

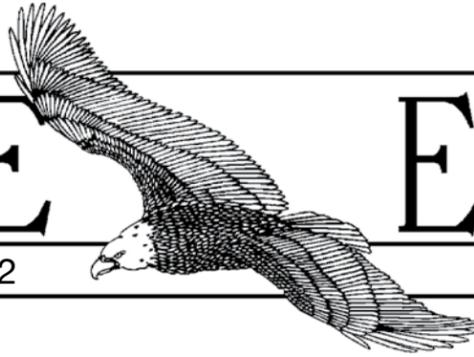
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## Saguache County's Leach Airport approved to test commercial unmanned aircraft 'drones'

by Sandia Belgrade

The University of Colorado says it will help test two kinds of drones in southern Colorado's San Luis Valley. The FAA has approved the launching and testing of unmanned aircraft by the University of Colorado and the nonprofit aerospace advocacy group UAS Colorado located in Boulder. Most significant, in a highly competitive process, is that the main operations hub for the launch and testing will be Leach Airport in Center with participation by other airports

across the valley. As an approved flight test site for unmanned aerial systems (UAS), commonly called drones, Leach will be the focus of this collaborative effort involving the six counties in the valley, the University of Colorado and UAS Colorado.

Through the FAA-issued Certificates of Waiver or Authorization (COA), the team can operate two types of UAS. One is a 120-pound vertical takeoff craft known as the Reference Technologies Hummingbird and a smaller, battery-pow-

ered UAS that is being developed jointly by Black Swift Technologies and Swift Engineering which can be hand-launched with a payload of up to 8 pounds. Reference Technologies Inc. is headquartered in Lafayette, Colorado. Black Swift Technologies is headquartered in Boulder. The valley is ideally located for the drones which are cleared to fly in an 8,000-square-mile test site airspace with heights up to 15,000 feet. The drones will be run through endurance, ease-of-operation and

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Dancers at the Festival of Guadalupe. See feature on Solstice Celebrations of the Southwest on page B-1

## Towns & Sheriff gain perspective on law enforcement

by Lisa Cyriacks

Mayors and trustees from the three towns of Crestone, Moffat and Saguache met in late November with Sheriff Dan Warwick and concerned citizens to discuss coverage.

Attorney Eugene Farish (attorney for both Crestone and Saguache) had specific questions for the Sheriff regarding the scope and limits of his coverage.

Colorado statutes define: "The duty of sheriffs, undersher-

iffs and deputies to keep and preserve the peace in their respective counties....."

Sheriff Warwick took the opportunity to clarify that he is responding to calls throughout the county including incorporated towns.

While town trustees have the authority to create a police department for their respective towns, none of these three towns have exercised that authority—nor are they required to. Crestone current-

ly has a code enforcement officer to handle specific matters defined by town ordinance. The other two towns do not have an employee tasked with enforcing town ordinances, although Saguache is currently searching for a code enforcement officer.

Early on in the meeting, the issue of payment for law enforcement services came up. Sheriff Warwick reiterated that his resources

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## Thank you Crestone Eagle

Dear Editor,

I am so proud to be a Crestonian when I read about extraordinary events such as the one that occurred on October 14 at the Crestone Natural Burial Ground in Crestone. Thank you, *Crestone Eagle*, for your coverage of that event.

The sacredness that is these mountains and way of life has been handed down to us. Caring for humanity in this way is what makes our town great. The Curator of Anthropology at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and a core group of Museum representatives brought the remains of some twenty individuals from the shelves of the museum for a simple, non-denominational burial in our natural burial ground.

I feel privileged that we are the first and still only certified natural, or green, burial ground in the State of Colorado. Crestone was honored to have been selected to collaborate in this event, so much in keeping with the earth-to-earth life cycle to which our natural burial ground is committed. This makes us lineage holders because in our magnificent sacred land, revered by many over aeons of time, our burial ground was able to offer a unique return to tradition and sustainability for the final passage of those brought here.

This is where our human ancestors can find rest. Just like there is the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" I imagine that the simple but poignant ceremony as these remains were at long last placed to rest was deeply moving to those present because as the *Eagle* stated, "Many museums have the problem with what to do with unidentifiable remain."

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the vision and hard work of our Mayor Kairina Danforth. Inspired by William Howell's talk at a Town Board meeting in 2006 describing the work of the newly established Crestone End of Life Project and the associated potential of a natural burial ground, Kairina championed the creation and ultimate certification of the Crestone Natural Burial Ground to support environmental restoration in an age-old process which allows survivors to create their own funeral tradition in a less expensive and far more meaningful way than its contemporary counterparts.

The Crestone Cemetery and Natural Burial Ground is a part of a 40-acre parcel of land deeded by President Taft to the Town of Crestone in 1911, years after the mining boom had passed. Why a United States patent was issued to our tiny town under the provisions of enabling legislation passed 21 years earlier remains still an unsolved mystery, enshrouded in the sands of time.

Craig Tomaski

## A letter of thanks to the community

To the Crestone Community,  
 There was such a wonderful outpouring of support for the funeral expenses for Venerable Tenzin Yeshe/Mary Teal Coleman.

A heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who so generously paid for the entire expense (which was considerable) of fulfilling Yeshe's last wishes. We wish we could thank each one of you personally, but so many of you gave in kind anonymity.

In gratitude and love,

Elaine Johnson, Steve McDowell and Zoe de Bray

## Akia, thank you

Dear Crestone Board of Trustees & residents,

Having lived in 15+ towns and cities during my 70 years, I want to express my respect and gratitude for the work Akia Tanara accomplished for the town of Crestone during her years of service.

It is remarkable that a town this size has been so effectively managed. The amount of money from grants obtained thorough Akia's skillful work is a remarkable accomplishment on its own. The town has been stable under her care during a time when many other towns of this size are failing in a number of ways.

Town managers have the difficult task of enforcing regulations the Board of Trustees passes. As enforcers, managers often get the blame for decisions the Trustees made. In the years I have lived here, I have often heard Akia badmouthed for carrying out her legal responsibility to enforce the Board's decisions. I personally do not understand why the Board itself, along with the Mayor, have not been held more responsible. Passing the blame to a scapegoat is an immature way of handling the public's trust.

Of course, everyone has shortcomings. Do you know a public (or private) official without them? Akia has shortcomings and personality quirks like all of us. But: it is essential to assess an employee's overall competence by performance measures and evidentiary standards rather than nit-pick about things one might not like, on a personal basis.

In that sense, I want to thank Akia formally and publicly for her 10+ years of skillful and devoted service to the town of Crestone. She is a powerful, intelligent, disciplined, and articulate woman of integrity. Those who have their own agendas and became aggressively hostile to her, attacking with innuendo, gossip, backbiting, and emotion-based (rather than fact-based) attempts to discredit her will now have to deal with the consequences of losing her. Unfortunately, so will residents of the town of Crestone.

Back to the main point: Akia, thank you. You did well. The town of Crestone is better off because of you.

Sincerely,  
 Tenzin Lhamo

## Feeling the Bern!

Dear Editor,

Bernie Sanders is a once-in-a-lifetime candidate. I am increasingly realizing the power of his call for a political revolution.

Bernie has *always* stood for income equality, free pre-K, free college, living wages, universal health care, fair pay for women, true equality for all in marriage, employment and justice. He supported these issues long before they were cool. Most important, he says the environment is *the* number one issue we all face.

I would love a woman President, but just being a woman is not enough. Hillary has begun to sound just like Sanders, adopting many of his positions. But, she has *not* walked the talk. She has continually supported military escalation, voted for Wall Street, supported DOMA and on and on. She has rarely led on progressive issues. She adopts progressive issues once public opinion shifts in their favor.

Sanders can win. He is ahead of where Obama was in the polls at this point in Obama's first run. Hillary was considered inevitable at this same time in 2007 and yet Obama surged ahead. Polls also show that Bernie may be even more electable in the national election than Hillary, since he is also attracting independents and Republicans and she is not.

Colorado is a Super Tuesday state and could be pivotal in choosing our Democratic candidate. If you are registered to vote as an independent, you can *not* vote in the Colorado primary caucus. You have to switch your registration to Democrat by Dec. 31 in order to vote in the primary. You can do this online. You can switch back to independent right after the primary if you want. If you are not registered to vote, you have until Feb. 1 to register, but you must register as a Democrat in order to vote in the Democratic caucus.

If you can, please send a donation to Sanders, before Dec. 31. The primary could be decided by the end of March. The money you send now will have the most impact in how this election turns out. His average donation is about \$30.

Mikela Tarlow

## Thanks for the support

Dear Editor,

I will be leaving as the Baca Grande POA Manager at the end of this year. I would like to thank the staff at the POA for their support and hard work throughout the year. With such a wonderful and diligent staff, they made my job as Manager less stressful. I would like to also thank the volunteers, be it committee members or emergency services volunteers, your commitment to the community is forever inspiring. I would like to thank the current Board of Directors. It's been a pleasure to work with you as a board and as individuals. I would like to thank Hammersmith Management, Inc. The team behind me creates my success, from Client Services, to my Director, to Executives, to Accounting, to Information Technology. The team shines! I want to thank the community and POA members for your kind words

## Editor's Notes For the refugees

As I follow the news, my heart aches at the plight of the Syrian refugees. Seeing the images of people washing ashore in overcrowded rafts—of small children sleeping in fields being terribly afraid—of parents trying to protect them, carrying babies as they hike across Europe. Soldiers standing in lines turning them away at borders. I'm appalled when I hear Americans speak against these people who have lost everything while fleeing from war and terrorism.

Jump to act two, scene one of the Christmas story.

There is a man with a very pregnant woman riding a tired donkey. They have been forced to leave their home and have been traveling for many days, sleeping rough along the road. Seeking shelter, they have been turned away with doors closed against them. The woman is about to give birth with no safe place to be until a compassionate stranger, a humble innkeeper tells them they can bed down with the animals in his stable.

This is not just a story of humble beginnings of a babe born in a stable and placed in a manger. But one of kindness and compassion by a man (and most likely also his wife) who helped strangers. There were no kings present, no angels singing noel or telling the innkeeper to "be not afraid", just a road-weary family needing help. They were aided, fed and sheltered.

As we enter into the winter holiday season let us consider the Christmas story. And whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanuka, Milad un Nabi, Solstice, or just the wonder of life itself, let us think of those fleeing refuges, reach out and encourage that they be helped and given shelter.

Winter blessings,  
 —Kizzen

of support, laughter, and thoughtfulness. I have truly enjoyed engaging with each of you. And last, but not least, I would like to thank my husband. Without his support and cheerleading I would not be where I am today, thanks darlin'. As the POA transitions with new staff, and a new management company, it is my hope that the community will support these transitions as you supported me. Have the happiest of holidays and may the new year bring you peace and joy.

Thanks again,  
Alison McClure

## Thank you all

Dear friends and community members,

As many of you know, I've been away at Paramedic School for the past several months. I would like to let everybody know that I've almost completed the classroom portion and will begin my field internship portion in December. The field internship will consist of another 700 hours of practical application of skills. This will also take place in Denver.

I would like to thank everybody very much for their support through this process. Since 2007, I've been serving as an EMT for the ambulance and if things go as planned, I should be returning to the Crestone area in late March or April to serve as a Paramedic on the Baca Crestone Ambulance Service.

## The Door

I opened the door and what came in,  
The answer to what I have been looking for everywhere I have been.

Before I had been cautious, not knowing what to do or say.  
And many times not knowing should I go away or stay.

I didn't know that if I hadn't opened the door,  
It still would have come in through the windows or through the floor.

There is so much of it that there is no end  
To this wonderful gift that God did send.

It can fill your heart to overflowing,  
And make you forget where you thought you were going.

It is all there is and nothing more  
Than God's Love that comes in, when you open the door.

Vince Palermo  
11/18/2015

All of the community financial support has been invaluable, and I would not be able to accomplish this journey without your help. At this time I still have four more months of internships to go before I'm able to complete the task and return home. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Contributions can be made to Ivan Lakish at Aventa Credit Union.

Thanks again,  
Ivan Lakish, EMT I99

## Universal health care for Coloradans

Dear Editor,

"ColoradoCare" will appear on the November 2016 ballot and will tentatively be numbered "Amendment 69." On Nov. 9, the Colorado Secretary of State announced that this proposed ballot measure was deemed sufficient as required by statute.

With passage of this amendment in 2016, government and multinational corporate control of our health and our health care money will be replaced with user-friendly, bureaucracy-lite, fiscally responsible financing, operated by a board of trustees representing 7 districts elected by Colorado's residents. Our health care money will stay in the Colorado economy to support local communities. *Every* resident will be covered with comprehensive health care with *no* deductibles. ColoradoCare YES is a cooperative business model, made in Colorado, and locally controlled. It will decrease Colorado's spending on health care by \$4.5 billion annually.

"The U.S. health care system is broken beyond words—spending over twice as much as other developed countries, getting poorer results, and paying for an incredible swarm of bureaucrats in the space between patients and providers," stated Ivan Miller, Executive Dir. of ColoradoCare YES. For details about other developed nations' universal health care systems that operate more efficiently and less expensively than the U.S. health care



**Tara Teslima Nur** died on November 23, 2015, after 18 1/2 years. Tara was a special being; an "alpha cat," an "Enneagram 8", a "Being - not a cat." She served as a medium, but was most a dervish. She "owned" whatever space where she deigned to manifest, including our Tower Tekke, filled with whirling Sufi Dervishes, even though occasionally she was stepped on. Tara had her own glass of water, just like all the other dervishes, and personally greeted everyone in the circle. She leaves behind her 17-yr-old sister cat, Sasha, as well as her "persons," Kate Steichen and John Loll.

system, check out, *The Healing of America* by T. R. Reid, Spokesperson for ColoradoCare YES and former *Washington Post* reporter, commentator on NPR, author and documentary filmmaker.

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—Barbara Tidd

## Remembering Kay Spiecher

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Kaybelle (as I always called her) was an integral part of the Baca Grande community in the 1980s and beyond, until she relocated to California.

We'll remember her love of the Party . . . she was all about Party . . . the Baca Penny Players, the Fourth of July, the Halloween balls, the Post Office, Curt's Store, the BGPOA & VFD, trips to the Creede Theatre, weddings, passings, the Thanksgiving dinners at the Old Schoolhouse in Crestone, the Ski Swaps, the times we played Uno at her house, Scrabble game nights at the POA, Elections, dancin' and shootin' pool at the Inn at the Baca, parties at the Bistro, Wagon Wheel, that place in Hooper and the Holiday Inn in Alamosa. We even went bowling in Alamosa! Her absolute love, however, was *golf!* When golfing friends—The Elks—came to town each September, Kay would "host" them, golfing all day and partying all night at the Bistro & Townhouses. It was always a wild four days. Oh, those memories. Kay knew, almost more than anyone I know, how to make good memories.

While gathering memories of Kay from others, i.e. Suzanne Fraizer, John Menken, Kizzen Laki, Curt & Bernadette Ward, Elli Mueller, Lorraine & David Davis, Jill Enslow, Fred Lipscomb, Pam Gripp, Pat Wischmann and Shawn Hollmer, the common thoughts about Kay were always about her loyalty, kindness, generosity, humor, humility and humanity, her spirit of cooperation and constant willingness to help others. Personally, my memory of Kay is that she was always with a kind, generous and forgiving heart, pure motivation, clarity of thought, integrity, dignity, respect and fairness to all! Now that it's been so long since she passed and I've had the opportunity to go down Memory Lane, I realize what Kay Spiecher meant to me and I'm reminded of how much I miss her and her red hat!

I'm grateful to Kay's brother, Bob, and his wife for giving us the opportunity to gather in remembrance of Kay and to share in the spreading of Kay's ashes on the golf course at the Baca Grande on September 29, 2015.

Whitney Strong

## Maurice Strong passes

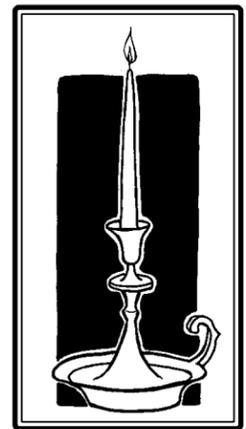
Dear Community,

Maurice F. Strong, born April 29, 1929, husband of Hanne Strong of Crestone, passed from his body with his wife at his side at 1pm on Friday November 27 near his home in Toronto Canada at age 86. His daughter, my friend, Suzanne Foote, contacted me just 10 minutes after his death to ask that the Spiritual Centers around Crestone and around the world offer prayers for the peaceful and successful transition from this world to the spiritual realm for her father Maurice Strong. Maurice had been struggling with pneumonia at his home in Toronto, Canada. His heart was no longer able to sustain his body.

At times like this I profoundly sense the interconnectedness of life, of lives. We are all connected. Were it not for Maurice Strong I do not believe I would be living in this extraordinary place at this time in my life, would not have the relationships with so many people in this community that I have, would not have the beautiful life that I have. I find myself filled with emotion at this moment—sadness, love and gratitude, but especially gratitude. Gratitude to Maurice without whom perhaps so many of us would not be gathered together in this extraordinary and beautiful place. The Strongs, Maurice and Hanne, following their paths have made of this remote and beautiful place something unique in all the world, something which has the capacity to change the world.

Please hold Maurice's spirit and his family in your thoughts, hearts and prayers at this time.

Brilliant blessings upon the spirit of Maurice Strong,  
Matthew Crowley



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CHEER IN THE  
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## Bank robber sentenced

by Mary Lowers

This summer the *Eagle* reported the bank robbery and subsequent car chase over much of Rio Grande County that landed Joseph Gutierrez of Center in hot water. After robbing the Community Bank of Colorado in Center of \$6041 on June 15 he hid out at the Movie Manor Hotel just west of Monte Vista.

When a phone tip led police to the hotel, Gutierrez fled on foot, exchanging shots with officers. Finding a patrol car with the keys in it, the bank robber wasted no time in

fleeing the cops. After a prolonged chase during which Gutierrez stole another vehicle, abandoning the patrol car, he was apprehended in the village of Plaza between Del Norte and Monte Vista.

Gutierrez was sentenced in Saguache County District Court. He received two three-year sentences, one from the Saguache Court and one from Rio Grande District Court. Charges included felony menacing and an additional twelve-month jail time for obstructing a peace officer. The sentences in jail and prison will run consecutively.



Watch out for the moose! Here's a fella you don't want to hit. Our wandering regional moose was recently seen along the T-Road not far from Highway 17.

photo by Pamela Pegram

## Law enforcement

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are limited—he has seven officers, a large territory to cover (3,170 square miles), and limited funding. Saguache County commissioners are responsible for his budget and provide the funding for his department. The services he provides are what the county is willing to fund, and he believes his officers respond above and beyond the call of duty.

The example of the national average of 24 officers per 10,000 in population was discussed. Given the current population in Saguache County of 6,000+ that would equate to 14 officers to cover the county. Funding does not currently exist to essentially double the county sheriff's budget.

The evening ended with the towns committed to review their

respective positions and options—from supplementing the sheriff's funding to a contractual agreement for services including some type of payment.

Other options included utilizing Neighborhood Watch as a deterrent. Other discussion included the viewpoint that the funding problem does not lie between the town and the sheriff's office, but instead is an issue of the county properly funding the sheriff to better provide better coverage for such a large area. This might result in a tax question on the 2016 ballot to provide additional funding specific to the sheriff's office.

Currently the town of Center budgets \$502,800 for their police force, including salaries (and this year new police cars). The 2016 budget for the county sheriff is \$665,900. The budget for the jail, which state statutes mandate a county provide, is for \$449,490.

Attorney Farish ended the meeting with this comment, "[It is] a question of how can we work through situations with limited resources? There are a lot of ways to do this, if we put our heads together I hope we can come up with a good solution. We at least have a start by discussing the problem."

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## Saguache County crime report

by Mary Lowers

State Patrol Captain Dingfelder sent the *Eagle* several reports of serious accidents in November.

### Fatal car accident

On November 3 in the early evening the State Patrol responded to a one-vehicle rollover on Forest Rd. 675 about five miles west of Saguache. A Ford F350 pickup was east bound when it travelled off the dirt road. The truck proceeded to roll ½ times down a steep embankment. It came to rest on its roof in water. A passenger in the front seat, Roger Stevens, 42, of Pueblo West, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene by the Saguache County Coroner. The driver, Kelly Rogers, 20, and another passenger, Calie Rogers, 16, both from Colorado Springs, were transported to Rio Grande Hospital in Del Norte with minor injuries. Two other passengers were transported to the SLV Medical Center in Alamosa with minor injuries. No seat belts were in use at the time of the crash. Speed was not a factor in this accident but alcohol is a suspected factor.

On November 12 at about 5:45pm there was a two-vehicle crash on Hwy. 285 north of Antonito in Conejos County. A four-year-old girl who was not in a car seat or using a seat belt was thrown from the 1999 Jeep Cherokee in which she was a passenger. Mariah Lloyd, 23, of Antonito was the driver. Driving north on Hwy. 285, Lloyd started to make a left turn onto a county road when she failed to yield to an oncoming car proceeding south on Hwy. 285 driven by Chris Romero, 34, of New Mexico. When Lloyd failed to yield to Romero's 2011 Mercury SUV, he struck the passenger side of her Jeep. The injured four-year-old was taken to the Conejos Hospital where she was airlifted to Denver. Romero was transported to the hospital with minor injuries. Lloyd was uninjured. She is facing charges of careless driving causing injury, child abuse resulting in injury, failing to use a child restraint system and failure to use seat belts. Romero received a summons to appear in court for driving with a suspended license.

On November 17 at 6:42pm, a 2005 Isuzu SUV driven by Lynn Ann Michel, 47, of Monte Vista was responsible for hitting a herd of sheep, killing thirty eight of the animals and injuring twelve. The incident occurred on County Road 85, eight miles southeast of Monte Vista. Michel fled the scene but was identified by the front license plate from the SUV which fell off the vehicle at the scene. She was arrested and charged with driving under the influence, no insurance, failing to remain at the scene of an accident, and property damage.

In Saguache County crime news for November, a Fort Lauderdale, Florida man was jailed on two counts of driving under the influence. His bail was set at \$500. A Center man, 40, was held without bail at the county jail for charges including: child abuse, resisting arrest, obstruction of phone service, criminal mischief, disorderly conduct and domestic violence. Possession of drug paraphernalia and aggravated motor vehicle theft landed a Center man, 25, in jail on \$2000 bail. A Moffat man, 21, went to jail with \$20,000 bail for violation of a restraining order, second degree criminal trespass, resisting arrest and second degree assault.

Felony charges of introducing contraband sent a Nathrop man, 29, to jail with \$2000 listed as bail. A Chama man, 74, was booked into jail for careless driving, no evidence of insurance, having an open container and prohibited use of a weapon. His bail was set at \$500. No bail amount was listed for a Center man, 36, jailed for domestic violence, third degree assault and harassment. A Crestone man, 42, was held on \$1000 bail for two charges of driving while intoxicated, habitually driving with a revoked license and disregarding a traffic control device. Deputies arrested a Center man, 37, at his home on charges of theft and failure to comply with a warrant. His bail was listed at \$9000.

A Del Norte woman, 40, was arrested in Saguache and jailed on failure to appear charges. There was a non-fatal accident this month on the bridge near the Baptist Church on County Road T. It's important to be aware that the deer and elk are moving down the mountains and can pop out onto the road at anytime. Dawn and dusk are good times to be on extra alert for wildlife crossing roads.

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# Public hearing Dec. 8 to consider vacating Cty. Road 67.5 & gaining a 2nd access to the Baca in road swap

by Sandia Belgrade

There is a proposal to exchange roads, one owned by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Baca Wildlife Refuge (USFWS) that accesses the Baca Grande subdivision and a road presently located in the Wildlife Refuge that had been in the Luis Maria Baca grant prior to the Refuge's creation. The parcels are approximately equal in value. USFWS will trade for a road near the old air strip in the Wildlife Refuge. It goes nowhere. The County will gain a road that begins at Spanish Creek Trail in the Baca subdivision, meets up with the Aspen Lagoon and Colorado College access road and exits on Road T.

This road has not been maintained past the Aspen Lagoon; yet, once serviced by the County, it will serve as an alternate access/exit road to and from the Baca. The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 at 10:30am at the Saguache County Courthouse Commissioners Meeting Room located at 501 4th St., Saguache.

## Map indicating road locations

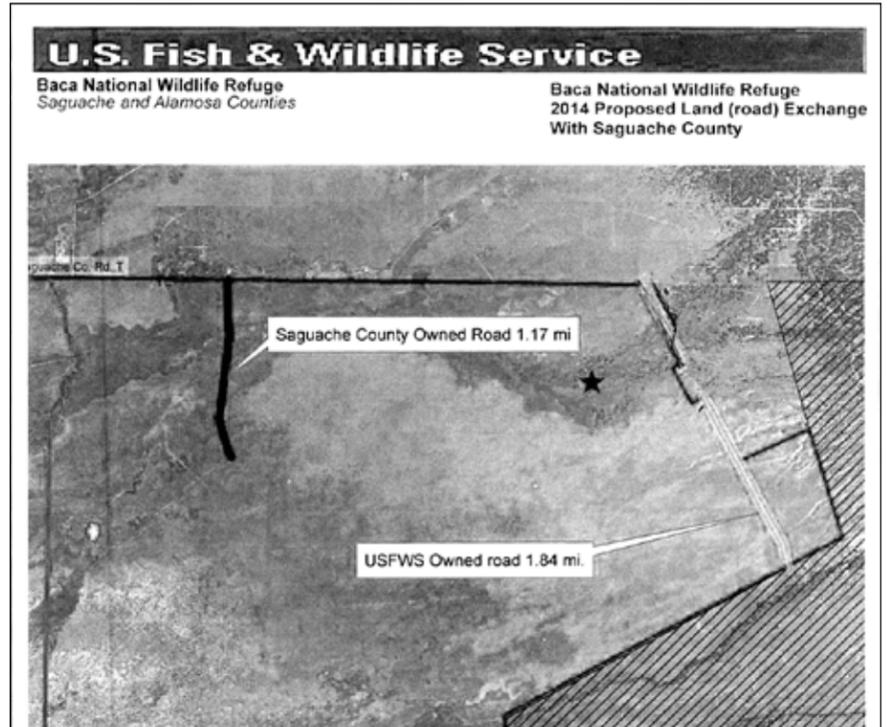
The map is available online so residents can see the color-coded roads.

Map orientation: the top of the map is north

According to Randy Arredondo, Director of Saguache County Road and Bridge: The orange road across from White Eagle Village, 1.17 miles, will go to the Baca Wildlife Refuge; it was the access road to the old Baca airstrip located south of White Eagle Village.

The (blue) line on the right represents the road approximately 1.84 miles in length that will go to Saguache County. It will be a continuous road that begins on one end at Spanish Creek Trail in the Baca subdivision. It will go by the Aspen Water Treatment plant and will exit on Road T. The County of Saguache will own the new road and maintain it and grade it to make it a usable access.

The Baca represents nearly 1/4 of the population of the county, and this alternative route will provide another exit out of the Baca



Grande in the event of an emergency such as a fire, for humans as well as horses at the stables.

The hearing is a necessary part of the process which began 1 year ago. Two letters of protest have been submitted. One argues that the Baca Grande Property Owner's Association (POA) owns the road that goes to the air strip. According to Alison McClure, POA Community Manager, the POA never owned the airport; it was

always part of the Baca Ranch. It may have been at one time owned by the corporation developers, but the POA never owned it. The hearing will allow all views to be considered.

Written comments will be accepted until Friday, December 4, 2015 and may be sent to Saguache County Land Use Department at PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 or emailed to [wmaez@saguache-county-co.gov](mailto:wmaez@saguache-county-co.gov).

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Job opportunities are available online at: [www.fs.usda.gov/main/r2/jobs](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r2/jobs). Interested applicants will need to apply through USAJOBS: [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). National Forest Service job opportunities can be found online at: <https://fsoutreach.gdcii.com/Outreach>.

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# Saguache County News

by Sandia Belgrade

## Leach airport selected as hub for UAS testing

At the first November meeting, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) announced that the FAA-issued Certificates of Waiver or Authorization (COA), had been approved, allowing for the testing of two unmanned aircraft in the San Luis Valley. In many ways it is a victory for a small county as Leach Airport in Center will be the primary operations hub for the testing of the unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), also known as drones. That morning the BOCC was in a wait-and-see mode regarding the next steps they should take. By afternoon they were being urged to spring into action to promote the commercial uses of the UAS and turn this opportunity into revenue for the County. The details of the operation are elucidated in a more complete article in this issue.

## County residents' concerns with Air Force's use of Saguache airport

The county has two airports that could bring in potential revenue, but not all Saguache residents are happy about their airport. Saguache Town Board Trustee June Savage has been keeping the commissioners mindful of the invasive flyovers by the military at Saguache Municipal Airport. The County agreed to allow Cannon Air Force Base, located outside Clovis, New Mexico, to conduct military training exercises and maneuvers at the airport. Residents like Savage are concerned that the town of Saguache is being subjected to the flyovers which hold risk and are subject to error. She has asked that the flights come in from the west, not right over the town of Saguache. Given the maneuverability of these planes, this is not a difficult request; yet there is frustration that months have gone by with no change. Commissioner Jason Anderson has called the Lt. Colonel in charge several times and received no response. The Air Force's lack of communication as partners brings up questions of how the Town maintains local control.

## County budget review

A proposed budget has been submitted to the Saguache County Board of Commissioners for the ensuing year of 2016; a copy of the proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Saguache County Clerk and Recorder, and is available for public inspection. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public budget meeting in the Commissioners' Room at the Saguache County Courthouse on December 3 at 10am. Any interested elector of Saguache County may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections at any time prior to the final adoption of

the budget. Final budget adoption will be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to be held in the Commissioners' Room at the Saguache County Courthouse on December 8 at 11:05am.

## Elected officials' salary discussion

Connie Trujillo, County Treasurer, and Sheriff Dan Warwick led a discussion on SB05 and the statute that supports it: 30-2-102(2.3)(a). This is the salary bill that is going through the state. A study state-wide found that elected officials are making less than department heads. The bill would offer proper compensation. Despite many years of experience, and with no pay increases, elected officials must still be available 24/7. Also present and providing input were County Coroner Tom Perrin and Peter Peterson, County Assessor. The commissioners were responsive to the issue, but questioned where the money is going to come from. There is no sales tax in this county that would support officials. This is one of many areas the commissioners could use to inspire them to bring more money into County coffers.

## Additional PILT funds

PILT or "payments in lieu of taxes" are federal payments to local governments that help offset losses in property taxes due to non-taxable federal lands within their boundaries. The County received another \$56,000. This will help with the general fund, and in particular, the necessity to construct an elevator for the court house. An elevator built on the outside of the building might save money. DOLA, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, might provide additional funding as well as disability grants.

## What is the sheriff's purview?

Lynn Zimmer Lambert, Saguache County Co-Administrator, said that the Town of Saguache has canceled Sheriff Warwick's contract for the services of the sheriff's department. They believe the County should be covering the cost. According to the County, however, the Town gets funding to cover the sheriff. It will be up to the lawyers to work out the details. Until then the Town is still

being covered. Regarding sheriff coverage for the towns in the county, Commissioner Tim Lovato stated there is no home rule and each town must provide their own enforcement, including Moffat and Crestone. Most towns don't have budgets to support that but they are concerned about hard drugs. Warwick's department is enforcing drug laws which are federal offences, but as someone observed, what are the odds of a deputy being around when a drug deal is going down?

## Land Use

Wendi Maez, Land Use Administrator, said that Dan Retuta, a Crestone resident, and his mother were given a conditional use permit a long time ago. Retuta wants to transfer it from her name to his. Maez said the County needs to consider an amendment that allows the permit to stay with the land, not the specific people. Ben Gibbon, Saguache County Attorney, suggested they formulate a resolution that will pass with the land. The new owner will still have to come before the County as part of the yearly land use review. Maez will write a resolution to that effect and bring it before the commissioners.

## Perseverance and adaptation succeeds

Jonathan and Nancy Billingsley, who had been previously denied a permit to grow marijuana in the town of Sargents, requested a new Conditional Use Permit for a marijuana grow facility four miles west of Sargents. Billingsley received unanimous approval from the Planning Commission for the new location. The 42 acres will be used for cultivation; he will build a 3,000 sq. foot greenhouse in the spring. Billingsley will utilize below-ground containers in the passive thermal, south facing greenhouse. A 2-bedroom-and-bath cabin with kitchen already exists and will be utilized. The operation will be discreet, for it is behind the cabin and not noticeable to anyone driving by. They have a contract for water. The State approved the change of location and is reissuing a certificate. It has one way in and out. There is a backup security system. The commissioners unanimously approved the enterprise. Jason Anderson noted the enterprise will have no retail sales, so they'll be no income for

the County. It doesn't have to be so. Amendment 64, which established the system in which marijuana is regulated, taxed, and distributed, has a provision to levy a 5% excise tax. Billingsley also noted some other ways counties bring in marijuana revenue.

## Employee notes

The Commissioners took a moment for Employee Appreciation and recognized several employees who have served the community for several years: Christie Crowfox Fleming, who served as temporary co-director of Public Health, and Linda Warsh, Director of Social Services, have been with the County for 5 years; and Vivian Maez, who has recorded 35 years. They were honored with a certificate and cake.

Matie Belle Lakish of Social Services appeared before the BOCC and introduced Erica Ulibarri from Center. She is a new case worker for child protection division. part of grant. Along with Renee Hill who is finishing and will be on the job in December means Social Services will have four case workers.

## Get outdoors

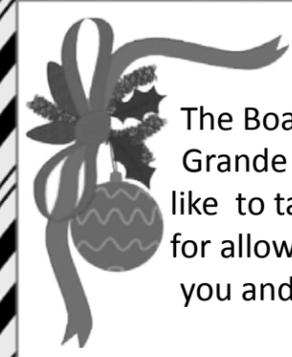
Commissioner Jason Anderson attended a trails meeting. The Baca Wildlife Refuge will build a multi-use trail that would connect the different trail systems. There's money for trails from CDOT, a "get outdoors" program so plans need to be in place.

## Other matters

At the second monthly meeting, the commissioners reported no progress regarding marketing and selling the county as a UAS commercial test site.

Other matters such as the elected officials legislation and marijuana possibilities left some people wondering how to get the commissioners to be more proactive about developing different streams of revenue for the County. According to one County employee an additional sales tax might help as well. The 1% sales tax the County now has goes to sales grants which are dispersed. Another 1% could bring in over \$270,000 for the County. These additional funds might be used for the sheriff's staff and jail, the infrastructure for the airports, landfill, etc. Otherwise, with the holiday season coming, they might be asking where's Santa?

Happy New year to everyone.



## SEASONS GREETINGS

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for allowing us to serve you in 2015. We wish you and yours a most joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

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# Leach ok'd for drone testing

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instrument performance tests to evaluate their potential commercial applications, according to CU aerospace engineering sciences professor Brian Argrow. "It's a high valley, surrounded by high mountains, so there's all sorts of terrain for testing," Argrow said. "For example, you might want to do search and rescue in the mountains, so you want to make sure you have a UAS that will perform at a high altitude.

## Commercial applications

The group is apparently interested in developing commercial uses of UAVs, not military ones. Projects range from crop dusting, monitoring power lines, pipeline inspections, fire fighting support and other uses relevant to the valley. The technology could have far-reaching applications such as drought assessment and flood forecasting to water conservation, as well as emergency search and rescue operations, agricultural uses, and mapping landfills. Argrow believes UAS have the potential to be used for a wide variety of projects ranging from crop and drought monitoring and power line and pipeline inspection to firefighting support and airborne delivery activities." These are sensible, even valuable applications, but how does the county get word out to those who could use drones for commercial services?

## UAS Colorado CEO Constantin Diehl addresses commissioners

At the first meeting in November Mike Spearman was accompanied by UAS Colorado CEO Diehl. He is the one who formally submitted the two COA applications requesting the San Luis Valley airspace. Diehl spoke at length and offered valuable advice and direction to the commissioners. According to Diehl "the FAA decision to allow the testing of UAS aircraft in the San Luis Valley is a big step

forward in keeping Colorado at the forefront in the development and testing of these aircraft." UAS Colorado represents a statewide business league of more than 100 industry, research and economic development stakeholders dedicated to preserving Colorado's leading role in the UAS aerospace industry. Diehl also is the CEO of Rocky Mountain UAS, created in 2013 to partner with CU-Boulder on research efforts. He discussed some of the next steps needed: setting up a basic agreement between Alamosa and Saguache counties on day-to-day operations, getting a Rocky Mountain operations agreement, and participating in setting up a valley-wide advisory board. There will also need to be an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Alamosa. Perhaps with Boulder too. The IGA will be the operative portion under the COA. Spearman said the IGA could be simple but necessary to set up a line of communication for things to run smoothly. There is a requirement that the airport manager be notified before any flights. The commissioners need to determine procedures and specifics to be spelled out.

## Infrastructure & many details to be worked out

The County needs to set a landing fee and determine a reasonable fee structure and determine who is going to be the contact person: will Mike Spearman be the one available on a day-to-day basis for point of contact? They need to assign an airport manager who will take care of specific activities. Spearman noted, "We'll learn as we go." There are a lot of nitty-gritty details that must be tended to before the first test flight on December 7. The infrastructure still needs work, including getting an operative well. There's a need to fix up the lounge, fix old hangars and provide a clean, secure space—perhaps another hangar. They must determine what those doing the testing will pay for lockable hangars. Determine and set up a reasonable fee structure, including a basic charge for facilities, a landing fee, etc. And it was mentioned the personnel will re-

turn to Alamosa every night—sad to think the county doesn't have a decent motel for them to stay at and keep money in the county. All in all there are many managerial, communication and infrastructure details to be ironed out.

## Key players

Mike Spearman has lived up to his name. The former Saguache County Commissioner has spearheaded the push for Leach Airport in Center to be the primary operations hub for UAS testing in the valley. He wants to be compensated only for expenses and not all the hours he has put in. With the economic potential for the county, it is good to note that all of Spearman's activities have been on a voluntarily basis, because as he said, he "loves the county."

## Francis Song

Francis Song, the Alamosa Airport Manager, was also in attendance. Alamosa is the sole signatory on COA. Song more than anyone present understands managing an airport. There's an SLV county meeting to develop the UAS advisory board December 11. Song noted that UAS valley advisory committee as it is proposed is incomplete and nebulous right now, only a template for the six counties in the valley. The advisory board will be comprised of two people from each county. This board will channel concerns and hammer out details such as establishing no fly

zones, 48 hour notice of test operations, and who controls what.

## A coup for the valley, but now . . .

Landing the flight test site was a coup, but the intention of the BOCC to use the airport as a revenue-producing venture requires them to take action. Until the FAA approval, the commissioners were in a wait-and-see mode. Diehl suggested to the commissioners that they put a plan together. Blow our horn. Spend the next 6 months doing active marketing, internationally as well as regionally. Use promotions to illustrate specific ideas and define benefits, perhaps a promotional video or website. Tailor test operations to a company's needs. We need a fast process to move forward, identify and find money to do this. Ken Anderson said we need to jump out and promote—maybe hire someone to make contacts. But as of the last meeting on November 17, the BOCC has not reported that any promotional actions have been taken. It was said that they need to get into marketing mode to attract the target aeronautics industry to come and use this valley. They'll have to define the benefits for them, tailor test operations to meet commercial needs. Two weeks later the BOCC seems not to have made much progress on that front, and December 7 is approaching the runway.



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by **Allyson Ransom,**  
*Acting Town Clerk*

With snowfall and winter approaching, deer are bedding down under the pines throughout town and the last of the chipmunks are scurrying across roadways like little hot rods seeking shelter; meanwhile, many Town projects are still underway or are being halted during the cold weather. Residents will see a “new” used Long tractor around town being used for dirt work, plowing snow and other needs of the community.

The Town accepted the resignation of Town Administrator Akia Tanara on November 2.

At the November Board meeting, the Mayor and Board of Trustees made the following decisions:

- To approve the purchase of a used tractor paid for by grant funds
- To work towards forming a Tree Board which may consult with a certified arborist as needed when dealing with trees that may pose a danger, and to do further research on participating in the Tree City USA program
- To adopt an updated survey by Dan Russell Surveyors

In other news, Mayor Danforth reported that the Town received a FireWise grant for \$4,974.00 for the purpose of residential fire safety education and

mitigation close to structures; James McCalpin, official volunteer museum director, reported on the museum’s PR and advertising efforts for the Crestone-Baca area; Elaine Johnson reported to the Board on Winterfest events around town on Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving.

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. They will start working on visioning for Tract 1 property south of Lime Avenue to be used for future community services.

As a general reminder, Board of Trustee meetings are held at Town Hall 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 certificate on any document is \$5 as per Colorado Secretary of State’s approved fees.

Enjoy the season’s majestic snow-capped peaks and wishing all Happy Holidays from Town Hall.



At the Baca tennis court, Cheryl Waschenko returns a tough shot from partner Tim Allen, playing tennis on a beautiful, sunny, warmish November 14—which happened to be just 2 days before our first significant winter storm of this year. photo by Lori Nagel

## POA News: Dispute over budget projections dominate meeting

by **John Rowe**

The regularly scheduled Baca Grande Property Owners’ Association (POA) Board Meeting on October 22 began at 6pm with all five board members attending and President Matie Belle Lakish presiding. Twelve audience members were present at the beginning of the meeting. The agenda as planned was approved unanimously and minutes were approved after some discussion about whether or not an item concerning an audience member’s criticism of a particular board member’s debating style should have been included. It was voted to be included, by a three to two vote.

Member Forum consisted of an audience member question for clarification on what is appropriate to discuss and vote on in executive session and what is not. President Lakish fielded the question and stated that matters concerning personnel, legal issues, and contractual agreements are to be discussed in private. She acknowledged that quite a few issues as of late fell into one of these categories and thought the board had acted appropriately in all instances.

Matie Belle decided to step down as president and nominated Nigel Fuller to replace her. New President Fuller was elected by a four-to-zero vote, himself abstaining. Bruce McDonald was elected Vice President and Sugandha Brooks to remain as treasurer and Joanna Thierault to remain as secretary, all by unanimous votes.

Budget discussions for 2016 were next on the agenda. President Fuller and Vice President McDonald had questions over the budget figures arrived at by Community Manager Alison McClure. Questions and disagreements centered around POA income and some line items. Alison thought that a \$16 dues hike would be necessary to keep pace with budget increases

and Bruce and Nigel had considerable doubt about that. After much back and forth, Alison suggested that the board should wait until its new consultant, Westwind, could come up with a budget the board felt was more appropriate. Board members continued to talk but no decisions were reached for the remainder of the meeting. An interesting philosophical difference surfaced surrounding just what kinds of things should the POA be spending money on and what kinds of things are well outside the scope of their responsibilities and should not be included. Nigel and Bruce basically think that the board is charged with maintaining POA amenities, roads, fire, and ambulance services and no more. For instance, they want to see the horse stables line item cut to \$300 for next year and a donation to Crestone Creative Council (CCC) eliminated altogether. Neither of them want to give a rent subsidy to a deputy sheriff to live here although both encourage more police coverage in the area. They would like to see rent help available in a different way. They don’t think these sorts of endeavors are part of the job they were given to do and amount to overstepping board boundaries. Matie Belle, on the other hand, would like to see a broader definition of POA board responsibilities to include creating and nurturing community, just like many town and city governments do. She feels that helping a deputy who is paid little and can’t afford local rents, helping out local teenagers with odd jobs (CCC), and encouraging a horse-owning community are good things and should be supported, even if not strictly part of board member stated duties.

The public portion of the meeting ended at this point, and the members broke away to go into executive session.

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# The art of collaboration Crestone Artisan's Gallery

*Artist of the month, Pat Tessauro-Jackson*

**by Carolyn Victoria**

Recently I spoke with December Artist of the Month, wood sculptor Pat Tessauro-Jackson, about her work and projects. Pat has passion for creating lamps, vases, candle holders and more out of found wood. She joined the Crestone Artisan's Gallery over a year ago, after showing at a booth at the Crestone Music Festival. A former business woman now retired, Pat discovered a love of wood and its natural beauty. "I went into a shop and saw a wood lamp, and I thought, maybe I could do that" she recalls. "I walked my property and found a piece of wood, intending to make a lamp for my bedside. I had a friend in Denver who worked with wood and he showed me how to drill the holes and that kind of thing." Interviewing Pat at her home here in Crestone I found beautiful wood lamp bases and vases everywhere in various stages of creation-to-completion, each singing their song of beauty. Her workshop has more of this expressive beauty, with the wood in early stages, waiting to be brought to life once more.

"I was told as a younger child that I wasn't very creative. And I think maybe my artistic creativity was suppressed during my professional career. When I actually retired and had a chance to just let go, that creative spirit came forward.

And I really think it all started when we bought the house here in Crestone. I feel that there is a real creative spirit here that you don't feel in a lot of other places."

Her current projects are collaborations with other artists in the community. Some of Pat's lamps have come to be adorned with shades created by Paula Hudson, local artist and member of the gallery, and some lamps will be decorated with ceramic birds, created by local artist and gallery member Judy Arnold. "I just started seeing birds and animals on the branches of the trees that are the lamps, and I thought, wouldn't it be fun to put the birds on there. Judy had the idea of owls, so she has made some small owls to put on the branches."

Where does the wood come from? Obviously there are sources here in Crestone. Recently a beautiful sampling of wood was offered by geologist and author James McCaig, who saw Pat's lamps at the gallery and contacted her about a beautiful fallen juniper tree on his land. It was a big project to get the wood cut and hauled and it is now the inspiration for larger pieces, perhaps tables or floor lamps. Another donation of cedar offered by Ann Nita Betts who said "it was too pretty to burn" with beautiful and unique burl, will no doubt morph into something amazing with Pat's creative hands.

### Great handmade gifts for the holidays!

The Crestone Artisan's Gallery has recently accepted new members and you will find new and inspiring works on your next visit! It's a great place to find unique handmade "gifts of love" for the holidays. The gallery is open Christmas eve day, for last minute gift inspirations!



Wood sculpting by Pat Tessauro-Jackson in collaboration with Paula Hudson and Judy Arnold. photo by EyeMystica

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Tea ceremony, music and dance at Shumei December 8 at 4pm.

Join us for another tea ceremony on Tuesday December 8 at 4pm as we explore a westernized Japanese tea ceremony and a unique collection of tea ceremony-related art.

Collector Djann Hoffman shares his collection, as well as his own work, in a unique offering celebrating beauty and culture. Japanese traditional music and dance will be part of this program as well. Renowned taiko performer Koji Nakamura will perform. And Tae Komai will perform Nihon Buyou. Nihon Buyou is a Japanese dance that originated in the Edo period through Kabuki drama.

Currently residing near Santa Fe, NM where he runs an organic farm and vineyard, Djann has been collecting Zen art since the early '80s, soon after beginning his Zen practice. Djann Hoffman is not only a collector, but also an artist in his own right. Djann's furniture and ceram-

ics are on display and for sale as well as the calligraphy of Michael Sullivan who collaborates with Djann.

Join us on Tuesday December 8 at 4pm as we admire the beauty and culture in this presentation. This event is free to the public. For more information visit [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) or call 719-256-5284. The show will run through the month of December. The gallery is open daily 9 to 5pm.



Musical artist Xerephine joins The Sonic Apothecary at Shumei December 11.

## Plant music concert at Shumei Center December 11 with special guest

Peter May will be bringing The Sonic Apothecary and the music of the plants, with special guest Xerephine, to Shumei on Dec. 11. The performance begins at 7pm. There is a suggested \$10 donation at the door.

Peter May was part of the Grammy award-winning album *Crestone* with the support of Shumei and the expert direction and warmth of Paul Winter. Peter spent many days exploring the spectacular Colorado high country for amazing sonic places in preparation for the album. His work with Paul Winter helped him refine his art of playing and recording music out in Nature.

His current work has expanded to include playing and recording music with the plant kingdom using a Damanhur Music of the Plants device. Always connected with music and nature,

Peter now offers an extraordinary union of both.

Xerephine, aka Ruth Charlotte, is originally from the United Kingdom and has been writing songs and music on her guitar since she was 15. As a musical alchemist, she draws in sounds which ring through the cosmos and echoes through forests, then weaves them into songs which unfold like faery tales. Her musical style includes ethereal faery tale folk/electronic/folktronic fusion, with strong messages and big love. She recently completed a musical tour through England, Russia, and Iceland.

Come hear the sounds of life force, the sounds of the plants and the secret sounds of nature! For more information visit [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) or call 719-256-5284.

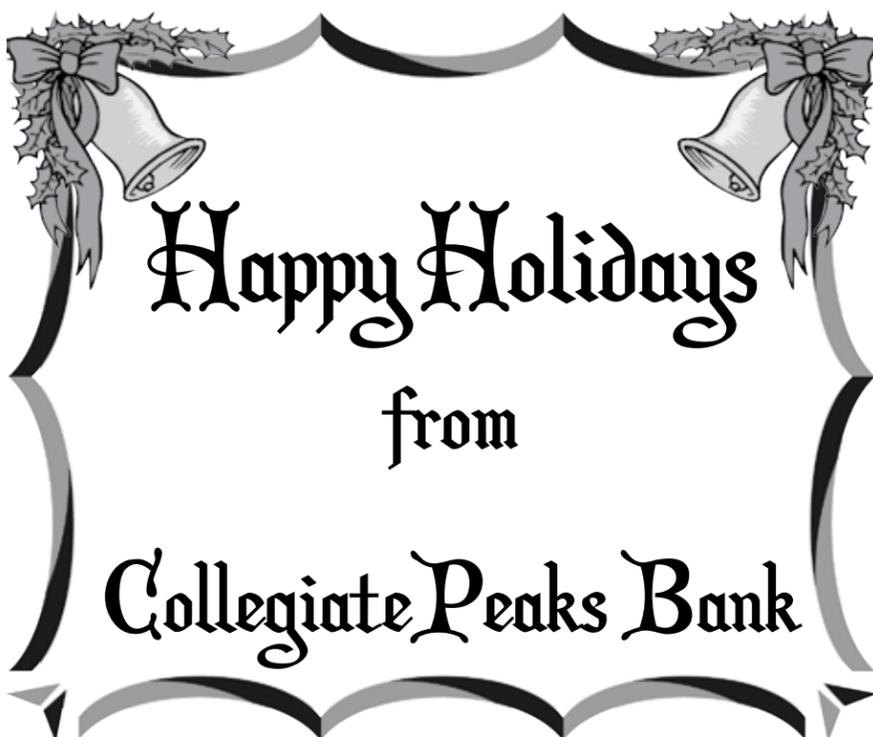
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## Cary Morin at WildWood Sounds in Del Norte December 4

Described as “one of the best acoustic pickers on the scene today,” Cary Morin brings together the great musical traditions of America and beyond like no other.

With deft finger-style guitar and vocals that alternately convey melodic elation and gritty world-weariness, Morin crafts an inimitable style often characterized as acoustic Native Americana with qualities of blues, bluegrass, jazz, jam, reggae, and dance.

“A man and a guitar, a lot of soul, and an understanding of the history of soulful men with guitars in American music can sometimes achieve this kind of timelessness in their work . . .,” comments Richard Higgs (Public Radio Tulsa).

“Cary Morin has the chops and is one of the best acoustic pickers on the scene today. [His] performances . . . would stand out, variously, among the old-school delta blues pliers, the Greenwich Village folk crowd at the end of the 1950s, the back-to-nature bards of the late ‘60s, or today’s thriving singer/songwriter scene. Morin references all these styles; they’re in his vocabulary, but he’s no dilettante. His engaging sound is his alone . . .”

For two consecutive years (2013 and 2014), Cary won the Colorado Blues Challenge Solo Championship. He was also nominated for Aboriginal Entertainer of the Year and Best Blues CD in the Aboriginal People’s Choice



Music Awards. In 2013, he received a lifetime achievement award from the Fort Collins Music Association (FoCoMA) and won the Colorado Fan Favorite Poll in the blues category for his second solo release, *Streamline*.

In addition to his solo pursuits, Cary Morin performs with Young Ancients, a collaboration with John Magnie and Steve Amedée of The Subdudes.

Wildwood Sounds presents what started the music here, We Be Jammin’/Open Mic and Jam Session every 4th Saturday at 2pm. This is a potluck event. Your potluck dish is your ticket in.

Look to [www.wildwood-sounds.com](http://www.wildwood-sounds.com) on the concert page for info on the potluck theme for that month. Join us for an afternoons of music and fun. 719-657-4757.



Corliss Taylor-Dunn.



Randy Macy and Sarah Off.

## Christmas concert December 21 at Colorado College

The Fifth Annual Concert of Carols will be offered at the Colorado College Auditorium on Monday evening, December 21, at 7pm. Additional performances will be given at Adams State University, Del Norte High School, and in Fort Garland (information at [Mtblancafineartsassociation.com](http://Mtblancafineartsassociation.com)).

Audience favorites such as “O Holy Night” and Schubert’s “Ave Maria” will be performed. There will also be a sing-a-long of popular holiday tunes.

Performers for this concert:

**Corliss Taylor-Dunn, Soprano.** Broadway star of *Bubbling Brown Sugar* and *Raisin*, international touring company of *Raisin*, *Lady Day* in Boston. Concerts in Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. with Doc Severinsen and the Tonight Show Orchestra.

**Sarah Off, Violinist.** A current doctoral candidate in violin performance and pedagogy at Arizona State University, Sarah performed at the Harpa Music Hall in Reykjavik, Iceland as part of their International Music Festival in 2013. She has played as soloist with the Conservatory Music in the Mountains Chamber Orchestra in Colorado and with “Up Close and Musical” an offshoot of the Colorado Symphony Orchestra. Sarah served as concertmaster of the ASU Symphony and Chamber Orchestras, the ASU Lyric Opera Theater Orchestra and the Sustainable Symphony along with principle positions in the CU Symphony, the Manchester Music Festival Orchestra and the Scottsdale Arts Orchestra. Sarah has performed many concerts in Crestone.

**Randy D. Macy, Piano.** Randy is currently a collaborative pianist at Adams State University, accompanying music majors for their student recitals and end-of-semester juries. Randy spent over 20 years as a professional church musician in the Denver metro area. He has performed several concerts with Sarah Off.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for students/children. Tickets are available in advance at [Mtblancafineartsassociation.com](http://Mtblancafineartsassociation.com) or at the door. 25% of gross sales benefit the Adams State University/Mt. Blanca Fine Arts Association Guest Artists Series and the Mt. Blanca Summer Music Conservatory. The Adams State University/Mt. Blanca Fine Arts Association brought Metropolitan Opera tenor Adam Klein to Crestone in September 2014.

Satsang, offerings of truth, with Sharon Landrith



17th of December  
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WEEKLY YOGA AND YOGA NIDRA CLASSES (62 Horsetooth Trail)

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**Halloween Fun 2015**

Drew McNulty enthusiastically runs the "Pumpkin Bowling" game, just one of the many activities at this year's Halloween Party at the Crestone Charter School October 31. photo by Lori Nagel



Clarity Weeks, dressed up as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, pauses for this photo taken at the Crestone Charter School on Halloween. photo by Lori Nagel



Pamela Ramadei and Rich Jewett in their "Jack & Jill Over the Hill" costumes. photo by Lori Nagel

# Crestone End of Life Project



A large group gathered at the Cloud Station November 14 for the CEOLP sign-up session and film debut. The film, *Open-Air*, was a significant representation of End of Life ceremonies filmed earlier this year at Robin Ross' passing. After the movie Adam Sekular, the filmmaker, and Noah Baen, Robin's partner, answered audience questions. photo by Lori Nagel

October and November have been busy months for Crestone End of Life Project (CEOLP) and Informed Final Choices (IFC). Both organizations received Saguache County Sales Tax Grants to further expand the services they provide to county residents. The CEOLP and IFC Boards, as well as our volunteer members, are extremely grateful!

Marta Shoman was a presenter at the first Death: OK conference, held in Portland, OR, and attended by more than 500 participants. Marta was invited to be on the opening night panel and to present a workshop on "How to Develop an End of Life Support Group." In both instances her contributions were enthusiastically received.

Halloween day saw a large turnout at the Desert Sage, eager to participate in a Death Cafe. Several guests came from as far away as Salida and Del Norte, to have an opportunity to share their thoughts on death and mortality with others.

On November 14, The Cloud Station was the venue for both a CEOLP Registration Party and the IFC sponsored premiere of the film *Open-Air* by Adam Sekuler, a documentary on a cremation celebrated in February 2015.

CEOLP volunteers were honored to serve Sandra Kay Sirois at a cremation ceremony on November 9, attended by daughter Desiree, son Andre and many close friends.

If you want more information on CEOLP/IFC services and activities visit *The Crestone Eagle* archives and go to page 15 of the November 2015 issue. It is a full page that provides information on all the services offered. Visit [crestone-end-of-life.org](http://crestone-end-of-life.org) or [informedfinalchoices.org](http://informedfinalchoices.org). You can attend our monthly open meetings: the next is December 9, 7pm at 33 Sunset Overlook. Call Stephanie Gaines for more information: 719-588-7415 or Lorraine Cazier, CEOLP Registrar, for information on registering with CEOLP.



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## LEAP helps eligible Coloradans with home heating bills

Colorado's Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) began accepting applications for its 2015/16 season on Monday, Nov. 2. With an increase in applicant income qualification this season, more Coloradans will qualify for assistance with paying their home heating costs.

LEAP is a 100% federally funded program administered by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) that provides cash assistance to help Coloradans pay a portion of home heating costs during the winter months. The program pays the highest benefits to those with the highest heating bills and the lowest incomes by family size. This year, applicant income was raised from 150% to 165% of the federal poverty level, which equates to \$3,334 per month for a family of four.

"With the increase in income qualification this year, we hope to provide the opportunity for even more Colorado families to receive assistance in paying their home heating costs this winter," said Aggie Berens, LEAP manager. "Last year, nearly 103,000 Coloradans applied for LEAP, receiving an average benefit of \$458 per household."

To qualify for LEAP, applicants must be responsible for paying heating costs directly to an energy provider, fuel dealer or, as part of their rent; and be permanent legal residents of the United States and Colorado, or have household members that are U.S. citizens.

LEAP-eligible households may also qualify for programs that inspect a home's primary heating source, such as a furnace or woodburning stove, and weatherization upgrades that improve a home's energy efficiency.

The State of Colorado also offers a rebate of property tax, rent and heat expenses to low-income seniors and disabled persons. Please visit the Colorado Department of Revenue's website at [www.colorado.gov/pacific/tax/property-tax-rent-heat-credit-ptc-rebate-file](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/tax/property-tax-rent-heat-credit-ptc-rebate-file) for more information and the rebate application booklet.

To find out if you qualify for LEAP, call toll-free at 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435) or visit [www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap](http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap) to view the most current program application requirements and to download an application. Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2016.

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# HAPS

## Joyful Journey community participation

In November Joyful Journey collected non-perishable food items for donation to the community. Thank you everyone who participated! In December we will be collecting warm clothing items for the Saguache County Benovolence Fund for community holiday baskets. Items needed are warm socks, gloves, scarves and hats of all sizes for adults and children. These items will qualify for a \$1 per item (up to 3) discount on soaking or overnight stay.

## New—Joyful Journey astrology readings

Beginning November 15 Joyful Journey will be welcoming professional astrologer Adam Sommer to our staff for astrology readings in our greenhouse dome. Adam will be available Sundays 10am-2pm and Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 10am-12pm and 7pm-9pm. Please check out our Facebook page or call for details 719-256-4328.

## Christmas Bal Golulam at Ashram December 2

The Annual Christmas Bal Golulam (Children's Program) at the Haidakhandi Universal Ashram is on Sat. Dec.12 from 10:30am until noon followed by a potluck lunch. A wonderful time for children to do some yoga, hear a story (about baby Jesus) while they make ornaments and decorate the trees in the temple. They will next do a puja to baby Jesus, Joseph, and Mary and set up the manger for Christmas and sing a few Christmas songs.

It is a lovely time for all ages. A parent or guardian must be with the child at all times. For more information or to let us know what you are bringing for the potluck call Kelly at 256-5511, Vesper at 256-4569, or the Ashram at 256-4108.

## Two workshops with Láné Sáan Moonwalker

**Honoring our wild herds**  
Here in Crestone and the Baca we are fortunate to have not only deer and elk but antelope as well. Hooved creatures, or ungulates, are found everywhere in the world except Antarctica. Although they keep forests and grasslands healthy, they are dependent on the larger predators to stay in balance themselves. They can teach us how to function in groups, something that we humans struggle with. We will be focusing on our local ungulates.

Saturday, December 5 from 9:30 to 4:30. \$75 or \$140 for both workshops. To register and for location call Dorje Root, 719-937-7786, or dorjeroot@yahoo.com.

**Wisdom of the Deer**  
Deer are our most common local ungulate. Like humans, they don't self-regulate their numbers. They can live with or without us, but can also take advantage of us. Deer are very accepting creatures and can teach us about acceptance, both of ourselves and of groups of our own kind. Come and learn more about these brown-eyed beings who share our community.

Sunday, December 6 from 9:30 to 4:30. \$75 or \$140 for both workshops. To register and for location call Dorje Root, 719-937-7786, or dorjeroot@yahoo.com.

## Holiday craft sale at HRRMC

The HRRMC Holiday Craft Sale will be held on Monday, Dec. 7, from 7am to 1pm in the hospital's second-floor conference rooms, 1000 Rush Drive, Salida.

Baked goods, jewelry, spa products, home decor and other items handcrafted by Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center employees will be for sale. A portion of the proceeds benefits the HRRMC Foundation.

For more information, contact Monica Hutson at 719-530-2477.

**See the Holiday Guide section for upcoming Holiday events**



## Amulya Dawn, Craniosacral Therapist

Kudos to Amulya Dawn Beechwood LMT, CEIM, (soon to be RCST®) for graduating from the Santa Fe School of Massage on November 8, 2015 with a 714 hour Certificate in Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy. Amulya has been interested in Craniosacral Therapy since graduating from the Crestone Healing Arts Center in 2000. She was lucky to take an intro course with Roger Gilchrist MA, RPE, RCST® back in 2002 here in Crestone. Roger told Amulya about Scott Zamurut RCST® and his training in Santa Fe, and she began working with Scott in 2007. She would like to thank her teachers, family, friends, and the Santa Fe School of Massage for their support of her training over the past many years. Congratulations, Amulya Dawn!

## Fundraiser for Ivan

Saturday, January 23 there will be a pie, cake and dessert auction and art, craft and jewelry auction with live music held at the Crestone Charter School. The event will support Ivan Lakish's living expenses while he completes the final few months of paramedic internships.

For many years Ivan has served our community, first as a medic with the Baca Grande Ambulance Service and then as an EMT. Crestone and the Baca have a vital need for Ivan to complete this training so that he can perform critical life support procedures during ambulance calls and have access to technology and medicines that are not available to EMTs and lower-certification medics.

To complete his paramedic certification Ivan has completed months of rigorous training at St. Anthony's Hospital in Denver and now must complete several more months of unpaid internships running ambulance calls. Ivan has not been able to have a paying job since the beginning of paramedic training, and he is relying 100% on community support of family and friends to cover food and fuel expenses while he completes the requirements for certification.

Please consider making a small monthly pledge for the next four months to help Ivan get through his internships. Call 970-319-4361 to make a donation or go online to [www.gofundme.com/o3qw34](http://www.gofundme.com/o3qw34)

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# Community Calendar—December 2015

Get the details at [www.crestoneeagle.com](http://www.crestoneeagle.com) // NOW UPDATED DAILY ONLINE!!!

If you would like more information on any of the below events, please consult our online calendar at [www.crestoneeagle.com/calendar](http://www.crestoneeagle.com/calendar).

It's free and easy to place an item on our online calendar any time of month. Just fill out the form at [www.crestoneeagle.com/myevent](http://www.crestoneeagle.com/myevent).

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

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

## Monthly Events

### Wednesday, December 2

- Christmas Bal Golulam at Ashram – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:30 am-noon 256-4108
- 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
- Yoga & Yoga Nidra class – 62 Horse Tooth Trail 9:00 am-10:30 am 310-924-9223
- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome! 3-5pm Free. Donation appreciated. [nurashkijerrahi.org](http://nurashkijerrahi.org) 256-4290

### Friday, December 4

- Art Show & Sale to benefit Wolf Creek – Community Partnerships Gallery, Alamosa 4-7pm <http://bit.ly/1N8wWLX> 719-589-1518
- Cary Morin at WildWood Sounds in Del Norte – Wildwood Sounds 7:00 pm 719-657-4757

### Saturday, December 5

- Saguache Friends of the Library Holiday Bazaar, Saguache Community Bldg 9am-3pm 655-2566
- Honoring of our wild herds workshop – 9:30 am-4:30 pm \$75 719-937-7786
- Recycling in Crestone, across from Aventa 10am-2pm \$10/avg household 719-588-2703
- Ski & Gear Swap – Colorado State Forest Service Office 10:00 am-1:00 pm 336-607-4465
- Christmas Tea Party & Luncheon – Crestone Baptist Church 11:00 am-1:00 pm
- Dakini Tsok (Vajrayana Communal Feast) – Choying Dzong 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
- A Christmas Carol performance – Historic Ute Theatre, Saguache 6:30pm \$5 adults; 10 & under free

### Sunday, December 6

- Wisdom of the Deer workshop – 9:30 am-4:30 pm \$75 719-937-7786

### Monday, December 7

- Conjunction of moon & Venus – 4:00 am
- Soul Awareness Seminar & Pot Luck, Susan Fey's Home 5-7pm 719-496-0977
- Yoga & Yoga Nidra class – Crestone 5:00 pm-6:30 pm Drop in \$12; 6 for \$60. 310-924-9223
- Crestone Planning Commission Meeting – Crestone Town Hall 6-8pm 719-256-4313

Don't judge people by their relatives.

## Daily/Weekly Events

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

### Daily

- Morning Aarati, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 8-9am, 256-4108, [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org)
- Tours, Temple, & Gift Shop ~ Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 256-4108, [info@babajashram.org](mailto:info@babajashram.org), [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org)
- Jyorei, Shumei Sanctuary, please be seated by 7:50am and 5:50pm, 256-5284
- Tours, gallery & Jyorei, Shumei, 9am-5pm, 256-5284
- Evening Aarati, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 5-6pm, 256-4108, [info@babajashram.org](mailto:info@babajashram.org), [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org)

### Sunday

- Sunday mass at Nada Hermitage Nada Carmelite Hermitage 9:00 am-10:00 am 719-256-4778
- Sunday teaching Sri Aurobindo Learning Ctr. 10am-noon <http://sriurobindo.org> 256-4917, 256-6010
- Sunday morning Bible Study & Service Crestone Baptist Church 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- Anam Thubten recorded Meditation Teachings 4:30 pm [debrunninghorse@gmail.com](mailto:debrunninghorse@gmail.com)
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone-Town Hall 7:00 pm-8:00 pm [www.slvaa.org](http://www.slvaa.org)

### Tuesday, December 8

- Public hearing to consider vacating Cty. Rd. 67.5 – Saguache County Courthouse 10:30 am
- Tea Ceremony, Music & Dance Amidst Japanese Art at Shumei – Shumei International Institute 4:00 pm-5:30 pm Free [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) 719-256-5284

### Wednesday, December 9

- Crestone End of Life Project Monthly Meeting – Topping House 7-9pm free 719-256-4211

### Thursday, December 10

- Yoga & Yoga Nidra class – 62 Horse Tooth Trail 9:00 am-10:30 am 310-924-9223

### Friday, December 11

- New Moon – All Day
- New-moon Fire Ceremony, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-noon [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org) 719-256-4108
- Plant Music Concert Shumei 7-9:30pm \$10 Suggested Donation [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) 256-5284

### Saturday, December 12

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

### Sunday, December 13

- Shumei Monthly Sampai, Sanctuary 10:30am-noon Free [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) 256-5284
- Annual Ellzey photography open house – Casa LZ 2:00 pm-6:00 pm

### Monday, December 14

- Town of Crestone Board of Trustees Meeting – Crestone Town Hall 1:30 pm-6:00 pm
- Soul Awareness Seminar & Pot Luck, Susan Fey's Home 5-7pm 719-496-0977
- Yoga & Yoga Nidra class – Crestone 5:00 pm-6:30 pm Drop in \$12; 6 for \$60. 310-924-9223

### Thursday, December 17

- Yoga & Yoga Nidra class – 62 Horse Tooth Trail 9:00 am-10:30 am 310-924-9223
- Sufi Dhikr: Celebration of Rumi's Urs + Potluck. All welcome, 3-6pm Free. Donation appreciated. [nurashkijerrahi.org](http://nurashkijerrahi.org) 719-256-4290
- BGPOA Board of Directors Meeting – BGPOA Meeting Room 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
- Satsang, offerings of truth with Sharon Landrith – 7:00 pm-9:00 pm [sharonlandrith.com](http://sharonlandrith.com)

### Friday, December 18

- Baca Library Holiday Open House – Baca Library 1:00 pm-4:00 pm Free 719-256-4100

### Saturday, December 19

- Recycling in Crestone, across from Aventa 10am-2pm \$10/avg household 719-588-2703

### Sunday, December 20

- Guru Rinpoche Tsok (Vajrayana communal feast) – Choying Dzong 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

### Monday, December 21

- Yoga & Yoga Nidra class – Crestone 5:00 pm-6:30 pm Drop in \$12; 6 for \$60. 310-924-9223
- Christmas concert, Colorado College – CC Auditorium 7pm \$15 adults; \$12 seniors; \$10 students

### Tuesday, December 22

- Winter Solstice – 9:45 pm

### Thursday, December 24

- Christmas Eve Service – Crestone Baptist Church 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
- Christmas Eve mass at Nada Carmelite Hermitage 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 719-256-4778

### Friday, December 25

- Christmas Day – All Day
- Full Moon – All Day
- Full-moon Fire Ceremony – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:00 am-noon [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org) 719-256-4108

### Thursday, December 31

- New Years Eve Dinner & a Movie – Crestone Baptist Church 6:00 pm-10:00 pm

### Saturday, January 2

- Recycling in Crestone, across from Aventa 10am-2pm \$10/avg household 719-588-2703

### Monday, January 4

- Dakini Tsok (Vajrayana Communal Feast) – Choying Dzong 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

### Thursday, January 14

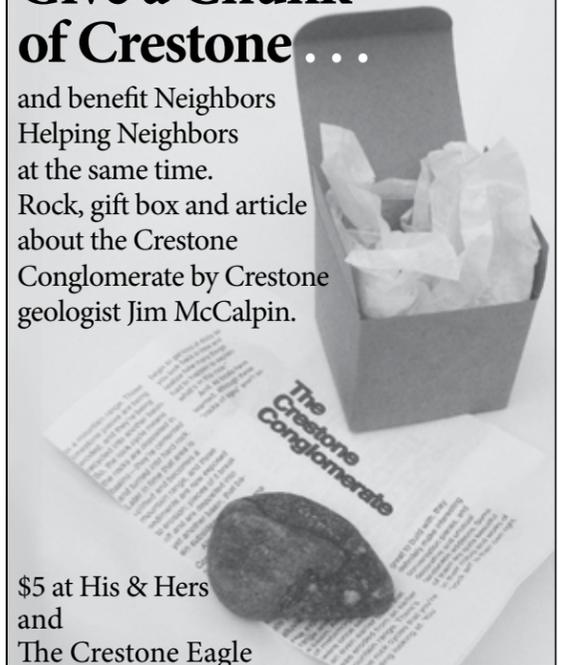
- BGPOA Board of Directors Meeting – BGPOA Meeting Room 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

The best theology is probably no theology; just love one another.  
-Charles Schulz

## Give a Chunk of Crestone

and benefit Neighbors Helping Neighbors at the same time. Rock, gift box and article about the Crestone Conglomerate by Crestone geologist Jim McCalpin.

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## WinterFest lit up the town!

by Paula Hudson

Crestone's WinterFest was off and running Nov. 27 with the kickoff party at the Artisans Gallery. They served up mulled wine and food as well as paintings, pottery, jewelry, wood works and metal works. The new artists made a fine showing and added life and color to the festivities.

The behind-the-scenes gang did a thorough job of decorating the whole town. The Cloud Station, Creamery, Bliss, Town Hall, Sangre de Cristo Inn, and Bob's Diner and the Gallery were brightly lit and identified as places to find "Arts and Eats." Crestone's artisans were out in force with beautiful goods for sale such as handmade jewelry, baked goods and knitted wear. There we also very talented cooks and food specialist selling their wares. Bob's Diner provided hot dogs and chilli with all the fixings and, on Friday night everyone gathered outside to illuminate the giant pine. The bonfire on Silver Street provided warmth and charm in the cold night.

On Saturday the fun continued with the petting zoo in Little Pearl Park where Big Mama, the camel, made an appearance. The evening finished with a dinner catered by Cavillos at the Charter School—with all profits going to the Food Bank.

Many thanks to everyone who made this a festive and successful Crestone WinterFest celebration!



Jim Hollmer happily drives the tractor for the hay/sleigh rides during Winterfest. All the kids (big and small) thought it was a lot of fun! photo by Lori Nagel

## Crestone Nordic Ski Alliance is ready for winter fun—let it snow!

by Peter May

As I write this the snow is falling. We are excited for Nordic skiing and snowshoeing to begin this winter! The Crestone Nordic Ski Alliance (CNSA) had its first meeting of the year on November 11, and 7 members attended. It was great to see more skiers coming out to help make the local Nordic ski club a success.

Here's what's going on this year: The US Forest Service has closed the South Crestone/Willow Lake Trailhead Road at the gate as of November 24, and we again have a USFS permit to groom in the Rio Grande National Forest. This will allow the CNSA to groom the roads on the uphill side of the gate. Last year, we had about 80 days of skiing on the groomed trails. We're hoping for the same or better this year. We again are thankful for the efforts from Mark Potter and family for maintaining the grooming machines and for all of the support in grooming our ski and snowshoe trails. Grooming in this area will begin on or after November 24 and when there is sufficient snow.

New for this year is that we hope to groom loops to the south of the Trailhead Road, making a total of up to 5km of groomed ski and snowshoe trails. There is a possibility of expanding the trail grooming activities to adjacent lands, and increasing the length

of the trails. We will be grooming for classic Nordic skiing, and skate skiing where possible.

We will also be grooming the Baca golf course when there is sufficient snow. This is a great place for beginners to start, for skate skiing, and for double poling. Length of the snow trails can vary between 1.5 km and 3 km.

When you are using the snow trails, please remember to walk or snowshoe out of the ski tracks. There will be signs posted. Also, please control your dogs to keep the tracks and trails free of excrement.

We need support for the CNSA! Membership is \$20 per person, or \$30 per family. As a supporting member, you will receive notifications of when the trails are groomed, invitations to club events, a really cool CNSA sticker, and the appreciation that you are supporting a very healthy, winter activity for the community to enjoy.

Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to E3 KFM, a local non-profit corporation, which sponsors the Crestone Nordic Ski Alliance. Please send checks to E3 KFM, PO Box 686, Crestone, Colorado 81131. For more information, or to help make the Crestone Nordic Ski Alliance a success, see the Crestone Nordic Ski Alliance page on Facebook, or email [e3stewardshipnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:e3stewardshipnetwork@gmail.com). Happy skiing and snowshoeing!



All the kids (and a couple big kids too!) pose with the fairy, Auntie Diane Barstow, after she finished performing a very entertaining puppet show for them! photo by Lori Nagel



Heather D'Alessio's son, Toby, is so excited to see Santa! at WinterFest. photo by Lori Nagel



Aoife Kelly & Chad Tate's daughter, Saoirse, was so happy to spend a lil' quality time with Santa Claus. photo by Lori Nagel



Elaine Johnson (center) with her daughter (left), her mother (right) and her 2 granddaughters, waiting for the tree-lighting ceremony at WinterFest on Friday night, 11/27. photo by Lori Nagel

# Carry the Light

by Suzie Ryan

Retreatants who come to Nada Hermitage for silent, solitary retreat time are from all over the geographic as well as spiritual map. Sometimes their requests are urgent, a realization of a hunger within themselves for a place of stillness. Other times they are not even sure exactly why, only aware they need time and space away, leaving behind what is familiar for a short while to take heart-soundings in the silence of the desert. A good Sufi friend of ours gave his students on retreat here at Nada a lovely suggested meditation: "Gaze at the sky. Notice that its space extends through you. Experience your heart—the kind presence and volume of your chest—as spaciousness inseparable from the sky."

By year's end I too am aware of my heart's need for some breathing space and time. As the cold season of winter approaches and the season of Advent on the horizon, I feel a little thin around the edges, less than spacious inside. Winter is the season of my discontent. Restless and resistant, I want summer back, I want our garden back, I want the long days of light and warmth back. We all know in our bones and spirit the impact less light can have on every level of our being. It can feel endless. The lights go out. So I need to release expectations and allow the shorter days of less light to become my teacher. I have to wait for the light to lengthen in its time, outside and in.

A book I return to often when I lose that inner sense of light is Iain Matthews' *The Impact of God*, subtitled "Soundings from St. John of the Cross." "Soundings" is perfect, as Matthews goes to the depths to help us mine out the wisdom offered by John for the times when we have lost sight of any life-giving light, a time not limited necessarily to the season of winter. Matthews reminds us to not be afraid of how empty the darkness can feel. We cannot necessarily do anything to get rid of it. Waiting, giving it time may be the only "action" we can take. But we can choose to surrender and trust as God and spirit move into the dark with us. Matthews writes, "for John of the Cross, God is an approaching God, and our main job will not be to construct, but to receive; the key word will not be so much 'achievement' as 'space.' Making space for God in order to receive with the emphasis not on our forging a way, but on our getting out of the way."



Inspirational reading and simply waiting are important, yet sometimes I need to do something concrete that's connected and can help address whatever form the darkness or winter within is taking in any given season. Creating a semblance of order around me is one way. I know God dwells with us in the cluttered chaos and struggles of our lives, but sometimes the simple, mundane act of cleaning out my closet helps. I make space. I wash my floor, delete old computer files, plug-in the twinkle lights over my desk and kitchen area at night. I create light and make some visible space around me. And I wait.

Then, sometimes, the light comes in from unexpected places. After a month away for cancer treatments last November, I came home to Nada and was surprised to see a small piñon tree outside of Agape lit up with colorful Christmas lights. Everyone enjoyed it especially on Christmas eve as they arrived for 7pm mass. When I saw it I was utterly moved by a friend's gesture of love that left my heart feeling a little bit lighter, a little more spacious.

At the heart of the season of Advent we move deeper and deeper into night, be it the chaos in our hard lives, the resistance to cold weather, the loss of hope or of ever feeling the warmth of the sun again. We simply do what we can by making space in our hearts, by setting aside a room in the inn of our beings for the coming of the light, for Christ. Again, Matthews, "That is the meaning of the 'nada', nothing: a space shaped for Christ . . . the darkness that can eat into human life, with its threat of isolation and appearance of chaos has taken on Christ's contours. It has become a space for his Father to fill." John of the Cross reminds us: where there is no love, put love and there we will find love. So too we can apply that principle to our Advent practice and rituals: where there is

no light, put light and there you will find light. We light the candles, plug in the twinkle lights bringing in light and space whenever and however we can, for ourselves, our friends—and leave the rest to God. During the last days of Advent we will mark the Winter Solstice. Then, everything will begin to shift ever so slightly and we will find ourselves leaning back into that Promised Light.

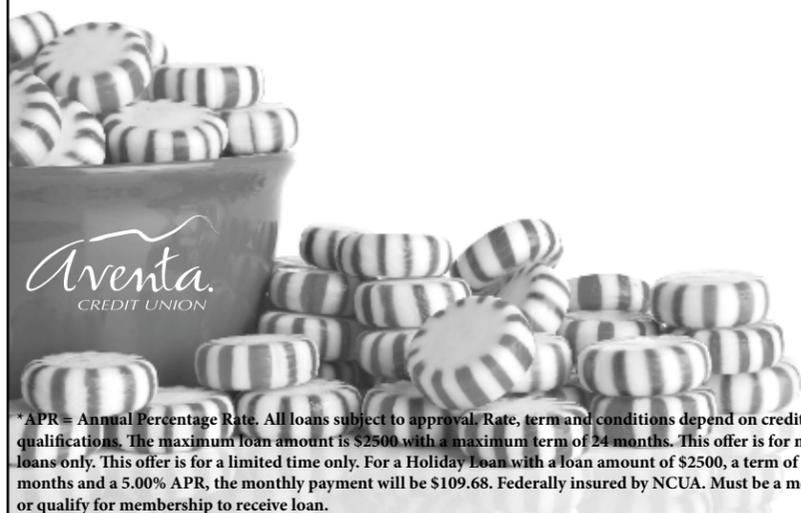
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# PROFILES IN MUSIC: ALMA SEVER

## *Doubling down on instruments, talents & genres*

by **Eli Dokson**

When Alma Hildegard Elizabeth Sever moved to Crestone a year and a half ago, she had been playing classical violin for 20 of her 24 years of life. She'd been rocking out on electric guitar since she was 12 years old and had already logged many miles and many gigs with many bands. And yet when she first arrived in Crestone in April of 2014, she really wasn't sure if she wanted to be a professional musician. Now she knows.

Al's parents, both accomplished musicians (dad on piano and sax, mom on violin), told Al and her older brother, "You don't get to play a second instrument just for fun until you first learn to play a classical instrument with formal instruction and lots of practice." It was back in 1993 when little Alma first picked up the violin in Albuquerque, NM, and she continues to work on mastering her instrument today. As a youngster she began playing in the Albuquerque Junior Orchestra, worked her way up to the Junior Symphony and eventually to the Albuquerque Youth Symphony, where she played for 7 years, touring the U.S. and performing internationally, in Brazil!

Though she grew up in a household that listened mostly to classical and jazz, once her brother introduced her to rock and roll and she strapped on her first electric guitar, Alma became obsessed with teaching herself every Led Zeppelin song. When asked if playing the violin helped her learn to play guitar, Al expressed that while having frets on a guitar certainly does make the neck easy to navigate compared to the violin, playing guitar by ear and learning to improvise has opened up her approach to the playing the violin. Playing violin used to require reading music from a score, but now Al rocks out on the violin too! Al still keeps up her classical chops (she's working on a Telemann piece at the moment), and though she might spend a year (or more) on a classical number, she can learn 20 rock songs in a few days. Of

course, that is, if she can find the time.

When Alma graduated from CU Boulder in 2011 with a double major in Molecular Cellular Developmental Biology (MCDB) and Neuroscience, she still was uncertain in what direction her life was heading. Though she had been offered a scholarship to the University of Rochester in NY, which was near the prestigious Eastman School of Music, she instead opted to study science, looking towards a possible career in medicine. She took time off from college to explore the music scene in Boston and consider attending Berklee College of Music; after a year she chose to return to Boulder to complete her degree. By this time Al had been playing violin and guitar in a number of bands (Technicolor Tone Factory, The Other Side of the Sun—which became Gipsy Moon who played at the 2015 Crestone Music Festival—and others), jamming in front of large crowds and loving it.

But Al was facing the age-old dilemma of choosing a "conventional" career versus making the sacrifices necessary to be a touring performing artist, being highly qualified in both. After college she landed a job in a research lab, and had also started 3 bands, including 2 all-girl bands (the Tah Tah's and the Bush Administration). Those bands didn't last, partly because they did not rock-out the way Alma likes to rock, and also be-

cause working as a full-time scientist by day and performing music at night was a challenge.

After visiting a friend in Crestone, Alma felt it was time for a change, and a short time later she made the move. She quickly started working for Crestone Performances Inc. (which puts on the Crestone Music Festival and provides youth programs for our schools) and *The Crestone Eagle* (where she is the Advertising Manager), as well as playing in the popular reggae band the Jah Kings. Al also commutes to the Front Range, often twice a week, to play in the talented 8-piece band, Lady and the Gentlemen.

I'm exhausted just thinking about it. How does she do it? Well, she loves what's she's doing, playing music that satisfies her soul; she works for folks who support her by being flexible enough to accommodate her crazy sched-

ule; and she has the energy of a 26-year-old—but she also realizes that the clock is ticking and the time is now! Al said she loves returning to the renewing quiet and beauty of Crestone after loud gigs in front of ever-increasing crowds.

Alma's 2016 is already filled with upcoming tours but with time carved out to assist in producing the Crestone Music Festival. Her long-term dream? To make enough money as a professional musician to open a brewery (her science will surely come in handy)—a live music venue with a recording studio upstairs! No doubt this lady will make it happen. And be sure to check out Jah Kings and Lady and the Gentlemen. Keep rockin' Alma!



Alma Sever rocking out on the guitar.



Alma Sever playing the violin.

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# Who We Are

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Here for each other in times of need

by Gussie Fauntleroy

Back in the mid-1990s, when far fewer people lived in the Crestone/Baca area, there was no local organization to turn to when life delivered a sudden and unexpected blow—a car wreck or serious illness, for example—where income stops but bills continue and emergency expenses quickly add up. People helped each other as they could. Sometimes a wealthy, kind-hearted individual like then-resident Fred Dugan would step up to help a neighbor over the hump.



Joany Peterson (L) and Lynda Kucin from Neighbors Helping Neighbors. photo by Lori Nagel

That's what happened when a mobile home off Highway 17 burned down, leaving homeless a mother and her five children who attended the Crestone Charter School. After Fred generously helped replace the family's home, community members realized that an individual could not be asked to foot the bill whenever an emergency arose. So in 1997 Pat Scott and Joyce Iwasaki set up a non-profit organization to which tax-deductible donations could be made. Thus was born Neighbors Helping Neigh-

bors (NHN), aimed at giving community members in crisis a boost to get back on their feet.

### Helping hundreds over the years

Pat and Joyce both moved away not long after founding the organization, which lay dormant for about a year. Then a group got together at Fred Dugan's house to determine if there was enough interest and volunteer energy to start it back up. There was. Out of that gathering came the first NHN board: Lynda Kucin, president;

Robin (Rosie) Rosenberg, vice president; Joany Peterson, secretary; Betty Heftle, treasurer, and board members Marv Mattis and Hank and Norma Horack. Since then NHN has continued uninterrupted and over the years has provided emergency assistance to many hundreds of individuals and families. That assistance has gone toward things like car repairs, rent, mortgage, utility bills, firewood, medical expenses, food credit in local stores, and emergency travel. Funds always go directly to



A cheerful crowd of volunteers made NHN's Thanksgiving Potluck happen this year. A special thanks to Judie Rose (L) who really went to great lengths to ensure the event went off without a hitch. photo by Lori Nagel



NHN's Thanksgiving potluck, November 22. photo by Lori Nagel

pay bills or providers of services; money is never handed to those who apply for help.

Many times when an emergency strikes, just having bills covered for a short time can buy enough breathing space to figure out what to do next. But sometimes, especially with a major illness, that's not enough. In these kinds of cases NHN often organizes fundraising events specifically to go toward that applicant's needs. The board may also set up a special account at Aventa Credit Union where donations can be made to pay bills for a specific person or family over a longer period of time. These are the only times when an applicant's name is made public. Otherwise, names of both donors and those requesting help are confidential.

### Everything changes on a dime

"When an emergency happens, everything stops. Everything in your life just changes on a dime," Robin says. She's speaking from experience. In 2008, after serving on the NHN board for almost 10 years, Robin found herself and her family on the receiving end after her husband Ed was diagnosed with cancer. (He died in 2011.) With the illness, their income stopped, and soon medical and living expenses had drained their savings. Benefit events through NHN raised enough money to allow the Rosenbergs to keep their home, enough time to "get my feet under me to figure out what to do," Robin says.

Massage therapist Cathy Amenta, also a former NHN board member, had to stop working prior to a needed hysterectomy in March of this year. As it turned out, the surgery revealed stage-4 ovarian cancer. Among Cathy's most immediate needs was car repairs to be able to get to Denver every week for treatments. Through NHN she also received food credit at Elephant Cloud and payment for treatments from a local physician with a holistic approach. Cathy successfully completed treatment with a trial drug and is recuperating, planning to begin working again in January. Until her income resumes, however, she is still dependent on the Aventa account set up by NHN to pay bills; donations are still needed for that account. "I don't even want to think about what would have happened without Neighbors," she says. "It's been instrumental in me being able to win this battle with cancer, because I didn't have the extra stress. The financial stress when you're faced with a crisis is enormous—you can't imagine."

### Neighbors helping build community

Over the years almost 40 local residents have put in tremendous amounts of time and energy serving on the NHN board. Along with receiving requests, interviewing applicants, negotiating with businesses for reduced bills, and filling applicant's needs, volunteers organize an array of fundraising activities, including dances, dinners,



Synchronized swimmers at NHN Cabin Fever Talent Show.



Diane Bairstow leads a spontaneous round of the Hokey Pokey at last year's NHN Cabin Fever event on March 8, 2014. photo by Lori Nagel

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## Neighbors Helping Neighbors facts

- To request assistance, there are no income verification requirements or forms to fill out—just a simple written explanation of the situation and needs. However, requests for assistance must be made in writing and mailed to NHN, P.O. Box 822, Crestone, CO 81131. The box is checked daily.

- NHN limits the number of times it helps the same individual or family. NHN cannot provide ongoing “maintenance” support. However, board members can offer guidance on other resources, agencies or organizations that may be able to help.

- All donations and requests for assistance are strictly confidential except in cases where a name is necessary for a special fundraising account or event.

- All NHN activity is done by volunteers. All donations go directly to pay applicants’ bills or expenses. Administrative costs for ads, printing, and stamps are paid by funds explicitly earmarked by donors for those expenses.

- All donations are tax deductible.

- To volunteer in any way, call any of the current board members: Lili Zohar, Donna Peizer, Angela Anderson, Rodney Volkmar, Renee Hill, Joany Peterson-Nelson, Lynda Kucin, Cheryl Waschenko, Ted and Mary Wolf, or Margot Williams. (See the NHN phone book for numbers.)

## Crestone artist Phillip Tarlow wows Houston



Phillip Tarlow's *Hardwood's opening*.

by Dan Perlman

Phillip Tarlow has been busy painting in Crestone using his new perspective on the world. His show entitled “Ano Kato”, which translates from Greek as “Upside Down”, opened November 5th at the Gre-million Fine Arts gallery in Houston, Texas. The show had 22 oil on linen paintings. Phillip has had a relationship with this gallery for the past 22 years.

The foundation of his Houston show is what one might call “a view from above”. This fresh juxtaposition depicts people and objects more like one might imagine from a drone or security camera mounted in a tower. Since the SLV will soon be a hot bed of drone activity, it is interesting that Phillip took this unique futuristic perspective into his painting in the past year.

The opening was well attended by art patrons, many of whom are already collectors of Phillip’s work. “His painting style reflects a play of light and shadows around everyday activities, resulting in a fascinating orientation unique to Phillip” said one of the patrons at the opening reception. She went on to describe this “bird’s eye paradigm” as “one that fills your heart with a feeling of excitement”.



Phillip Tarlow discussing painting.

When I asked Philip his thoughts on the collection of paintings, he remarked “it’s very interesting to see people looking at my paintings, which I have working on

as a recluse in my studio for over a year”. I think he is very happy with the world’s first look at his work and its nuanced perspective. You can see his work at <http://philiptarlow.com>.



Joany Peterson, Bon Delegar, Lynda Kucin and Meryl Ennis always having fun as they help to run the Annual NHN Garage Sale May 25, 2013. photo by Lori Nagel



NHN holds a garage sale every summer, in which members of the community donate items to raise money for NHN, which then goes right back into the community to help those in need. A win-win for all! May 15, 2013 the sale was held at the former Curt’s Olde Country Store (currently Elephant Cloud Market). photo by Lori Nagel

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and silent and live auctions. NHN puts on Crestone’s annual community Thanksgiving dinner; it hosts talent shows, community yard sales, the annual Telluride Mountainfilm Festival here, and other events. NHN also publishes the local Crestone phone book every two years, and has produced a Crestone cookbook, copies of which are still available. “We constantly try to think of fun ways for the com-

munity to give NHN money,” says Joany, who has served on the board almost continuously since 1999.

Along with the satisfaction of helping neighbors in crisis, board members say the experience provides them with other benefits as well. For one, it’s a continuous exercise in not judging others. “If someone needs help we try not to judge (their situation), because this might just be the hand-up they need,” Joany says. “I think it has taught us all compassion,” adds Lynda. For Robin, who has lived here since 1984, Neighbors

Helping Neighbors reflects a consciousness of mutual responsibility and caring about those with whom we share this place. “From the start it was about community building,” she says. “It was about making a strong, healthy place to raise our children and take care of our elders in joy and health.”

Gussie welcomes ideas for this ongoing series on Crestone area residents: [gussie7@fairpoint.net](mailto:gussie7@fairpoint.net).

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## Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

November was another wonderful month here at the Ashram with Diwali, the Festival of Lights, perhaps the biggest highlight. There were candles and luminaries everywhere, touching presentations of chants and songs by many different groups, sumptuous Indian food, and lots of people, nearly 150. It was a momentous night.

As we move into the shorter days of winter, we will shift our morning and evening aarati schedule to 8am in the morning and 5pm in the evening. We have our new-moon fire ceremony on Friday, December 11 and our full-moon fire ceremony on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25. Both begin at 10am and are followed by a meal.

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The Maha Lakshmi Shop just received many large (up to 3' high) brass statues; Ganesh, Buddha, Tara, Hanuman, Lakshmi, Saraswati, Shiva, and so many more. We also now have lovely crystal lotuses in several sizes. We have put all of the Weleda Face Creams and Oils on sale at 20% off for great holiday shopping. We 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 4pm. 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://mahalakshishop.wazala.com>.

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by Rod Hemsell

“The Breath of things is an Immortal Life, but of this body ashes are the end.”

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The fundamental principle of this system has been thoroughly and explicitly stated in a short commentary on the Isha Upanishad by Sri Aurobindo.

“Matter supplies us with the body; but it is only a temporary knot of the movement . . . Once it is thrown aside by the Life-principle it is dissolved; ashes are its end. Therefore the body is not ourselves, but only an outer tool and instrument.

“The Life-principle in us survives. It is the immortal Breath or, as the phrase really means, the subtle force of existence which is superior to the principle of birth and death. At first sight it may appear that birth and death are attributes of the Life, but it is not really so: birth and death are processes of Matter, of the body. The Life-principle is not formed and dissolved in the formulation and dissolution of the body; if that were so, there could be no continuity of the individual existence and all would go back at death into the formless. Life forms body, it is not formed by it. It is the thread upon which the continuity of our successive bodily lives is arranged, precisely because it is itself immortal” (Isha Upanishad:79).

As practitioners will know, there are specific means for liberating oneself from illusory attachments in order to experience the peace of immortality before death and thereby avoid unnecessary rebirths. This

possibility and aim require an active will to achieve liberation in this life, but they also have far-reaching benefits beyond this liberation.

“We live in what we are doing, we do not control what has been done, but are rather controlled by our past works which we have forgotten. This is because we dwell in the action and its fruits instead of living in the soul and viewing the stream of action from behind it. The true Will stands back from the actions and therefore is their lord and not bound by them.

“The Upanishad solemnly invokes the will . . . to become a power of knowledge and self-possession and not only a power of impulsion and self formulation. It will thus more and more approximate itself to the true Will and preside over the co-ordination of the successive lives with a conscious control” (Isha:80).

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# Ask Dr. B about pets

## Hungry deer & elk?

by Linda Behrns

We all pretty much know that feeding the deer and elk in the winter, or any other time, is frowned upon. But why? Does the curmudgeonly wildlife department like to see them go hungry? Obviously not, but what is the problem?

The biggest issue is the harmful effects on the animals themselves. Fruit and grains that are not a part of the deer or elk's normal diet can be extremely difficult for them to digest. The high levels of carbohydrates and low fiber levels can cause potentially fatal rumen acidosis. Corn and apples are the hardest for them to digest because the gut microbes needed to break them down are different from those that break down the more fibrous foods that make up their natural winter diet. This mismatch can result in deer or elk starving because they are unable to absorb the needed nutrients. Fruit and grains also do not have the amounts and types of vitamins, minerals, and especially fiber that deer and elk need to stay healthy.

Other issues with feeding the deer and elk is the increased chance of the spread of diseases such as brucellosis and tuberculosis when they congregate closely together. Mountain lions and other predators are attracted when deer and elk consistently gather in one spot and they can be a threat to livestock, pets and even people. Increasing the numbers of deer and elk around your property can also lead to damaged trees and landscaping.

Can't resist feeding something outside this winter? Why not feed the birds instead? Feeding the birds, especially when there is deep snow, can make a big difference to their ability to survive the winter.

If you do feed the birds make sure to keep the feeders full and try to be consistent in feeding them throughout the winter. Stamping down the snow around the feeder helps ground feeding birds gather the seeds that drop from the feeder. Putting out a little water on warmer days is also a big help. Seeing the birds gather around your feeder can brighten up even the dreariest of winter days.



Crestone Deputy Wayne Clark enthusiastically teaches a gun safety class to eager students at the YES Building on November 14. photo by Lori Nagel

## Kuma Tactical gun safety

by Mary Lowers

Kuma Tactical's motto is "Defend, Survive, Thrive". Kuma means bear in Japanese. This family business run by Wayne and Fredericka Clark includes classes for Concealed Carry Certification, Personal Protection and a selection of survival gear. According to Lead Instructor Wayne Clark, "Every six weeks in Saguache and Crestone we hold a NRA certification class. We provide everything: food, paperwork, pens and certificates. Our classes include lots of individual attention and advice."

The classes are taught by NRA-certified instructors. The courses are kept small, with fewer than six students in a class. They are around four hours long and include personal range time. According to Clark, "there's lots of individual attention and advice" given with every class. The Colorado Conceal Carry Class prepares you to go to the sheriff and get your permit to carry concealed.

Kuma will come to your home and do a home inspection, showing the safest area in your house and developing a plan for home defense. As Fredericka Clark pointed out, "lots of women take the classes."

Lots of locals have taken advantage of our services." The youngest participants in the class are twelve years old and the oldest in their seventies. Personal Protection instruction tells a student "how to get away and stay alive. Your space is your space and no one needs to invade it." Fredericka told me. This is not a karate class; it is a survival class in getting away from an attacker.

Kuma Tactical carries many of what Wayne describes as "less than lethal options" for self defense including mace, batons and stun guns. Lots of survival gear is carried by Kuma including emergency food packets (MRE's), multipurpose survival knives, bracelets with compass and fire starter, credit card knives, fire starters and survival gear. They carry a five day survival kit packed in an easy-to-find bright red backpack. As Wayne commented, "with all the issues and problems going on in the world you need to be ready." A gift certificate from Kuma is a practical holiday gift. Call 719-298-6169 to hook up with the Clarks and Kuma Tactical's services.



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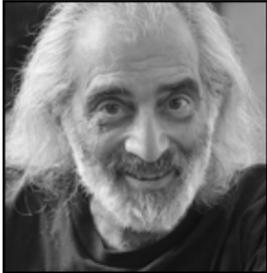


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## Aging as an art by Ammi Kohn

### Walking memories

by Ammi Kohn

We are walking together, my daughter and I, some 75 miles on the Camino de Santiago.

She originally volunteered to walk with me out of concern for my health and safety. But in the excitement of learning about the Camino and preparing for the walk, she completely embraced the concept, adopting it as if it had been her idea from the beginning.

Many years ago I had been a young father with a beautiful small daughter. Now we are 82 and 55.

We have vacationed together before, a trip to Israel and Turkey three years ago. It had been a great trip, but for pleasure only. Today we are pilgrims with a purpose and destination, the cathedral at Santiago. We walk the morning fog and mist in forests of giant Eucalyptus trees, through villages of small stone houses with slate roofs that wear tiny fields of mosses and grasses. Each morning we stop at a place that feels "right" to both of us and together sing our gratu- tudes. It rains three days straight, the paths are muddy, sometimes even little streams. But rain or sun, it makes no difference. This is our own unique camino.

Now the sun breaks through about 10:30 and we stop at a cafe for our morning café con leche. Nothing in the world exists but to live in the moment, to walk, enjoy our warm drink, talk with other pilgrims, and take great pleasure in each other's company.

There is a profound difference between being with your children in a family gathering and spending days alone with just one of your children. Many years ago after the divorce a wise woman gave me good advice. "Make sure you give each child separate and special attention". I followed that sage wisdom and now there are just the two of us, among hundreds of other pilgrims, traveling our own special camino, our own special time.

We arrive at the plaza in front of the cathedral, take off our boots, bless our tired feet in the sun, and share the joy of our journey's end with the other pilgrims arriving in the square with us that sun filled afternoon.

Faust . . . from seedling to full flower, from changing diapers to sharing café con leche on the Camino. Be very grateful, Ammi, for pilgrimage 2015.

Ammi . . . *Un viaje fantástico*, a fantastic journey, inner and outer.

## Moving Up Higher

Discover real joy in your daily journey



by Joyce Meyer

God wants each of us to have a deep, intimate, personal relationship with Him so we can enjoy our every- day lives and learn how to "do life" with Him. This means we do every single thing in our daily life with and for God. And when we realize we are just as close to Him at home doing laundry or at the grocery store as we are at church or during our time in prayer, then we are serving Him in everything we do.

It's All About Balance

The first several years I was in ministry, I didn't enjoy it. I worked too much and was too concerned about what others thought about me. I had a tendency to be this way because growing up, it seemed that the more I worked and the more I accomplished, the happier people were with me. Over time I became a first-rate workaholic.

It took me awhile to realize that "all work and no play" is not healthy, and God wants me to have abundant life. This meant I had to learn how to balance my priorities so that my relationship with God is always first, and then everything else follows. This includes my relationships with family and friends, along with work and taking time to relax.

It's not wrong to work hard, and I like to work. But if I don't make time to rest and just have fun, it won't take long for me to get out of balance and lose my joy.

Turn the Ordinary into the Extraordinary

So much of life can become a mundane routine that we only really enjoy it when we do something out of the ordinary, like go on vacation, go to a special event or do something exciting, like shop for a new dress. And many people have a "working for the weekend" mentality. But this

type of enjoy- ment is based on emotional excitement, not the joy God gives.

The joy of the Lord is much greater than simply feeling happy. It brings peace and contentment to your soul, even when your circum- stances are difficult and it doesn't make any sense. Nehemiah 8:10 says, "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

This kind of joy makes the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday routine enjoyable. And since most of life is Monday through Friday, we need to enjoy it!

The World Can't Give It to You

In John 15:11, Jesus says, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." The Amplified translation says "that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing." In the ten verses leading up to this one, Je- sus is talking about abiding in Him, because that's the key to living with His joy.

Abiding means "to live, dwell and remain in"; it's not just visiting once a week at church. It's having a personal relationship with Christ, being one with Him and doing life together. The truth is apart from Je- sus, we can do nothing of real value, but with Him, we can bear much good fruit (John 15:5).

God wants to abide with you every day, all throughout the day. He doesn't just want you to seek Him when you go to church or when you're desperate. His desire is to have a personal relationship with you, so you can experience His pres- ence in everything you do. That's when your everyday life is really enjoyable!

### Senior job training program seeks to partner with employers

The Senior Community Ser- vice Employment Program (SC- SEP) 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 com- mitment 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 as- signing them to temporary subsi- dized paid training and assisting them in their search for unsub-

sidized 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 SC- SEP program.

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CCC guys shooting bow and arrows.

photo by Lisa Bodey



Carrie Allen prepares Thanksgiving dinner for the youth.

photo by Jayson Stefanek

## Crestone Creative Council news

### Sponsor a week!

by Lisa Bodey

Crestone Creative Council (CCC) wishes the community a beautiful holiday season filled with abundance, peace and gratitude. Thank you to all of our supporters throughout the year. The Youth Work Force (YWF) helped 55 youth earn over \$16K in 148 jobs. We appreciate all of the clients who chose to hire through this program as it helps to create a more responsive work ethic in Crestone, intergenerational relationships and to build mentoring opportunities. Every time a young person works alongside you in the garden, stacks your firewood or cleans your place it is an opportunity for connection. In addition, worker's compensation and liability insurance are built into the job when you hire through the Town. We are thrilled to have Clare Stefanek as our new Coordinator and she is doing an excellent job. To hire youth, she can be reached at 719-849-8382 or [clarescyc@gmail.com](mailto:clarescyc@gmail.com). Gratitude to our anonymous donor who bought ice cream for our YWF meeting that was held at the Crestone Creamery.

We are very grateful to Carrie Allen who helps us with our buying, preparation and food making for all of our gatherings. Every Thursday she works alongside the youth to prepare a full dinner for 15-20 youth. This provides valuable opportunities for the young people to learn healthy meal preparation and clean-up in a supportive environment. Special thanks to the Crestone Food Bank, Elephant Cloud and the Crestone Mercantile for their discounts and donations throughout the year.

The Town of Crestone and

the Board of Directors have been a fabulous support system for helping us to develop this program. We now have two part-time positions in the Town's budget which enables us to offer these services to youth and families. Thank you to Akia Tanara for being the woman who empowered me to take action and start this program and for your years of support as a mentor and guide for its growth. CCC thanks you for your years of service to the Town and wishes you the best in your new endeavors.

CCC is requesting assistance from the community to be able to sustain offering these services and programs to young people. Our proposals for financial assistance to Saguache County, the POA and the Colorado Trust were all denied. We are searching out new sources of funding but we would like to offer an easy way for organizations and/or individuals to contribute to our program.

#### Sponsor a week at CCC for \$50

- Helps us purchase our weekly snacks and dinner which feeds approximately 15-20 youth
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If you have questions or would like more information about our programs, please contact Lisa Bodey at 719-480-5925 or [bodey-crestone@gmail.com](mailto:bodey-crestone@gmail.com).

## THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

### —MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



by Ish

**1/ Intangible Asset No. 82:** An unusual film about an elusive Shaman, Kim Seok-Chul, a grandmaster musician officially honored by his country, South Korea as its 82nd Intangible Asset and an Australian drummer who returns one more time after 16 failed attempts to study with him. (3+ stars)

**2/ Papadopoulos and Sons:** A feel-good film about a self-made millionaire who reluctantly reunites with his distant brother to reopen the abandoned fish and chips shop they shared in their youth. (3 stars)

**3/ The New Year:** Featured at the LA Film Fest of 2010, this film shows a breakout performance from Trieste Kelly Dunn and a great directorial debut by Brett Haley. Dunn, playing Sunny, left school when her father fell ill and is basically behind the shoe rental counter of the local bowling alley in her hometown of suburban Florida. Her life is on pause until a former high school rival comes to town and inspires her to re-evaluate what she wants and needs for herself. (3+ stars)

**4/ The Diary of Preston Plummer:** Upon his college graduation, Preston Plummer cannot think of one thing that he really loves. He goes adrift and follows a beautiful but troubled young woman to a small island town and begins to fall in love, but it threatens to fall apart when he uncovers her family's dark past. (3+ stars)

**5/ Redemption:** Jason Stratham is one of my favorite action actors; however in this film there is a lot more acting and emotional drama to delight over. He's homeless and on the run from a military court martial. A damaged ex-special forces soldier, he navigates the London underworld and assumes another man's identity, transforming into an avenging angel in the process. (4 stars)



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Moffat School Key Club members en route to the Key Leader Conference.

## Students from three northern SLV schools collaborate at first ever Student Leadership Conference



Students prepare for a 3 legged race at the Nov. 13 Student Leadership Conference.

## Moffat School Key Club

Key Club International is the high school organization sponsored by Kiwanis International. Key Club assists Kiwanis in carrying out its mission to serve the children of the world. High school student members of Key Club perform acts of service in their communities, such as cleaning up parks, collecting clothing and organizing food drives. They also learn leadership skills by running meetings, planning projects and holding elected leadership positions at the club, district and international levels.

Our Key Club spent the weekend of November 6-8 at Round up River Ranch in Gypsum, CO as a part of the Key Leader Conference.

Key Leader is a weekend experiential leadership program for high school students. They learn leadership development, have life-changing experiences, and make lifetime friends. Key Leader shows them the path and helps them gain leadership skills that will help them change their school, community, and world for the better.

Key Club also applied for a Youth Opportunities Fund Grant to help us establish a Recycling Hub for our school and community. Our project is titled "Keys to the Earth" and we are very excited to get it under way.

Our club is also trying to



Moffat School Key Club members.

set up a Bonfils Blood Drive to be held in our school sometime in the spring. The community's support would be greatly appreciated as we need 50 signatures on our interest poll before they will come and do a local drive. If you are interested please contact Patte Smith at 719-745-7821 ext. 127.

In the month of October we participated in Trick or Treat for UNICEF. All the funds we collected went to help save women and babies around the world through The Eliminate Project.

Moffat Student Council hosted the first ever Student Leadership Conference on November 13. Representatives from extracurricular clubs from all three local schools (Moffat, Mountain Valley, and Crestone Charter) have started a conversation about ways to collaborate. They focused on leadership characteristics and were motivated by an inspirational speech by Moffat Student Council President, Joedeelee Rigdon. They each had a chance to share their pride in their own school as they discussed their traditions. Our Moffat Ambassador, Paige Caffrey, spoke to the group about the importance of maintaining each school's character, but also opening up the doorway to provide avenues to support each other's events.

These leaders came up with amazing ideas that would benefit all local schools and students. They want to engage students in events, whether at their school or one of the other schools.

We found that many students aren't aware of events taking place at other schools. Events such as Prom, Mountain Valley's Homecoming, Charter's Halloween Carnival, and Moffat's Snow Ball are open for all three schools' students to attend.

The leaders of these student bodies are looking forward to what this alliance can bring to the community. We want to provide students with fun opportunities and support so that we are doing what's best for our students.



Students brainstorm ideas to benefit all local schools and students at the conference.



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# A month of adventure & learning at the Charter School

by Levi Hansen, 10th grade

These last few weeks have been busy ones here at Crestone Charter School. Students went on one learning adventure after the other. From

out-of-this-world planetariums, to down-to-earth dinosaur museums and ice core labs, we've all learned valuable lessons.

Starting with the little ones, the 2nd and 3rd grade kids were given the exciting opportunity to visit the planetarium in Alamosa, something that I still haven't been able to do. There they learned fascinating information regarding our solar system. One student announced proudly that she learned that the only two planets without moons are Mars and Venus, and that you can fit every other planet in a single crack in the surface of Jupiter.

Moving up the line, the 4th and 5th graders recently visited a dinosaur museum in Utah, where they learned the Earth's origin story. They learned everything from

how little bits of sediment can make a huge rock (or bury a huge dinosaur), to all of the eras of prehistoric Earth, and what kind of prehistoric mega lizards lived in each of them.

Finally, my fellow high school students and I were able to visit multiple labs dedicated to the research of the climate, and how it affects us and the world around us. We began our journey at the National Ice Core lab in Denver. There, they examine and analyze ice core samples that were expertly extracted by top field scientists from areas like the arctic, where ice just doesn't melt. These ice cores have little bubbles of gas frozen and preserved

in them. Some of these pockets of gas can be as old as 800,000 years old. These old gas bubbles can tell us what the atmosphere was like throughout Earth's history. So now we know for sure how much humans have changed the atmosphere.

After that little adventure, we went to the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR). There they study the climate conditions and weather patterns all around the world for the purpose of spreading knowledge and awareness about the conditions of the climate today. We simulated tornadoes, and

clouds, and learned the science of how those things form.

So all in all, I think it is safe to say that we here at the Charter School are enjoying our experiential education. We went on many adventures, and along the way learned some pretty valuable lessons.



A 4th and 5th grade student learns from a park ranger during a trip to a dinosaur museum in Utah.



A LINK student admires a 16,000 year old ice core sample at the National Ice Core Lab in Denver.

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## The Washington Beat

### Paris—What was it about?

by David Nicholas

First the parish notices:

#### Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI)

Representative Paul Ryan (R-WI) was elected to the speakership of the US House of Representatives on October 29. The vote was 236 out of the House's 437 representatives. Nine Republicans didn't vote for him and all but three Democrats voted for Nancy Pelosi. Perhaps he can't be any worse than outgoing Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) but only time will tell. His conference is particularly feisty, so he will be challenged to get unity on major pieces of legislation and I look forward to see how well he negotiates with the membership. At least he won't have to tank up every time he fronts the media—that's a good change in itself. The Beat wishes him well.

#### Congress passes a budget bill

The US Congress final grasped the nettle and passed a budget bill on October 30, which is good until mid-2017. The measure, which passed in the Senate 64 to 35, went to the White House, where President Obama signed it.

"This agreement is a reminder that Washington can still choose to help, rather than hinder, America's progress," Mr. Obama said in a statement.

The Senate vote, held in the dead of night, was perhaps a fitting cap to the clashes between Republicans and the White House, which many warned had put the United States on the edge of economic calamity and which, in 2013, forced a 16-day shutdown of the federal government.

The deal would increase spending by \$80 billion over two years and raise the federal debt ceiling, averting a default that the Treasury Department had warned would happen early next week. The House approved it on Wednesday with the overwhelming support of Democrats but less than one-third of Republicans.

The one thing Congressional Republicans fear is a public backlash to their shenanigans, not as the election comes. The public has very long memories on legislative obstruction. The hope for the GOP is that voters will forget Republican misbehavior, next November. Will they?

#### ISIS: The promise of things to come?

In my view it is becoming clear that ISIS cannot be defeated as an idea. You can try and stamp it out as French President François Hollande has boasted he will do, and

kill people who swear to die in the name of the Islamic State, but it's the idea that will not die. Indeed that is the attraction.

Europe and the US are now forced to become fortress states to protect ourselves from their murderous ways. I suggest you view at the earliest opportunity Frontline's documentary *ISIS in Afghanistan*, shown on PBS on November 17. As soon as children are old enough in occupied ISIS lands they are taught to fight and die for Allah and kill the infidel—us. See how they do it, because it's sobering. How we do we combat this fanaticism? Can it be done? Only time will tell. Their actions in Paris change the way we need to see things.

#### Paris

Six terror attacks occurred in and around the Ville de Paris with three teams of shooters—nine in total. Seven shooters died with six detonating suicide vests after the killing rampage, with one shot dead by paramilitary gendarmes and one still at large. These were mainly homegrown citizens—one has a Syrian passport—all were living in neighboring Belgium.

At time of writing 130 people were dead as a result of the attacks with 368 wounded, 80-99 of those critically, so expect the number of dead to rise. The largest death toll occurred at the Café Ba'ta'clan—89 died there—attending a concert by the California band Eagles of Death Metal. Many died at various restaurants in the Ville and at the Stade (Stadium) de France, north of the Ville.

Five days later in the evening of November 18, in the 'burb north of the Ville, Saint Denis, after 5,000 rounds were fired (yep, someone counted them) eight people were arrested and two killed. One man killed was considered the "mastermind" of the Friday the 13th attack, Abdelhamid Abaaoud, who came from the Brussels district of Molenbeek. Molenbeek it is reported is a so-called "hot bed of Islamist radicalism."

Meanwhile there is a European manhunt for another man, Salah Abdeslam, also considered to be planner of the attack. It is said he recently passed through Greece under the refugee crush from Syria. At time of writing he is out of sight of authorities.

#### The Paris narrative

As was the media's want they brought out the punditry as to who



was to blame and much wasted time—endless hours in fact—was spent mulling over details, which were largely irrelevant.

So rather than waste your time recounting events and endless finger pointing, the blame in my view rests with really one person and he is still the President of France, Francois Hollande.

When it comes to bombast, M. Hollande takes the cake. "France is at war!", M. Hollande announced hours after the attacks and pointed the finger at ISIS, although at time of writing no one from Islamic State had actually taken responsibility for the massacre. He has declared formal war as opposed to the war he declared years earlier.

Worse, M. Hollande has invoked Article 5 under the NATO treaty, which requires other nations to come and help out the attacked nation. and that's an unknown because it's never been requested before. Really.

So why blame M. Hollande? It's because when it came to the war in Syria, he made a civil war into an international crusade and if President Obama had his druthers he would've sidestepped intervention the war in Syria. But the bumpkin M. Hollande was insistent. He began bombing in Syria way before the US decided to enter that particular fray.

The reason why he did this was poor poll numbers. The former Mayor of the town of Tulle catapulted into the French Presidency because then-President Nicolas Sarkozy—who comes from the elite French ruling class—was up to his ears in sandal and France just wanted a cleanse. Cleanse they got and along with it ineptitude. M. Hollande wasn't good at bringing town governance to the national scene. Trying to adapt his administrative style to national politics was so disastrous he became the butt of jokes. So he was desperate and he needed something to raise his poll numbers and interfering in Syria's conflict was it. That he didn't think that the foreign invasion of sovereign state came with consequences was naïve and pretty stupid and so here we are.

#### France is at war!

Hours after the attacks, the French President sent aircraft to drop twenty bombs—yes, that's twenty—on Raqqa, Syria thought to be the stronghold of Islamic State just to let them know who was boss. Uh-huh. You could see Islamic State quaking in their boots. In retaliation Islamic State issued videos warning the French and whoever chose to view the content that further attacks would follow and of this there can be no doubt.

There have been successive sorties by French fighting aircraft nightly on suspected ISIS headquarters. In fact it appears ISIS has so many headquarters that the Beat has lost count. M. Hollande is a man of action, so he would have us believe.

My skepticism is based on the fact that ISIS is a lot more savvy than we in the west give it credit, largely because we are bound up in demonizing and scaring the bejesus out of everyone, rather than looking at how they operate and why they are effective. How they draw youth to the cause of martyrdom and paradise and what that

says about their lives in the world they live in.

#### The Paris narrative 1

The problem is that the western media wants the narrative that Islamic State is evil and the western powers whenever we go a-bombing are usually full of good intentions and righteousness. It has a story line similar to the mythic legends of the Wild West. The six million refugees who fled Syrian cities due to allied/NATO bombing and now live en masse in tent "holding" camps in neighboring countries Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq. They have become despondent as they beg strangers for money to keep families fed and sheltered—they are not allowed to work in the countries where they have sought refuge.

Sooner or later, it was inevitable that sitting for years in mud and cold in winter, and dust and heat in summer, the people in those camps would get restless and start moving. For the better part of 2015, one million of them have headed to Europe in search of a better life.

Anything was better than rotting in the desert waiting for the allies to exhaust their endless bombing campaigns which since 2012 have had little effect on the fighting other than to level major chunks of city real estate.

The other point, which the western ISIS narrative conveniently ignores is that Islamic State moved into Syria from Iraq. Islamic State has its antecedents at Marine Camp Booker in southern Anwar province constructed in 2005 after the scandal of torturing Iraqis in Abu Ghraib prison forced its closure. We simply moved all the Sunni prisoners from Abu Ghraib incarcerated by US and Iraqi forces. Many were incarcerated for merely suspicion of opposing US policy and Iraq's national government. Most of those prisoners were at one time or another part of Saddam Hussein's Baathist party as well as the very professional and experienced members of the Iraqi army. They got smart about the US occupation and began education of the younger Iraqi Sunnis brought to the detention center at Camp Booker. ISIS comes from this experience and their vengeance is well ingrained and impossible to stamp out. This is why they win, even if we attempt to kill them all and bomb them into oblivion.

On top of that the Saudis, who love mischief and sympathized with their Sunni brethren against the Shia devils in Baghdad, financed them to the tune of millions of dollars and endless Toyota trucks. You have to love those Toyota trucks (Oh, what a feeling) and the armored Humvees courtesy of fleeing remnants of the Iraqi National Army. The latter, by the way, has ceased to exist.

#### The Paris narrative 2

So what was the point of killings in Paris? In the main it was free advertising for ISIS. Paris was a recruitment event. On the program Inside Story on Al-Jazeera's international news channel, the point was made that in Europe and in France and the neighboring Benelux, countries there are 160,000 youthful Muslims who are kept in enclaves and generally are ignored by the predominant Christian status quo. They don't and can't get

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proper jobs in the countries of their birth because they are not white and Christian. It's not widely understood that despite the French revolutionary cry of "Liberté! Egalité! Fraternité" (a wonderful notion), it is nothing more than lip service these days in France. Also France is strictly class-oriented as well as race-oriented.

This means if you are born below the ruling class you will not go to the exclusive institutions that give the keys to the republic's power and influence. So if you are lower-born in France you will not make it to the Ecole Politique where French leaders are trained for diplomatic service and the ruling level of the French bureaucracy. Generally it excludes you from the heights of Elysée Palace, becoming President of France, unless you fluke it as did François Hollande. And if you are not a French citizen you will be kept to sweep streets and pick up Parisienne trash.

Algerian Arabs—Algeria was a French colony up until the 1960s—have the largest Arab communities in the outer suburbs of Paris, even they won't employ Moslems from any other country. So what's left to earn a living? Crime and drugs. Not a great life and it's why an ISIS recruiter gets willing adherents. Here endeth the lesson.

So the fear and loathing the western media is exuding right now is so much gobblety gook and the correct response here at home is President Obama, which is not to go overboard in fear and panic, but keep wary like the peaceful warriors we are. It's guaranteed that French insistence will definitely make things worse.

#### The Democratic presidential debates

The Democratic debates have been so much better with fewer candidates. Two were held over the past month. They talked issues and both Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT) and Former SecStat Hillary did very well with their time before a national audience.

November 6 was a candidates' forum at Winthrop (Rockefeller) University in Rock Hill South Carolina with MSNBC's Rachel Maddow doing interview format, and she was pretty civil. Only three candidates turned up to do the interviews. Lincoln Chaffee and former Senator Jim Webb (D-VA) did not respond to the invitation and have subsequently withdrawn from the race.

The November 14 debate was held at Drake University in Des Moines, IA and the three candidates talked issues. This debate was held on the Saturday after the attacks on Paris so foreign policy was much on the mind of us all.

In summary, Hillary Clinton did extremely well on her Foreign Policy moments as well as on domestic issues. Bernie Sanders did well on going after Wall Street and domestic policy. Former Governor Martin O'Malley (D-MD) was direct and went after Mrs. Clinton on foreign policy issues. Can the Governor survive until February 1? Unlikely.

#### Hillary for America

Mrs. Clinton had a good month with her performance in the first debate and an even better performance before the House Subcommittee on Libya. It was a bust

for the Republicans who yet again hoped to get her to flub her testimony during the 11 hours of hearings. The hearings were a farce with representatives from both sides sniping. Democrats came to Mrs. Clinton's defense and it was left for the GOP Committee Chair, Trey Cowdry (R-SC) to defend what was pretty much a non-event. Mrs. Clinton emerged unscathed and in a better position going into the election year.

Can she clinch the nomination? Yes, she can and right now she is stronger than ever to clinch the nomination for the Democrats. Some say she is unassailable. Naw, that's premature in my view.

Can she win the Presidency? That answer depends on who prevails as the GOP candidate? Ben Carson? She wins. Ted Cruz? She wins. Jeb!? She wins. Marco Rubio? She loses.

Here lies her problem. Although it hasn't been raised yet, if Marco Rubio wins the GOP nomination he beats her on age. Age is the unspoken issue but if it becomes an issue, Democrats face an uphill battle. Moving from a youthful President Obama to candidates who will come to the Presidency 70 years or older poses the question how does Generation Y feel about voting for their grandmother? Or how does Generation X vote for their mother? The argument has to be that experience in office is needed over youthful inexperience. Does that work for folks 35 years and under? I don't know what that answer is. I do have a suspicion but I am going to save it.

#### The Republican presidential debates

With four more Republican debates to go, I can only say that watching so many candidates trying to down one another on nightly television is pretty much duller than ditch water. Long-winded blowhards trying to hog the limelight more than they are entitled to is excruciating. Very few said anything that sounded like reasonable well-thought policies and most of it were outrageous claims that would drive any fact-checker to drink.

The only standouts in my view were Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL)—who now merits his own column inch—in the debate on October 28 and also on November 10.

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) is starting to utter cohesive sentences and even make sense on foreign policy, even though getting the brass ring next November is still remote for him.

Jeb! isn't going to make it with the performances he has put in. Jeb! is a nice guy but no one on the Democratic side wants a third Bush in the Presidency. If the truth be told, he should have run in 2000 when he would have made a wise President but not now.

Ben Carson of late has come across like he's been sedated. He's slurring his words a lot and doesn't make much sense when he does say something and much of that is unappealing to the electorate at large.

Carly Fiorina has had her moment, and unless fortune smiles upon her she's out by February.

Just for the record, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal withdrew from the Presidential race November 17. No loss.

#### Marco Rubio

Mr. Rubio is formidable and he looks compelling. The only hope for Democrats is that he is forced out by other candidates. And he could be. But Jeb! has been trying to take on the Senator, arguing that he hasn't shown up for work while he has been campaigning. It was something Jeb! tried on for size in the November 10 debate and Mr. Rubio blew it off calmly. Jeb! was looking to be the odd man out on that exchange.

Worse for Jeb! is that Mr. Rubio is winning the hearts and minds of Florida Republicans who prefer the Senator to the former Governor. In the debates people listen to what Mr. Rubio has to say on foreign policy. The Senator always speaks on the issues when he gets questions on Foreign Policy. He looks good in debate mode and he doesn't get flustered when he gets attacked. Watch him.

There is some question about monies spent when Mr. Rubio was in the state legislature, but so far it hasn't loomed to be a problem for him. That can change if he gets the nomination so we shall see.

Regarding his Senate attendance, there is only one Senator who had an equally bad record of attendance and voting when running for the Presidency and he is the President of the United States. So it goes.

#### Trumpty Dumpty - Part 5

TheDonald had his time on Saturday Night Live on November 14 and it was a bust. He's not funny and the "I'm the greatest and everyone else is either stupid and/

or fools" gets tired very quickly. It doesn't bode well for a successful candidacy that TheDonald rails against the pollsters who say he's either trailing or tied in the Iowa polls and that Iowa voters are fools because they can't see his insight of blinding brilliance.

There are only four 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. Of these, either Mr. Rubio or Dr. Carson have a chance of beating the Democratic nominee.

#### Turkey & Russia—17 seconds

Turkey shot down a Russian jet fighter it claims was in Turkish airspace. Turkish government officials claim that the Russian jet fighter had infringed on Turkish airspace for 17 seconds and crashed in Syria. Turkmen in Syria claimed that they shot the pilots dead as they were parachuting down into Syria. NATO sided with its ally as it was the first act by a NATO ally in shooting down a jet of an opposing force technically with similar aims.

Russia claims that the jet wasn't in Turkish airspace as it was conducting operations in Syria. President Putin charged that Turkey has stabbed Russia in the back.

This does not bode well for the fight in Syria in particular and the Middle East in general. It should be noted that Russia supplies Turkey with half its gas supply and does over \$10bn in trade annually. This will play out in coming weeks and perhaps months. Stay tuned.



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# Opportunities, roadblocks for cannabis growers in Saguache County

by Lisa Cyriacks

Saguache County Commissioners held a public meeting November 19 with citizens interested in cannabis cultivation, law enforcement, state water officials and citizen planners.

Commissioner Jason Anderson opened the meeting with a short summary of the concerns to date and a variety of suggestions of options to address concerns. To start the discussion these were the items listed:

- Limit the number of plants on any given property (exceeding that number would require a special use permit
- Seek state funding for regional marijuana enforcement
- Put the question to voters for an “up to 5%” excise tax for the County to use for regulation and enforcement
- Limit greenhouse size
- Rely on legal growers to regulate illegal operations, i.e. report them.

He opened the floor to accept comments on these suggestions or pose other solutions.

The room, full of citizens, many of whom are already engaged in cannabis cultivation—either for personal use or commercial sales—seemed primarily interested in understanding the process of becoming legal.

Saguache County Land Use Administrator, Wendi Maez, stated that a number of greenhouses have been erected around the county without the benefit of a permit. “Regardless of the use for a greenhouse, a building permit is needed.”

Commissioner Ken Anderson clarified the reasoning for the limitation of greenhouse size, “If you are going to raise food, how big a greenhouse do you need? That’s what the problem is, they say they’re raising it for food. But if you have a larger greenhouse,

you’re not raising food. You’ve got other things besides food.”

Concerns have been raised by law enforcement—namely how to identify legal operations from illegal operations. Brian Morgan, Mayor of Moffat, pointed to the recreational shop located in his town and Sheriff Dan Warwick agreed he typically had no problems with legal operations. From a law enforcement perspective, the issue is identifying illegal operations.

“Legal is not the concern so much as the illegal operations going on,” according to Sheriff Dan Warwick.

Statewide, retail marijuana definitely is proving to be lucrative. While for Saguache County, the underlying issue—whether land use or law enforcement—is the lack of funding and resources to effectively regulate cannabis cultivation.

Commissioner Ken Anderson, “There’s no doubt growing is going on. Saguache County is not seeing any revenue though, for all this activity. Yet Saguache County is having to cover the costs of enforcement.”

Most of the people voicing opinions understood the problem and agreed that enforcement of illegal operations needed to happen. But that legal operations or individuals growing for personal use should not be the ones penalized with stricter regulations or higher fees/fines.

Amendment 64, passed by Colorado voters in November 2012, amended the Colorado constitution to allow persons 21 and older to grow no more than six marijuana plants for personal use provided the plants are grown in an enclosed, locked space; the cultivation is not conducted publicly; and provided the plants are not made available for sale.

Pursuant to the constitution, an operation that grows marijuana for sale is subject to licensing by



There were about 6 deer hanging out in the Community Garden near the end of town. By the time I got my camera and got back to them, they were dispersed, but these 2 posed for a fun lil’ photo. Taken on 11/4/15. photo by Lori Nagel

the Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) of the State. This licensing includes approval by local jurisdictions like Saguache County prior to MED issuing a license.

Division 3 Water Resources officials in attendance answered questions about how to obtain water legally for a commercial operation. Representatives clarified that they are concerned with water usage, not so much the crop being grown.

Guidance from the Colorado Division of Water Resources allows the use of a residential well permitted for household or domestic use for marijuana grown for personal use. Marijuana grown for sale, and not strictly for the growers’ personal use, cannot utilize water from a residential well.

Commercial use (i.e. marijuana grown for sale) depends on the water permit with the well or surface water used with all the limitations decreed for the associated water right. Water rights for crop irrigation are limited seasonally to April 1 to November 1 and

cannot be used year-round even in a greenhouse. People can apply through the Division 3 water office and the courts to change a water right that typically includes securing an augmented source of water. Legal marijuana-growing operations in Colorado have so far gotten their water by using existing water rights and applying for a change of use, not by applying for new ones. Or finally, water can be hauled from a municipal source of water.

Crestone Town Trustee Lonnie Roth, advocated that Division 3 Water Resources add services to bridge water owners with legal growers: “Make the process easy and charge for it. It will pay for and solve many things.”

The meeting concluded with the proposal by the commissioners to create a citizen advisory committee. Those with interest in volunteering to serve on the committee can contact Wendi Maez, 719-655-2331 or wmaez@saguachecounty.co.gov.

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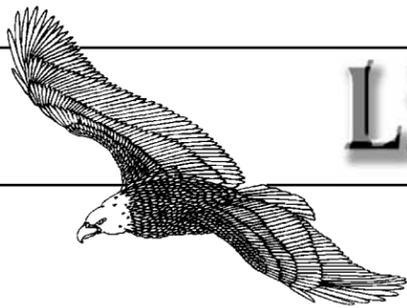
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# Living on the Earth

## Solstice celebrations in the Southwest

by Mary Lowers

One thing all humans have in common is celebration on or near the solstices, the longest and shortest days of the year, June 21 and December 21. As we approach the shortest day of the year or longest night as some refer to it, regional celebrations to bring the light back seem a good thing to take a few minutes and study.

Nearly every pueblo in northern New Mexico has seasonal dances taking place in December. The closest pueblo to the San Luis Valley is Taos. Dances chosen for winter celebration may vary from year to year. On December 24 the village at the pueblo, a World Heritage Site where people have lived for a thousand years, traditional bonfires will be lit along the river running through the village to the church. A Children's Dance will be preformed. The following morning, on Christmas Day, the Deer Dance will begin at midday.

These festivities at Taos Pueblo are open to everyone. The meaning of and vital importance of the Deer Dance and other ceremonies is kept private from those outside the Pueblo. It was only after the Pueblo Revolt of 1680 and the reconquest by Spain in 1692 that the pueblo peoples were able to practice their religion openly without fear of inquisition-style retribution. Taos tribal member Marcie Winters says in the *Taos News*, "For many of the pueblo



Christmas Deer Dance at the Taos Pueblo.

cultures the Deer Dance is something difficult to explain but it is a beautiful tradition to witness."

The sacred clowns of the tribe will appear at the Deer Dance. Their function is important, their actions often hilarious. They may throw those who misbehave in the river, winter ice or not. If you chose to make these festivities at Taos Pueblo part of your holiday there are a few things to remember so you don't wind up in the river skidding down the ice. While the ceremonies are noisy, rifles are shot off to scare off evil energies, the drums and rattles are rhythmically repetitive, it is important to be quiet and respectful. Taking pictures is defiantly NOT OK. Dress warmly; these ceremonies take place on so-called "Indian time" and they are held outside. On New Year's Day Taos Pueblo will hold a Turtle Dance beginning at midday.

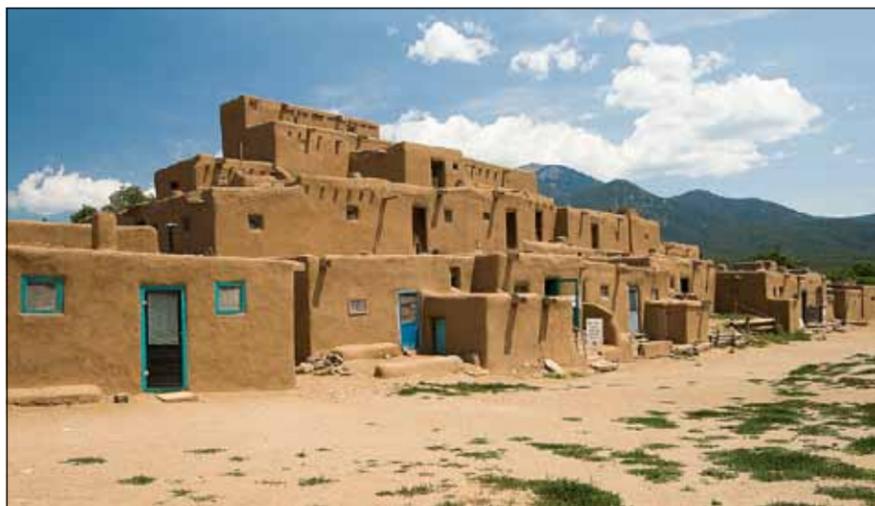
Pueblo peoples and new world Hispanic peoples share a traditional dance ceremony Los Matachines. This dance is a blending of traditions that began with the Islamic Moors

who occupied much of Iberian Peninsula from 711 to 1492. They brought the dance north from Africa. According to Taos historian Larry Torres "It is one of the few dances shared by Hispanic and Native peoples. There are forty-four catalogued versions of the dance in the Americas, from communities up and down the Rio Grande to the rainforests of Belize." The Los Matachines are not identical everywhere the dance is performed. The costumes of the dancers also vary, with some aspects held in common.

Costumes show a Moorish influence from the Middle Ages. Dancers are often masked with scarves hiding the lower part of the face with fringe called a felco, masking eyes and forehead. They may sport tall headdresses made of fine fabric such as silk and velvet decorated with silk ruffles, jeweled trinkets and symbols. The back of the head gear is often long ribbons arranged in specific patterns. In the right hand the dancer holds a three-pronged wand called a palma representing the Christian belief in the trinity or the three aspects of the divine. As the dance evolved in the Americas, native groups added symbolism. Larry Torres says, "In the Americas it is reflected in the god Quetzalcoatl of Aztec Mexico who is the god of air, land and water," another trinity. Gourd rattles are often carried in the left hand.

In Belize according to Mayan native Victor Choc, the dance featuring four Matachines is known as "The Dance of Cortez." In the village of Bernalillo north of Albuquerque, Los Matachines have danced every August on or around the feast day of San Lorenzo, for 315 years. In the mountain village of Arroyo Seco on the road to Taos Ski Valley the dance features one lone Matachine. Ancient scary ogres called abuelos (grandfathers) keep order at the Hispanic dances in a similar veins to the sacred clowns at Native celebrations. Hispanic dances feature guitars and violins and native ceremonies are to the beat of drums and rattles.

One of the Los Matachines dances I have attended is held on December 10 to 12 in the



Taos Pueblo in the winter.

photo by Taos Pueblo Luca Galuzzi 2007



Los Matachines dancing for the Guadalupe.

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by Kim Malville

**December 7** - Conjunction of the Moon and Venus. In the morning of December 7 the crescent moon will come within 2° of bright planet Venus.

**December 13/14 and 14/15** - Geminids Meteor Shower. The Geminids is the Queen of the meteor showers, the best shower in the heavens. This year the prediction is for 120 meteors per hour at its peak. You will note that this is a greater shower than the Perseids in August. It is less well known because it occurs in chilly December. The crescent moon will set early in the evening leaving dark skies for what could be a spectacular night, with a meteor every 30 seconds. It's hard to beat that. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Gemini, but they can appear anywhere in the sky.

**December 22** - December Solstice. The longest and darkest night of the year in the northern hemisphere. If you want to celebrate solstice, pop the cork at exactly 9:48pm.

**December 25** - Full Moon.

**December 29** - Mercury at Greatest Eastern Elongation. The planet Mercury reaches greatest eastern elongation of 19.7° from the Sun. This is the best time to view Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the evening sky. Look for the planet low in the western sky just after sunset.

#### The lost atmosphere of Mars

Mars is leaking like a punctured bike tire. The air on Mars is leaking away at the rate of a half-pound per second (that's a double McDonald QuarterPounder at 750 calories and lots of unsaturated fat per second). This rate of is a recent result reported by the team of the MAVEN space craft (Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution mission), a mission organized (I'm pleased to note) by the University

of Colorado. But there is a problem. In its youth Mars had an atmosphere as thick as or perhaps even thicker than that of our planet today. But, this rate of leaking is not enough even over 4.5 billion years to decrease its atmosphere to its current state of thinness. Today, it is thin, very thin, believe me, in spite of that dust storm you have perhaps seen in the Martian movie.

Recent measurements by MAVEN have shown what happens when a gust of the solar wind hits Mars. It is very dramatic! That bombardment strips away its upper atmosphere, fast enough indeed to produce today's cold and practically airless planet.

During its youth the sun had many more eruptions than today. Those eruptions produce a cloud of charged particles (electrons and protons) and a mass of tangled magnetic fields that flow outward from the sun into interplanetary space. Sometimes they hit the Earth, sometimes they hit Mars, or Jupiter or even Pluto—with diminishing effect, of course. In the case of Earth they reach us approximately 24 hours after we see an explosion on the sun. We have a magnetic field that protects us from these blasts. The effects are brilliant aurora and electrical currents that may short out transmission lines, but our atmosphere is not significantly stripped away.

Unlike Earth, Mars does not have a global magnetic field to deflect the solar wind. During a recent, relatively modest, solar storm experienced by MAVEN, the rate of gas loss was increased to 10 pounds a second. Over the lifetime of the solar system that rate could explain the missing atmosphere of Mars. Every time you use a compass on a hike, you might consider whispering a little expression of gratitude to our protective magnetic field.

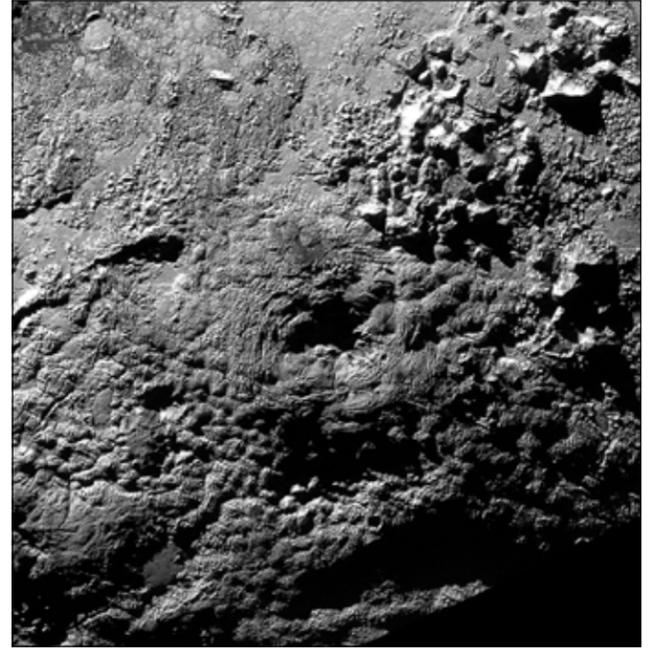
#### Ice volcanoes on Pluto

A possible ice volcano on Pluto (visible at center of photograph) is seen in this NASA image, captured by the New Horizons spacecraft, released on Nov. 9, 2015. The feature, called Wright Mons, is a strange feature 100 miles wide and 13,000 feet high with a summit depression at its center. The depression is almost as deep as the volcano is high. What a view it would be from the rim!

Before the New Horizons flyby, most astronomers thought Pluto would prove to be too small to maintain the internal heat needed to power geological processes such as glacier flows and volcanism. But that fast-moving spacecraft revealed a far younger surface than expected. Something must be keeping things warm beneath the surface: another mystery of Pluto

Two enormous mountains, spanning hundreds of miles across, sit at the southern edge of the heart-shaped region on the surface of Pluto. The mountains have been informally named Wright Mons and Picard Mons, and at their crests, each peak hosts a central crater, looking like shield volcanoes on Earth.

Elsewhere in the solar system eruptions of liquid have been seen on Saturn's frozen moon Enceladus, known for spewing mate-



Ice volcano on Pluto.

photo courtesy of NASA

rial from its southern pole, but, as we shall see, the source comes from fissures in the ground rather than mountainous features. Similar eruptions have been suspected on Titan, another Saturn moon. Those volcanoes were identified by radar, but Pluto's volcanoes are clearly visible. It will be a long



Enceladus.

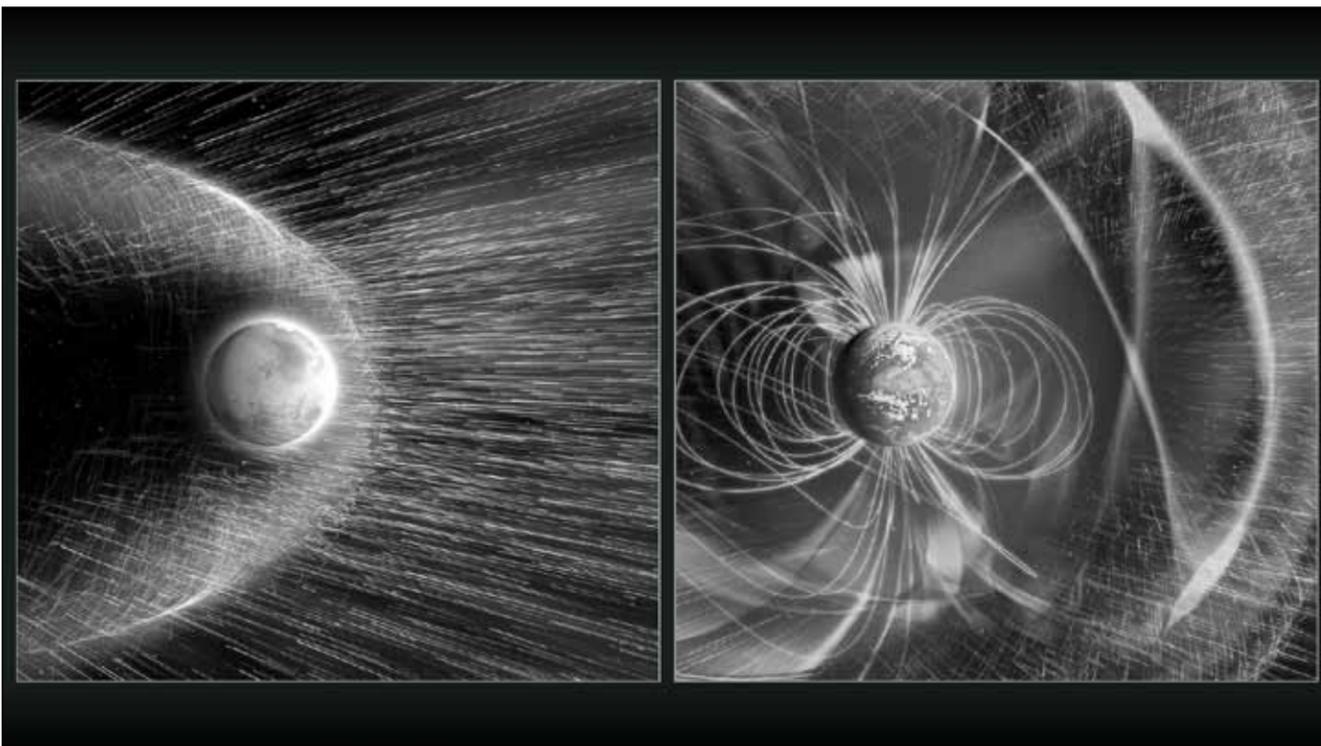
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time, however, before we return and can actually witness an eruption

#### Diving to Enceladus

On October 28, in a death-defying dive, the space craft Cassini came to within just 30 miles of the surface of Enceladus and passed through a plume of material that erupts from its icy crust. The new image shows the rough and wrinkled surface of Enceladus. The plumes that erupt from the fissures are probably emerging from a liquid water ocean that lies deep under the icy surface. Cassini will now be able to provide some information about the composition of the sprays, and potentially shed light on whether the underground environment is fit to host life.

Cassini will return and make its final flyby of Enceladus on December 19. The spacecraft has been studying Saturn and its moons for a decade, but its mission is scheduled to end in 2017. Some time that year Cassini will move closer to Saturn and make a suicide dive into the swirling atmosphere of that gas giant.



Solar wind flowing past Mars (left) and Earth (right).

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**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!



Guest House

Was \$399,900

**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!



Was \$349,000

**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.



Silver Star B&B

**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.



Magnificent Views

**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!



Gracious Living

**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.



Guest House

**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.



A lovely sanctuary

WAS \$299,000

**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.



Detached Studio

**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.



360° View Deck

**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.



WAS \$279,000

**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!



MILLION \$ VIEWS!

**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/kitchen and office above.



WAS \$259,000

**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.



Eco-Friendly

**1738C Willow Creek Way - \$249,000**  
Built in 2013, this Paul Koppapa 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.



WAS \$245,000

**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.



New Construction: Paul Koppapa

**1867C Rockyview Way - \$229,000**  
3BD/2BA 1520sf New Construction by Paul Koppapa, 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.



Private

Reduced! Was \$255,000

**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.



WAS \$210,000

**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.



Reduced! - Was \$212,000

**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.



Private

**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.



\$93/sf + garage/greenhouse

Reduced! Was \$179,000

**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!



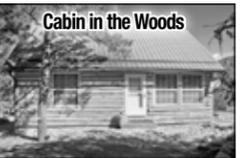
WAS \$195,000

**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.



Great Value!

**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 w/full-length deck. Paved road, easy access to town.



Cabin in the Woods

**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.



New Construction

**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.



One-Story

**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.



3bd/3ba

**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!



Was \$179,000

Great Screened Porch!

**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.



Was \$169,000

**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.



On Creek Greenbelt

**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. Incld wood-stove on hearth.



Small Home, Small Price!

**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.

**Baca Grande - Grants**



Fantastic Great Room!

**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.



Reduced! Was \$355,000

11.94 Acres + Garage/Apt!

**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.



Was \$249,000

**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!

## Wishing you Peace on Earth this Holiday Season!

# There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root  
Last Minute Herbal Holiday Gifts



When I first became interested in herbs, as a child, I was fascinated by the myriad uses of herbs. I grew them in a medicine wheel garden and made cool things with them for gifts. My medicinal knowledge and interest came later.

You can use herbs you have gathered during the year, or buy dry herbs to make your gifts. Anything you can't find locally can probably be found at Mountain Rose Herbs (www.mountainroseherbs.com). Their herbs are organic and high quality. They also

goes well with that. Use your nose and come up with combinations that smell right to you. Mix well. Pack in jars and label. If you have added flower petals you may wish to include a little muslin bag (as a tea bag) so the petals don't have to be cleaned out of the tub later.

Festive herbal teas also make nice gifts. For the holiday season, include things like rose petals, dried bits of orange peels (organic), dried bits of berries (rose hips, hawthorn berries, or elderberries). Mint always makes a nice tasting tea. Add some nettle leaf for extra

nutrition. Dried roasted dandelion root goes well with orange peel, cinnamon, dried ginger for a warming winter tea. The idea is to make a nice tasting tea with some medicinal benefits. Here are suggestions for two teas.

Tea #1: Peppermint or spearmint leaves, nettle leaf, dried rose petals, dried orange peel, and crushed rose hips.

Serve with stevia or honey.

Tea #2: Chopped roasted dandelion root, dried ginger bits, crushed cinnamon stick, dried orange peel, crushed hawthorn berries. Play with the flavors and amounts and have fun! I would recommend tasting the tea before sending it to your friend! Come up with a unique name, pack the tea in a bag or 8 oz. canning jar and label.

Enjoy making your gifts, and wishing you all a joyful winter solstice!

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



Rose hips.

have helpful herbal supplies.

Here are a few suggestions, and then I'll give you a few "recipes": Herbal tea mixes, sleep pillows, skin cream, salve, herbal first aid kits, aloe vera plants, fresh herb indoor planting kits, soap, seasoning mixes, bath salts, bath oils and cough syrup, to name a few.

Bath salts are probably the easiest gift to make. There are many recipes out there, and this is a particularly simple one. Mix equal amounts of baking soda and Epsom salts in a bowl. Add flower petals. Rose and lavender are especially nice. For each 8 oz. jar (decorative canning jars are nice), add 15 to 30 drops of each of two essential oils. Lavender is one of the most popular. Geranium rose

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  - Soldier's bed
  - Microbrewery product
  - "We all will be together if the fates \_\_\_\_"
  - Romanian money
  - Plural of pupa
  - Stupid and silly
  - Eyeball shape
  - Bornean ape
  - "Feliz \_\_\_\_"
  - "...with your nose so \_\_\_\_, won't you guide my sleigh..."
  - Gourmet mushroom
  - Windows to the soul?
  - "Hee \_\_\_\_" variety show
  - Persian backgammon
  - Knowledgeable
  - Shining armor
  - Oriental ware, pl.
  - One of seven dwarfs
  - St. Louis' Gateway
  - "Mele Kalikimaka is the \_\_\_\_ to say"
  - Singer-songwriter Amos
  - Scout's mission
  - End of line
  - Mint product
  - Mrs. Potts of "Beauty and the Beast"
  - Falling-out
  - Lamb serving
  - Thomas the Engine's warning
  - Plays for pay
  - Part of a flower, pl.
  - "The weather is frightful but this is so delightful"
  - Natural talent
  - Nightcap rocks
  - Run \_\_\_\_ of the law
  - Full of curd
  - "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, Lean your \_\_\_\_ this way"
  - First light, pl.
  - Algonquian people
  - Dashboard acronym
  - Wipe it clean to start fresh
- DOWN**
- No this without pain?
  - Longer forearm bone
  - Member of people of eastern Europe
  - Second T in T&T
  - ABBA's home
  - Doofus
  - "\_\_\_\_ the fields we go laughing all the way"
  - Short and plump
  - Town
  - Sashimi choice
  - "\_\_\_\_ Buy Me Love"
  - Liquor store pony
  - Composed and self-assured
  - Like exes
  - Christian minister, abbr.
  - Most avant-garde
  - "It" in "...but the very next day you gave it away"
  - Come to terms
  - Neopagan religion
  - German industrial valley
  - Drilling group
  - Thread holder
  - Chill-inducing
  - "The fire is slowly \_\_\_\_, and my dear, we're still goodbying"
  - Do this until you drop?
  - Finger move
  - Charted record
  - "You better watch out! You better \_\_\_\_"
  - Beneficiary of holiday toy drives
  - Found on a tire
  - Basketry stick
  - Butcher's refuse
  - Its out of focus
  - Like pink steak
  - Assistant
  - 4 years to a President
  - Caucus state
  - Litter member
  - Someone \_\_\_\_
  - TV monitor, acr.
  - Part of graduate's ensemble

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# Garden Guru

Taking stock



by Matie Belle Lakish

The end of a year . . . and the end of another gardening season. Time to look back over the year, and maybe over a lifetime, and see what's worked, what's been a challenge, and what might the future look like. As I contemplate the past year, I recall that gardens are only a part of our food security, which is only part of a self-sufficient lifestyle.

I'm remembering an event that happened here in 1995. Kate Steichen organized a Future Search conference for our area. As I recall, it was a 4-day event at which we as a community examined our goals, both short and long-term, in a number of areas. My focus has often been on seeing that people are fed, and so I engaged with a few others around achieving food security for our community.

As we looked at our options, we realized that growing all our own food was an unlikely accomplishment if we looked just at our small community (much smaller than now). While there is plenty of land and water within a few miles of Crestone, that land and water belongs to someone else.

At the time, I imagined we could grow all the staple foods we needed for our population on the one circle right outside of our town. That circle now belongs to Fish and Wildlife Service, and as we know, is not growing anything for human consumption. But we live in a valley that produces potatoes, barley, wheat, canola, quinoa, carrots, and a lot of cattle, sheep and goats.

It is quite possible to grow most of our own vegetables locally. What I have found to be the most challenging is fruit. When I think of the nutrients we need that can be a challenge in our climate, Vitamin C stands out. When most of us think of Vitamin C, we are likely to think oranges, lemons and grapefruit, and we all know how hopeless those crops are in our climate. So, one of my focuses has been on learning how we as a community could become more Vitamin C self-sufficient.

Fortunately, we have two good wild sources of Vitamin C—young Douglas fir tree tips in spring and rosehips in late summer and fall. Our local chokecherries and raspberries are nice fruits and provide some Vitamin C. When I look to my

garden, the cabbages I grew, along with other cole crops like broccoli, cauliflower and kale, if eaten raw, are good sources, and fresh tomatoes and peppers are good, but I'm looking for even more. I've been experimenting with some berries that will grow well, produce some abundance, and fulfill our need for Vitamin C. I've added Serviceberries, also known as Juneberries, currants and gooseberries, and aronia berries to my ongoing garden trials of the more traditional fruits like strawberries and raspberries.

Another lesson I am slowly learning is the beauty of diversity. Part of that is the blessing of just having a lot of diversity in my diet. However, nature gives me a lot of one thing one year, and not so much the next. By having a variety of ways to get my nutrients, I am less vulnerable to crop failures and shortages.

An important part of becoming food self-sufficient is preserving nutrients for winter (we're really only glorified chipmunks). Those rosehips aren't much use to us if they are buried in snow. Few things are as satisfying as gathering wild foods or putting up our garden harvest, then sitting back and looking at all those jars filled with nutritious home-grown fruits and veggies, or opening the freezer and taking out a bag of home-grown broccoli, knowing exactly what happened to it on the way to our table.

So, I guess all of that is a way of saying that I think growing our own food is an important part of our community's long term well-being and security, just like having sustainable energy sources and homes that require small inputs of energy to be pleasant places to live. Growing and gathering the food we eat locally brings us better health, and also helps us keep



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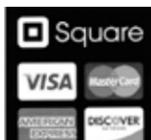
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\$399,000 Approx. 70 acres, 400gpm ag well, 2 stock wells. Beautifully remodeled ranch house, 4BD 2BA. Large workshop, 4-car garage, 2 silos, box car, historic outbuildings & more. 710549



\$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 2¼BA, 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



\$229,000 5BD 3¾ 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



\$220,000 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



\$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 acre. 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 1½BA. 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



\$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



\$165,000 Great 5.25 acres for horses and dogs. Backs to Willow Creek greenbelt for trail riding. Thoughtfully built straw bale 3BD 2BA home. Solar hot water. 699780



REDUCED! \$164,800 Walking distance to Dharma Ocean Institute. High up on the mountain with amazing panoramic views. 2BD 1½BA, office. 699803



\$150,000 Nestled in between the town of Crestone & Chalets I. 2 floors, 2BD, 2 BA, bright, spacious living room with high ceilings, private balcony and patio. 699773



\$150,000 Nestled in Downtown Crestone, this cozy 1024 sq.ft. home is bright & spacious, with great views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountain range. 712504



\$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 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



\$138,500 Great starter home! 3BE 2BA, vaulted ceilings, on 1 acre, close to Charter School & town. Screened-in front porch, large deck, private. 713001



\$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



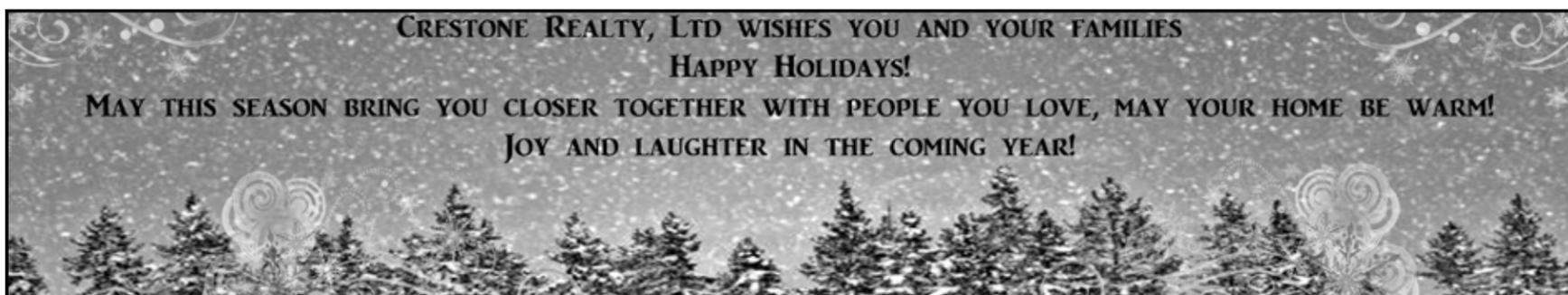
\$79,000 Nice 3BD 1BA starter on retirement home. Wood stove, garage, metal roof. Situated on 6 lots with expansive mountain views & garden space, on shared well. FHA, VA or USDA. 705685



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



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# Solstice celebrations

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village of Tortuga near Las Cruces, NM. The dance there is held in honor of the Guadalupe. December 12 is her feast day. The colorful, beribboned dancers circle the plaza in front of the whitewashed church carrying a costumed statue of the Guadalupe on a high pallet in their midst. As the dance becomes more and more intense, rifles are discharged into the air to scare off evil. The statue of the Guadalupe eventual is carried into a place of honor close to the altar of the church. The assembled crowd then hikes up the four and a half mile trail to a Guadalupe shrine on a hill just behind the church to pray and light candles for the intercession of the holy lady for many intentions. The hardcore participants stay all day on the windy hill making quitotes (walking sticks), coronas (headbands) and building bonfires in the shape of crosses to light the mountainside.



*Dancers at the Festival of Guadalupe in Las Cruces, NM.*

## Dances for the holidays—the Northern Pueblos

(This is what we know as we go to press.)

### Christmas Eve

- Picuris & Ohkay Owingeh Pueblos: Los Matachines
- Taos Pueblo: sunset bonfires & Children's Dance
- Old Acoma Pueblo lit by luminaries up the mesa to the Sky City
- Nambe Pueblo Buffalo Dance after Midnight Mass
- San Felipe, Santa Ana & Tesuque Pueblos host dances after midnight mass

### Christmas Day

- Tesuque Pueblo will host various dances
- Taos Pueblo Deer Dance at midday
- San Ildefonso Pueblo: Los Matachines
- Santa Domingo & Zia Pueblos: Christmas Dances

### Boxing Day

- Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo: Turtle Dance
- Santa Domingo Pueblo: Corn Dance

### Holy Innocents Day

- Santa Clara & Picuris Pueblos: Children's Dance

### New Year's Day

- Taos Pueblo: Turtle Dance at midday

*Go online or call 800-766-4405 for more information on NM native dances.*

## Baca Grande Library News



*by Suzanne McGregor*

Please join us on Friday, December 18 from 1pm to 4pm for our annual Holiday Open House. We will have snacks and punch and will gladly show you around the library if you are new to the area or have not been to the library in a while. The library staff and members of our Friends of the Library (FOL) would love to share information about our current library and our new future library plans. If you would like to contribute goodies to the party, please let us know—we will have a sign-up sheet at the front desk. Your contributions would be much appreciated.

There are a number of new holiday selections for young readers in the children's room, and they will be displayed on the rotating rack. We have books on holiday traditions in other countries and of various religions, including information on the celebrations of Kwanzaa and Hanukkah and activities for the Winter Solstice. There are holiday cookbooks and how-to guides for crafts and handmade gifts.

We hope you are enjoying the new full-spectrum lighting throughout the library! Gone are the buzzing, flickering fluorescent tubes, replaced with the steady bright "daylight" of the new fixtures. Many thanks are extended to our FOL members who purchased and installed the new lighting—it makes such a difference for staff and patrons.

Notice: The library will be closed for the holidays from Wednesday, December 23 through Friday, December 25. We will also be closed on New Year's Day, January 1.

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# In Search of Economic Reality

## Abolish the corporation?

by Ed Lyell

I recently read a fascinating book titled *The corporate criminal—Why corporations must be abolished* by Steve Tombs and David White. Written in Britain it pertains to the corporate form of doing business around the world. It traces the multi-century history of the corporation as a government-created “person”. The authors make a great case for why the very structure of a corporation inevitably leads to the exploitation of the consumer, taxpayer, and even minor shareholders by the executive leadership and majority shareholders.

Legal professors on both side of the Atlantic state: “devastating effects of corporate capitalism on the environment, global inequality . . . realization that none of these effects can be mitigated by legal reform or neoliberal regimes such as “corporate social responsibility”. “What is needed is a revolution in our thinking about and action towards, corporate capitalism and the theme that this form of doing business must be eliminated.” “It’s legal and historical construction is such that the corporation is endemically criminogenic and beyond reform. The goal of corporate opposition must be the abolition of the corporation.”

Perhaps these lawyer-professors are correct; we must abol-

ish the corporate form of business if we are to re-create an economy that serves the majority, not just the top one percent worldwide owners of corporations. The movie *Inside Job* quoted experts as saying that as long as the big investment banks were legal partnerships, the industry was not exploitative but did serve the legitimate aim of linking people with money to people with ideas, enabling centuries of valuable business creation, innovations, and societal gain for all. Since it was the partner’s money, they watched it carefully and only invested in worthy projects. Those partners also did not have the protection of corporate limited liability so they knew that they must not abuse others, lest their company and personal assets could be taken away through civil lawsuits. Risky leveraged derivatives would never have been created and used only to make money for the insiders.

In the 1980s corporations in the banking industry began focusing on high risk investing with other people’s money. They knew that if they made money they could keep it, and if they lost money someone else paid the price. Then in 2010 the US Supreme Court declared corporations to also have all of the rights of people, including unlimited use of their money to influence politics and legislation.

Thus the modern corporation has limited liability to protect their assets from even their bad and exploitative decisions. They have immortality and can be a vehicle for passing billions of dollars from one generation to another without taxation anywhere. And they have the ability to raise money from the world’s wealthy people with no concern for any country’s prosperity or safety. The Transpacific Partnership agreement being considered by Congress was put together by corporations around the world for over 7 years. Yet few beyond those elite have even been permitted to read it, let alone influence its creation. If passed it will supersede national environmental laws for water and air quality; supersede worker protection laws; and force all injured individuals to resolve conflicts through binding arbitration among lawyers chosen by the corporations to represent both sides. Whether individual damage, or country-wide damage, the corporation will be protected from paying for any transgression. No civil or criminal charges, no access to independent courts, thus no risk that the corporation will lose money no matter how egregious their transgression against any nation state, or individual. The loss of access to courts is already becoming dominant for any business conducted through the internet as individu-

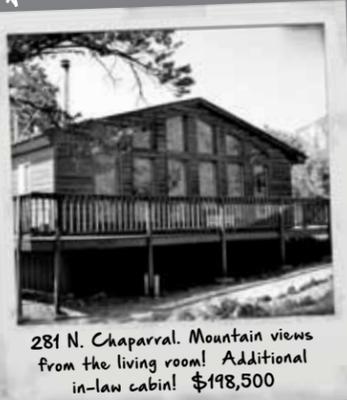
als agree to such arbitration when they click the button to download the software or smartphone app. As more products and industries are monopolistic the consumer has fewer choices and can more easily be exploited. The consumer age is gone.

Centuries of democracy protected by independent legislatures, independent courts, and personal financial risk have been lost in the pursuit and achievement of corporate gain. Those who own the corporations win, everyone else loses. Since only the richest 20%, and especially the 1%, own these corporations, economic gain goes only to them. Plutocracy wins, democracy loses.

As Vice President Wallace stated in 1944, “They claim to be super-patriots, but they would destroy every liberty guaranteed by the Constitution. They demand free enterprise, but are the spokesmen for monopoly and vested interest. Their final objective toward which all their deceit is directed is to capture political power so that, using the power of the state and the power of the market simultaneously, they may keep the common man in eternal subjection.”

This takeover of democratic nations has been occurring without an armed revolution but through economic power, forcing the masses back into indentured servitude to the wealthy through individual, company, and national debt. Let us all celebrate the corporation, and say goodbye to our independence, freedom, and pursuit of happiness. Or do we abolish the corporate form of business?

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by Keno

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Snow: 6.5"

Measurable precipitation fell on 9 days.

Measurable snow fell on 4 days.

Measurable rain fell on 5 days.

A trace of snow fell on 5 days

Hail occurred on 1 day

1 thunderstorm occurred.

### Total precipitation year to date:

Since Jan 1: 16.18"

### Total snow to date:

Since Jan 1: 64.6"

Snow Season \*: 6.5"

\*Snow season runs from July 1 to June 30

### Temperatures for the period:

High temp: 60.9°F on November 2

Low temp: 13.0°F on November 12

Avg. high: 48.0°F

Avg. low: 23.5°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 60°: 3

Number of days with the low temperature at or below 20°: 13

Number of days with the low temperature at or below 32°: 28

### Winds for the period:

Avg. speed: 3.0 mph

Highest gust: 37 mph on November 4

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

### Weather summary:

Both precipitation and temperatures were very much above normal, with several new records reached. The most interesting record made was for our area seeing its latest first freeze of the fall season. That finally took place on October 24, breaking the old record late date which was October 9 (set in 1990) by 2 weeks and 2 days! This could turn out to be one of those records that we don't break again for 100 years, although with global warming here, I won't bet on it.

### Outlook for December:

This month is when things start to dry up for our area. December averages .60" of liquid precip, the third least of any month, and all of that falls as snow, averaging 9". Record snowfall was set just last year (remember?) with 25" falling.

Temperature-wise, this is normally our second coldest month of the year with highs and lows in the first week averaging 37° and 11°, and by the close of the year, the averages are 33° and 7°. The warmest it's been was on December 1 thru 4 in 1995, at 58° each day, and the coldest reading was -18°, set on both December 23, 1990, and December 8, 2005.

The 30-day outlook for December is calling for average temps and above average snowfall.



by Keno

### Why isn't the earliest sunset on the year's shortest day?

Most people know that the shortest day of the year, along with the longest night, is on the winter solstice, but unlike what many might think, the sun doesn't set the earliest, nor rise at its latest time, on that one day.

Yes, the solstice offers the shortest period of daylight, but your earliest sunsets each year are in early to mid-December, while the latest sunrises do not take place till around early January.

This is all caused because of the discrepancy between the clock and the sun. Most clocks work on the idea that a day—the time between one noon to the next, is exactly 24 hours. Yet an actual day—as

measured by the spin of the Earth, from what is called one "solar noon" to the next—rarely equals 24 hours exactly. A solar noon (midday) is referred to as the instant when the sun reaches its highest point in the sky, and that doesn't happen at the same time each day. Scientifically, a solar day is not exactly 24 hours long, and its length varies throughout the year. The solar day is longer than 24 hours around the summer and winter solstices and is shorter than 24 hours around the spring and autumn equinox. So this is why the length of the solar day does not always match up with the length of a day as measured by a clock, and why the time that the sun rises and sets each day isn't connected to the winter solstice.

### What are the chances for a white Christmas each year here in Crestone?

The chance is excellent, but then again it depends on what you mean by a "white Christmas".

If you go by snow already on the ground, since 1982 when records were first kept here, Crestone has seen at least 1" of snow on the ground on Christmas morning for the last 32 Christmases in all but

5 years, and if you count such days where there was at least a trace but less than an inch of snow on the ground, then the area has seen snow on the ground for every single Christmas since records have been kept. But this only applies for Crestone and those of us who live in the local foothills and mountains. If you live out in the nearby Grants, Casita Park, or anywhere else in the valley, this doesn't apply. There you have seen several Christmas mornings since 1982 with bare ground and zero snowpack at these locations.

If you only consider a white Christmas by snow falling from the sky on Christmas Day, then no, it rarely snows on Christmas anywhere around here. Looking back in our record books, we have only seen 8 days where snow fell on Christmas Day, and on only 4 of those days did more than an inch of snow fall. For last Christmas, it not only snowed, but a record snowfall for Christmas Day occurred, with 6.6" recorded.

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Home made refreshments are created and choreographed by Judy Gilbert and Bill Sutherland as they have done for 15 of the 16 events. Judy's culinary artistry shines through her cakes, cookies, hummus and, well, everything that is eaten off toothpicks at parties like this. Bill rules the stove top with his famous flavored popcorn and dangerous mulled wine. Thanks, too, to all of you who've brought or sent goodies in the past.

### Genesis of the Ellzey-Johns annual art show

One evening in late November of the year 2000 this event was hatched over dinner at enamel artist Harriet Johns' railroad car home. Harriet had been making small enamels the size of post cards in a desktop kiln since she moved to Crestone, too far from the industrial furnace kilns of her heyday in California. And Ellzey was making test prints about the same size in order to perfect the color and contrast adjustments before making prints on larger paper. Once the postcard size test print was deemed correct it was numbered and added to a stack of master test prints.

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*Blue cliffs of thousand-year-old glacial ice feed a lake in Patagonia.*

*photo by Bill Ellzey*

## Holiday Bazaar in Saguache December 5



Friends of the Saguache Library fifth annual Holiday Bazaar is set for Saturday December 5 at the Community Building on 7th St. and Christy in Saguache.

From 9 to 3, artisans from the San Luis Valley as well as Salida and beyond will provide holiday shoppers with delightful choices of pottery, crafts, baked goods, jewelry, quilts, books and much more. With all tables sold and a waiting list, you can be sure of a great selection.

A donation drawing for a decorated Christmas tree adds to the excitement of the day. Laurie's breakfast yummies and hot lunch will be available on site. Questions? Wilma Lewis at 719-655-2566.

## Crestone Artisan's Gallery hosted WinterFest kick-off party



*Lots of fun festivities at this year's WinterFest celebration, including this kick-off party at the Crestone Artisans Gallery on Friday night Nov. 27.*

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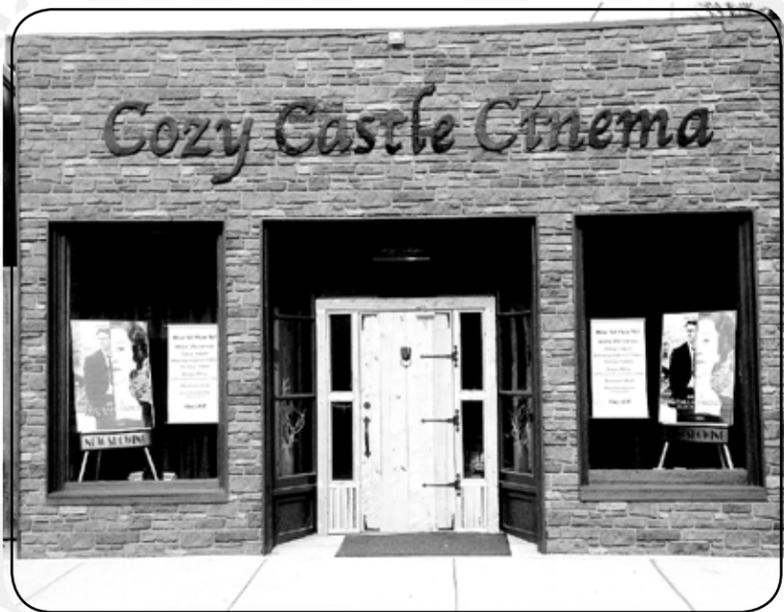
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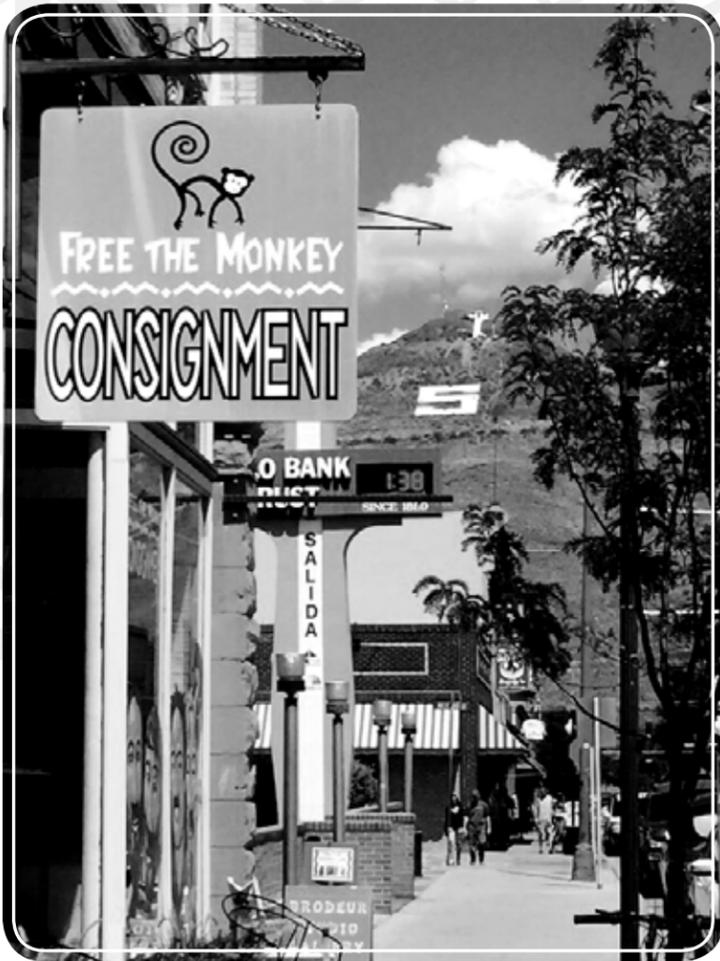
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# Ellzey art show

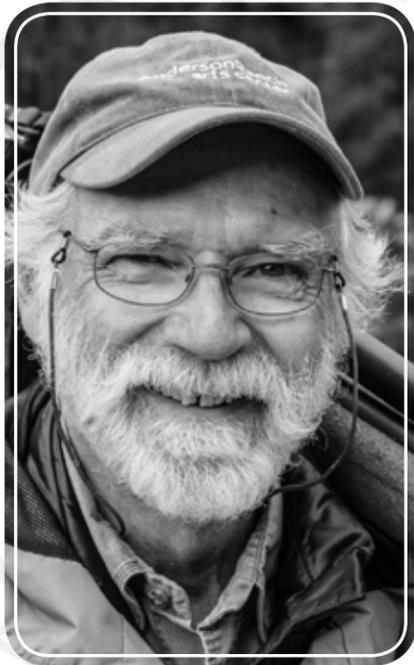
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It dawned on Ellzey that they both were making small works about 4x6 to 5x7 inches. Out of the blue Ellzey said why don't we do a show together and call it miniatures. Jillian got up from the table and phoned Kizzen, editor of The Crestone Eagle, to see if there was still time to submit an ad. There



The Crestone Range of the Sangre de Cristos with a lenticular cloud reflected in the west Grants marsh.

photo by Bill Ellzey



wasn't. But Kiz made an exception. And thus began this traditional, looked-forward-to, winter Crestone event.

Bill Ellzey picked up his first camera in 1965, at age 20, little knowing that photography would become his profession. Since then camera work has taken him around the world, completing assignments and teaching photographers, professional and amateur, the art and techniques of the medium.

His work from India, China, Australia, Japan, Mexico, Alaska, Egypt, Ireland, Bhutan, Zambia, Chilean Patagonia and the American west has been published here and abroad. His images can be found in magazines, books, calendars, newspapers, catalogs, annual reports, galleries and private collections. He directed Western Photo Workshops in Telluride for eleven years and continues to teach privately and for

distinguished photo programs in North America and overseas.

Bill invites you to visit the workshops page on this site ([www.billellzey.com](http://www.billellzey.com)), to see the photo courses and trips currently scheduled. His stock photography is represented by National Geographic Image Collection. Bill lives and works from his self-built, strawbale home in Crestone.

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