

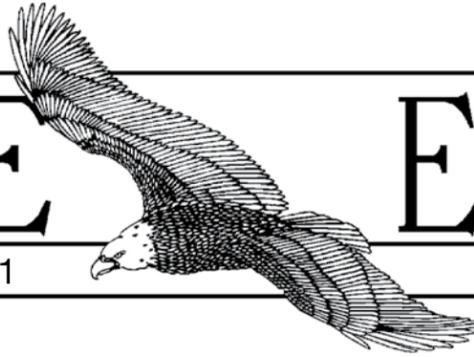
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"Twelve Hours of Penitence" mountain bike race was held in Penitente Canyon. Michael Hayes (pictured) was part of a 2-person team that came in first. photo by Ben Knight
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'12 Hours of Penitence'—endurance mountain bike race challenged Penitente Canyon riders

Penitente Canyon in the southwestern area of Saguache County has a long history of uses, with Native American cultural sites; wagon tracks from the old Spanish Trail; and a history of refuge for the Penitente Brotherhood, a group of Catholic monks who lived and operated in the Colorado/New Mexico area for many years. Recently the area has been known for its otherworldly rock formations as well as camping, rock-climbing and hiking opportunities. Today

Penitente is again seeing rapid recognition for another activity, world-class mountain biking. For the last ten years the area was spoken of as one of "Colorado's best kept mountain biking secrets" but that probably changed on the weekend of October 18.

The first annual "12 hours of Penitence" mountain bike race was a great success, bringing together Over 400 people and 118 racers from around the state and country for twelve hours of endurance rac-

ing on Penitente's extensive and challenging trails. The rules were quite simple; there were categories of solo, two-person and three person teams riding an 18-mile technical course. Winners were those who did the most loops, and the fastest loops in a twelve-hour span.

Economic opportunity rolls in on fat tires

Proceeds from the race were dedicated to Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, a non-profit group

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Welcome to WinterFest!
See our 'Shop Locally & Holiday Guide' special section for WinterFest events plus merchant features for great gift-giving ideas

Saguache County Commissioners asked not to oppose SWR water export project

by Lisa Cyriacks

Edward Tower of Sustainable Water Resources (SWR) of Denver met with Saguache County Commissioners in October to revisit the plan proposed to allow water to be piped from the San Luis Valley to the Front Range.

The SWR Project is located on privately owned ranches in the northern part of the valley. Gary Boyce, a private landowner, came

before the commissioners in July of 2014 to outline the proposed plan.

SWR is proposing to annually develop 35,000 acre feet of water from the confined aquifer. State law requires that this water be augmented with purchased water on a one-for-one basis. The project is also required to meet the sustainability requirements of the new rules and cannot injure senior water rights owners.

The proposal provides for owners of water rights to willingly sell their water rights and cap the wells or retire them from pumping. The proposal does not include surface water rights.

According to their website, SWR currently owns 25,000 acres of deeded ranch lands with senior water rights, and will purchase remaining water rights from other

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Sincere appreciation

Dear *Crestone Eagle*,

On July 31 I spent my last day at my office as the Baca/Crestone Ambulance Administrator. It was a day filled with emotions. For the past sixteen years this had been my life and I have been incredibly fortunate to work with the most capable and kind physicians, a diverse number of POA Board members, the absolute finest EMS crew-members in the state, and patients who humbled and taught me valuable life lessons. I am thankful and indebted to them all.

I realize there are people in the community who wished for a grand send off. But, even on a good day I am uncomfortable in large groups and being in a large group while being an emotional wreck was just not something I could manage. I opted for a "staff party" just like we have done for birthdays and holidays. I was with my crew and the POA office staff I worked with every day. It was sad and wonderful all at once and will never be able to convey how much I appreciate you all!

The *Eagle* also had a brief mention of my impending retirement in the July issue with the suggestion that some might want to email or write a personal note in appreciation of my service. I was overwhelmed by the response of kindness and sincere gratitude in those messages. This is a fabulous community. My sincere thanks to each of you!

Finally to Chris Botz . . . Wow! I was not expecting such an eloquent and heartfelt article. I was genuinely touched by your kind words.

In closing I want to introduce my more capable replacement, Darrick Garcia. Many of you may have met him at the Crestone Music Festival. I believe he will find this place as extraordinary and supportive as we all have.

In sincere appreciation,
 Pam Gripp

Neighbors Helping Neighbors gives thanks

Dear Editor,

We give thanks for the county commissioners who have given NHN a recent grant so that we can continue to help our neighbors in crisis, especially as winter approaches and needs become greater.

We give thanks for our Crestone community of "givers" who helped make the Telluride Mountainfilm Festival a huge success by attending, buying food and silent auction items. We give thanks to all our volunteers and donors of food and items for the silent auction. We give thanks to Benjamin and Michelle for donating a portion of the proceeds from an amazing concert at the Cloud.

We'll give thanks together

Nov. 22 at our NHN Community Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner at the Crestone Charter School, 12:30-4:30pm. Please call Judie Rose, 256-4110, if you can bake and bring a turkey.

We try to think of fun ways for you to give NHN money and we do our very best to be good stewards of your financial gifts, sending it all right back to help others in a crisis situation. Donations are always appreciated and may be sent to NHN, Box 822, Crestone, CO 81131.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Board

Living Well thank you

To the Editor:

The Board Members of Living Well Crestone wish to thank the Saguache County Commissioners for the Sales Tax Grant awarded to perform a feasibility study for a mileage-reimbursed ride share program for the Crestone community. The project will commence on February 1, and run for 8 weeks, with the object of collecting data to determine whether a permanent program is sustainable at this time.

In mid-January, a brochure outlining the program and how it works will be mailed to all Crestone Post Office boxholders, and additional brochures will be available at several locations around town for those without PO box access.

Thank you to all who have worked on this project and those who supported the grant! Special thanks to Marta Shoman and John Loll for their hard work.

Sincerely,

Carol Anne Robinson, President

Margot Williams, Secretary

Carrie Allen, Media Specialist

Thank you Kairina

Dear Editor,

I just want to send out a warm heartfelt thank you to the Mayor of Crestone, Kairina Dansforth. She has worked tirelessly to rejuvenate our town in so many ways. Her foresight as to what is possible has helped me see the potential and

talent that is Crestone, Colorado.

Her visionary leadership has allowed me to meet the many talented world class artists in this community and I am amazed at the talent living in our community.

Art is what gives humanity joy and delight and our Mayor has spent a lot of time and effort introducing us to the dance, photographic, videography, painting, sculpture, written word, music and so much more. Even the plants sing in Crestone with Peter May as the orchestra leader. I personally am proud of my community.

Kairina thank you for your vision, leadership and service to the Town of Crestone and surrounding area.

Keep up the good work.

Don Gifford

Crestone Creamery

Spay/neuter thanks

Dear Editor,

I am the president of CatsAlive!sly, a non-profit formed to assist with feline spay/neuter in the San Luis Valley. On Saturday, October 17 we held a spay/neuter clinic at the Baca Grande POA Hall and fixed 41 cats and kittens for free with grant funding from the Bates Foundation and Trust. I wanted to thank all the participants that took advantage of this great opportunity and share appreciation for the number of individuals that made this event a success. First and foremost Dr. Linda Behrens was instrumental in securing the location and assisted directly with the clinic (thank you Janet Berger for putting us in touch!). Judie Rose at the Rainbow B&B and Elaine Johnson/Bob's Cafe were fabulously supportive and we extend a special thanks to the vets that provided their surgical expertise: Dr. Greg Kettering and Dr. Annie Schultz. They were assisted by vet techs, Kristen, Ana and Rachel to keep the clinic running smoothly. We hope to return to the area or perhaps Saguache next year to do it again.

Thank you Crestone!

Michele Wayland

Editor's Notes

Thanks

I found reading all the thank you letters this month inspiring. Every single letter was an expression of gratitude. So I thought I'd get into the spirit of the page.

I would like to give thanks to our great *Eagle* staff. We have a great team that pulls this baby together every month. Smart, hardworking, capable and fun! Who could ask for anything more. Thanks to all those who are part of the *Eagle* but don't work in the office—writers, reporters, photographers and contributors of all sorts. You really help to make the *Eagle* happen. Your excellence makes us look good! And a BIG thank you to those who advertise with the *Eagle*. It's your advertising dollars that keeps this small town independent newspaper in business.

As I took a walk today with my two doggies along the road with no noise and almost zero traffic, looking at the blue sky, the golden colors and the amazing peaks I gave thanks for my good doggies and for being here. Thankful for this extended autumn—the cool rain, the touch of snow, the mornings with a fire in the wood stove.

I give thanks that we don't have any obituaries in the paper this month—last month was hard saying goodbye to friends.

I so deeply appreciate and am in gratitude for my family. So blessed by children, their spouses, grandchildren, my partner. Such a grand circle of loving friends I have!

As I look around this community, report on things that are happening, on those who are creating and giving to make life here better, I give deep thanks.

All of it. ALL of it, makes life so worthwhile.

Thanks,
 Kizzen



from the *Eagle* staff.
 Many thanks to all of our
 readers, contributors,
 and advertisers.

Commentary:

'Reefer madness': a different ethic needed

by Sandia Belgrade

In 1936 a film called *Reefer Madness* hit the screens. It was an over-the-top look at the "evils" of marijuana. Camp at its best, and rated by critics as one of the worst films ever made. It was terrible for another reason: it fixed in the minds of several generations of Americans that marijuana was evil. The residue has stayed in the collective unconscious and affected attitudes, legislation, and discrimination ever since.

To the surprise of many in Colorado, the state legalized marijuana. Beyond all belief the legal institutions have moved forward responding to currents of change. However, the counter culture is in many ways staying in the same mind frame: "We are outside the law". Let's look at the consequences of being above the law here.

The marijuana culture has historically been associated with the environmental movement, but reports indicate that the illegal growing is environmentally problematic. There are at least 17 illegal grows in the county, many right in the Crestone area. Greenhouses are popping up everywhere. People are moving in and not taking into account their relationship to living in a way that is copacetic to the environment.

Many leave a scattering of garbage and trash when they're done. Some use restricted pesticides, pounds of chemical fertilizer, insecticide, and rodenticides, often warfarin. This amounts to water pollution. More than that, critters who drink water polluted with this will die; it kills off both mammals and birds. And water in this valley is critical. Many are illegally taking water from creeks. Some of that is federal water, and marijuana is still a federal offense, so this is a double whammy.

While local law enforcement needs probable cause to investigate illegal grows, Colorado and federal agents have raided illegal marijuana operations across the state in a concerted effort to take out syndicates marketing marijuana to different parts of the country. What is of local concern are the reports of people moving in, having a shadow existence, and establishing no contact with neighbors. They bring no positive assets to the community or county. Millions of marijuana dollars are being made for the state; yet Saguache County is getting next to nothing because of the illegal grows. It is not expensive to register legally in the county. If the local licensing process seems too complicated, call Wendi Maez, Saguache County Land Use Administrator. She is quite helpful guiding people through the process.

It used to be a badge of honor for "stoners" to be outside the law. Here, in this small corner of the world, it's appropriate to be interconnected with people and the earth.



A loaded cattle truck rolled over on Hwy 285 in the town of Saguache. Passengers were injured and many cattle were killed.

Saguache County crime report

by Mary Lowers

October was a slow month for crime here in Saguache County. Strangely enough crime was slow but speeding was up. People were ticketed for going close to twenty miles an hour over the limit. Maybe all those fall chores are causing this excessive speeding.

Early in the morning of Oct. 8 State troopers and Saguache County deputies rushed to respond to a semi-truck roll over at the intersection of State Hwy. 114 and US Hwy. 285. The 1999 Peterbuilt truck, according to the State Patrol, failed to negotiate a turn causing the vehicle to roll over once. Along with 60 head of cattle the driver was also riding with his wife and two young children who were asleep. The driver and his wife were airlifted to the eastern slope with serious injuries. The children were treated at Rio Grande Hospital in Del Norte and released to family. Twelve cattle died or were put down at the scene. The rest of the cattle were rounded up by local ranchers. Excessive speed is thought to be a factor in the crash.

On October 7 there was a fatal crash on Hwy. 17 one mile north of Mosca. According to the State Patrol, a Santa Fe woman, 26, driving a 1989 Olds Cutlass lost control of her car while trying to correct when her vehicle went off the east shoulder of the road. The over correction caused the car to rotate out of control and travel back to the east side of the road and roll one and a half times before coming to rest on its top. The driver who was not wearing a seatbelt was trapped in the car and suffered fatal injuries. She was pronounced dead at the scene by the coroner. Drugs and alcohol may be factors in this crash.

A Center woman, 27, was held in the county jail on harassment charges. Her bail was listed at \$250. A summons and complaint was served to the same woman on charges of harassment eliciting a violent response.

A 28-year-old man living in the unincorporated county was arrested and jailed in Saguache on charges of domestic violence. No bail was listed for him.

A Crestone man, with a suspended license was ticketed in another person's car for driving a defective, unsafe vehicle while his license is under restraint.

Baca Refuge Prescribed Burns planned

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to conduct prescribed burns on the Baca National Wildlife Refuge this autumn. The burns are planned for areas of the refuge along Lower Crestone Creek in order to reduce fuels and improve wildlife habitat. The burns will be conducted by professional fire personnel from the San Luis Valley Interagency Fire Management Unit. Exact burn dates will depend on weather conditions and other prescription requirements.

Neighbors and towns adjacent to the refuge should be aware of large plumes of smoke temporarily generated as a result of the prescribed burning. All burns will be monitored until they are declared completely out. Signs will be posted along Highway 17 and County Road T. Any neighbors or individuals that may require special consideration or assistance in the event that unplanned smoke issues arise are encouraged to call the Refuge Manager, Ron Garcia at 719-256-5527.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information see www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health.

Baca dog sentenced after biting & causing injury

by Mary Lowers

Yeshe, a large white Pyrenees dog, was sentenced to confinement and exile for biting Baca resident Gussie Fauntleroy as she was riding her motor scooter down Baca Grant Way in July.

The unleashed animal had been with his owners who were horseback riding. The deep bite wound inflicted by the dog caused Fauntleroy's scooter to fall on her and severely sprain her ankle. She told me the incident caused her "medical bills and disruption of my life for three months."

Saguache County Judge Amanda Pearson accepted a plea bargain agreed upon by the defendant, Heather Vandeventer, representing the dog's owners. The deal included sixty days for a no kill animal shelter or home

away from the area for Yeshe, the dog.

There will be financial restitution paid to Fauntleroy for medical expenses and loss of income as a result of the dog attack. Fauntleroy said, "I normally would not wish for a dog to be separated from its owners. But would want even less for someone else to be injured as a result of Yeshe running loose in the community."

During these sixty days Yeshe must be leashed or confined. After sixty days the dog needs to be permanently moved out of the area.

If anyone sees the dog running loose it should be reported to the District Attorney at 719-655-2522. If there are no violations of the court's decision Vandeventer's record will be expunged.

Federal pot bust defendants sentenced

by Mary Lowers

Most of the defendants from the DEA pot bust/spring at the Alamosa airport in spring 2014 have been sentenced. Shawn Maminakis had his charges dismissed early in the case. David Steele, also previously sentenced, has served his one month in jail, his

supervised release and is working off his 104 hours of community service.

William Jesse Hoge received 36 months probation and a fine of \$4,750. Curtis Frank Wagner got a year and a day in prison followed by two years supervised release. Skylar Freeman was given three years supervised release. Marty Shellabarger, Jr. received five months incarceration; three years supervised release and one hundred and four hours of community service for his part in the crime.

Chicago defendant David Geubelle was sentenced to a year and a day in prison, two years supervised release and one hundred four hours of community service. Kingpin of this deal Terry Wilkerson of Oklahoma and another OK man, Stoneham Bunting, still await sentencing.

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Saguache County News

by Sandia Belgrade

Unmanned aircraft systems authorized

Mike Spearman reported that after a long wait, the FAA has accepted the Certificates of Waiver or Authorization (COA) application for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). Approved are two platforms, the Airwing Talon and the Hummingbird II Unmanned Aircraft Systems for purposes of testing/training at Leach Airport in Center.

The agreement says the craft must be operated in strict compliance with provisions and conditions contained in the Airworthiness Safety Release, including all documents and provisions referenced in the FAA FORM 7711-1 UAS COA Attachment. Operations are authorized for Class G airspace at or below 400 feet Above Ground Level (AGL) in the vicinity of San Luis Valley, CO, under the jurisdiction of Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center. The certificates state that the purpose is to prescribe UAS operating requirements in the National Airspace System (NAS) for the purpose of public safety, search and rescue, emergency management, law enforcement, fire-fighting, and agriculture. Operations are approved for daylight hours to be conducted in visual meteorological conditions, and solely within visual line-of-sight in Class G airspace. Visual line-of-sight operations are conducted at an altitude of no more than 400 feet above ground level.

Now that the county has been approved as a test/training site for drones the commissioners need to lay the groundwork for financial stipulations since a key motivation in bringing the drones here are the potential economic benefits to the county. What infrastructure must be put into place? They are still plotting wells for the airport. Do they charge for hangers, leases, services, airport fees, monthly rentals? What employment opportunities will be possible? Attorney Ben Gibbons stated that an operational agreement is needed. There will also be an advisory board set up.

Budget amendment adoption

Lyn Lambert, Saguache County Co-administrator, presented the

supplementary items for the 2015 budget for commissioners' approval. Though opportunity was provided for public input at a public hearing held in Center, no comments or objections from the public have been received. The BOCC approved the supplemental budget for these items:

- court house security
- release of funds for Secure rural Schools (SRS)
- revenues to general funds: severance taxes and mineral leasing
- expenditures for child welfare case work
- the sheriff's department budget: \$104,000 was added from insurance reimbursement for the jail fire and money received for a wrecked department vehicle.

Saguache County tobacco initiative

The goal of the Saguache County Prevention Partner (SCPP) is the prevention of underage drinking and tobacco use as well as substance abuse. Ilene Rivale, the coordinator of the SCPP, explained that their objective is to create a healthy community for our youth by promoting healthy life style choices and increased awareness of tobacco smoking and second hand smoke as well as other contributing factors of chronic disease and addiction.

Saguache County Public Health oversees the project which works to change people's perceptions, attitudes and habits around substance abuse.

As part of Rivale's grant she was looking to work with the County to have an impact at the community level. There was one County department not in compliance in terms of signage and smoking in County buildings. The question arises: if they're in violation, what action is appropriate?

Great American Smokeout

Rivale's report is timely. November 19 is the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout. The event is to encourage smokers to finally give up smoking. Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the United States. Since 2006, the SCPP coalition which is comprised of interested youth, business owners, service providers, educators, citizens, and government officials from the county participate in and provide direction for the prevention process, from planning through implementation. Healthy Kids Colorado Surveys are administered each fall to provide

data for identifying evidence-based programming. Curriculum has been purchased and is being implemented in Mountain Valley, Moffat and Center school districts. Youth consultants are hired to represent the county's three school districts.

Waltemyer's conditional use permit still unsettled

There was a second lengthy discussion reviewing the issue of Bruce Elaine Waltemyer's conditional use building permit. The request is to build a residence that will support Native American church and ceremonies. The Baca Property Owners' Association has previously denied the request, as did the planning commission. Last month the County Commissioners (BOCC) tabled it to do a site visit. This month's review was again characterized by divergent opinions. Chris Long and Waltemyer want to hold native ceremonies to preserve the Native American way of life. Long cited Saguache County's poor treatment of natives historically; yet their religious freedom was not the reason for opposition, and several present spoke of their support for native sweat lodges and ceremonies that have happened over the years.

Commissioner Tim Lovato said he was confused about their intentions which seem to change. What was originally represented as a residence is now a building large enough to hold ceremonies and sleeping spaces for a large group. They have gone ahead with construction before receiving final approval, and they were urged to finish the structure before holding any further activities. Waltemyer and Long have said activities were to take place only inside, but some seem to be occurring outside.

This reporter and another Crestone resident drove out to the site. It was about as far to the west as possible on the edges of the Baca, away from any densely residential area. From the outside it does not look residential. Inside, Waltemyer greeted us warmly. She has set up a living area to one side of the building as her home. The central portion, however, is an expansive circular area large enough for many guests, with the ability to house an indoor fire. The fire department may have to approve that arrangement. Resident Lito Tejada-Flores could hear the drumming all night long from as far as a mile away. The closest neighbor concurred. Todd Sheppard said that in September there was drumming all night, and a fire in a tipi that could have spread. He felt the fire dangers are worrisome and also that the reason people moved

there is because they appreciate the quiet. Thus, the key objections are noise, fire, road use, and dust. There has been no attempt by either the Sheppards or Waltemyer to communicate with each other.

Even with the public opposition, the commissioners bent over backward to see if some mitigating actions might be taken. It was noted that the County cannot overrule POA covenants. Jason put forth a motion that they clarify their intentions and make an effort to mitigate noise, road impact, dust etc. and then to resubmit this to the planning commission for reconsideration.

Deputy in Crestone

Sheriff Dan Warwick said that some Crestone residents and businesses have helped funnel money to help Deputy Wayne Clark continue to reside in the Baca. Benjamin Byer of Elephant Cloud Market said that Wayne has been offering classes in self defense, and Byer paid for one of his employees to take classes. Warwick also noted that he has advertised for the open patrol position, but there have been zero applicants.

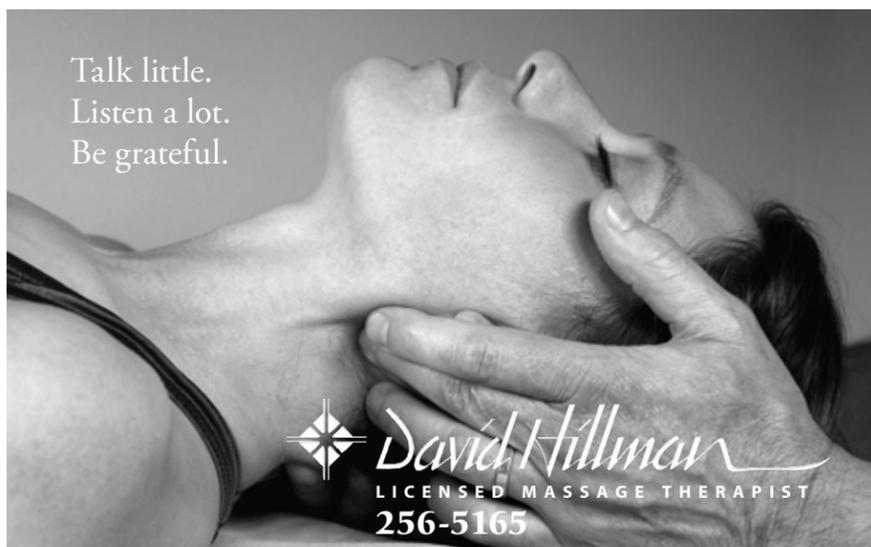
Senior Care Center proposed

Yvonne Braden, representing the Valley to Valley Senior Care Center, is working toward the goal that there be no one frail or with Alzheimer's that can not be served regardless of county lines. She is developing plans to build a ranch house-type of building, not an institutional facility: a one story floor plan with a day room for crafts, exercise, etc; a kitchen; beds for respite. It is to be a home away from room that provides community. The Alzheimer's Association have for three years awarded them "Leaders in Dementia Care." Braden requested a letter of support from the commissioners.

SLV water not going anywhere

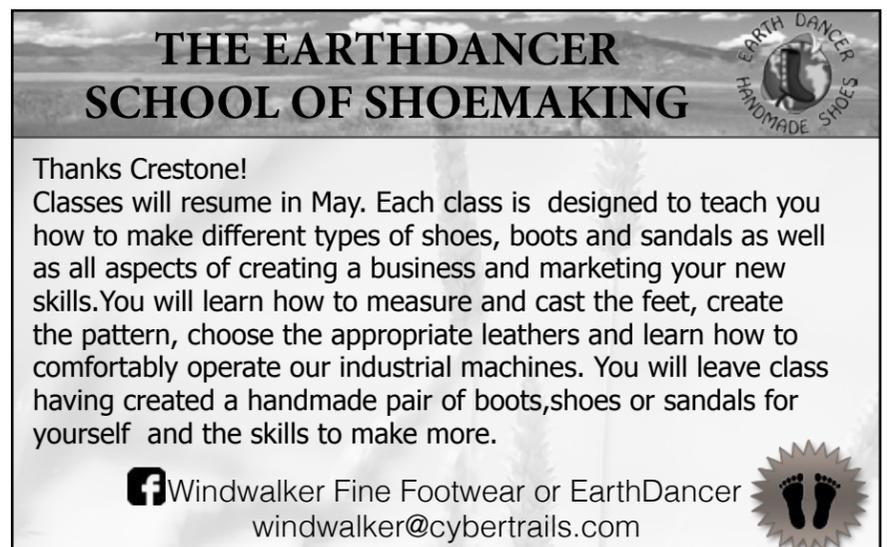
Ed Tower of Sustainable Water Resources of Denver met with Saguache County Commissioners to revisit a plan allowing water to be piped from the San Luis Valley to the Front Range. The commissioners had heard a similar plan before from Gary Boyce who attempted to sell the water under the Baca Ranch to the Front Range. They were not interested then and do not appear to be interested now in seeing county water supplies being sold out of the region.

Commissioners are hearing concerns over marijuana grows. A public forum is being set up for residents to voice concerns.



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 David Hillman
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GOCO Inspire Initiative grant award

by Kairina Danforth

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) named its first six pilot communities for the new \$25 million Inspire Initiative to get kids off the couch and out the door from the backyard to the backcountry.

The six pilot communities are: Denver Westwood Neighborhood, Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, Lafayette, Lake County, Lamar, and the San Luis Valley.

These grants will support Governor John Hickenlooper's "Colorado the Beautiful" initiative by identifying and filling critical gaps in connectivity for trails and outdoor spaces and creating improved access for every Coloradan to get outside.

As stated in GOCO's October 22 press release, the San Luis Valley, consistently ranking as Colorado's lowest income area, has developed a coalition to serve Saguache, Crestone, Del Norte, Alamosa and Antonito. The region has a wealth of opportunities for outdoor recreation, but geographic isolation and lack of transportation and other resources prevent valley-wide progress. The coalition plans to address improved recreation facilities, sharing of resources to increase youth programming capacity, and helping with more school-age youth stewardship and paid outdoor service learning.

The proposal for the Crestone hub was prepared and submitted by the Crestone Creative District, which will administer and guide the Inspire project on behalf of the greater Crestone community. The proposal writing team consisted of William Howell, Peter May, John Milton, Vivia Lawson and Kairina Danforth.

BLM approves power line assessment

The Bureau of Land Management San Luis Valley Field Office, in coordination with the San Isabel National Forest Salida Ranger District, has approved and signed a final Environmental Assessment for the Xcel Power Line Rebuild Project over Poncha Pass.

The three transmission lines included in the analysis are nearing the end of their serviceable life and will be rebuilt within or immediately adjacent to their existing locations. Two of the new power lines will increase in voltage from 69-kV to 115-kV, resulting in improved power reliability to the San Luis Valley. The transmission lines cross a variety of public and private lands in portions of Alamosa, Chaffee, Rio Grande and Saguache counties.

The BLM will continue to apply conservation measures to manage and conserve Gunnison Sage-Grouse habitat. The BLM's policy is to manage GUSG seasonal habitats and maintain habitat connectivity to support sustainable GUSG populations and GUSG population objectives as determined in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The BLM completed all required consultation under the Endangered Species Act for this project.

The environmental assessment and decision record are available on the BLM San Luis Valley webpage at www.blm.gov/

co/st/en/fo/slvfo.html. Hard copies are available at Salida Ranger District, USFS, 5575 Cleora Road, Salida 81201; and the BLM San Luis Valley Field Office, 1313 E. Highway 160, Monte Vista 81144.



Riding the rocks! Saguache County Commissioner Jason Anderson was part of a 3-person team that came in 2nd in the "Twelve Hours of Penitence" mountain bike race held in October in Penitente Canyon. photo by Aaron Ensley of Salida, Colorado

Penitente Race

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that brings volunteers together from all over the state to do conservation and trails-related projects. The other goal of the race was to generate economic activity by promoting recreational opportunities throughout the valley, both benefiting small business in the general area of the race (such as the town of LaGarita in Sa-

guache County) as well as bringing attention to the variety of recreational potential of our vast public lands.

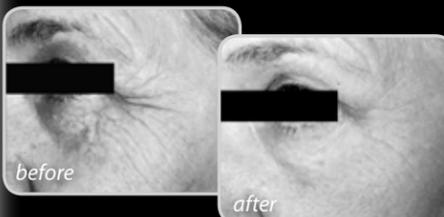
The race was the inspiration of Sydney Shalot, a Salida resident with strong ties to the valley and Crestone in particular. She single-handedly wrote the proposal, found sponsors, got the permits, and found ways to incorporate local businesses so they could benefit from the race.

Local winners: Michael Hayes, Principal of the Charter school placed first in the two-person category, and Jason Anderson, Saguache County Commissioner, placed second on a three-person team. With the success of the event, a second annual race is a strong possibility.

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Steve Nash, Curator at the Denver Museum of Science and Nature along with museum staff and Crestone citizens, place unclaimed and unknown human bones in a grave at the Crestone Natural Burial Grounds.

Remains laid to rest in Crestone's natural cemetery

by Mary Lowers

On Wednesday, October 14 the bodily remains of twenty some souls were laid to their final rest in the Crestone Natural Burial Ground. The Denver Museum of Science and Nature brought the remains, which were part of their collection for many years, to our cemetery because we have the only natural burial ground in the state and they wanted to respectfully inter the bones.

Many museums have the problem with what to do with unidentifiable remains in their collections. In the nineteenth and early twentieth century cadavers were often given to museums and medical schools for research and educational purposes. The ceremony in Crestone is a new way to deal with human remains in collections. Steve Nash, Museum Curator of Archeology and Head of the Anthropology Department told the *Pueblo Chieftain*, "What we are doing is radical. Most places just keep the stuff on the shelf."

Maura O'Neal, museum contact for this event said, "We have very little information on the remains that were buried in Crestone, which is why we deter-

mined that the best way to honor them would be to bury them rather than keep them in our collection." An example of the sorts of bones were buried here is a complete human skeleton a Denver doctor had picked up in France decades ago that his family donated to the museum after his death. Even CSI would have a tricky time identifying them.

The museum staff consulted secular and spiritual sources prior to bringing the remains to Crestone for burial. Ann Bunting, who attended the ceremony, told me, "The service was very respectful of the odd situation of burying people whose backgrounds were unknown. I appreciated their sense of ethics and determination to do the right thing with the remains. It was a moving collaboration between the museum and Crestone."

Crestone Mayor Kairina Danforth, whose vision and hard work helped to create Crestone cemetery's natural burial grounds, the first in the state of Colorado, was especially pleased to be able to collaborate with the museum.

A reception was held at the Crestone Community Building after the burial and ceremony.



by Allyson Ransom

As the energy of a new autumn season brings activity and vibrancy with its golden colors and bugling of elk in the early mornings, the Town of Crestone has been a busy place as well.

Firstly, the renovation of the Town Hall building has been progressing on schedule. And once the new greenhouse is installed and painting completed, the building will be an attractive focal point of our lovely community for another 100 years.

The board, at its regular monthly meeting on October 12, approved a special event liquor license for Crestone Performances who will be hosting a fun Halloween Ball on the night of October 30 at the Cloud Station.

In other decisions, the board approved James McCalpin as official director of the museum that has been run by many volunteers.

The board also decided to postpone concrete work for the Downtown Revitalization Project as Alcon Construction, who was awarded the bid, had not submitted essential documentation to begin the work. With winter approaching, the board voted to cancel the award of the contract

to Alcon; the entire downtown improvement will be put out for bid again in the spring of 2016.

In other news, the Planning Commission is nearing completion of its long-term project to revise the zoning regulations. These amendments will correct errors, streamline processes and reflect the reality of Crestone's unique zoning areas.

As a reminder to anyone interested, the 2016 budget draft is available for review at the Town Hall and will be considered for adoption at the November 9 board meeting. As a general reminder, Board of Trustee meetings are held every second Monday of the month from 1:30-6pm. Please come and participate in your local government.

Lastly, the Town now has a Colorado certified Notary Public available during regular office hours from 9am-1pm, Mondays-Fridays. The cost to notarize each document is \$5 as per the Colorado Secretary of State's recommendation.

Wishing you all a happy fall; enjoy its colors, sights and sounds while enjoying our lovely Town of Crestone.

Sculpture park addition to town planned

Kim and Nancy Malville have declared their intention of creating a sculpture park in the area directly in front of the Crestone Artisans Gallery.

With the help of the gallery members they wish to landscape the area and fill it with local artists' creations. These would include sculptures by local artists and youth, a bench or two and possibly a fountain. There would be a winding path through the park to

the doors of the gallery.

Patrick Moore has agreed to begin the clean-up and design of the new landscape additions. Members of the gallery have been asked to submit ideas for its development.

All in all it will be a splendid addition to the center of Crestone. As Kim said, the space is one of the first visitors see when entering Crestone proper and should reflect our pride in our town.

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Sept 24: Baca Grande Property Owners Association Board has stormy debate about management future

The Board of Directors of the Baca Grande Property Owners Association (POA) met as regularly scheduled on September 24 at 6:30pm after a brief private executive session. All five board members were present (Sugandha Brooks available on speaker phone) with President Matie Belle Lakish presiding. Four audience members were present.

The agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved and there was no Member Forum feedback from the membership. Both Maintenance Department Head Shawn Hollmer and Ambulance Department Head Derek Garcia were absent so no department reports

were forthcoming. At this point, an audience member joked that board members were going to get off easily tonight and get to go home early. Nothing could have been further from the truth.

A long and agonizing discussion took place as to what form of management would replace Hammersmith (HMI) going forward from here. The board voted unanimously weeks before that HMI's contract is to be terminated at year's end. Directors Bruce McDonald and Nigel Fuller are in favor of the POA self-managing and pointed out that with small exception, they already are. They do not think Hammersmith really does much for their fee. They are

open to one of the newly interviewed management companies to help with setting things up and being available when needed. But otherwise they want the POA to manage itself. Both President Lakish and Director Joanna Theriault took issue with this plan and how it was presented but did not offer much in rebuttal as far as an alternate plan goes. There was shouting at one another and the audience and ample criticism of each other on a fairly personal basis. However, the meeting ended on a more positive and civil note and all members vowed to forge an agreement at the next meeting after being reminded by Manager Alison McClure repeat-

edly that there was very little time left for debate and that next year is upon us.

Administrative updates included a report that the POA is \$110,000 under budget with three months of the year to go and probably will finish under budget. And that there is currently \$971,000 in reserve, about what it takes to run the POA for a year.

Delinquent dues collections have netted \$14,000 to date and a more detailed report from the POA's collection agency is to be requested. Insurance rates for all manner of association insurance has gone down and was approved unanimously.

Oct. 8 POA meeting: Hammersmith out, crime issues, new biz in Elk Park

The Board of Directors of the Baca Grande Property Owners Association (POA) met as regularly scheduled on October 8 at 7pm following an hour and a half private executive session. Four board members were present with President Makie Belle Lakish presiding. Sugandha Brooks was out of town and could not attend. About a dozen audience members were present.

The agenda and amended minutes from last meeting were unanimously approved. Member Forum consisted of an audience member berating Bruce McDonald for bullying tactics, and a question about the status of Adam Kinney's request to purchase a lot in Elk Park to build a metal building to house his expanding woodworking business. The audience was informed that Mr. Kinney and his business Blue Earth Design will purchase a lot for \$5000 and details are to be worked out between him and the POA board, which is doubling as the Elk Park board.

Elk Park is a plotted parcel for commercial development in the vicinity of the partially constructed building due east of the POA Hall. It should be noted that this is a clean, non-polluting operation, will employ several more people than currently, and any noise emitted will be miles from any residences.

Saguache County Sheriff's Deputy Wayne Clark and his wife, who live in the Crestone/Baca locale, were on hand to be introduced and to have Officer Clark suggest that a larger law enforcement presence would be a good idea. He talked for a few minutes as to why he thinks that. He states that cocaine and black tar heroin use are here and on the rise and should be at least slowed down. Heroin, in particular, is much more readily available than over previous years and getting cheaper by the day. An audience member wondered how arresting drug addicts really helps anything and Officer Clark agreed that addiction is a medical problem but that by making the supply scarce, it makes it harder for addicts to continue this behavior. Officer Clark is also joining the Baca Volunteer Fire Department and wants everyone to know that he and his family are here for the long term.

It was announced that the board has reached a decision on what management option to chose going forward. The POA will self-manage and ask Westwind Management to assist in formulating a viable beginning plan and have them available to consult as needed. This was inexplicably discussed and decided upon in executive session and no more is known

about the decision. Executive session matters are supposed to meet threshold of being either legal or personnel matters and this meets neither criterion. As it is an issue that touches us all, it is bound to disturb many that the board chose expediency and secrecy over the public's right to know.

One unfortunate consequence of this whole management change issue is that the POA is losing Alison McClure as its manager. Alison is a Hammersmith employee, likes the company, and will stay with them in an unstated capacity. Alison has been instrumental in helping/guiding/begging/threatening the board through many stumbling blocks and is as responsible as anyone for the board making and executing many decisions over the last year. And she has just gotten better and better at it as the year has progressed. One can only hope that she can find an appropriate place in her resume for "expert at herding cats", because she really and truly is.

The POA board has decided not to renew Curtis Goodnight's lease that ended in October on the storage units at the Baca compound of buildings on Road 17. It seems as though they did not even give Mr. Goodnight a chance to negotiate a new lease, despite the fact that he has provided this service to the community for many years. They apparently decided that the POA could make more money by running the operation themselves and took the matter no further. None of this is verifiable with the

board as this was all decided in executive session, away from prying eyes. This does not seem a legal issue and is certainly not a personnel issue, and as such, should be processed in public. Perhaps they will clarify this. If a lawsuit is forthcoming here, one can only hope to have it be made public if it costs the membership money in legal fees.

An additional announcement was made that the POA will be putting out an ad for a new manager and bookkeeper. Contact the POA office for more information.

Annual Membership Meeting

Election results were made public at the POA Annual Membership Meeting on October 10 at the POA Hall. Both Matie Belle Lakish and Joanna Theriault handily won reelection. The ballot initiative for eliminating the home size requirement was declared to be non-binding and for survey purposes only by the board after it was discovered to be out of compliance with the way these sorts of issues are supposed to be presented. The measure had enough votes to reach a quorum and would have passed 388 to 334 had it been binding. This is particularly noteworthy as the question was raised in its more radical form, stating no size restrictions whatsoever. Residents who hope the POA covenants accurately depict community values certainly must favor this measure being put up again next year, perhaps with some consideration being shown to a 500- or 700-square-foot minimum.



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Court orders Forest Service to disclose documents on Wolf Creek Pass decision

The United States District Court of Colorado has ordered the U.S. Forest Service to fully disclose documents pertaining to its decision to approve a controversial land exchange on Wolf Creek Pass in southwestern Colorado. The Court ruled that the Forest Service did not search for public records, including emails and other communications between the agency's regional and Washington offices and the developers. The 20-page ruling also confirmed the Forest Service failed to justify its decision to withhold thousands of pages from public scrutiny.

The court order came in response to a lawsuit filed by Denver-based conservation group Rocky Mountain Wild. That suit claimed that the Forest Service had unlawfully withheld public records and communications requested through a February 27, 2014 Freedom of Information Act request. The Court's order gives the U.S. Forest Service until October 30, 2015 to conduct a search and to fully disclose documents pertaining to its decision.

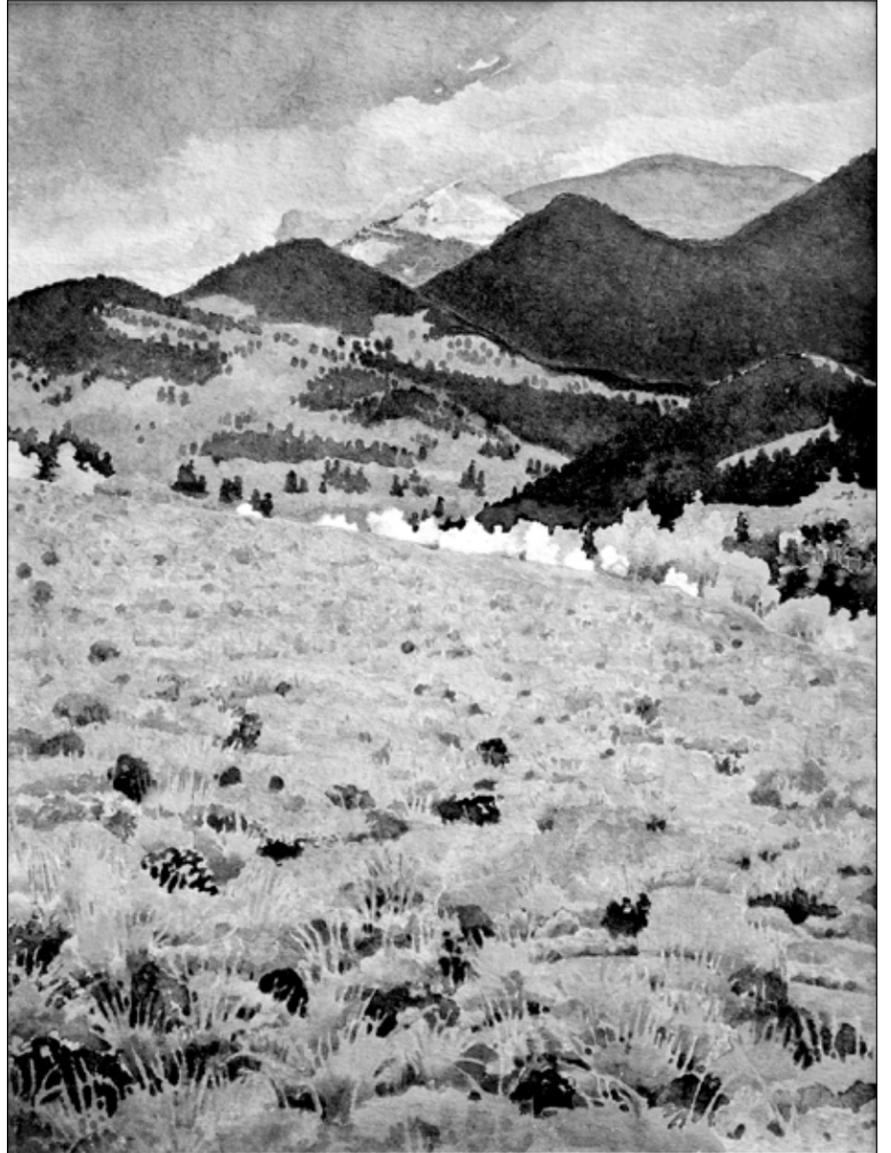
"The Court has verified what we have been saying throughout this decision making process," said Matt Sandler, Staff Attorney for Rocky Mountain Wild. "The Forest Service has failed to be transparent, has withheld documents, and has committed resources to approving this irresponsible development while fail-

ing to keep the public informed."

The land exchange at the center of this controversy was approved by Rio Grande Forest Supervisor, Dan Dallas, in May of this year, and would trade 205 federal acres for 177 acres of private land within the boundaries of the Rio Grande National Forest. The exchange gives highway access to the private land, making it possible for the owner/developer to construct a proposed "village" for 8,000 tourists. Conservation organizations and local communities oppose this development, citing the environmental and economic ramifications for downstream communities, and the direct impacts to wildlife in the area.

Opposition to the development has steadily grown, attracting local businesses, skiers, ranchers, local landowners, downstream water users, hunters, anglers, and conservationists. An online petition started this summer has garnered over 79,000 signatures urging the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, Tom Tidwell, to protect the pass.

Submitted by Friends of Wolf Creek—a coalition of conservation organizations fighting to keep Wolf Creek Pass wild. The coalition includes: Rocky Mountain Wild, San Juan Citizens Alliance, and San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council. More information can be found at www.friendsofwolfcreek.org



'Punctuated Horizon' watercolor by Jo Anne Kiser.

Regional artists celebrate Wolf Creek Pass with traveling show

Forty regional artists will display their creations in the Art for the Endangered Landscape: Honoring Wolf Creek Art Show & Sale. This traveling exhibition will arrive in the San Luis Valley and open with a reception Dec. 4 from 4 to 7pm at the Community Partnerships Gallery, Adams State University, 208 Edgemont Boulevard in Alamosa. The show and sale will be on display during the gallery's regular business hours until December 20.

There will also be a Saturday matinee scheduled for December 19 when local favorite Don Richmond will perform musical renditions, including his original composition "Alberta" written expressly for the Endangered event. Don will be playing from 1 to 3pm and his performance will be followed by a video documenting the Art for the Endangered Landscape: Honoring Wolf Creek project, produced by film maker Danny LeDonne.

The over 70 photographs, sculptures and jewelry in the show were inspired by the natural wonders found on Wolf Creek Pass along the Continental Divide in the San Juan Mountains of southern Colorado and will promote regional artists as they serve witness to this alpine wild country threatened by massive resort development.

Some of the more notable artists participating are Stephen Quiller, Richard Prather, Rita Roberts, Randy Pijoan, Jim Gilmore, Susan McCullough, John Fielder, Charles Ewing, Roger Williams and Crestone artists JoAnne Kiser and Emmy Savage.

Proceeds from the show sales will go to show sponsors in their efforts to counter a proposal that would place a small city at the 10,000 foot headwaters of the Rio Grande and San Juan Rivers. Sponsors of the show include Colorado Creative Industries, San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council (SLVEC), Rocky Mountain Wild, San Juan Citizens Alliance and Friends of Wolf Creek.

Show sponsors want those local residents who will be most affected by development to be aware of the natural and wild country that could be forever lost, according to SLVEC show organizer and painter David Montgomery from Alamosa.

Other show artists explored the area on their own terms and time. One painter, Richard Prather from northern New Mexico, recently ventured to Alberta Lake near the proposed development and rendered a roosting bald eagle at the other end of the lake. Three-dimensional artists, such as Creede jeweler Jennie Inge, crafted wares inspired by this singular high country.

"This show gives artists the opportunity to walk the talk," asserts Montgomery. "It gives those of us who champion wild areas though our art to generate funds to counter impactful developments to primal scenes of beauty."

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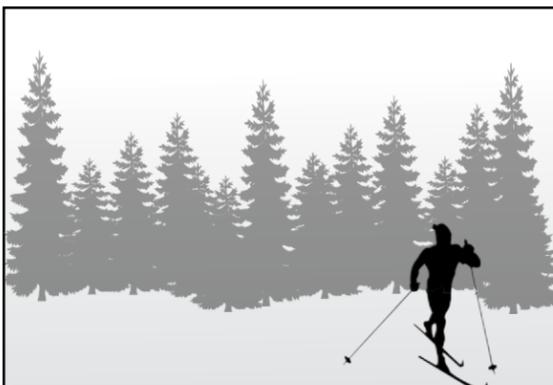
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The Crestone Nordic Club will have its' first meeting of the season on Wednesday, **November 11, 2015 at 7pm** at the Crestone Charter School. Come find out what's new this year and how you can become a supporting member. All levels of Nordic skiers and snowshoers welcome! Winter race information available!

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Crestone Artisan's Gallery: Now accepting new artists



Pottery by Helen Martin of Miramonte Studios.

by Carolyn Victoria

The Crestone Artisan's Gallery is inviting artists living in the community to check out the gallery and see if you might want to participate and show your work. The gallery had a successful summer and many pieces of art went to travelers and local buyers as well. The summer surge helps to supplement income for artists, which in turn helps in acquiring more supplies, more education, more shows, everything that artists need to keep going.

I moved to Crestone about a year ago, having let go of most of my possessions, friendships, and work relationships with a desire to live in the mountains and feel the land. As an artist I brought with me the tools for creating but left behind many artworks that were difficult to transport. This would be a longer story for another time, but the point for bringing it up is that, as soon as I arrived here and found a place to live in the dead of winter, I sought the company and connection of other artists, even though by nature I tend to prefer solitude. I was welcomed at the Crestone Artisans Gallery and my work was juried and accepted. I have found that art really does reach across boundaries that otherwise might be in the way. I immediately had a "family" of folks that I could "be myself" around, a group of artists, all very different but speaking a common language of spaciousness and acceptance of each other's creations and a certain unspoken reverence for the process of how they create works of art.

The Crestone Artisan's Gallery has 17 working artists whom you can find on any given day at the gallery. There are approximately 40 consignment artists as well, and a handful of artists who participate and work in the gallery during the summer months.

I have worked an occasional Saturday or Sunday and had the privilege of meeting different and interesting people. Through the common experience of relating to, interpreting, and enjoying art there is a connection that happens, that transcends the usual surface interactions of mere acquaintances. This to me is the great universal language of art in all its forms! At the gallery you will find ceramics, oil paintings, acrylic paintings, photography, wood works, hand-made jewelry, sculpture, chimes, gift cards, books, music, sonic bells, and more; the art landscape in the gallery is always changing.

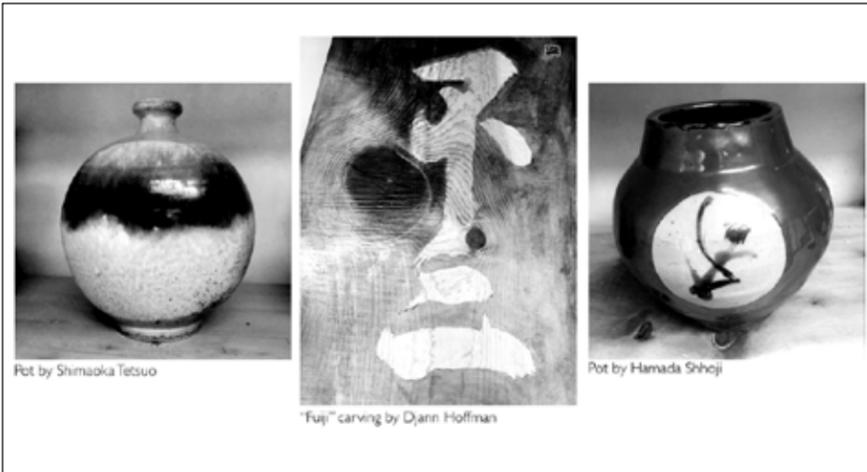
Each month the gallery honors someone in the group as Artist of the Month. This month we wish to honor the entire gallery and give recognition and thanks to all those who come to see the works at the gallery and support the local and consignment artists. We are in a period of invitation for new members. As such, if you are interested or know an artist who would be, please contact Mae Green at 719-588-6471.

We wish to welcome new members Clay Bridgeford and Margaret Bridgeford whose works are truly beautiful and unique. Clay creates wooden art, bowls, pens, coasters, jewelry racks, and much more, from completely off-grid resources. His pieces are beautifully hand-crafted works of art. Margaret (known as Oma) creates ceramic masks that are infused with character and spirit—seeing them one can feel the essence of the creation and what is brought forth into this world through her hands. Truly inspiring!

Upcoming November events:

WinterFest Kick-Off Party
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Currently residing in Santa Fe, NM where he runs an organic farm and vineyard, Djann has been collecting Zen art since the early 80's, soon after beginning his Zen practice. In the late 80's Djann ran a business importing and exporting Buddhist art and at the same time began practicing tea ceremony. This naturally evolved into collecting tea ceramics. Exploring Bay Area second hand stores Djann was able to accumulate an impressive collection, which includes works by artists considered Human National Treasures.

Djann Hoffman is not only a collector, but also an artist in his own right. His woodcarvings have recently received attention from many friends of Shumei. Specifically his carving of the character "Not Two." The kanji characters mean-

ing "not two" have the same sound in Japanese as the word "Fuji," which also translates to "only one." Mount Fuji has significant meaning in the Shumei tradition, as the shape symbolizes the spreading of light. This shape was mimicked in the architecture of Meishusama Hall at Shumei's Misono headquarters in Japan. Meishusama Hall is dedicated to Shumei founder Meishusama. Completed in 1983, it was designed by Minoru Yamasaki, who also designed the World Trade Center's twin towers in New York City.

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Over pizza and beer, Crestone Telecom decides its future

by Maisie Ramsay,
Colorado Central Telecom

The acquisition of Crestone Telecom by its sister company, Colorado Central Telecom, wasn't finalized in some anonymous corporate board room.

Instead, the meeting took place over pizza and beer at the Bliss Cafe in Crestone.

Crestone Telecom may be growing up, but it's still very much the grassroots organization it was in the beginning.

"I want all Crestonians and all those who work at Crestone Telecom to have a big round of applause for accomplishing something that many communities around Colorado have not been able to do: take matters into their own hands and use local talent to solve a local problem," said Ralph Abrams, CEO of both Crestone Telecom and Colorado Central Telecom.

This latest chapter in Crestone Telecom's history will mean little practical change for customers, beyond a different name on their monthly bill. Customers will still be on the same network, talk to the same customer service staff and call the same number for tech support.

For the company, however, it's a big deal.

The merger of Crestone Telecom with its sister enterprise, Colorado Central Telecom, is essential for the long-term health of both companies. Together, the companies will have roughly 1,800 internet and VoIP phone customers across the upper San Luis Valley and Chaffee County.

Right now, Crestone Telecom and Colorado Central Telecom are separate companies under separate ownership, but share the same staff and network.

To understand how the companies got to this point, let's backtrack to 2011. That's when a group of Crestone residents banded together to improve internet service, eventually forming Crestone Telecom.

"After years of requesting the

incumbent provider to increase our internet service and seeing no action on their side, we decided to take matters into our own hands," Abrams said. "It was a perfect exercise in community activism. Local people with a local need got together and figured out how to do it."

With the help of volunteers and 53 local investors, Crestone Telecom's first customer came online on April 4, 2012. Crestone Telecom had more than 600 customers throughout the upper San Luis Valley just three years later. The company's growth caught the attention of the governor's office, and Crestone Telecom was named Most Effective and Efficient Broadband Innovator of the Year at the 2013 Mountain Connect conference.

That success caught the attention of Wendell Pryor with the Chaffee County Economic Development Corporation, who approached Abrams about expanding north into the Upper Arkansas River Valley.

"Basically, the tail started wagging the dog," Abrams said.

Crestone Telecom didn't have the capital needed for the expansion, so the push into Chaffee County was financed by a separate set of investors. So it was that Crestone Telecom and Colorado Central Telecom came to share the same employees and same network, yet were still legally distinct companies under different ownership.

Though this complicated ownership structure was necessary at the time, it soon became cumbersome. While Crestone Telecom and Colorado Central Telecom functioned as one company, they required separate financial records, separate customer service software and separate marketing.

This presented some practical difficulties. For instance, when you have the same customer service staff for two separate companies, do they answer the phone with "Hello, Crestone Telecom," or "Hello, Colorado Central Telecom?"

The ownership structure also



Storm over the Sangres.

photo by Caroline Root

had financial ramifications. As two separate companies, Crestone Telecom and Colorado Central Telecom couldn't comply with GAAP—Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

It may sound dry, but GAAP compliance is critical to obtaining grant funding and financing needed for the survival of both companies.

For these reasons, Colorado Central Telecom and Crestone Telecom CEO Ralph Abrams sought to merge the two companies.

Colorado Central Telecom is acquiring Crestone Telecom, with the unanimous support of Crestone Telecom investors for the acquisition to move forward. All Crestone Telecom investors were polled about the acquisition, even smaller backers with nonvoting shares.

"We asked everybody, even those who technically cannot vote," Abrams said,

Crestone Telecom investors were given the option to cash out their shares, or transfer their shares to the combined company. The deal is expected to close by year-end 2015.

For Abrams, the merger of the two companies is less the end of an era, and more the start of a new one.

"It definitely feels like a milestone and is a long time coming,"

Abrams said. "This is a necessary and vital step to solidify our company culture and continue to bring high-speed broadband and VoIP services to rural Colorado."

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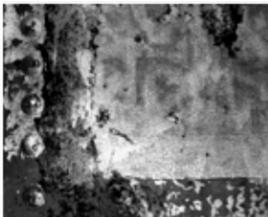
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Northern Saguache County Library District moves forward on Crestone Library

by David Lee

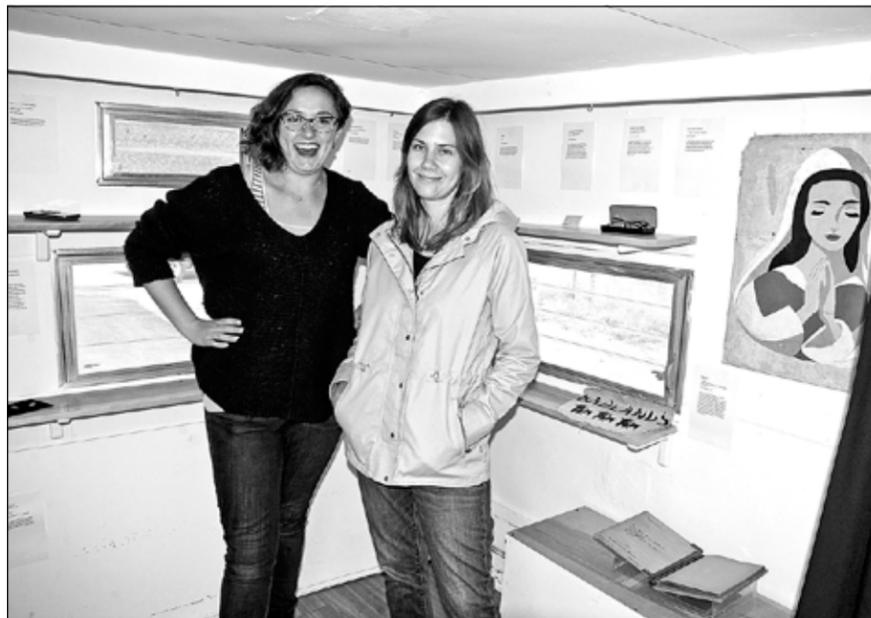
The Northern Saguache County Library District is moving forward in planning the fundraising and construction of a new library in Crestone. Its board met on the 5th of October and spent most of its time discussing the new Crestone-Baca Grande library project. The board unanimously authorized the establishment and recruitment of a position of Fundraising Consultant. The RFP has been prepared and was advertised in the Alamosa and Salida papers (not enough time for advertisements in the *Eagle*, as the due date for proposals is October 30). This ad was also posted on bulletin boards in Crestone.

The Board established a Selection Committee, consisting of representatives from the Friends of the Library, the Steering Committee for the new library, the Baca Grande Library Branch Manager, the Director of the Library District, and the NSCLD Board Chairman. The applications will be received until October 30, and the selection committee will begin reviewing the applicants on November 2. Final-

ists will be interviewed November 9-13, the Selection Committee will give its recommendation to the NSCLD Board on the 13th, and the Board will meet later that day in Crestone to complete the selection. The Fundraising Consultant will begin working on January 4. The Board has established a separate capital account exclusively for completing the purchase of the property and raising the funds to build the new library. It is anticipated that the funds will be raised from a combination of individual gifts and grants from philanthropic organizations.

The Board also unanimously approved the selection of Burt Wadman's preliminary design of the library. He has completed the conceptual plans for the library, constituting about 15% of the total design work, and indicated he is open to comments on those plans.

It was clear from attending the meeting that the construction of the new Crestone-Baca Grande library is the Board's highest priority.



The owner of the Mobile Museum of American Artifacts Laurelin Kruse (right) poses with her friend in the museum, which is in a small trailer and was parked at the Kiosk for a few hours October 18. photo by Lori Nagel

Mobile Museum of American Artifacts comes to Crestone

by Mary Lowers

In the overcast Sunday morning light the vintage turquoise and cream travel trailer pulled into the kiosk and the Mobile Museum of American Artifacts (MMoAA) set up shop in Crestone. MMoAA is the creative brainchild of Alamosa native Laurelin Kruse, who graduated from Yale, class of 2012 with a degree in American Studies, an artistic bent, and an urge to travel. She envisioned

a touring museum of personal artifacts and their history, "the story and quality of time give the objects greater meaning." In 2014 the museum on wheels took off. I asked Laurelin how the SLV tour was going, "It's scary because I know so many people here . . . I hope they like it. Response has been good."

The MMoAA collects regular everyday objects that have a story. For example the hidden love notes that were discovered in an old home, the baby bib cross stitched for Joey who was too big for the bib when the seamstress met the child, or the collection of vintage flip phones. Laurelin said "most of the artifacts and stories in the MMoAA are charged with emotion and sentiment, the sort that runs through us as we go about our daily business. Everyday stories told everywhere." The collection consists of eighty artifacts which travel in the classic Jeep Wagoneer that pulls the MMoAA along. I donated an old leather and metal tape measure of my grandpa's who was a mining engineer and furniture maker. Laurelin said, "Acceptance of an artifact to MMoAA is based on its capacity to represent the currents of everyday life." Standing outside the trailer door I could hear folks laughing and talking about the displayed artifacts and their stories.

Laurelin changes the exhibits in the simple white interior of the trailer at every stop, "experimenting and combining different artifacts." Some of the popular artifacts are always on display. The whole collection goes with her. All objects must be hand size. Simple narratives are hung with each artifact. The MMoAA takes contributions of artifacts and stories as it travels. MMoAA travels with around eighty pieces. The artifacts and their stories open a unique window from which to view American life.

The museum has no firm schedule, "sometimes I am there for a day, sometimes for a month." Laurelin told me. She has been taking the MMoAA on tour in the valley sponsored by the SLV Museum Trail group. She did initial financing for the endeavor through an internet crowd sourcing site called Indiegogo. Some of her support comes from different universities and museums. A Connecticut gallery, Art Space, is a big MMoAA supporter. Laurelin's "always experimenting with different ways to use the collection." Her next stop will take the MMoAA to Utah as part of a poetry workshop.



Mary Lowers peeks her head into the Mobile Museum of American Artifacts. photo by Lori Nagel

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Reclaiming youth & vitality in accelerated times

by Dan Retuta

Sue and I have served as co-directors of Crestone Healing Arts Center for the past 15 years. A 50-hour workweek facilitating massage and Kundalini Yoga trainings can elevate stress and accelerate aging dramatically. Adopting strategies to encourage health and longevity has been essential to maintaining balance and adaptability amidst intense personal change.

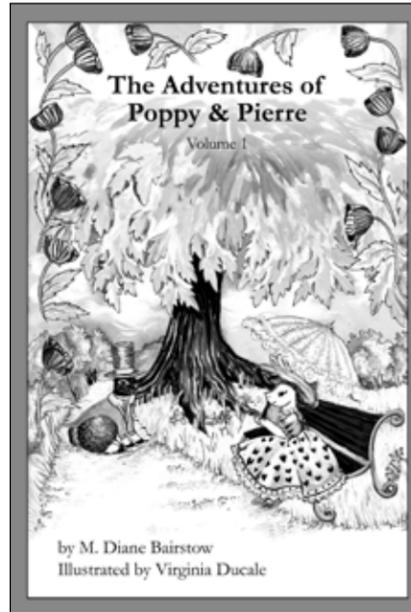
We recently discovered EHT, an all-natural supplement containing a proprietary blend of bioactive ingredients. EHT has been shown to create stronger neural connections in the brain; promote cognitive function, memory, focus and alertness; enhance immunity and the body's energy stores. In just a few months of taking EHT, Sue and I have experienced renewed vitality in the way we teach. We also noticed heightened mental-emotional clarity and

calmness in conducting our affairs despite ever-increasing demands on our time and energy.

Sue uses a natural face cream proven to dramatically reduce fine facial lines and wrinkles as well as skin discoloration. Between EHT, the face cream and a cellulite-reducing contouring cream, Sue has definitely taken on a more youthful appearance and a renewed outlook on life.

These products are available through Sue. She is a brand partner for Nerium International, a company with a vision for happiness and prosperity on a planetary scale.

An informational gathering on Nerium EHT is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 6pm, at 3796C Virtue Way in the Baca. A Nerium Face and Contouring Cream gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 at 6pm. For information, please contact Sue Beck at 719-588-3373.



Crestone author M. Diane Bairstow releases her newest children's book, *The Adventures of Poppy & Pierre*.

A new book release by M. Diane Bairstow

See it at WinterFest: *The Adventures of Poppy and Pierre Volume 1* is Diane Bairstow's newest children's book and is a departure from her 3 previous picture books written in verse. *Poppy and Pierre* is composed of short stories written in prose with black and white drawings.

Poppy and Pierre are two French/American bunnies that live in New York City circa 1910 with their French (human) mistress Madam Colette and her American husband Mr. Jonathan Edward Collins. They are very proper and very fancy, and like all children, they have much to learn about the world.

In "Poppy and the Poppies", the first story in Volume 1, the two bunnies are out on a glorious spring day and are having so much fun, they forget the time and have to find their way home in the dark. It has a magical element to it that adds to its charm. In the second story, "Poppy & Pierre at Le Renard Roux", the bunnies encounter a sly fox at a chocolaterie during a visit to Paris and learn a valuable lesson about trusting strangers.

Ginny Ducale's delightful drawings bring the bunnies and their adventures to life. Like so many Crestonians, Ginny has many talents of which most of us are unaware. After graduating from Parson's School of Design in New York City, she used her creative talents in various jobs and media in both New York City and on Rodeo Drive in Los Angeles.

Diane's first three books, *The Daring Adventure of Bella and Sweet Pea*, *Dave's Dreadful Adventure in the Land of Fright* and *Buster and the Bubbles* are currently available at the Mercantile, the Artisan's Gallery and Crestone Creative Trade. She will be signing these books as well as her newest release *The Adventures of Poppy and Pierre* at Winterfest, and she will also be performing her puppet show there as well.

For more information about Diane, her books and her various productions, go to www.gypsypoetproductions.com.



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The View From Here

Mouse wars

by William "Buck" Winters

Here at Deer Abbey, the annual mouse invasion is pretty much a sign of the changin' of the seasons. My cat Blackie copes reasonably well, but she's just as prone to bringing in a live one and setting it free as she is to doin' a proper dispatch job. Other folks with cats tell similar tales, some more extreme than mine. One lady reports that her kitty seems to consider mice cute, and watches calmly as they chow down on kitty's dinner.

So, what to do? Findin' those little calling cards in your cupboards is bad enough, but the little buggers also have other tricks, like teething on your vehicle's electrical wires. I deal with that problem by fillin' the engine compartment with mothballs for the season and relying on my mule to get around town, but that's a personal solution that won't suit everyone.

The marketplace is full of gadgets claimin' to eliminate rodent infestations, from electronic ultrasound to a wide array of traps and poisons. I'm averse to poisons, because you never know what critter might have a taste for that

dead mouse, and I don't want to contaminate the food chain. Snap traps are effective, but many find the carcass disposal distasteful, though if you're fond of crows, ravens and magpies, they're happy to gobble up the dead mice. And here in Crestone, there are even those who believe in catch-and-release rodent "control". One guy even told me he likes to release 'em near the homes of folks he doesn't like.

A friend of mine whose abode is an old mine likes to collect bull snakes durin' his perambulations. Into the backpack they go, to be released at home for mouse control. It's a pretty creative solution, and there's no litter box to empty. But ya have to be willin' to find one in your bed some chilly morn.

This year, after much reflection, I have come up with a novel solution. I am going to repel the little devils with loud recitations of bad poetry. I even have a mouse haiku:

Mouse infestation
Skittering, scratching, squeaking
Trap snaps. Cat sleeps on.
Could be a long winter.



Annual Ellzey photography open house Dec. 12 & 13

Next month Jillian and Bill Ellzey will host the 16th December Art Show and open house & studio.

A large smattering of Ellzey's photographs will, as always, be strewn across the Big Black Table in the living room to be pawed through while schmoozing. Guests may order 4"x6" prints, greeting cards and large prints for framing.

The usual fabulous finger food, provided by kitchenista Judy Gilbert and stove-toppist popcorn poppist Bill Sutherland (also famous for his dangerous, er, delicious mulled wine) will be the opening, closing and in-the-middle acts.

Join them 2-6pm December 12 & 13 at Casa LZ, 891 Camino Real (Two Trees Road).

Saguache County community forum: marijuana in the county November 19

The Saguache County Commissioners and Saguache County Sheriff are holding a community forum for residents of the county to express their views on marijuana cultivation, enforcement, effects on land use, and economics. This will be a chance for County officials to outline both the issues and options around marijuana in the state and county, and residents to help with that direction. The event will be at the Saguache County Road and Bridge building, November 19 at 4:30pm.

La Puente Home Thanksgiving Feast Nov. 26

La Puente invites everyone from the community to join us this year for Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26 at 12:30 at La Puente Home, located at 913 State Avenue. There will be music, entertainment, and a Thanksgiving feast. If you or your family would like to prepare a dish, donate food, or volunteer your time, please call Jasper at the Volunteer Coordination Office at 719-587-3499. We hope to see you there!

Tourism Council looking for members

The Saguache County Tourism Council is seeking new members. The Tourism Council seeks to increase visitors to county events and attractions. The county lodging tax supports the work of the Council. Volunteers being sought to work with current members on marketing projects and connecting with valley-wide and state tourism groups to develop stronger visibility for our area. If you are involved with tourism or visitors to Saguache County, consider volunteering. To become a member submit a letter of interest to the Saguache County Tourism Council, PO Box 100, Saguache, CO 81149. If you have questions or want more information contact Kairina Danforth 719-256-5445.

NHN Pre-Thanksgiving Pot Luck November 22

NHN Pre-Thanksgiving Pot Luck is Sunday, November 22 from 12:30-4:30 at the Crestone Charter School. We also need people to set up, clean up, help with serving etc. Bring a pot luck dish and your own dishes, cups and cutlery. Call 937-7788 or 256-5110 if you want to be part of this wonderful event.

Joyful yoga Wednesdays

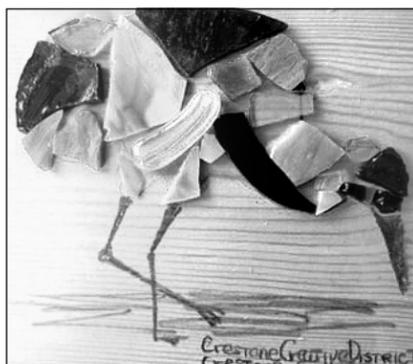
Join us Wednesdays at Joyful Journey Hot Springs for yoga with Cynthia L. Nielsen! We begin at 5pm. Cynthia provides an organic nurturing~intuitive flow, for a donation of \$10. For this special class, your soak before and after yoga is only \$10. And remember—Wednesdays are our clothes-optional day, one pool only, from 7pm until closing time! Soak in! www.joyfuljourneyhotsprings.com.

Saguache Friends of the Library Holiday Bazaar December 5

The fifth annual Holiday Bazaar sponsored by Saguache Friends of the Library will be held December 5 from 9-3 at the Saguache Community Building on Seventh Street. With many tables already reserved, there is a great lineup of vendors with wonderful books, food stuffs, arts, crafts and handwork. A few tables remain available at \$10. Hot food will be available throughout the day and we are hoping for a visit from Santa in the afternoon. Info: Wilma Lewis 655-2566.

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Children's Crane Festival

The Children's Crane Festival happened on Oct. 17, at the Wildlife Refuge in Monte Vista. The festival included crafts for the kids as well as crane watching. This year the Crestone Creative District and the Crestone Artisans Gallery had a table at which the children were able to make a mosaic crane on a wooden plaque which will remind them of their wilderness experience.

Crestone Artists 2015 Studio Tour October 10 & 11



Studio Tour at artist Jane Kwan's studio.



Artist Moira Forsythe demonstrates the art of weaving to visitors touring her studio.

Artist Jennifer Thomson shared her paintings with visitors during the 2015 Studio Tour.



Senior job training program seeks to partner with employers

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is a federally funded job training program for unemployed seniors age 55 and over. We are seeking employers in Saguache County to partner with us and host a participant in the SCSEP program. The employer receives free help in exchange for a commitment to help the participant gain job skills.

SCSEP is an organization that is committed to improving the quality of life for low income, financially eligible seniors by assigning them to temporary subsidized paid training and assisting them in their search for unsubsidized jobs in their community. SCSEP is the steward of federal funds, appropriated to recruit, train, and place eligible seniors in subsidized employment. The participant will be paid to train through funding from the United States Department of Labor.

If you are a 501(C)3 Non-profit organization or a city or government entity in Saguache County that would like to receive free help 18 hours per week, please call the regional SCSEP office at 970-385-3995 to see if your organization qualifies to host a participant from the SCSEP program.

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Crestone Creative Council attends the Colorado Youth Summit 2015

by Lisa Bodey

Leadership skills, confidence building, making new friends, dancing, creating dreams... these are the things beautiful journeys are made of.

The Crestone Creative Council (CCC) had the opportunity to take 13 teens from CCS LINK and Moffat Schools to participate in the Colorado Youth Summit's leadership conference thanks to a sponsorship from Colorado 9to25. Approximately 200 youth and adults serving youth agencies attended the event at North HS in Denver on October 24.

"The conference theme of Rewriting Your Story was a really good opportunity to learn about and connect with other people. I hope we can keep going to the conference as it gets bigger and evolves," said Zya Hollyer, 17 year old. Visual, written and performance arts were used to help us set new visions and dreams for ourselves and to rewrite the story of our lives to prove reaching our goals is possible and to push us to go beyond our comfort zones to make our dreams a reality. Ryder Miller, 16 year old, commented, "Really glad to have the experience to see Denver. The Colorado 9to25 conference was a nice and interesting learning experience. Hope we can do many more fun and cool things with CCC."



CCC enjoys the first snow of the year on drive to Denver.
photo by Lisa Bodey



CCC playing at Colorado Youth Summit in Denver October 24.

Saturday evening's event was a concert at the Broomfield Event Center with Flux Pavilion as the headlining DJ. For most of the group, this was their first concert experience and it was intense. Flashing lights, loud music, thousands of people, lots of drums and bass...but the overall theme was appreciation for being part of a youth group and adults who made them feel safe experiencing this kind of event for the first time.

We use the Positive Youth Development approach to keep it real with CCC and empower young people to make healthy decisions for themselves. This concert gave us great opportunities to discuss appropriate behavior and actions and the choices we make regarding clothing, music and relationships.

The most impactful part was exploring how music and our surroundings affect us vibrationally. "It was really cool to get out of our small town and go to a big city and experience different things. The best part of the trip was going to my first concert. It is definitely a night I am going to remember and it would be really cool to do a trip like this again," said Sri Love, 14 year old LINK student.

On Sunday we explored the Good Will Outlet store and then off to the Wizard's Chest to search for Halloween costumes in Cherry Creek. This was an excellent opportunity to display the disparity in wealth that exists within Colorado and our country today and to encourage conversations regarding these economic and poverty issues.

CCC wants to thank the community for their support of our two car washes which made this trip possible. To continue to provide experiences like this, our after-school programs and weekly dinners for our local youth, we are still in need of your support. We operate on a very small budget and any financial support you can offer our program would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be mailed to: Town of Crestone-CCC, PO Box 64 Crestone, CO 81131 or dropped off in person at Town Hall.



The Crestone End of Life Project open-air cremation site.

Cremation film, CEOLP registration party Nov. 14

The Crestone End of Life Project's (CEOLP) public activities in November will be highlighted by the premier public screening of *Open Air*, a 22-minute film based on the cremation of Robin Ross, a beloved Crestone community member and artist who died Feb. 3 of this year. The free screening is set for 5pm Sat., Nov. 14 at Cloud Station. Director Adam Sekuler will be on hand to answer questions following the showing. For anyone who has not attended a CEOLP cremation, this beautifully produced film offers a sense of the process, the depth of community and family involvement, the feeling of "casual sacredness" in the ceremony, as one CEOLP member describes it, and the stunning cremation site.

Sekuler is a graduate filmmaking student at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is also a 15-year veteran of the film industry and head of M'Aidez Films. He was drawn to the subject of open-air cremations while researching funeral practices in Colorado after several people he was close to died within a year. In 2014 he approached CEOLP and received permission for the film project from the CEOLP board. After Robin died, her husband, Noah Baen, agreed to have Sekuler film her cremation on Feb. 5.

Open Air was shown earlier this summer to CEOLP members, who described it as an exquisite, meditative, intimate yet respectful portrayal of a cremation ceremony, sensitively captured on film. "There is so much that is impressive to me

about this film," Noah says. "With a limited set of images Adam has captured the deep processing, the passage to acceptance, the resolution that a cremation in our community can provide." CEOLP member Bob Adler noted that the film "doesn't feel like a documentary. It's not exposition. It evolved into a presence, not posed, but natural and authentic."

A CEOLP registration and advance directives information party takes place from 3 to 5pm Nov. 14 at Cloud Station, prior to the screening of *Open Air*. Along with CEOLP registration packets for Crestone area residents, the event will provide an opportunity to become informed on advance directives, which are legal documents letting family, loved ones, and medical professionals know your end-of-life wishes ahead of time.

Advance directives are important for everyone, regardless of whether you choose cremation, green burial or traditional burial, notes CEOLP founder and director Stephanie Gaines. "Five wishes" forms and Colorado Hospital Association Patient Rights materials will be available for a \$5 donation. CEOLP members will be on hand to answer questions, and light refreshments will be served.

CEOLP's next regular monthly meeting, open to the public, takes place Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 7pm at Topping House, 33 Sunset Overlook. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 588-7415 or visit www.crestone-end-of-life.org.



Family, friends, community members come together to pay their respects during a cremation ceremony.

THE CRESTONE END-OF-LIFE PROJECT AND INFORMED FINAL CHOICES

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Who We Are

The Crestone End Of Life Project (CEOLP) is a community-initiated, non-profit organization established to support area residents in end-of-life choices, including home funeral, burial, and open-air cremation. Founded in 2006, CEOLP facilitates cremations at its beautiful, permanent, fully government-sanctioned site just west of Crestone. Through this work, CEOLP volunteers have come to know end-of-life as a sacred passage whose honoring includes the embrace and loving participation of family, friends, and community. CEOLP recently received a \$3,000 Saguache County Sales Tax Grant, which will be used for maintenance and improvements to the cremation site.

As a means of sharing information and practical knowledge on end-of-life matters, CEOLP has developed a related non-profit organization, Informed Final Choices (IFC). IFC provides educational and community outreach through its website, written materials, presentations, workshops, and other informational opportunities for individuals and groups. Saguache County recently awarded IFC a Sales Tax Grant of \$1,500, to be used toward county-wide educational outreach initiatives including advance directives, end-of-life choices, home funerals, establishing green/natural burial cemeteries, and developing local end-of-life support groups.

What We Do

CEOLP offers services to Crestone area residents and to out-of-town residents who own property in the Crestone area in these ways:

- Planning and assisting in home funerals, including local transport of the deceased back home and having friends and family prepare the body and create a beautiful, peaceful home environment for repose and visitation (for up to 72 hours)
- Liaison with the family of the deceased
- Planning a personalized ceremony for cremation or burial
- Liaison with Town of Crestone on burial at Crestone Cemetery
- For burials: assistance with home funeral, care of the body, completion of death certificate, transport of body to burial site, and other assistance. (Please contact CEOLP for a complete list of what CEOLP will and will not do in relation to burials.)
- Transport of the deceased to a mortuary for cremation, to a chosen site for burial, or to CEOLP's open-air cremation site
- Gathering of remains to be given to the family, following cremation
- Monthly CEOLP meetings, open to the public, which invite volunteer participation at whatever level you are comfortable with

Please note: Open-air cremations are not always possible, depending on weather, availability of volunteers, and other factors. CEOLP strives to help fulfill end-of-life and disposition choices whenever possible, and will assist in any way possible in situations where the deceased's first choice is not an option.

IFC offers these services locally and wherever requested when possible:

- Workshops, presentations, and other forms of educational outreach in such areas as care of the body and home funerals; advance directives; end-of-life choices; establishing green/natural burial cemeteries; developing local end-of-life support groups; developing compassionate and practical bereavement skills; and The Art of Dying: exploring our mortality through contemplative and artistic self-expression.
- Death Cafés—informal, participant-driven events, free and open to the public, in which people gather over tea and cookies to talk about death and related topics in any way that comes up.
- Experienced CEOLP volunteers who can serve as speakers at conferences and other gatherings hosted by other organizations

What You Need to Know

Any Crestone area resident, whether property owner or not, is eligible to register with CEOLP.

If you decide to register with CEOLP:

CEOLP is only able to provide services to those who are already registered before the time of death. (Friends and family cannot register a deceased with CEOLP following death.) As part of the registration process, you must provide CEOLP with, among other things, a list of people who have agreed to serve as your representative following your death. Designated representatives must follow certain outlined procedures following your death, and must be informed of these and of your end-of-life wishes before agreeing to serve in this capacity. **For a detailed list of these requirements, please contact CEOLP registrar Lorraine Cazier: 719-937-7802.**

If you are an out-of-town owner of property in the Crestone area, or if you reside in Saguache County outside the immediate Crestone area:

CEOLP has legal permission to serve Saguache County residents outside the local Crestone area; however, it is up to CEOLP's discretion, on a case by case basis, to decide whether it has the volunteer capacity, and whether the required conditions have been met, in order to provide services. If you wish to register with CEOLP and do not live in the immediate Crestone area, the distance involved creates special conditions, including home funeral requirements, transport of the deceased, and completion of required documents, at the time of the registrant's death. **For a detailed list of these requirements, please contact CEOLP registrar Lorraine Cazier: 719-937-7802.**

What to Consider When Compiling Information in Case of a Medical or Other Incapacitating Emergency:

Regardless of whether your end-of-life choices include cremation, green burial, traditional burial, or traditional cremation, it is vital that loved ones know your wishes regarding resuscitation (Advance Directives), and disposition. It is equally important, especially in this era of privacy protection, that someone have access to your bank accounts, passwords, PINs, etc. Loved ones and CEOLP volunteers also will need to know about any electronic medical implants you may have.

After completing Advance Directives regarding financial issues, health care, and designating an executor, you should consider compiling a detailed list of information to which someone will need access following your death. This list can be kept with your executor or next of kin, in a sealed envelope, or in safety deposit box to which you have indicated in writing the person you wish to have access.

Among this vital information: contact information for key family members or friends; bank accounts and other financial information; insurance; property and vehicle titles; guardianship for minors or pets; lock combinations and locations of keys for safety deposit boxes, lock boxes, storage closets, garages, sheds, vehicles, etc. **For a more detailed (though not necessarily comprehensive) list of suggested areas to consider, please contact IFC by calling Stephanie Gaines: 719-588-7415 or ceolp.info@gmail.com.**

How to Ensure Funds are Available for Cremation or Burial

CEOLP requests a minimum donation of \$500 to \$800 for its services. As a non-profit organization in Colorado, CEOLP is legally not able to accept any pre-payment of donation funds before services are rendered. To help ensure that funds for cremation or burial will be available when needed, CEOLP has established guidelines for setting up a payable-upon-death account, also called a funeral fund, at any bank or credit union. This separate savings account designates a payable-upon-death beneficiary, which may be CEOLP or another organization, business, or individual. **For details and a funeral fund form to complete, please contact CEOLP registrar Lorraine Cazier: 718-937-7802.**

How To Get Involved

- Monthly CEOLP meetings: Held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Topping House, 33 Sunset Overlook. Everyone welcome.
- Workshops: Contact CEOLP or IFC for topics, dates, and cost
- CEOLP registration parties: Held locally about twice a year. The next is set for Sat., Nov. 14 at 3pm at the Cloud Station followed by the premier public screening of *Open Air*, a 22-minute film by Adam Sekuler. (See separate article in this issue.)
- Death Cafés: Held locally periodically. Watch *The Eagle* for announcements.
- Donations (tax deductible) to CEOLP and IFC are always welcomed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.crestone-end-of-life.org

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Monthly Events

Saturday, October 31

- Halloween
- Death Cafe – Desert Sage Restaurant 2pm Free www.crestone-end-of-life.org 719-588-7415
- Halloween Ball – Cloud Station 7-11:30pm 256-4533

Monday, November 2

- Crestone Planning Commission Meeting – Crestone Town Hall 6-8pm 719-256-4313

Wednesday, November 4

- iNtEgRaTiVe Yoga w Cynthia, YES Building, 9:15am
- Gentle Yoga w Cynthia, YES Building (1st & 3rd Wed. no fee required), 11am
- Tea Circle – Tea Circle 4:30-7:30pm free 256-4656
- iNtEgRaTiVe Yoga w Cynthia, Joyful Journey, 5pm
- Rio Grande Nat'l Forest Public Planning meeting, Sag. Co. Road & Bridge Building 5-7:30pm www.fs.usda.gov/riogrande 719-852-5941

Thursday, November 5

- Gentle Flow Yoga w Cynthia, BeBop Studio, Saguache, 4:45pm

Saturday, November 7

- Movie Manor Ashram Extravaganza – Best Western Movie Manor 5:00 pm-11:45 am \$151 www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108

Sunday, November 8

- Monthly Sampai, Shumei International Institute, 10:30am-noon Free www.shumeicrestone.org 719-256-5284
- Shumei Symposium: Tea Ceremony & Japanese Art, Shumei Gallery 3-5pm Free www.shumeicrestone.org 719-256-5284

Monday, November 9

- Town of Crestone Board of Trustees Meeting – Crestone Town Hall 1:30-6:00 pm 719-256-4131

Tuesday, November 10

- Nerium EHT Informational Gathering – Private Residence of Sue Beck & Dan Retuta 6:00 pm-7:30 pm \$0 suebeck.nerium.com 719.588.3373

Wednesday, November 11

- New Moon – All Day
- iNtEgRaTiVe Yoga w Cynthia, YES Building, 9:15am
- New-moon Fire Ceremony, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-12:15 pm www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108

- Gentle Yoga w Cynthia, YES Building, 11am
- iNtEgRaTiVe Yoga w Cynthia, Joyful Journey, 5pm
- Crestone Nordic Alliance meeting, Crestone Charter School, 7pm
- CEOLP Monthly Meeting – The Topping House 7:00 pm-9:00 pm free 719-256-4247
- Diwali, Festival of Lights followed by a light meal. – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 7:00 pm-9:00 pm www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108

Thursday, November 12

- Sufi Dhikr. All Welcome. – 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Free. Donation appreciated. nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290
- Gentle Flow Yoga w Cynthia, BeBop Studio, Saguache, 4:45pm
- BGPOA Board of Directors meeting, BGPOA Meeting Room 6-9pm bacapoa.org 719-256-4171

Saturday, November 14

- CEOLP Registration Party & Advanced Directives Information – Cloud Station 3:00 pm-5:00 pm free 719-588-7415
- Premiere Showing of *Open Air* A Film By Adam Sekuler – Cloud Station 5:00 pm-7:00 pm free 719-588-7415

Tuesday, November 17

- Nerium Age-Defying Cream Informational Gathering – Sue & Dan's Private Residence 6:00 pm-7:30 pm \$0 suebeck.nerium.com 719-588-3373

Wednesday, November 18

- iNtEgRaTiVe Yoga w Cynthia, YES Building, 9:15am
- Gentle Yoga w Cynthia, YES Building (1st & 3rd Wed. no fee required), 11am
- iNtEgRaTiVe Yoga w Cynthia, Joyful Journey, 5pm

Thursday, November 19

- Saguache County community forum: marijuana in the county, Sag. Co. Road & Bridge Bldg 4:30pm
- Gentle Flow Yoga w Cynthia, BeBop Studio, Saguache, 4:45pm
- BGPOA Board of Directors meeting, BGPOA Meeting Room 6-9pm bacapoa.org 719-256-4171
- Satsang, offerings of truth with Sharon Landrith – 7:00 pm-9:00 pm sharonlandrith.com

Sunday, November 22

- Community Thanksgiving Potluck, Crestone Charter School noon-4:30pm Free 937-7788, 256-4110

Wednesday, November 25

- Full Moon
- Full-moon Fire Ceremony – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:00 am-12:15 pm www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108

Thursday, November 26

- Thanksgiving Day – All Day
- La Puente Home Thanksgiving Feast – La Puente Home, Alamosa 12:30 pm 719-587-3499

Friday, November 27

- WinterFest – Crestone Artisans Gallery All Day

Saturday, November 28

- WinterFest – Crestone Artisans Gallery All Day

Wednesday, December 2

- Tea Circle 4:30-7:30pm free 719-256-4656

Thursday, December 3

- Public Hearing on County budget – Saguache Road & Bridge Meeting Room 12:00 am
- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome! – 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Free. Donation appreciated. nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290

Friday, December 4

- Art Show & Sale to benefit Wolf Creek – Community Partnerships Gallery 4:00 pm-7:00 pm www.slvec.org/art-for-the-endangered-landscape/89-honoring-wolf-creek-2015 719-589-1518

Saturday, December 5

- Saguache Friends of Library Holiday Bazaar – Saguache Community Building 9am-3pm 655-2566
- Ski & Gear Swap – Colorado State Forest Service Office, Alamosa 10am-1pm 336-607-4465

Monday, December 7

- Crestone Planning Commission Meeting – Crestone Town Hall 6-8pm 719-256-4313

Friday, December 11

- New Moon

Saturday, December 12

- Annual Ellzey photography open house – Casa LZ 2:00 pm-6:00 pm

Sunday, December 13

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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
- Tours, Temple, & Gift Shop ~ Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 256-4108, info@babajashram.org, www.babajashram.org
- 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

- Sunday mass at Nada Hermitage Nada Carmelite Hermitage 9:00 am-10:00 am 719 256 4778
- Sunday morning Bible Study & Service Crestone Baptist Church 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- Sunday morning teaching at Sri Aurobindo Learning Center 10am-noon <http://sriurobindolc.org/> 256-4917 or 256-6010
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Town Hall 7:00 pm-8:00 pm www.slvaa.org

Monday

- Soul Awareness Seminar and Pot Luck Susan Fey's Home 5-7pm 719-4996-0977

Tuesday

- Awakening Artist Crestone Community Building (Old Schoolhouse) 4:00 pm-7:00 pm
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5:00 pm-6:45 pm By donation shaktisharanam.com 719-256-5668
- Basic Mindfulness Meditation instruction & practice KTTG shrine room, 243 Baca Grant Way 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Free KTTG.org 360-370-7770, 719-256-4764
- Narcotics Anonymous open meeting marijuana users welcome Baca library back door 7:30 pm crestonena@gmail.com 970 309 0710

Wednesday

- Yoga Fundamentals & Refinements Shakti Sharanam 8:30 am-10:00 am By donation shaktisharanam.com 719-256-5668
- Wednesday night Bible study Crestone Baptist Church 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45pm By donation 719-256-5668

Thursday

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Baptist Church noon-1:00 pm www.slvaa.org
- CCC council meeting, dinner, bonfire & fire spinning practice Crestone Community Building (Old Schoolhouse) 4:00 pm-8:00 pm
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45pm By donation 719-256-5668

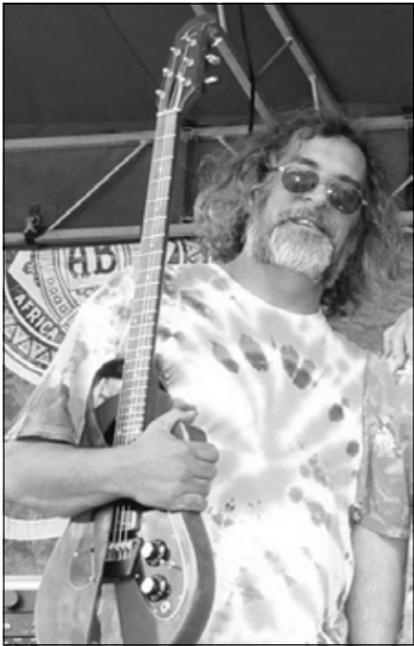
Saturday

- Dorje Trola Practice White Jewel Mountain 10am-noon no charge 719 480-5403

Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor.
-Truman Capote

PROFILES IN MUSIC: SCOTT SWARTZ

You don't have to be a Deadhead ...



by Eli Dokson

Just as there are many (many) dedicated followers of the Grateful Dead (aka "Deadheads") out there, there are also many incredible musicians who specialize in paying tribute to the Grateful Dead through their own music. They often trade places like baseball players switching teams. It's a community unto itself in which musicians can step in and play with other Dead tribute bands all over the country, sometimes including players who have been former members of the actual Grateful Dead band. One such accomplished musician is our neighbor, Scott Swartz.

For those of you who live in these parts but may not have heard the music of Scott Swartz, you have no doubt passed him delivering mail on County Road T. That's Scott driv-

ing from the passenger seat as he delivers mail to Casita Park residents and other Saguache County rural households, after which he heads over to Mofat School where he teaches middle and high school students the art of rock and roll for an hour a day. When Scott's not working or being a volunteer fire fighter for the N. Saguache County Fire Protection District, he's doing what he does better than most, i.e., playing great guitar!

Scott grew up near Chicago in a very musical family. The youngest of five siblings who all played instruments (piano, tuba, trombone, flute, bass viola, guitar), Scott was figuring out Jimi Hendrix tunes on his sister's guitar by the time he was 10. His parents, who both sang and played musical instruments, were very supportive of his musical proclivities and bought him his first electric guitar and amp when he was 11. He's been paying along with records and teaching himself to learn by ear ever since.

The day after graduating from high school in Naperville, IL in 1987 (after playing at his graduation party), Scott moved to Champagne-Urbana, with its burgeoning music scene (see my September article on Patrick Hammond). Ironically, Scott made the move to work in his brother's carpet clean-

ing business, not for music, but in a significant twist of fate, his brother's business partner was a big fan of the Grateful Dead. The rest, as they say, is history. Scott began his love of the Dead's music and started to digest and play the Dead's prodigious musical catalog. This article does not allow the space to explain the phenomenon that is the Grateful Dead experience, but, having lived in the Bay area in the late '60's, I did see the Dead many times, and though I am not a devout Deadhead, I do understand.

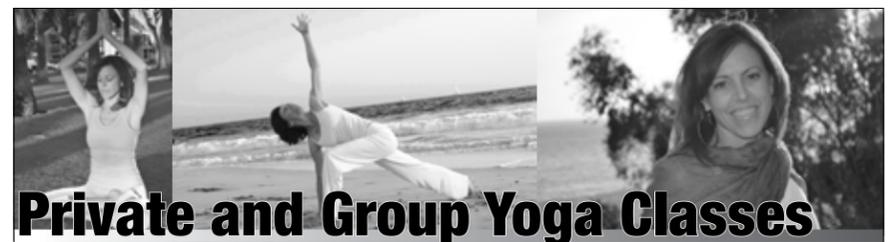
Scott not only started attending every Dead concert he could (driving great distances when so inspired) and accumulating a wealth of bootleg tapes of live Dead shows, he began gigging with Dead tribute bands—the Shotgun Ragtime Band, Slipknot, Hairball Willie (which evolved into the Dark Star Orchestra, still a large draw today), and the Deadbeats. In 1993, the busiest bar band in Colorado—Shakedown Street—flew Scott out for an audition. He got the job, played with Shakedown for five years, then started another Dead band—One Kind Favor. One Kind Favor brought in many stellar guest artists, including Tom Constanten (keyboardist with the Grateful Dead 1968-70), Jeff Pevar (guitarist with Ray Charles, Crosby Stills & Nash, Phil Lesh & Friends, Donald Fagen, James Taylor to name but a few), Buddy Cage (pedal steel player for the New Riders of the Purple Sage), and many more.

In 2004 Scott was tapped to fill in for Jerry Garcia (1942-1995) in the Jerry Garcia Band (JGB) for a ten-show east coast tour. Scott has played the parts of Jerry on lead, Bob Weir on rhythm (which he currently does in Shakedown Street which he re-joined in 2009), and Phil Lesh on bass. He assures me that his favorite role is as Scott Swartz in the local band 2 Weeks In Fiji, in which he gets to fully stretch his creative wings! You do not have to be a Deadhead to appreciate Scott's unique guitar stylings and flights of sonic magic. No one plays quite like Scott Swartz. Catch him when you can. You'll be glad you did.

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Jyoti's open-hearted, and calm teaching style creates an open space for students to fully and safely engage in their practice with curiosity, acceptance, balance, and the joy of moving! Her teachings come from her dedication and direct experience of yoga asana, pranayama, meditation, self-inquiry and devotional practices for the last 20+ years. Her enthusiasm for teaching revolves around a strong commitment and love of conscious moving and towards grounding one's attention in Unity and Awareness. She is a Certified Yoga Instructor registered with the Yoga Alliance's highest designation: (E-RYT 500) and has been teaching since 1997.

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Who We Are

Lori Nagel: Doing what makes her come alive

by Gussie Fauntleroy

Magnets were gathering on Lori Nagel's fridge, and their messages said things like, "If you do what you love, you'll never work a

day in your life." And "It is never too late to be what you might have been." Lori had just turned 30. It was 2002. She was living in Denver and had been working as a manager at IBM for several years. As she stared at the magnets, their messages began to conspire with other recent shifts in her way of seeing the

world. Together the changes were boring holes in her long-held concept of who she was: business professional raised in a conventional, conservative, mainstream Catholic family, very smart and with leadership skills but uncreative, out of place, stuck at IBM.

As she moved through a year-long period of depression, reflection, and intentional reclusiveness, a new sense of self was struggling to emerge. "I told a friend, 'It's like I'm in a cocoon. When I come out I'll be a beautiful butterfly, but right now I need to be in a cocoon,'" Lori recalls. "I was searching my soul that year, and I let myself feel all the pain, sadness, and confusion." Over the next few years, other people and ideas contributed to the nascent changes. She became involved with Unity Church and A Course in Miracles. She learned that two uncles, out of touch with her immediate family for years, were living in the San Luis Valley just north of Crestone. She began visiting them, discovering commonalities and enjoying the family connection. At one point in 2006 she was on the verge of moving to Crestone when circumstances nixed the plan. Looking back now, she is immensely grateful that first attempt at moving here didn't work out.

Never fitting in

Lori's longtime sense of being a round peg in a square hole predated IBM. She grew up in Omaha, NE after the family moved from Buffalo, NY when she was four. With her siblings five, ten, and eleven years older and her cousins also much older, she was always excluded from their games. She was lonely as a child, an overachiever in sports and academics, masking her sadness as the class clown.

She gained attention but not the closeness she longed for. After high school she spent four years at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, transferring to Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa to graduate with a BS in Computer Science.

Lori's decision to enter the technology world was something of a fluke. She was good at learning quickly and took a variety of courses, searching for what she liked best. After Computer Science 101, her counselor steered

her in that direction to encourage more female participation in what was then a male-dominated field. In 1997 she was hired by IBM in Oklahoma City, but after two years she realized Oklahoma wasn't a good fit. She transferred to Boulder, and for the next nine years worked as a program manager and project manager, supervising and interacting remotely with thousands of IBM employees around the country.

The butterfly emerges

Lori was good at her job but yearned for a more personal connection with people in what she did every day. After her almost-move to Crestone—she was unable to sell her house in Denver at the time—the changes started speeding up.



Lori Nagel.



Lori Nagel and son Ziggy at his fourth birthday party.

She attended a Rainbow Gathering in Steamboat Springs, announced to her family that her "Rainbow name" was Sunflower, and signed up for classes at Colorado Free University, studying everything from pottery to meditation, billiards (she got quite good) to "how to support your wanderlust."

Then, in December 2007, she took her first photography class. Then more photography classes, studying with and working alongside photographic artists. In May 2008, after working for IBM from home for several years, she stepped away from corporate life for good. From that point on, a quote from

theologian Howard Thurman reflected the heart of her search: "Don't ask what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." Cashing in her pension and 401K accounts, Lori used the money to buy high quality photographic equipment and pay her mortgage while developing a photography business. "My parents and siblings still think I'm nuts," she says. "But I'm happier now than I've ever been."

Following the heart

Inspired by her parents' model of helping others, Lori also continued a longtime practice of volunteering, serving meals to the homeless at the Denver Rescue Mission and working with at-risk kids. She held various offices and earned multiple awards in the Denver and Colorado Jaycees. In early 2010 she learned she was pregnant, and she and Tony, her partner at the time, wanted to raise their baby in the Crestone area. They moved to her uncles' property, where Ziggy was born at home. Soon Lori, her cameras, and her wide smile were a familiar sight around Crestone. In 2012 she and Ziggy moved to their current home in the Baca.

Whenever she thinks of almost moving here before her career change, Lori, now 43, is struck by the way things work out. "Who would I be in this community? I would have been an IBMer, working from home. Definitely not who I am here today," she says. Instead, her creative spirit has blossomed. As owner of Sunflower Studios, she is a photographer, graphic designer and web designer. She has become an integral part of the Crestone community, serving clients in a range of photographic and design needs and serving as staff photographer for the *Eagle*. While she enjoys all types of photography, portraits are her passion, combining her love of people with the opportunity to give back. "I get to help make them look beautiful, and they feel more beautiful because of it. And I have so much fun doing it," she says. She hopes her experience will inspire others striving to realize their passions. "It was such an ordeal to follow my heart," she says. "I wish that everyone could see that they'll find so much genuine happiness if they could follow theirs, too."

You can contact Lori at www.sunflowerstudios.us.com or 719-937-1202.



Lori's senior photo.



Lori as Jaycees president.



Salida Circus has workshops for kids.

Crestone Performances' Youth Enrichment Program is back in area schools

Crestone Performances Inc. is offering three shows to Saguache County schools this fall through our Youth Enrichment Program (YEP). YEP is in its fourteenth year of producing culturally and educationally diverse presentations in the 14 SLV-area school districts and the Boys' and Girls' Club. We have had 177 shows (105 have been in Saguache County) from 31 different presenters. CPI typically subsidizes 50-100% of the cost to schools and handles all administration, management and production details. The shows in Saguache County, however, are always 100% free, thanks to sales tax grants from Saguache County.

Our first act is the Salida Circus. They are new to our stable of presenters but have been a constant at the Crestone Music Festival for years. They combine performance and interaction with the kids. They bring along a 21'-high trapeze, which is quite spectacular. They also feature stilt walkers, acrobatics, juggling, clowning, costuming, plate spinning and more. Kids learn real circus acts while having a blast!

Our next show, Sonic Apothecary, is also new to the herd. This presentation taps into the pulses created by plants. Specifically, it is the measurement of electromagnet-

ic variations on the surface of plant leaves and roots. The impulses are measured and those measurements are assigned tones through a midi device. The plants actually produce sounds by themselves but also respond to each other and musical stimulus from singers and instruments live on stage. Then the musicians respond to the plants and pretty soon . . . well, it's completely unpredictable but totally amazing! Plants that have been used include; aspens, pinyons, roses, junipers, rhododendrons, aloe vera, cottonwoods, corn and more.

Our third presentation is from Andy Skellenger. We have sponsored Andy in the past as a percussion instructor at schools in their respective music departments. Now he has something new and very fun. He will be presenting the exotic Tablas Tarang melodic drums. This consists of 16 tabla drums from India which are all tuned differently and played melodically. There will be a demonstration and then an opportunity for kids to try them out. Andy also brings along 6 cajons and an electronic hand drum with a looper to give kids a chance play with looping layers of drums. This should be fun and loud.

At the time of this writing, most dates and times of shows are



Andy Skellenger will be presenting the exotic Tablas Tarang melodic drums to students.

in the process of scheduling and confirmation. We did, however, produce Sonic Apothecary at the Crestone Charter School Oct. 27 and at Moffat School October 29. See next months' *Eagle* for more up-dates!

For more information please see us at crestfest.org or call 719-256-4533. If you would like to contribute financially to this program, please call 719-256-4533, go to crestfest.org or write to: CPI, P.O. Box 6, Crestone CO 81131. CPI is a 501c3 non-profit community service organization. All donations are tax deductible. Thanks and stay tuned!



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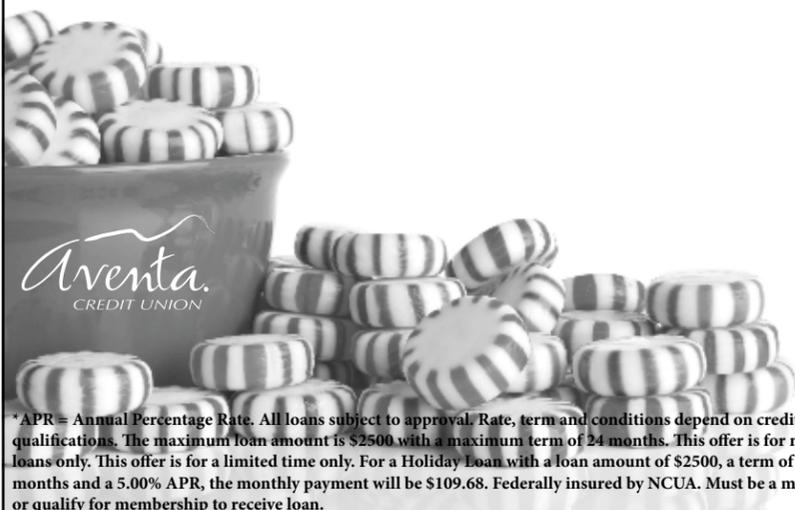
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Sri Aurobindo Learning Center

by Rod Hemsell

In our course and workshop on The Philosophy of Consciousness, which began in Auroville this year and has been a continuing theme at our center in Crestone, the transition from an empirical view of consciousness to a phenomenological view and finally to an intuitive holistic view, through several centuries in the development of philosophical thought, has been studied in depth. And the writings of several prominent philosophers has been surveyed along the way, all in the context of the crises of the 21st century that we know so well: global warming, environmental pollution, economic exploitation, overpopulation, and the culprit, according to our survey, always boils down to the dominant paradigm of science and technology that remains stuck in the empiricist mode of the 17th century.

In this light it is especially interesting to note that Pope Francis, in his Encyclical on Climate Change and Inequality, has identified exactly the same culprit. As he has put it, in surprisingly emphatic language: "It can be said that many problems of today's world stem from the tendency, at times unconscious, to make the method and aims of science and technology an epistemological paradigm which shapes the lives of individuals and the workings of society. The effects of imposing this model on reality as a whole, human and social, are seen in the deterioration of the environment, but this is just one sign of a reductionism which affects every aspect of human and social life. . . . The technocratic paradigm tends to dominate economic and political life. The economy accepts

every advance in technology with a view to profit, without concern for its potentially negative impact on human beings." (p.67-68).

There is a ray of hope, however, which is the theme that emerges from a radical critique, as well as from our wisdom traditions. It is what distinguishes efforts such as ours and Auroville's, and what may be seen as the emerging holistic paradigm, and yet it is incumbent on those who are identified with this to also take a hard look at where we stand today and where we may be headed. As he says: "There needs to be a distinctive way of looking at things, a way of thinking, policies, an educational program, a lifestyle and a spirituality which together generate resistance to the assault of the technocratic paradigm. Otherwise, even the best ecological initiatives can find themselves caught up in the same globalized logic. . . . An authentic humanity, calling for a new synthesis, seems to dwell in the midst of our technological culture, almost unnoticed. . . . Will the promise last, in spite of everything, with all that is authentic rising up in stubborn resistance?" (p. 70-71).

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Diwali, Festival of Lights at the Ashram on Wednesday, Nov. 11. Sharing of songs of peace and light at 7pm followed by a meal at 8pm. All are invited.

Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

October was amazingly gorgeous this year and was also a magnificent month at the Ashram with Fall Navratri, the Divine Mother Festival. Lots of folks from around the world attended. It is always such a special time.

This month our big celebration will be Diwali, the Festival of Lights on Wednesday, November 11. It will begin with the new-moon fire ceremony at 10am, followed by a meal. We will spend the rest of the day lighting up the temple, earthship, and grounds for the evening spectacular display. There will be sharing of chants and songs of peace and light at 7pm that evening followed by a light meal at 8pm (evening aarati begins at 6pm).

Our full-moon fire ceremony is on Wednesday, October 25 at 10am and is followed by a meal. Morning aarati is at 7am and evening aarati is at 6pm. Please call the Ashram at 719-256-4108

or email us at info@babajiashram.org for proper protocol for attending fire ceremonies and any other questions.

Our Ashram Extravaganza at the Movie Manor in Monte Vista has been rescheduled until March 12 and 13 due to conflicts with Diwali programs all over Colorado.

The Maha Lakshmi Shop just received a huge shipment of statues; Ganesh, Nataraj, Hanuman, Lakshmi, and so many more. We also still have lots of silk saris, bedspreads, drapes, tablecloths, runners, pillow shams, duvet covers, and bolts of fine silk fabric. We are selling many of these amazing pieces for less than 10 to 15% of their value.

The shop 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 non-sale purchases. We deeply appreciate your support. You may view some of what is in our shop on our website at <http://mahalaksh Mishop.wazala.com>.

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Gratitude & News

by Patrick Moore

Pet Partners is extremely grateful to this community of people for stepping up to help our community of pets. In the over two years since Pet Partners has been in existence, the pets in our community are safer, happier and healthier. This is due to the interest, generosity, compassion and efforts of members of our community. All compassionate acts by you, our community, are greatly appreciated, whether leaving change in the Pet Partners jars at local businesses, making other financial donations, rescuing abandoned or feral animals, fostering or adopting, donating food, blankets and other pet necessities, having pets spayed and neutered or seeking good healthcare for your pets. Good job everyone! Thank you.

Hugely successful spaying & neutering drive

Our community recently stepped up again to achieve a hugely successful cat spaying and neutering effort. Cats Alive of San Luis Valley offered to provide low cost spaying and neutering to our community's cats if 50 people pre-registered for the services. That goal was met. The clinic was hosted by the POA at its facilities on T Road. Over 50 cats were spayed or neutered and many also received rabies vaccinations. Thanks to everyone who participated in this effort.

Spaying and neutering, whether cats or dogs, is vital in our small community because there are a limited number of fine, loving homes and we don't want any pet in our community to go without a loving home.

WinterFest shop

Pet Partners will have a shop at WinterFest this year. The way Pet Partners works is that when it gives assistance to someone they become a Pet Partner in our community because they have cared enough to request help for their pet. They then become responsible to give back anyway they can to others in our community who also love their pets.

This year some of these Pet Partners are giving back by making pet-related items to sell at our WinterFest shop. There will be pet blankets, ceramic bowls, homemade healthy pet treats, homemade partner treats (people food), dog togs, home made pet clothes, authentic native medicine bags for pets (why not?), newly created Pet Partners bumper stickers and much more. Even community members who have not received help but just love all of our pets are making and donating items. All proceeds of sales go 100% back to Pet Partners to continue supporting our community's pets.

Please find our shop during WinterFest (there will be a large banner with our logo), and see what our community of Pet Partners have made, and buy a little something special for that beloved pet, or for someone you know who has a beloved pet.

Extra special thanks giving

During this month of mindful gratitude, Pet Partners wants to acknowledge its extra and sincere gratitude to Elaine and Steve at the Crestone Mercantile for their unimaginable generosity of spirit, compassion, time and financial support. They give food, warmth, shelter, compassion, financial help, time in the logistics of rescuing and finding homes for animals of all kinds and many, many other ways. On behalf of all the animals in our community we offer our sincerest gratitude to Elaine and Steve.

Ask Dr. B about pets

Dealing with mice & pack rats

by Linda Behrns, DVM

The beautiful autumn weather we have been having is bringing with it an army of mice, voles and pack rats. The use of rodenticides (rat poisons) is a common tool in our battle with them. Most rodenticides available here contain anticoagulants such as warfarin and diphacinone. They prevent the blood from clotting by interfering with the synthesis of vitamin K, resulting in spontaneous and uncontrolled bleeding.

Pets often will not show signs for several days and then become pale and weak from blood loss. Bleeding may be seen from the nose, in vomit or in the stool. Frequently bleeding is internal in the chest and abdomen, which is harder to detect and is fatal if not discovered in time. If not caught early treatment can be very costly, including blood transfusions and vitamin K injections. How many of the cats that never came home died of poisoning rather than falling prey to coyotes or owls?

I have recently seen a few dogs who ate the poisoned bait as well as a few pets who ate potentially poisoned rodents, so would like to share a few alternatives to poisoning the little buggers.

Personally, I don't like to kill them so I turn to live traps.

My pack rat problem turned out to be caused by only two pack rats. I bought a small live trap from the Mercantile hardware store and baited it with a piece of leftover blueberry pancake smeared with peanut butter. Even caught a baby bunny, which I promptly let go!

I had mice in my vehicle so bought a smaller live trap at the Mercantile and baited it with peanut butter with a piece of chocolate on top. The first night I caught the two little mice that were wreaking havoc inside my car.

If you are going to live-trap

rodents it is important to check the traps daily and release them at least two miles away from where you catch them, as well as from any other buildings. You don't want to make your problem someone else's!

To keep the pack rats and other rodents out of my car engine I have used an extension cord with a night light and a radio placed in the engine every night. It worked but was a bit of an inconvenience. I recently purchased a Rid-A-Rat packrat and rodent deterrent device from Amazon. It connects to the battery and is a very bright light that blinks every few seconds. Seems to be working so far.

There are ideas for simple homemade mouse traps online. A very easy one that consists only of a toilet paper tube, something for a weight, a few raisins and a trash can or other deep bucket can be found at www.instructables.com/id/simple--no-kill--mouse-trap/?allsteps

A slightly more involved trap but one that can catch multiple rodents can be found at www.budget101.com/myo-pesticides/myo-water-trap-mice-4857.html

Both models can be used to kill rodents if you put water in the trash can or bucket.

Amazon also sells multiple traps that electrocute rodents. Victor M162S Clean Kill Mouse Trap, Victor Electronic Rat Trap M240, and the Rat Zapper Classic to name a few.

While drowning or electrocution may seem cruel, they are much more humane than using rat poison which essentially leads to a slow process of bleeding to death. Most importantly they prevent accidental deaths of pets and wildlife, including hawks and owls, that either eat the bait itself or the rodents who are dead or dying from the poison.

PWC postpones action on mountain lion quotas

DENVER - The Parks and Wildlife Commission (PWC) will postpone action on a Division of Parks and Wildlife proposal to increase the mountain lion hunting quota in and around Westcliffe, Colo., as part of a mountain lion-mule deer research project until 2016.

The Division requested postponement of the matter until later in 2016, given the extensive amount of comment provided by the public in response to the draft proposal to evaluate the relationship between mountain lion and mule deer populations, and to allow for additional public comment and participation.

The Commission will not consider the draft proposal at the Com-

mission meeting in Wray, Colo., scheduled for Nov. 19 and 20. A complete agenda for the November meeting will be available Nov. 10.

A date for the final decision on the proposal has not been set.

Find out more at about the PWC at <http://cpw.state.co.us/about/Pages/Commission.aspx>.

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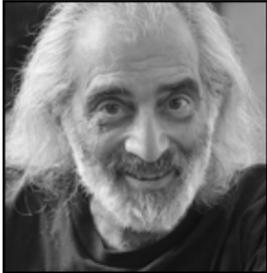
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Aging as an art by Ammi Kohn

We are made of stories

Families have secrets, stories that are sometimes lost forever.

I was fourteen in 1947 when my grandparents visited. My grandmother suffered a stroke and over eleven years became deaf, blind, and paraplegic. They never again left our small house. My grandfather was devoted to her. I came into her bedroom one evening. He was kissing her hand and weeping.

Who was this man, my grandfather?

He was stately, my Sabba. Because of congestive heart disease the only time he ever left the house was to walk to synagogue on the Sabbath, wearing his beautiful brown Homberg hat. The children would dance around him as he walked slowly, in great dignity. He was a scholar and wrote all day in his room, speaking very little. I rarely talked with him.

During the week he left his room only for meals. My mother would set out his breakfast; prune juice, five different kinds of dried cereals, milk, and a piece of fruit. He ate dinners and the Sabbath lunch with the family.

I took his presence as a matter of course, never wondering about his past, where he came from, the circumstances that impelled him to leave Europe in 1902 with five chil-

dren, thereby saving his family from the Nazi gas chambers.

I learned many years later that he was a very progressive educator for his time, received money from Baron de Hirsch, a Jewish philanthropist, to create a school to educate girls . . . and in the same building with boys! The corrupt elite of the Jewish community in Berlad, Romania, threatened by this young whelp's modern ways, made his life miserable. They finally set up a kangaroo court with false witnesses, proclaimed him a "Christian Missionary", and excommunicated him. The Jewish community was split. Some shunned him, spat, and crossed the street when they saw him coming. Others not. But the terrible damage was done. He left Romania in 1902, in his mid-twenties, for a new life.

I knew nothing of his tragic story. If I had known, my life with him would have been so much richer.

Faust: "The stories that stick, we make traditions and pass them on." The Homberg Hat . . . worn only once a week on the Sabbath, with dancing children joyously highlighting a timeless day.

We are made of stories. We are their voices. We die, but stories live. "And you shall tell them to your children".

Moving Up Higher

Would you want to be friends with you?



How your thoughts, words and attitudes affect your relationships and the world around you

by Joyce Meyer

I spent many years as a very negative person. I have teasingly said that if I thought two positive thoughts in a row my brain got into a cramp! During those years in my life I was lonely and had very few friends. I had no idea why people didn't like me, but I now know that my sour attitude was one of the reasons.

Did you know your thoughts and attitudes have a tremendous impact on those around you and even affect your friendships? A positive attitude attracts friends whereas someone who is negative may find themselves isolated and alone. Like the old saying goes, "You can catch more flies with honey than vinegar."

My husband, Dave, has always been a very positive person and a good influence on me in this area. Early in our marriage, I got irritated because he was always cheery and hopeful when life seemed so dark and dreary to me. Although it was frustrating at the time, eventually his behavior caused me to want to change so I could be more positive and enjoy life too.

However, the greatest change came as a result of my relationship with God and studying His Word. I believe many people who think and speak negatively aren't even aware of how it affects their relationships. Really, the only people who enjoy a negative person are those who are also negative! Anyone who is happy, or wants to be happy, quickly discovers that being with a negative, sour person doesn't bring them joy.

So, let me ask you: Are you the kind of person who others want to be friends with? Are you the kind of person you want to be friends with?

I want to be the kind of person that people are glad to know and call their friend. I want others to be glad when they run into me at the coffee shop and have a few minutes to chat. When I am at a gather-

ing of people, I would like to be sought out by others because they like my attitude and being with me adds to their joy.

I am sure you feel the same way, but we must realize that if we want to have that kind of positive effect on others, we will need to be positive people. I don't think that anyone would say they don't want people to like them, but they must also realize that nothing good happens accidentally. If we want to be well-liked, we can choose to be likeable. If we want friends, we can choose to be friendly!

I once heard that even if people don't remember what you say to them, they do remember how you made them feel. For example, my exercise coach is a very enjoyable, positive, encouraging person, and I always look forward to seeing him. His attitude makes the entire experience pleasant. Even though the exercises themselves are usually difficult, he makes me feel like I am amazingly strong through his positive comments to me.

On the other hand, I had another trainer a few years ago who wasn't very positive or encouraging. When he would correct my form, he would do it in a rather negative, condescending way. He actually thought he was helping me, but the truth was that he was discouraging me!

Really, it's pretty simple: If you want friends, be the kind of person that other people want to be around—positive, encouraging and uplifting.

If you realize you are negative, or that you have let the disappointments of life sour your attitude, then ask God to start changing you. Facing truth is the doorway to freedom!

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Crestone Charter School LINK Program faces challenges

by Mary Lowers

(This is the second in a series of articles exploring how high school students, their parents, school administrators, and teachers deal with transition. Parents and students are not named. As the administration and teachers are considered public figures in this setting, they can be identified by name.)

Last month Crestone Charter School (CCS) LINK high school program was rocked by transition. The long time CCS LINK teacher Karen Acker was no longer teaching, and educators Ryan Johns and Emily Donaldson were working with many of these students for the first time. A parent-led group met with administration, LINK teachers, and a CCS Governing Council representative to address concerns ranging through appropriate speech and behavior between students and staff, building a school culture of safety and cooperation among staff and students, honoring agreements and keeping up with state academic standards for graduation. Seven LINK students after "shadowing" a student for a day at Moffat High School (MHS) chose to change schools. Some LINK students checked out Moffat and elected to remain at CCS.

One mother whose children switched to MHS was concerned because, "CCS has no math teacher in the high school. They bought a computer math program which doesn't have instructional videos. The teacher was there in case someone needed help." The girl had been upset by this teacher and "she wouldn't talk with him even though she was stuck. Without peaceful communications between teachers and kids, nothing will be learned." The student in question, is "extremely pleased with her choice (to attend MHS) because teachers listen, care and help them get caught up in any area they need." Another CCS parent told me, "The students knew that the underlying issue was a lack of trust. But the whole idea that trust had not been built but rather destroyed in the first week of

school was rather terrifying. It became painfully apparent that I cannot talk to these teachers because it will only cause more problems. At MHS he is well liked treated with respect and given help when he needs it." Her son remarked, "CCS is no longer about the students it's about the teachers. I want my teachers to be leaders, someone I can look up to."

LINK teacher Ryan Johns said, "We have made several changes in the LINK program in an effort to give students as much voice and choice as possible including re-visioning the school mission statement and a clear system for them to address their concerns both with each other and with staff." When asked about communications issues brought up by parents, CCS Director Michael Hayes commented, "We have a number of different communication practices that we instituted at the beginning of the school year. These include a variety of means for encouraging feedback, school and classroom weekly updates, and a structure for conflict resolution. If any community member has suggestions for ways that we can get better at our communication we are open to hearing those." One suggestion at the October meeting had been creating a new parent group. Director Hayes said, "We have a parent volunteer group that is meeting monthly to engage at the classroom and school-wide level. I am meeting with the parent volunteer coordinator every other week."

A student who chose to switch from CCS LINK to MHS felt "the new teachers were very disrespectful to the students. At CCS LINK we only had math two times a week. That's not enough. At MHS the staff takes into account what the students want and need, so we always have a say in things unlike CCS." Teacher Ryan Johns talked about, "A CORE sheet is in each classroom. CORE stands for Culture of Respect for Everyone and is a form that anyone, teacher or student, can fill out if they feel they have been treated

One minute wellness Vibro-acoustic Therapy

by Marybeth Van Horn

Most of us have had an experience of being tired or a little "down" and suddenly we hear a song or certain music and we suddenly become energized and full of life. We often observe teenagers using their headsets to get into a mood. We see athletes going into stadiums before games with their headsets on. This is the power of music and sound used in a relatively small way, yet it has big effects. Similarly, in the world of health, we use sound (ultra-sound) to promote healing. This works because the sound waves are delivered directly to the area that needs stimulation to heal.

But what if you were able to have similar technology deliver healing sound to the entire body? It makes sense that this would promote overall healing and not only that, but over-all wellness. After being stimulated by sound, cells all over the body would respond better and move in a more efficient way. This could prevent illness, prevent injury and promote wellness. And what if you added scientifically innovated vibration in addition to the sound? This would help the process along even further!

As a nurse of many years I still get excited when I encounter new innovations to help support health and enhance healing (especially if they do not require medications). The science of vibro-acoustic therapy intrigues me because it can help numerous conditions of both a physical and emotional nature. Certain programs help cells accept neuro stimulation to transform old ways of thinking which allows for new goals, new ideas and new ways of acting and reacting.

Much research has been done in the field of vibro-acoustic technology. Using specific physiological frequencies, sacred geometry and mathematical ratios that create resonance with the body's connective tissue, we are now able to reprogram the vibrational imbalances in cells and clear stored imprinted, conditioned patterns. Once these conditioned patterns are removed, our cells are free to function normally, restoring balance and health to all aspects of the body.

Through a delivery system such as a lounge chair or table that is equipped to deliver sound through earphones and which is programmed to deliver vibration we can deliver specific therapeutic frequencies directly into the connective tissue matrix of the body. This utilizes specific brain wave states to help create deep relaxation and an optimal healing environment.

It truly is amazing to consider the world around us and all that is available for natural remedies. This one has no side effects or allergic reactions and is as easy as taking time to relax!

Marybeth Van Horn is a registered nurse, internationally certified personal trainer and certified specialist in performance nutrition. Feel free to contact her with questions at 303-809-1134.

in a way that is not aligned with our shared values."

CCS Director Hayes said, "We have new practices and professional development happening school-wide that we have worked with since the beginning of the school year. All staff are expected to conduct themselves and their classes to professional standards." LINK teacher Ryan Johns told me, "Our intentions as education professionals have always been to create a safe and positive learning environment for the students. The students themselves have created clear guidelines for what appropriate behavior in LINK for teachers or students looks like, feels like, and sounds like. These were created and written up by the students."

"Moffat was smooth from the first moment we entered. The curriculum is standard and challenging and the teachers are fully certified to teach core subjects," said a parent who supports her child's choice to switch schools remarked.

Ryan Johns told me, "LINK is in the process of creating a school newsletter to inform parents of all the work the students and teachers are doing. We also met with all of the students and parents directly during our fall conferences and created a space in those meetings for parents to share their feelings about anything that has happened or that they hope will happen this year."

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Moffat Class of 2016 seniors reflect on their Mt. Elbert Senior Retreat

Senior Retreat is a time to bond as a class and get motivated about the year to come. Moffat Class of 2016 did just that as we went camping in Leadville in preparation for climbing Mt. Elbert, the highest peak in Colorado. Everyone had an amazing time getting to know one another. They all faced challenges head on and walked away with a sense of accomplishment. Here are their thoughts on the trip.

“Senior retreat was a fun and bonding experience. As a class we climbed up a 14er. Some of us stopped half way, but the rest of us went on and worked as a team to get to the top. The camping part was fun. We played games, had a sing off at the campfire, and played in the dark with glowsticks. This trip has made us closer as one, whole class. I hope to see this year be a success and graduate knowing that we all worked very hard to earn this”. -Paige Caffrey

“I felt really great about the trip. I had a great time getting to know the other students in the class even better. We had many laughs. I feel great about the year to come. The class that we have will be the best class yet.” -Taru Gouldberg

“The activities that we did were pretty awesome, like camouflage and man hunt. We all had fun. The food was good, and everyone walked away happy.” -Anton Faust

“The senior retreat was a lot of fun, and I really enjoyed it.” -Jake Hansen

“Senior retreat was a quick way for me to get to know my peers. I had a lot of fun playing various games in the woods, and hiking with new peers.” -Jacob Smith

“The senior trip was good and a lot of fun. My favorite part of the trip was watching everybody run through the woods in glow sticks and playing camouflage with everybody”. -Justin Gonzales

“Making it to the top of the mountain was a wonderful personal achievement for me. Though tired going up and down, the adrenaline of adventure kept pushing me forward. I could’ve done better with some extra water packed and sunscreen applied, but the mountain was accomplished none the less. The view from the peak was quite astounding, being able to see from mountain range to mountain range.” -Jedi Roman



Moffat School seniors at the Mt. Elbert trailhead.



Moffat School Class of 2016 seniors hiked up Mt. Elbert trail on their recent Senior Retreat camping & hiking trip.



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LINK students host Game Night fundraiser at the Charter School Oct. 9



Some of the older kids playing one of the more complicated games at LINK's "Game Night" on October 9, a fundraiser for their school trip this year. photo by Lori Nagel



Enjoying some yummy snacks. photo by Lori Nagel



Kids of all ages enjoyed playing Mousetrap. photo by Lori Nagel

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

—MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



by Ish

1/ **Shout:**

★★★

In a west Texas home for boys circa 1955, a music teacher tries to introduce rock 'n roll to the wayward boys only to be quashed by the hardened manager of the home. The music teacher discovers a group of boys who are talented, and they form a band while battling throughout the film with the manager. Stars John Travolta and Heather Graham.

2/ **Abduction:**

★★★

This thriller is based on a young man who discovers his baby photo on a missing persons website. He sets out to uncover the truth about his life as the movie unfolds. Starring Taylor Lautner, Alfred Molina and others.

3/ **The Dinosaur Project:**

★★★

Found footage of an expedition into the Congolese jungle where explorers find a colony of dinosaurs. It turns into an ambitious quest hoping to find a water creature rooted in myth and fantasy. Their helicopter down, it quickly becomes a lesson in survival.

4/ **Mansfield Park:**

★★★★

Fanny Price, at 10 years old, goes to the estate of her aunt's husband to live. As she grows up to be rather beautiful her uncle promotes her relation with their neighbor Henry. She wants to assess his worthiness herself and inquires further into her uncle's link between his fortunes and new world slavery. She asserts her heart and her wit as she pursues Henry's character.

5/ **Delete:**

★★★

A reporter and young hacker uncover an artificial intelligence that has become sentient. It has one goal . . . self preservation. It becomes a battle of 'It' or them.



LINK students sold all kinds of yummy goodies at their "Game Night", raising money for their school trip this year. photo by Lori Nagel



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The Washington Beat

Dems debate

by David Nicholas

Dems debate: So how did she do?

Maybe this was the needed shot in the arm. Mrs. Clinton and many Democrats were looking for her to get out from under her political baggage and re-energize her campaign, yet again. And it worked.

In front of a CNN/Facebook audience of 15 million on October 13, Hillary Clinton did herself a lot of good in this debate. But she has Bernie Sanders to thank for the highlight reel sound byte. When the subject of her State Department emails came up she gave her stock answer that she was sorry and so on, but Mr. Sanders killed the issue with this zinger: "Let me say—let me say something that may not be great politics. But I think the secretary is right, and that is that the American people are sick and tired of hearing about your damn e-mails."

His response was met with wild cheering applause. For the record, this took about 30 seconds to kill an issue that has been a millstone around Mrs. Clinton's neck since February. Phew! Senator Sanders saved Hillary Clinton's bacon for her 2016 campaign. It doesn't matter what Republicans try to make of her email problem as we go forward, America has moved on and America isn't listening to their whining.

Mrs. Clinton was asked why she was running for President?

Her answer, "Well, I can't think of anything more of an outsider than electing the first woman president, but I'm not just running because I would be the first woman president.

"I'm running because I have a lifetime of experience in getting results and fighting for people, fighting for kids, for women, for families, fighting to even the odds. And I know what it takes to get things done. I know how to find common ground and I know how to stand my ground. And I think we're going to need both of those in Washington to get anything that we're talking about up here accomplished."

CNN moderator Anderson Cooper asked if her administration would be a third term for President Obama. She didn't try to separate herself from the President; instead Mrs. Clinton backed President Obama and his administration—not on everything—but generally that despite the immense GOP hostility towards this President, he has been and is good for America.

So from now on we have the Hillary Campaign. A week later after the shouting and the accolades had died down, she was seen as having the win, but so far little movement in seeing a shift among Democrats to her campaign away from the other Dem nominees.

How did Bernie Sanders do?

Despite the "tweeting" by the pundits that his shouting oratory style wasn't a good debating style, he created excitement and he stood out, overshadowing his opponents, even Hillary Clinton at times. His zinger: "In my view, Secretary Clin-

ton, you do not—Congress does not regulate Wall Street. Wall Street regulates Congress."

Mr. Sanders' candid honesty, which usually spells death for so many Presidential nominees, was spell-binding because he could answer questions simply and honestly and he answered them to the point of the question. What you see is what you get and voters this year like that. It showed up his weaknesses as well as his strengths.

Weaknesses were his votes on gun legislation. He voted against regulation of firearms, and on Middle East foreign policy, his answers were non-descript. While it is unlikely that his gun votes are not at the top of issues for Democratic voters in 2016, the Middle East may well be. Describing the war in Syria as a "quagmire within a quagmire"—and he's not wrong on that—Mr. Sanders had no solution for Syria if he was President. But then again neither does the Obama Administration, and Russia just made careful western meddling in that war a crapshoot (see more below).

His strength in the debate was being for the little guy, railing against Wall Street and corporate America—especially the latter's buying elections, Presidential, Congressional and local and highlighting the financial inequality of the middle class. He drew applause and, in my view, the big thing it did was that he put the GOP on notice that their cozy corporate sponsors will be a liability this election.

So Bernie is still in the race and the fundraising shows it. The latest quarterly reports on campaign financing shows that while the Hillary campaign raised \$29+ million, the Sanders Campaign raised \$26 million and change mainly from small donors who give \$5 and \$10 to the cause. The reports say that Mr. Sanders has more cash in hand in his campaign than Mrs. Clinton does, so when crunch time comes in January 2016 and you need to book air time for your commercials, we'll see how his campaign makes use of his money.

Trumpy Dumbty - Part 4

TheDonald is still around, still being outrageous, and for Democrats he is just the gift that keeps on giving. But he is now making big mistakes in shooting from the hip as he is wont to do.

It is a year until America goes to vote for the next President, so independents are now keeping a wary eye on what's happening and who is saying what.

While TheDonald makes outrageous attacks on his competition, voters don't like flip-flops on serious policy issues where Americans have made sacrifices.

Case in point is Afghanistan, where TheDonald has always been a critic of the invasion. He flipped his position on October 20 and now says the Afghan invasion was right. Well, as much as people may not



remember what he said 30 minutes after he said things, they do remember what side you support in wars, and flip-flopping on issues as sensitive as Afghanistan can do you a lot of damage. While TheDonald's flip-flop is a move to the GOP center, it's a loser for his Tea Party support, which essentially is isolationist.

So while TheDonald is still ahead in polls, he's lower than 30%, a bar that hasn't been broken by him since the first GOP debate. I look to others who will start to gain and perhaps move past him on Super Tuesday, March 1.

There are only three other GOP nominees that have some chance to unseat Mr. Nauseous. These are Dr. Ben Carson, Texas Senator Ted Cruz and Florida Senator Marco Rubio. The ones still standing strongly on Super Tuesday March 1 to have some chance of beating the Democratic nominee look to be either Mr. Rubio or Dr. Carson.

Congress: Speaker Ryan may take the gavel

Yes, John Boehner (R-OH) resigned as Speaker of the US House of Representatives at the end of September and he's still there because nobody wanted the job on the Republican side. The big hope is former Vice-Presidential candidate Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI) will take the job.

At time of writing, colleagues on both sides of the Republican spectrum want him to take the job, a job that the Congressman has described as a thankless task. If he does, there will be much arm-twisting and backroom deal-making to make it worth his while.

There appears to have been a lot of arm-twisting and backroom deal-making. On October 21, the Congressman signaled that he would be willing to serve as speaker if all the factions of his party could unite behind him. It was reported by various news agencies that in a private session with colleagues, Mr. Ryan called for changes both to the way the Speaker's job is structured—focused more on communicating the party's message and less on fund-raising—and for an end to the antics of "bomb throwers and hand wringers," according to members in the room.

That should be interesting if Mr. Ryan achieved such a consensus, but that's a big "if."

Can all factions of the GOP actually pull their heads in, govern and pass legislation, rather than pursuing their anti-government agenda? If the Congressman takes the Speaker's job and if there is a honeymoon period in which Republicans profess all is sweetness and light, maybe some important legislation may get through and government agencies may continue to function for the rest of the 114th Congress.

There are crucial votes on the federal budget and the federal highway bill, both of which need action in early November, or else the government faces the likelihood of a shutdown yet again. There's not a lot of wiggle room here with a deadlocked Republican Party.

The stakes for another year of an obstructionist Congress will certainly give Democrats a great campaign issue for 2016 and it ensures the return of Democratic control to both houses of Congress. So

it is Congressman Ryan or nothing. Coming days will tell if he gets the job. We shall see.

The Benghazi hearings

The appearance on Thursday, October 22 by Hillary Clinton before the House committee investigating, yet again, the 2012 attacks in Benghazi didn't amount to much. It was not the crucifixion the GOP was hoping to have. Watching NBC's MeetThePress on Sunday, October 18, the sniping between Democrats and Republicans was bitter. Partisan tensions are rife and got worse as the Sunday wore on, just four days before Hillary Rodham Clinton was scheduled to testify.

As the committee's chairman, Representative Trey Gowdy, R-SC, prepared to go on television to provide his latest defense of the investigation, the committee's top Democrat, Representative Elijah E. Cummings (D-MD), released information undercutting one of Mr. Gowdy's recent allegations about Mrs. Clinton's use of her private email when she was Secretary of State.

Appearing after Mr. Gowdy, Mr. Cummings disputed Mr. Gowdy's contention that the committee had always been focused on the attacks on American government outposts in Benghazi. Four Americans, including Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, were killed in the attacks.

Congressman Gowdy sharply criticized two members of his own party—the House majority leader Kevin McCarthy of California and Representative Richard Hanna of New York—for their recent statements that the committee had succeeded in its purpose of weakening Mrs. Clinton's campaign.

In assessing the garbage that has gone around the attack, the question is: has her six-hour appearance before the committee hurt Mrs. Clinton's campaign? No. The Democratic Debate put paid to this episode. So we go on.

Bibi and the failed state of Israel

Has Israel has become a luxury the world can no longer afford? Israel is a failed state in my view because it can't pay for itself. Of the \$7 billion plus annual budget, half of the income to pay for this bloated state comes from America, us, in the form US aid. This is the one line item in the federal budget that no one dares to question, for fear of being thought anti-Semitic.

Israel used to have vibrant Jaffa orange and olive export industry. Unfortunately they were Arab-owned. Over the decades the orchards were intentionally destroyed by a government who wanted to kick the Palestinians out of their homeland.

The problem for me is that the two-state solution which we spent so much time and money trying to achieve over the last 35 years has been a charade, from Menachem Begin at the Camp David accords in 1979 to the current shambles that Israel has become.

The wretched Palestinian people, mostly living in concentration/refugee camps since the partition in 1948, are in a chokehold. So they bridle at being choked as the government of Bibi Netanyahu tightens the noose. This government wants humiliation and death for the Palestinian people, and it's unacceptable. Israeli General Moshe

Dayan wouldn't accept this and neither would former Mossed Director-Generals. Yet here we are.

All Bibi does is sit on his duff screaming and whining about the Iran deal and approves new settlements in the occupied West Bank. He doesn't do anything else. He's lazy and he doesn't deserve our money.

One has to wonder: if Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was excluded from Israeli politics, what he would do for living? Had he kept his true family name, Mileikowsky, perhaps there would be a small business in Occupied East Jerusalem or Tel Aviv and maybe Israel would have made some sort of peaceful accommodation with the people the 1948 UN resolution displaced, an uprooting the Palestinians refer to as "The Catastrophe!"

Instead he kept the pseudonym of his activist grandfather Benzion Netanyahu (meaning "Given to God") and this man with poor self-esteem possessing an extreme messianic complex is set to light a fire that may take years to put out.

While foreign policy pundits are hesitating to refer to the current violence in the Occupied West Bank as the Third Intifada, with spot attacks by Palestinian youths using knives and rocks to take out their anger and frustration on their oppressors. The oppressors retaliate with orders of "shoot to kill," and the violence is capturing world headlines again. The media want something to call this.

As usual, Bibi's response is to make the current tough restrictions on Palestinian movement in Israel even tougher, and he's demanding the leader of Israel's creation, the Palestinian Authority's Mahmoud Abbas, front up for talks in order to get a cessation of hostilities. In short narrative meaning it's Mr. Abbas' responsibility to keep "his people" in line.

However, a couple of things are different this time. The movement restrictions Israel has imposed on Palestinians and which Israel tightens each time they rise up to challenge the Israeli state, would be deemed oppressive in any other country. This purposeful humiliation has been continuing for years. Palestinians have been subject to haphazard rules at crossings into Israel proper from the Occupied Territories. Some days the crossings are open, but on a moment's notice are closed and stay closed for days. It's designed to keep Palestinians off-balance psychologically and it's pretty effective until the attacks come from inside Israel, which is what is happening now, with resident Israeli Palestinians leading the attacks.

What set them off this time is the restrictions to the Al Aqsa mosque compound on Palestinians who come to pray at the Dome of the Rock. Only Arabs over 50 are allowed inside the compound to pray. But recently ultra-orthodox Israelis who claim the site as the former Temple Mount have insisted that they be allowed to pray there without restriction while Palestinians have been and, according to them, should be excluded. The outrage has spread.

Occupied East Jerusalem is in lock-down at time of writing. Palestinians aren't allowed in even

though they live there. So while we see ultra-orthodox Jews getting knifed and attacked and tell their tell of woe through Mickey Rosenfeld, the Israeli Police PR guy, the truth is ultra-Orthodox also instigate the violence on purpose knowing they will get away with it.

What irritates Bibi is that the current violence is not organized, but totally spontaneous, meaning Bibi has no one he can call on to stop this violence. So he has ordered the Israeli Defense Force is to stop this any way they can. So the IDF soldiers find themselves becoming targets and their bias is to allow the ultra-Orthodox to get away with murder, while all Palestinians get shot and killed.

All in all it's not a time to be visiting a state with a leader who is so self-obsessed and finding himself on the outs with his allies—us—and being listened to less and less in the wider world. Right now his failure to stop the Iran deal with his interference into domestic US politics and his failure to embarrass the President is still not sitting well with Bibi, who needs a war to keep him in power.

Domestically Israel is a basket case, and Bibi does next to nothing other than approve illegal settlements and beat down on Palestinians with a racism that is like South African apartheid in all but name.

Bibi meets with President Obama on November 9 and it remains to be seen what sort of welcome he will receive. With this mess, Bibi may be ushered into the White House by a side door. One can only hope he is treated with insult, meaning just another visitor, not as a friend.

The RusIran compact

This is something new to the public perception about the Middle East. We have known for years that Iran financed Hezbollah fighters in Syria in 2012 to fight with Assad and his Alawite army. But the Russian and Iran compact, not a formal agreement but a convenience, formally made a public appearance at the United Nations when Russia publicly announced it would start bombing terrorist positions, positions which included but are not exclusively ISIS/ISIL.

Now you have to watch Russia Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov's lips move. Terrorist? "If it walks like a terrorist, talks like a terrorist and acts like a terrorist, then it's a terrorist." He said it with SecStat John Kerry standing right beside him. Calling Mr. Lavrov on this remark at that moment would have revealed what only dawned on the SecStat and the Obama Administration two days later, when Russian fighter aircraft started bombing positions that were occupied by pro-western opposition fighters. When Russia also opened up the bombing with cruise missiles launched from the Russian Caspian Sea fleet—who knew that Russia has a fleet on a sea with no access to an ocean—1200 miles from their Syrian targets, it was a very sobering moment for US. That the Russian fleet was firing missiles from a fleet sailing in Russian waters flying—with permission—across Iran and Iraqi air space at 300 feet above the land mass and hitting Syrian targets was impressive to say the least, but the action itself just changed the balance of power in the

Bat tests positive for rabies in Saguache County

by Sandia Belgrade

Rabies: rare but deadly

Rabies is a relatively rare but deadly disease that is caused by a virus. It infects the nervous system and causes swelling of the brain and death. It is usually fatal. It is transmitted by contact with the saliva of an infected animal, usually through a bite wound, and infects the brain and nervous system and can cause difficulty breathing, paralysis, loss of consciousness and death. The Saguache County resident who found it was able to contact local public health officials and have the animal tested before any person was exposed to the deadly virus. The outcome could have been much worse.

Humans and other mammals are at risk

Any mammal can get rabies. Mammals and all warm-blooded animals are susceptible to rabies, but certain carnivorous mammals such as bats are more likely to be sources of infection. 92% of the infections in the United States are found in wildlife such as raccoons, skunks, bats, and foxes, though the virus is not transmitted by the spray of skunks. Bats and skunks are the most common species carrying the rabies virus in Colorado. The other 8% of rabies infections are in domestic animals such as cats, dogs, and cattle

Regional warning issued

Colorado has seen a significant increase in rabies in recent years along the Front Range, and given rabies' deadly nature this warning needs to be taken seriously

According to statewide data from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, as of July 31 approximately 63 animals have tested positive for rabies in Colorado so far in 2015. SLV Regional Epidemiologist Samantha Escobedo said, "We want to remind the public to protect themselves and their animals, and emphasize the importance of reporting animals that may have been exposed to a rabid animal or that may be showing signs of rabies, such as unusual behavior."

Rabies is preventable

Fortunately, rabies is preventable. Have pets vaccinated for rabies, and if your pet comes in contact with a bat or a skunk, notify a veterinarian and/or public health department right away. Also remember not to feed, touch or adopt wild animals and be cautious around stray cats and dogs. Rabid animals do not always appear vicious. If you notice a wild animal exhibiting strange behavior, call your local animal control or law enforcement agency. Do not touch the animal. For more information about rabies please call your county health department or visit www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/rabies. Saguache County residents can contact Saguache County Public Health with questions at 719-754-2773.

Middle East.

Here's why. Israel, who has for the last 15 years has wanted to bomb Iran's nuclear facilities, has just been put in check by Iran with its close relationship with Russia. So the dictum now is: bomb Iran and you get Russia in your face. This was not lost on Netanyahu, who, seeing the Russian build-up of aircraft and troop movements into Syria, landed in Moscow in late September to seek assurances that Russia would be observing national airspace, meaning they would not encroach on Israel. Bibi did this before he flew into New York and delivered his usual anti-Iran speech. A week after he delivered his speech it became irrelevant.

Meanwhile, new US SecDef Ashton Carter was dismayed—to say the least—that Russia was bombing everyone who was opposed to the Assad regime and not just ISIS/ISIL positions. This was just jaw-dropping. Were we not aware that Russia's support of the Assad regime for the last four years? Were we not aware that Russia, who mostly votes in the UN Security Council to protect Assad from western sanctions, would be assisting in bombing all Assad's opposition including the Free Syrian Army if they went to war in Syria? Well, heck, that's just not right, wailed Secretary Carter; this was and will be seen as a big mistake!

Well, maybe, but actually it caught the administration off balance and privately in the Pentagon, the Russian action was seen as a brilliant move by Vladimir Putin—

despite the official rhetoric—because it changed the tide of defeat that was beginning to hang over the Assad regime. Russia is now a major player in the Middle East. This fact was seen by Saudi Arabia who had a delegation in Moscow meeting with President Putin in mid-October immediately after the cruise missiles flew. It was the cruise missile action which changed the balance of power in the Middle East, where once the Middle East was considered a US and western power bailiwick. This would have been unthinkable prior to the war in Iraq.

This is one of the long-term consequences of a foolish and misguided war that Bush43 gave us. The Iraq war diminished our power and hegemony. Very few of us saw it coming. The lesson is when you start a war without thinking about the consequences of your actions, you get Pandora's box of curses and uncertainties.

The major outcome is that Russia (known to be working under the radar which wasn't a secret), became more influential in both Syria and Iran specifically and the rest of Middle East in general. It was not lost on anybody. You have to marvel at how in the twinkling of an eye, fortunes can change in strategic foreign policy.

The Iran deal goes ahead

The Iran deal put together three months ago is now in force. It went into effect on Sunday, October 18. The hope is that goodwill and good sense make this agreement worth the work it took to make it so.

And the beat goes on.

Water use & marijuana cultivation in the SLV continue to be a problem

by Bea Ferrigno

In response to growing concern about marijuana cultivation, legal or not, within the San Luis Valley, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) convened a dialogue among concerned agencies on Marijuana Regulation and Enforcement on September 22 in Alamosa.

Part of the problem appears to be that because marijuana is now legal, some growers have the mistaken impression that water is freely available for the purpose. As any long-term Colorado resident knows, every drop of water in the state is owned and regulated. In the Crestone region, during irrigation season (typically April through October) water rights to all the streams in the Baca Grande subdivision are owned by the federal government through the Baca Grande National Wildlife Refuge (BGCWR). Marijuana cultivation remains prohibited under federal law, so growers who take water from streams in the Baca Grande subdivision can be charged with theft of government property.

Growers without permits, which require a legitimate water source, are also subject to action by the Division of Water Resources (DWR), but as Assistant Engineer James Heath explained at the recent DOLA dialogue, the relatively small amount of water required to grow marijuana gives the infraction a low priority for enforcement compared to other violations that can, and have, occurred in the valley. One marijuana plant requires 91 gallons of water in a season; it would take 3580 plants to consume one acre foot of water—325,850 gallons, enough to fill the Splashland pool—whereas potatoes, oats,

or alfalfa need considerably more. With limited resources, Division 3 would pursue expanded irrigation uses and outright water theft more readily than the “political hot button” of water rustling for marijuana. As Heath remarked, more water would be saved by reducing the extent of lawns and ponds than by working against marijuana cultivation.

Water commissioners are allowed to enter private property to ascertain how water is being used, but they have no police powers. Rather, DWR enforcement against illegal activity is an administrative process that begins with a verbal notification of the violation and a request to remedy it. This has been successful in most instances. If a violation persists, the next step is a certified letter or cease and desist order; repeat violators are summoned to water court, where fines can be \$500/day plus court costs. Subsequent violations result in criminal charges, more fines, and even jail. Heath noted that the procedure is not quick and that other entities, such as land use or planning and zoning departments, as well as law enforcement, can respond more promptly.

The DWR, however, can advise about permit applications and determine whether the intended water sources are legal. And they are able to assist with enforcement from a water use perspective when other enforcement avenues are insufficient or exhausted. Division 3 staff are working with Costilla and Saguache county land use managers and have also published some informative memos on issues around water and marijuana cultivation, available at <http://water.state.co.us>.



Lots of storms bringing the first snows to the Crestone mountains! This one taken on October 21. photo by Lori Nagel

Water export project

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individuals to reach 35,000 acre feet. The developed water will then become a trans-basin diversion into the Platte River Basin, if so decreed by the water court.

The water court is mandated to use the state engineer’s RGDSS Groundwater Model to determine that the correct science is applied to the project.

Commissioner Jason Anderson brought up past failed attempts by Gary Boyce to export water. The continuing threat to San Luis Valley water actually goes back to the 1980s when Canadian billionaire Maurice Strong formed American Water Development, Inc. (infamously known as AWDI) to exploit the groundwater under the Baca Ranch—now protected as the Baca National Wildlife Refuge.

Shortly after AWDI’s defeat in water court, Gary Boyce made his own attempt to sell the water under the Baca Ranch, doing business as Stockman’s Water in the mid-1990s. Boyce lost then. Now he’s back under a new name, Sustainable Water Resources.

When challenged about what made this proposal different than historical attempts to export water, Tower responded that a few things were different. First, the scale of the project is much smaller and is capped at 35,000 acre feet. It is also more community-friendly, since the plan also hinges on 35,000 acre feet in water being acquired and the corresponding wells being capped—which will require the cooperation of neighbors to agree to participate. Thirdly, the plan allows that people can sell their water and profit from that sale.

The Rio Grande Water Conservation District board made its position clear at its meeting on July 22, 2014, however. “The Rio Grande Water Conservation District is not interested in accepting his [Boyce] \$150 million offer to buy their cooperation and the Valley’s cooperation in the 35,000-acre-foot export proposal,” attorney David Robbins said. “We will wait and see how it develops, and the board should expect to meet in special meet-

ings if/ when an application is filed in water court.” The RGWCD Board voted unanimously to reject Boyce’s proposal.

At that time Robbins stated that although Boyce has not filed any application in water court to export 35,000 acre feet of water from the valley in a trans-basin diversion, he has filed a series of change cases in which he is trying to move around his water rights on the ranches he owns in the Villa Grove area.

The Saguache County Commissioners asked Tower if the Douglas County Commissioners were on board with the project. During the meeting it came to light that Saguache County Chair Ken Anderson had met with Douglas County Commissioner Jill Repella to discuss Douglas County’s interest in the water.

This was after Jill Repella told the Rio Grande Water Conservation District representatives in 2014 that her county was interested in sustainable water supplies but not if it would ruin another part of the state.

Tower clarified that at this time, he is not asking the commissioners to support the project, only not to oppose it. He suggested language phrased as “no specific opposition at this time”.

Tower also reiterated caveats to the proposal: not binding on any future board of county commissioners, only willing sellers, the water export would be capped at 35,000 acre feet, a local board would be established to manage the community fund, and the entire agreement would be adjudicated through water court.

The community fund would receive \$50 million or \$2 million dollars year. Uses for that money would be established by a local board, and could be used for schools and kids, money to entice companies into the county for the economy, renewable energy and energy independence.

Commissioner Jason Anderson told Tower that commissioners would take what he said under advisement and discuss the matter. They did not express interest in supporting the project. No decision was made at the October 13 meeting as it was a work session. At this time no additional discussion has been scheduled on the commissioners’ agendas.

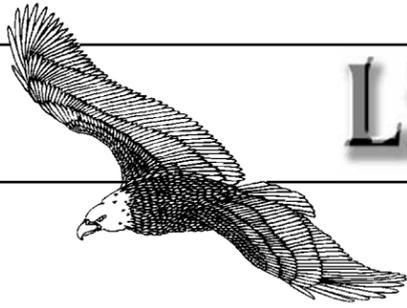
Want to talk to the Saguache County Commissioners, Division of Water Resources, County Sheriff and Land Use about marijuana issues in Saguache County?



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Living on the Earth

The history of Japanese settlers in the San Luis Valley

by Mary Lowers

Since the last decades of the nineteenth century Japanese have been part of the ethnic and cultural fabric of the San Luis Valley (SLV). The Japanese ventured to new homes in the US, Canada, Hawaii (not a state until 1959), Mexico, and South America for economic reasons, as with many immigrant groups. A need for new cheap labor was created in 1882 when Chinese workers were excluded by law from America. From 1890 the number of Japanese in this country increased, and as of the 1910 census, there were 72,000 Japanese in the US. Ten of that number resided in Conejos County in the southern SLV.

Between 1900 and 1910 most of the Japanese in Colorado worked for the railroad, as coal miners, in Pueblo's steel mills or in the sugar beet industry. The Japanese Association of Colorado estimates 400 Japanese worked for the railroads in 1909. According to *Japanese Settlement in the SLV*, by Morris C. Cohn, "At all times the Japanese received the lowest wages paid by the rail companies, except the few remaining Chinese. In 1900 Japanese received from ten to twelve cents per hour."

Around 1925 Japanese farmers from California and elsewhere in the state of Colorado began arriving in the valley.

Land promoters draw Japanese farmers to the SLV

Two decisive factors motivating these Japanese farmers to immigrate to the SLV were the federal Johnson-Reed Act of 1924 (which disallowed most Japanese immigration to the US) and the State of California's Alien Act of 1920, (a blatantly racist piece of legislation) designed to end competition from the Japanese in agriculture. By 1926 Japanese farmers in California controlled several crops including strawberries, celery, asparagus, and tomatoes. Much of the prejudice the Japanese experienced in that state was caused by their success in farming and was fueled by publisher William Randolph Hearst's crusade against the so called "yellow peril". The climate in California was increasingly hostile to Japanese agriculture.

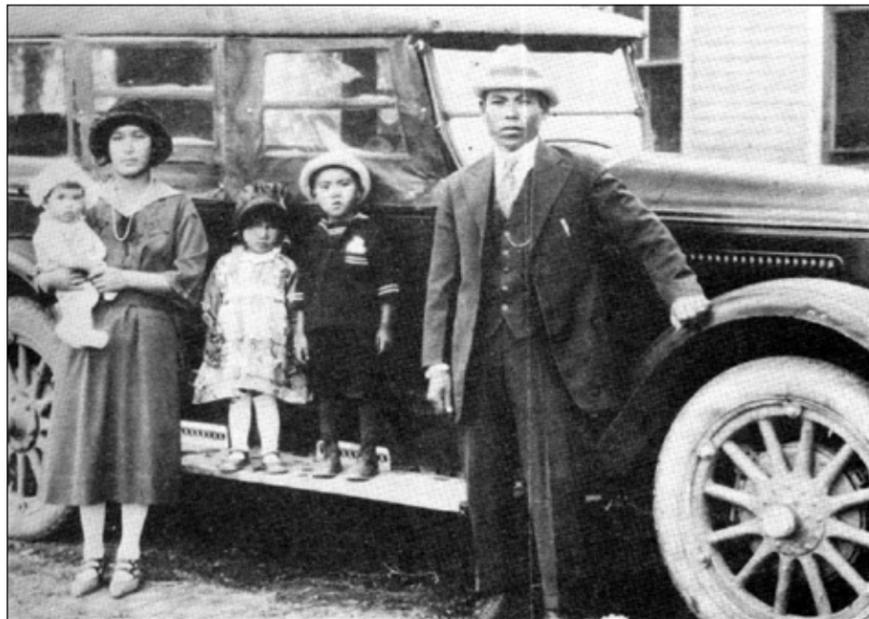
Land promotion and real estate companies were big business in the SLV. Eager to sell land and hearing of the problems Japanese farmers were facing in California, developers and their agents brought Japanese in contact with the SLV. Salesmen did present a rosy picture of agricultural bliss,

but the land companies were responsible for numerous improvements benefitting agriculture: railroad access to fields, reservoirs, roads and canals. A pamphlet put out by the Conejos Land and Investment Company in 1911 said, "Do Not Rent but Own a Farm in the San Luis Valley."

As Morris C. Cohn points out, "the forces and conditions culminating in Japanese settlement of the SLV were complete by 1924.



Buddhist Church in La Jara during a World War II-era funeral. Windows were boarded over because the church could only be used for funerals.



Yoshida family, 1927, shortly after arriving in the San Luis Valley. Left to right, (baby) Grace Yaeko, (mother) Isayo Kiyonaga, Edith Fumiko, Clarence Toshihiro, (father) Frank Eiichi Yoshida.



San Luis Vegetable Packers Corporation Stock, 1927, owned by George Katsumoto.

On the one hand the availability of land and promoters eager to locate new sources of people willing to settle this land. On the other hand, there existed a large number of excellent farmers living under conditions hostile to their well being and therefore, desiring new land and farms." Roy Shahan of

the Gibson Land Company located in Alamosa, along with a Richard Blakey and C.B. West of the West Real Estate Company, travelled to California and met with Yoshie Inouye who was the chairman of the Stockton, CA Japanese Association (Kyudokai). He subsequently made two trips to the SLV. An association member, Eiichi Yoshida

brought his family by train to settle in the valley. They were put up in Alamosa in the brick house that is now home to Porter Realty.

The Yoshida family in Alamosa & La Jara

In July at a fascinating talk at the Saguache County Museum, Bessie Miyeko Yoshida Konishi of Alamosa, the daughter of Eiichi Yoshida and wife of respected Alamosa veterinarian Ben Konishi, gave a personal perspective on being Japanese in the SLV. As Konishi described it, Japanese immigrants were "not greeted by a friendly Statue of Liberty," because of racial prejudice. Her father, Frank Yoshida, came to California in 1909 and her mother, Isayo Kiyonaga immigrated as a "picture bride" in an arranged marriage. She had never met her husband but only seen his picture before taking the long voyage from Japan to America, in 1917. The match was quite successful. There were twelve Yoshida children, ten girls and two boys. Since Konishi's mother never spoke English, Japanese was the language at home.

"All the children had Japanese as well as English names." Konishi was born in the valley where her father was a share cropper. She described the family's successful farm which featured cauliflower as a major crop. She told how the crops were carefully tended and her job as a little girl before school was to cover the young plants with mats her sisters wove from cattails. Later in the season the cauliflower leaves were laboriously sewn shut so the vegetable would go to market the preferred white color instead of the yellowish shade it would turn if left to its own devices.

The Japanese in the SLV often worked together on projects. In June of 1927 the *Alamosa Journal* reported: "Japanese growers let contract for packing shed. The SLV Vegetable Packers, INC was organized several months ago by the election of a Board of Directors, of which K. Ono is president. The

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by Kim Malville

The biggest planet spectacle occurs in the east before dawn where Jupiter rises around 3am to be followed by brilliant Venus and dimmer Mars.

November 2-4: Mars and Venus move close to each other on these three mornings. Jupiter lies above and to the left.

November 7: A waning crescent moon is close to Venus, forming a triangle with Mars.

November 17-18: The Leonid meteor shower, best viewed between midnight and dawn. Sometimes the Leonid meteors fill the sky with falling stars (or falling coyotes according to some myths) but probably that will not happen this year. In any case, if you see one, try to trace it back to the constellation of Leo.

Mars, water, & life

The possibility of finding evidence for ancient life on Mars has been given a great boost recently with dramatic findings by the Curiosity Rover and NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter. Now with discoveries of water streaks, which grow and fade, the possibility that life exists on Mars today does not seem too outlandish (pun intended).

A series of lakes within the 96-mile-wide Gale Crater appear to have persisted for perhaps tens of millions of years. Although these individual lakes were apparently transient, drying out and filling up repeatedly over time, the overall lake-and-stream system inside Gale Crater may have existed long enough for primitive life to form in them. This would have been a suit-

able habitat, which was perpetually wet and would have allowed microbes to be sustained.

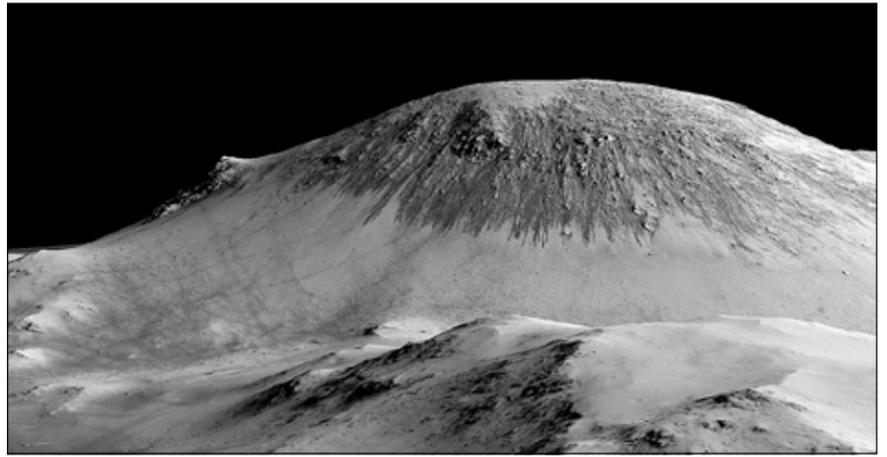
Curiosity has been exploring the interior of Gale Crater since August 2012, when the car-size rover landed on a mission. Pictures taken by Curiosity shows evidence of rivers, deltas and lakes within Gale, which is thought to have formed after a massive impact about 3.8 billion years ago. Streams carried sediments from the crater's northern rim and walls down to the floor. The central lake in the crater was perhaps 30 to 60 feet deep. Water flowed from snow that had collected on the northern rim of the crater, which was adjacent to a major ocean.

Eroded pebbles

The shape of some Martian pebbles suggests these rocks once rolled miles down a river, hinting that ancient Martian waterways were stable and not merely ephemeral streams. Rounded pebbles appear to have lost about 20% of their volume. When the reduced Martian gravity is taken into account, which is only about 40% of Earth's, the pebbles had traveled about 30 miles from their source. That's more than a trickle of water.

Flowing water

We have long known that large amounts of water remain, frozen solid in the polar ice caps. But on this surface of this cold planet, the presence of liquid water has long seemed unlikely. There have been fleeting hints of recent liquid water, like fresh-looking gullies, but none have proved convincing.



Water streaks on Mars.

(NASA)

Now watery streaks (now called slope lineae—yes it's an awkward word, but they are trying to avoid interpretation) have been found. They grew in length during the summer, faded as temperatures cooled, and then reappeared the next year.

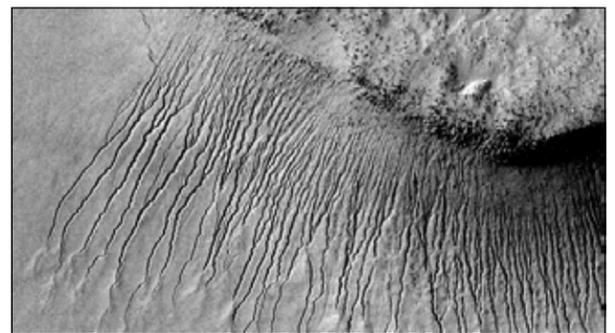
The nature of these streaks have been identified from a safe distance by the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter. They appear to be produced by molecules of calcium perchlorate. These perchlorates boost the chances that microbial life exists on Mars, but these highly caustic chemicals are also perilous to the health of humans who might visit the planet in the future.

It's a good news, bad news thing. Microbes on Earth use perchlorate for an energy source. When there's too much perchlorate in drinking water, microbes are used to clean it up. But they are poison for humans. Probably present in dust particles, perchlorates would be disastrous if ingested. Suites would need to be left outside any living areas on Mars.

The perchlorate salts lower the freezing temperature, and the water remains liquid. The average temperature of Mars is about -70°F, but summer days near the Equator may reach 70. The water producing the perchlorate brine may be coming from underground aquifers, frozen during winter, melting during summer and seeping to the surface.

Even though these recurring water streaks are the best locations for finding life, NASA has no plans to get a close-up look anytime soon. They are identified as restricted regions that NASA's current robotic explorers are barred from visiting because the rovers have not been thoroughly sterilized, raising the possibility that they might be carrying microbial hitchhikers from Earth, which could contaminate Mars.

Of the spacecraft that NASA has sent to Mars, only the two Viking landers in 1976 were baked to temperatures hot enough to kill Earth microbes. NASA's next Mars rover, scheduled to launch in 2020, will not be sterilized because



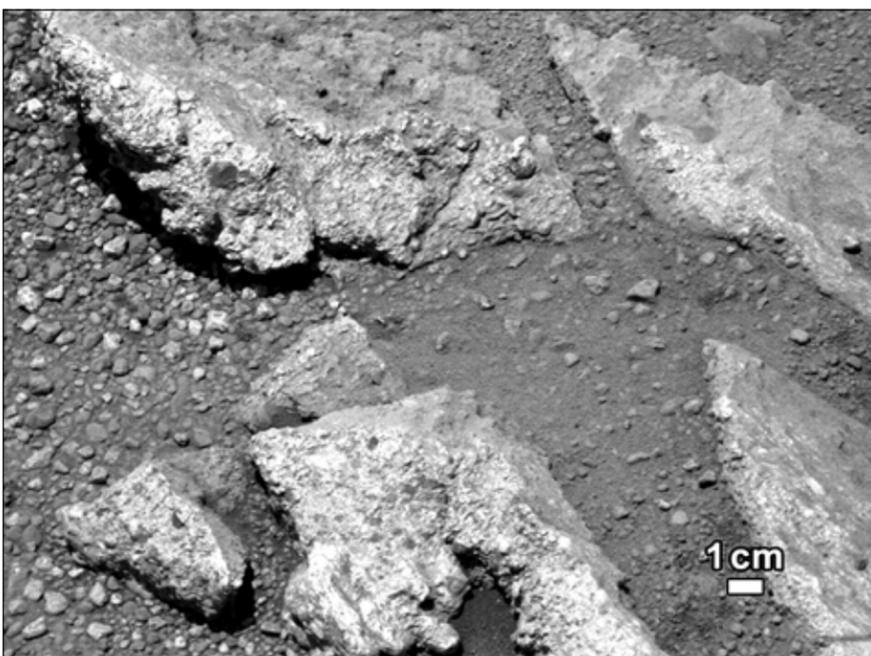
Water streaks on Mars.

(NASA)

it requires electronics and systems that can withstand the heat of baking (no soldered connections allowed), adds to the cost and complicates the design.

In selecting the landing site for the 2020 rover, the space agency is ruling out places that might be habitable, such as these water streaks. This prohibition may apply to the Curiosity Rover which is slowly moving toward two candidate streaks that have been identified on the mountain in Gale Crater, which NASA's Curiosity Rover is now exploring.

The Curiosity team could decide to approach the streaks without driving onto them. If it gets within 20 meters, the streaks could be zapped with a laser, which could identify the material and Martian microbes by vaporizing them. Wow, here is a fascinating moral dilemma dealing with the sacredness and uniqueness of Martian life! They could even drive the rover onto the streaks, scoop up some of the wet soil, and bake it inside the vehicle. That would not be too different from explorers in the past encountering remote tribes in the Amazonian jungle. The result could not only murder some Martians but result in irreversible contamination of Mars.



Pebbles on Mars.

(NASA)

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In Search of Economic Reality

Colorado's "Third World" roads

by Dr. Ed Lyell

Driving up highway 17 from Alamosa to Salida I became very aware of the bumpy roads in Colorado. The US used to have a great highway system but has let it fall apart over the decades. Failing physical infrastructure is another sign of the US becoming a third world country. Paved roads that are as bad as dirt roads cost the average driver over \$1,000 a year in car repairs, more than would a gas tax increase.

We are still the world's top economy, yet the working class's quality of life is greatly diminished. Since the 2008 crash the Federal Reserve has had a near 0 interest rate for banks to borrow money. This central bank has also been printing over \$50 billion new dollars each month to stimulate the economy. However, this money is only available to the big banks that will not lend to small business to create real things. This near-free money goes to big banks and corporations who buy back their stock and artificially inflate stock market prices, giving their executives bil-

ions in bonus money. This trillion dollars did not build a bridge, fix a road, build buildings, improve schools or increase university access.

The plutocrats make sure that the public will not vote to increase any taxes to help the 99%. Thus colleges are no longer tax payer-supported and the burden is now on students through loans provided by the 1% who get income from the high interest rates paid. Both physical and human capital is being destroyed in America just to make the rich richer.

We could double road repair funding by inflation-adjusting state and federal gasoline taxes to make up for 25 years of frozen per-gallon tax rates. Colorado already pays one of the lowest fuel taxes of any state. Inflation-adjusting both federal and state rates to repair roads would also create thousands of good private sector contractor jobs. Adding 40¢ per gallon should be done now when the overall price of gasoline has fallen by almost \$2 a gallon. Fuel taxes are regressive and I would prefer raising state

taxes on the wealthy, but fuel tax increases have a better chance of implementation since the rich will not fight them as much.

The wealthy 1% wants to privatize America's roads and bridges. They pay for political campaigns to get the public to not raise taxes for anything. Without public funds states have turned to public/private partnerships. This transfers the existing asset value of public roads and bridges to the corporation that only puts up about 20% of the cost for new lanes, bridges, or roads. The tolls pay back that investor with no risk since the government guarantees the future revenue. This is the same strategy used by Russia to transfer their public oil companies and other state businesses to the friends of their government. Mexico used the same strategy of selling state assets to their rich friends for 10% of the asset's real value making their billionaires richer. This is systemic wealth distribution from the majority to the wealthy 1%.

The US is now using this exploitative and corrupt strategy in no-bid contracts like the new tunnel in Virginia that wasn't supposed to cost the taxpayer a dime but instead will cost their taxpayers \$580 million and ongoing high toll costs paid to the private corporation. The state will spend more than twice the investment of companies that won the right to collect billions in tolls. In Colorado the highway from Denver to Boulder just had a new lane built by a private corporation which will collect tolls for decades. The new expansion of I70 to Vail will likely cost over \$30 a mile to use. The wealthy will have faster, easier drives to the mountains while others will be even more jammed up in long lines.

America has become a country of two worlds, the 1% versus the 99%. The rich don't want to have their taxes raised for roads and schools that the 99% use. The

wealthy are creating their own lanes, adding money to their own well-funded schools and paying the high fees for their children to go to university. Some plutocrats do not even care about roads and just use their personal helicopter to get around. Many do not want to pay higher taxes for police and fire departments since they live in their own gated communities with their own security forces and fire department.

The public is not paying attention since the rich who own the media dangle distracting issues like abortion and Benghazi to keep the public from noticing that their pocket has been picked, their quality of life reduced and their freedom stolen.

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AAA Colorado offers tips to avoid costly animal collisions

Collisions with animals can be both dangerous and costly. According to the Insurance Information Institute, animal collisions result in about 200 human fatalities per year. Last year, AAA Insurance policyholders in Colorado involved in an animal-related collision had an average automobile insurance claim of \$4,662.

Animal collision fast facts

October, November and December are the worst months for animal collisions.

October and November are especially dangerous during deer mating season.

As the days get shorter, drivers are more likely to be on the road at dawn and dusk, which are times of high animal activity.

Animals may be more difficult to see as it gets darker earlier.

"Although deer and other animals are unpredictable, and you never know when one might dash in front of your vehicle, there are actions you can take to help prevent an accident or reduce the damage from an animal collision," said Jim Rookard, Director of Insurance Services for AAA Colorado.

Tips to avoid an animal collision and to lessen the impact if one occurs

Keep your eyes moving. Continually sweep your eyes across the road in front of you for signs of animals and movement. Animals may also be alongside the road. While the most likely accident is you hitting an animal, on occasion, they might hit you by running into the side of your car.

Be especially attentive in

early morning and evening. Many animals, especially deer, are most active during these times, roughly 5 to 8am and 5 to 8pm, which include prime commuting times for most people.

Use high beams when there's no oncoming traffic. You can spot animals sooner. Sometimes the light reflecting off their eyes will reveal their location.

Slow down and watch for other deer to appear. Deer rarely travel alone, so if you see one, there are likely to be one or several more.

Slow down around curves. Animals are harder to see in advance when going around curves.

One long blast. A long blast on your horn may frighten large animals, like deer, away from your vehicle.

Use brakes if an impact is imminent. Don't swerve. Instead, stay in your lane. Swerving away from animals can confuse them so they don't know which way to run. It can also put you in the path of oncoming vehicles or cause you to crash into something on the side of the road like a lamp post or a tree.

Always wear a seatbelt. The chances of getting injured when hitting an animal are much higher if you don't have your seatbelt on.

Don't go near or touch a wounded animal. A frightened and wounded animal can be unpredictable and cause injury. If it's in the middle of the road and blocking traffic, call the police immediately.

Consider purchasing comprehensive insurance, if you don't already have it. Comprehensive insurance is the type of insurance that covers animal strikes.

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\$399,000 Approx. 70 acres, 400gpm ag well, 2 stock wells. Beautifully remodeled ranch house, 4BD 2BA. Large workshop, 4-car garage, 2 silos, box car, historic outbuildings & more. 710549



\$475,000 Partially finished construction, this property is part of an estate. Seller is open to offers. In the town of Crestone, commercial district. Residential/multi-use possibilities. 709800



\$420,000 41 pristine acres in the Grants. A great retreat property. Solar system, new batteries. 3550 sq ft with home and meeting/retreat building. Creek runs through property. 703497



\$365,000 2BD 1.75BA Lovely Victorian home & guest cottage on 35acres. Spectacular views, organic garden area, room for horses. Great for group retreats or sustainable living.



REDUCED! \$275,000! Seller will finance. Unique property with 2 units and office space, 3BD 2 1/4BA, full sauna, 33' grow dome, orchard. Borders greenbelt & creek. 699764



REDUCED! \$254,000 1.5 story 2BD 1.75BA, tile & wood floors w/radiant heat. Sunroom, fenced yard, steam shower. Private cul-de-sac, high on the mountain! 699605



\$249,000 Just north of town, 5 acres with North Crestone Creek running through it! Secluded 960 sq ft home. About 200 feet of creek. 681507



\$245,000 Cozy, energy-efficient straw bale home on 2.5 acres near Cottonwood Creek & greenbelt. Elegant feel, 2-car oversized carport with workshop area. 700945



\$235,000 3BD 2BA, spacious, light home. Fireplace, vaulted ceilings, new carport; sits on 2 consolidated lots, at the end of the street. Downstairs has own entrance. 708971



\$229,000 5BD 3 1/4 BA with additional room off Master suite. Kitchen has plenty of cabinet space. Attached 2-car garage. 699746



\$227,500 3BA 2BA, attached garage. Home for large family; spacious rooms, vaulted ceilings, 6 panel doors, tiled floor, fenced yard, deck. Sits on 3 lots, in cul-de-sac. 709053



REDUCED! \$223,000 2BD 2BA, spacious straw bale home. Radiant heat, wood burning stove. Amazing views off decks and patio. Creek meanders through the property! 699757



\$211,000 Large home on greenbelt and Willow Creek. Remodeled in 2014; sits back on lot, lots of trees for privacy. This home has been a vacation rental with good income history. 705548



\$210,000 This home has 40 acres with an artesian well. The lovely home has 3BD and 3 BA. Horse set-up, equipment barn and fenced pastures. 699756



\$198,000 Perfect retirement home! Santa Fe-style home on 1acre. Detached 1 car garage, garden area, beautiful kitchen, tile floors, wood stove, radiant heat, large porch. 2BD 1BA. 703882



\$195,000 Secluded, close to Willow Creek with views, surrounded by greenbelt. Spacious kitchen, w/d, appliances. Green construction, fire resistant, rodent-proof. 711195



REDUCED! \$190,000 New construction, 2BD 1 1/2BA. Backs to greenbelt & creek. Passive solar, year-round warm earth mass floor. Custom kitchen. Bathroom with garden tub. 699761



\$189,500 Cozy 3BD 2BA 1500 sq ft beautifully situated Victorian Ross Chapin cottage. ETS & baseboard heat. High ceilings, sky lights & fenced-in back yard. 699770



\$182,500 Superbly constructed monolithic dome, R-60 energy efficiency. Extremely fire and element-resistant structure. 5BD 2BA. Has large Quonset for multiple uses. 699782



\$179,500 3BD 2BA 1434 sq ft cute Victorian Ross Chapin cottage home. ETS & baseboard heat. High ceilings, skylights, private balcony with amazing views. Convenient to town. 699771



\$179,500 Recently remodeled, bright, spacious, cozy duplex with private patios 5BD 3BA. Conveniently located on the edge of town. Close to Charter School & grocery store. 699772



\$175,000 Estate sale, sold "as-is", unfinished. Concrete constructed, 6" walls, on 5 prime lots in the Baca, with creek, greenbelt, large trees. Radiant-floor heat, boiler installed. 709580



REDUCED! \$169,000 Creek-side home! Fireplace, spacious kitchen, deck with hot tub, views of the mountains. 3BD 1BA up, 1BD 1BA apartment downstairs. 699746



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\$149,500 Great getaway home near Cottonwood Creek. Builder's own home, great room with vaulted ceilings, quality craftsmanship; loft could be guest area. 699734



\$147,000 Beautiful Baca Meadows Town Home. 2 floors, 2BD 2BA, spacious living room with high ceilings, private balcony & patio areas. Convenient to town. 699781



\$139,000 A great buy! This ranch-style home has 3BD, 2BA, lots of light. Detached garage with workshop area, grow home for year-round growing. On a very private cul-de-sac. 703303



\$139,000 7.71 acres, town artesian well, 1352 sq ft. 2BD 2BA, great views, plenty of storage. Detached garage, storage container, shed. Commercial/residential zoning. 710441



\$130,000 Just reduced for quick sale! Large 2176sq ft home on over 2 acres, adjoining creek & greenbelt! Very spacious open floor plan, 3BD 3BA. 360 degree views. 706319



\$79,000 Nice 3BD 1BA starter on retirement home. Wood stove, garage, metal roof. Situated on 6 lots with expansive mountain views & garden space, on shared well. FHA, VA or USDA. 705685



\$79,000 2BD 1BA, on 3 acres. Recently added utility room. Extra insulated. Large, screened-in porch, town artesian well. No covenants, commercial/residential zoning. 710550



\$59,500 3BD 2BA, 5-piece Master bath, large kitchen, separate studio, huge living room. 32 lots w/11 hookups for RVs, bath house, restrooms, near Great Sand Dunes. 709342



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From the Editors of E - The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: What exactly is solar desalination and how can it help an increasingly thirsty world?

Maryann Dell'Amore, Howard, MN

Solar desalination is a technique used to remove salt from water via a specially designed still that uses solar energy to boil seawater and capture the resulting steam, which is in turn cooled and condensed into pristine freshwater. Salt and other impurities are left behind in the still.

Less than 1% of the world's desalination is powered by renewable energy sources today, but that could all change soon if companies like California-based WaterFX have anything to say about it. Its Aqua4 "concentrated solar still" (CSS) uses a concentrated solar thermal collector to compress heat, create steam and distill water at 30 times the efficiency of natural evaporation. It can produce 65,000 gallons of freshwater per day—and it can desalinate a wide range of water sources, not just seawater.

To wit, the company will start employing solar desalination to treat some 1.6 billion gallons of salt-laden irrigation drainage from California's drought-stricken, agriculturally-rich Central Valley next year. Crops extract nearly pure water from soil, leaving behind salt and other potentially toxic minerals like selenium that naturally occur in the water. These excess minerals must be drained from the soil, or crop productivity plunges. By treating this drainage, WaterFX can prevent about 15% of farmland in California from being retired every year to make room for storage for untreated drainage water. It will also prevent the drainage from contaminating fresh waterways and endangering wildlife. According to California's State Water Resources Control Board, approximately 9,493 miles of rivers and streams and some 513,130 acres of lakes and reservoirs are listed as being impaired by irrigated agricultural water.

"If we don't start removing the salts now, at least 10% of all current farmland in production in California will have to be retired, and in many scenarios this number could be up to 30% to 40%, especially on the west side of the valley where the salinity is very high," says WaterFX's Matthew Stuber. "Water in the drainage areas will contaminate groundwater and natural surface waterways at an accelerated pace, eventually polluting sources of drinking water and the natural environment. Once that is released into the environment, you severely damage the natural habitat



Solar desalination plant on the island of Funafuti in the Tuvalu islands.

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and wildlife."

Another large-scale solar desalination project is currently under construction in Saudi Arabia and scheduled for completion in early 2017. The plant is slated to produce 60,000 cubic meters of water per day for Al Khafji City in North Eastern Saudi Arabia, ensuring a constant water supply to the arid region throughout the year. According to Abengoa, the Spanish renewable energy company building the pioneering facility, the incorporation of solar would significantly reduce operating costs, as Saudi Arabia currently burns 1.5 million barrels of oil per day at its desalination plants, which provide 50-70% of its drinking water. Total desalination demand in Saudi Arabia and neighboring countries is expected to reach 110 million cubic meters a day by 2030.

With freshwater supplies at a premium already in many parts of the world as a result of climate change, there has never been a better time for solar desalination to come of age. Whether or not this emerging technology can go mainstream sooner than later may mean the difference between a peaceful future and one wracked by conflict over access to ever-dwindling supplies of freshwater.

Contacts: WaterFX, www.waterfx.co; California's State Water Resources Control Board, www.swrcb.ca.gov; Abengoa, www.abengoa.com.

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WOODSTOVE & CHIMNEY SEASON REMINDERS

by *Chris Botz*

Please make sure the ashes and cinders from your stove are completely out and cold before disposing of them. Or have a dedicated metal container with a lid to put them in, which should be located outside. Fire is oxidation and thus embers can again achieve flammable temperatures when they are exposed to open air. Being outside reduces the risk of conduction ignition and reduces the chances of a carbon monoxide (CO) re-release indoors.

This season also requires smoke alarm and CO detector checks and maintenance. Fire personnel will be available to help with this on all the Tuesdays in November. Please call to request this service at 719-256-4171 x15, 719-256-4781, or email to bgvfd@bacapoa.org

Once again we wish to thank *The Crestone Eagle* for providing the space for this information.

BACA POA AMBULANCE SERVICE

by *Darrick J. Garcia,*

NRP, CCP

Director,

Baca Ambulance Service

Just a few things to mention this month. I have received a few calls about ambulance transport. Baca Ambulance is no longer transporting to Heart of the Rockies in Salida. I know a lot of you receive primary care in Salida but here is why:

1. San Luis Valley Health is a Level III trauma center. This means they are able to provide a higher level of care than Heart of the Rockies which is a level IV trauma center. The State also requires us to transport to the highest trauma center for traumas.

2. Time: yes, I know Salida is only 8 miles further than Alamosa. But it's the time. It takes us an extra hour to transport and return to our response area. This means the area is without ambulance coverage for an extra hour. Response to the hospital is an extra 30 minutes due to the pass. Time is brain and heart. That extra 30 minutes have a tremendous impact during strokes and cardiac issues.

I understand that some of you have primary care in Salida and understand your concern with having your primary care provider know what is going on. With the use of electronic health records this is no longer an issue. Health care

providers can transmit medical records to each other in seconds.

In short we are looking at the best interest of everyone in getting you to definitive care as fast and as safely as possible, and in having ambulances available as soon as possible to every one.

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by *Suzanne McGregor*

Since November is the month of giving thanks, the Baca Grande Library would like to extend gratitude to the many community efforts that have enabled us to meet the needs of our members.

First of all, many thanks to the Northern Saguache County Library District for the support that makes our library such a valuable asset for all of us. District Board members, District Director Sarah Koehn-Frey, and many volunteers have spent countless hours this past year in providing the resources necessary to run our current library and in planning for our proposed new library in town in the future.

Many thanks to our Friends of the Library members who have been working diligently to improve and enhance our library this year—installing a new air conditioner and new

full-spectrum lighting throughout the building, implementing fund-raising projects, volunteering on committees and attending workshops in planning for a new library . . . and the list goes on.

Much gratitude goes to Thom Ontko for his dedication and leadership of this group through the years.

Last, but certainly not least, much gratitude to our patrons who are loyal, patient and conscientious and forgive our mistakes, to those who come in and bring us donations, goodies, vegetables and flowers from their gardens, compliments and hugs, suggestions, sweet stories and lots of smiles—even when paying their overdue fees!

Thank you to parents and caregivers, teachers and storytellers who are promoting a love of reading and a thirst for knowledge in our youngsters. Library staff members always have a day-brightener, and we thank all of you for those.

Notice: The library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.

Many thanks and blessings to all of you from Suzanne, Barry and Sandia, who are grateful for the opportunity to help you in any way we can—and hope that you have a long gratitude list as well.

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Garden Guru

Saving your own seeds



by Matie Belle Lakish

This is a wonderful year for saving seeds because of the long growing season. It is the middle of October as I write this, and there has still not been a killing frost in my garden. Amazing! Almost all the tomatoes have ripened on the vine, and I've gotten beautiful purple peppers and eggplant.

I usually save seeds from my favorite tomatoes, and I try to save the seeds from other kinds of plants that do especially well. For instance, I have a variety of broccoli that is earlier than most but has nice heads. It's called Nutribud. Last year, my favorite seed company where I was getting the seed discontinued it. My only option is to save the seed.

There are tricks to saving seed, though. Members of the same family will cross pollinate, so it is not usually feasible to save more than one member of each family in a year, or you will likely have offspring without the qualities you want. The cole crops, otherwise known as cruciferous vegetables, are a good example. This large family has many members. They all have the characteristic four-petaled flower, usually yellow, and make long slender seed pods with numerous round seeds, usually dark brown or black. The family includes broccoli, cauliflower, kale, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, collards, radishes, turnips, and many wild plants. If more than one family

is blooming at the same time, they can cross-pollinate outside of their species.

So, for instance, my broccoli can cross-pollinate with a radish, if they bloom at the same time. Therefore, to get my broccoli seed for next year, I need to prohibit any other member of the family from blooming at the same time, or cut back the flower stalk when I see it beginning to form. However, I'm noticing that it helps to have more than one of the plants whose seeds I want to save. When I had only one flowering broccoli, it did not set nearly as many seeds as when I let two go to flower. Unfortunately, there is a related wild plant, known to me as flixweed, that was blooming at the same time, and was blooming everywhere! I'm hoping it is not a close enough cousin to pollinate my broccoli.

Other garden families that may cross-pollinate each other include chard and beets, parsley and dill, onions and garlic. In addition, various varieties will pollinate each other. I have a bed of mixed lettuces going to seed. Who knows what I will get next year! Fortunately, lettuce crosses can

yield interesting new varieties.

Saving seeds gives a gardener an opportunity to select for qualities he or she likes. In the case of broccoli I'm looking for earliness, large heads, and repeating side shoots throughout the season. For chard, I looked for hardiness and large leaves. In tomatoes, earliness and flavor are important. Did you notice how often earliness shows up? In this climate, with a (usually) short growing season, plants need to mature quickly and give me a consistent crop before cold weather sets in.

I got some dark brown soybeans from some generous gardener at last year's seed exchange. Generally, soybeans are so long-season that they won't mature here. These, however, were very early, producing small brown to black seeds with plenty of time to harvest before frost. I started with 8 seeds, and now have about 50. Maybe next year I can harvest some at the green stage when they are a tasty summer snack.

Insect resistance is another quality I select for. The kale I save for seeds is a very strong kale, and seems to be more aphid-resistant than others.

Kale and chard both should overwinter before flowering and setting seed. It takes a hardy plant to overwinter here. I help it along by mulching the plant with a big mound of leaves or straw. Then, if it snows on top, the plants have a chance to make it through the winter and set flowers the next spring. Beets and carrots fit this pattern,



Robust chard grown from homegrown seed.

too. I want my beets to make nice sized roots without sending up a seed stalk the first year. This means I have to carry it through the winter before it can make seeds.

Flavor and earliness are the qualities I look for in tomatoes. I want fruits that ripen before frost. Generally, smaller fruiting varieties are earlier, but I also want big tomatoes. Fortunately, tomatoes don't cross-pollinate as easily as some other veggies, so when I save the seeds, they are likely to be the fruit I started with. However, I've had some interesting crosses over the years. One large yellow tomato that I've grown for several seasons is early, very tasty, and I have no idea where it came from or what it's called. Maybe you'll get a plant of Matie Belle's Tasty Yellow. Tomato seeds are easy to save. Just squeeze the seeds from a very ripe tomato onto a paper towel, dry, and label.

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Japanese Americans

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company is promoting and developing the vegetable industry in the Alamosa and La Jara districts." According to Agriculture Department records of the Denver Rio Grande Railroad, as of May 16, 1927, over 7,500 acres of vegetables were being grown in the SLV. The *Alamosa Journal* reported later in June 1927 that "the corporation is composed of Japanese and Korean growers who have about 480 acres of vegetables in this vicinity, which will be shipped to eastern and western markets." Bessie Konishi remembered the SLV Vegetable Packers Inc. packing rail cars, and later semi trucks, packed with produce out of the valley.

The Yoshida family moved to La Jara where they were very active in the Japanese-American community. They lived in La Jara for thirteen years. Frank Yoshida was pictured with his brother and a friend on the front page of the *Denver Post* for raising a tremendous potato crop in 1930. The thriving Japanese communities in the SLV established Japanese language schools and Buddhist congregations. These institutions help preserve and promote culture.

The rise of the Buddhist Church of La Jara

Buddhist achievements were an important part of Japanese settlement in the SLV. Although free to worship, the practices were strange to the valley. The nearest Buddhist priest, in Denver, agreed to make monthly trips to serve the SLV community. Japanese Associations or Kyudokai were founded in La Jara/Alamosa, Blanca, and San Acacio. Buddhists in the SLV organized clubs and social events. The *San Luis Valley News* reported on July 23, 1938: "The Wakaba (Youngleaves) baseball team defeated the La Jara Buseii (Young Buddhists) team 10 to 6 in Alamosa Saturday Morning."

By 1931 the Alamosa-La Jara Kyudokai began to talk of building a temple. A drive to raise building funds began in 1936. The \$4000 building expenses came from all over the valley. The largest donation of \$50 came from the Murphy-Rivera Hardware in La Jara. The Moloney Seed Company of Monte Vista contributed \$45 and by far the most unusual contribution was a ¼ ton of coal given to the Bud-

dhist Church by George Wilson of La Jara.

The group incorporated the project with the state as the Buddhist Church of La Jara. Membership was limited to Buddhists contributing to the maintenance fund at least six months. The men of the Kyudokai laid the foundation to save money, using gravel hauled from the Conejos River in vegetable trucks. The Conejos Lumber Company built the structure located three blocks east of Jack's Market in La Jara from a plan drawn by the company manager on a piece of brown paper. The congregation completed the interior on nights and weekends. This was a labor of love.

The Buddhist Church was completed in 1937. It was the first Buddhist temple in the SLV. On February 6, 1937 Japanese residents of the area and their neighbors, friends and Buddhists from all over the state participated in all-day ceremonies, a parade and festivities to dedicate the building. The *Alamosa Daily Courier* reported: "Saturday morning will be given over to the dedication ceremonies and talks and the afternoon and night to plays and folk dances and speeches all in costume." There was a large barbeque and many valley residents remember the impressive Kendo demonstration. Around 200 people attended the dedication festivities.

Bessie Konishi, who was born in 1935, remembers the Buddhist Church as a center of social life. There were socials, Japanese school, and an annual Father's Day picnic with races and a trout fish fry.

The Japanese Buddhists in the SLV were members of the Shinsu or Shin Buddhist sect. This branch of Buddhism, founded by the former Tendai Japanese Monk Shinran, is the most widely practiced form of the religion in Japan. Twenty percent of Japanese identify as members of this sect. From the nineteenth century Japanese immigrants to Hawaii and western North and South America came from regions of Japan where Jodo Shinshu was predominant. Because of its long history away from Japan the practice of ritual may be very different. Many temples and churches in the US use English as the primary language for dharma talks.

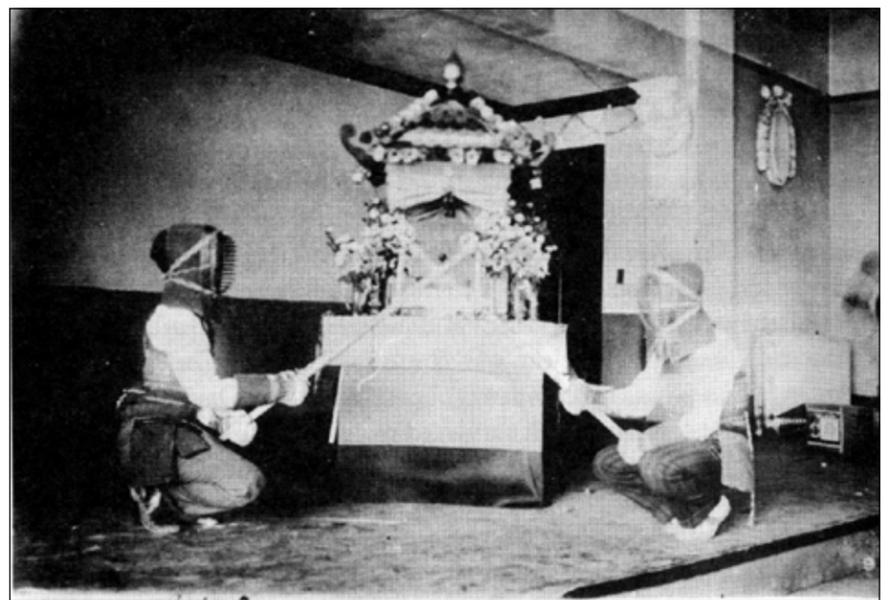
People moving and dying reduced the congregation. Frequently second- or third-generation Japanese left the faith. In 1993 there were about six Buddhist families who belonged to the Buddhist Church and a priest still came monthly from Denver to conduct services. The church building was sold. It still stands three blocks east of Jack's Market in La Jara and has been converted into a triplex.

Pearl Harbor began a difficult time for Japanese-Americans

The Japanese Empire attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941 changed life drastically and quickly for Japanese-Americans. It was certainly the most difficult time in the SLV for those of Japanese descent. The Buddhist Church could not hold services as it would mean too many Japanese gathered together in one place at one time. Its windows were boarded up and



Program as part of dedication of La Jara Buddhist Church, 1937. Young Bessie Yoshida Konishi, fifth from left. photo courtesy of Bessie Konishi



Roy Inouye and Henry Hattori prepare for "Kendo", La Jara High School auditorium, circa 1935.

it was only used for funerals, which were allowed. Bessie Konishi grew up during this time and remembers it well. "I was in fifth grade when the war started," Konishi recalled, "The Cozy Café in Alamosa wouldn't serve us. We were cat called in the streets and had to sit upstairs at the movies."

On December 11, 1941 the *Alamosa Daily Courier* reported: "Blanca scene of threats to Japanese. Capt. Joseph C. Monnig of the courtesy patrol said today that he and other officers had been in Blanca Wednesday night for the second time to investigate rumors of a planned uprising against Japanese in the area. Monnig reported he had about thirty citizens of Japanese descent in the Blanca area. Most of them are respected citizens. Monnig attributed the rumors to young hoodlums who think less than they talk."

Colorado Governor welcomed Japanese-Americans

The climate on the west coast of the US became increasingly tough for the Japanese-Americans. Many came to the SLV where they had friends or family and could find work in agriculture. In February 1942 Executive Order 909 directed the internment of Japanese-Americans from the west coast in camps throughout the country. You could avoid internment if a friend or relative would vouch for you in a state which agreed to accept you. Colorado Governor Carr, who grew up in Cripple Creek, was one of the few western governors who accepted

and welcomed the Japanese-Americans. Despite the state's friendly attitude, the federal government located the Amache Reclamation Center near Lamar. Over 1000 Japanese were held there until 1945.

Japanese-Americans made the best of the internment camps

Bessie Konishi said, "These relocation camps were like concentration camps surrounded by barbed wire fences. Sentries with guns were on duty. They were put in remote areas where there was nothing. And yet the Japanese made the best of the situation. They planted flowers and made Japanese gardens. They had a camp newspaper; there were Girl and Boy Scout troops. They carried on just like the rest of the people in the country. The famous Japanese 442nd Regimental Combat Unit in Europe was composed of young men many of whom had families in relocation camps. Japanese Gold Star mothers were sharing their grief with other mothers at this time in history." Many valley farmers employed labor from the relocation camps.

The decline of the Japanese population in the SLV after 1940 can partly be explained by the introduction of mechanized agriculture, which made hand labor unprofitable in the vegetable industry. It is estimated that there are around 38 families, descendants of the original Japanese settlers, in the valley in the communities of La Jara, Alamosa, Blanca, Ft. Garland and Monte Vista.

Japanese American generations:

NIKKEI – all generations of Japanese Americans

ISSEI – first generation of Japanese American in the US (1919-1930)

NISEI-second generation born to first generation in US (1930's)

KIBEI – born to first generation Japanese. Many returned to Japan during war for a formal education, became Japanese citizens. Some members of a family remained American citizens causing family rifts

SANSEI – third generation (1940's)

YONSEI – fourth generation (now)

There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root

Cleavers (*Gallium aparine*)



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Cleavers, also known as bed-straw, is at its peak in the spring. However, since I found it recently growing along South Crestone Creek, it seems to want to make its debut now.

Cleavers is a lovely little herb in the Rubiaceae family. It can grow along the ground or cling to other plants. The leaves grow in little whorls along the stem, and although it has a few look-alikes, I can always identify it by its Velcro quality. Its ability to cling to your

clothes makes it easy to gather even when you've forgotten your bag.

Cleavers has three well known uses. It is a gentle lymphatic herb, safe enough for children. As a lymphatic, it clears congestion throughout the lymphatic system. I use it in formulas for respiratory infections, especially for sore throats and ear infections. It's not enough to use herbs that combat infection, it's also necessary to assist the body in clearing debris. Again, flow is always necessary for good health. Cleavers has also been

used to relieve breast swellings and lumps and has been used in cases of cancer.

Another place where Cleavers shines is in urinary tract infections and irritation. The tea is helpful, and fresh tincture works well. Even better is the fresh juice. The plant can be juiced with a little alcohol to preserve it, or can be juiced and frozen in ice cube trays to be used as needed. Cleavers is also a mild diuretic, and soothes the urinary tract as it cools and clears.

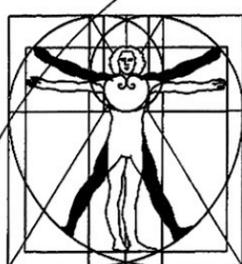
Cleavers is also known to clear chronic skin conditions, especially inflamed skin conditions. Think acne, boils, psoriasis, eczema, and abscesses. It can also help soothe the heat and irritation of measles and chicken pox. Be

sure to save this article until next spring, because Cleavers is also a great spring tonic herb!

One can imagine that as a flower essence it would reflect some of these qualities. In one source I found that it is useful for people who feel clingy and have difficulty letting go. Another says it's helpful for those who are having a hard time letting go of certain issues or struggles. Either as a flower essence or herbally all of us can make use of Cleavers at some point!

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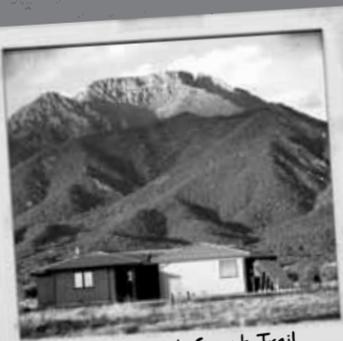
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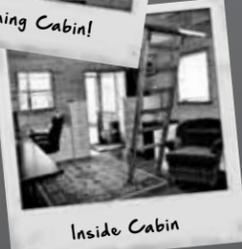
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<p>Baca Meadows</p> <p>Income Potential</p> <p>Baca Townhome #16 - \$179,000 A lovely 3BD/3BA/sunroom 1622sf one story townhouse located close to N. Crestone Creek walking path & convenient to town. Great for full time homeowner or can be as rental. Excellent separation of master suite and guest bedrooms.</p>	<p>Baca Grande - Chalets</p> <p>Private</p> <p>Enchanted Castle</p> <p>2795CR Brook Terrace - \$499,500 The castle tucked away on a private cul-de-sac on 2.765 wooded acres. 3 level stone & stucco with views to the sky. Artistic with quality & attention to detail. A must see home!</p>	<p>Indoor Exercise Pool</p> <p>REDUCED! Was \$495,000</p> <p>1967 Rockyview Way - \$449,000 Luxurious 3BD/2.75BA/Office/3-car Garage 2953sf home sits on 2.374 acres & has a 2-room upstairs Master Suite. Beautifully landscaped courtyards & gardens with custom fence & deck.</p>	<p>Private on the Creek</p> <p>3959 Cheerful Court - \$429,000 Custom Cathedral Style Mt Home. Approx 2700 sq/ft. located on 2.16 acres by Cottonwood Creek. Many architectural features inclds Brazilian cherry hrdwd flrs, diamond plaster walls. Features 30x16' Art Studio.</p>	<p>Was \$459,000</p> <p>786C Panorama Way - \$419,000 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!</p>	<p>Guest House</p> <p>Was \$399,000</p> <p>1275C Bear Grass Way - \$348,000 Unique, 2-story 2BD/2BA 2040sf+loft hexagon energy efficient Rastra home up high in Ch1, adjacent to greenbelt on ~2 acres. In-floor radiant heat, passive-solar, woodstove. 352sf guest house. Gorgeous, must-see home!</p>	<p>4262C Serene Way - \$299,900 Immaculate 2500sf 5BD/2.75BA 3-level home on .98 acres. Custom finishes, fire resistant, energy efficient, magnificent views, extensive patios. Private. Good retreat home.</p>
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<p>Silver Star B&B</p> <p>557 & 560 Panorama Way - \$299,000 This spacious 7BD/3BA home has functioned as a B&B - fantastic for owner occupied &/or retreat space. Amazing 360 views, nearby creek w/ cottonwood & aspen trees. A must-see property.</p>	<p>Magnificent Views</p> <p>22 Alpine OL - \$295,000 CUSTOM 3bd/2.5ba/2 car garage 2232sf home close to town. Screened porch & wrap deck. Gracious Living with exceptional views!</p>	<p>Gracious Living</p> <p>757 Rendezvous Way - \$289,000 Very lovely 1868sf 3-or-4BD/2BA + dining screen porch, sunroom w/ fireplace, yoga/exercise room, deck w/amazing views & hot tub. Private, but close-in. Beautifully landscaped.</p>	<p>Guest House</p> <p>3615CR Splendid Terrace - \$275,000 1938sf 3BD/2.5BA, meticulous, Southwestern style home with arched windows & doorways sits on 1.719 acres. 400sf detached Casita Apt w/kitchenette & full bath.</p>	<p>A lovely sanctuary</p> <p>WAS \$299,000</p> <p>3919 Cordial Way - \$275,000 Two story, 3BD/2.5BA ~2400 sf home has a walled courtyard & 4 intimate decks w/ great views. Southwest style home gracefully adorned with fine details and finishes.</p>	<p>Detached Studio</p> <p>1540C Willow Creek Way - \$269,000 3BD/2.5BA 1946sf classic farmhouse, 1.3 acres, backs to greenbelt & w/ 2 screened porches & southern deck. Separate log-cabin studio, w/steam-shower bathroom, kitchenette, and covered porch.</p>	<p>360° View Deck</p> <p>418 Moonlight Way - \$259,000 Octagonal 2BD/1BA 1200sf home w/view deck, attached studio & exquisite custom details, super high Rvalue, outbuildings, shop, fenced garden and huge greenhouse. Backs to greenbelt w/trails & creek! Views.</p>
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<p>WAS \$279,000</p> <p>149 Moonlight Way - \$259,000 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. Great space for entertaining!</p>	<p>MILLION \$ VIEWS!</p> <p>909C Brookview Way - \$250,000 Home on 1.12 acres w/ spectacular views at top of Baca waiting for the right person to complete the vision. 2324sf & designed with 3bd/2ba. Separate 576sf guest house w/kitch.</p>	<p>WAS \$259,000</p> <p>Non-Toxic, Great Value \$113/sf!</p> <p>207C Foothill OL - \$249,000 2-story 3BD/2.5BA/Study stucco home on .965 acres built with non-toxic materials & energy efficiency. Lrg kitchen, bamboo floors, pine ceilings. Spacious master suite w/Jacuzzi tub, sep. shower, marble counters. Views/Deck.</p>	<p>Eco-Friendly</p> <p>1738C Willow Creek Way - \$249,000 Built in 2013, this Paul Koppana strawbale eco-friendly home sits up high in Chalet 1. 2BD/2BA, 1532sf on .91 acres. Strong passive solar. Solar radiant floor heat & domestic hot water. Energy efficient.</p>	<p>WAS \$245,000</p> <p>1216C Chaparral Way - \$235,000 Custom built 2005-Teahen home, 1710sf 2-story, 3bd/2.5b home on 1.132 acres is immaculate! Great kitchen, master suite w/ elegant master bath. Upstairs sitting room, bonus room and balcony.</p>	<p>New Construction: Paul Koppana</p> <p>1867C Rockyview Way - \$229,000 3BD/2BA 1520sf New Construction by Paul Koppana, energy efficient design. Active solar hot water sys thru radiant floor grid + domestic hot water. Very insulated, triple pane windows & heat recovery ventilation, airtight construction.</p>	<p>Private</p> <p>Reduced! Was \$255,000</p> <p>705 Rendezvous Way - \$220,000 Add your finishing touches to this large 2923sf one story stucco home. Fully livable w/ETS & woodstove heat, a completed kitchen and bathrooms. Large great room offers lots of space. 2 car garage w/ two story enclosed unfinished space.</p>
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<p>New Construction</p> <p>2145 Indian Well Way - \$209,000 This 2BD/1BA is a new construction w/huge windows & rooftop deck for gorgeous views. Aspen panel ceiling in Great Room, Stainless kitchen appliances w/granite tile & butcher block countertops. Soak tub w/ separate shower.</p>	<p>WAS \$210,000</p> <p>3356C Camino Del Rey - \$199,900 2 story, 1981sf, 2bd/1.75ba home w/ passive solar sunroom - great views on .864 acres. Master suite w/clawfoot tub, pine floors, pellet stove. Propane heat, great appliances.</p>	<p>Reduced! - Was \$212,000</p> <p>1447 Chaparral Way - \$189,000 This 1440sf 2bd/2ba home is a complete remodel with bamboo flooring, Jenn-Air stainless appliances, maple cabinets, granite countertops, travertine bathrooms, master bath soak tub. Adjacent lot available.</p>	<p>Private</p> <p>3949C Cheerful Way - \$189,000 Built by Terry Anderson in 2002, 1110sf, 2-story 2BD/1.75BA/carpport on .699 acres. Balcony w/ outstanding views, diamond plastered walls, soak tub. Private location w/ trees. Retreat home, private getaway, full time residence.</p>	<p>\$93/sf + garage/greenhouse</p> <p>Reduced! Was \$179,000</p> <p>3705 Carefree Way - \$174,000 This 1874sf 3BD/1.75BA home was built in 1995 as a passive solar home. Very spacious w/detached 2-car garage & greenhouse. Also includes the upper adj lot to protect mtn views. Great value!</p>	<p>WAS \$195,000</p> <p>3704 Carefree Way - \$169,000 Immaculate like new 3 bd/1.75ba, 1316sf home has wood floors, stucco privacy wall, single car garage, beautiful views of the mountains.</p>	<p>Great Value!</p> <p>35 Camino Baca Grande - \$169,000 Lovely 3BD/2.5BA 2013sf 1.5 story home remodeled in 2010. Lg living rm w/cath ceiling, kitchen opens to patio w/mtn views. Master suite w/lg walk-in closet, soak tub. 2 lg bdrms & bath up w/full-length deck. Paved road, easy access to town.</p>
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<p>Cabin in the Woods</p> <p>2167 Indian Well Way - \$169,000 This adorable 3BD/1BA cabin was built in 2001 & sits in a great location on a wooded lot. The lovely deck, wood floors, woodstove, storm doors, outdoor swing, mtn views and storage shed complete this charming home.</p>	<p>New Construction</p> <p>1911 Lone Pine Way - \$160,000 This 2BD/1BA, 1020sf New Construction by Art Reeves. Efficient, great design & views. Rustic wood & metal siding, hrdwd floors & vaulted ceiling in Great Room. Modern kitchen w/stainless appliances. Spacious Master bdrm, & bath.</p>	<p>One-Story</p> <p>635C Panorama Way - \$159,500 This 1504sf 3BD/2BA home sits on 1.013 acres & has an open, flowing floorplan w/lots of windows for natural light. Hardwood floors, custom made cabinets, screened porch, honeycomb window blinds.</p>	<p>Backs to greenbelt</p> <p>719 Rendezvous Way - \$159,000 This 3bd/3ba 1460sqft is located on a quiet street. Mstr Bed has balcony w great views to the valley. Liv room w built in FP. Great light and good space make this an excellent value!</p>	<p>Was \$179,000</p> <p>Great Screened Porch!</p> <p>11 N. Baca Grant Way - \$159,000 Octagonal 3BD/1.75BA 1452sf. Updated w/stucco exterior. Wood fireplace & propane heat stove, electric backup. Large deck facing Greenbelt at the front of the Baca on paved road.</p>	<p>Was \$169,000</p> <p>3376 Genial Way - \$159,000 Tri-level 3BD/1.75BA home, lovely screened porch w/trex deck off living room. Lots of windows in the living space, offering amazing views, lots of light, and passive solar. ETS heat.</p>	<p>Was \$169,000</p> <p>1573C Kings Hill OL - \$159,000 Light & bright 3bd/2ba, 1480sf, 1.5 level stucco with large south facing windows and view deck on .84 acres. Easy access off paved road. Hot water baseboard heat/passive solar. New roof.</p>
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<p>On Creek Greenbelt</p> <p>123C Skyview Way - \$149,000 Hexagonal 3BD/1.75BA 1452sf home on 1.437ac backing to South Crestone Creek greenbelt. Fully fenced lot. Kitchen cabinets, appliances & Windows updated. Inclds wood-stove on hearth.</p>	<p>Small Home, Small Price!</p> <p>4485 Ridgecrest Way - \$74,500 Unique, small 394sf home, with 2nd structure in Chalet 3. Fixer-upper, but can be a home in the Baca at an affordable price. Woodstove, loft sleeping area w/wood ceilings. Full kitchen w/cookstove, fridge & combo w/d. Shower bath.</p>	<p>Fantastic Great Room!</p> <p>56 Wagon Wheel Road - \$295,500 Luxurious ~1800sf 2BD/2BA southwest-style ranch home built in 2002. 2-car garage w/studio. Large windows in great room w/stone fireplace & amazing views. 4.6 acres, well & septic.</p>	<p>Reduced! Was \$355,000</p> <p>11.94 Acres + Garage/Apt!</p> <p>765CRR Heatherbrae Rd - \$289,000 Off-Grid - Exquisite, custom 2-story traditional home located on 11.94 acres offering amazing views and lots of privacy. Bonus attached garage with an upstairs studio apartment. Solar electric & well water.</p>	<p>Detached Studio</p> <p>1234 Laredo - \$265,000 This strawbale 1831sf 3BD/2BA home w/detached studio on 1.86 acres has magnificent views, fine finishes, an open floor plan, a Master Ste soak tub, deck w/bamboo fencing & plenty of privacy.</p>	<p>Was \$249,000</p> <p>1564 Wagon Wheel Road - \$229,000 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. Great value!</p>	<p>Soak Tub with Views</p> <p>1175 Golden Eagle Tr - \$185,500 2BD/2BA 1196sf Ranch-style home on 2.15 acres, built in 2006. Cozy luxury in the Grants. Mstr suite has tremendous views, full bath, walk-in closet, patio & garden. ETS heat. Well & septic</p>
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Mountain Mamas Tell Tall Tales

Gumm Ranch Stories
A Greenhorn Thanksgiving

by Kizzen Laki

"Just use a phone book" I said. They looked at me first with confusion, then dawning understanding, then hilarity. It was Thanksgiving, November 1972. Greenhorns, flatlanders. City kids new to the Colorado mountains. Back when Chaffee County was full of real cowboys, leftover miners, a few summer folk up from Kansas and Texas and when Buena Vista got very quiet in the winter.

We were newly located on the 1000-acre Gumm Ranch west of Nathrop, east of Mount Antero with a view of the Chalk Cliffs. I was 20 years old, fresh from an urban world. I sorta crash landed at an old ranchhouse with my husband Earl and friend John. We were 12 miles from Buena Vista, at the last ranch before the National Forest. Enthusiastic "kids" way out of their element. Having arrived in California clothes, my first pair of winter boots were a size-too-big, worn-out construction boots with holes in the toes. I stuffed plastic bags in the toes, wore two pairs of socks, and rummaged the thrift store for coats and clothes. We fancied ourselves as brave settlers, Jeremiah Johnsons of the mountains. I was going to get a horse and a hat and then teach meditation to the natives.

Our 1952 Chevy truck broke down soon after we arrived at Gumm Ranch. Stranded in the outback we'd hitch into Buena Vista where we made the acquaintance of Dwight and Charlotte. They owned a little trailer park along the railroad tracks behind the drug store and they had a 1950 Chevy flatbed truck with stake sides just sitting in their yard. Truck talk turned to odd jobs and trading for the truck. Dwight thought that Earl was "all right" after they went for a test drive in the old truck. Dwight had a little too much to drink during a rest stop at the King's Crossing Cafe and when, during the drive home, he started taking out delineator posts and playing loose with the road's center line, Earl took the wheel and got him home. Apparently drinking buddies were the best kind to have out west. The ride cinched the truck deal.

They had kids our age. Most local kids ran away to the city. Here we were travelling in the reverse direction, looking for work. They took pity on us, pulled us into their circle, referred us for odd jobs, started showing us the ropes.

Charlotte was the one who showed me how to take old newspapers and roll them tightly into

logs and tie them with twine. She had a whole "woodpile" stack of them on her back porch.

They were good people. Small town rural good people willing to give a young couple a chance. Help us out, ignore Earl's pony tail, ignore my comments about world peace, karma or benefits of yoga.

They invited us to join them and their family for Thanksgiving dinner. We were living on very little, hungry for real food and glad of the friendship. Their daughters showed up, not surprised at all to see their parents had adopted some strays. As we chopped vegetables and helped set the table, the daughters and I quickly became friends. They had moved to Denver, I had recently escaped Chicago. They wondered why on earth I have moved here, I wondered why on earth they had left!

It was while they were seating the small toddler granddaughter at the dinner table that I showed my foreignness. Small child, no high chair, what to set them on to bring them to table height? A phone book of course. That's what we always used in Chicago, 4 inches thick. They all laughed and laughed at my suggestion, bringing out the Buena Vista phone book. It was maybe a 1/4" thick. You're not in Chicago any more.

Two steppin'

Driving our new old Chevy truck (after rolling it down the hill to start it and packing snow in a can strapped to the ignition coil to keep it cool) we became regulars at the Kings Crossing Cafe out on Hwy. 24. Home-style cooking,



The back road to Gumm Ranch below Mount Antero

burgers and beer and patched vinyl booths. Rancher hangout with a pool table in the back. The only place between Buena and Salida. I stood puzzling at the juke box, not recognizing any names. Looking for the Stones, finding Tammy Wynette. "Put on Merle Haggard," one cowboy hollered to me. "Who's he?" I asked. "You've never heard of Merle Haggard?" Nope. "This gal ain't never heard of Merle Haggard!" he shouted unbelievably. Now the whole bar knew. 1972 and you're in a cowboy bar asking "Who's Merle Haggard?" Well, they sure had fun with me. Bought me a beer, swung me out onto the dance floor to discover I didn't know the two-step either. Could hardly dance with patched-up too-big work boots. Didn't matter, all I needed to do was hang on. They were used to ropin' cows and me in my Wranglers was looking—and by then feeling—pretty good.

Turns out we could speak the same language after all: neighborliness, mountain mornings—and pickup trucks.

Kizzen and her family settled in the mountains of Colorado in the 1970s. They chopped wood and hauled water. This is a story from those days.

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Four easy tasks to prepare your car for winter

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

1. Check & clean car battery

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

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

2. Inspect all five tires

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

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

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

in good condition and ready for use in case it's needed.

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

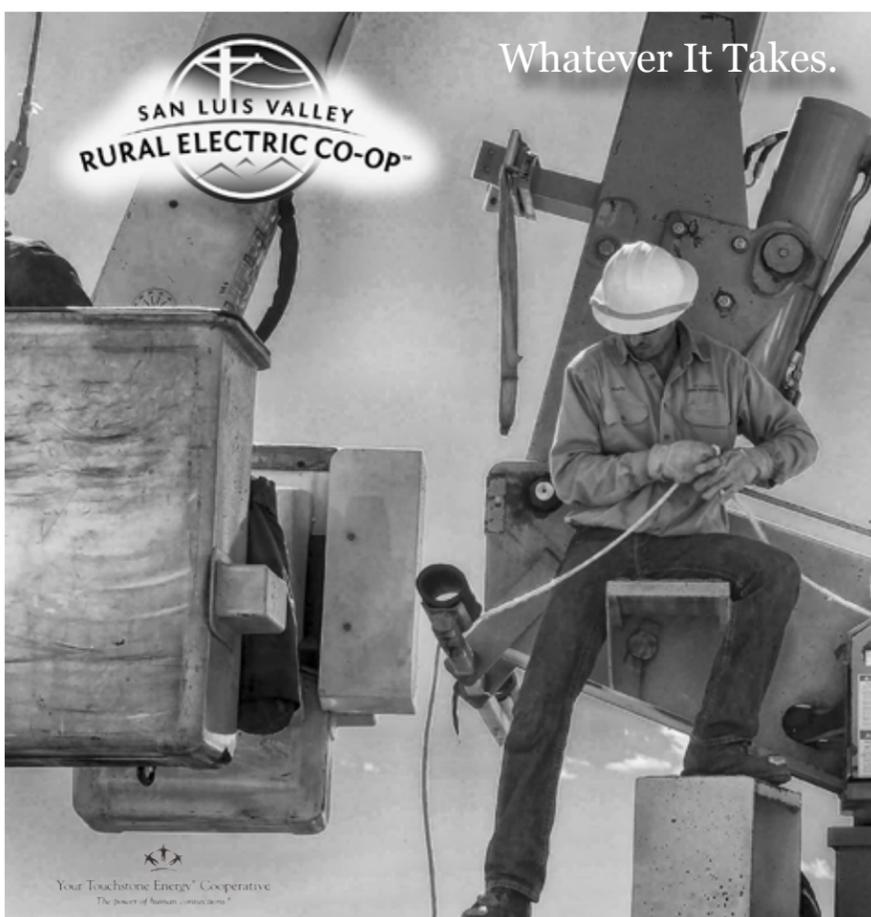
3. Replace wiper blades & refill washer fluid

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

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

4. Place winter emergency kit in car

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



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- Covered with water
- Fox competitor?
- R&R spots
- Port in Portugal
- *Turtle dove's sound
- Gorillalike
- "Animal House" party wear
- ___ of corn
- Bank in Mexico
- *He went to Gloucester
- *He kissed the girls and made them cry
- Witch's curse
- Like Piper of Hamelin
- School organization
- Clare Booth ___
- Bloodsucker
- "___ is more"
- Nevada city
- Respectable and quiet
- Military group
- *Dog's name-o
- Like nay-sayers
- Jason the Argonaut's wife
- "In ___ of"
- 1/60 of mins
- Dancer's beat
- As opposed to gross
- "Be quiet!"
- Arrogant snob
- Simon & Garfunkel, e.g.
- *One of King Cole's three
- *"If wishes were ___"
- Empower
- *What Little Miss Muffet did to her curds
- Kind of wave
- Hardly worth mentioning
- Haul with a hitch
- Pigeon's perch
- Simon does what?
- Emergency helpers
- Clear, as in blackboard

DOWN

- Quick on the uptake
- *Sound of Mother Hubbard's pet?
- Mythological ship
- Narc's find
- Youth lodging option
- Tree having winged fruit
- Feathery neckwear
- Welsh dog breed
- Boxing action
- Golf club maker
- Ascus, plural
- *My dame has lost her what?
- "Humble ___," pl.
- Beyond suburb
- Unagi
- Composing or writing
- *Little Jack Horner's treat
- Religious doctrine
- To one side
- To furnish with a ceiling
- J.F.K. or Dulles postings
- Short for University of Miami mascot
- Unforeseen obstacle
- Type of cell
- Curved molding
- *It ran away with the spoon
- One up
- Little application
- Mining product
- Dr. Seuss' Yertle
- About to explode
- Twig of willow tree
- Come clean, with "up"
- Cuzco valley empire
- June 6, 1944
- Data Universal Numbering System
- Strikes with an axe
- Cocoyam
- Droops
- *Tucker who sings for his supper
- "Go Set a Watchman" author

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A copy of said proposed budget will be available for public inspection in the Town Hall beginning October 30, 2015. Any interested elector of the Town of Crestone may file with the Town Clerk any objections or other comments regarding the proposed budget, in writing, at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested parties that the necessity has arisen to amend the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District 2015 Budget and that a proposed 2016 Budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District; and that copies of the proposed Amended 2015 Budget and 2016 Budget have been filed at the District's offices, 141 Union Boulevard, Suite 150, Lakewood, Colorado, where the same is open for public inspection; and that adoption of Resolutions Amending the 2015 Budget and Adopting the 2016 Budget will be considered at a public meeting of the Board of Directors of the District to be held at the District Office, 57 Baca Grant Way South, Crestone, Colorado, 81131 on Friday, November 20, 2015, at 9:00 A.M. Any elector within the District may, at any time prior to the final adoption of the Resolutions to Amend the 2015 Budget and adopt the 2016 Budget, inspect and file or register any objections thereto.

BACA GRANDE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

By /s/ Kyle Grote Secretary

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Position description and an application form can be picked up at the District office at 57 Baca Grant Way S, Crestone or visit our web site: www.bacawater.com/employment.html

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Board of Education, Moffat Consolidated School District #2
P.O. Box 428, 501 Garfield Avenue, Moffat, CO 81143

Letters and résumés may be directed to Moffat School by one of the following methods:

- Email to khazard@moffatschools.org
- U.S. Mail to the address above
- Delivered in person to the District Office at the address above during regular business hours of Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All letters and résumés to be considered for the Board must be received in the Office of the Superintendent by Monday, November 9, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

To be appointed by the Board, you must be at least 18 years of age, be a citizen of the United States and a resident of School District and be registered to vote for at least one year. This is a great opportunity to serve your community

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Mumbo jumbo

by Keno

What's in a name? Well first, although this month's column isn't about its new name, it kind of goes with the question anyway. "Mumbo Jumbo" will be this new column's name, as the old "Ask the Weatherman" name won't work for this one.

What I actually wanted to cover with this question is about other names, like the names of our local mountains. A few years ago I led an unsuccessful effort to have the name of our mountain above town changed. It was incorrectly renamed "Kit Carson Mountain" in the late 1880s because of an error on a then-new government map. A government employee mixed up the names of 3 local mountains (Crestone Peak was the original, correct name, and the town was named after this mountain). Nobody in Crestone knew at the time that the names had been switched, so over the years there has evolved a 120-year history of the use of those incorrect names.

In 2008 we petitioned the US Board on Geographic Names to change the name to "Mount Cre-



Anybody home? The deer are back down from the mountains. photo by Kate Steichen

stone", since the name "Crestone Peak" was now the official name of the jagged mountain to its south. Almost everybody in our area was united behind this move, but sadly, the folks in DC could have cared less and voted against our wishes. Still, most long time locals refuse to call the mountain "Kit Carson"; and it will always be Mount Crestone to me.

There are other mountains to our northwest called the "Sawatch Range". I always wondered

why the town and county of Saguache are spelled one way, while the mountains are spelled another way. The Spanish language version is spelled "Saguache", while the English language version is spelled "Sawatch". But why the different spellings? Nobody in Saguache who I asked, seemed to know!

Even the meaning of "Saguache" is disputed. There are 3 meanings, all which come from the Native Ute language. One claims the word means "sand dune". The next meaning is "water at the blue earth", and the actual word is shortened from the Ute word "Saguaguachipa". Finally, the third meaning is "Blue Water", which the Colorado State Historical Society seems to agree with. But which of the 3 is correct? Has anybody actually asked a member of the Ute tribe about this?

Finally, what is the correct name of the mountain pass west of Saguache that Colorado Highway 114 runs over? Most folks in the valley call it "North Pass", while those who live in Saguache call it "Cochetopa Pass". Well actually, it isn't officially either! There is a Cochetopa Pass near there, which County Road NN14 goes over, but the one here in question is actually and officially called "North Cochetopa Pass", even if none of us call it that!

Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno

Date here

September 21 to October 20

Total precipitation for period:

Liquid precip: 0.58"

Snow: 0.0"

Measurable precipitation fell on 8 days.

Measurable rain fell on 8 days.

A trace of rain fell on 2 days.

No hail, thunderstorms, or snow occurred

Total precipitation year to date:

Since Jan 1: 14.47"

Total snow to date:

Since Jan 1: 58.1"

Snow Season *: 0.0"

*Snow season runs from July 1 to June 30

Temperatures for the period:

High temp: 81.0°F on September 27

Low temp: 33.2°F on October 16

Avg. high: 71.4°F

Avg. low: 40.8°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 80°: 1

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 70°: 19

Number of days with the low temperature at or below 40°: 12

Number of days with the low temperature at or below 32°: 0

Winds for the period:

Avg. speed: 3.0 mph

Highest gust: 39 mph on September 23

Main direction: Out of the east at night, out of the southwest during the day.

Weather summary:

Unseasonably warm temperatures and conditions on the dry side sums up this period. September ended up being the third warmest ever, and as of October 20, the Crestone-Baca weather station still hasn't seen its first freeze of the season, smashing the old record for the latest first freeze date of Oct. 8, set in 1990. The average first freeze date is usually seen in mid-September.

Precip-wise, we saw below normal rainfall and still no snow yet.

Outlook for November:

This is the month where winter gets underway in our area. The average high and low temperatures in the first week average 51° and 22°; by the end of the month they drop off to a cold 38° and 12°. Coldest reading ever in the month was -11° on November 30, 2006, and the warmest it's been was 68° on November 12, 1999.

Precip wise, pretty much all which falls from our skies, does so as snow. The average snowfall is 8.2" with the record amount being 33.5", set in 1997. When we melt down that snow, its water content comes to an average of 0.72", with the most being set in 2013 with 3.07".

The 30-day outlook from the NWS for November, which has been totally incorrect for the last 2 months, is calling for average temps along with very much above average snowfall. Time will tell if this actually happens.

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

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filled celebration. The gallery festivities will signal the beginning of the holiday season with a lighting ceremony at 6:30.

All around town, from 10am to 8pm, you will find holiday food booths replete with hot chocolate, hot buttered rum, and foods for munching as you stroll past the gift booths filled with art, greeting cards, wearable art, home made skin care gifts, toys, jewelry, wood crafts, pottery and much more. The stores and restaurants will as well offer delicious foods and drinks and gifts for chilly winter days. There will be music at The Cloud, the gallery and various other locations throughout town.

At 7pm on Friday, as you wander your way around the candy cane paths, there will be the lighting of the ponderosa pine outside the Mercantile. A bonfire and hot drinks will accompany your enthusiastic carol-singing not only at the lighting ceremony but outside the Crestone Creamery as well. That way you can stay toasty all along your way. If wandering is too much for you, there will be hay wagons to carry you on your way all during the celebration. At 7:15pm the whole town will simultaneously light their holiday lights. Outside, on Silver Street by the Elephant Cloud and the Creamery, there will be a bonfire with carolers, music, and drinks, roasting chestnuts and marshmallows, while in Little Pearl Park will be a children's WinterFest petting zoo. The kiddies will see and pet the animals as well as make reindeer ornaments to decorate their trees at home. They are invited to decorate the "elf" tree outside the gallery and then roast marshmallows and drink hot chocolate around the fire,

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WinterFest 2015

Friday, November 27th

10am-8pm

Booths at Crestone Creamery & all around town

Live Music at the Cloud Station
Children's Petting Zoo

4pm-6:30pm

Kickoff party!
at Crestone Artisans Gallery
Mulled wine, cider and hors d'oeuvres

6:30pm

Holiday Season Lighting Ceremony

7pm

Tree Lighting at Mercantile
Bonfire, hot drinks, singing at Crestone Creamery

Saturday, November 28th

All Day

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Wagon Rides



A little girl keeps her safe distance from Santa Claus at Winterfest 2012, while she politely makes her request.

photo by Lori Nagel



Crestone Artisans Gallery

The Crestone Artisans Gallery will be featuring new artists and new arts and crafted items for the holiday season. We now have blank gift books of Nepalese paper with prints of paintings on the

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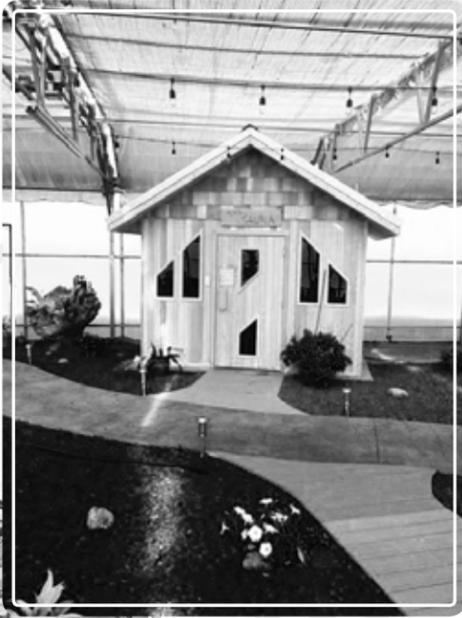
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Smith Market Gallery

You are cordially invited to visit the Smith Market Gallery at 301 5th Street, (corner of 5th and Denver), Saguache. Owner Byron Williams has a beautiful collection of intricately designed



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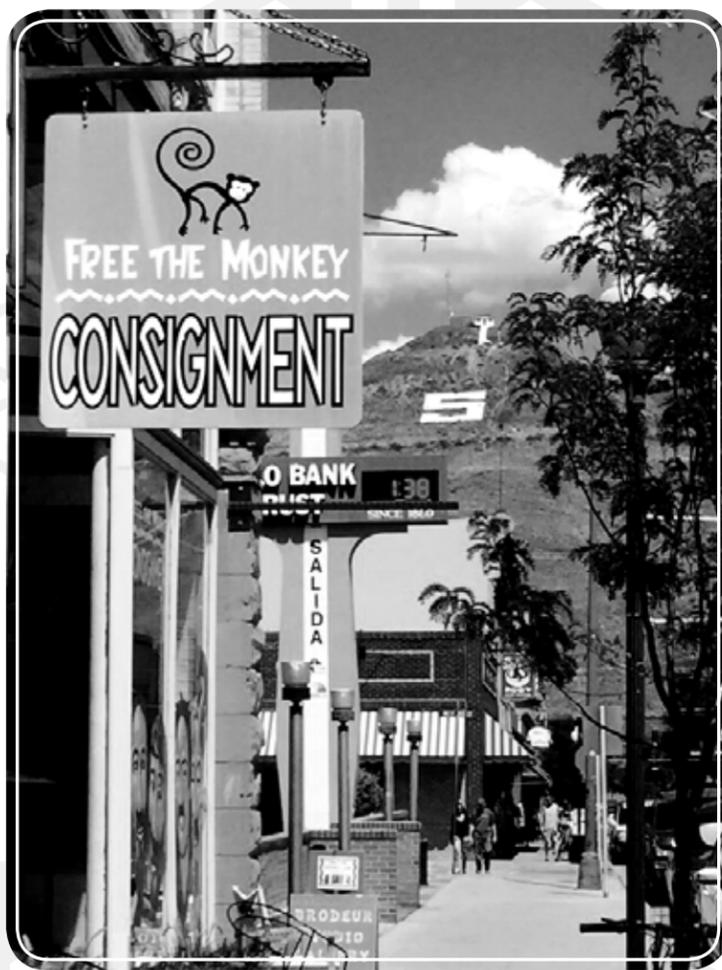
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while parents have a little hot buttered rum or mulled wine.

On Saturday, November 28, again all around town you will find the arts, crafts, music and special foods of Crestone. The wagons can pick you up after your stop at the Bliss or the Elephant Cloud, Bob's, Crestone Creamery or one of the many shops that will be offering holiday spirit such as CYP thrift store which benefits our youth, the Mercantile for your dinner celebration, or the bookstore at the Sange de Cristo Inn building for your favorite bookworms.

The children's petting zoo will

be open again along with the bonfires and goodies. There will be raffles and drawings throughout town to benefit the many non-profits that donate so generously to Crestonians in need. Then, plopp those kids and yourself on the hayride that is schedule for Saturday afternoon.

Oh, and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus are scheduled to make an appearance. On Saturday evening, to add a perfect cap to our festivities there will be a dinner, carollers and performance of seasonal skits. So, how do you keep track of all these wonderful goodies? There will be posters up around town and schedules of each day's events available at all stores and booths. There will be red and white candy canes marking your paths from place to place, and best of all, ask anyone and you will get perfect directions.



The Crestone Artisans Gallery will again hang their beautiful lights. All the lights in town will be illuminated on Friday November 27 during the lighting ceremony. photo by Lori Nagel



WinterFest attendees excitedly hitch a hay ride to the next vending location last year. Wagon rides are offered throughout the day Saturday November 28 as Crestone's unique form of public transportation among the vending venues at this year's WinterFest event. photo by Lori Nagel

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