 1, 2002 at the commencement ceremony at West Point. It wasn't a war we needed to fight but those extreme right wing hawks and neo-cons, including Vice President Dick Cheney—who betrayed us, who wanted and still craves that the United States should be in a state of permanent war—gave us this disaster.

The way that they pitched this narrative was that invasion would have Iraqis dancing in the streets to greet us, while we rid the world of a dictator who had a stockpile of "weapons of mass destruction," were the two lies that bedevil us.

Well, now, welcome to imperial hell. The Iraq War's supreme folly was pointed out when the so-called Coalition of the Willing—such as it was—invaded Iraq in March 2003 and failed to find the "weapons of mass destruction." We raised the lid of Pandora's box, which once opened is impossible to close. The furies are not forgiving, and this folly we embarked on with such hubris in 2003 has come back to haunt us as a stunning failure in judgment which cost us dearly in blood—over 4700 killed—and treasure—over \$1 trillion, which in the end has been all for naught.

So if you watched the punditry on the Sunday talk shows in last two weeks of June, you saw the war hawks and neo-cons who gave us the Iraq War emerge from the woodwork and blame this fiasco on President Obama. Senator John McCain (R-AZ) had the temerity to call Iraq a victory that the President let slip from our grasp and said so on CNN's State of the Union, Sunday June 15. Others who advocated this folly were on the front foot. These included National Review editor Bill Kristol on ABC's This Week; neo-con Paul Wolfowitz was on NBC's Meet The Press; and former Veep Dick Cheney was on Fox News attempting to con-

trol the narrative that this mess was the President's fiasco.

These people should be on trial at the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity but they walk free. Instead, they have raised the heat on President Obama to act and interfere in Iraq's domestic implosion. Mr. Obama must be kicking himself that, when he had the chance to refer the prior administration of Bush43 to the ICC, he chose to put it behind him. Big mistake, that, but strangely enough, the opportunity to put these people behind bars for the rest of their lives may yet present itself.

At the moment, this is how this travesty is playing.

ISIL/ISIS

Because it wasn't news that the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL as the administration refers to this force) or alSham/Syria (ISIS as the media refers to it) launched a rolling advance on cities and towns. Earlier this year they had taken control of two major cities in the center of Anwar province, Fallujah and Ramadhi. At that time, ISIL was downplayed as a rag-tag group. Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki assured the world they would be quelled and the towns brought back under Iraqi control by the superior Iraqi National Army. The Iraqi army, fully funded and equipped by us. But it never happened; ISIL has controlled these cities since January.

Beginning June 9, ISIL moved quickly with well-planned strikes on other cities in Anwar province.

Within ten days ISIL captured major cities in northwestern Iraq: Mosul—the second largest city in Iraq—fell without a fight; then followed Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's home town, then Samorra. Days later the border town of Tel Afar was lost, then Baiji, which has the largest oil refinery in northern Iraq, and Baquba. At time of writing the Iraqi government claims it's retaken Tel Afar, Baiji and Baquba, but the information is suspect, clouded by the



fog of war.

Northwest Iraq is the Sunni portion of Tripartite Mesopotamia, as I call it. For Iraq's national government, it's a massive screw-up.

For a year ISIL was perceived as just one group fighting Bashar al-Assad's Syrian Army and a group that both Defense Secretary Hagel and SecStat John Kerry declared were bad. Hagel and Kerry were quite intent that ISIL didn't receive US military aid. Last year all the effort was about Geneva2 and who should sit at the table of those failed talks.

All the while ISIL was expanding, attracting foreign fighters—operating under the imperial radar—and receiving massive funding from powerful Sunni Gulf states Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Abu Dhabi. So when ISIL captured the cities of Fallujah and Ramadi it was a surprise, but at that point it was perceived their main thrust was the fighting in Syria. How wrong that assessment was.

Why the attacks in early June came as such a shock was that the Iraqi army garrisoned in those cities collapsed and fled without firing so much as a shot and left those cities undefended. The Mosul occupation had an estimated 500,000 refugees heading for Iraqi Kurdistan, which patrols its own territory.

So while the ISIL forces are within an hour's driving distance from Baghdad, it's unlikely they will take that city head-on. The Grand Ayatollah of Iraq Ali Sistani and Shiite cleric Moktadr al-Sadr called on the Shia militias to re-arm and defend the city. Within hours the weapons the Shia militias had put away in 2004 on orders from the cleric had appeared and were ready to fight street by street if necessary. As well, the Iraqi army garrisoned in Baghdad is Shia and so defense will be heavy if it comes to that. What they expect is car bombs and IED detonations, which is pretty realistic. Just to prove that assessment accurate, a bomb in al-Sadr City—a Baghdad suburb—went off, killing 12.

Imperial embarrassment and a five-point plan

Faced with the disarray and chaos in Iraq which has marked the last few weeks, ten imperial powers have been wringing their hands over courses of action. There is not much that forces outside Iraq can do, and President Obama announced on June 19 a five-point plan. He announced steps to help Iraq's Shiite government not to cave in due to the massive collapse of its defense forces in northwestern Iraq. What's worse, it's not a given that anything he has proposed will change the outcome of this catastrophe.

The points are:

First, to secure our embassy and personnel operating inside of Iraq. That we can manage.

Second, he directed our agen-

cies to significantly increase our intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance assets so that we've got a better picture of what's taking place inside of Iraq. This will give us a greater understanding—a more accurate picture—of what ISIL is doing, where it's located and how we might support efforts to counter its threat. It's what we do well and it won't cost us an arm and a leg.

But now comes the tricky bits and it should raise in us a sense of foreboding.

Third, the United States will continue to increase US support to Iraqi security forces. It calls for the creation of operation centers in Baghdad and northern Iraq. The aim is to share intelligence and coordinate planning to confront the terrorist threat of ISIL. Using the new Counterterrorism Partnership Fund, Mr. Obama is prepared to work with Congress to provide additional equipment.

While the US has had advisers in Iraq working through our hmongous US embassy, we will send a small number of additional American military advisers—up to 300—to assess how we can best train, advise and support Iraqi security forces going forward. This is Vietnam redux circa 1962, when we first sent military advisors to Saigon.

Quoting the President, "Fourth, in recent days we've positioned additional U.S. military assets in the region. Because of our increased intelligence resources, we're developing more information about potential targets associated with ISIL, and going forward, we will be prepared to take targeted and precise military action if and when we determine that the situation on the ground requires it. If we do, I will consult closely with Congress and leaders in Iraq and in the region. I want to emphasize, though, that the best and most effective response to a threat like ISIL will ultimately involve partnerships where local forces like Iraqis take the lead."

That's gnarly to put it politely; it's complicated and convoluted and it's obscure to us, as it's meant to be. There are fine lines being crossed and it looks like drone strike justification to this viewer. This is the President's preferred method of elimination of US enemies. He's been doing drone strikes in Pakistan for last three years.

Finally, the US will lead a diplomatic effort to work with Iraqi leaders and the countries in the region to support stability in Iraq. SecStat Kerry departed for Iraq two days later for meetings in the Middle East and Europe, where he consulted with our "allies and partners."

But the President added this touch. He said, "And just as all Iraqis' neighbors must respect Iraq's territorial integrity, all of Iraq's neighbors have a vital interest in ensuring that Iraq does not descend

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into civil war or become a safe haven for terrorists.”

Well, that remains to be seen. Already the situation is out of control and the effort at time of writing is to regain control of the situation, which is still being dictated by ISIL.

Mainly it's left up to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to work out the options in this crisis. He has requested drone strikes from the US, and at time of writing the Obama Administration was weighing options on how successful that would be. The ISIL forces are never centered in one place, so if you use drones, what is the likelihood of striking targets without hitting civilians (collateral damage)? It will occur and will be quite high.

Mr. al-Maliki also requested help from his neighbors—meaning Iran and Syria—and so far one has responded. Iran has sent 300 commanders from Quds, the Iran Revolutionary Guard.

The imperial embarrassment for us is that we supported Mr. al-Maliki for so many years, even when he was determined to hold on to power. His Shia government had no intention of admitting Sunnis into his government—mainly because of mistrust stemming from Baath Party rule under Saddam Hussein.

Mr. al-Maliki isn't going to change. He's been waging vengeance against the Sunnis since he assumed the office of Prime Minister eight years ago, so he isn't about to greet them as brothers in common cause. How this plays into the above is a crapshoot. Coming days will tell the tale.

Castro in at HUD

Little had the ink dried in my column about rising stars for 2016 when San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro was nominated by President Obama as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Mayor Castro is getting a seat in President Barack Obama's cabinet. Democrats are getting much more, including a potential 2016 candidate, maybe President or Vice-President. The point is, he's being groomed.

The President made the choice official at the White House yesterday and asked the Senate for speedy confirmation. The President said that Julian Castro has “been focused on revitalizing one of our most wonderful cities. He has become a leader in housing and economic development.”

Politically, it a shrewd move. If Mr. Castro lands on the 2016 ticket—and that's likely now—the party may have a chance of winning Texas and its 38 electoral votes for the first time since Jimmy Carter won there in 1976.

If confirmed, Mr. Castro replaces current HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, who Mr. Obama named to serve as the next director of the Office of Management and Budget. Obama nominated last month his current budget chief, Sylvia Mathews Burwell, to lead the Department of Health and Human Services, succeeding Kathleen Sebelius, who oversaw the troubled rollout of his health-care law.

This could be a hard fight to confirm Mr. Castro, if simply because of his Hispanic heritage. It is much like waving a red flag in front of Texas Republicans, such as the Canadian-born Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), who will try to crucify him. But despite whatever fight could occur in committee, Senate rules state that

the Cabinet nominees are exempt from a filibuster floor fight, so he gets the job. If Mr. Castro emerges pretty much unscathed from confirmation he's a major player in 2016.

Shinseki at Veteran's Affairs forced to resign

General Eric Shinseki resigned as Secretary of Veteran's Affairs on May 30. Personally, I believe he was scapegoated because the mess inside the VA has been systemic since the late 1990s. He got the job in 2008 because he had been right about troop numbers in the then-upcoming invasion of Iraq in 2002 of 375,000 men. Be that as it may, reorganizing the VA defeated him. He couldn't change it fast enough to satisfy his Republican enemies, and so he bowed and fell on his sword.

So with Shinseki gone, attention now turns to policies instead of personalities. Everyone agrees that forcing veterans to wait, and possibly die waiting, for medical care is outrageous. But what to do?

Caring for veterans isn't cheap. Promiscuous war-making over the last decade has generated an influx of patients, many with debilitating injuries. VA has 327,000 employees, second only to the Pentagon. This year, the VA is expected to spend roughly \$151 billion, making it the fifth most expensive federal bureaucracy. Department outlays have more than trebled since Bush43 took office in 2001. The VA provides more than medicine: income security, mostly disability payments, is the agency's single most expensive program.

Unfortunately, the Congressional Budget Office reported that VA was still dramatically underfunded even though the number of vets has fallen with the passing of the World War II generation.

The government has a solemn duty to care for those injured in war. The department claimed to be fulfilling that responsibility. We shall see.

Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl

Did Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl walk away from his post, and was he kidnapped? It's the question that raised the furor when he was released on May 30 and that will be the question Army investigators will be looking at now that he's in Bethesda Naval Hospital, safe and sound. The furor essentially was that five Taliban leaders—held in Guantánamo Prison since they were captured in Afghanistan in 2001—were traded for Sergeant Bergdahl's release. Normally, Congress is advised when such a trade is about to be made, but the President decided that he had the prerogative to override the requirement because the window for the return of a US soldier was narrow.

Most Republicans were having kittens about the deal as the five Taliban leaders were shown being greeted as heroes on their return to the Middle East. Part of the condition of their release was that they remain in Qatar for a year, and that's where they are now.

So who are these men? And what might they do when released?

When the five Taliban commanders were detained by the United States, the American war here had only just begun. Though most of them held high-profile positions in the Taliban regime, they had little experience in the protracted insurgency that followed the American invasion.

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

—MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

by Ish

1/ Secret: An interesting unfolding occurs when Lun, on his first day at a prestigious music school hears an enchanting and haunting tune by Yu played on the piano. His new found person of interest and her song changes how Lun views the world. ★★★★★

2/ The Intouchables: This very feel good and charming film is based on a true story of an aristocratic quadriplegic that hires a good-humored ex-con as his caretaker. His world is turned upside down as this 'odd couple' overcome various adversities and shatter preconceptions. (4 stars)

3/ Silver Linings Playbook: Quite an enjoyable ride, Pat moves back with his parents after a time in a mental hospital and tries to win back his wife...until he meets a woman who's as unstable as he is. ★★★★★

4/ Inseparable: A fun encounter when Li, on the brink of ending it all due to personal tragedies and troubles at work meets his expat neighbor (Kevin Spacey) who convinces him life is still worth living. This unlikely bond leads to superhero costumes and fighting crime. ★★★★★

5/ Cairo Time: A beautifully shot film of romance and attraction in Cairo. When magazine editor Juliette Grant travels to Cairo to meet her diplomat husband, Mark, she learns from his friend Tareq Khalifa, that Mark has been delayed. A beautiful bond occurs as Tareq shows her around the city and Mark's delay keeps going. ★★★★★

6/ The Numbers Station: This stars John Cusack (I'm a fan) and here he's a disgraced black ops agent sent to a remote CIA broadcast station to protect a code operator. They quickly find themselves thrust into a life and death struggle to stop a deadly plot before it's too late. ★★★★★

7/ Committed: Joline, a New York club owner played by Heather Graham, who is committed to her wedding vows with her husband photographer, Carl. He leaves her suddenly to start a new life in Texas and feels she has no choice but to follow him. The cast includes, Casey Affleck, Luke Wilson and ye Jon Stewart. ★★★★★

8/ Someday This Pain Will Be Useful To You: This Indie Comedy has a playful side as a perceptive teen is adrift in a dysfunctional family sea. He finds solace with his nonconformist grandmother (Ellen Burstyn) while his mother thinks he needs a life coach and his father thinks he's gay. ★★★★★

9/ The Goddess Of 1967: This interesting film is rich and sparse in its environment. A young man travels from Japan to Australia to buy his dream car but the owner and his wife turn up dead. So the owner's niece has to help him close the deal and consequently spend days traveling across the outback together in this Indie drama. ★★★★★

10/ Searching For Sugar Man: In this biographical documentary we discover a wonderful musician that basically disappears when two critically acclaimed albums from the 1970s are a commercial failure. Now decades later two fans from South Africa, where Rodriguez was a huge hit, search out their idol. Great music too. ★★★★★

The Taliban to which they will return looks much different from the one they were torn from. A decade or more later, they could be seen as martyrs, buoyed by the sacrifices made for the group's cause and their role in its formation, or, alternatively, perhaps as men unfamiliar with the Taliban's new mission in its 13th year of trying to destabilize the Afghan government.

In the years that the five detainees spent at Guantánamo, the Taliban mission has evolved in large and small ways, from shifts in roadside bomb construction to changes in the geography of the battlefield. It is unclear what role they will play in the current fight when they leave Qatar in 12 months.

Are their years-old Al Qaeda links still relevant? Could their experience be used as a recruitment tool? U.S. officials considered those questions before the prisoner exchange, but there are no conclusive answers. They could again ascend the insurgency's ranks, or they could be marginalized as outsiders by new leadership.

US captures Ahmed Abu Khattala

The organizer of the attack on the US Embassy Annex in Benghazi September 11, 2012, Ahmed Abu Khattala was captured by US

Special Forces in a clandestine raid over the weekend of June 14-15. For almost two years, Abu Khattala was one of Libya's most-wanted men, sought by the US in connection with a September 2012 attack on diplomatic compounds here that claimed the lives of its ambassador and three other Americans.

At time of writing Mr. Khattala is in transit to the US aboard the USS New York, an amphibious transport ship traveling toward the United States at normal speed, where he will be tried in Washington, DC. Again, another controversial decision as Congress has concerns—the having kittens syndrome—about trying terrorists on home soil.

The U.S. Justice Department filed the charges against Abu Khattallah in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., a venue that prosecutors have only rarely used for criminal cases involving those suspected of terrorism. The courthouse is three blocks from where Congress meets. The White House is 12 blocks in the opposite direction. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington has handled the Abu Khattala investigation and the case will stay in the U.S. capital. We will follow this and see what happens.

And the beat goes on.

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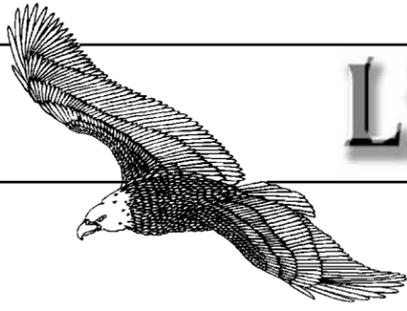
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Living on the Earth

The Sangre de Cristo Fault & Crestone's role in earthquake studies

by James P. McCalpin

Crestone played a pivotal role in the development of the science of studying large earthquakes and the hazards posed by them. It continues to play an important role by example even today. This odd situation resulted from the chance events described below.

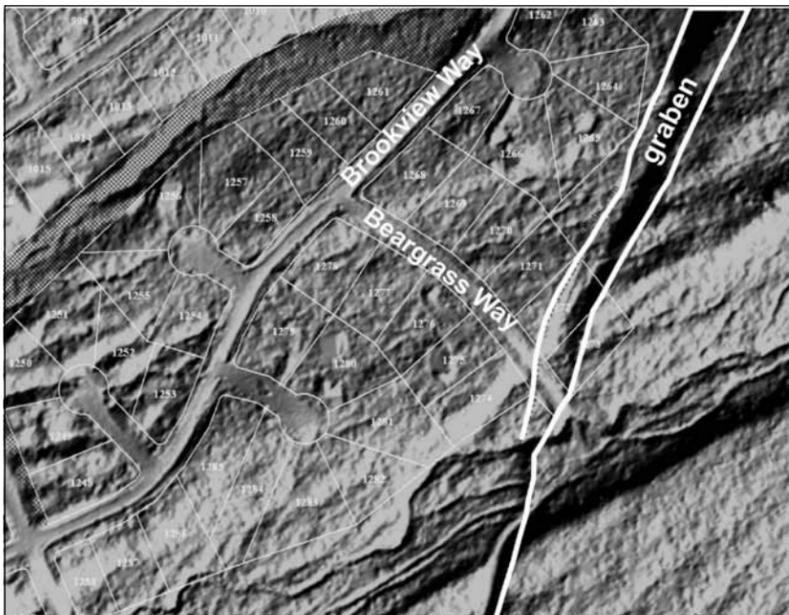
Geologists have long known that the Sangre de Cristo Mountains are Colorado's youngest mountain chain, raised up in geologically recent time (past 20 million years) by slip on the Sangre de Cristo fault. Prior to 1978, most of the uplift was assumed to have happened 10-20 million years ago. Since historic records began (1851) there had been no historic earthquakes on the Sangre de Cristo fault, so the fault was thought to be "dead." However, in the mid-1970s the U.S. Geological Survey in California began developing methods for recognizing if historically-quiet faults had moved during large earthquakes in prehistoric times, such as the past 10,000 years (the Holocene epoch). Coincidentally, I worked as an entry-level USGS geologist during this time.

The new "paleoseismic" method looked for places where prehistoric large earthquakes had caused the fault to break upward all the way to the ground surface, causing displacement of the ground surface and all the underlying young geologic deposits. At such sites a deep trench would be dug across the fault to expose the fault plane in vertical cross section on the trench walls. The trench walls were meticulously cleaned using methods borrowed from archeology.

From the cleaned walls it was apparent which strata had been offset and how large the offset was. Back in California, I was asked to help log USGS's first paleoseismic trench (1977) on the Raymond fault in suburban Los Angeles, because the previous summer I had learned trench wall logging techniques from archeologists on a dig in Alaska. USGS wanted to see if archeo-style trench logging would work for interpreting fault displacement histories, and I was the guinea pig.

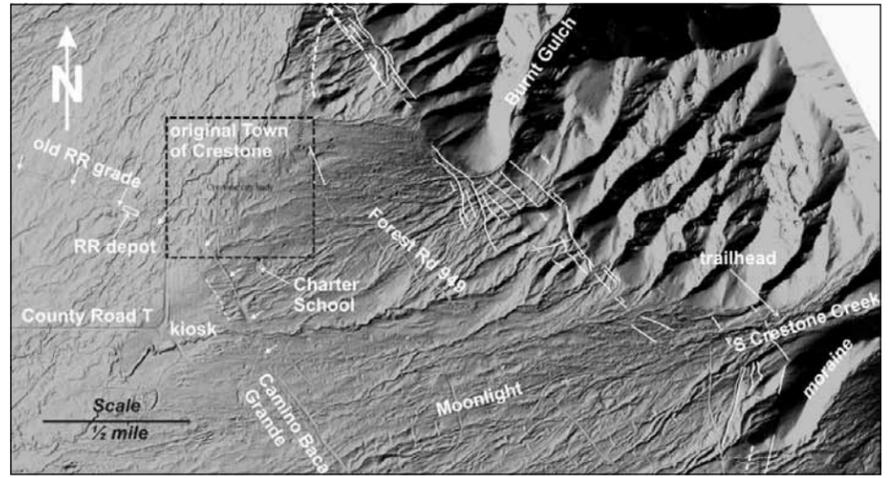
Although getting in on the ground floor of a new science was exciting, I did not look forward to spending the next 20 years in the smog of the LA Basin trenching all those urban faults. The mountains of Colorado beckoned me, and I was sure paleoseismic techniques could be applied to some Colorado fault. So in 1978 I resigned from USGS and returned to Colorado to begin a PhD at the Colorado School of Mines (CSM), studying the activity of the Sangre de Cristo fault. The summer of 1979 was spent hiking all the glaciated valleys of the west Sangres and mapping the glacial moraines and their connection with the alluvial fans that make up the piedmont zone in which Crestone and the newly-created Baca Grande subdivision are located.

I had been introduced to Maurice Strong in 1978, when he gave the commencement address at CSM. He invited me to visit him in Crestone when I started working the Crestone-Baca area. So in 1979 I met him at his new home



The active fault trace (white lines) barely clips the eastern edge of the Baca Grande subdivision at the south end of Beargrass Way. The area between the two traces is a down-dropped block, or graben in geologic terms. South of this map a rough road continues along the toe of the active fault scarp, to an old POA borrow pit on the north side of Willow Creek.

(Baca Ranch headquarters) and surprisingly he gave me the keys to the ranch gates, so I could drive along the fault trace between Crestone and the Great Sand Dunes. But more importantly, he offered me free use of the ranch backhoe and an operator to dig two trenches across fault strands in the Baca Grande development. This offer elevated the whole study to a higher state-of-the-art, because the trenches showed that the Sangre de Cristo fault was the youngest and most active fault in Colorado, and



Active strands of the Sangre de Cristo fault zone (thin white lines) lie at the range front about half a mile east of Crestone. The official fault map from USGS (<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/hazards/qafaults>) does not show any active strands in this area except the thicker dashed lines at top and bottom, because it is based on aerial photos instead of forest-penetrating LiDAR imagery. Cultural features in the forest also show up nicely in LiDAR (e.g., the old railroad grade, marked by arrows), supporting ongoing "local history mapping" by the Crestone Historical Museum.

in fact, in the entire 600-mile-long Rio Grande rift. Trenches showed that the fault has ruptured in Magnitude 7+ earthquakes about once every 10,000-15,000 years for the past several hundred thousand years at least, with the latest such event about 7,500 years ago. During these earthquakes the east side of the fault had jumped up 5-6 feet and offset the ground surface, creating a vertical "fault scarp" (see photo of the 1983 Borah Peak scarp, Idaho).

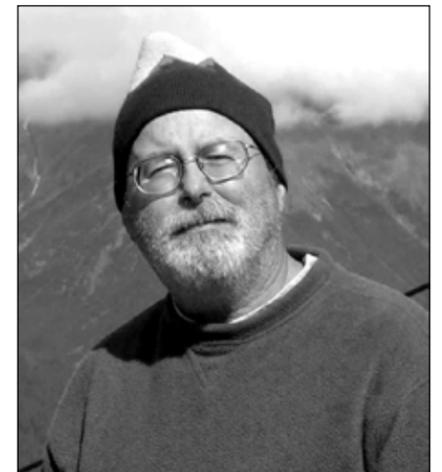
Meanwhile, major changes were happening in the world that influenced paleoseismology. Nuclear power was on the rise worldwide, and the most sophisticated studies

were for those done for nuke plants. English became the de-facto global language and foreign geological surveys all looked to America for the most modern techniques for fault hazard analysis. In 1989 I took the techniques to the USSR in the first years of Gorbachov's "glasnost", and was in a trenching field camp in Siberia in August of 1991 when the KGB arrested him and tried to take over the government in Moscow. That was the end of the USSR, the beginning of modern Russia, and the impetus for me to write the first reference book on Paleoseismology (published in 1996).

That 600-page tome included many examples from the Sangre de Cristo fault and Crestone-Baca area, and won major awards from scientific societies in 1999 and 2000. It soon became the international standard reference work, and was adopted by many countries around the globe as the handbook on how to do active fault studies. Geologists from Beijing to Santiago were looking at examples of fault scarps in the book, many from the Baca Grande subdivision, to apply to

their work.

Since 2000 the field of paleoseismology has continued to develop and grow, attracting many of the best and brightest young geologists to analyze fault hazards affecting their country's critical infrastructure. To honor the rapid progress in techniques, I revised the Paleoseismology book in 2009 (in my office in Crestone), and it was translated into a 2-volume Russian set in 2011. A translation into Chinese is pending, reflecting concern in the Far East after the 2010 Japan earthquake and Fukushima nuclear power plant meltdown. The examples and case histories from the Crestone area are still included in the book, now being examined by



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an audience of young geologists to mid-level hazard analysts to senior policy officials. The recent energy boom in oil and natural gas has led to many planned pipelines and coastal oil & LNG terminals, all of which have to be carefully studied for potentially active faults. Since 2010 I have been spending each summer in Alaska and northern Canada, mapping active faults from a helicopter using the latest LiDAR imagery, and then dropping down to trench the faults while the bear guards stand watch nearby.

In 2011 USGS-Denver and the Colorado Geological Survey collected high-resolution LiDAR imagery over the entire San Luis Valley. LiDAR "sees through the trees" and has revealed many more fault traces along the Sangre de Cristo than were previously mapped from

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Astrologically Speaking

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(mountain time zone calculated)

July 1 Mercury turns direct at 6:51am, having been retrograde since June 7. Sometimes it takes a few days after Mercury turns direct for life to swing back into forward momentum. Be patient and persistent.

July 2-3 (at 5pm) Venus is aspecting Jupiter and Pluto which suggests that these two days will find you reviewing past relationships. There's something to be learned. There are expectations and beliefs about how relationships ought to be, which require releasing. One more thing about these particular aspects and that is that it could be a time of increased addictive behavior.

July 2-4 the Sun in Cancer is opposite Pluto in Capricorn. This aspect can be problematic if you were born with your Sun in a challenging aspect to Pluto, which means, "troubles with authoritative people, and the government." You may need to take a stand for yourself if someone is overpowering. They may not mean to be that way. Perhaps it's just their personality. However, their behavior has caused you to feel put down and angry and you're not comfortable. Can you have an objective honest discussion with that person or accept them as they are? Or would you choose to avoid them entirely?

July 4-7 (until 6am) Venus is aspecting Uranus ushering in a romantic vibe and creative energy. Whatever you do creatively will be unique, one of a kind.

July 6-7 Venus is awkwardly aspecting Saturn until noon July 7. This aspect usually brings about disappointment in a relationship. Someone you wanted to rely on proves to be unreliable. You're feeling discouraged. Perhaps this (reliability) is something that you value in yourself and need not project onto another.

Perhaps there are other qualities about this person that you really like. The question is can you accept this person as they are and not expect so much of them?

July 6-8 the Sun in Cancer is in a challenging aspect to Uranus and in a positive aspect to Saturn. Changes come about that are necessary for your evolution yet are uncomfortable and unsettling.

July 9-10 (until noon) Mars is aspecting Neptune causing low energy and misunderstandings to take place. Don't think about being

productive, for now. Relax.

July 11 Mercury is nicely aspecting Jupiter, sparking all kinds of brilliant ideas.

July 11-13 (until 7am) Venus will be in a beautiful aspect to Mars which favors relationships. This is actually a good time for a wedding celebration.

July 12 Mercury enters Cancer remaining in this oh-so-emotional water sign until July 31. Pay close attention to your dreams as they tend to be profound and informative.

July 12 the Full Moon takes place at 5:25am with the Moon in Capricorn and the Sun in Cancer. The best way to express your deeper feelings today is through writing. With the Moon in Capricorn it's not easy to put your innermost feelings into words. You need to say some things to a loved one that they need to hear.

July 14 the Sun is aspecting Neptune, finding you tired and spaced out. This is another good day for just relaxing. Mercury is aspecting Saturn which stirs up negative thoughts. Use this energy wisely by organizing and planning. Avoid criticizing.

July 16, 2014-Aug. 11, 2015 Jupiter moves into Leo and stays awhile. With Jupiter in Leo, our Leo-born buddies will be enjoying financial gain and opportunities being laid at their feet, just what they like. With Jupiter in Leo we will see more wastefulness displayed by those in highly paid CEO positions. How can it be that they earn so much when the workers earn so little? If it weren't for the workers there would be no business at all.

July 16-18 Mercury is in a fine aspect with Neptune offering high spiritual energy which is incredibly uplifting for musicians and writers. It also suggests that those with healing energy are going to be experiencing a boost in their abilities. Now is the time to get a massage! The Sun in Cancer is in awkward aspect with Mars in Libra. Action. This aspect demands that we all take action and not sit back and stew in anger over some issue or circumstance. Be reasonable and diplomatic, yet forthright.

July 18 Venus enters Cancer and remains here until August 12. It's time to dance. Cancer is a water sign and is full of emotion and rhythm. Dancing is good for the soul.

July 18 Venus is in a positive aspect to Jupiter which brings about the desire for food, sweets, and alcohol. It's a good time for a fundraising event.

July 19 Venus will be in a challenging aspect to Saturn which signals disappointment and financial issues resulting in feeling overwhelmed.

July 20 Saturn turns direct at 2:36pm. Saturn has been retrograde since March 2, 2014. This forward motion (of Saturn) will be very helpful for starting a new business. There's been a holding back period and it's just ended. If you're selling your house this is the time you've been waiting for. You should see some action now.

July 21 Uranus now turns retrograde until December 21, 2014. With Uranus retrograde keep a personal diary of all the mystical experiences you encounter and keep it to yourself. Jot down your dreams as well. Observe your own symbolism which will be coming clear after recording enough dreams to notice what your own personal symbolism is and the cosmic humor that exists in the dream realm. This will be a time of percolating your telepathic intuitive abilities.

July 22 the Sun enters Leo at 3:42pm and remains here until August 22. It's party time. You'll notice more parties, fund raisers, art gallery events, and all kinds of social events taking place. We're really into summer now. Most Leo people are sun worshippers. You'll find them soaking in the rays. With Jupiter in Leo as well, it's time for expanding consciousness and spreading the joy.

July 22-24 Venus will be in a super fine aspect with Neptune which increases love, compassion and receiving nurturance more easily. The Sun is conjunct Jupiter in Leo until July 24 at midnight. Some will benefit financially from this conjunction. Anyone born July 24-27, November 23-26, and March 22-25 of any year will find that their "luck" has changed!

July 25 Mars enters Scorpio until September 13. As good as it gets and as awful as it can be, is how I think of this position for Mars. It can bring about incredible healing powers. It can also be a time of incredible jealousy and wanting "to get even." It could bring about great strides in stopping the rape of our people. More and more attention is shining on the issue in

war-torn countries and in general everywhere on this planet. It's time for this incredibly cruel crime to be dealt with more dramatically.

July 26 the New Moon will take place at 4:42pm with the Sun and Moon at 3° of Leo. Jupiter is close by in Leo. Because Mars is in early degrees of Scorpio it too is going to have an affect on us with this particular New Moon. Number one is that the energy is excessive, compulsive and suggestive of over-indulgences. The planets' relationships during the New Moon suggests that belief patterns need to be faced and transcended and replaced with new thoughts about how life ought to be. For instance, overcoming prejudicial perspectives would fit with the planetary energies. There's a stubborn attitude to the planets that will attract situations which get you to face your stubbornness. It's based on nothing substantial, plus it blocks energy and perhaps causes you mental and physical pain. The energy of the New Moon is with us for 29½ days, until the next New Moon. The Full Moon on August 10 will test where you're at with releasing old beliefs and expectations.

July 26-28 Venus is opposite Pluto. Great energy for being creative and letting go of past disappointments through artistic expression.

July 28-29 the Sun is awkwardly aspecting Neptune. You need more rest.

July 29-31 Venus is awkwardly aspecting Uranus causing upsets in relationships.

July 31 Mercury will be entering Leo and remaining in this blunt, flamboyant, playful fire sign until August 15. Voices are louder, laughter is lighter and fun is plentiful.

July 30-August 2 Mercury will be conjunct Jupiter and in a challenging aspect to Mars. Be careful with your words. Words can do so much damage if mingled in with intense emotion. Think before speaking.

July 30-August 1 Venus in Cancer will be aspecting Saturn in Scorpio favorably. You know who you can depend on. Relationships that have lasted for years and years are to be celebrated.

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by Kim Malville
The skies of July

During the warm nights of July the Milky Way is at its best. The constellation of Scorpius lie to the south. It's a wonderful area of the sky because it actually looks like a scorpion with a curved tail containing pinchers (also called "cats eyes"). Its brightest star, Antares, which is the beating red heart of the scorpion, is a red supergiant, one of the largest stars in the Milky Way galaxy, some 700 times larger than our sun. Its golden orange color can be enhanced and enjoyed by using binoculars. Just to the west of Antares is a globular cluster, M4, a mere 7200 light years from us. It is one of the most beautiful clusters to be seen in binoculars. Give it a try some evening. The area of Scorpius is full of star clouds and star clusters of the Milky Way, all of which will show up nicely in binoculars.

Further to the east of the scorpion is the constellation of Sagittarius, which becomes nicely visible in the early evening next month. It contains the center of the

should be a great sight, blue-white Spica and yellow-orange Mars, practically colliding with each other.

The constellation of Scorpius

July 3: Earth is at its farthest distance from the sun, some 3.3% further than in January. If the axis of the earth were not tilted, this would be our winter season, all over the earth. But the tilt dominates and results in much more energy reaching the northern hemisphere on June than in December.

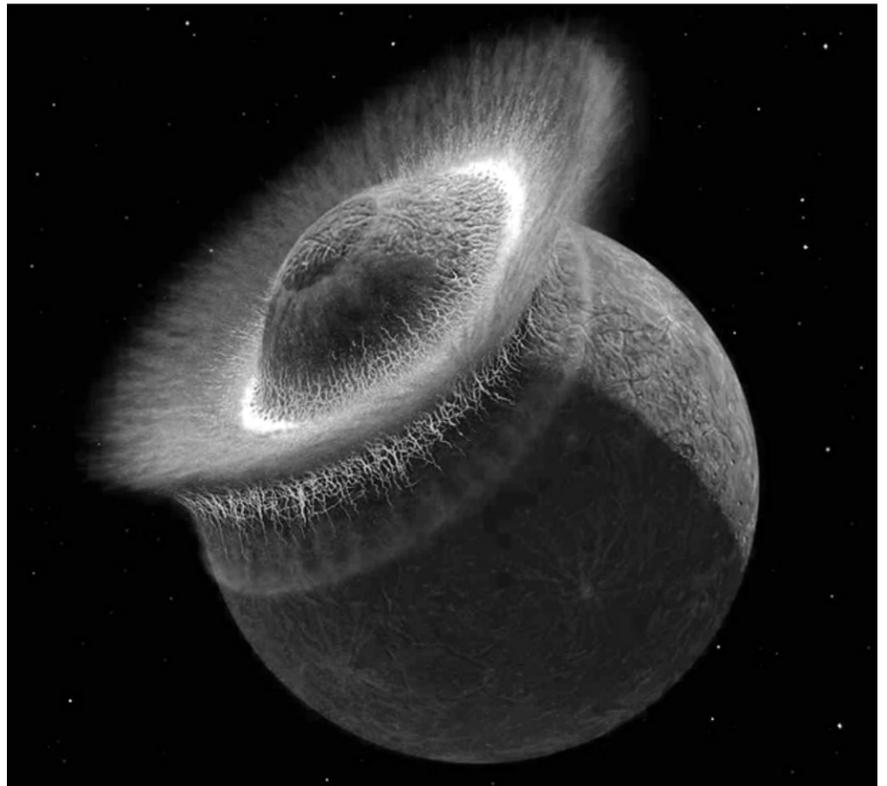
July 5: The half moon is very close to Mars and will actually cover it as seen from Hawaii and parts of Latin America.

July 7: Look for the moon close to Saturn tonight. In the southern part of South America the moon will cover Saturn.

July 13: Mars moves north of fainter Spica.

July 14: A year from now we will get our first close-up view of Pluto thanks to New Horizons spacecraft.

July 28: A modest meteor



The collision that tore Charon from Pluto artist's depiction. photo courtesy of NASA

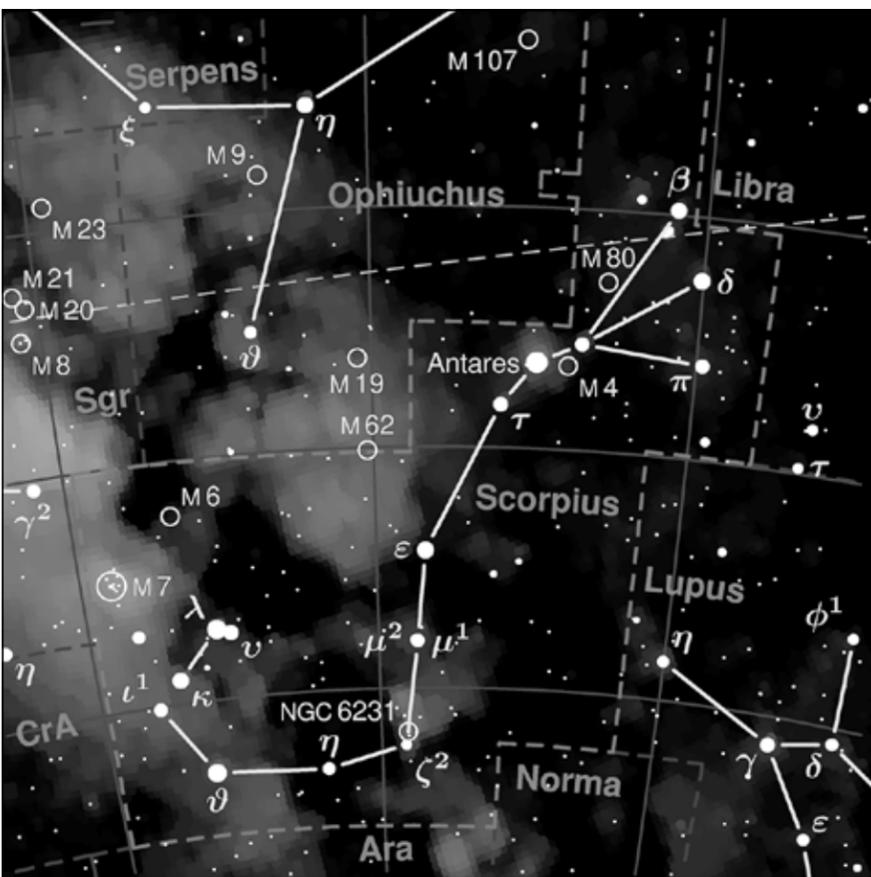
Pluto was demoted to the status of a dwarf planet by a vote of astronomers at a meeting of the International Astronomical Union in Prague in 2006. In the interest of full disclosure, I was at the meeting and was among those who voted to demote Pluto. The fact that the New Horizons probe had been launched to Pluto just six months earlier played no role in this decision. Regardless of what we choose to call it, Pluto is still a very interesting object that had not yet been explored.

Pluto has five known moons: Charon, the largest, with a diameter about half that of Pluto, and tiny Nix, Hydra, Kerberos, and Styx. Because Pluto and Charon are so close in size and distance they can be considered a binary or double planet. The only other planet and moon in the solar system which could be a double

more metallic interior. Mercury appears also to have suffered a major collision, which tore off its crust but didn't result in a moon. Mercury is the only planet without a moon.

Charon and Pluto are also unusual in that each is tidally locked to the other. Charon always presents the same face to Pluto, and Pluto always presents the same face to Charon. From any point on the surface of Pluto facing Charon, the moon never moves from its position in the sky. On the other hemisphere of Pluto, Charon would never be visible.

Recent measurements have revealed that Pluto has a thin atmosphere of nitrogen, methane and carbon monoxide. Considering that its temperature of minus 229°C, it is surprising that it has any atmosphere at all. All of the gas should have frozen out years ago. Further



The Constellation of Scorpius.

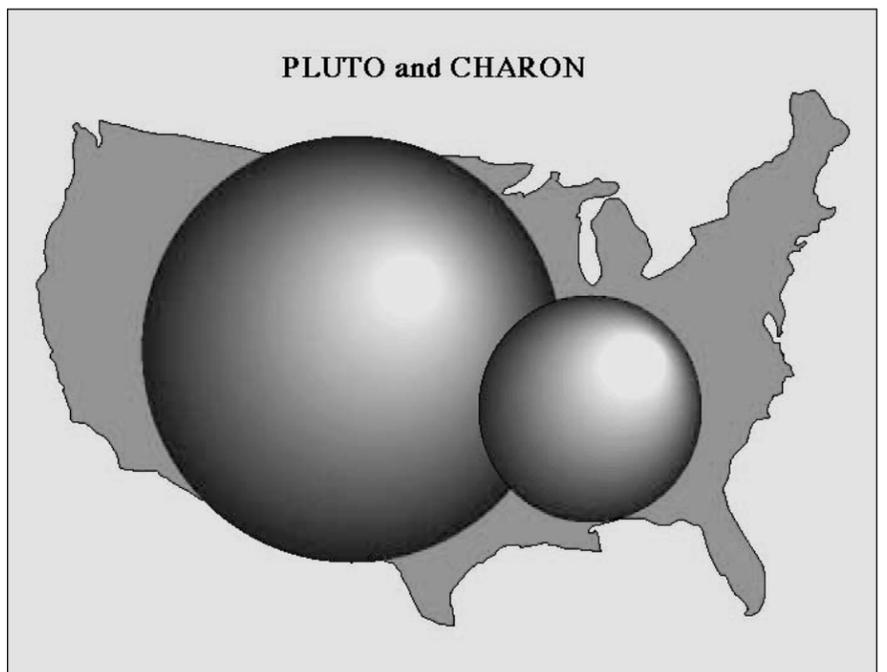
galaxy and even more brilliant star clouds and nebulae. Sagittarius is also the area of the sky where Pluto now resides. The New Horizons Spacecraft is heading toward Sagittarius, where it will rendezvous with Pluto next year.

Off to the west is where the action is taking place this month. In the constellation of Virgo, Mars is moving rapidly eastward toward its brightest star, Spica. Because Mars is our closest planetary neighbor beyond the earth, you can discern its movement with respect to the background stars, over a period of days. At the beginning of July it is well to the west of Spica, but on July 13, it achieves conjunction with Spica. It

shower comes out of Aquarius for a few days around this date.

Pluto, the fascinating dwarf

On July 14, 2015, the Pluto system is due to be visited by a spacecraft from earth for the first time, when the New Horizons probe will fly within 6000 miles of the surface of the dwarf planet. The space craft, which was launched in January 2006, will be moving with a speed of 30,000 miles per hour. It now is only some 280 million miles away from Pluto, having already covered some 3 billion miles. When that magical moment of rendezvous arrives, can you imagine the incredible stress upon the astronomers who organized the mission?



Comparison of Pluto, Charon, and the US LASP. graphic courtesy of the University of Colorado

planet are the Earth and our moon. The best explanation is that there was a colossal collision with another object some billions of years ago. In the case of the earth, a blob of semi-molten matter condensed to become our moon. In the case of Pluto, which is a mixture of rock and ice, much of that ice may have evaporated in the collision to become an object more rocky than Pluto. Our moon seems to be made of material very similar to the Earth's crust and not like our

adding to the mystery, it appears that gas may flow back and forth between Pluto and its moon. If this is confirmed, Pluto and Charon would be the first known example of a planet and moon that share a common atmosphere. The gas of its atmosphere could come from geysers on either Pluto or Charon or be the result of a recent comet impact. Only a dwarf and perhaps a jester, Pluto will have a good story to share next year.

Rio Grande Roundtable

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towns have inadequate resources to address outdated infrastructure as well as water rights issues.

- Compared to hydrologic conditions between 1980 and 1995, streamflow in the SLV has decreased by about 35% due to a number of factors including climate change, early runoff, and dust on snow. Some dust arrives in surrounding mountains from neighboring states, but a significant amount that particularly affects the Sangre de Cristo mountains originates in the SLV.

- Under changing climate conditions, more accurate weather and runoff forecasting is needed. Because downstream deliveries are based on forecasts of flows in the Rio Grande and Conejos rivers, inaccuracies can cause sudden changes in availability and curtailment of irrigation water. The delivery amounts are not fixed, but rather scaled to the amount of water flowing past certain points. If the flow in the Rio Grande increases, for instance, much more of that water has to be passed to New Mexico.

At the May 13 meeting of the RGRT there was also considerable discussion of RGBP and its several objectives which include basin-wide

watershed health and a number of projects already contemplated to improve storage capacity at existing reservoirs and upgrade aging delivery infrastructure. Also up for discussion were the impacts of recent fires and ongoing drought; despite the lack of snowpack and rainfall, the risk of flooding is ever-present in a mountainous area with erratic weather.

A follow-up meeting of the RGRT Plan group with DNWC will be held on July 2 beginning at 10:30am at the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District office, 623 Fourth Street in Alamosa; the monthly RGRT meeting will be on July 8 at 2pm. The public is encouraged to participate on both occasions. The draft plan can be read at www.riograndewaterplan.com.

Groundwater rules

The long-awaited model runs for Saguache and San Luis creeks were presented at an informational meeting with Saguache Creek water users on May 5. State Engineer Dick Wolfe and staff introduced a chart of depletions that are to be replaced to Saguache, San Luis, and other creeks in the northern San Luis Valley. These figures were based on Rio Grande Decision Support System (RGDSS) model runs that incorporated additional data and the results of recent testing in the Saguache and

San Luis creek areas.

A surprise to some was that wells near Saguache creek affect the Rio Grande, the estimated depletion being between 100 and 260 acre feet annually. Similarly, wells near San Luis Creek deplete Crestone Creek by as much as 210 acre feet each year. Total pumping in the Saguache Creek area was stable at about 40,000 acre feet from 2009 to 2013; in the area of San Luis Creek, pumping in the same period averaged 30,000 acre feet, but the major influence on aquifer levels has been lack of inflow. Since 2000, streamflow has been about 14,000 acre feet below average each year, so even if all the wells ceased pumping, the aquifers would not be restored.

A new method of calculating sustainable water use that is applicable in several, but not all, of the Rio

Grande basin response areas is based on the ratio of stream flows to pumping from 1978 to 2000. This approach resulted in a reduction of depletions to be replaced during the current irrigation season as compared to those announced last September.

In response to an objection that the Closed Basin Project (CBP) is drawing water away from Saguache and San Luis creeks, Wolfe noted that exempt wells pump about 50,000 acre feet annually while the entire CBP draws about 10,000 to 15,000 acre feet, constituting a small part of the local problem and providing (admittedly expensive) water that helps satisfy Rio Grande Compact obligations, supports wildlife refuges, and that could be available for augmentation.

Upcoming water meetings

July 1, 10am, usually to mid-afternoon. Colorado Water Conservation Board Advisory (rules) Committee, Inn of the Rio Grande, Alamosa; lunch provided, public invited.

July 2, 10:30am. Planning group of the RGRT with Di Natale Water Consultants at the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District office, 623 Fourth Street in Alamosa.

July 8, 7pm at the POA. Travis Smith (IBCC, RGRT) and Linda Bassi on instream flow rights (affecting creeks that flow through the Baca and Crestone). Details from CB Watershed Council.

July 8, 2pm. Regular monthly meeting of the RGRT. San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District office, 623 Fourth Street in Alamosa.



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Revolutionary roots

American independence sprang from the ideals of 'enlightened' visionaries

by Mary Lowers

The revolution we celebrate on July 4 did not just spring from the Battle of Lexington and Concord or because some tax protestors in Boston chose to throw a cargo of tea into the harbor. It was the result of Enlightenment thought on the nature of governance and the work of many on-fire revolutionaries who convinced their fellow colonists that Britain was an unjust master. They fervently believed they were creating a better world.

When the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776 it reflected the ideals of English philosopher John Locke: that people originally were without government in a "state of nature" and had the "natural rights" of life, liberty and prosperity. Government came about to preserve and protect these rights. Political systems were agreed upon by "contract" to protect human rights. Allegiance to the government was made by a majority decision and any abuse by the ruling government allowed society



James Otis

to change the government. Government was a tool not a dictator.

Men and women with the vision of changing life in the new world of the Americas for the better laid the groundwork for our separation from the oppressive colonial rule of the British. Many of these rebels were young, under the age of thirty. Most were born in America and had little sentimental attachment to the mother country. I will profile a few of these revolutionary thinkers who used the power of words to give birth to the nation we live in today.

James Otis

First let's take a look at the contribution of James Otis, a brilliant young Massachusetts lawyer and delegate to the colonial assembly. He graduated from Harvard in 1743 and was a top lawyer in Boston within twenty years. Otis represented merchants who were challenging the British Writs of Assistance. These Writs allowed the British to order the search of any residence at any time without prior notice or probable cause. In February 1761 Otis, a popular orator, argued against the writs for five hours before a crowd at the colonial as-

sembly. John Adams reported at the time, "Otis was a flame of fire, with a promptitude of classical allusions, a depth of research, a rapid summary of historical events and dates, and a profusion of legal authorities." His argument did not win the case but it galvanized the revolution.

His main argument was that the writs violated the rights of the colonists as British citizens which harkens back to the Magna Charta (1233) and the revival of Parliament in England during the Glorious Rebellion (1688). Otis was the first revolutionary leader to develop a distinctly American form of constitutionalism and representation. Unique for his time, Otis believed the natural law that propagated the virtues of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness should include black Americans. While he did not claim to be a revolutionary, he felt the colonies should have seats in the English Parliament. He wrote pamphlets that were well circulated in the colonies arguing for repel of outrageous British regulations. He served as a leader of the Stamp Act Congress (1765) which called for the colonies to band together over unfair taxes. Otis coined the famous phrase "no taxation without representation" while arguing against this new tax on the colonies funding wars in Europe that were unpopular in North America.

Otis was an important figure leading up to the Declaration of Independence but his mental illness thought to be either manic depression or schizophrenia became overwhelming and caused him to back off from public life. Reportedly Otis told his sister, "I hope that when God Almighty in his righteous providence shall take me out of time into eternity that it will be by a flash of lightning." In May of 1783 Otis was standing in the doorway of a friend's home when he was, as he wished, struck dead by lightning. His contribution to our country was his view that human rights were not derived from human institutions but from nature and God. Thus the government exists to please not the rulers but to promote the good of society at large.

Mercy Otis Warren

The Otis children were raised in the midst of revolutionary ideas. James Otis' sister, Mercy Otis Warren, became a much-lauded political writer and propagandist of the American Revolution. Her plays and poems, which were widely circulated in the colonies, attacked royal authority and urged colonists to resist British infringement on rights and liberties. Mercy wrote, "Every domestic enjoyment depends on the unimpaired procession of civil and religious liberty." She married James Warren and gave birth to five sons. The Warren home became a focal point for local politics. The couple hosted meetings of the Sons of Liberty.

Like her brother James, she did not immediately encourage separation from Britain but reform of the colonial system, giving colonists the same rights and representation as citizens across the Atlantic.

Mercy wrote to a friend, "America stands armed with resolution and virtue, but she still recoils at the idea of drawing the sword against the nation from whom she derived her origin. Yet Britain like an unnatural parent is ready to plunge her dagger into the bosom of her affectionate offspring."

As the new government began to take shape Mercy fought for the inclusion of the Bill of Rights to the Constitution. She published one of the first histories of the American Revolution, titled *The History of the Rise, Progress and Termination of the American Revolution* in three volumes. Mercy corresponded with and advised many political leaders of the new nation including John Hancock, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and George Washington.

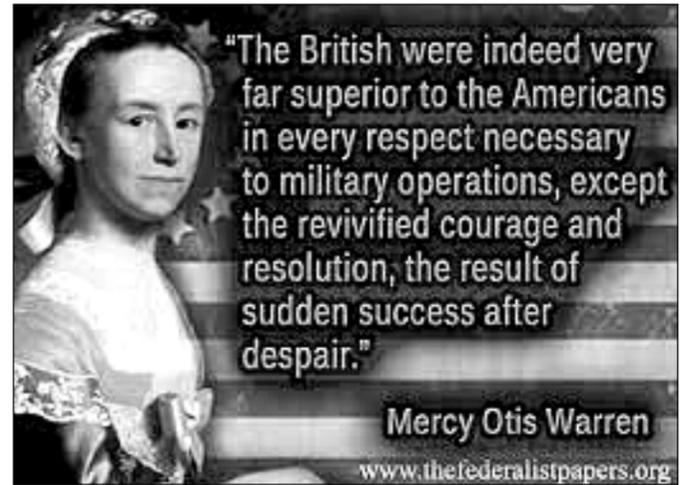
At the center of the revolution Mercy became one of its most influential writers. Her popular plays deal with the social and moral values that were to be encouraged for the success of the new republic. In 2002 Mercy Otis Warren was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

Sam Adams

Many view Sam Adams as the bad boy of the American Revolution. Sam was related to the Adams family of New England from whose line came presidents and leaders of the new nation. Sam Adams was a man with a single purpose: politics. In the 1760s he was an official in the colonial House Of Representatives and the Boston Town Meeting. In fact Adams was unsuccessful at all forms of business he tried. He was a man unusual for his era who was not terribly interested in making money. His single-minded focus as a revolutionary shaped the political culture of the new nation.

Adams expanded on the revolutionary idea that the government's actions violated the British Constitution, at the expense of all citizens of the colonies. In 1768 Adams circulated a letter throughout the colonies calling for non-cooperation with the new tax laws. This prompted a reaction from the British, leading to the occupation of troops, leading to the Boston Massacre in 1770.

By starting a Committee of Correspondence which linked and informed like-minded patriots throughout the colonies, Adams led the formation of a new nation by turning reformers into revolutionaries. Adams brought the ideas of fair representation to the working class in pubs like Boston's Green Dragon or Bunch of Grapes and



through broadsheets. He helped start the Sons of Liberty, the band of radicals in Boston who tossed the taxable tea into the harbor.

The Sons of Liberty cut across class lines and gave a focus to the rising discontent. He was a "master of propaganda" and subversive organization. Adams could raise a mob. Revolutionaries like the wealthy John Hancock helped finance Adams' revolutionary schemes. Those wanting to remain loyal to Britain came to see Adams as a sinister fig-



Sam Adams

ure. A Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Colony characterized him as a "devious Machiavellian with a cloven hoof."

Sam Adams served in various posts for the new nation he fought to create. Without him the American Revolution might have stayed an intellectual pipe dream. He brought people from every part of the society into service of the cause. Adams died in so-called "honorable poverty" in 1803.

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Whether you live in Colorado's beautiful foothills or mountains, on the grassy plains or in a more urban interface, chances are you were touched in some way by last year's wildfires. Unfortunately, dry conditions persist in many parts of the state, and forest conditions also pose a high risk for continued wildfires this year.

Wildfires often begin unnoticed. However, they spread quickly and every second counts! Talk to your loved ones, friends, neighbors and community members about these simple ways to prepare for, prevent and be resilient in the face of wildfires.

1. Have a plan. Know routes out of your neighborhood or workplace; choose an emergency meet-up location in case you must evacuate, and make sure loved ones know the location; set up emergency contacts; know what you will do with pets and/or livestock. More ideas and assistance here: redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/plan.

2. Download the Wildfire App. This free app for iPhones and Android devices has tools for you to make your household emergency plan as well as specific guidance on what to do before, during and after a wildfire. Search for "Red Cross Wildfire" in your iTunes or Google Play app store. redcross.org/mobile-apps/wildfire-app.

3. Build a help network. Time and again, we heard stories last year of people who saved neighbors' lives by checking on them, helping them or their animals evacuate or providing other aid. Get to know your neighbors, their needs and your collective resources. Determine if there are folks nearby who may

need extra help—an elderly resident, perhaps, or someone with a disability. Know whether you are self-sufficient or would need a helping hand from another, and make sure you have plans in place to receive or provide that help.

4. Gather emergency supplies. You may have to evacuate quickly. Gather essential supplies to sustain you for at least three days and have them in a go-bin that you can grab. View a list of suggested supplies here: redcross.org/prepare/disaster/wildfire.

5. Clean your property. Cleaning your property of debris and maintaining your landscaping are important first steps to helping minimize damage and loss. Take these NFPA steps to mitigate your risk: <http://bit.ly/1o4nwYj>.

6. Prep your surroundings. Make sure your driveway entrance and house number/address are clearly marked; identify and maintain an adequate water source outside your home, such as a small pond, cistern, well or swimming pool; set aside household items that can be used as fire tools: a rake, ax, hand saw or chain saw, bucket and shovel. You may need to fight small fires before emergency responders arrive.

7. Get informed. Know how you'll be notified of danger and what information sources you'll turn to. Find out what emergency alert systems your local county, city or emergency agency has in place and sign up for notifications, if applicable. Make a back-up plan—weather radio, neighbors, etc.—to ensure that you have more than one source of info. And: When In Doubt, Get Out.



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submitted by Chris Botz

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Fire Chief Ryker delineates goals and plans for 2014

The Baca Grande Vol. Fire Department will be focusing on the following topics for the next 3 to 6 months. Goal #1 is Grant Writing—to build up a professional department

Goal #2 is Fire Mitigation during the summer of Wildland season.

Goal #3 is Recruitment and



Todd Ryker, Fire Chief Baca Grande Volunteer Fire Department

Retention—Finding professional and Qualified personnel.

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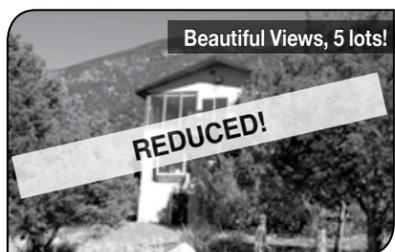
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Milkweed.

**There's No Such Thing
As A Weed**

by Dorje Root

Showy Milkweed (*Asclepias speciosa*)



Milkweed was one of my earliest plant friends. I was lucky enough to grow up at a time when if kids were bored they were sent outside to play, and Milkweed was such a fascinating plant to play with, with its milky sap and pods full of soft fuzzy stuff! (I was also extremely fortunate that my parents associated TV with my older sister having to get glasses, so the TV mysteriously broke early in my childhood and somehow couldn't be fixed until I left for college.)

The lowly Milkweed is actually both a medicinal plant and an edible. It does have some toxicity so be careful when using it. My first experience using Milkweed medicinally was in trying to use the sap to dissolve a wart. It didn't work, but that may have been due to my lack of patience. The milky sap contains protein-digesting enzymes, and is reported to dissolve warts if applied consistently a couple of times a day for about 3 weeks. A caution—be careful not to get Milkweed sap in your eyes!

The root is the part of the plant that is used medicinally. The roots are gathered after the plant has seeded, and should be cut into small pieces before drying (the dried roots of certain plants can be amazingly hard). The dried roots can be tinctured or decocted (a tea made

by simmering the hard plant parts until the liquid is reduced by half). Milkweed has been used as an expectorant and bronchial dilator for lung conditions, and also can benefit chronically weak kidneys. The family and genus name for Milkweed comes from the name of the Greek god of medicine and healing.

The shoots, flower buds, flowers, and young pods of the Milkweed plant are all edible. The shoots are best left to those who have identified the plant the year before and are sure not to confuse it with another. Many suggest boiling Milkweed parts in 2 changes of water before eating to flush out the bitter alkaloids. I haven't actually eaten Milkweed myself, but I probably will now.

Many species of Milkweed act as food and host plants for Monarch butterflies. Because these amazing butterflies are now endangered due to pesticide use, there is all the more reason to nurture the Milkweed plant. What may be seen as a weed to us humans is a lifeline to other species.

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

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As the Worm Turns

Growing weed in the SLV

Part 2 - Indoors with clones

by Leigh Mills

Disclaimer:

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

There will be one more installment of this series that will briefly touch on harvesting and curing marijuana with a recipe or two.

Before Colorado legalized medical and recreational marijuana, growing it was mostly an indoor, stealthy process. There are many people who still grow indoors because of their location and because it can offer a continuous, more potent harvest if timed correctly. Some growers use soil-less mixes like coconut fibers and peat moss while others choose a hydroponic method which supplies nutrients directly to the plants' roots while growing solely in water. I interviewed JD about his indoor growing process and he provided lots of information that helped me

understand what it takes to grow successfully indoors using clones and a hydroponic system.

First you need a mother plant which is "a female marijuana plant held in a vegetative state and used for cutting (cloning) stock. A mother plant may be grown from seed or be a clone"—which is a "rooted cutting of a plant"¹. To grow and maintain a mother plant is a high maintenance task and not all clone growers have one. Some obtain their clones from other places such as internet sources, marijuana dis-

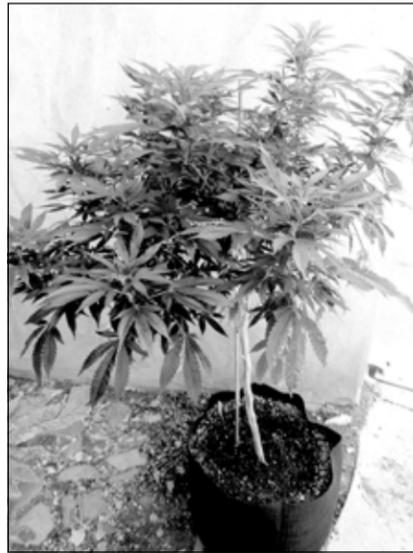


There wasn't any water flowing at the time of this picture, but this is the bottom of the flowering canopy in a hydroponic growing system. The pots don't need to be very big for the harvest to mature with potent buds.

pensaries and growers who have a mother plant with clones to share.

Spatial requirements for indoor growing can involve at least two separate rooms because lighting needs are different for plants in their vegetative and flowering stages. Plants in a vegetative state need more hours of light, 18-24, than flowering ones which need only 12-13 hours of light. Having different rooms for the plants' various growing stages helps insure a continuous, year-round harvest of high quality buds. You'll also need a room to work the harvested buds and cure them; this room is generally cooler and darker than a grow room.

JD has been growing indoors for almost 7 years and has just recently switched to a hydroponic system. "I grow for the love of it," he says, "It's a true passion of mine." I

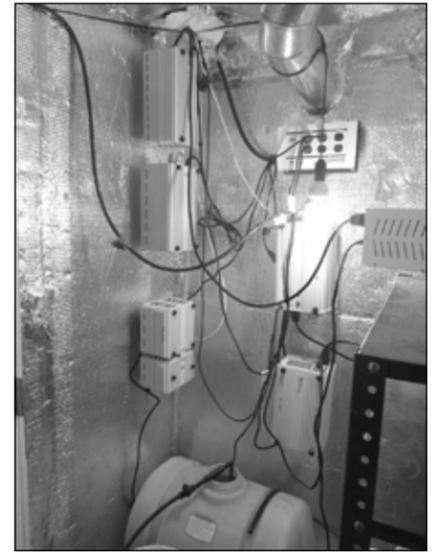


A mother plant is kept in vegetative state for its entire life, meaning it needs at least 18-24 hours of continuous light every day. Once it matures, clones are cut and placed in a rooting solution, hydro or other mix, to continue the growing process.

think it has to be a passion with all the work and equipment involved compared to growing with natural light in a greenhouse. Hydroponic indoor systems require lots of artificial light, continuous nutrient supplies, and careful maintenance of the plants to insure they are receiving the proper PH levels, light requirements, and disease control. JD says hydroponic growing is like "running a race car in the red" because the plants and their nutrient-filled water systems are always being fine tuned to produce an excellent harvest. "If one timer goes out," says JD "it can throw the whole system off balance."

I understand many growers prefer using clones and JD has been very successful keeping strong mother plants and their "offspring" for several generations. When growing indoors, the plants are smaller, but the harvests are more continuous and the THC content much more potent because of the nutrients the plants receive. This aspect can help offset the initial investment, which can be fairly costly. Lights, ballasts, pumps, timers, nutrients, room modifications, fans, filters, and other equipment costs can run into the hundreds, if not thousands of dollars depending on the size of the growing operation. Certain plant strains respond better than others to hydroponic growing and finding the right ones can take a bit of research.

There is much more information about growing indoors with clones using a hydroponic system that can be covered in this article. To learn everything about grow-



There is a lot of equipment involved with successfully growing weed indoors using a hydroponic system. JD says the payoff comes quickly with sustained, potent harvests.



This flowering canopy is made of at least 10 plants spaced close together in small pots filled with clay pellets and fed by a hydroponic system. When the young clones reach a certain growth stage, their lighting is reduced and they enter the flowering stage. They will flower for several weeks and, depending on the type and amount of forced nutrients, be ready to harvest quite a bit sooner than a plant grown in soil with natural lighting.



This is the vegetative room without the mother plants. The plants' lighting requirements are 18-24 hours a day until they grow enough to place in the flowering room. In this picture, there are many stages of growth, from newly cut clones to plants ready to force into flowering. Maintaining the health of all the plants is an intricate task and a labor of love.

ing weed, JD suggests purchasing a copy of Jorge Cervantes' book: *Marijuana Horticulture—The Indoor/Outdoor Medical Grower's Bible*. This book covers every topic imaginable and has detailed instructions for all stages of plant growth and disease control. You can find it online or at select marijuana dispensaries in the area.

¹ *Marijuana Horticulture—The Indoor/Outdoor Medical Grower's Bible*, glossary section, pages 452 and 447 respectively.

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.

Marijuana Law

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

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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DISPATCH

from the edge 

Letter to a once-young swamper

by Peter Anderson

It is the summer of 1976, you have just turned twenty, and you have landed your dream job. You arrive at Lee's Ferry in a U-Haul truck full of vintage World War II rubber. And as you are blowing shop-vac air into two long sausage tubes soon to be strapped to an aluminum frame which is itself strapped to an elongated rubber donut that holds this whole scow together, you realize that, yes, this boat is a pig compared to those powered only by muscle and oars, but at least you won't have to run that triple-rig on the beach beside you, where an old and leathery LA woman in a faux leopard-skin bathing suit orders around her harem of boatmen who are inflating not one, but three big rafts lashed side-by-side. Your boat is a thirty-three foot barge, sleek in comparison, which will ferry you, the head boatman, fifteen passengers, and a week's worth of bread, salami, eggs, iceberg lettuce, tuna fish, potatoes, huge packages of red and white meat, cases upon cases of cold Coors, and of course, a porta-potty, down the Colorado to Lake Mead. You will spend ten days riding in the back of the barge, savoring the changing palette of the limestones, sandstones, and shales that se-

duced you after that first trip down the river years ago. And you will breathe in the fumes of a Mercury outboard, admiring the skills of your ex-army boss boatman who pirouettes this big baloney boat around massive boils of whitewater foaming up out of impossibly huge river craters that could swallow a mobile home without spitting out the evidence. Clearly, the river says, you do not know your ass from a hole in the ground.

Now you have a few trips under your belt and you are a seasoned swamper, which is really just another way of saying Big Ditch longshoreman (without union pay) who occasionally runs a rapid or two, but who mostly ferries stuff from boat to beach and beach to boat, bushwacks through tamarisk thickets looking for a weedy trunk thick enough to tie a bow line to, pumps air back into the neoprene pig in the cool canyon morning, digs holes underneath a chemical toilet known as the groover, and fills them up with sand after the last of his passengers have made their post-breakfast deposits. This is not glamorous work, but at least you know the difference between your ass and this hole in the ground.

Soon you are beginning to dream the river at night. It helps that you sleep out on the boat—this big old barge is good for that—although you do wake from time to time imagining you have come unmoored and are headed downriver to Crystal. You jump up and check the rope and thank Tao you are still tethered to solid ground, so you climb back into your bag. And before it is time to get up and kindle a fire for morning coffee, you savor a few dreamtime lines—gracefully steering the big barge down through the rocky-fanged gap at the head of Horn Creek or gliding down one tongue of glassy green water after another into the shining good time waves of the rapids you have come to know as the gems—Turquoise, Sapphire, Ruby. And later during your waking hours, you accept a pinch of

Copenhagen from your boot camp boss after Havasu, which will help you stay awake as you motor the long stretch of post-lunch flat water down to Lava Falls, where you go up on the ledge above the river, and stare into the great frothing mess of the BIGONE until the columnar lines in the basalt across the river seem to be melting in the sun. Your mind wanders while your boot camp boss describes his line through Lava. And then he says, well, are you ready to run it? And you hope like hell, as you walk back down that rocky trail toward your nervous passengers on the barge, that at least for a few choice river moments, you will know your ass from a hole in the ground.

Now it has been five years or so since you abandoned your motor rig apprenticeship, and you have been rowing smaller boats down smaller mountain rivers in Colorado and Utah. And now the time has come for your first private trip back down through your old swamping grounds. You row a thirteen-foot Miwok down the river you once knew only on the big rigs and you feel incredibly small, but not so small that you don't chase a line between two huge holes, which erupt into a cauldron of foam that sends you ass-over-teakettle faster than you can say Sockdolager, and you are gasping for breath under the bottom of your boat for the first time. But the rest of the trip goes well, and then you run into your old outfit at Diamond Creek and there's your boot camp boss loading rubber into a U-Haul and you remember your first run through Lava and how he toasted you out on the barge after dinner that night. On the road out of Diamond Creek, you will also recall the terror of treading water under your boat after that run gone wrong in "Sock"—you never know your ride

till you've been bucked a time or two. Even a bad line can get you down this river . . . a little closer, if you're paying attention, to knowing your ass from a hole in the ground.

A few decades later, you drive your daughter up the old road past Marble Canyon and the turnoff to Lee's Ferry, past Vermilion Cliffs where your boot camp river boss once lived and maybe still does and where there used to be a great little honkytonk for boatmen between trips, where you vaguely recall chasing a girl or two, where you once listened in awe, albeit from a few barstools down—you were only a young punk swamper after all—to your river elders telling tales . . . Jimmy Hall, like one of Huckleberry's riverboat gamblers, bragging about running the table with a shovel handle pool cue, or that big-hearted soul you knew only as the Whale recalling a close-call-of-a-run through Crystal. You think of them as you drive up the switchbacks of the Kaibab, which you once rode down on the roof of the company U-Haul, and then you forget about them as you follow the dirt road out to the North Rim. Later, you read geologist Clarence Dutton describing the great depth of time and space in front of you, which properly places any life in perspective. And you look down from this place he named Point Sublime, through the Big Empty, toward that thread of a river, which you have not been on for over thirty years. And you wonder, since you're now approaching sixty, if you will ever get around to rowing your daughter down that river. Sure you will. You must. You have to show her the canyon from the river up, this place where maybe you learned the difference between your ass and a hole in the ground. Where at least you know now, they really aren't that far apart.

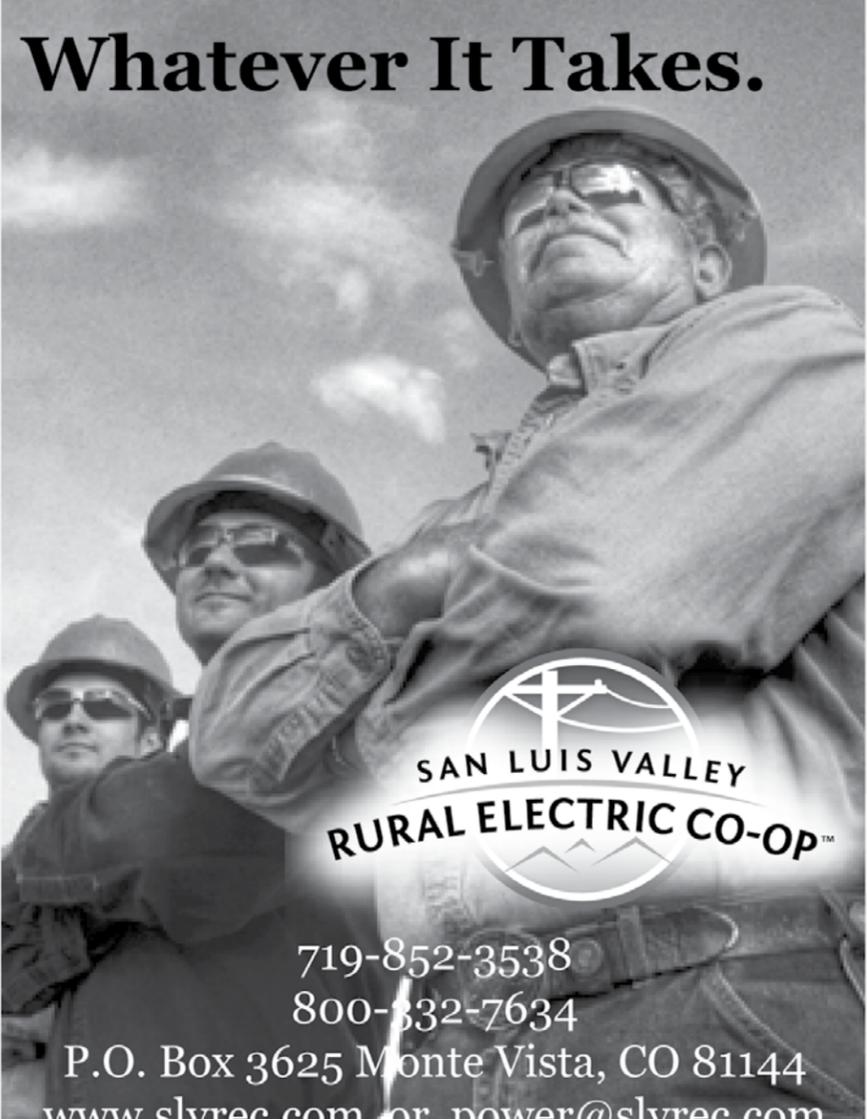
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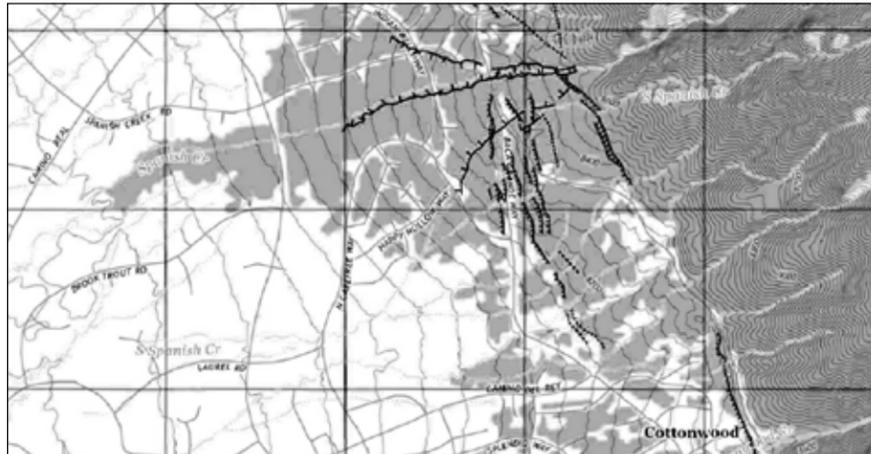
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aerial photos. So the spatial probability of being near an active fault trace has increased for some Baca residents. But the temporal probability of the Big One occurring in the near future still remains very low, because we are only 7500 years through the 10,000-15,000 year-long seismic cycle between M7+ earthquakes. The probability of the Big One happening in the next 100 years is less than 1%.

Since 2011 I have given several keynote lectures at international conferences, suggesting that fault maps based on airphotos may have missed many active strands, especially in forested areas, and that to see all the strands we need to switch to LiDAR-based fault mapping. The foreign audiences sat

captive while I showed them LiDAR images and fault maps of Crestone and the Baca. This year I will talk at the international paleoseismology conference in South Korea; visit a Japanese nuclear site with suspected faults; and fly to Vietnam to help their geological survey set up an active fault trenching program. And it all started in Crestone.

It is a cliché in geology that you never know where your career will take you. Certainly, when I was 29 years old hiking the Sangres and camping in Crestone in 1979-80, I had no idea that 20 years later I would be living here, and influencing the path of global hazard science. As they say, "what a long strange trip it's been."



Between Spanish Creek (top) and Cottonwood Creek (bottom right), the fault zone consists of a single active strand at the range front, and a swarm of active faults half a mile farther west. At the range front, the apparent gap between scarps at right center is caused by the railroad sitting atop the fault zone, which obscures the exact location of the active trace.



How the fault scarps of the Sangre de Cristo fault would have looked like seconds after the Big One created them. This photo is of the 1983 Borah Peak, Idaho earthquake (Magnitude 6.9), a similar size to the Big Ones that occur on the Sangre de Cristo fault. The vertical wall of dirt shown is 5-6 feet high, created when the surface to the left of the scarp was uplifted in seconds while the right side dropped down.



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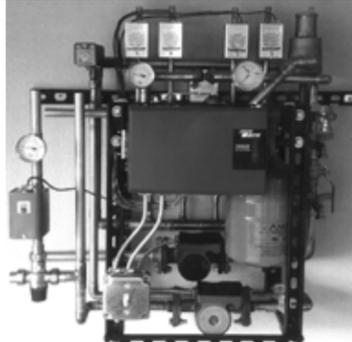
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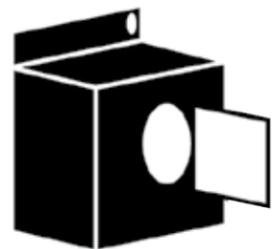
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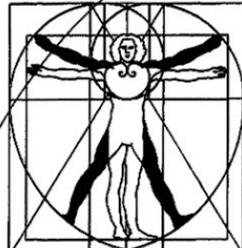

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923C Blue Spruce OL - \$428,000
Handcrafted home w/ spectacular views. ~2350sf on 1.92 acres. 2bd/2ba, spacious artist studio & meditation room. Surround windows & south facing 2nd floor deck.



786C Panorama Way - \$427,000
This Lee Mitchell custom 3bd/2ba/sunroom/library/balconies 2428sf home with fabulous gardens sits on 2.14 acres w 2-car garage/studio. Exquisite - Must See!



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



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, extensive patios.



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!



149 Moonlight Way - \$279,000
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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



2715C Happy Hollow Way - \$197,000
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, very secluded. A very versatile home!



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.



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



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.



4406C Twin View Terrace - \$139,000
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, passive solar design w/ wood stove backup.



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.



381CR Del Sol Lane - \$64,500
Casita Park-Immaculate 3bd/2ba bath 1624 sf home located on 0.819 acres (5 cons. lots). Includes attached 2 car garage, storage + appliances. Magnificent views & privacy. Includes attached 660sf 2 car garage

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With two bedrooms, two baths, and a large art studio, the house is 2340 sq ft on two floors, with second floor balconies and deck, and a south-facing patio. Bordered by greenbelt, this spacious and very private home on 1.93 acres has embraced many meditation retreats in its Milarepa shrine room.

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by Kizzen Laki

My husband Earl was a junk collector, a true pack rat. Nowadays you'd probably call him a hoarder. I'd send him to the dump with a load and he'd come back with more than he'd taken. All good stuff of course. Things we might need someday. Things he might make something out of, fix up and sell. Something that was just too good to be in the dump. Things that other people with more sense than room threw away.

He collected and stored stuff out in the yard or in the old abandoned and derelict dining hall in the cluster of cabins we lived in during the 1970s. Followers of these stories will know that we were an assorted group of young people and families trying to survive however we could—hauling water, chopping wood, living rough and living cheap in a cluster of old cabins in Chalk Creek Canyon.

When I had limited his workshop space in our home cabin, he set up a place out in the old dining hall. His "shop". The dining hall was missing windows, was dirty and derelict. Old stuff had been stashed in it for decades—back when the old "dude ranch" of the 20's became a "church camp" in the 50's. It had long been abandoned until young people started moving into the cabins.

There were still items there when we arrived and we had all salvaged old tables and wood stoves. But Earl took "salvage" to a new level—boards, electrical equipment, TV's & radios (to strip for parts), plumbing parts, old furniture (to refinish), crates, buckets (those with holes could hold something), windows, pipes, boxes of rusted nails that had melded into solid lumps, old batteries, small pieces of sheetrock, bottles, bicycle parts, tires and generally most anything that other people threw away he hauled home. He was an original recycling center. Except things rarely got recycled.

I hated all the piles of junk. Yeah, sometimes he would rummage around, pull out a pipe or board and fix or make something. I admit he actually did rig up a water storage tank on the roof of the cabin that was enclosed with old windows so the tank wouldn't freeze. We could fill it with a hose from the well house 75 ft away and it saved us having to haul water. And he did build a room addition to the cabin made of scrap (which he later set on fire).

His piles and "inventions" made him happy. But, like a true hoarder, he didn't know when to stop, or when to toss. I kept telling him to take things TO the dump.

It finally got to be too much for me—and even other people in the camp were getting freaked out about the sheer amount of debris.

So, one day when Earl went off to work I grabbed my camp neighbor and best friend Michelle, backed our 1952 Chevy flat bed truck with tall wood stake sides up to the "dining hall" door and started loading. We worked for hours dragging out crap. It was summertime and hot work. The load destined for the county dump got higher and higher. I couldn't believe the stuff we tossed in there. We raced against time to get loaded and out of there before Earl got home from work. We tossed an old mattress on the top of the load to hold everything down, roped it up and were just heading out the drive when Earl showed up an hour early.

He saw the load with a look of alarm and quickly parked so as to block the truck. He dashed over and was immediately furious. "Where are you going with my stuff?!" he shouted, face going red and veins popping out. He became a maniac yelling "I need that stuff!" He started trying to untie the load, yelling the whole time. I tried to drive around him and was tempted to just push the VW bug out of the way—but it was *my* bug. I jumped out of the truck, yelling just as loudly. Michelle got out of the way but stood arms akimbo in case I needed backup.

We had a great big fight in that driveway. Me hollering NO, NO, NO and him hollering MINE, MINE, MINE as he tried to undo my knots. God that man pissed me off sometimes.

It was going to come to physical blows—and it was a toss-up as to who was going to swing first. But Michelle gave him the evil eye and I finally agree to let him keep a few *most* treasured items. He dragged them off victoriously and squirreled them back in the building. But not the god-awful mattress—it went back on top of the somewhat diminished load. Finally, Michelle and I (Earl was NOT coming along) made it to the dump.

I made him move out to his "work shop" for awhile. It was meant as punishment, but he never acted like it was. A couple of months later after things settled down and he went off to work Michelle and I loaded up a *second* big load of junk and successfully hauled it off to the dump.

My laugh last. He never even noticed.

In the 1970's Kizzen lived with her family and other assorted young folk in a cluster of old log cabins up Chalk Creek Canyon. This is a story from those days.

JULY 2014 Listings

DARLENE YARBROUGH REAL ESTATE FEATURED PROPERTIES

23 Acre Estate



On the creek

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



WAS \$669,000

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 Property



Residential + Restaurant + Office

WAS 495,000

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!

Commercial Property



Professional Building

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



WAS 349,000

Willow Springs (Moffat) - NOW \$299,000
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BACA GRANDE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
2014 Drinking Water Quality Report
For Calendar Year 2013

Public Water System ID: CO0155200

Esta es información importante. Si no la pueden leer, necesitan que alguien se la traduzca.

We are pleased to present to you this year's water quality report. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Please contact STEVEN HARRELL at 719-256-4310 with any questions about the Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Rule (CCR) or for public participation opportunities that may affect the water quality.

General Information

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or by visiting <http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants>.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV-AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and microbiological contaminants call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants:** viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants:** salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides:** may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants:** can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants:** including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

Lead in Drinking Water

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems (especially for pregnant women and young children). It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. Additional information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP)

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has provided us with a Source Water Assessment Report for our water supply. For general information or to obtain a copy of the report please visit <http://wqcd.compliance.com/ceer>. The report is located under "Source Water Assessment Reports", and then "Assessment Report by County". Select SAGUACHE County and find 155200; BACA GRANDE WSD or by contacting STEVEN HARRELL at 719-256-4310. The Source Water Assessment Report provides a screening-level evaluation of potential contamination that could occur. It does not mean that the contamination has or will occur. We can use this information to evaluate the need to improve our current water treatment capabilities and prepare for future contamination threats. This can help us ensure that quality finished water is delivered to your homes. In addition, the source water assessment results provide a starting point for developing a source water protection plan. Potential sources of contamination in our source water area are listed on the next page.

Please contact us to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources, any questions about the Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report, to learn more about our system, or to attend scheduled public meetings. We want you, our valued customers, to be informed about the services we provide and the quality water we deliver to you every day.

Our Water Sources

Source	Source Type	Water Type	Potential Source(s) of Contamination
MOTEL WELL NO 1	WELL	GROUND WATER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indirect sources from forest, agriculture (row crops, pasture hay), septic systems, and runoff from roads. • Existing or abandoned mine sites.
WELL NO 17	WELL	GROUND WATER	
WELL NO 18	WELL	GROUND WATER	

Terms and Abbreviations

- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water.
- **Treatment Technique (TT)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **Action Level (AL)** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment and other regulatory requirements.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** – The level of a drinking water disinfectant, below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Violation (No Abbreviation)** – Failure to meet a Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulation.
- **Formal Enforcement Action (No Abbreviation)** – Escalated action taken by the State (due to the risk to public health, or number or severity of violations) to bring a non-compliant water system back into compliance.
- **Variance and Exemptions (V/E)** – Department permission not to meet a MCL or treatment technique under certain conditions.
- **Gross Alpha (No Abbreviation)** – Gross alpha particle activity compliance value. It includes radium-226, but excludes radon 222, and uranium.
- **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** – Measure of the radioactivity in water.
- **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** – Measure of the clarity or cloudiness of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the typical person.
- **Compliance Value (No Abbreviation)** – Single or calculated value used to determine if regulatory contaminant level (e.g. MCL) is met. Examples of calculated values are the 90th Percentile, Running Annual Average (RAA) and Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA).
- **Average (x-bar)** – Typical value.
- **Range (R)** – Lowest value to the highest value.
- **Sample Size (n)** – Number or count of values (i.e. number of water samples collected).
- **Parts per million = Milligrams per liter (ppm = mg/L)** – One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- **Parts per billion = Micrograms per liter (ppb = ug/L)** – One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Parts per trillion = Nanograms per liter (ppt = ng/L)** – One part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- **Parts per quadrillion = Picograms per liter (ppq = pg/L)** – One part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.
- **Not Applicable (N/A)** – Does not apply or not available.

Detected Contaminants

BACA GRANDE WSD routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table(s) show all detections found in the period of January 1 to December 31, 2013 unless otherwise noted. The State of Colorado requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Therefore, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. Violations and Formal Enforcement Actions, if any, are reported in the next section of this report.

Note: Only detected contaminants sampled within the last 5 years appear in this report. If no tables appear in this section then no contaminants were detected in the last round of monitoring.

Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System									
Contaminant Name	Time Period	90 th Percentile	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	90 th Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90 th Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources	
Copper	08/04/2013 to 08/16/2013	0.53	10	ppm	1.3	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
Lead	08/04/2013 to 08/16/2013	2	10	ppb	15	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	

Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System									
Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	Highest Compliance Value	Typical Sources
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2012	3.25	2.6 to 3.9	2	ppb	80	N/A	3.9	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

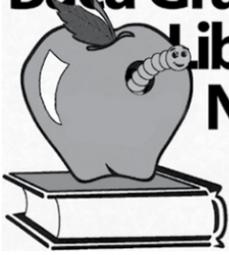
Radionuclides Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System									
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Gross Alpha	2012	1.6	1.6 to 1.6	1	pCi/L	15	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	2012	0.1	0.1 to 0.1	1	pCi/L	5	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System									
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Barium	2013	0.04	0.04 to 0.04	2	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	2013	0.5	0 to 1	2	ppb	100	100	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	2013	0.15	0 to 0.3	2	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	2013	1	0 to 2	2	ppb	50	50	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines

Violations, Significant Deficiencies, and Formal Enforcement Actions

No Violations or Formal Enforcement Actions

Baca Grande Library News



by Suzanne McGregor

Just a reminder to those who might have missed this information last month—the summer reading program at the library is going strong on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11am and will continue through July 22. The program, “Fizz, Boom, Read!” is for toddlers through grade school age

and is presented by Penny from the Saguache Public Library. 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. Learn more about this dedicated group at the July 4 activities in the park after the parade. The FOL will sell root beer

floats at their booth—on a warm day, what could be better! They hope they can tempt you with a “brown cow” and welcome you to add your input to this valuable community service.

We are expanding our DVD series collection to include “golden oldies” suggested by patrons. So far we have added Northern Exposure, Twin Peaks, and Hill Street Blues. If you have another series in mind, please let us know. For the young people who have enjoyed the Erin Hunter books (*Seekers, Survivors, Warriors*), we have added a new series by Brandon Mull called Spirit Animals. It is about a group of four children who summon their spirit animals and create a powerful bond. We think you will really

enjoy these new books.

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Note: The library will be closed on Friday, July 4 in celebration of the many freedoms with which we are blessed.

Baca Grande Library, 256-4100. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 11:30am-5pm; Sat. 10am-2pm.

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In Search of Economic Reality

Concentrated capitalism destroys middle class prosperity & opportunity

by Ed Lyell

Apria Health Care is an example of a company that through mergers and takeovers is now hedge fund-owned and is too big to best serve the customer. They have bought up their competition and do not allow local offices to be called on the phone. It is even deadly in this industry since people like me, who are using oxygen therapy 24/7, do not have a local phone number to call when their oxygen concentrator stops working. The computer prompts take several minutes to navigate and more than half the time you are connected to the wrong department. Of course if this is an emergency and you do not have your oxygen you are dead by the time anyone talks to you.

Firms like this focus on maximizing short term profit to raise executive bonuses. If we still had real capitalism customers would leave for a competitor. *But*, are there any competitors anymore? Today's concentrated capitalism violates the anti-trust laws put in place a hundred years ago to break up the harmful monopolies and cartels of that time. Today's concentrated capitalism industries are also the major cause of rising income and wealth inequality as they destroy well-paying jobs and local small business.

Concentrated capitalism is worse than government run. Good capitalism means that there are many producers and many consumers each with perfect information about products and choices. Government is usually inefficient because there are no positive incentives for employees to work their hardest and smartest. However, in health care and many other industries, we have concentrated capitalism causing consumer and taxpayer exploitation from poor service and the overcharging of insurance companies and Medicaid/Medicare.

Adam Smith, father of capitalism, warned about unregulated capitalism. His debate opponent was Karl Marx who argued that you could never regulate capitalism and get the incentive based benefits without evolving into big business concentration that exploits workers and consumers. Yet for almost two hundred years we had regulated capitalism providing efficiency incentives while regulating industries

to avoid today's big business exploitative capitalism.

Concentrated or crony capitalism exists because of our destructive and dysfunctional government. Gerrymandered congressional political districts have destroyed real competition for Congress. The Electoral College causes only a few states to decide the Presidential election. Less than 10% of Americans trust Congress yet re-elects 95% of the incumbents. Congress, members and staff, create and manage laws helping big business and end up with million-dollar jobs in those companies. Military leaders set up million-dollar retirement jobs in the war industry. In 1974, only 3% of retiring members of Congress became lobbyists. Now, 50% of Senators and 42% of Congressmen use this revolving door.

A Congress focused on only helping the already big and wealthy has created tax codes allowing 7.6 trillion dollars to be stashed in tax havens. Corporate tax avoidance allows 20% of all US corporate profits to be shifted offshore. Corporate tax avoidance has become so widespread that since the late 1980s the effective corporate tax rate has dropped from 30% to 15%, even though the stated tax rate hasn't changed. Corporations used to pay for 80% of health care and now pay under 10%. Federal tax deductions and credits for both corporations and wealthy families take 1.2 trillion dollars out of annual federal revenue creating the budget deficit and expanding national debt.

Meanwhile the USA has become a cheap labor country. For decades the US worker had the highest wages, quality k-12 education and near-free university. Now, US manufacturing workers average \$35 per hour and 13 countries have higher wages led by Norway at \$63 per hour. Since WWII Europeans work 20% fewer hours per year while Americans work 20%

more. Based on economic prosperity data one would have to conclude that European-style "socialism" works better than the US culture of everyone for himself. Norway's families have twice our household income and parents get a year of full paid vacation to become their baby's first teacher. Then have preschool at 3 years old, universal health care and quality public

schools and free university right through doctorates. They have become the world's skilled labor while America is now Third World-level unskilled cheap labor.

If Americans were ever told the truth by their Congress and media they would wake up to our economic reality instead of the falsehoods and doublespeak put out on Fox news, *The Wall Street Journal* and almost all major media owned by the world's wealthy. Frustrated millions are becoming aware of our negative conditions, yet not the causes. One example of the awakening was the political loss by Republican majority leader Eric Cantor who was voted out as much for his over protection of big business as his anti-immigration views.

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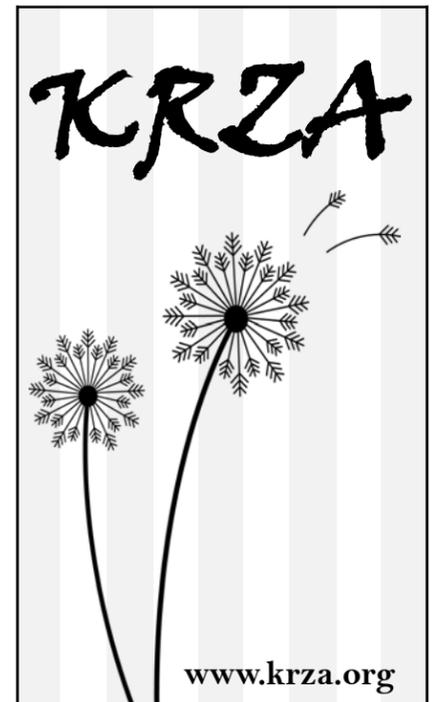
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The application being considered would request \$500,000 for Crestone Re-development/Pedestrian Pathway Network Project. It is estimated that approximately 87.4% of the funds would benefit low and moderate-income persons. Permanent involuntary displacement of neighborhood persons or businesses is not anticipated. Should it later become necessary to consider such displacement, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement. If no feasible alternatives exist, required/reasonable benefits will be provided to those displaced to mitigate adverse effects and hardships. Any low and moderate income housing which is demolished or converted will be replaced. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during these hearings should notify Crestone Town Hall at 719-256-4313, P.O. Box 64 (108 W. Galena Ave.), Crestone, Colorado, 81131, a minimum of 3 days in advance so that appropriate aids can be made available.

A public hearing will be held at 1:30 pm on Monday, July 14, 2014 at Crestone Town Hall, 108 W. Galena Avenue, Crestone, Colorado to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions related to:

- The proposed CDBG application for this project; and
- Community development and housing needs, including the needs of low and moderate income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be addressed through the CDBG program; and
- The performance of the Town of Crestone in carrying out its community development responsibilities.
- Potential historical effects.

A copy of the application as submitted to the State will be available for public review at Crestone Town Hall. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by July 8, 2014, at P.O. Box 64 (108 W. Galena Ave.), Crestone, Colorado, 81131, crestonemgr@fairpoint.net. Oral and written comments will be considered in deciding whether to submit an application for the proposed project. Written summary information will be available at Crestone Town Hall, 108 W. Galena Avenue, Crestone, Colorado, 81131 on June 23, 2014 until July 8, 2014 on the CDBG application that the Town of Crestone intends to submit to the State.

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by Keno

Since we are now in the thunderstorm season, let's look over some of the warnings that are issued sometimes for these storms by the National Weather Service (NWS), and let's also go over some facts about them:

Severe Thunderstorm Watch - Issued by the NWS when weather conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning - Issued by the NWS when severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property to those in the path of the storm.

The facts:

1) Here in the greater Crestone area, although we see our fair share of thunderstorms, we usually only see one or two severe storms a year, although we see about 10 storms containing small hail, too.

2) Thunderstorms may occur singly, in clusters, or in lines, but in our area it's more often than not a single event.

3) Thunderstorms typically produce heavy rain for a brief period, anywhere from 20 minutes to an hour.

4) A typical thunderstorm is 15 miles in diameter and lasts an average of 25 minutes.

5) Of the estimated 100,000



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thunderstorms each year in the United States, about 10% are classified as severe.

6) A thunderstorm is classified as severe if it produces hail at least three-quarters of an inch in diameter, has winds of 58 mph or higher, or produces a tornado.

7) The calculation to determine how close you are to a thunderstorm is to count the number of seconds between a flash of lightning and the next clap of thunder. Divide this number by 5 to determine the distance to the lightning in miles. So if it takes 10 seconds for the thunder to be heard, the lightning struck about 2 miles away.

8) In the United States, on average 300 people are injured and 80 people are killed each year by lightning. Although most lightning victims survive, people struck by lightning often report a variety of long-term, debilitating symptoms.

9) If you are inside, avoid showering or bathing when a storm hits since plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity. Also avoid using a corded telephone, except for emergencies. Cordless and

cell phones are safe to use.

10) Unplug appliances and other electrical items such as computers as power surges from lightning can cause serious damage.

11) If outside, with no time to reach a safe location, follow these recommendations:

- In a forest, seek shelter in a low area under a thick growth of the smallest trees.

- In open areas, go to a low place such as a ravine. But be alert for flash floods.

- Never stand under a natural lightning rod, such as a tall, isolated tree in an open area.

- Stay away from wire fences, clotheslines, metal pipes, rails and other metallic paths that could carry lightning to you.

- If you feel your hair stand on end (which indicates that lightning is about to strike), squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. But do not lie flat on the ground.

12) Remember these following facts and safety tips about lightning:

- Lightning can strike with no rainfall at all.

- "Heat lightning" is actually lightning from a thunderstorm too far away for thunder to be heard. However, the storm could move in your direction!

- Most wildfires here in Colorado are started by lightning.

- Your chances of being struck by lightning are estimated to be 1 in 600,000.

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

Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno
May 21 to June 20

Total precipitation for period:

Liquid precip: 1.21"

Snow: 0.0"

Measurable precipitation fell on 7 days.

Measurable rain fell on 7 days.

A trace of rain fell on 4 days.

Hail fell on 2 days.

3 thunderstorms occurred.

No snow occurred.

Total precipitation year to date:

Since Jan 1: 4.16"

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: 82.2°F on June 20

Low temp: 32.0°F on June 9

Avg. high: 72.7°F

Avg. low: 43.7°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 80°: 5

Number of days with the low temperature at or below 32°: 1

Winds for the period:

Avg. speed: 5.0 mph

Highest gust: 45 mph on June 8

Main direction: Out of the east

Weather summary:

Precipitation for the last 11 days in May was well above average, while being well below average for June. On May 24, the Crestone/Baca weather station set a new record for precipitation for the date, when 0.68" of rain and hail fell in the afternoon; the old record was .40", set in 2009. June was turning out to be very dry, with 10 days up to June 20 seeing humidity values below 10%, including so far a year-low reading of 4% on June 4.

We saw temperatures right where they should have been for the entire period, with only one weather record set, that being a record high low which was tied on June 3, at 52° degrees, which was first reached back in 1994.

Outlook for July:

July is both our warmest and wettest month of the year. We average 2.20" of precipitation with the record for the month being 5.74" falling in 1998. Temperature-wise, the average highs and lows for July in the first week are 81° and 47°, and by month's end we see little change with average readings of 81° and 49°.

The 30 days outlook for July is calling for average temperatures along with above average precipitation.

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The Crestone Eagle's guide to regional events & activities

July, 2014

Frolic in the Great Sand Dunes

The tallest dunes in North America are the centerpiece in a diverse landscape of grasslands, wetlands, conifer and aspen forests, alpine lakes, and tundra. Experience this diversity through hiking, sand sledding, splashing in Medano Creek, wildlife watching, and more!

to the action of waves at a beach. Watch a video, get detailed tips for enjoying the creek, and find current conditions and forecast flow on the Medano Creek page.

Become a Junior Ranger!

There are three different age groups in the booklet: 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. All sections for your age group must be completed to earn a badge or patch.

Just stop at the Visitor Center when you arrive, pick up your booklet for 50 cents, and work on your booklet as you explore the park and go to ranger programs. When you've finished all your requirements, bring the booklet back to the Visitor Center for your badge or patch!

Medano Creek

When there's water in Medano Creek at the base of the dunes, adults and kids alike love to splash in the stream. Watch for waves in the water, a phenomenon called "surge flow." As mounds of sand form and fall in the creek bed, water surges, similar

Medano Pass

4WD Road

Driving this road requires high clearance 4-wheel drive (not recommended for small sport utility vehicles). A scenic drive any time of the year, it is especially spectacular in fall. Creek crossings can be hazardous in spring and the road is closed when winter conditions create hazards. For those without a 4WD vehicle, consider taking the Oasis 4-wheel drive tour, offered May through October at the Oasis store near the park boundary. Current road conditions and detailed information.

Music Pass, Sand Creek Lakes & other Alpine Peaks

A longer drive and/or a long hike is required for these destinations. However, the stunning alpine scenery



Go Fish!

photo by Lori Nagel

For peace and quiet, try one of the many fishing venues around the San Luis Valley.

- Exhibit area of fine art paintings and photography
- First Aid Room
- Back porch with viewing scope
- Restrooms and drinking water
- Simple snacks
- Firewood for sale (when campground concessioner is not open)
- Rangers to answer questions and help you plan your visit
- Video Microscope to view sand grains

Interactive exhibits at the Visitor Center include a video microscope, rock/mineral table, and lightning tube

The Visitor Center is open every day year-round except federal holidays in winter.

The park and preserve are open 24 hours a day throughout the year. Visitor Center hours are generally:

- 9-4:30 in winter
- 9-5 in spring and fall
- 8:30-6:00 in summer

Get to Del Norte for the Covered Wagon Days!

In south central Colorado, next to the mighty San Juan Mountains, the historical town of Del Norte invites you to come help celebrate our colorful history and diverse cultures during the first weekend in August each year.



Our Grand Marshal for the parade will be hometown hero/Astronaut, Kent Rominger, and the theme will be "Trails To The Future".

Del Norte is awarded one of the "10 Most Western Towns in the Country" by True West magazine!

Learn about the Wild West first hand while you enjoy the myriad of activities that abound in our town and nearby mountains. Check the website www.coveredwagondays.org for the new, exciting events we're adding this year. "Go Western" in Del Norte! See schedule in ad on following page.

Salida Arts Festival is July 12 & 13

The inaugural Salida Arts Festival is located in one of the premier arts destinations in Colorado. The show is all about 2D and 3D art, and will showcase some of the finest artists in the country, many of whom have not done art fairs in Colorado before. It is located adjacent to the Salida Aquatic Center, a natural hot springs swimming pool. We encourage you to make the short drive north and see the work of some amazing jewelers, painters, photographers, sculptors, potters, mixed media artists and more. Come join in the fun, July 12 and 13. See you there!



Within Clay Walls

Riff and Marilyn Fenton produce functional table and kitchen ware reflecting the subtle, earthy nature of their stoneware clay. Pots, thrown on the potter's wheel following classical pottery traditions, are then high-fired to nearly 2400°F in a reduced oxygen atmosphere. Their use of feldspathic glazes produces vitrified surfaces and muted colors which are the result of the high temperature, the kiln's atmosphere, and oxides such as iron, cobalt and nickel. Lead is never used. Aspen ash is used in some of their glazes. The pottery is in Saguache, on San Juan Ave. just 1/2 block west of 4th St.



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 ☞ July 11 Archery Training! Bow and Arrow and Atl Atl Shoot 11am-2pm Bring a lunch. \$25
 ☞ July 18 Fibers Intensive 10am-3pm. Bring a lunch \$35
 ☞ July 25 Fire Making 10am-3pm Bring a lunch. \$35
 ☞ July 15-17 (Tues-Thurs) Primitive Pottery Seminar: Learn to identify natural clay tempers. Mix and make natural clay bodies to form pottery suitable for hearth cooking and home use. Learn ancestral pottery-making methods. Plant and mineral topical design "glazes" and traditional pit firing techniques will be taught and used. \$185, includes dinners and camp fees.



☞ August 7-12 Green River Canoe \$535 includes all meals, canoe rental, shuttle cost and instruction (12 and under \$285). Paddle the cooling currents of the Green River through spectacular Canyon Country scenery. During this enjoyable summer learning adventure you will learn to make willow baskets, tamarisk bow and fishing arrows, river stone axes and knives, and pottery from hand dug river bank clay. Add sandy island beach camping and canyon walks and you have a great trip for any age.



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Second Saturday Artwalk!
 Artist Reception
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And coming soon, a variety of food to take & bake from our new freezer!

Maha Lakshmi Shop

Located at the Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, the shop has a wide assortment of gifts and devotional items, primarily from India, ranging in price from \$1 to \$666. Such items as: om purses; bindis; brass statues (from 1 inch to 48 inches); silk scarves and wall hangings; incense; Indian clothes and jewelry; crystals; calendars; journals; candles; cards; books; and music make it a great store to find all of your gift needs. 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 Artisans Gallery will be holding its monthly Artists' Reception from 2-5pm. The gallery represents over 24 local artists and craftspersons showing works in many media: 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 Artisans Park.

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Del Norte
COVERED WAGON DAYS

Saturday, July 26th, 5pm
 "Animals in the Workplace" Art Show by Karen Bonnie @ Gallery at the Windsor

Monday, July 28th
 Quilt Show & Competition - Grand Avenue

Thursday, July 31st
 5pm - Churches' Progressive Mexican Dinner
 7pm - Concert at Wildwood Sounds

Friday, August 1st
 Wounded Warriors Rendezvous, Art & Antiques Auction, Kit Carson Wagon Train, Campfire Dinner with Jim Garling performing, Artists' Quick Draw, Concert at Wildwood Sounds

Saturday, August 2nd
 Pancake Breakfast, Parade, Firemen's BBQ Lunch, Ice Cream Social, Gentle Giants Show, Art Show at the R.G. County Museum
 Dog Show • Talent Show • Book Sale
 Car Show featuring C.W. Ayon
 Music in the Park • Kids' Activities • Vendors
 Horseshoe Tournament • Mud Volleyball
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Sunday, August 3rd
 Fly-in Breakfast @ Del Norte Regional Airport
 Black Powder Shooting Competition

For more information visit www.coveredwagondays.org

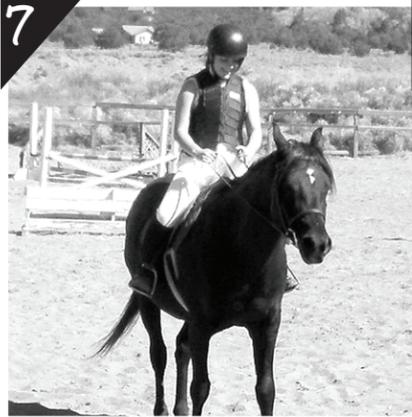
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5 Crestone Creative Council

Crestone Creative Council is partnering with E3KFM to host GAIA (Girls Activation Initiation Alliance) Camp for 13-18 year old girls. This overnight camp runs from July 15-19 in Crestone, CO and will focus on:

- Empowerment Training
 - Expressive Arts
 - Rights of Passage
 - Inner & Outer Elemental Awareness
 - Social Action
 - Body Image & Nutrition
 - Conflict Management
- To register, please contact: Lisa

6 Chokurei Yak Tours

This summer come & enjoy an amazing yak tour! Have fun hand-feeding our Tibetan yak in the middle of a wide open field with a panoramic view of the mountains & the sand dunes.

After this breathtaking tour, drive 7 miles towards Crestone to our completely organic and GMO-free Yak N Cracker Café, which serves yak and veggies grown on our farm. Located on Challenger Golf Course, we offer both golf and Frisbee golf, including

Bodey 719-480-5925 or bodeycrestone@gmail.com; Lyndsay Rose 719-480-0822 or lyndsayrosed@gmail.com. Cost for camp, lodging, meals and supplies is \$450. Financial assistance and work-trade options are available.



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rentals and carts. We have live music every weekend, with special events like our second annual Yaktoberfest on September 27.

7 Baca Grande Stables

Come visit the Baca Grande Stables. See the area on horseback or ride in our arena—Western and English riders of all ability levels are welcome. Our Summer Children's Riding Program for kids aged 6-15 is comprised of a week of fun lessons. Call or e-mail us to schedule a trail ride or lesson, or to arrange an overnight stay for you and your horse: 719-256-6200, info@bacagrandestables.com.

8 Illuminated Therapies

Chill out this summer with a relaxing massage or energy work session. Amulya Dawn Beechwood of Illuminated Therapies is pleased to offer massage, biodynamic craniosacral therapy, pregnancy massage, reflexology, and reiki for adults as well as infants and children. She can teach

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families to massage their infants, and loves working with infants using craniosacral therapy to give babies a harmonious start to life. Would you like to treat your staff to a summertime treat? Amulya also offers on-site chair massage. See illuminatedtherapies.com or call 719-256-4743 for more information.

9 Shangrilah Sanctuary B&B

Shangrilah Sanctuary is a new bed & breakfast that will open in mid June 2014. We offer modern or rustic accommodations at the feet of the beautiful Sangre de Cristo mountains, educational opportunities, & an event/retreat space. Beth Quist (musician, permaculture designer) & Nathan Good (polycrafter/artsman) are the proprietors. On-site services include lessons in music, postural alignment, bio-cooperation, and permaculture. We keep organic, GMO-free, permaculture-based garden & home systems. Our excellent location offers a lovely setting in the piñon pines, walking distance to alpine trailheads, the town of Crestone, & Baca park. 719-256-4768.

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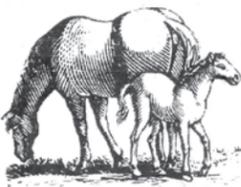
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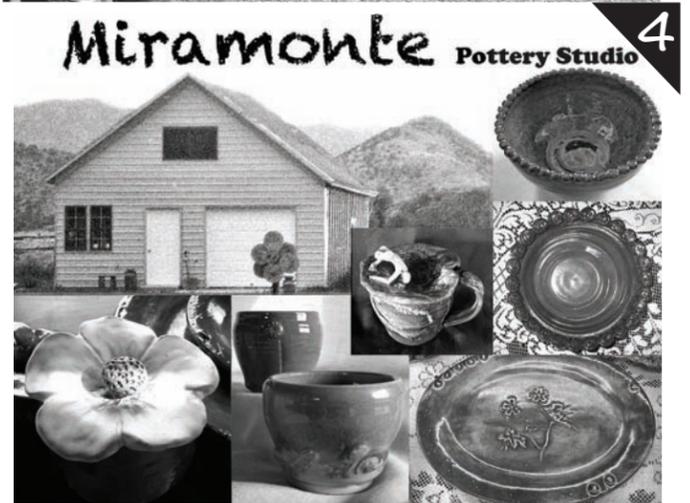
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Moffat & Villa Grove Trade

After soaking and swimming at the hot springs, food and accommodations await at the Villa Grove Trade. A small town general store since 1882, it features live music and dinner specials every 2nd and 4th Sunday 6-8pm. Villa Grove has several oldwest buildings that date back to the railroad days.

The Trade offers mighty fine meals, home baked desserts, wi-fi, local art, general supplies, ice, snacks and beverages, specialty coffees and espresso.

There are also a couple of quaint rooms for rent. \$55 for single, \$65 for double, pets \$10 each. Location: 34094 U.S. Hwy 285, Villa Grove. 8am-4pm daily. 719-655-2203, www.villagrovetrade.com.



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2 Steel Horse Grill

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The Steel Horse Grill offers casual patio dining with views of the stunning Sangre de Cristo mountain range. We know you'll enjoy relaxing to some good music and filling up on delicious food like our signature 1/2 lb. ribeye burger, bbq ribs, chicken, vegetarian options, and a host of tasty appetizers and sides. We have a nice selection of wine, and ice cold beer. Live music on Saturdays—and sometimes Fridays! Check our website for the latest additions.

Open May-October, Thursday-Sunday (Closed Mon, Tues & Weds), Noon-8pm/9pm on Sat. 719-655-2004, www.steelhorsegrill.com, facebook.com/SteelHorseGrill

3 Mirage Trading Company and Mirage Espresso & Ice Cream

The Mirage Trading Company in Moffat, has been providing great coffee and local art to the San Luis Valley for the past nine years.

The Mirage has recently opened another location in Saguache, just on the other side of the valley. Mirage Espresso and Ice Cream is located in the historic downtown area of Saguache serving the same fabulous coffee and now delicious Boulder Ice Cream. New flavors weekly!

Moffat hours 8-4 every day, Saguache hours 8-4 Sunday through Wednesday and 8-8 Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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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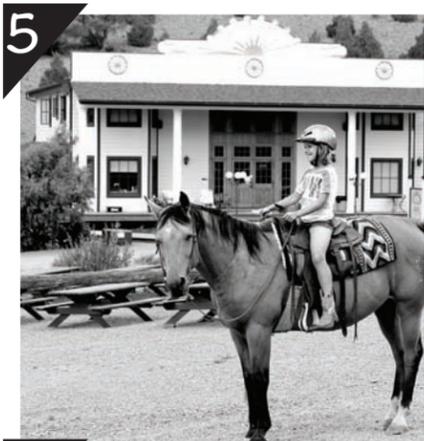
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Saguache

10 Saguache County Museum

The Saguache County Museum invites you to attend the following programs: **July 13** - History of Insulators by Bob Bunker. **July 20** - Tahiti by Elaine Woodard and Joyce Ashley Amer (will have door prizes) Presentations begin at 1:30pm. Refreshments will be served. Donations accepted. Concert-quality player piano music precedes each program. Find the perfect gift in the Museum Gift Shop featuring these local artists: Desert Vista Stained Glass, Aaron Marold; Faux Dichrio Liquid Glass Jewelry, Yvonne Halburian; Miramonte Pottery, Helen Martin; M Perfect Pots, Jim R. Moore; Jewelry by Jeannie, Jeannie Ewing.

evoking mythical references. Mixed media abstract collage, cards and prints are available too. Dean, editor and publisher of The Saguache Crescent, the last weekly "hot lead," linotype newspaper in the country, has been collecting African trade beads and ethnographic artifacts for almost twenty years. Beads, baskets, jewelry, masks, textiles and more are for sale.

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9 Smith Market Gallery

301 5th Street, [corner of 5th and Denver], Saguache

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 insure we are open, 719-655-0155.

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.

7 4th Street Food Store

4th Street Food Store, at 404 4th St. in downtown Saguache, offers fresh, healthy foods at extremely affordable prices. Seasonal organic produce from area gardens is featured, as are local meats, eggs, goat cheese, quinoa, jams, jellies and tortillas. A nonprofit project of Saguache Works, the food store also offers a wide selection of healthy snacks, beverages and grocery items. Bulk orders and special requests are welcome.

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

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Salida

1 Amica's Pizza & Microbrewery

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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.

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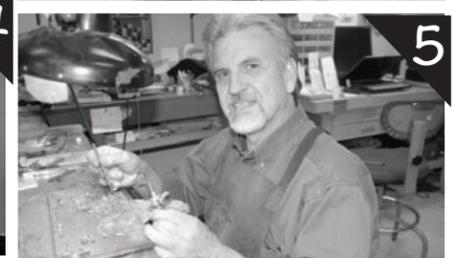
3 Gallery 150

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 including 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 INTEGRATE mind•body•fitness

INTEGRATE mind•body•fitness in Salida is a holistic wellness center helping the San Luis Valley improve and maintain optimal health and well-being. Located in downtown Salida on the corner of 3rd and G Streets, just one block from Ploughboy and caddy-corner from Safeway, our facility includes a wellness center



5 Antero Jewelers

Antero Jewelers offers hand-crafted 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.

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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. Look for our booth in Riverside Park on July 4 for sweet treats and light-up toys. We'll also be doing a free Play Day in our entryway on Saturday, July 19 during the Salida Classic bicycle race. Join our email list, like us on Facebook or check our website (kaltoys.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, bold-

est 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

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10 Independent Whitewater

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1 Creative Framing & Blue Water Gallery

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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 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.

Primitive camping is available for \$10 per night. Call 719-378-2296 or log on to ufowatchtower.com for full details. GG's Bed and Breakfast now open, adjacent to the UFO Watchtower. For conference reservations call Judy at 719-378-2296.

5 Kristi Mountain Sports

In 1969, Kristi Mountain Sports first "opened their doors", selling ski equipment from a storage closet inside the former El Sid's menswear store in downtown Alamosa. The current owners, Eric and Lisa Burt, took over in 1984 and moved to the Villa Mall, adding bicycles, hiking and camping equipment.

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