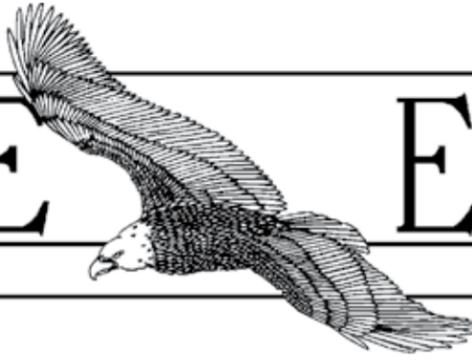


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## New FAA drone ruling: What does it mean for SLV?

by Sandia Belgrade

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has just released the proposed rules governing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAS), small drones for commercial use. The long-awaited ruling sets guidelines for how drones will share the skies with passenger planes. This ruling is not about military drones used for reconnaissance or surveillance or those that are armed with missiles and bombs. It's about small commercial drones often resembling model airplanes.

Colorado is vying to be one of six states designated as a test site for commercial drones flying over U.S. airspace.

### What does the ruling cover?

These regulations apply to drones weighing less than 55 pounds and flying at a maximum speed of 100 mph. They have a small, high performance multi-rotor and are equipped with HD live stream video cameras, GPS, autopilot, often with a range of 2 to 3 miles and a 15-20 minute flight time. They cannot be flown at an

altitude of more than 500' above the ground which keeps drones away from the path of higher-flying manned aircraft such as commercial flights. They cannot be flown near airports, or in restricted airspace without permission. They cannot fly over people, except those directly involved with the flight, and drones must remain in the line of sight of the operator at all times. They can only be flown during the daytime. A camera may be attached to the drone to allow

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"God's Hand": a cometary globule. If you find astronomy fascinating, read "The Skies over Crestone" page B-2

## Baca Wildlife & Monte Vista Wildlife Refuge water tested as part of Endocrine Disruption Study

by Gwendolyn Bauer,  
SLV Ecosystem Council Member

On January 28 the Colorado Field Institute 2015 Winter Lecture Series hosted Laura Archuleta, co-author (with Brian Sanchez) of "The Presence of Endocrine Disruptors, Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products on the Baca and Monte Vista Wildlife Refuges", speaking to an audience of about fifty persons. Archuleta spoke on the results of recent investigation of pharmaceutical and

personal care product chemicals that humans have introduced into the refuges. Archuleta is an Environmental Contaminants Specialist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Pharmaceuticals (prescriptions and over-the-counter "OTC" products) and personal care products that improve the quality of our lives (such as shampoo, soap, moisturizers, hair color, toothpaste, cleaning products, and caffeine), referred to as PPCPs, are just a few

of the 60 million commonly available chemicals, only some of which are regulated. They can end up in water, soil, sediment, dust, and rain or snow from origins as varied as waste water treatment plants, septic systems, bio-solid applications (sewage sludge), livestock (both confined feeding and pasture), and aquaculture facilities.

Concerns over such contaminants are: 1) they are produced in very large quantities, 2) none are

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## Editor's Notes

### Weavings

On an early morning in February I attended the cremation of a dear community member at the Crestone End of Life Project's cremation site. A whole circle of family, friends and neighbors came to pay tribute. As the fire was lit and flames rose in the cold dawn air, stories were told, prayers offered, love given.

So magical, this transformation of fire. I looked around the circle at so many people I knew and saw how we come together, how we are linked. How, in so many ways, in life and death, we are woven together. A tapestry so uniquely our own.

I remember an old saying that "home is where, when you show up, they have to take you in". But after living so many years in this tight-knit community, I'd say that home is where you are known and loved, and when you die, you will be remembered and missed. Celebrated. Where people will tell stories about you—good things and bad. Funny things you did, even embarrassing things you had hoped people had forgotten. No, they'll remember—and tell on you.

This month we have four obituaries—a lot for such a small community. They were all people who enriched their families' and friends' lives. They shared their gifts. Several have left lasting impacts on Crestone—working to protect the environment, helping the community, gathering artists, leading hikes into the mountains, influencing their families and so much more that it would take books to tell.

There is a hole where they had been. Hopefully a legacy is passed on and younger ones step up, integrating into life's web and weave, joining the circle.

Really welcoming spring,  
 —Kizzen



## Seeking support

To my community:

My appointment last year by Saguache County Commissioners to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board was to complete an unfinished term from which George Whitten resigned. This position is now up for reappointment for a three-year term. If you wish to have me reappointed, please let our commissioners know as soon as possible. Thanks to so many of you for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Peggy Godfrey

## Goodbye to Jim Erdman

Dear Editor,

Jim Erdman was a close friend of mine and a friend to many others here in Crestone. His passing is reminding me just how much I missed him after he left this area about 7 years ago when he moved away to live closer to his son.

I recall one of the last emails I received from Jim. He informed me of his cancer and that he was starting treatment. I just knew he would beat it, but instead, he ended up going pretty fast. I always figured Jim would be one of those who would live well into his 90s, as he was just so full of energy and in great shape for his age.

Jim was the founder and leader of the local hiking group called "The Baca Bunch", and for a 3-year period, we would go on special hikes every other weekend, both from around the Crestone area, or within 2 to 3 hours of here. There were over 100 Baca Bunch members and usually anywhere from just a handful, to maybe 25 would show up for a hike. There was no better person to go hiking with than Jim. A scientist emeritus, he knew the name of every plant, flower, weed and tree we would come upon. Jim could pick up any rock and tell you how old it was and what it consisted of. His knowledge of this area, and all of the Sangre de Cristo and San Juan Mountains, made for some great stories. If you were out driving with Jim and he saw a weed on the side of the road that was not native to this area, he'd stop the car, get out, and dig it up.

Jim was so much a true scientist, and a good person. Plus his way with words, in his emails or in person when spoken, you just had to cherish. The thank you note he wrote me after I had given him some tomatoes from my garden, his words describing how wonderful the tomatoes tasted, I will never forget. Nor will I forget his last written word to his friends in his final email, they were short and simple, but only stated in the way somebody like Jim would state it, written about a week before his passing he noted "My days of yore are no more"; that's exactly the way



The great folks like you who are interested in Living Wisdom, left to right: Matie Belle Lakish, Denise Peine, Ammi Kohn, Barbara Hoepfner, D'Lane Kilgore, Marv Mattis.

## Living Wisdom unveils senior housing concept

Living Wisdom: A Community for Seniors (LCWS) will present its concept design for a Crestone senior residential community at the Cloud Station on March 8, 2:30-4:30. A slide presentation will describe the background and philosophy of Living Wisdom and present its design for a senior micro-village. The presentation will discuss how the project might be implemented, possibilities for a governance structure, and suggestions for its long term financial continuity and evolution. Much of the basic concept of the design and the philosophy of LCWS can be found in *Being Mortal*, by Atul Gawande. The library has four copies of this book. We urge you to read it.

This project is a work in process and will evolve and be refined over the coming year.

Living Wisdom has been meeting for over a year, collecting information through a community survey, census data, and meetings with invited government officials and private developers. The design concept and accompanying rationale will be part of a Saguache County sales tax grant application to be submitted in mid-March.

Current board members are Ammi Kohn, President; Burt Wadman, Vice President; Vivia Lawson, Secretary and Acting Treasurer; Barbara Hoepfner, Findley West, and Steven Elliot, with Kirsten Schreiber as his alternate. The skills of the board combine real estate, planning and evaluation, architecture, construction, medicine, hospice & care-giving.

Because of the project's innovative approach to keeping seniors in the community, the Crestone Creative District is co-sponsoring the meeting. After the presentation, Living Wisdom will be pleased to invite comments and answer questions.

you would expect Jim to explain to his friends that his passing would come soon.

Jim has now left us, but he will remain in my heart as long as it beats, and I know that will be so also for all of his friends that he left behind.

Keno Menechino

## Unleashed dogs chasing whatever moves

To the Baca Community:

We are blessed to live in a residential rural community in close connection with nature.

Most of us live here for just this reason, among others. It is wonderful to live and be able to be part of the creatures and cycles in this high desert world without so much noise of 21st century life.

I recently witnessed another situation where 2 elk were separated from the herd near the Desert Sage and harried by 2 unleashed dogs in the area around Colorado College. Dusk was falling and I could not tell if the dogs succeeded in bringing the elk down or not. The elk were clearly exhausted and faltering. The next day I saw 3 unleashed dogs romping around together on Badger Road near the stables. I could see that these dogs had collars—they did start to chase

my car.

Because we are a mixed community—residential and rural, because people ride bikes and horses and hike, because there is wildlife as well as domesticated farm animals, dogs can't just be let out. When dogs either singly or in groups go outside and see penned farm animals, wild animals such as deer and elk, most will give chase—it is in their nature.

It is not in the best interests for all of us who live in this rural and residential community to allow dogs to chase moving cars, horses, bikes, hikers, creatures. In the last 2 years alone we've seen enough injury here to know that this doesn't work. Please please keep your dogs on leash or fenced in the best interests of all of us.

Thank you,  
 Zoe de Bray

## You can afford to eat healthily

Dear Editor,

If you're like most Saguache County residents, you don't make a lot of money and it's a struggle to buy groceries for yourself and/or your family. You're on a fixed income, or stuck in a low-paying job, while the price of food gets higher every day.



**Mary Jane Palermo**

Dec. 14, 1946 - Feb. 3, 2015

Mary was born into a military family that moved often. She never developed a sense of home on this earth. She married young, had no children, and traveled extensively to many sacred sites from Machu Pichu to Timbucto. After leaving her first marriage, she worked in marketing communications in Washington D.C. In 1986 Mary experienced a spiritual awakening. In 1988 she moved to a spiritual intentional community in Oklahoma where she met Vince. They were married in the next year. Mary became a Certified Pastoral Councilor, and did Red Cross emergency disaster relief work across the country.

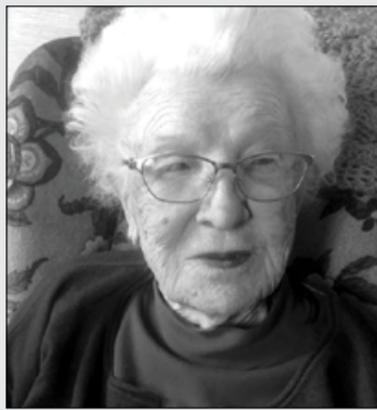
In 1996 they moved to Crestone. She liked the mountains, nature, hiking, community service, and chocolate. PSP, an unusual brain degeneration, began manifesting in 2010. She never fully lost her mental faculties or spiritual capacity. On February 3, in the full moon energy of Aquarius, Mary turned to the light and returned to her real home.

Buying healthy food may seem like a luxury you can't afford.

Saguache Works is working to change that. The nonprofit 4th Street Food Store, at 404 4th St. in downtown Saguache, whose mission is make healthier fare available to everyone, offers local, natural and organic foods at prices averaging 15% less than the typical "health food store."

Thanks to generous donations from community members and a dedicated volunteer staff, Blue Earth Thrift & Mercantile, also operated by Saguache Works, generates revenue to help support the food store. Reduced food prices and substantial donations to the Saguache County Food Bank also are made possible by generous support from the Saguache County Commissioners.

Residents eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly food stamps)



**Vera Elliott**

Oct. 15, 1920 - Jan. 30, 2015

Vera Elliott was born in Sioux Falls to her parents Ray and Ida Williams. She married Ray Elliott April 26, 1941, and owned and operated a Ben Franklin store in Salem, SD. She is survived by her son Steven Elliott and his wife Kirsten of Crestone, and daughter-in-law Dorothy Shepherd, four grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Ray Elliott, her son Russell and her brother Ray Williams.

Vera moved to Crestone in August 2014 and lived at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Kirsten. This made it possible to be visited often by her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She made friends here and touched people's hearts. The deer coming up to her window were a special Crestone treat and she loved your visits.

Many thanks to Cindy, Susan and Mae for their caregiving, Hospice del Valle, and CEOLP for a beautiful cremation—especially Malina, and our whole community. We couldn't have done this without you. Thank you Mom for being with us—you were a teacher in gentleness, patience had such wit and had no fear of death. We miss you and love you!

Vera says:  
Enjoy your life! Amen!

receive a 20% discount on all food purchased with an EBT card.

We may not be able to match Walmart prices on certain items, but if you figure in the cost of driving to Salida or Alamosa and the value of your time, it may make sense to shop at the 4th Street Food Store and keep your tax dollars in Saguache County.

The 4th Street Food Store is open from 10am to 4pm weekdays, and from 10am to 3pm on weekends. For more information please call 655-0216.

Thank you,  
Marge Hogline



**Robin Ross**

Nov. 2, 1954 - Feb. 3, 2015

Robin Ross, a brilliant artist who touched everyone she met with her sparkling spirit, drive, humor and open heart, died at home in the Baca February 3 from kidney failure related to the diabetes from which she had suffered since the age of 7.

Born Robin Lois Delon, November 2, 1954, Robin grew up in Ohio and New Jersey then, after high school, moved with her family to Denver. She studied art at CU Boulder and NYU Graduate School but her lifelong artistic and personal journey shaped her work more than any teacher. After CU Robin was, as she said, "a hippie in the mountains." She returned briefly to Denver, then moved to New York City. There she found a nurturing artistic community in Brooklyn where she lived and worked until 2011 when she and Noah Baen, her husband since 2003, moved to Crestone.

In Colorado again, Robin contributed to the developing artist community in Crestone as a founder and guiding force of crestoneartists.com, its webmaster and lead organizer of the group's studio tours. She also served on the steering committee of the Crestone Creative District.

The glowing space and light of Robin's paintings reflected decades of meditation and spiritual search. She was a "painter's painter" whose work was exhibited widely. A painting and related poem are currently on view in a show she curated at Shumei Gallery. A memorial retrospective of Robin's work is planned for the fall in Denver.

Robin never let her illness define her. She maintained an unfailing gratitude for life and a sense of humor. Legally blind in one eye and living with the threat of losing vision, she served her dinner guests soup with floating plastic eyeballs. A near-death experience at age 18 gave her fearlessness in the face of death.

Robin is survived by husband Noah Baen, mother Winifred Delon of Denver and sisters Ivy Delon Lee of Littleton and Merrill Delon of New York City.

Donations in Robin's honor may be made to Crestone End of Life Project, Box 1238 and Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Box 822, Crestone.



**Jim Erdman**

Dec. 20, 1935 - Feb. 4, 2015

James Allen Erdman was born December 20, 1935 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Robert and Esther Erdman. He died peacefully on February 4, 2015 at his mountain "hermitage" high in the Rocky Mountains near Red Feather Lakes, Colorado. He had previously lived in Crestone, Colorado. He'd fought a brief struggle against Mesothelioma, cancer of the lining around the lungs. He was 79.

In the early 1960s, Jim was a member of the Wetherill Mesa archeological team that helped expand Mesa Verde National Park (near Cortez, Colorado). There he completed his research in botany and earned a PhD in plant ecology from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Jim's scientific research contributed to non-invasive and more environmentally friendly techniques for mineral exploration, the control of noxious weeds in prairie ranch lands, and the management of wetlands and other natural resources. A pioneer in his field, he presented his research in the Soviet Union, China, Scandinavia, and at symposiums across North America.

A writer, activist, and provocateur, Jim was deeply concerned about the environmental challenges before us. His final paper, "A Sketch of Three Cultures—Past, Present, Future—Weld County, Colorado" (2013) focused on the interaction between the natural world and its human inhabitants and directly challenged the threat posed to both by the fracking industry. He concluded that paper with a quote from an unknown author, typical of his outlook: "The human spirit needs places where nature has not been rearranged by the hand of man."

Only months before his death he was still climbing fourteen thousand foot peaks, and curating nature walks at the Soapstone Prairie Natural Area in the wilderness north of Fort Collins.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Mardi Erdman (died 1994), whom he adored.

A service of celebration is being planned for sometime this spring. If you're interested in receiving information about the gathering, please visit this blog post, [www.chriserdman.com/blog](http://www.chriserdman.com/blog), and provide your email information.

**Living Wisdom Community for Seniors (LWCS) Presents**

**A Design Concept for Senior Housing**

**The Cloud Station**  
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Don't forget the time change!

## Sheriff Dan Warwick talks about his law enforcement goals

by Mary Lowers

Newly elected Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick took office this month. Sheriff Dan has spent nineteen years in the valley, most of them serving in law enforcement. He graduated in 1995 from the Colorado Police Academy at Trinidad State College in Trinidad, Colorado. In the years since he graduated, Dan has worked as a Saguache County officer for fifteen years and spent nine years with the Center police force. During his career he has held the ranks of deputy, sergeant, lieutenant, and served as Interim Police Chief in Center. His experience includes "many levels of policing and supervisory roles."

Warwick says, "I want the sheriff's officers to be part of the community. I want to meet community members, find out what their concerns are. I want us to have high visibility in the com-

munity." Knowing that the drug problem, particularly use and abuse of meth and heroin is a big concern, Warwick plans to spend time on the issue and told me, "we plan to use canines to sniff out suspected drugs." He also intends to put energy into stopping burglaries in the county. "To me life is the most important issue," he told me; "I want people to live without fear."

Some staff changes have taken place at the Sheriff's office and more are anticipated. James McCloskey will be the new Undersheriff. He comes to Saguache County from Alamosa with 28 years of experience. Warwick has hired one new deputy and says there will be one more employed. He has hired two new jailers. Acknowledging the highest population density in the county is on the south eastern side, Warwick told me, "I am trying to get a sheriff to live in the Crestone/Baca area."

Sheriff Warwick wants people to know if you have concerns or questions the Sheriff's office can help with, feel free to ask the staff. The non-emergency phone number is 719-655-2525.



A group of pronghorn (*Antilocarpa americana*) seem to pose for the camera between Moffat and Villa Grove. photo by Caren Kershner

## 5 teens injured in Valentine's Day crash

by Mary Lowers

At 8:30pm on Valentine's Day five teenagers on the way to a school dance were in a rollover on Saguache County Road 59. The single vehicle accident, according to the Colorado State Patrol, occurred when the 1996 Chevy Suburban driven by Elaine Wellman-Flick, 18, went out of control while travelling southbound on a washboard section of CR59. The Suburban travelled off the road, collided with a fence and rolled one-and-a-half times, according to the accident report.

Four of the car's occupants received only minor injuries. Sadly, a seventeen-year-old girl was ejected from the Suburban and suffered serious injuries. She was transported to the SLV Regional Medical Center in critical condition.

According to Saguache Coun-

ty Road and Bridge Department spokesman Randy Arredondo, wash boarding happens often when water freezes at night causing "frost heaves" forcing a portion of the road upward. This creates dirt and gravel roads to become corrugated so they resemble a washboard. Hitting these washboards can cause a driver to lose control of their vehicle.

The State Patrol says drugs and alcohol are not factors in this accident. Excessive speed is being investigated as a possible factor in the rollover. Captain Dingfelder of the Colorado State Patrol in Alamosa told me, "Crashes like this are sad, especially when the kids are doing everything right. Those county roads can be tough to drive." As we go to press the seriously injured seventeen-year-old is still in the hospital.

## Saguache County crime report

by Mary Lowers

Despite the changes at the Saguache County Sheriff's Office with a new sheriff and staff, crime kept busy in Saguache County this past month. A Center man, 22, was taken into jail on several charges, including: driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, unlawful use of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, and reckless driving. His bail was set at \$10,000. An Alamosa man, 34, was taken into custody in Saguache on failure to appear in court charges. He was held in jail on a \$10,000 bond. A Saguache man, 54, was taken to jail for false imprisonment and harassment charges. No bail amount was listed for him.

A Saguache woman, 75, was jailed for assaulting a deputy and court security. Her charges included second degree assault and resisting arrest. Her bail was set at \$20,000. According to an article in the *Center Post Dispatch*, the woman on the way to pay bills refused to empty her purse when something in it cause the security alarm to buzz. She also would not put the purse on a table to be scanned, saying she was on her way to pay bills and was in a hurry. She claimed she'd already been at the court house and had her purse scanned that day. Then she allegedly slapped the deputy

and walked off to the treasurer's office where she was taken into custody.

A Baca Grande man, 36, was taken to jail on charges of violating a restraining order and domestic violence charges. No bail was set for him. The same man was issued a summons and complaint for knowingly and unlawfully causing a false emergency to be transmitted to the Saguache County Sheriff's Office. The man had been warned that the 911 emergency number was only to be used for situations involving danger to life or property. Another Baca man, 64, was issued a summons and complaint on charges that he trespassed on a Baca property without the owners' knowledge or permission. He is accused of cutting limbs and trees on the property.

Quite a few speeding tickets were issued last month, mainly on Hwy. 285 in and north of Saguache.

There are two main lessons to take away from the crime report this month. First, don't use 911 to call the sheriff unless it is an emergency threatening life or property. The Sheriff's Office phone is answered 24/7 at 655-2525 and it is not long distance. Second, don't be cutting wood without permission and permits if necessary.



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# Drones in the SLV

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for closer flight observation by the operator. The operator of the drone must be at least 17 years old and must pass an aeronautical knowledge test and be vetted by the Transportation Security Administration in order to be certified able to fly. The certificate is rated for flying small unmanned aircraft, and must be renewed every two years. The FAA will not allow online testing. The fee for the tests will be \$150 and it will cover standard aviation topics like airspace regulations and classifications, the effects of weather and emergency procedures, and radio communication procedures.

FAA Administration chief Michael Huerta said he expected commercial drones would “dramatically change the way we use our nation’s airspace.” The new rules must undergo a phase of public and federal review, and will not take effect until 2017 at the earliest, allowing for more clarification. The proposed rules are intended to minimize the risk to other aircraft and people and property. The drones themselves will have to be registered (for a \$5 fee) which will make it easier to identify crashed drones and their owners. The ruling prohibits dropping objects from drones such as paid package delivery, which both Amazon and Google want.

### Benefits & uses of drones

The tasks that drones could perform in the private sector include inspecting utility towers, antennas, power lines and pipelines (especially in hilly or mountainous terrain), supporting wildlife conservation and assisting news organizations. Drones are utilized in diverse fields such as agriculture, construction, TV production, law enforcement, scientific research, aerial photography, coastal security, military training, and critical infrastructure inspection. Consensus has it that the vast majority of U.S. drones could become commonplace on farms. In agriculture they

can be used to monitor crops, spray crops more precisely, keep track of hydration, and identify possible outbreaks of disease before the crop is spoiled.

Drones have life-saving functions. The FAA cites safety as their No. 1 priority. Drones would be able to perform tasks without putting lives at risk, as when needed over dangerous terrain or in bad weather during search and rescue operations or first responder medical support. Bridge inspectors and climbers working on power lines have a fatality rate that is 10 times that of construction workers, and drones can help reduce those fatalities. (95 climbers working on towers died between 2004 and 2012)

### Ethics and privacy issues to be addressed

What effect will their use have on the hearts and minds and psyches of civilians conjuring up visions of drones spying from above? The regs say they cannot fly over people, but it could be a regulatory nightmare to enforce. Police departments already use them. Should they be prohibited from using surveillance drones except for those who are reasonably suspected of engaging in criminal or terrorist activity? Will surveillance include peering through a window and will it be based on a warrant? And if the government or a law agency collects information and the suspects turn out to be innocent, what will guarantee that the information collected is discarded? What are the legal consequences of an activist group using an unregistered drone? What if corporations or government agencies violate restrictions? There are legitimate concerns that the regulations will not satisfactorily address issues of privacy and omniscient surveillance.

Fortunately, many people are asking these questions and helping align our personal guidelines to keep up with the speed of evolving technology. The ACLU and 30 other agencies including the Electronic Privacy Information Center, American Library Association, Bill of Rights Defense Committee, Center for Democracy and Technology,



Drone in flight. Will drones bring business to Saguache County?

and the Council of American-Islamic Relations have petitioned the FAA to establish rules. Ohio Congressman Rex Damschroder, for one, is concerned about the potential for law-enforcement agencies to use drones to monitor civilians without legal permission.

### The drone industry in the valley

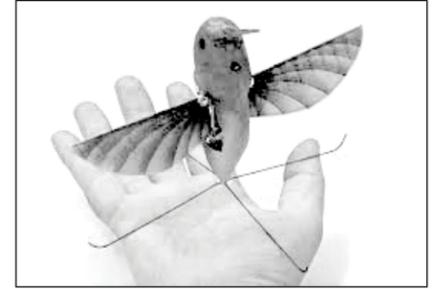
At the end of last year Alamosa County submitted its FAA Certificate of Authorization (COA) application to bring some of the \$100 billion Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) drones industry to southern Colorado. Competition is fierce with hundreds of applicants, but if Alamosa’s application is selected, UAS Colorado (a non-profit company) and Rocky Mountain UAS will be looking to secure airspace. According to a UAS briefing in Alamosa, representatives said that Leach Airport in Center is ideal to begin official trainings. Leach figures to have a role because there is wide open space, it’s not close to a major airport, not much traffic and a sparse population. Saguache Airport as well is appropriate for research and design.

But these will be drones for military purposes.

The first Unmanned Aerial System in the valley might be Hummingbird II. Its size is 6.5” and it weighs less than an ounce, less than the weight of a AA battery. Its wings flap like a hummingbirds. It was funded by a defense research group and is intended for covert military surveillance.

### Economic impact

It’s estimated that under these new rules the incipient industry will bring in more than \$100 million per year nationally. The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International projects the industry will create 70,000 jobs with \$13.6 billion in economic ac-



A “hummingbird drone”.

tivity during the first three years after drones fully share the skies with other aircraft. The FAA currently estimates as many as 7,500 small commercial UAS may be in use by 2018, if the necessary regulations are in place.

Colorado has the nation’s third largest aerospace economy with more than 400 space-related companies employing thousands of workers. Yet, Saguache remains one of the poorest counties in the state. It’s a great opportunity for Saguache to gain economically. According to Ken Anderson, Saguache County Commissioner, there are potentially eight companies that want to do research here.

It is not yet clear how the SLV is going to distinguish between commercial and military drones or “good” drone versus “bad” drone. Technology is advancing at an unprecedented rate and as residents of SLV face the reality of drones in their lives, we’ll be faced with finding our way through a maze of questions. When the SLV and Saguache County get around to adopting land use codes and policies to address UAS issues, residents’ input will be sorely needed to assure a healthy dialog that helps us all work with some of the key issues: how do we tap into a burgeoning industry to improve our economic quality of life while preserving our values and expectations of privacy?



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# Saguache County News

## Land exchange gives Baca residents a second road out

by Sandia Belgrade

The Secretary of the Interior has authorized an agreement for the exchange of land involving parcels which are presently part of the Baca POA under the Luis Maria Baca Grant, and a parcel now part of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) refuge. Ron Garcia of USFWS and Karen Hillstrom of the realty division of USFWS out of Denver appeared before the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to discuss the swap. It will be a continuous road between Spanish Creek Trail (a road in the Baca Grants) and the T Road, exiting at Colorado College. The county of Saguache now owns the road and will maintain it and grade so it will provide a useable access. Garcia and Randy Arredondo, Supervisor of Road and Bridge, are ready to sign off on it. They will meet with the POA and Baca Water & Sanitation to work out access and easement issues.

### A win-win solution

The land swap is significant, given that the Baca represents nearly 1/4 of the population of the county. This alternative route will provide another exit out of the Baca Grande in the event of an emergency such as a fire. It could be lifesaving for humans as well as horses at the stables. Garcia has done a preliminary wildlife analysis. The parcels are approximately equal in value. USFWS gets roughly 11 acres, including the old air strip in the wildlife refuge. The POA section is over 13 acres. (See map and side panel)

### Commissioners' activities

Tim Lovato attended an orientation for new county commissioners in Denver. He is now the liaison to the Saguache Museum Board. Lovato attended a meeting of the security team for the Courthouse. There is now a single point of entry at the front door facing 4th Street. A guard with a televised camera supervises the entry. It was also reported that the courthouse has no fire alarm, although there are smoke detectors. That will be remedied.

Ken Anderson reported on tax credits for farmers and ranchers through the Farm Bureau which could be helpful. To assist beginning farmers, a bill allows for a tax deduction for leasing out an agricultural asset to an eligible beginning farmer or rancher.

Jason Anderson met with Mark Talbot. The new website will be online by March 1. It will track frequently asked questions and answers, and forms will be more convenient, faster, and dated. PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)

quandary: all money either goes to schools or all to road and bridge which counts against our PILT. Jason wrote letters to Senators Bennett and Gardner, thanking them for support of PILT.

### Public Health information

Marcy Gardunio, Public Health Director, stated that the County needs more communication and planning for pandemics and emergency preparedness. Our county is vulnerable because much can happen with our isolated situation, i.e. truckers might not deliver gas, food, etc. A county on the western slope will share their plans to aid in our preparedness. We have high drug use in our valley. There will be Hepatitis C testing in March. House Bill 1194 authorizes the Colorado Department of Public Health to distribute long-acting, reversible contraceptives (LARCs) to low-income women across the state. This family planning program helps address the high rate of teen pregnancy. Gardunio recommended giving over the PCP Program (Personal Care Provider) to a private entity, as Rio Grande County does. She would like it to be cost neutral, but the County is losing money on this program.

### Encouraging small businesses

Eric Frey, a machinist in Saguache, contacted Commissioner Jason Anderson. Frey, along with another machinist, is interested in establishing a commercial enterprise in Saguache. They already have their own infrastructure set up. Anderson is intent on finding ways that the county can remove obstacles for small businesses. At the same time there is consideration as to whether Frey can plug into the anticipated aerospace industry which has parts made by small machine shops.

Nicholas Chambers of Crestone thanked the commissioners for their support of local energy production from sales tax grants. With the expertise he's gained, he's built and sold equipment, invested in digesters, and worked with Orient Land Trust. He's working on a renewable energy park with used oils coming in for biodiesel, as are wood chips. Chambers will be part of the Crestone biodiesel conference which has people coming from all over world. He's also poised to tackle projects such as the San Luis Valley food hub in Mosca which will offer local, natural food products.

### Administrative report

Lyn Lambert recommended moving the County payroll account from Community Bank to First Southwest. They will not charge the County a direct deposit fee of \$35 every month. Lambert also recommended they accept the WSM Computer Services contract at a flat yearly charge for 2015.

Wendi Maez reported on requests for 2015:

- The library district has requested funds for a push plate on the Saguache library door and \$20,000 for land for the new Crestone Library.
- The Saguache Museum is requesting funds for repairs.
- Moffat has requested funds for sidewalk repair

• The Town of Crestone is re-submitting a maintenance request.

### County landfill approached to store hazardous mining waste

Joseph G. Harrington, of the Alexco Environmental Group, proposed the County store mining waste at the landfill. They are a precious metals exploration company with an environmental services division. Mining results in large volumes of waste materials and releases toxic contaminants into the environment. They would truck in tons of rock for landfill. There are questions about a toxic waste product being brought to the valley floor—will it get into our aquifer? Harrington said liners are placed in a double containment system. Immediate benefits: revenue, 4-10 jobs and recovery of valuable minerals. There was no decision; there will be follow-up meetings.

### Retail marijuana shop application denied

For the third time, the issue of Jonathan Billingsley's application for a retail marijuana store in Sargent came before the BOCC. It had previously been denied because of its proximity to a liquor store. Billingsley contended that it does not meet the definition of a liquor store because according to the state, liquor stores cannot sell food and no one under age 18 can work there. Ben Gibbons, County Attorney, said that neither the land use code nor marijuana code have a definition of a liquor store. The County is not bound by State definition since it didn't adopt the State regulations, so it falls to the discretion of the BOCC. Billingsley has invested a lot of time and money and his frustration was evident when he said the bar keeps getting reset higher. However, the board decided not to reconsider his application. Jason noted it is frustrating for the County because it is going into a realm where there's no blueprint. The board has approved one other application in an unincorporated town, but is proceeding carefully.

### New sheriff's transition

In his first official appearance before the board, Sheriff Dan Warwick said the transition was going smoothly. His first week was rough because the undersheriff was new and had no background in this county. It's now smoothing out well. They're absorbing expenses with jail issues, including shipping prisoners to other facilities because they're too disruptive. He discussed additional patrols in the Baca. Residents want more Sheriff's Dept. presence. They will contribute to cost of additional patrolling. There is consideration of a justice building complex in Saguache to address growth issues.

### Fences, gates, roads, and good neighbors

Several situations came before the BOCC over access to roads. On road 10xx Marshall and Jane Milam want a cattle guard; Gene Hollenbeck wants a gate which is open less than 1 month a year. It will be discussed more in a work session.

The Diamond Way organization (northeast of Saguache) came for yearly review of their conditional use permit. There is a point of contention between the Diamond Way organization and neighbors on

the Ewing Road, northeast of the town of Saguache. Ewing road is not a public County road; it begins and ends at Ewing ranch. It is their only access. A spokesperson for the group, Jason Geister, said they are doing due diligence in meeting the conditions. They spent \$65,000 on infrastructure: installed a metered well, a water cistern, and a septic system. Neighbors contend that the road is not acceptable. It can become a water ditch. The gate is not always closed.

### Leach Airport

Mike Spearman gave an update on Leach Airport. They're setting up amenities, including lounge, phone, wifi, and a conference table. The goal is to get rent revenue from hangars, and ultimately to have regular flying. Neighboring farmers are very cooperative and will move sprinkler systems away from the runway. The improvement of Leach is an economic effort and also comes in anticipation of a Federal Aviation Association (FAA) determination. If they approve the Alamosa County Certificate of Authorization, Leach is believed to be where they're interested. It is ideal because there are no other planes or traffic nearby. Ken Anderson has said up to eight companies may want to do research here. (See article on drones in this issue.)

### Southwest Conservation Corps

Jody Karr-Silaski, Director, reviewed highlights from last summer's program which was fully attended, with 10 participants, a large proportion of them female. There was a 100% retention rate. They put up 200' of fence, repaired nearly 1,000' of maintained trails, and took out invasive species.

### Updates

• Jim Felmlee, Office of Emergency Management, reported that for faster response, more qualified, immediate care, three ambulances will consolidate with one set of protocols for all ambulances.

• The Commissioners honored Mike and Jeannie Norris with plaques for their many years of service to the County.

### Applications for the spring County Sales Tax Grants

The BOCC will be taking grant applications for Saguache County Sales Tax Grants until 3pm March 13, 2015. To be eligible, grant applications must be for: Emergency Services/Public Health and Safety; Youth and Senior programs, projects, or organizations; or Renewable Energy projects/Business Opportunities and Job Creation. Guidelines, application forms and instructions are available at [www.saguachecounty.net](http://www.saguachecounty.net). An organization can also request a grant application by calling the Saguache County Administration at 719-655-2231.



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Carmin Teeple in her newly expanded book store in the Sangre de Cristo Inn building.  
photo by Lori Nagel

## Crestone book store triples in size

by Lori Nagel

Read all about it! Literally, read all about lots of topics that lots of Crestone people find interesting, all at our very own Ragpicker Used Books Cards Photography and Jewelry by Carmin. Most of the books in the store have come from local residents, which is why there are so many topics that our like-minded neighbors might also find of interest.

When Carmin Teeple opened her bookstore in February of 2013, its humble beginnings were contained in a 7½' x 8' space. Now, a mere 2 years later, it's grown to a little more than 3 times that size, and the vast selection is outstanding! There's a profound sense of pride when Carmin smiles and says, "It's more like a real bookstore now." She used to be co-manager of the CYP Thrift Store in town, a job she left about 2 years before she opened this bookstore. And part of the reason for investing in this new venture was because she missed the people interaction she got when she was working at the Thrift Store.

In addition to books, Carmin is an excellent photographer and has many of her pictures available

in the form of cards & prints. Most of the photos are local, and some have captured the beauty from afar. Carmin also makes handmade jewelry out of armadillo shells and other unique things, such as seeds. She also offers her very own handmade paper & woven hat bands, and plans to create even more variety in the future.

Carmin is very discerning when selecting the books she will carry in her store. "Most are non-fiction," she says, "including a large variety of spiritual books, Colorado books, field guides, Native, southwestern regional stuff—and of course, New Age." There's also substantial food & health, children's, and really, books on almost every subject you can think of.

Carmin is happy to place special orders for books, CDs, DVDs, and she might even consider ordering other things, as well. Gift certificates are also available, for any amount, redeemable for anything in the store—even for special orders!

The bookstore currently offers tea, coffee, and hot chocolate for your perusing pleasure, and may soon be bringing in some healthy treats. In addition to all the wonderful things that make this hometown bookstore the peacefully cozy place that it is, one local resident, Ginny Ducale says, "I've found some really good books in there—books that I never would've noticed anywhere else, because it's a small venue and she's got a good eye for the subjects she selects to carry in her store."

Carmin moved to Crestone in October of 2000, having previously resided for 23 years in an intentional community called Greenbriar, near Austin, TX. We're so blessed to have her and her bookstore be a part of this wonderful community!

Store hours are noon-4pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Also, keep an eye out for its Facebook page, coming soon.



by Gretchen Nelson,  
Town Clerk

### Downtown revitalization is underway

The Town has finally received a fully executed contract from Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for the Pedestrian Pathway Network Project (PPNP). Local architect Burt Wadman is beginning work on his part of this project, which includes site evaluation and data collection, coordinating revisions to the design developments, preparation of construction documents for the construction bidding process, preparation of construction specifications and production of a Project Manual. Grant funding for PPNP is from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$500,000, and is matched by public and private funds in the amount of \$73,763. Because some of the grant money comes from federal funds, there are a multitude of special "hoops" that

we will be moving through in order to be compliant with grant requirements. At this time it is anticipated that the Board of Trustees will be choosing the construction contractor by May 2015, and that the project will be completed this summer/fall.

### Ordinance

Ordinance 2015-002 was adopted extending the moratorium on the operation of marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana product manufacturing facilities, marijuana testing facilities or retail marijuana stores in the Town of Crestone until February 11, 2016.

### Resolution

Each year the Town has to designate its officials and posting places. Resolution 003-2015 was adopted reappointing the Clerk, Treasurer, Attorney, Administrator, Judge and designating the Town Hall and Post Office bulletin boards as official posting places for meeting notices.

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# POA revising policy to deal with dogs at large in the Baca Grande

by Alison McClure,  
Community Mgr, BGPOA

The Baca Grande POA (BGPOA) has recently been getting complaints in regards to dogs at large, dogs that are not under control of their owners. The Board of Directors takes this very seriously; currently, the board is revising a policy on how to deal with this issue. A revised policy will be presented to the board at the February 26 board meeting.

Per the BGPOA Governing Documents, Declarations of Covenants, Article XI, Section 11.7, Animals, (a) "Household pets may be kept on any Lot. Dogs are not allowed off their Owners' Lots unless they are under their Owners' control." If residents in the Baca witness any dog running at large within the BGPOA, please report this violation to the POA office at 719-256-4171. Filing a complaint can be done in three ways: fill out a complaint form (available at the POA office); email your complaint to info@bacapoa.org; or call the POA and one of the staff will take your

complaint over the phone. The information needed to file a complaint is your name, your phone number, your lot number, where in the Baca you saw the dog at large, description of the dog, and what you witnessed the dog doing.

The homeowners are eyes and ears for BGPOA staff. If complaints are not filed, we cannot enforce the covenants and alleviate the nuisance of loose dogs. It is strongly recommended that you carry a camera with you as you walk the Baca. If you see a dog without an owner, please take pictures and file a complaint with us. If it is at all possible, get the lot number where the dog resides; that is of the utmost importance. This may not always be possible; you are still encouraged to file a complaint even if you are not sure where the dog lives.

Once a complaint is filed, the POA will send a letter to the owner (if the lot has been identified). If the number of the lot cannot be obtained, the POA will still attempt to find the owner and proceed with the enforcement of the violation. If

the property is being rented, and the POA knows the address of the tenant, a letter will be sent to the tenant also. The owner has 20 days to respond to the letter and to come into compliance with the covenant. If the owner does not respond to the letter, a second letter will be sent informing them of a hearing date before the Compliance Violations Appeal Panel. The panel will review all the facts and circumstances, and interview witnesses. The panel will decide if the violation warrants a fine. The fine schedule is as follows: First violation, \$50; Second violation, \$100; Third violation, \$200. If a member or guest (tenant) accumulates four or more similar violations they maybe subject to an additional fine of \$250 per month until the violation is corrected. However, payment of a fine does not alleviate the responsibility to correct the violation. You can view the entire Covenant and Enforcement and Hearing Policy at the POA website at www.bacapoa.org or pick up a copy at the POA office.

The Saguache County Sheriff's Department does not respond to dogs at large. There are no statutes in Saguache County against dogs at large. However there is Criminal Code 18-9-204.5 "Unlawful Owner of dangerous dog." The Sheriff's Department will respond to a "dangerous dog." Sheriff Warwick encourages all to file a complaint with the Sheriff's Department if you are bitten or if your own pet is harmed by a dangerous dog. If you would like to read the entire Criminal Code 18-9-204.5, you may request a copy at the POA.

If Baca residents file complaints with the POA, we can begin to remedy the current situation of residents being afraid to walk and enjoy our beautiful environment. We just need to work together. If the POA board accepts a new policy regarding dogs at large, it will be published in *The Crestone Eagle* and on the POA website.

## POA seeks public input on fire district & dogs Forum March 15

Community members are encouraged to attend a public forum on Sunday, March 15, from 2pm to 5pm to express their opinions and knowledge about two issues of importance to our Crestone/Baca community. The forum will be held at the POA Hall.

**Fire District:** 2-3:30pm.

Over a year ago, the Crestone Fire Protection District, known locally as Crestone Emergency Services District (CrESD) was approved by voters. However, two elections failed to pass a mill levy, the second by only two votes. What are the advantages and disadvantages to local residents and POA property owners of a publicly funded Fire Protection District? Should the POA Board of Directors seek to transfer the fire equipment and buildings to the new district if a mill levy is passed this year?

**Dogs:** 3:30-5pm. The Baca Grande POA Board of Directors has been discussing measures to protect residents, horseback riders, and wildlife from dogs running at large. This problem has come up over and over for several years. Do you have opinions or ideas on how it should be handled within the confines of POA documents?

This meeting is not an official POA meeting, nor is it sponsored by the POA Board of Directors. However, some board members will be present to hear input of local members and residents. This meeting is meant as a forum for public discussion on two topics of importance to our community, and an opportunity for representatives within our community to hear from constituents.



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Committee members are appointed by the Board of Directors. If you are a POA Member and a Member in Good Standing, please write a letter to the Board of Directors explaining why you would like to join the Committee. Deadline to turn in letters is March 10, 2015. You can drop off your letter at the POA office or email it to info@bacapoa.org. If you have any questions please call the POA office at 719-256-4171.

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# Refuge water study

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currently rated as pollutants, 3) they can be biologically active, 4) sewage treatment plants are not required or designed to remove PPCPs, 5) developing resistance (antibiotics), 6) additive, synergistic or antagonistic effects, 7) unknown risk to aquatic life, and 8) potential impact on aquatic organisms at fairly low levels (such as alteration of escape behavior, decreased sperm, and feminization of male fish).

The question becomes, what potential issues arise from very low concentrations? “The dose makes the poison” is classic thought but endocrine disruptors produce non-monotonic (inverted U) non-linear hormone response at different concentrations. Low dose effects are remarkably common in studies of hormones and Endocrine-Disruption Concentrations (EDC’s). “Timing of exposure is profoundly important to detect low dose effects of EDCs.” Also, non-monotonic response does not fit into regular testing by agencies like the EPA.

Archuleta stated that one needs to keep in mind that the concentrations are low (parts per trillion) which can be visualized as a one-foot-square floor tile out of the state of Illinois, or one second out of 32,000 years. The effect of contaminants on humans is a source of much controversy in the scientific community, resulting in articles and rebuttal articles. Currently, a giant five-year study is underway, begun in 2012-13, to attempt to neutrally find conclusive results uniting field research and cellular research concerning the effects of contaminants.

### Baca study

The Baca study looked at the presence and distribution of PPCPs and their potential impact on fish. Methodology was two-fold: water samples (a “grab” or snapshot in time) of six creeks feeding into the Baca and the Aspen

Waste Water Treatment Plant outfall, and polar organic chemical integrated samples (POCIS) at four sites (exposure over 30 days). One hundred twenty analytes (components) were quantified but not all were at levels high enough to be detected, such as Hormone Replacement Therapies (HRT) prescriptions or PPCPs (Personal Care Products); the resulting 45 detected chemicals were placed in 16 different groups. Gonads and livers of fathead minnows, Rio Grande chub, and suckers were examined for histological and gene expression analysis by a graduate student.

Many of the chemicals photodegrade very quickly (half life of hours, such as triclosan) once entering the outdoor light of sewage plants. Other contaminants have a half life of days, such as caffeine or DEET (insect repellent). The concentrations varied drastically, but DEET was found everywhere. Even five years ago, methodologies to test these analytes (components) weren’t even available. Prescription drug analytes are found as a result of human consumption of the Rx’s and then their being excreted in urine and feces, not just from throwing away unused Rx’s.

Mixtures of PPCPs were found at low concentrations in all the creeks. The POSIS most frequently detected prescription drug analytes at all fish sites; caffeine, triclosan (antibacterial soap), and DEET were found in the highest concentrations. Triclosan has been shown to be an endocrine disrupter in the parts/million range.

### Results

The grad student found histological findings in fish gonads that were similar at all sites. The results were the same for the reference site, so cannot be attributed solely to PPCPs. Some of the gene expression analysis indicated potential exposure to estrogenic compounds. The lab study suggests antagonistic effects with the mixture (“funky things going on,” in other words) so more research needs to be done. So the question arises,



Wetlands on the Baca National Refuge. Household chemicals and prescription drugs are leaking into the water on the refuge. photo by Paul Shippee

what do we study the most? An audience member asked if it were known what part of the light spectrum could be best used to break down analytes; this is unknown. Research invariably leads to more research possibilities.

### Monte Vista Wildlife Refuge

This study was done in 2014 to determine what PPCPs are present at the refuge. POSITs were deployed at four sites.

### Results

PPCPs were detected at all four sites but at low concentrations; the results provide baseline data for the future; and some compounds (DEET, caffeine and triclosan) were detected in POSITs and in trip blanks. If a sample did not exceed a certain level, it was not studied. Atrazine (herbicide) was detected at three sites (0.07-0.59); anticonvulsives/antidepressants at three sites (0.04-0.08); Gemfibrozil (a lipid-lowering Rx) at two sites (0.12-0.24); Metformin (Rx for type II diabetes) at four sites (0.01-0.04); Thiabendazole (fungicide/dewormer for both humans and animals) at two sites (0.04-0.15); and Tramadol (narcotic-like pain reliever) at two sites (0.04-0.05).

All the water at the Monte Vista Refuge comes from the Rio Grande River, from its headwaters downstream through South Fork, Del Norte, and part of Monte Vista, via Empire and Monte Vista Canals.

Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CECs) are probably widespread and severely increasing with population growth. Ecological risk assessment should identify vulnerable park (concentrated) areas. Their sources should be defined as well as their degradation to inform future decisions on source reduction/removal. Archuleta stressed that no one has the final answer.

### What can you do?

We as individuals can choose to act on some choices such as reduction or removal of these substances from our daily lives: (1) do not use products containing triclosan (antibacterial soap and some toothpastes—read labels); (2) use BPA-free food containers and be aware that BPA is present in products like the lining of canned food; (3) avoid products with preservatives; (4) switch to cleaning products that don’t contain BHA or methylparaben; and

(5) eat fresh foods. A conversation of prescription drug “take back” programs came up in later discussion as a future public participation possibility.

Archuleta was asked if a study of the Alamosa Wildlife Refuge is forthcoming; she stated their proposal for 2015 was not funded but will be re-submitted. Also asked was how long it would be for the scientific community to see if wild birds or the food chain is affected. Archuleta referred to the study of osprey in Chesapeake Bay which showed the birds had “hits.” She again referred to the ongoing study which includes cellular research in labs as well to neutrally help find answers to contaminant effects on humans; cellular research is more related to human health.

This study is important in providing a baseline for future research, for future funding, and for looking at the food chain, and research will be one step at a time. What happens now is predisposing the next generation, an audience member suggested. Individuals can address what they spend their money on, Archuleta suggested. Audience questions included the puzzling finding of Atrazine since it has not been commonly used by valley farmers for decades. The Monte Vista Wildlife Refuge was a ranch until 1952 so perhaps it had been used there historically and is still present in the soil. An audience member wondered why we should worry about such low concentrations.

Archuleta’s response was threefold: 1) feminization of male fish and visa-versa, female to male; 2) exposure from outfall in large metropolitan areas is 24/7; and 3) chronic exposure to PPCPs and metals—essentially, what will be the straw that will break the camel’s back?

Audience members added that low doses of contaminants such as DEET may accumulate in fatty tissue; contaminants may be triggers. Studies in remote areas of Colorado such as Telluride were suggested; Rocky Mountain National Park, the South Platte, and Boulder Creek have been studied. Restoration projects have been successful.

How we move forward with this information remains the ongoing task, and it is important to have a baseline for the future.



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# 32nd Annual Monte Vista Crane Festival alights March 13-15

Late in February, sandhill cranes, the San Luis Valley's oldest visitors, begin their annual trek from south to north, stopping off near the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge to load up on fuel. For millions of years, the sandhills have been spending their "spring break" in Colorado's Valley of the Cranes and more recently, wildlife watchers have been drawn to wonder at this phenomenal natural spectacle.

No one really knows what the early residents of southern Colorado thought about this majestic migration of cranes, but they were paying attention to it. High on a rocky cliff face southwest of Monte Vista is a well-protected six-foot-long petroglyph that is unmistakably a sandhill crane. So, as much as 2,000 years ago, humans were celebrating the return of these magnificent birds to the Valley of the Cranes.

Today, crane watchers come from far and wide to join this celebration at the Monte Vista Crane Festival. While the festival offers outstanding opportunities for celebrating and understanding cranes and other wildlife, the common denominator that brings visitors back year after year is the 20,000 or so greater sandhill cranes and a few thousand lesser sandhills, that really put on a show for each other and visitors, too. Besides the cranes there are thousands of waterfowl, numer-

ous wintering bald eagles and other raptors that highlight the wildlife viewing.

The festival hosts wildlife experts, local naturalists and biologists who present educational workshops at the Monte Vista Middle School, while flocks of dancing sandhills assemble in the neighboring farm fields, just east of town. Bus tours to the nearby refuge and adjacent farmlands provide visitors with the opportunity to view this spectacle up close and personal, with a knowledgeable local guide. Special tours feature raptor identification, sunset trips to view cranes and visits to closed areas of the refuge for Crane Fest participants.

A craft fair is held in the Ski-Hi building, which features a prominent crane mural on the outside walls. A dinner with live entertainment, a pancake breakfast, local restaurants and concessions at the craft fair provide sustenance for happy crane watchers from as far away as Japan. Motels and B & Bs fill up weeks in advance, and the population of Monte Vista nearly doubles during the weekend of Crane Fest. Come visit the Valley of the Cranes and enjoy their annual spring return to one of Colorado's most spectacularly scenic places.

For more information, events and schedule visit [www.cranefest.com](http://www.cranefest.com).



Carrie Caverly, this month's featured artist, creates bags and journals using fabric and wallcovering samples obtained through her work as an architectural designer. Thrift store furniture finds a new life, brightly painted using an 18th c. technique.

## Crestone Artisans Gallery news

by Robert Adler

Our featured artist for the month of March is Carrie Caverly. She is an Architectural and Interior Designer and has been designing commercial and residential spaces for over twelve years.

Throughout her career with various architectural firms, many samples have passed through her hands, many sticking there—small pristine squares of fabric, leather or wallcovering—thrown away after their use in selecting materials for a project. Caverly's artistic inclinations inspired her to salvage these samples and find some way to use them.

Much of her art includes reclaimed or salvaged materials of some kind, rescuing materials from the waste stream and trans-

forming them into something useful and beautiful. Her jewelry designs incorporate gemstones recycled from unwanted or discarded jewelry pieces.

The bags she sews (on her 1930's Bernina sewing machine) are made from architectural fabric samples, vintage fabrics, and reclaimed zippers. Wallcovering samples are stitched onto simple craft paper journals, making them beautiful, original and long-lasting.

She also creates brightly painted furniture using an 18th century painting technique called Vinegar Graining. The furniture pieces are all rescued antiques or thrift store finds, instilled with new life.

To see more of Carrie's work in architecture and interior design, please go to her website <http://carrie-caverly.wordpress.com>.

March is a strange month. We're definitely still in winter, looking forward to spring with the advent of daylight savings time and more glorious sunlight. Along with most everyone else, our artists kind of went into

hibernation in January and have begun to emerge into a new burst of creative energy and focus. Two new artists have joined our gallery and their talents and art are welcomed.

Probably the most gratifying aspect of being an artist in our gallery is the support we get from the Crestone community. Not only is it an opportunity for the community to meet us and appreciate our work, but, in the other direction, we get to meet and greet our community, some of whom we have not seen in a while and new community members who may find us a new reason for having moved here.



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Moira Forsythe and Jodi Price enjoying themselves at the Crestone Artisan Gallery's "Afternoon Soiree" event, which was held on Valentine's afternoon. photo by Lori Nagel

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## Gentle Yoga for seniors

by **Sophia Tiers**

Cynthia's "Gentle Yoga" is perfect for the particular men and women who take part in the class. We're all seniors: one is on oxygen and uses a walking stick; a former student, who was just cremated, came in her wheelchair and stretched to her greatest ability. There is no judgment from anyone; we all encourage each other and Cynthia is most kind and considerate. Cynthia reminds us that we're

here to stretch gently, remain supple, and if we can go beyond what we've done, that's fine but "don't hurt yourselves".

The style is prayerful, playful, and reverent with a good sense of humor. We all love her for the respect and fun we have. Sometimes she works with our memories (I'm 80) and plays games that begin with the letter of each of our names; new people come and we all go around the circle to see if we remember everyone.

You'll find an integration of teachings and yogic styles to include hatha, kripalu, vinyasa, and more. Every lesson is free flowing. Cynthia's mother was a yoga teacher so she comes by it naturally. I highly recommend it to any senior who wants to stay in shape gently and take her/himself gently beyond where you are now. The group is very congenial. Try it; you'll like it!

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## Himalayan dinner buffet & slide show happens March 12 at the Sage Fundraiser for Crestone-Baca Library

Tshering Dorji, Ling Wang and Bill Ellzey will host a Himalayan Dinner Buffet and slide show Thursday March 12, 5:30 at the Desert Sage Restaurant as a fundraiser for The Crestone-Baca Public Library.

Cost: \$30 per plate. All proceeds beyond the cost of food and wages for the wait-staff will go to the library fund. The fundraiser buffet will be the only meal served at the restaurant that night (no orders from the menu). Alcohol and tips for wait-staff are extra.

Following dinner Ellzey will present a 1-hour slide show of his travels in Zambia, Tibet and Bhutan. Zambia photographs include African big game animals and small ones, and the colorful, annual festivals held by Zambian women farmers who were introduced to Natural Agriculture farming practices by Crestone's Shumei International Institute.

The Tibet photographs are from Ellzey's recent workshop trip with 8 Tibetan photographers and Marv Ross, of the Tibetan Village Project, the man who invited him to go.

Bhutan photographs are from two photo workshop-safaris with Tshering and the trip's participants, a number of whom are Crestone residents.

The hosts of this fundraiser believe that a modern library can be the most important centerpiece of a community like ours. We're a small town in the boondocks. The modern library is a portal to the rest of the world. Books have long been the mainstay of libraries but now there are DVDs, computers and internet. Easy access to knowledge and entertainment will be in our midst.

## Movie Night Friday, March 13 It's Downhill from here!

Crestone Performances Inc. will be recognizing the end of ski season with the movie *Downhill Racer* starring Robert Redford in one of his earliest roles. The movie will show at the Crestone Charter School Friday night March 13 at 6:30pm.

*Downhill Racer* is about a quietly cocky Robert Redford who joins the U.S. ski team as a downhill racer and clashes with the team's coach, played by Gene Hackman. There is lots of great downhill skiing leading to an exciting climax. In April we will celebrate April Fools with the Mel Brooks classic "Blazing Saddles"! We will serve Al's fabulous chili, popcorn and drinks. Al's chili sold out at the last movie night, so come and get it! We missed the January movie night due to the flood at the Charter school but the room is available for us again.

Suggested admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for teens and under 12 free. But wait! Become a member of Crestone Performances for \$50 or more a year or \$5 or more a month and get in for free that night! You can even make a pledge to become a member and get in free. By be-

coming a member of Crestone Performances Inc. you will be contributing to the vitality of our community. CPI annually produces the Crestone Music Festival, now in its 17th year.

Over the last 12 years, our Youth Enrichment Program has produced and fully paid for 31 different presenters to do 103 educational and cultural presentations in Saguache County schools. We have also provided another 80 shows in schools throughout the San Luis Valley plus the Boys and Girls Club of Alamosa. Our Community Service Program lends free technical and consulting support to other local organizations throughout the year including; all Neighbors Helping Neighbors events, Yaktoberfest, the Crestone Charter School, Crestone Fourth of July and the Energy Fair. For more information, please contact us at 719-256-4533, see our web site at [crestfest.org](http://crestfest.org). or write to CPI, P.O. Box 6, Crestone CO 81131. CPI is a 501c3 community service organization. So get down, downhill that is, Friday March 13 at 6:30 at the Crestone Charter School!

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

## Monthly Events

### Friday, February 27

- Enrich Colorado Agriculture Grants Due <http://1.usa.gov/1BI5LHx>
- Crestone Mountain Karate Club Early Bird Training CCS 6-7am \$30 413-219-7774

### Saturday, February 28

- Ca\$hing in on Tourism – Alamosa Armory 8:00 am-1:30 pm [www.slv-sbdc.com](http://www.slv-sbdc.com)
- Cabin Fever Talent Show – Crestone Charter School 6:30 pm \$10

### Monday, March 2

- Crestone Mountain Karate Club Early Bird Training CCS 6-7am \$30 413-219-7774
- Town of Crestone Planning Commission Regular Meeting – Crestone Town Center 6-8pm

### Tuesday, March 3

- Saguache Cty. B of C meeting, Saguache Courthouse 9am [www.saguachecounty.net](http://www.saguachecounty.net) 719-655-2231
- Crestone Mtn. Karate Club Regular Training CCS 4:30-5:30pm \$30 413-219-7774

### Wednesday, March 4

- Gentle Yoga – YES Bldg next to library 11:00 am-12:30 pm

### Thursday, March 5

- Full Moon Fire Ceremony & Meal, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am free [babajashram.org](http://babajashram.org) 256-4108
- Riwo Sangchö: smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-10:45 am 256-5224
- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome, 3-5:pm Free or by donation [nurashkijerrahi.org](http://nurashkijerrahi.org) 719-256-4290
- Crestone Mtn. Karate Club Regular Training CCS 4:30 pm-5:30 pm \$30 413-219-7774

### Friday, March 6

- Crestone Mountain Karate Club Early Bird Training CCS 6-7am \$30 413-219-7774

### Saturday, March 7

- CD Release party – Salida SteamPlant
- Stay Warm Fiber Workshop, BeBOP Studio, Saguache 9am-4pm \$25 registration+class fee 719-850-0051

### Sunday, March 8

- International Women's Day – All Day
- Drop-in Meditation – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-1:00 pm 256-5224
- Shumei's Monthly Sampai, Sanctuary 10:30am-noon free [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) 719-256-5284
- Design Concept meeting for Crestone Senior Housing Community, Cloud Station 2:30-4:30 pm

### Monday, March 9

- Crestone Mountain Karate Club Early Bird Training CCS 6-7am \$30 413-219-7774
- Commissioner J Anderson Crestone office hours – Former Farm Table Bldg 8:00 am-12:00 pm
- Town of Crestone Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – Crestone Town Center 1:30-6:30 pm

### Tuesday, March 10

- Crestone Mtn. Karate Club Regular Training CCS 4:30-5:30pm \$30 413-219-7774

### Wednesday, March 11

- Gentle Yoga – YES Bldg next to library 11:00 am-12:30 pm
- CEOLP Monthly Open Meeting – Topping House 7-9pm [Crestone-end-of-life.org](http://Crestone-end-of-life.org) 719-588-7415

### Thursday, March 12

- Crestone Mtn. Karate Club Regular Training CCS 4:30 pm-5:30 pm \$30 413-219-7774
- Crestone/Baca Library Fundraiser – Desert Sage Restaurant 5:30 pm \$30
- BGPOA Board of Directors meeting POA Hall 6:30 pm [bacapoa.org](http://bacapoa.org) 719-256-4171

### Friday, March 13

- Monte Vista Crane Festival – MV National Wildlife Refuge All Day [www.cranefest.com](http://www.cranefest.com)
- Crestone Mountain Karate Club Early Bird Training CCS 6-7am \$30 413-219-7774
- "Downhill" at Movie Night, Crestone Charter School 6:30pm Adults \$5, Teens \$2, Under 12 free

### Saturday, March 14

- The Nelligan Prize for Short Fiction entries due \$15 <http://bit.ly/1BI8lrD> 970-491-5449
- CEOLP Registration & Advance Directives Party Cafe next to Crestone Realty 10am 719-588-7415
- Blue Rooster band plays – Cloud Station 6:00 pm 256-4644

### Sunday, March 15

- Move clocks forward 1 hr at 2:00 am
- Meeting on dogs & fire district – BGPOA Meeting Room 2:00 pm-5:00 pm
- Dakini Tsok (Vajrayana communal feast) – Choying Dzong 6:30 pm-8:30 pm 256-5224

### Monday, March 16

- Crestone Mountain Karate Club Early Bird Training CCS 6-7am \$30 413-219-7774
- Moffat School Board meeting – Moffat School Cafeteria 5:30 pm

### Tuesday, March 17

- GOCO Riparian Restoration Grant due – All Day <http://bit.ly/17rGK69>
- Saguache Cty. B of C meeting, Saguache Courthouse 9am [www.saguachecounty.net](http://www.saguachecounty.net) 719-655-2231
- Crestone Mtn. Karate Club Regular Training CCS 4:30-5:30pm \$30 413-219-7774

### Wednesday, March 18

- Gentle Yoga – YES Bldg next to library 11:00 am-12:30 pm

### Thursday, March 19

- Sufi Dhikr & Potluck – 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Free or by donation [nurashkijerrahi.org](http://nurashkijerrahi.org) 719-256-4290
- Crestone Mtn. Karate Club Regular Training CCS 4:30 pm-5:30 pm \$30 413-219-7774

### Friday, March 20

- New Moon Fire Ceremony & Meal, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am free [babajashram.org](http://babajashram.org) 256-4108
- Riwo Sangchö: smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-10:45 am 256-5224
- Vernal Equinox – 4:45 pm

### Saturday, March 21

- Spring Navratri (Divine Mother Festival) & Daily Fire Ceremony – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:00 am free [babajashram.org](http://babajashram.org) 719-256-4108

### Sunday, March 22

- Drop-in Meditation – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-1:00 pm 256-5224

### Thursday, March 26

- BGPOA Board of Directors meeting POA Hall 6:30pm [bacapoa.org](http://bacapoa.org) 719-256-4171

### Saturday, March 28

- Worldwide Earth Hour—turn lights off – 8:30 pm-9:30pm [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)

### Sunday, March 29

- Children's Day at the Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 11am free [babajashram.org](http://babajashram.org) 719-256-4108
- Fistful of Fun Fiber Festival, Elephant Cloud 2-5pm \$2 [www.facebook.com/events/1541299342822022](http://www.facebook.com/events/1541299342822022)
- Guru Rinpoché Tsok (Vajrayana communal feast), Choying Dzong 6:30-8:30 pm 256-5224

### Tuesday, March 31

- "The Heart is Noble" discussion group – Discussion house 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Free 256-4141, 360-370-7770

### Friday, April 3

- Celebration of Life – Baca Grande 2:00 pm-4:00 pm 256-5521

### Thursday, April 9

- BGPOA Board of Directors meeting POA Hall 6:30pm [bacapoa.org](http://bacapoa.org) 719-256-4171

### Friday, April 10

- Blazing Saddles" for Movie Night – Crestone Charter School 6:30 pm Adults \$5, Teens \$2, Under 12 free

### Sunday, April 12

- SLV CROP Hunger Walk – 2:00 pm [www.crop-hungerwalk.org/almosaco](http://www.crop-hungerwalk.org/almosaco) 719-587-3499

### Monday, April 13

- Commissioner J Anderson Crestone office hours – Former Farm Table Bldg 8:00 am-12:00 pm

### Monday, April 20

- Closed Basin Project Operations Comm. meeting – 10:00 am

### Tuesday, April 21

- Saguache County Board of Commissioners meeting – Saguache County Courthouse 9:00 am [www.saguachecounty.net](http://www.saguachecounty.net) 719-655-2231

## Daily/Weekly Events

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

### Daily

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

### Sunday

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Town Hall 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 719-937-7769

### Tuesday

- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style 5-6:45 By donation [shaktisharanam.com](http://shaktisharanam.com) 719-256-5668
- Narcotics Anonymous open meeting marijuana users welcome Baca Library 7:30 pm-8:30 pm [crestonena@gmail.com](mailto:crestonena@gmail.com) 970-309-0710

### Wednesday

- Yoga Fundamentals & Refinements 8:30-10am By donation [shaktisharanam.com](http://shaktisharanam.com) 719-256-5668

- iNtEgRaTiVe Yoga YES Building 9:15-10:30am 719-298-0360
- Gentle Yoga YES Building next to library 11:00 am-12:30 pm 719-298-0360
- Crestone Food Bank Crestone Town Hall 1-3pm

### Thursday

- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45 pm By donation 719-256-5668

### Saturday

- Dorje Trolo practice White Jewel Mountain 10:00 am-12:00 pm no charge 719 480-5403



**Moffat School Board meets March 16**

The Moffat School Board monthly meeting: will be Monday, March 16 at 5:30pm in the Moffat School cafeteria. Community members are welcome.

**Easter at Little Shepherd**

Little Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church will welcome Easter with a celebration of the Eucharist at 2pm on Sunday April 1, at the little chapel located on Alder Street between Galena and Carbonate in Crestone. For information call Vivia at 256-5800.

**Senior community housing: A design concept**

Living Wisdom, a community for Seniors (LWCS) will unveil a design concept (visual presentation) on March 8, 2:30-4:30pm at the Cloud Station. LWCS is applying for a county sales tax grant for detailed planning to implement this "work in progress." After the presentation, LWCS board members will answer questions about the design concept and grant application.

**Carpet cleaning for Chloe**

Tedd Brumm, as a fundraiser for Chloe Hadden who was seriously injured in an auto accident, is offering to do carpet cleaning at \$35 per room. Chloe's friends will be helping by moving furniture and vacuuming while Tedd does the steam vac. They will also be offering furniture upholstery cleaning. All monies will be donated to Chloe. Contact Tedd at 937-3032 or leave a message on Facebook.

**Who is the 17th Karmapa?**

*The Heart is Noble*, a new book by the 17th Karmapa, will be the subject of a discussion group hosted by Friends of Karmapa. Friends of Karmapa is the group that maintains the Tashi Gomang Stupa and retreat cabins at the end of the mountain beyond Shumei. With his upcoming US tour, this will be a timely exploration of his views on environment, food justice, consumerism, gender, sustainable compassion, and more.

These are open book discussions, so everyone is welcome who reads the book (Buddhists, non-Buddhists, beginners and the just plain curious).

The discussions will be on three Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm, beginning March 31, at 97 Skyview Way. For more information, call 256-4141 or 360-370-7770. Refreshments and conversation to follow book discussion. Books available for loan at the library and for sale at Amazon.



Beatris Burgoin, Tori Sterling, Teanna Grote, and Katie Getchell gave performances every 1/2 hour throughout the evening at the Yak & Cracker Cafe for the dining patrons on Valentine's Day. photo by Lori Nagel



Valentine's Day elementary school dance at the Community Building. photo by Lori Nagel

**Celebration of Life**

There will be a Celebration of Life on Good Friday, April 3 at 2pm at 4370 Twin View Overlook, honoring musician Cathy McNeil. Bring instruments, covered dish, beverages. Everyone welcome. For info call Grace 256-5521.



Cathy Amenta, Dara Blumenhein, Gayatri Devi and Big Tom stop dancing long enough to strike a pose at Cathy's "48 is GREAT!" birthday party at Cloud Station. photo by Lori Nagel

**Fistfull of Fun Fiber Festival March 29**

The First Annual Fistfull of Fun Fiber Festival will happen in Crestone March 29. It will be held at the Elephant Cloud Station from 2 to 5 pm. All fiber enthusiasts are invited to participate and attend. Admission is \$2. For more information visit the facebook page Fistfull of Fun.

**Crestone End of Life Project**

CEOLP REGISTRATION PARTY  
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## What it takes: Challenges & rewards of volunteering with the Crestone End of Life Project

by Gussie Fauntleroy

On a bitterly cold morning as Michele Frazier Baldwin's cremation was winding down, warmth still radiating from the pyre, Anna Louise Stewart noticed a friend of Michele's young daughter shivering with cold. Gently, Anna Louise addressed the girl and other family members and friends in the circle at the community cremation site. "It's okay to step close to the pyre to get warm," she said. As if on cue, everyone moved closer, forming an intimate circle around the pyre. Michele's mother pulled an iPod from her pocket. The Beatles' Michelle began to play, and soon all those gathered were softly singing along with the familiar words, Michelle, ma belle . . . "It was such a tender moment, and such a lovely expression of how this all takes on a life of its own. No one could have planned for it," Anna Louise remembers.

Just as every life is different, so is every end of life. And just as life takes unexpected turns, volunteers with the Crestone End of Life Project (CEOLP) have learned that serving the community through fa-

CEOLP supports other end-of-life choices as well, including green burial (no embalming, caskets or concrete vaults) at the Crestone town cemetery, and transport to a mortuary for a traditional burial or cremation.

### Registration required

But the first and crucial step—ideally well before illness or old age—is to become registered. "I see people at the post office all the time who say, Oh! I need to send my paperwork in!" says CEOLP registrar Lorraine Cazier, currently serving in the role held for many years by longtime CEOLP member Rainbow Adler. Registration is a relatively simple process that includes documenting vital statistics required to complete a death certificate. A community registration party is set for March 14. (See sidebar). CEOLP volunteers also can assist with registration at any time.

When someone dies without completing registration, family members and friends can find frustration and disappointment added to their grief. Stephanie recalls receiving a half-dozen calls within two months this winter from resi-



Friends and family of Robin Ross gathered Feb. 7, 2015 for her cremation.

photo by Taylor McIntosh

with CEOLP. What's rewarding, she says, is "to support people with love and care in a really powerfully sad time in their lives."

Volunteers guiding the family through a home funeral and care of the body reflect similar qualities and describe equally meaningful experiences. As the body is prepared for resting in state, those offering assistance find themselves in an intimate, sacred space in which loved ones may be experiencing an intense mixture of grief, sometimes shock, and fear of the unknown. In many cases CEOLP volunteers knew the deceased, adding a layer of personal emotional complexity and challenge. Anna Louise, Michael, Malina Feder, Julia Voss and Avadhan Larson are among volunteers experienced in guiding families in care of the body. "We're invited to step into a very private space at a really difficult time in people's life," Anna Louise says. "It's satisfying to hold the space and see the grace of it, to know they feel supported and helped."

### Each role is essential

During the three or four days between death and cremation and on the morning of the event, other volunteer teams carry out such tasks as site management, parking, and serving as site hosts—guiding guests during the procession and acting as master of ceremony. Among longtime volunteers who have taken on these roles are Jeanne Krogh, Wayne Halstrom, Tessa Bielecki, Lynda Kucin, Bob Adler, Allison Wonderland, Matthew Crowley, Noah Baen and the late Robin Ross.

The most physically demanding CEOLP role is that of preparing and tending the cremation fire. It's a procedure that has been steadily refined over the years. As Annette Standing puts it, "failure is not an option." Annette was fire master Paul Kloppenburg's first apprentice, followed by McGregor Gaines. Being responsible for the fire is a powerful reminder that as humans "we are part of the natural world," Annette says. "This is where heaven meets earth. You're passing the person on and this is our final gift, so we want to give 110%."

### Working together

Coordinating and overseeing all CEOLP teams is a facilitator, who serves as point person from the moment the organization receives notification of a registrant's passing. This high-pressure task includes contacting CEOLP team

leaders, handling legal paperwork, and communicating with County Coroner Tom Perrin, other county or state officials, team leaders, family members, and sometimes an attending physician. "It's like being a choreographer—there are all these people you have to bring on board and make sure they're on task," notes Marta Shoman.

Marta served as facilitator for the first time last fall when other volunteers were unavailable. It was a sudden and unexpected task, but with a background that includes administrative management, she says, "I felt like I was in my groove." Marta was aided by the experience of team leaders and CEOLP's highly detailed 43-page manual, organized and edited by Kathleen Haas. Equally critical is an ability to work through unforeseen wrinkles, in this case as a result of the death occurring in another county.

Anna Louise, describing the combination of flexibility, teamwork and deep respect essential in every aspect of CEOLP's service, remarks, "There's so much discomfort around death. But our work is really about listening, being gentle and kind and open. It's something we all have; it's about awakening to something we inherently know."



Crestone End of Life project volunteers: (front) Rainbow Adler, Michael Onewing, Stephanie Gaines, Bob Adler; (back) Anna Louise Stewart. photo by Mark Talbot

cilitating home funerals and open-air cremations means carefully following well-established protocols while also allowing for the "flow of grace," as CEOLP member Anna Louise puts it. That can involve anything from inclement weather and family members' fears to the beloved horse of the deceased joining the procession into the cremation site. "Each death seems to reflect the personality of the person who died, so no matter how much framework we put down, each one is different, and there's total beauty in that," Anna Louise reflects.

Founded in 2007 by Stephanie Gaines and authorized by county and state authorities, CEOLP facilitates open-air cremations for Crestone/Moffat area residents (whether property owners or not) who are registered with the organization at the time of death. CEOLP also provides assistance with all aspects of home funerals, including care and transport of the body, repose at home for up to 72 hours, help with paperwork, and aid in planning memorial ceremonies.

dents requesting CEOLP's services for loved ones who were not registered. In one case the caller mistakenly believed the deceased's close friends could fill out the paperwork after the person's passing. In fact, it must be completed and notarized before death. Making exceptions could jeopardize CEOLP's legal standing and ability to provide services for all current and future registrants.

### Serving with heart

For those who are registered, one of the vital roles performed by CEOLP volunteers is family liaison. Often taken on by a CEOLP member close to the family, the liaison makes sure loved ones are aware of disposition options and all of CEOLP's services. The liaison remains available throughout the process to assist and advocate for the wishes of the deceased and family. Fulfilling this role requires "openness and sensitivity, active listening and having a gentle, informed ability to guide," observes Michael Onewing, who has volunteered in almost every capacity

### CEOLP registration party March 14

The Crestone End of Life Project will host a public registration party Saturday, March 14 from 10 am to 1 pm at the former Painted Skye/Farm Table restaurant. CEOLP members will be on hand to provide information, assistance in filling out registration documents and guidance with advance directives, along with tea and snacks. "We're here to support people's end-of-life choices in whatever way we can," says CEOLP founder and director Stephanie Gaines. A notary public (\$10 for two pages) and copy machine will be available, allowing the process to be finished on site. Forms may also be taken home to complete. A \$10 suggested donation is requested for registration. CEOLP cannot facilitate an open-air cremation without completed, notarized registration documents on file. For more information call 937-7802 or 221-1301, email [ceolp.info@gmail.com](mailto:ceolp.info@gmail.com) or visit [crestone-end-of-life.org](http://crestone-end-of-life.org).



## Three Cigs, A film by Crestone's Liam Hall

by William Howell

I've been to film festivals which often present a small number of full-length films and a bunch of short offerings, fun and energetic and off-the-wall takes on life that play a role not unlike a lesser-known band opening for a name act, or the cartoons that used to be shown before the main feature at the local movie theater. Short films are hors d'oeuvres served before a main course.

One foreseeable trouble with *Three Cigs* is that cinema goes longer and better than whatever full-length feature might follow, with each of its eight minutes building on its predecessor, so what unfolds goes from interesting to engaging to striking to riveting to earth-shaking.

It is as fine as any short story: clean, well bounded, simple in its own way, a demonstration of artistic chance-taking and restraint, shot and scripted with alive prudence that achieves something deceptively small and deceptively large. The action is clear yet progresses exponentially, with nothing left out, nothing extraneous, and everything necessary to carry the theme of power shifting from one teen male to another.

In just a few clear-cut scenes, this "little" film turns out to be a canvas for revolution, which historically reverberates with subtleties

allowing English-speakers to look in on an afternoon in a park in Prague. The action forms innocently enough around three cigarettes and a lighter, with the context of their being smoked defining the character of two youths, one a bit stocky and handsomely confident, while the other seems younger, pale and frailer with glasses, perhaps a budding intellectual. The casting is perfect.

From the first moment, the sound of a metal lighter being flicked open as we watch its owner light a fallen leaf, the action quietly builds to its life-and-death climax, which but hints at the wheel of denouement.

The film is a success before its last terrific touch, already a piece of cinema worthy of the genre, hitting the mark that propels people go to theaters and watch images on a blank screen. Yes, it is already a piece of art before the poetic flick of a right hand that propels the controlling image into the trash.

*Three Cigs* is the effort of three American film majors on a semester at Europe's premiere film school. Their talents gelled and together they made magic with this noir short that transcends its length and sub-genre. Their efforts deserve the attentions of many a film festival, for here is a rare treat, a deft piece of film making that delivers something rare.

## HRRMC Foundation receives Women's Wellness Connection Grant

Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center Foundation has received a \$76,527 Women's Wellness Targeted Outreach Grant.

HRRMC will provide outreach and recruitment services for breast and cervical cancer screenings, education and awareness to women ages 40-64 who are uninsured or underinsured, legally present in the United States, live within Chaffee, Park, Lake, Saguache and Fremont counties and have a household income between 139-250% of the federal poverty level.

"We are very grateful for the support from the Women's Wellness Connection and their partnership with us," said Kimla Robinson, HRRMC Foundation director. "The grant has allowed us to hire a community health worker, Brenda Gentile, who will spearhead the efforts of enrolling eligible women for free cancer screenings. Preventive screenings are very important. Your best way to find cancer early and increase the chances of a cure is to get screened."

The HRRMC Foundation provides the hospital with financial

support to facilitate innovative programs and provide state-of-the-art health care services to the Salida Hospital District. For more information about the Foundation's initiatives, call Kimla Robinson at 719-530-2218.

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# Who We Are

## Bill Roberts: Riding the wave of wild truthfulness

### Gussie Fauntleroy

There was a single moment, after years as an actor for stage, television and film, when Bill Roberts saw something in a director's eyes that he never expected to see, and which has stayed with him ever since. It was 2002 on the set of the television series *Robbery Homicide Division*, in which Bill (under his stage name, William Converse-Roberts) had a guest appearance as an L.A. lawyer campaigning for attorney general. At one point director Paul Michael Glaser, best known as an actor for playing Starsky in the 1970s TV series *Starsky & Hutch*, looked over at Bill, who was off-camera and limping. "What's the deal with your leg?" Glaser asked.

Bill had tried to conceal his symptoms for several years following a 1994 diagnosis of multiple sclerosis, but he knew this series would be his last professional acting gig. The endless hours, heat, stress and hard work were taking too much of a toll. Bill explained all this to Glaser, who sat quietly, taking it in. "He looked at me for about 15 straight seconds," Bill remembers, "and then he said, 'So how are you doing?' It was the first time since the diagnosis that a director had looked at me as a human being, and not as a problem."

It was fitting that Bill's final job before retiring was with a director unafraid to express his humanity. Almost four decades earlier Bill's search for his own creative voice—and his desire to express humanness during a dark period in American history—was part of what drew him to acting in the first place.

### A theatrical route to non-conformity

Sitting in the kitchen of the Crestone home where he lives with his wife Kelly, the warm, thoughtful 63-year-old former actor and director recalls an ordinary boyhood in a large Catholic family near Boston. He was not particularly theatrical, although he was not afraid of public speaking and was elected class vice-president in high school. During his first year at Fordham University in New York City, a friend asked if he wanted to act in a play. A door opened up. The first delightful things Bill discovered about theater were that "the people are funny and the girls are fun."

More importantly, in the following years he began to see theater as a potential crack in the bleak, militaristic structure of American society at the time, with the Vietnam War continuing and Martin Luther King Jr. and Bobby Kennedy dead. He left Fordham, hitchhiked to California and back a couple of times, studied theater

at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and attended Yale Drama School. Around him in New York, experimental theater groups were emerging. *Hair* was bringing radical new energy to Broadway and anti-war plays were being produced. The young actor was reading Kerouac and books on theater and feeling inspired to "explore the world in a different way."

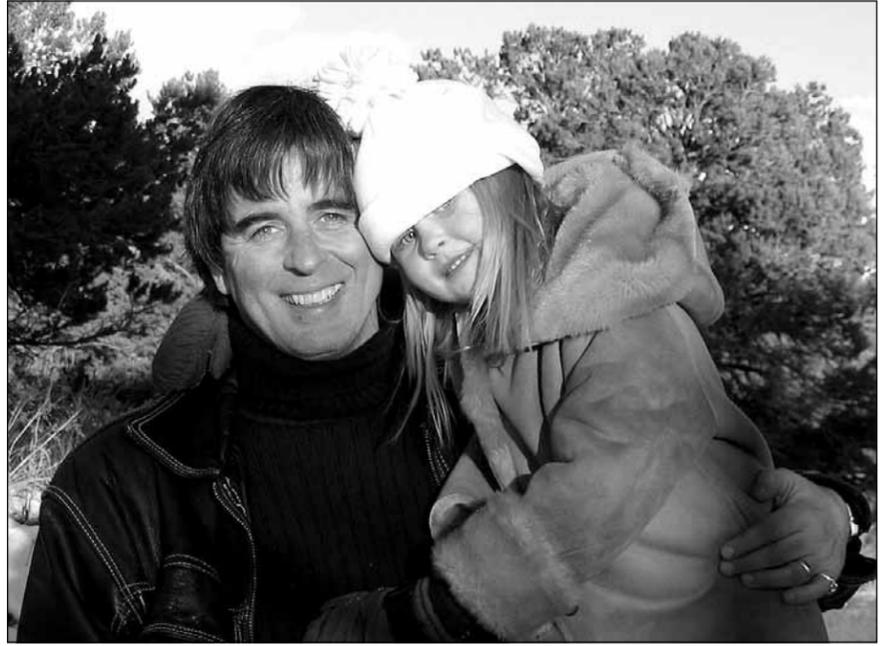
### Shakespeare to Molly Dodd

Yale Drama School was highly respected, and by two days after graduation, Bill had an agent. Within a week he was offered the part of Ryan in the soap opera, *Ryan's Hope*. But with Shakespeare in his blood and sharing the theater world's low regard for soaps at the time, he turned it down, instead accepting the lead in *Romeo and Juliet* on stage in Cincinnati, a performance for which he earned stellar reviews. For the next few years he worked in New York's most prestigious Off-Broadway houses and in regional theaters including Tyrone Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, Long Wharf Theater in New Haven, CT, American Repertory Theater, Baltimore Center Stage, Dallas Shakespeare Festival and American Conservatory Theater.

Among his early films he played the leading man in the trilogy *1918*, *On Valentine's Day* and *Courtship* by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and screenwriter Horton Foote, best known for penning *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Tender Mercies*. From 1986 to 1990 Bill enjoyed a continuing role in the television series *The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd*. In 1988 he earned an Obie Award for his performance in Public Theater New York's Shakespeare Festival production of *Love's Labour's Lost*. "I thought I was hitting the mark with this part. It's fun when everyone agrees. It's not like a Tony Award but it's nice to have," he says.



Bill Don Buchwald Agency Head Shot



Bill and his daughter, Isabella, 2004 in Crestone.

Before MS cut short Bill's career he acted in numerous other stage, film and television roles. His later films include *Bandits*, with Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton and Cate Blanchett; *Kiss the Girls*, with Morgan Freeman; and *Crazy in Alabama*, directed by Antonio Banderas. With more than 150 television episodes under his belt, he starred in supporting roles in such TV shows as *Reasonable Doubts*, *Any Day Now* and *Dangerous Minds*. He also put his hand to directing. The episode of *The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd* he directed was nominated for an Award for Cable Excellence.

### Riding the wave

Bill and Kelly moved to Crestone in 2004, drawn by the presence of Tibetan Buddhist teacher Dizgar Kongtrul Rinpoche—the actor has been involved with Buddhism since the early 1980s—and because Kelly's father was living here at the time. When their daughter Isabella was a Crestone Charter School student Bill served as president of the CCS Governing Council for four years. Over the years he has directed CCS high school students in several well-received theater productions, including *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Hamlet* and



Bill - © 2013.



Bill on set of Horton Foote's 1918 film.

most recently, *A Christmas Carol* in the form of a radio show. Coming up this spring: *Almost, Maine*. He offers high praise for CCS high school teacher Karen Acker for her "tireless support of this work." Bill also mentors local students in acting using the Meisner technique, a demanding approach that emphasizes staying out of the head and being strongly present with another actor, "so when you walk on stage you're being and doing, not trying to make it look like you're doing something," he explains. "When you find an actor who wants to really be present with you on stage, you love it; it's riding this wild truthfulness."

Gussie welcomes ideas for this ongoing series on Crestone area residents: gussie7@fairpoint.net.

## Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

February has been delightful with the warm weather and lots of visitors. First we commemorated Shri Babaji's Mahasamadhi on February 14. Next we had an energetic and inspirational Maha Shivaratri with all-night chanting and a fire ceremony the next day. It is always amazing how easy it is to stay up all night when there are so many people singing, dancing, and playing music to the Divine together.

The big celebration for March is Spring Navratri, the Divine Mother Festival from Saturday, March 21 through Sunday, March 29. This year it spans two weekends, so there will be lots of sumptuous Indian feasts after each weekend day's fire ceremony (daily at 10am and discourse at 11am). Each day of the nine Navratri days begin at 6:15am with paduka puja and goes right through lunch with chanting, pujas, fire ceremonies, and discourses. You are welcome to come for all or any part of it. We will have our Honoring Children Day on the final day of Navratri, Sunday, March 29, following the 10am fire ceremony. If you have children under 10 years that would like to receive gifts, give us a call at 719-256-4108 and let us know their ages and if they are boys or girls, so that we have enough gifts.

We have also have the beginnings of the Ashram 7th Annual on-line Auction Fundraiser at [www.biddingforgood.com/babajiashram](http://www.biddingforgood.com/babajiashram). It will run from Friday, April 24 through Sunday, May 3. We already have over 80 great items with more to come. If you have something or a service you would like to donate, please let us know at 719-256-4108. Eve-

ryone's help has made this a big success over the years.

Our full-moon fire ceremony this month is on Thursday, March 5 and the new-moon fire ceremony is on Friday, March 20 (this will be done in the small havan kund as it is the day before Navratri). The fire ceremonies begin at 10am and are followed by a meal. Morning aarati is at 7am and evening aarati is at 6pm.

The Maha Lakshmi Shop is having a special sale to honor Navratri with all gently used suits, saris, and blouses 50% off. The Shop is open every day from 10am until 5pm. We invite you to come in and if you mention that you are an *Eagle* reader, we will happily give you a 10% discount



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The Mother, Sri Aurobindo's "radiant collaborator."

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"All there was soul or made of sheer soul-stuff;

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Thought was not there but a knowledge near and one

Seized on all things by a moved identity . . .

"Immersed in voiceless inter-natal trance

The beings that once wore forms on earth sat there

In shining chambers of spiritual sleep . . .

They had returned into the world's deep soul.

All now was gathered into pregnant rest . . .

"The spirit wandering from state to state

Finds here the silence of its starting-point

In the formless force and the still fixity

And brooding passion of the world of Soul.

Here was the fashioning chamber of the worlds . . ."

-Sri Aurobindo, *Savitri*

Crestone has been in mourning this winter. The Crestone End of Life Project and many caregivers have helped the families and the community with their generous energy and efforts. In sympathy and gratitude, we offer some words from Sri Aurobindo and the Mother:

"The question of departure depends on the degree of development, the conditions of death—and above all on the unification of the being and its attitude at the time of leaving the body . . . What the soul will do, where it will go—all depends on what it has decided before leaving the body. And this capacity to keep around itself the being that has been fully organized and unified in its physical life, will allow it a sure choice of what it wants to do.

"And then, if its work has been done well and the parts of its being or its sheaths which it has left in their different domains have managed as they should there, when it descends again, it will put on one after another all these parts which lived with it in a past life and with this wealth of knowledge and experience it will prepare to enter a new body . . ." - The Mother.

The Mother, Sri Aurobindo's "radiant collaborator", was born in Paris on February 21, 1878. We gathered at Savitri House for "Darshan", chanting and films to celebrate her birth and great work for more than fifty-two years in Pondicherry, India. Interested members of the community are welcome to join us for potluck dinner, meditation and discussion at 5pm Tuesday evenings. Call 256-4917 for information.



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## Moving Up Higher Enjoying everyday life



by Joyce Meyer

### Grace: The great equalizer

If there's one thing I've realized in life, it's that we can never ask God for too much grace. And we all need it—every day, for everything we need to do in life.

It's so wonderful to realize that God's amazing grace is available to everyone, no matter who you are or what you've done. God has good plans for every person. The key to this great life is living in God's great grace.

Grace is the great equalizer. It's so important for us to understand that God's grace is available to every person on this Earth, in whatever capacity they need it. There is no one who is beyond God's reach or His ability to save and restore their life. I know sometimes we can feel like we've done too much wrong and we need to earn God's forgiveness and grace, but His grace is a gift—we can't earn or deserve it. And no one is such a "special case" that He cannot help them.

We look at others' lives, and it may look like they have it all together. People want others to know how "good" they are, so many will pretend everything is okay in order to impress someone. But the outward appearance doesn't always tell the real story. We may see people's outward success, but can't see the inner turmoil they're experiencing, or that they have no real peace or joy in life.

I believe this is a common problem for many people and the reason there is so much strife in the world today. Strife in our hearts causes us to compare ourselves with others and compete with them, trying to make ourselves "better" than them. It makes people frustrated and confused, struggling with so many issues in their lives because

they are trying to figure everything out and solve their problems on their own.

But John 15:5 says that all we have to do is humble ourselves before God and ask Him to help us.

We have not because we ask not. James 4:1-3 explains in detail why so many people are frustrated, confused and living in strife. Verses 2-3 say, "You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure" (NLT).

We all have things on our "wish lists," things we want or need or would just like to have. And when we see someone else with something we want, it can stir up some strong emotions. We can become envious and begin to covet that thing.

If you're struggling to feel good about yourself or be what you think you need to be, I want to encourage you to stop trying and start asking God for grace. God made you who you are, and He knows what you need and what needs to change in your life. He wants you to enjoy your life while you're in the process of becoming all He created you to be.

God will give you grace for your case. That's why I call Him the Great Equalizer. God's grace has no limit, it won't run out. It is available to any and all who will humble themselves and receive it. He is always ready and willing to help us—each and every one.

### Joyce Meyer Article

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## Crestone Music Festival news

### T-shirt designs sought

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### Taking applications for local acts

The 17th Annual Crestone Music Festival is accepting applications from local performing artists to perform at this year's festival August 7-9. Local means that half the act lives in or has a house in Saguache County. Applications are available at local stores and online at crestfest.org. We are interested in any performing art including music, dance, drama and comedy. Locals get paid \$25 each with a maximum of \$100 per act. They also get in free on their day of performance. The application is mandatory and should be postmarked by May 10. You can also drop it off at our office at 120 W. Silver Ave., Suite 104, which is the old Secret Garden location. Applications can be mailed to P.O. Box 6, Crestone CO 81131 or call 719-256-4533 for more information.

### Be a vendor!

The 17th Annual Crestone Music Festival is accepting applications from local vendors for this year's festival August 7-9. Categories include food, arts and crafts, healing, merchandise or ????. Applications are available at local businesses and on-line at crestfest.org. The application is mandatory and should be postmarked by May 10. You can also drop it off at our office at 120 W. Silver Ave., Suite 104, which is the old Secret Garden location. Applications can be mailed to P.O. Box 6, Crestone CO 81131 or call 719-256-4533 for more information.

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# Some key players in Crestone's new library

## Burt Wadman, Architect



Burt Wadman

The Northern Saguache County Library District selected local architect Burt Wadman to work on the preliminary design for a new library. He came up with an innovative and efficient design which he describes here.

**1) How big will the library be and what will it include?**

The new library is designed to be a community hub and a portal to knowledge. It will be 5,200 square feet, which is in the middle range for newer libraries in rural parts of the state. For example, Naturita (pop. 600) built a 4,400 square foot library and Mancos (pop. 1,350) built a 7,000 square foot facility.

The principle spaces are arranged around a high-ceilinged central area. A key space is the Children's Library, which connects to the Gathering Space and also shares the Outdoor Amphitheatre. There will be cozy spaces, a story time place, and interactive play areas. The Teen Space will emphasize working together on projects and explorations. The non-fiction area will be quieter, and will include an intimate fireside reading area.

A Community Room was the single strongest "want" in the survey conducted. This space will allow for a variety of programs, including collaborative projects. The room can accommodate 35 people "theatre-style." Lastly, there will be five desktop computers located throughout

the building, as well as tablets and laptops that can be checked out for use in the library.

**2) How much will it cost to build and maintain?**

The estimated construction cost is \$1,248,000 (or \$240/sq ft) compared to Naturita (\$1.2 million or \$225 per square foot), and Nederland (1.3 million or \$300 per square foot). Additional costs will include furnishings and equipment (around \$400,000), the cost of the capital campaign and hiring a professional to run it. The district is realistically assuming this will be a two-million-dollar project.

The library is designed for a minimum staff requirement of one. The circulation desk has line-of-sight access to all areas, as does the staff work area. To further minimize operating costs, the building adheres to the fundamentals of passive design that have long characterized the Crestone-Baca community. For power, the grid-connected solar system is expected to achieve near self-sufficiency.

**3) Did you consider renovating an existing structure?**

Initially we pictured the new

library being located in an existing downtown building. However, it became evident that our space needs could not be met, the cost of retrofitting to commercial standards was too high, and the compromise to functionality too great. The site we chose on the southern edge of Crestone provides great exposure for passive solar and offers ample parking, both of which would have been difficult to obtain downtown.

**4) How is this design a fit for Crestone?**

The library design draws on the structural inspiration of the honeycomb, and uses local materials—log and conglomerate stone—to craft a timber structure that creates visually rich interior spaces. Each exterior façade of the building responds to the sun and seasons. Framed by the mountains behind, it presents a silhouette of peaks. Lastly, the construction itself is designed to be within the skills range of builders in the community. The library will be a signature building in Crestone, but it will require a broad community commitment and a lot of hard work to make it a reality.

## Peter Anderson, Chair of Northern Saguache County Library District

Peter Anderson lives in Crestone and is the Chair of the Northern Saguache County Library District.

**Can you tell us about the campaign for a new library?**

We are in the early stages of launching the capital campaign for a new library in Crestone.

The information we have gleaned from community sources, a feasibility study, and advice from professional fundraisers convinced the board that if we could raise 25% of the cost of the new library in our community, we could raise the rest in

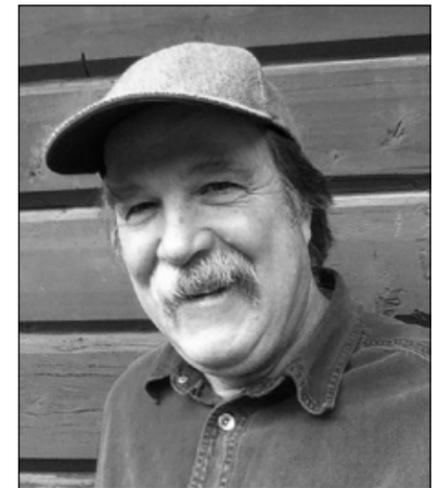
the form of grants and awards from foundations, government, and other outside sources. \$400,000-\$500,000 is a lot to generate in a small town like ours, but other rural communities have gotten it done and we can too. A new library/learning center/community hub would be a great return on the number of dollars we would actually spend as a community and one that would serve us well into the future.

As far as our immediate plans are concerned, we are currently forming a steering committee for the new

library which will help us with the capital campaign. As soon as district has the funds, we will hire a professional to head up that campaign.

**If someone wants to help what can they do?**

It goes without saying that we need financial support. Donations, which are tax deductible, can be sent to Sarah Koehn Frey, Director, Northern Saguache County Library District, PO Box 448, Saguache, CO 81149. She can also be reached at 655-2551. To volunteer or help with the capital campaign, contact Peter Anderson at 256-4813 or email: pilgrimage@fairpoint.net.



Peter Anderson

## Sarah Koehn Frey, Director of Northern Saguache County Library District



Sarah Koehn Frey

Sarah Koehn Frey is the director of the Northern Saguache County Library District which oversees library operations in Saguache and Crestone/Baca.

**Q: How did the district determine a new library was needed?**

With over 900 active users in a community of 1,300, and with only 1,500 square feet of usable

space, the library is bursting at the seams. Despite these limitations, the library serves an average of 61 patrons per day. In 2013, when we sent out a survey to see if Crestone/Baca residents wanted an improved facility, they overwhelmingly supported a new library in the town of Crestone.

**Q: What would a new library offer that the current one doesn't?**

The new library will offer us space for the features that architect Burt Wadman has described, as well as a great amount of flexibility. No one knows what libraries will look like in the future, so an open design is the single smartest design decision for a changing institution. It will also be more centrally located for most Crestone/Baca residents.

**Q: The district has been working hard on this project for several years now. What were some of the turning points?**

Since the survey results in 2013, the Library District has been busy: we issued an RFP for an ar-

chitect (and hired Burt Wadman) to oversee the visioning-site selection-design phase, which included holding two workshops to gather community input. We then went through an extensive site-selection process; conducted a Fundraising Feasibility Study; and completed the Conditional Use Permit process with both the Crestone Planning Commission and the Town of Crestone.

**4) Do you think the costs for maintaining this new library will increase and if so how would the district pay for it?**

We obviously can't predict the future, but the NSCLD and Burt Wadman have considered this question throughout the process in

order to minimize costs. Burt has designed an incredibly energy-efficient building. Line-of-sight from the main desk will make it possible for one person at a time to manage the library, which is not usually an option in our current facility. Volunteers also make it easier for our staff to do their jobs efficiently and effectively. We love our volunteers and hope to have even more at the new facility. Lastly, the new library will have some small sources of revenue with the added gathering space. Most libraries around the state charge a small fee for non-library usage of meeting rooms. This small fee would cover additional custodial costs.

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## Moffat School holds topping out ceremony



Students, parents, staff and board of education members watch as the final beam is laid into place on the new Moffat PK-12 building February 17.

The new Moffat PK-12 School is about 4 to 5 months from completion, but that didn't stop supporters from celebrating the future with a topping-out ceremony this week.

Several community members joined school administrators, teachers, students, parents, Board of Education members and construction workers Tuesday afternoon to see a signed beam lifted into place.

The afternoon began with a question and answer session where the team from DSI/Haselden answered questions from the audience. After that the team took those in attendance on a tour of the new school. Moffat students were able to take a closer look at where their classrooms would be.

After the completion of the final beam, the middle school students presented a batch of homemade cookies that were to be given to the construction workers as a thank you for all of their hard work.

To keep up with the progress of the school construction, please visit our school website, [www.moffatschools.org](http://www.moffatschools.org).



Students gather for the lifting of the topping out beam.

## Moffat Key Club prime rib dinner

The Moffat Key Club is having a prime rib dinner as a fundraiser for their club on March 14 at 5:30pm in the Moffat School Cafeteria. Dinner will include prime rib, potato, salad, vegetable, dinner roll, and dessert. Early bird tickets are \$11 Adults and \$7 Children. All tickets will be \$12 at the door. You may purchase tickets in advance from any of the Key Club members: Renee Freel, Sierra Swartz, Joedelee Rigdon, Paige Caffery, Elaine

Wellman-Flick, or by calling Patte Smith (Key Club Sponsor) at 256-4712 ext. 20.

The Key Club is the High School level of Kiwanis Club. The proceeds that are earned from our fundraisers are divided between charities and used to send club members to leadership, district, and international conferences.

Thank you for your help and support in making this a great event.



The future's so bright we gotta squint! Varsity Knowledge Bowl team members set their sights on State. From left to right: Joedelee Rigdon, Jacob Smith, William Higgenbotham, Taru Gouldberg, and Nicholas Meisman. Not pictured is Varsity Captain Jam Young Dorji.

## Knowledge Bowl to compete at State

The Moffat School District Knowledge Bowl team comprised of both Crestone Charter and Moffat high school students scored a sweet victory on Tuesday, February 3rd by taking First Place, Small Schools in the San Luis Valley Regional Knowledge Bowl Competition.

The students absolutely proved their mettle in a nail-biting, challenging day that tested their knowledge, teamwork, and the ability to keep cool under pressure. After scoring well during the morning written round they held their own against the toughest teams that advanced to the top table on center stage in Carson Auditorium.

The "mental game" of our team was put to the test with the absence of team captain and top player, Jam Young Dorji, who was home recuperating from an illness. With a hunger to retain the top berth they have earned

during past events, the team attacked each round to achieve their goal of making it to State.

The Charter/Moffat team has proven throughout the year that small, rural schools can hold their own against not only 1A schools but 2A and 3A schools as well. The entire team will attend the state level competition on April 15 through the 17th on the Colorado College campus in Colorado Springs. If you would like to assist with the costs of sending the kids to State, your contributions would be greatly appreciated by donating to Moffat School District Knowledge Bowl.

The State team will also be bringing along their Junior Varsity team which has had a winning season as well. Students on our JV include: Marlon Jacobi (Captain), Kristian Tran-Harrell, Sierra Swartz and Chloe Hadden.

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## Field-based learning at Crestone Charter School

by Michael Hayes

In a short time, students of all ages will depart on their spring trips. LINK students are headed to Europe, Middle School students are headed to Washington DC, and our younger students are headed on regional overnight trips to Denver or Mesa Verde. Throughout the winter months we support a ski and snowboard program mentored by students, teachers, and volunteers. Our school regularly takes shorter local excursions to locations in Crestone and throughout the San Luis Valley. Just this year, students have taken a train ride, taken seasonal snapshots at a local stream, visited assisted living homes, picked apples at our community garden, and built snow shelters.

Our field-based learning program is unprecedented in public schools in its depth and breadth and is an integral piece of our work with students at CCS. Our work fulfills our mission statement to provide a stimulating experiential program that nurtures each student's sense of wonder. We place great importance and resources towards getting our students out in the world to engage skillfully and to inspire healthy responsibility to community and the environment.

The full benefits of our field based program are difficult to quantify. How do we measure the value of a program that does not fit cleanly into current state and federal school performance frameworks? We can point to the impact of these experiences on individual students who experience them and to the many examples of student travel experiences that have led to a shift in the trajectory of their lives

LINK teacher Karen Acker explains the value of LINK travel experiences: "You can read about

geography, you can read about world current events, you can hear the words New York City, London, or Paris, but when you smell it, see it, touch it, and taste it, then you begin to understand what being a citizen of the world really means."

Our ski and snowboard program gives an opportunity for our older students to mentor our younger students. Our direct experience shows that both students benefit greatly from developing this relationship. Research shows that these mentor-based teaching and learning experiences are some of the most indelible to students. In addition, students who are challenged in more traditional academic settings can thrive in highly kinesthetic settings providing an opportunity to build self-confidence.

Our well designed field-based learning experiences are highly intentional and only serve to enhance our academic program. Our students and teachers work diligently to integrate field-based learning with work in the classroom. A trip to the Sand Dunes is integrated with science, reading, writing, and art for our second and third grade classroom. Building snow shelters is integrated with physical science lessons about heat and temperature with our middle school students.

Field-based learning is a strong element in the history of our school and one of the key focus areas of our current strategic plan for moving forward. The program stands as a pillar of our practices in delivering our mission. Moving forward, we will need to continue discussions of how to balance the needs of our students with the long-term sustainability of our programs, but our mission-driven philosophy around the importance of the program is unlikely to shift.



A group of middle-schoolers at their Valentine's Day dance at the Crestone Charter School. L to R: Cailan Boone, Liam Off, Maori Baca, Holly Fuller, Lhasa Off.

photo by Lori Nagel



Moffat Superintendent Kirk Banghart speaks at a February press event to introduce the Superintendents' Position Paper on Colorado school finance.

## Moffat Superintendent Kirk Banghart leads state-wide superintendents' push for more money

by Krissy Russell-Hedstrom

Moffat Consolidated School District #2 Superintendent Kirk Banghart was the lead speaker at an early February press event to introduce the Superintendents' Position Paper on Colorado School Finance. Superintendent Banghart laid out to the media the position paper that was signed by 174 out of 178 Superintendents.

The position paper states that Colorado superintendents are appreciative of the increased level of school funding reflected in Governor Hickenlooper's Fiscal Year 2015-16 State Budget Request. However, they believe there is an opportunity to make even greater investments in public school funding during the 2015 legislative session. To this end the superintendents proposed that in addition to the funding outlined in the Governor's State Budget Request, the State provide:

- \$50 million to school districts as a per-pupil allocation based on poverty levels as defined by the number of students eligible for either free or reduced-price school meals, and

- \$20 million as a per-pupil allocation to districts defined as "small rural" school districts by the Rural Education Council (2013).

The superintendents further propose that decisions about the specific allocations and uses of the aforementioned funds, as well as funds included in the Governor's State Budget Request, should be made by local boards of education and not be directed by policymakers at the state level. More specifically, the legislature should avoid requiring expenditure of any of these funds toward specific programs, re-

forms, mandates or other earmarks. The superintendents hold that the short-term steps outlined above will provide some necessary relief for distressed Colorado schools; the more chronic problem of a structurally flawed system of financing Colorado schools still exists.

State superintendents also encourage, support and are ready to assist Colorado's policymakers in the work of identifying solutions to the chronic funding dilemmas imposed by the myriad statutory and constitutional conflicts that currently exist in our state. In absence of this work and a resulting stable, reasonable and adequate funding of schools in Colorado, the superintendents feel that the state will continue to fall short of the excellent and globally competitive education system our students deserve.

Superintendent Banghart said that it was a "great honor" to be chosen to lead off the press event. "The event provided us an opportunity to get word out about what is needed for schools in Colorado." Superintendent Banghart also stated that "The funds we are requesting are critical for the success of our students at both Moffat PK-12 School and Crestone Charter School."

Colorado superintendents will be working throughout the legislative session to enhance awareness and persuade the state legislators to follow the recommendations laid out in the position paper. Superintendent Banghart encourages residents of the district to help by contacting their representatives and letting them know that they need to support the superintendents' position paper.



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## The Washington Beat

### The President plays hardball

by David Nicholas

#### Obama asks for new war powers

A major change in war powers came on Wednesday, February 11, when President Obama announced that he would seek an authorization from Congress for new war powers for three years. The President made the announcement with Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State John Kerry and outgoing Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel at his side in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. In his brief remarks the President said, "I do not believe America's interests are served by endless war or by remaining on a perpetual war footing," adding that "What it is saying is that Congress should revisit the issue at the beginning of the next president's term."

The short title of the joint resolution sought may be cited as the "Authorization for Use of Military Force against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant."

The resolution the President will take to Congress has the following conditions and are verbatim:

a) The authority granted does not authorize the use of the United States Armed Forces in enduring offensive ground combat operations.

b) This authorization for the use of military force shall terminate three years after the date of the enactment of this joint resolution, unless reauthorized.

c) The President shall report to Congress at least once every six months on specific actions taken pursuant to this authorization.

d) The term "associated persons or forces" means individuals and organizations fighting for, on behalf of, or alongside ISIL or any closely-related successor entity in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners.

In his letter to Congress that accompanied the joint resolution the President stated, "The authorization I propose would provide the flexibility to conduct ground combat operations in other, more limited circumstances, such as rescue operations involving U.S. or coalition personnel or the use of special operations forces to take military action against ISIL leadership. It would also authorize the use of U.S. forces in situations where ground combat operations are not expected or intended, such as intelligence collection and sharing, missions to enable kinetic strikes, or the provision of operational planning and other forms of advice and assistance to partner forces."

If approved, the proposal would be the first time Congress has authorized a president's use of force since lawmakers voted in 2002 to permit President George W. Bush to invade Iraq. Mr. Obama pulled troops out of Iraq in 2011 but has sent a limited number back as part of his campaign against the Islamic State. His proposed legislation would repeal the 2002 authorization but leave in place separate legislation passed in 2001 allowing force against Al Qaeda and its affiliates.

As usual, Congress wasn't impressed. Speaker Boehner said so far he hadn't seen a strategic plan. Well, of course the Speaker wouldn't say anything else. Sober up, Mr. Speaker, you do have to be cognizant to understand what it all means. It really is above your pay grade.

#### The 114th Congress: Part 1

The 114th Congress was meant to be a showcase for Republican governance, an example to show the President who was boss, that he just couldn't go around and use his executive powers without consequences. At least, that was the intention.

With majorities in both the House of Representatives (433-188) and the Senate (54-44-2), this was meant to be a well-oiled machine, not the public in-fighting we have witness since Congress returned in January.

The blame falls to the leaders of both the House and the Senate, House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), who don't particularly like each other and only show unity under sufferance.

Case in point is the budget fight over the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In the wisdom of the leadership this should not have been an item at all. It should have gone through with the rest of the 2014 budget in the last Congress. The reason it didn't was that they were excoriated in fury by President Obama's use of executive action on immigration.

Obama in December used his executive authority to allow up to five million illegal aliens to begin the process to allow them to stay and apply to work legally in the US. This first phase was due to be implemented on February 18, but that has been put on hold. Congressional Republicans tried to derail



the program through legislation and got state leaders try to block it in federal court. To this extent the GOP found a willing ear.

At midnight on February 17, a Federal District Court judge in Brownsville, TX ordered a halt, at least temporarily, to President Obama's executive actions on immigration, siding with Texas and 25 other states that filed a lawsuit opposing the initiatives.

In an order filed on Monday, the judge, Andrew S. Hanen, prohibited the Obama administration from carrying out programs the President announced in November that would offer protection from deportation and work permits to as many as five million undocumented immigrants.

Judge Hanen, an outspoken critic of the administration on immigration policy, found that the states had satisfied the minimum legal requirements to bring their lawsuit. He said the Obama administration had failed to comply with basic administrative procedures for putting such a sweeping program into effect.

Well, that's his opinion. The administration will retaliate and find a Federal Circuit Court of Appeal—probably the District of Columbia Circuit—that will overrule Judge Hanen. It's how the game is played.

Meanwhile GOP leaders are trying to halt the president's plan through a funding bill for the Department of Homeland Security, which runs out of money Feb. 27.

The \$40bn DHS bill passed by the House funds the department on everything except the President's executive actions. Senate Democrats have said no to that and at time of writing they are filibustering the bill and show no signs of relenting. To actually override the filibuster in the Senate and for the bill to pass it needs 60 votes, essentially requiring six votes either Democrat or Independent and there it lies.

The Senate cannot pass the bill as is and the House will not relent and change the bill to get it passed. So what to do? Mr. Boehner is threatening government shutdown March 1 if the bill doesn't pass through the Senate, and Senator McConnell, who knows what a disaster it would be should the government shut down, says let it pass with a version Democrats will sign on to (meaning to include the Obama executive actions). Senator McConnell believes he can deal with the President's use of executive powers later as something that can be challenged in the courts.

Contrary to the Speaker's efforts to blame this snafu on Democrats, the public only sees Republicans as being obstructionist to the President carrying out a policy that the majority of people support. Try as he might, the PR skills of Mr.

Boehner border on the Neanderthal when he's sober and incomprehensible when he isn't. So he isn't winning the argument.

#### The 114th Congress: Part 2

The latest version of the bill to approve construction of the XL Pipeline passed the Congress. The House passed the bill on a 270-152 vote, endorsing changes made by the Senate—passed on January 29 with 62 votes to 36—that stated climate change was real and not a hoax, and oil sands should no longer be exempt from a tax used to clean up oil spills. What's not to like? The President doesn't agree, so veto. He just doesn't think the Canadian-owned pipeline passing through remote parts of the US is worth the 50 permanent jobs it will provide, so Canadian oil can be exported to foreign lands.

Some Republicans vow to fight on but many more member of Congress just want to move on to more important issues, like an all-encompassing energy bill, a farm bill which is in the works and the other stuff of government.

#### The 114th Congress: Part 3—Netanyahu speaks

On March 3, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu made the cardinal mistake of addressing both houses of the US Congress. He did this against the better judgement of his coalition partners and 62% of Israelis who think this was a bad idea, a really bad idea.

Bibi wasn't invited to address both houses of the Congress by the President, as is the normal protocol. House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) decided to embarrass the White House and invite the Israeli Prime Minister to make a speech about terrorism in the Middle East and of course, Iran. It was set up by the Israeli Ambassador to the US, Ron Dermer (a former Netanyahu flunky), and a more stupid move for Israel-US relations there couldn't be.

The President won't meet with Bibi because, as he officially stated, it is not US policy to interfere in a country's general election. Of course, the real reason is that the President's serious dislike of Bibi and the anger of being circumvented by Speaker Boehner is that the snub will backlash upon the Prime Minister at home and he could possibly lose the election.

Also Bibi's chances of getting re-elected are not looking good right now and his usual tactic—fear mongering about the rise of Iran in neighboring countries and Hezbollah along the southern border in Lebanon—was not working well.

The reason for Israeli voter disconnect from his narrative is that the one thing that frightens the Israeli voter more than Hezbollah and Iran is sour relations with the US and in particular with the current occupant of the White House. If Israel needs emergency

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help—meaning resupply of arms—in the near future, it may not be forthcoming as swiftly as Israel may need it.

It doesn't matter what Netanyahu said, two weeks before his "snap" general election in Israel, the bad rupture with the White House and President Obama carries long-term consequences. This episode isn't helping. Right now, when Bibi calls the White House he gets to talk to the National Security Advisor who he passes on the request to the President. It used to be when Bibi called he would be patched right through, but not anymore. Not particularly auspicious; expect Bibi to mess up, as he really can't help himself.

Next, the White House saw the visit as trying to interfere with the P5+1 negotiations with Iran, talks that are still going on in Vienna. The big sticking point is that Iran wants to lift all the restrictions placed upon the Islamic Republic immediately, while the P5+1 (meaning the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany) wants to relax the restriction gradually to ensure Iran follows what it has agreed to. The deadline for political talks to end is March 1, with a formal agreement due July 1 2015 so there's time.

So of course it is interference. Bibi wants to scuttle these talks and really wants to go ahead and bomb Iran's nuclear facilities. The foolish thing is that Bibi may lose the election and the President may reach agreement with Iran, which may be a lot less than what the US position calls for at present as a result of Netanyahu's meddling. We will see how this plays out.

**The 2016 political race**

Over February, the GOP race has focused on two favorites for GOP donors' largesse. Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush and former Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker are the frontrunners. Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) is there near the top but isn't seen right now as the best choice. Thankfully Mitt Romney saw the wisdom of not running, bowing out on January 31. No loss.

Is Hillary Clinton running? Inquiring minds would like to know . . . now! Many Democrats had expected her presidential race to be announced in January. Instead we are still waiting for her to give the word. Now call me crazy, but I thought for most of last year she was being hesitant, very hesitant

about running. A lot of things came to mind for me as to why she was/is? Health and age are two factors.

Neither factors rule her out as a candidate, but a younger candidate with all the right qualifications could give her a run for the money. There's no one that I can see who could do that except former Texas Mayor and current Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro and I think he's a long shot for the moment. He's biding his time.

The dark horse is Elizabeth Warren, who's 64 and the senior Senator from Massachusetts. I like the Senator because she's a fighter over monetary issues, which is not Mrs. Clinton's strong suit. If she runs she could give Mrs. Clinton a run for her money. But she would have to raise a lot of money right now and right now that is Hillary Clinton's strength. She has the donors. So it's still early yet as to how all this plays out.

**Ashton Carter confirmed as SecDef**

Former Deputy Defense Secretary and chief Pentagon weapons buyer Ashton Carter was confirmed by the Senate on February 12 in a vote that had strong support from both sides of the aisle. The easy confirmation vote was 93-5. The five no votes were Republicans, with Texas Senator Ted Cruz casting a yea for confirmation. Secretary Carter is President Obama's fourth to fill the Defense portfolio and succeeds outgoing SecDef Chuck Hagel. Mr. Hagel's tenure was one where he often looked like he was way out of his depth—a perception that was more mythic than true. His confirmation was tough and acrimonious with relentless personal attacks coming from Senator Cruz by way of comparison with Mr. Carter's positive endorsement by Republican leaders.

**Yemen amps up**

Among the prime US foreign policy interests is Yemen, which is in the throws of the Shia Houthis' takeover of the northern part of this state located at the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula. The Houthis have taken over the capital Sanaa and forced out the centrist (well secular) government and is ruling according to Sharia law and the Quran. The reason why we have expended so much to keep tribes in check, as well as preventing al-Qaida from taking over the southern provinces, is the port of Aden. It guards the the Bab

**THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY**

**—MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS**



by Ish

**1/ Carrington:**

★★★★

Here we have a story of a talented young painter, Dora Carrington, played by Emma Thompson who befriends a shy gay writer, Lytton Strachey, forming a deep complex bond, played by Jonathan Pryce. The film is backdropped by the Bohemian scene of London's Bloomsbury group.

**2/ The Dish & the Spoon:**

★★★

In this Indie romantic drama we have Greta Gerwig, Olly Alexander and others. Here Rose is seething with rage upon discovering her husband's infidelity. She departs for Delaware to confront the other woman. However, once she arrives her focus shifts to an eccentric teenage boy and their romance while he helps her cope with her anger.

**3/ The Big Fix (1978):**

★★★

Here we have a movie with some future stars. Richard Dreyfuss plays Moses Wine, an ex-sixties radical who is paying his bills as a private eye. He's hired to do a smear campaign against a popular political candidate. Gradually the plot develops into a murder case, involving a hippie leader who, like Wine has severely compromised his values and who plans to blow up a major LA freeway as a protest, played by F. Murray Abraham. Susan Anspach gives a great deal of dramatic and sexual tension as Wine's boss.

**4/ A NY Thing:**

★★★

A French romantic follows his dream girl to NYC, but a weekend of white lies, one-night-stands and tangled love triangles prove infatuation and romance are not what they seem. Featuring indie darling Greta Gerwig.

**5/ The Day I Saw Your Heart:**

★★★★★

In this delightful comedy Justine (*Inglourious Basterds'* Melanie Laurent) flits from one boyfriend to the next while her immature father secretly befriends them all. Meanwhile the two sisters are shocked when their father, who is about to turn 60, announces that he is expecting a baby with his new wife. One sister is trying to adopt a child, while the other blames her commitment-phobic ways on her relationship with her dad.

el Mandeb as well as the gateway which western powers use as a base to patrol against Somali pirates.

Yemen also overlooks a maritime "choke-point," a narrow passage like the Strait of Hormuz at the tip of the Persian Gulf. At its narrowest, the Bab el Mandeb strait is just 12 miles wide, with Yemen on one side and Djibouti on the other. Little wonder Djibouti has become an important outpost for the U.S. and French military.

It matters who's running Yemen, and right now that isn't clear. The UN Security Council has been trying to install order and return a "moderate" government to ruling the country and get the Houthis to surrender the capital. Not that the resolution passed on February 16 has any chance of becoming reality without some force being applied. Now a centrist government is trying to install authority from the port of Aden, the economic hub of Yemen, but the Houthis are just laughing at that.

If the US had the option, we would want to be friendly with the Houthis who are the sworn enemies (being Shia Moslems) al-Qaida (our enemy and Sunni Moslems), which is gobbling up control of the remaining tribal provinces in the south. Clear? As mud.

America wants friends and thus influence in Yemen. The Houthis have been having spectacular victories for the last six months in the north but they don't trust anyone from the west. In talking to them, they are polite, very polite but very determined and very confident to do what they believe, which makes us uneasy. So we watch and when we drone-attack, which we do a lot there, it needs to be the right group we are killing. Stay tuned—this gets more complicated as we go.

**Greece foreshadowing possible default**

The left-wing party Syriza gained victory with 36% of the vote in the snap election on January 25. They then formed a government with a right wing group who hates the European economic union as much as Syriza dislikes the debt deal which gave Greece five years of austerity and social pain. They are at an impasse with the EU as of January 17. Greek finance Minister Varoufakis has just hit a brick wall. The French say "non" and the Germans say "nein" about easing the pain.

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras and his finance minister, the very brilliant Yanis Varoufakis, have been trying to get a new bail-out deal with other European finance ministers. They have struck out in trying to get moderation in the austerity deals (there are several), which the previous conservative government signed on to. At the moment it looks like Greece will default and return to the Drachma. This is the old currency, which the Euro replaced in 2001. What to do next, other than default and restructure the repayment of €275bn in its own time? Your solution is as good as mine at this point. Greece's economy is shrinking and as things stand they can never hope to repay that amount of money in any way other than restructuring.

So we watch. While both Spain and Germany brag that they can withstand the shock of a Greek default, it is first and foremost a crisis in confidence. For all the bravado expressed by the other European nations, the stock markets around the world including Wall Street are not so confident that financial markets will weather the collapse. So they are bracing themselves for the worst and it's not looking good. Deep breaths.

In holding the Ukraine and second Minsk cease-fire deal until next month, the Beat goes on.

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# Colorado Senator Bennet introduces bill to restore PILT to mandatory funding, extend Secure Rural Schools Program for three years

by Lisa Cyriacks

Colorado US Senator Michael Bennet, with Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Mike Crapo (R-ID) have introduced a bipartisan bill to restore mandatory funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program.

The Secure Rural Schools and Payment in Lieu of Taxes Repair Act would also extend the Secure Rural Schools program (SRS) for three years at 2011 funding levels, rolling back years of declining payments. It would provide a total of roughly \$360 million annually for more than 700 counties across the U.S.

"PILT provides crucial resources to counties to help deliver basic services to Colorado commu-

nities," Bennet says. "Restoring PILT to mandatory funding and extending SRS funding will give our rural communities the certainty they need to plan and budget for things like school construction, police and fire protection, and road maintenance. There is no reason for Congress to leave them in limbo every year, and this bill will help fix that."

State and local governments cannot tax federally owned lands the way they would if the land was privately owned. Federal land payments, originally funded from commodity receipts on public lands (mainly timber harvests), historically have supported basic county services such as schools, transportation and public safety.

PILT was created to compensate counties that contain federal lands. PILT funding for 2015 was included in the passage of the \$1.1 billion "Cromnibus" spending bill. Congress allotted \$372 million this year for PILT. Another \$70 million was designated for PILT from the National Defense Authorization Act, bringing the total to \$442 million.

Unlike PILT, however, the Secure Rural Schools program was initiated only as a temporary fund for counties to help compensate for major declines in timber-related revenues and for counties to transition away from dependence on timber to a more diverse economic base.

Colorado received \$34.5 million in PILT funds in 2014. Saguache County has tentatively budgeted \$700,000 in PILT revenue for 2015.

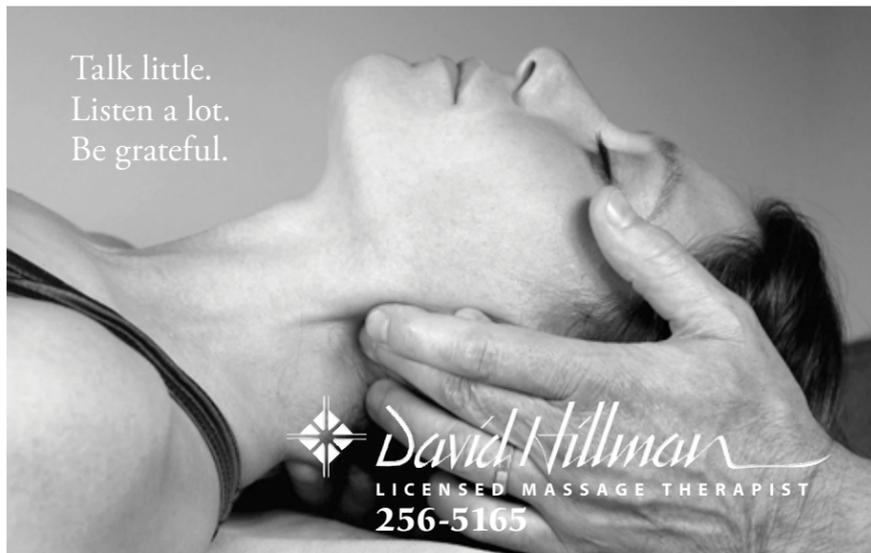
According to a recent report from Headwaters Economics (December 2014), Saguache County will receive just over \$1 million in PILT funds, including SRS funding. While the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act officially expired in 2014, Congress is now working to revive it for one more year.

Headwaters Economics projects that even if SRS is extended for another five years, dollar amounts distributed to local governments will change drastically.

One reason Saguache County may be facing declining revenue from SRS and PILT is a change in the formula resulting in fewer dollars available to less densely populated counties.

The funding will be based on economic performance and growth in the county, household income, education levels and other economic factors, standards that Saguache County and much of the valley fail to meet.

For this reason the Headwaters Economics report lists Saguache and five surrounding counties as some of the worst performing in the state and likely to receive the most drastic cuts in PILT (and SRS) funding (20% to 22.6%).



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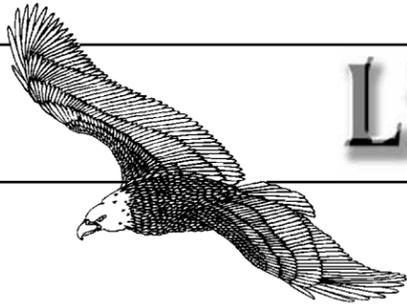
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# Living on the Earth

## Gray & Hooker's Blanca Peak expedition: The Asian connection

by David Lee

Behind the accompanying photograph by the celebrated photographer William Henry Jackson, is a story connected to Crestone and the Baca.

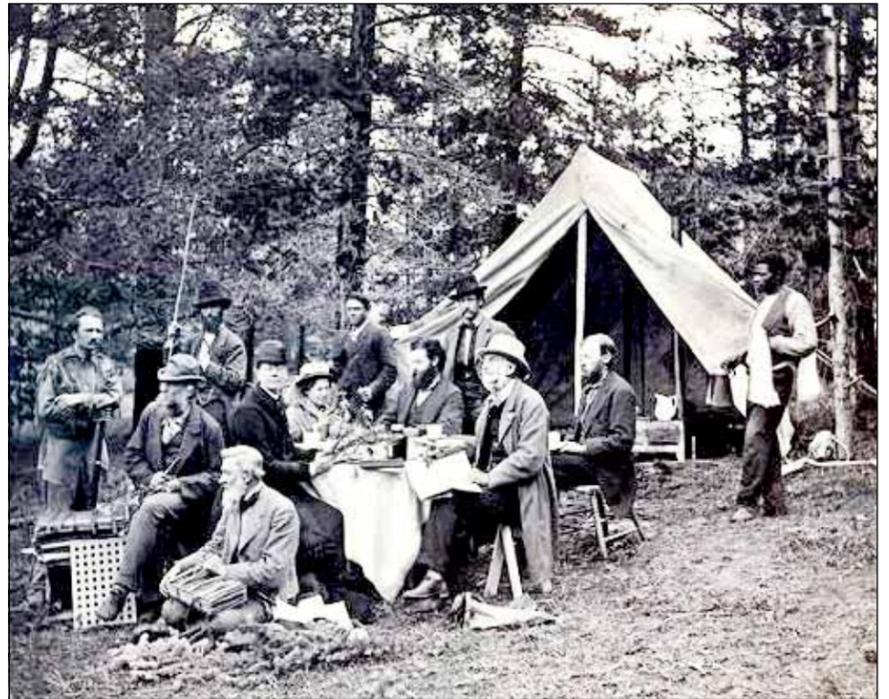
The photo was taken at La Veta Pass on July 25, 1877, about 30 miles southeast of Crestone as the crow flies. The party had been assembled by Ferdinand V. Hayden, who was the head of the Rocky Mountain region of the United States Geological Survey, part of a series of summer expeditions he led to document the geography and geology of the Rockies.

The two most notable among those photographed are Asa Gray (1810-1888) the leading expert on the North American flora, professor at Harvard and President of

England 1838-39 as young men just starting their scientific careers. Both were close friends and supporters of Charles Darwin (1809-1882), the English naturalist and co-discoverer with Alfred Russel Wallace of the theory of natural selection.

In the photograph, they are holding plant presses, essential for preserving plants collected in the area. Boughs of the sub-alpine fir rest at Hooker's feet, ready for processing.

Others in the photograph include Dr. Robert Lamborn (1836-1905), a metallurgist and mining engineer. Lamborn, a friend of Hayden and an officer of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway, later became a generous philanthropist of the arts and sciences in the



Hayden Expedition Party at La Veta Pass, Colorado, July 1877. Numbers in parentheses denote the identities of individuals from the line drawing of their silhouettes (below): (1) Asa Gray; (2) Joseph Dalton Hooker; (3) Lady Jane Strachey; (4) Jane Loring Gray; (5) Captain James Stevenson; (6) Dr. Robert Lamborn; (7) Sir Richard Strachey; (8) Ferdinand V. Hayden; (9) expedition cook; (10), John Gil Lemmon, Denver artist; (11) unidentified Frenchman; (12) plant presses used by Gray and Hooker.

photo courtesy of the Botany Library of the Gray Herbarium Library, Harvard University

1909), Asa's wife, was a respected naturalist in her own right, known to Darwin. Lady Jane Strachey (1840-1908) was an author and suffragette.

Behind them was the expedition leader, Ferdinand Vandemeer Hayden (1829-1887). Trained as a physician and serving as a surgeon in the Civil War, his passion for geology led to his exploration of the west and eminent position in the Geological Survey. There was competition among surveyors and explorers, particularly with John Wesley Powell and George Wheeler, so perhaps Hayden's distinguished party gave him an advantage over his rivals.

Hooker and Gray had their own reasons for being at La Veta. The next day the party travelled to Fort Garland, and early the following morning they began their ascent of Blanca Peak. After camping at 13,000', they ascended the peak (14,345'), collecting plants and returning to Fort Garland and then back La Veta—exhausted. Hooker collected 180 species of plants on the mountain. Later on, they ascended Pike's Peak and Gray's Peak further to the north, continually collecting plants along the way—some 500 specimens from the Rockies.



Why they were interested in these plants requires a little explanation. Hooker had earlier explored the sub-Antarctic region (1839-1843) and spent several years exploring northeast India. He puzzled over the relationships of these plants to those in other regions of the world. Gray had become the expert on North American plants, and noticed the strong affinity between the floras of the east coast and temperate east Asia. This seemed to not be the case for the poorly studied plants of the Rocky Mountains, and they intended to investigate their geographical affinities.

The whole endeavor was inspired by the earlier work of Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859), who with Aimé Bonpland had completed an epic five-year

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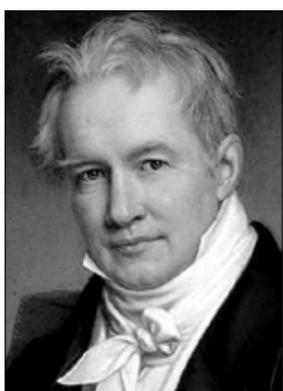


Mount Blanca in the Sangre de Cristos, south of the Sand Dunes. photo by David Hillman

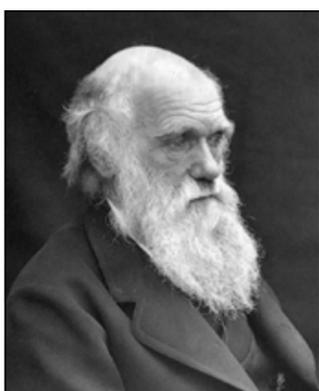
the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1872; and Joseph Dalton Hooker (1817-1910), Director of the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, President of the Royal Society 1873-1877, and a leader in the classification of plants—particularly of Asia.

They had become friends in

United States. Captain James Stevenson (1840-1888) was Hayden's chief assistant. General Richard Strachey (1807-1908) was a friend of Hooker's and an eminent naturalist with extensive experience in India and Tibet, also interested in the technology of narrow gauge railways. Jane Loring Gray (1821-



Alexander von Humboldt



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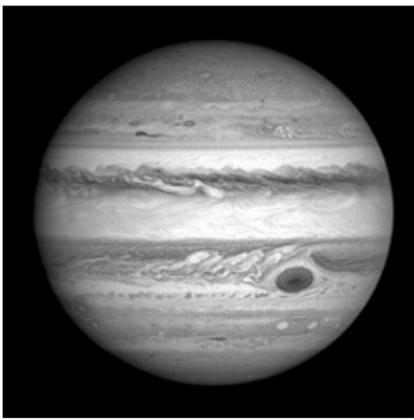


by Kim Malville

### What's happening in the skies this month

Jupiter is the king this month, brilliant, half-way up the sky between the constellations of Cancer and Leo. Just to the left of Jupiter is Regulus the brightest star in its vicinity. Compare how differently each twinkles. Jupiter should be steady like a rock, but Regulus should be twinkling away due to turbulence in the atmosphere.

Throughout this spring Jupiter and Venus are going to slowly approach each other. Now they are far apart, but by late June these two planets will come together in a close and spectacular conjunction.



This full-disc image of Jupiter was taken on 21 April 2014 with Hubble's Wide Field Camera 3. NASA

**March 7:** One hour after sunset look to the west to see ruddy Mars below brilliant Venus.

**March 20:** Spring in the northern hemisphere begins at 4:45 MDT, when the sun crosses the celestial equator.

**March 21:** The slender crescent moon appears next to Mars after sunset.

**March 22:** This should be a great sight: the crescent has grown in size and has slid upward next to Venus.

### Valentine's Day on Churyumov-Gerasimenko

On Valentine's Day, the Rosetta spacecraft dipped down low over the comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, reaching some five miles above its surface. Considering that this rotating comet shaped like a rubber ducky is only about 2.5 miles long, it was a pretty dangerous and gutsy maneuver.

It produced an amazing image of this old and dark leftover from the birth of the solar system. The image has a resolution of perhaps two feet, which means we could see a person like the Little Prince walking across the surface. The op-

erators were hoping they might find the now quiet lander, Philae, but it didn't show up in the photo. What they find is a large flat area, which looks like a dried lake bed, in the upper left-hand portion of the picture. But, of course, there couldn't have been an open body of water on this tiny, cold object. It is probably the remnant of gas escaping ice under the surface, which left behind fine dust. Even with its very weak gravity the dust could flow around the surface and fill in a low spot. Note that the smooth area stops on the left just like water at a shoreline. No one expected something like this on a comet.

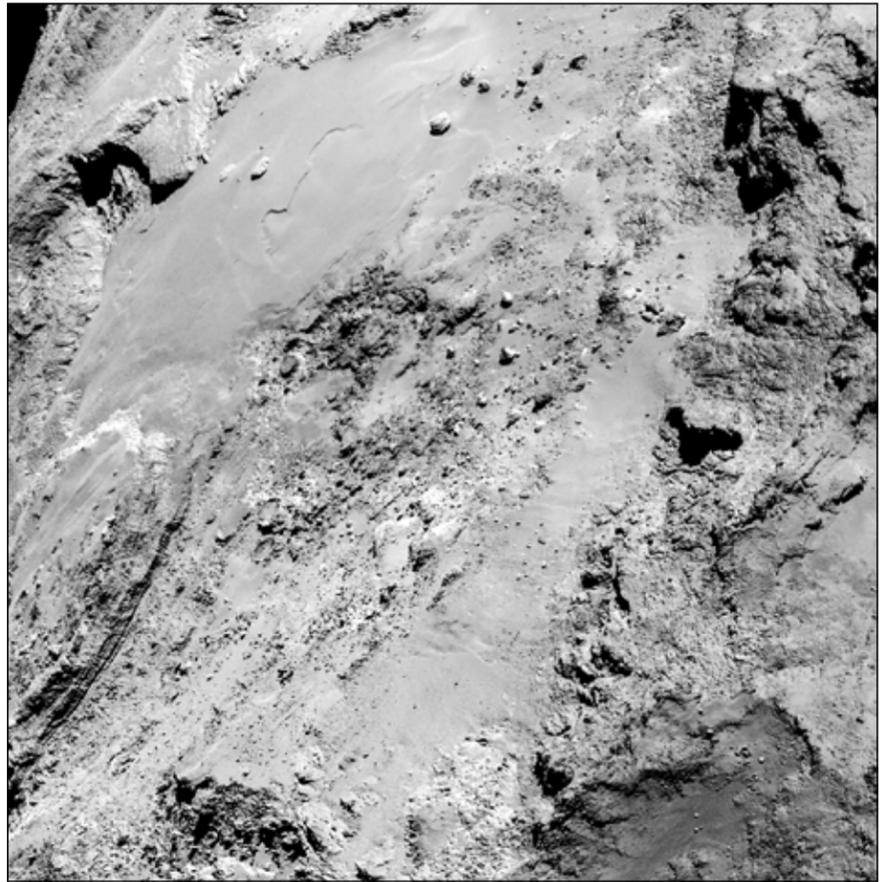
Below the flat area look for several circular features that look like impact craters. These are probably vents on the surface where gas escapes the comet when it comes close to the sun. They should start getting active, spewing forth jets of gas in the next few months.

### God's Hand

One of the four telescopes known as "The Very Large Telescope" on Cerro Paranal in the Atacama desert of Chile has imaged the nebula known as "God's Hand". Each of these telescopes has a diameter of 8.2 meters. The nebula is a cometary globule, although it has nothing in common with comets. This one is 1.5 light years across, which would engulf our solar system. These globules appear completely dark, as they are made of very cold gas and dust that block the light of stars behind them. These are places where stars are born. As the cloud contracts under its own gravity and heats up, new stars will be formed. Then planets and things like comets will appear around some of them. This cometary globule was probably a spherical cloud, but it was disfigured by a nearby supernova explosion, and acquired this clumpy and irregular shape. A tail of gas, not seen in the image, extends down from the face for a distance of eight light years.

### The "biggest discovery in decades" is now in tatters

Perhaps you remember a column I wrote last year in April.



The surface of Comet 67P photographed from five miles.

European Space Agency

Well, maybe it's better if you don't remember. Anyhow, this is now the time for honesty and transparency.

This is what I wrote: "On March 17 the newspapers and TV stations announced the discovery of the influence of gravity waves on the early universe. This is a discov-

omers while it lasted, even though it was very difficult to explain. It was difficult to explain because it was just plain wrong. This apparent discovery of gravitational waves seemed to be the smoking gun for the theory that the infant universe experienced an epic growth spurt known as inflation when the universe was a tiny fraction of a second old. The sudden movement of all of the matter in the universe started the cosmos vibrating like a bell, producing waves of gravity. Or so it seemed. Corks were popped and visions of a Nobel Prize appeared in folks' heads. Now this smoking gun has itself gone up in smoke, gravity waves have vanished, and researchers are nursing a hangover.

The excitement of 17 March last was short-lived. It turns out to be very hard to make a *big* mistake in astronomy. Fellow astronomers are always checking up on each other, often eager to spot an error. That is indeed what science is all about: "trust but ver-

ify." Not surprising, soon after this announcement, evidence surfaced that the evidence for gravity waves was probably flawed. Dust within our galaxy may have produced a signal that imitated gravity waves. Everyone agreed that more observations at other wavelengths were needed to test the claims. Finally in September, researchers used Europe's Planck spacecraft to show that BICEP2's signal was entirely due to local dust. By now everyone has agreed: no cigar, certainly no Nobel Prize! Now there is a rush of different observatories on land, in the air, and in space to search for any faint, still undetected evidence of gravity waves in the early universe. Good luck!

It certainly was fun for astron-



God's Hand: Like the gaping mouth of a gigantic celestial creature, the cometary globule CG4 glows menacingly in this image from ESO's Very Large Telescope. Although it looks huge and bright in this image it is actually a faint nebula and not easy to observe. The exact nature of CG4 remains a mystery. European Southern Observatory

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# Rio Grande Roundtable to elect new officers & revise bylaws

by *Bea Ferrigno*

The first order of business for the March 10 meeting of the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable (RGRT) will be the election of new officers and revision of bylaws. Mike Gibson will retire as chairman of the RGRT this month, but will remain with the SLV Water Conservancy District until the end of the year. His leadership of the roundtable has been cordial, crisp, diplomatic, and will be missed.

Each roundtable has three officers—a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Recorder—and a membership drawn from a broad base of water interests. Composition of the membership, which includes voting and non-voting members, is spelled out in the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act (HB 05-1177). Also on the April agenda are a review of the membership and consideration of current vacancies as well as revisions to the bylaws, primarily to allow for proxy voting.

According to the bylaws, the roundtable is to provide a forum “to facilitate communication, cooperation and involvement by all stakeholders including affected landowners, concerned citizens and representatives of local, state and federal agencies to:

- Promote and improve the appropriate use of the Rio Grande Basin’s and the state of Colorado’s waters.
- Enhance the voluntary exchange of information in order to identify and address . . . water concerns in a proactive manner.
- Participate in the use and on-going refinement of a basin-wide water needs assessment. . . .
- Provide education and public outreach concerning . . . Colorado water law, Rio Grande Compact and associated issues [etc.]

• Promote the protection, conservation, and wise use of water for socio-economic sustainability, agricultural viability, and the benefit of the associated natural environment.”

One of the Roundtable’s educational efforts is the Rio Grande Leaders Course to be offered next month. Applications are due March 13 for an intensive course designed for community members interested in protecting, developing and managing SLV water resources. This year’s course will take place April 6 through 10 from 6 to 9pm; it has a

nominal fee of \$30 and will be limited to 20 participants. Your reporter found the course very helpful; it provides an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with many SLV water administrators while learning what they do and why. Applications can be picked up at the course location, offices of the SLV Water Conservancy District, 623 Fourth Street, Alamosa, or downloaded from [www.rgwcd.org](http://www.rgwcd.org) or [www.slvwcd.org](http://www.slvwcd.org).

Other business at the February 10 meeting included a lengthy discussion of the Southwest basin roundtable’s (SWBRT) request to include their statement “Alternative Water Sources to Meet Future East Slope Urban Water Demand” in the Rio Grande basin implementation plan. Although the request was ultimately tabled, the discussion was illuminating. The Southwest basin represents the heavily tapped Colorado river; its statement is a response to a conceptual agreement (CA) from the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC) which sets forth seven points to be considered in the development of any further trans-mountain diversions (TMD). It emphasizes that “conservation and reuse must be major means to reduce demand and address future gaps and that no TMD should proceed unless High Level conservation goals are achieved.” It also recommends that alternative sources of new water supply be considered in comparison to the costs and benefits of any new TMD.

Kerber Creek update: Jason Willis of Trout Unlimited, currently the Mine Restoration Project manager at Kerber Creek (northwest of Villa Grove) presented a preview of a funding request to be heard this month for the next stage of mitigation of mine tailings and stream restoration. The entire project comprises 64,000 acres and 25 miles of Kerber creek that were polluted in the 1900s by tailings that broke through retention barriers. The acidic tailings are modified by addition of lime and limestone from a nearby pit so that their actual removal is not required. The soil disturbance is mitigated by replanting with metal-tolerant native plants. A further discussion with visuals will be presented for funding at the March 10 meeting.

# BLM seeks public comment on Xcel transmission line

The Bureau of Land Management San Luis Valley Field Office, in cooperation with the Pike San Isabel National Forest, is seeking public comments on a draft environmental assessment authorizing Xcel Energy to rebuild three existing transmission lines.

The transmission lines are nearing the end of their serviceable life and would be rebuilt within or immediately adjacent to their existing locations. The transmission lines cross a variety of public and private lands, in portions of Alamosa, Chaffee, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties.

The BLM will continue to apply conservation measures to manage and conserve Gunnison Sage Grouse (GUSG) and its habitat. The BLM’s policy is to manage GUSG seasonal habitats and maintain habitat connectivity to support sustainable GUSG populations and/or GUSG population objectives as determined in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

The comment period will run through March 12, 2015. Comments concerning the proposed action, alternatives and environmental issues are most helpful. For additional information or to submit a comment, please contact Leon Montoya, BLM Project Manager, at 719-852-6219, by email to [BLM\\_CO\\_SLVPLV\\_Comments@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_CO_SLVPLV_Comments@blm.gov), or in writing to 1803 West Hwy 160; Monte Vista, CO 81144.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The draft environmental assessment is available on the BLM San Luis Valley webpage at [www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/slvfo.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/slvfo.html). Hard copies are available at the following locations: Salida Ranger District, USFS, 5575 Cleora Road, Salida, CO 81201; Saguache Field Office, BLM/USFS, 46525 Highway 114, Saguache, Colorado 81149; and Saguache Field Office, BLM, 1803 West Hwy 160, Monte Vista, CO 81144.

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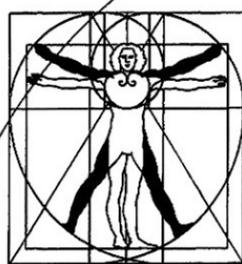
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by Peter Anderson

Branding. It's not just about hot iron and searing bovine flesh anymore. These days branding has more to do with the world of commerce. It has to do with getting noticed in a world saturated with slogans, symbols, and spiels. Even poets, once known as practitioners of pure art for the simple reason that there wasn't any money in it (they don't call it the "po biz" for nothing), have been caught up in the frenzy of branding themselves. Ouch. One poet blogger, who worked hard to establish an online niche, succeeded in achieving a brand—"poet laureate of the blogosphere"—which landed him numerous paid invitations to sit on august panels of literary pundits at conferences, colloquiums, and other cultural shindigs. Everybody's doin' the hustle.

So why not our little town? The sign at the junction of County Road T and Highway 17 says only "gas, food, and lodging." Periodically, we have to x-out the gas part. Given the braggadocio of our neighbors to the north—"Now This is Colorado"—why should we expect any of those bulging wallets on their way to Taos ("Soul of the Southwest" . . . would that be somewhere on the Taos strip stuck in traffic?) or Santa Fe ("the City Different" . . . or city pretentious) or Colorado Springs (once known as "the Newport of the Rockies" . . . millionaires only, please), to turn off the highway and check out our little town? If we don't brand ourselves, then others will do the branding for us: "E.T., call Crestone."

So the good people who are working hard to gain Crestone state recognition as a creative district recently invited us to brand the town where most of us say we live, even though only a hundred of us really do. I'm all for the Creative District campaign by the way, since it may entitle us to state money—what little Colorado Creative Industries (once

known as Colorado Endowment for the Arts) ever has. Otherwise those funds will find a home elsewhere. But how do we name what's here in only a few words? Raven Lunatics? Maybe we would be better off naming what isn't. Nada, Nada, and lots of it. Either way, it's not an easy task.

It might be wise to consider the efforts of other small towns looking for a hook to reel in a little recognition and maybe even a dollars. Personally, I like the tell-it-straight approach taken by Pinedale, Wyoming: "All the Civilization You Need." Saratoga, Wyoming has a 1880's style chamber-of-commerce pitch: "Where the Trout Leap in Main Street." Havre (pronounced Have-r) Montana, keeps it blue-collar simple: "Get 'er Done." Some towns go for a little humor which has a certain appeal: Eagle Pass Texas—"Where Yee-ha meets Olé"; Hooker, Oklahoma—"A Location not a Vocation"; Bushnell, South Dakota—"It's Not the End of the World, but You Can See It from Here." Then there's the intentionally strange: Nederland, Colorado—"Home of the Frozen Dead Guy." (It's a long story . . . see [www.frozendeadguy.com](http://www.frozendeadguy.com)). And don't forget Fruita, Colorado—"Home of Mike the Headless Chicken" (also a long story, see [www.miketheheadlesschicken.org](http://www.miketheheadlesschicken.org)).

How will we choose to identify a town that in some ways defies description? Will we go for a more traditional chamber of commerce approach: "Crestone: Home of the Double Rainbow? Or maybe something catchy: "Crestone: Elevate your Altitude." Something a little more contemplative, perhaps: "Crestone: Open Skies, Open Minds." Whatever we do, I hope we keep it simple and wide open, which is how I think of this place and which, come to think of it, doesn't sound too bad: "Crestone: Simple and Wide Open." Or maybe "Crestone: Welcome Home." Or maybe "Crestone: Further . . ."



Using "greywater" from sinks, showers and washing machines to irrigate outdoor gardens is a great way to increase the productivity of backyard ecosystems while reducing household water use by as much as 30%. Pictured: a backyard garden watered with residential greywater.

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**Dear EarthTalk: I know that some large buildings filter some of their wastewater to irrigate exterior landscaping. Is there an affordable way to do this at home?**

**-Bill P., Salem, OR**

Now that solar panels are so commonplace on rooftops across the country, reusing so-called greywater—that is, the waste water from sinks, showers, tubs and washing machines—for landscape irrigation may be the next frontier in the greening of the American home, especially if you live in an arid region where water use is restricted. In fact, reusing your greywater may be the only way to keep your lawn and garden healthy without taking more than your fair share of the community's precious freshwater reserves.

"Using water from sinks, showers and washing machines to irrigate plants is a way to increase the productivity of sustainable backyard ecosystems that produce food, clean water and shelter wildlife," reports Greywater Action, a California-based non-profit dedicated to educating and empowering people to use water sustainably. According to the group, a typical U.S. single family home can reduce water use by as much as 30% by installing some kind of greywater reclamation system while simultaneously reducing pollution into nearby water bodies by filtering out contaminants locally. Capturing and reusing greywater can also be part of the battle against climate change, given that you'll be helping grow plants that sequester atmospheric carbon dioxide while reducing demand on a regional wastewater treatment facility that's likely powered by fossil fuels.

The simplest way to get into home greywater reuse is to install a "laundry-to-landscape" system that sends washing machine wastewater outside via a diversion tank and hose that can be moved around to irrigate specific sections of the yard. Equipment costs for such a set-up max out at \$200, but labor and expertise may tack on another few hundred dollars. Handy homeowners can do much of the work in setting up such systems themselves, though those without much home repair or plumbing experience might at least consult a professional. Greywater Action suggests one way to reduce costs is by digging trenches for diversion pipes and mulch basins yourself—or enlist friends who want to support the effort and learn about residential greywater reuse in the process.

A more comprehensive system can draw wastewater from sinks, showers and tubs, too—and then filter and distribute it to backyard landscaping via a drip irrigation network. Getting such a system professionally installed can run upwards of \$5,000.

Either way, once the greywater diversion system is in place, you'll need to be careful about what goes down the drain, given how it might affect the plants and soils right outside. "In any greywater system, it is essential to put nothing toxic down the drain—no bleach, no dye, no bath salts, no cleanser, no shampoo with unpronounceable ingredients, and no products containing boron, which is toxic to plants," adds Greywater Action.

For more information on installing a greywater reuse system yourself, check out the resources section of Greywater Action's website, where you'll find diagrams, written instructions and even videos to make the job go smoother. Those more inclined to hire a professional can browse through listings of qualified installers across the country. And if you want to see how it's done first-hand, sign up to attend one of Greywater Action's one-day workshops on how to install a greywater catchment and diversion system in a residential setting.

Contact: Greywater Action, [www.greywateraction.org](http://www.greywateraction.org).

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# As the Worm Turns Animal-proofing the garden

by Leigh Mills

Note: This is the last "As the Worm Turns" column. April marks the beginning of "The Garden Guru" by Matie Belle Lakish. Thank you for reading "the worm" and please welcome "the guru".

Mountainous, high-desert gardening poses many challenges: drought, wind, burning sun, hail, early frosts . . . and animals. If deer, rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, voles, moles, mice, robins, grackles and other birds, even various homestead animals like goats, chickens, and dogs, gain entry to the garden area, they can damage crops and ruin expensive landscaping.

Depending on the garden's location, there are various techniques you can use to protect your investment of time, (and money). Fencing the garden area is a good place to start, but fencing can be expensive. My first garden in Howard, CO didn't have a fence because of the cost. There were a couple of dogs, which helped keep the deer, and wild horses, away, and there was a small "zoo" down the road where we obtained big cat manure to spread around the perimeter of the garden area; after we moistened it with some water, nothing came near the garden . . . not even people!

Gardening in the Baca Grants was pretty easy animal-wise when I grew there. We had no fence, just a handful of cats; once in a while deer

would come through, but it didn't concern us enough to build one. Then we moved across the valley into new terrain. Luckily, the Heyokah Homestead garden has a few natural animal-proofing features. The rocky soil helps prevent tunneling by rabbits, voles, and moles; seasonal hunting keeps the deer population in check; there are no squirrels, although chipmunks visit regularly; bears are few and far between, and so are other garden-damaging animals like porcupines and raccoons. When it came time to build the garden fence, our main concern was keeping out our



Rabbits love gardens! There are quite a few wild rabbits in our neighborhood since we are without cats at the moment. I had to do some major rabbit-proofing on our garden fence these last two years and it seems to be working.

goats, the rabbits (domesticated and wild), and the handful of cows that came through once a year.

Being low-budget gardeners, my husband and I used what we had lying around the homestead to build our fence. We had plenty of wood and chicken wire from past building projects and used that for our fence. Ours has one-inch holes which keep out all animals but the birds and climbers: chipmunks and cats. Chicken wire is also pretty invisible and looks cool when layered with snow or hoar frost. I like using chicken wire for fencing, but it is not strong. Luckily we don't have many bears, elk, or moose around that could break through and munch out. If your garden needs a fence, do some research first. What animals are you keeping out? Will you need to dig down along the perimeter and construct a mole/vole/rabbit barrier? Is a 6' fence high enough to keep out deer that can jump 8' if hungry enough? Can you afford the



Domesticated pets help keep garden pests at bay. Dogs and cats can be very helpful around the homestead. Our cats kept down the mouse, chipmunk, rabbit, and (unfortunately) the bird populations. Dogs discourage deer, bears, and other animals from coming too close to the home and garden area.



The Heyokah Homestead garden—fenced in and fairly safe from most animal intruders.



Matie Belle Lakish (left) will share her great gardening wisdom with us in her column "The Garden Guru". Many thanks to Leigh Mills for her 5 years of wonderful gardening columns!

## Mills passes pruning shears to Lakish

The Crestone Eagle would like to welcome Matie Belle Lakish's new gardening column "The Garden Guru" to The Crestone Eagle.

And the Eagle wishes to thank Leigh Mills for her many years on writing and sharing her gardening know-how with us. Leigh is devoting more time to her garden writing and in developing her website "The Infinite Bee".

Matie Belle says "Leigh has taken us on some wonderful gardening adventures over the last five years, and I am deeply grateful. I've been gardening, in one form or another since I was seven. While I've never reached the end of amazement about what and how we can learn from our Mother, I'm hoping I can share some of what I have learned with local gardeners, and hoping to hear other gardeners' experiences as well."

Says Leigh "It has been an honor to write "As the Worm Turns" for the last 5 years. Being the gardening columnist for The Crestone Eagle opened many doors—inner and outer—and I have grown from the experience. I am blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community and newspaper! Thank you, everyone, for the opportunity to share."

materials? If building a fence isn't an option, there are other ways to keep animals away from your garden or landscape.

Unfortunately, there isn't enough space here to cover all the

by Rhonda Massingham Hart and Deer Resistant Landscaping—Proven Advice and Strategies for Outwitting Deer and 20 Other Pesky Mammals by Neil Soderstrom. I read through those before writing this article and I found them to be very informative.

If you've got critters invading your garden and/or landscaped yard, there are many creative and inexpensive methods you can use to keep them out and your plants safe. Look around and see what others are doing, ask them what has worked, or hasn't . . . and have a great gardening year!

Leigh Mills has lived and gardened in the San Luis Valley since

2002 and written the "As the Worm Turns" column since 2010. If you enjoy reading her monthly, visit her website, TheInfiniteBee.com, to view color photos and read journal entries about how Leigh cultivates life with Adventures, Homestead Skills, and Life Practices.

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MAR 2015 Listings



**SOLD!**

**WAS \$669,000**

**4460C Ridgecrest Way - NOW \$375,000**  
Residential Retreat Complex w/3025sf central complex w/charles labyrinth as the centerpiece. 1000sf 2/1 home; 450sf office; 707sf yurt plus grow dome. A beautiful property.

**Under Contract!**

**1541 Camino Real - \$179,000**  
This 1799sf, 3BR/1.75BA home built in 1974 & w/attached 2 car garage. On 3.25 acres in the grants. 188 ft well, septic, elec. baseboard heat, wood-stove, composition shingle roof. Great opportunity for a fixer-upper

**WAS \$159,500**  
**Under Contract!**

**HUGE Garage!**

**198C Evergreen OL - \$159,500**  
Renovated 3BD/1.75BA 1740sf home on .998 acre. Spacious decks w/beautiful views. Huge, attached garage w/ woodstove, RV bay, and tons of storage space. ETS heat. Many interior updates.

**Under Contract!**

**29 Sunset OL - \$125,000**  
2BD/1BA A-Frame 1248sf remodeled w/ new kitchen appliances, cabinets, & flooring. Option to purchase furnished. Propane heat. Wood cathedral ceiling in LR. Large loft Ma. Bed. Fenced yard.

**New Listing**

**110 Pinewood OL - \$75,000**  
2BD/1BA ~900sf partially furnished A-Frame - fantastic opportunity to own a house in The Baca Grande at a price rarely found! Large wood stove and wall propane heater. Cozy w/ extra storage in the peak.

**Commercial Property**

**Professional Building**

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

**Historic Hotel**

**WAS 349,000**

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

**Reduced! Was \$499,000**

**Creekside in Crestone!**

**332 E. Mica Ave - \$449,000**  
Spectacular Strawbale 3BR/2BA/Office custom home w/ enormous chef's kitchen, on North Crestone Creek. Lush, grassy yard & trees. Detached 950sf barn could be great as enclosed yoga/art studio!

**275 W. Iron Ave - \$189,000**  
2 high-quality 1BR/1BA cabins, built in 2012, in a secluded area of the Town of Crestone. Both contain Amish hand crafted timber frame trusses, hickory hardwood flooring, structural insulated roof panels with tongue & groove white pine ceilings.

**315 E. Iron Ave - \$150,000**  
Built in 1951-2,400sf log home on a full city block (12 lots) is ready for your TLC. Well permit allows irrigation of 1/2 acre & watering of domestic animals. Land can be divided into 3 additional building sites

**Baca Meadows**

**Baca Meadows Townhome #10 \$189,000**  
Exquisite town house completely remodeled in 2008. 1480sf 2-story 2BD/2BA features redesigned kitchen & bathrooms, updated heat & lighting systems, beautiful patio. Must see!

**Private**

**Enchanted Castle**

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

**Indoor Exercise Pool**

**REDUCED! Was \$495,000**

**1967 Rockyview Way - \$465,000**  
Luxurious 3BD/2.75BA/Office/3-car Garage 2953sf home sits on 2.374 acres & has a 2-room upstairs Master Suite. Beautifully landscaped courtyards & gardens with custom fence & deck.

**Was \$459,000**

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

**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.

**A lovely sanctuary**

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

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

**Was \$349,000**

**483C Point of Rock OL - \$285,000**  
Built by Teahen Construction. Beautiful 1745sf 3BD/2BA 2-story contemporary home on 1.946 acres. Attached 2-car garage, detached studio. High energy efficiency & quality throughout.

**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.

**WAS \$279,000**

**149 Moonlight Way - \$269,000**  
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!

**WAS \$297,000**

**Very Private**

**1255C Eagle OL - \$267,000**  
Beautiful 2075sf 2-story home with 2BD/2BA/Office/Sunroom in a private cul-de-sac on 1.766 acres in Chalets 1. Dramatic view windows, vaulted ceilings, master suite w/soak tub.

**MILLION \$ VIEWS!**

**Reduced! Was \$299,000**

**909C Brookview Way - \$240,000**  
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.

**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.

**Great Reduction! Was \$259,000**

**4454C Ridgecrest Way - \$229,000**  
Beautiful custom 2-story, 3BD/2.5BA/Office on 1.508 acres backs to Cottonwood Creek gmbit. Master Ste w/ attached sun room & meditation room. Energy-efficient quality construction.

**397 N Chaparral Way - \$219,000**  
Lee Mitchell Home, 1410sf, 3 bd, 2 ba, 2-story stucco home has magnificent mountain and valley views. Gorgeous Master Suite on entire 2nd floor. Private suite is complete w/ large closets, master bath.

**Reduced! - Was \$212,000**

**1447 Chaparral Way - \$199,000**  
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.

**Reduced! Was \$209,000**

**2715C Happy Hollow Way - \$189,000**  
Nestled in the trees, this 1860sf 4BD/2BA/2 Living Area home offers great retreat and/or income potential. On 1.54 acres and close to spiritual Centers, very secluded. Very versatile home!

**WAS \$195,000**

**3704 Carefree Way - \$179,000**  
Immaculate like new 3 bd/1.75ba, 1316sf home has wood floors, stucco privacy wall, single car garage, beautiful views of the mountains.

**1479 Badger Rd - \$175,000**  
Custom 3BD/1.75BA home, built in 2004, backs to open space. Immaculate condition. Beautifully crafted w/diamond plastered walls, wood ceilings, wood floors, in-floor radiant heat, & wood stove.

**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.

**Was \$169,000**

**Separate Office/Workshop**

**3732C Cordial Way - \$159,000**  
Private & unique hexagonal 2 bd, 1.75 ba home on 1.36 treed acres. Separate 384sf. building incl. heated & finished office & workshop/storage area. Great views, wrap around deck.

**WAS \$139,000**

**2776 N. Carefree Way - \$133,000**  
2-story, 2BD/1BA 1338sf wood & stone home set in the trees high in Chalet II. Great mountain & valley views, close to retreat centers. A cozy mountain feel, very private & quiet. Unfinished master bath.

**Was \$115,000**

**36 Camino Baca Grande - \$98,000**  
This lovely chalet style home with soaring windows and high ceilings has 3bd/1.75ba, a loft sitting area and attached sunroom. Wood fireplace, Toyostove heater.

**Grants in Trees**

**20+ acres!**

**499C Willow Trail - \$349,000**  
A unique & rare find! ~3900sf with 4bd/3ba/office/sunroom + attached greenhouse. 20+ acres. Tall trees. Private, long cul de sac & backs to Conservation Easement, offering extreme privacy. Well water.

**Reduced! Was \$355,000**

**11.94 Acres + Garage/Apt!**

**765CRR Heatherbrae Rd - \$295,000**  
**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.

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

**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!

**WAS \$210,000**

**3356C Camino Del Rey - \$199,000**  
2 story, 1981sf, 2bd/1.75ba home w/passive solar sunroom - great views on .864 acres. Master suite w/clawfoot tub, pine floors, pellet stove. Propane heat, great appliances.

**1472 Spanish Creek Trail - \$75,000**  
Beautiful, artistic strawbale home on 2+ acres, under construction-lots of potential. 1206sf home + walkout basement, Marvin double pane windows, woodstove, well & septic. Finished, lovely home or retreat!

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*Artemisia ludoviciana.*

# SMOKE COLUMN

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION FROM  
THE BACA GRANDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

We have some training opportunities to report. The Baca Fire Dept., through the POA, is hosting the 130/190 Wildland Firefighting course at the Baca Firehouse, April 13-17. We are also hosting the Wildland Refresher for all firefighters already having a 130/190 certification. The pack test for Red Card Qualification will also be provided.

We want to thank Peter May and Frederick Dunnets for their time in putting this on. They have the qualifications necessary to make this official, and we would expect to have six Red Card carriers on the BGVFD.

We will continue our training with the Northern Saguache County Fire Protection District (NSCFPD). Topics include emergency extrication of occupants in motor vehicle accidents, a Wildland Refresher, Incident Command, Fire Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), Search and Rescue, and Structure Fire Decision-making. Thanks to Wes Moores, NCFPD Chief, for always including us. These opportunities to train with our Mutual Aid (MA) partners have great value. They streamline our preparedness for incident response in our community and out in the valley.

We are asking the community at large to be involved in a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT is very helpful in traffic control during emergencies. There used to be more participants. Next month we will give information on how to become involved.

Spring approaches and the change to standard time is a traditional time to check your smoke alarms and CO detectors.

We provide burn site inspections. Please contact the Baca Fire Dept. to schedule yours. POA Fire Admin. Office is 719-256-4171 x15, or the Baca Firehouse is 719-256-4781.

Remember: for all emergencies please dial 911.

We have a mitigation grant proposal going to the Saguache County Commissioners to continue the effort to protect the community.

At this time we would like to remember Mary Palermo who passed this February, and Vince Palermo, her life's partner, who is gentle in his grief. Mary and Vince worked for this community on a number of important issues, volunteering huge amounts of their precious time for us and you. Thanks Vince, thanks Mary.

## There's No Such Thing As A Weed

**by Dorje Root**

### Sagebrush

(*Artemisia tridentata*, *A. frigida*, *A. ludoviciana*)



**by Dorje Root**

First and foremost, Sagebrush, although commonly called Sage, is not the same plant, or even in the same plant family as Garden Sage (the one used in cooking turkeys). I have heard some really bad stories about people who got the two mixed up. Garden Sage (*Salvia*) is in the mint family. White Sage (commonly used as smudge) is in the same family. However the sagebrushes (and I lump them all under that name to distinguish them from the mint family sages) are in the composite family, and are also used as smudge. This instance alone is why it's a good idea to learn the botanical names of plants! I hope this clears up more confusion than it causes!

*Artemisia tridentata* is technically *the* sagebrush—growing in bushes with gray green leaves and a pungent smell, and it is one of the few bushes left in the desert after the cattle have grazed everything else. *Artemisia frigida* is also known as Silver Sage or Fringed Sage. All three species have been used for smudge (a process of clearing negative energy using smoldering dried herbs) and making smudge sticks. The Lakotas use a strong Sagebrush tea for cleaning and purifying the floor of a ceremonial space, and also use the leafy stalks of the non-bush sagebrushes on the floor of a sweatlodge. The leaves are antibacterial and antifungal, and so would clean on a physical level as well as energetic.

The tea used as an external wash is also helpful for any kind of skin infection. It can also be used powdered for diaper rash, or in a salve for bacterial or fungal infections of the skin. Internally, Sagebrush has been taken as a tea for colds and flus, or to clear certain parasites. The tea is very strong tasting (especially *A. tridentata*) and should not be used in pregnancy.

In addition to its medicinal and ceremonial uses, Sagebrush also makes a beautiful yellow-green or gold dye for wool. And last (for this article) but not least, our sagebrushes are a big part of that utterly intoxicating smell that occurs here after a rain!

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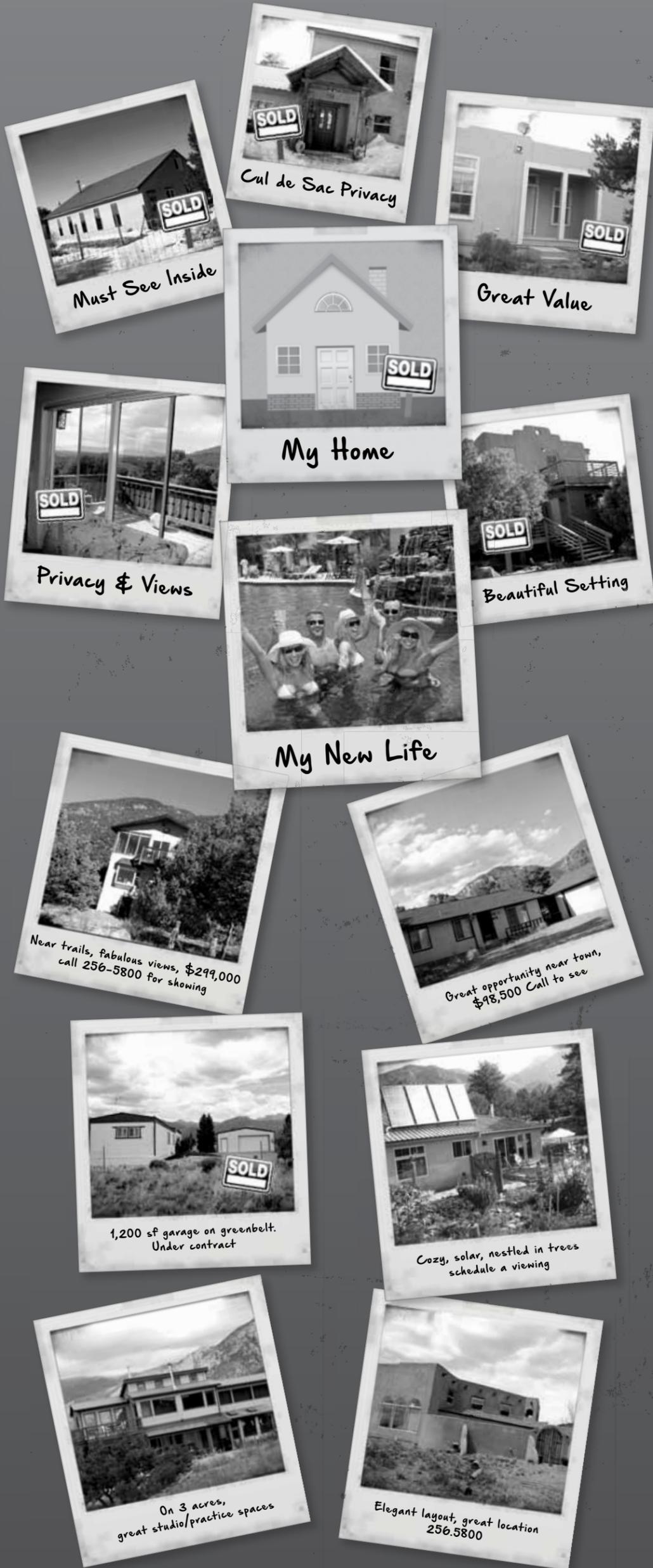
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# Great Sand Dunes National Park sees increased funds

*President's budget requests \$3 billion for the National Park Service in 2016*

The President's Fiscal Year 2016 budget request—the centennial year of the National Park Service—includes \$3 billion for the bureau's critical conservation, preservation, and recreation mission. The budget boosts the National Park Service's essential programs and operational needs by \$432.9 million.

The budget makes investments to launch a historic effort during the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service to celebrate and revitalize national parks and public lands, and connect a new generation to the great outdoors. The Centennial Initiative includes discretionary increases of \$326.3 million, including \$8 million to restore seasonal capacity—putting hundreds more rangers on the ground to support interpretation, law enforcement, and facility operations.

"The Centennial Initiative is significant to Great Sand Dunes and other parks around the country because it prepares us to welcome a new generation of park visitors, supporters and advocates experiencing national parks", states Superintendent Lisa Carrico. "It is the blueprint for how we connect with and create the next generation of park visitors, supporters and advocates."

Great Sand Dunes is looking at a 2016 budget of \$2.335 million, an increase from the current \$2.304 million operating budget in 2015. An increase in funds would allow Great Sand Dunes to participate in creative initiatives to enhance visitor services, engage youth, complete deferred maintenance projects, and complete a signature Centennial project in collaboration

with community partners. Great Sand Dunes will begin to develop their Centennial strategy in 2015, in cooperation with local stakeholders, school groups, youth organizations, and other interested partners to commemorate the National Park Service and celebrate the protection of Great Sand Dunes.

The President's NPS budget also proposes \$20 million to increase youth engagement in our parks; \$13.5 million to support new parks and critical responsibilities; and \$2 million to provide volunteer coordinators. Of the \$326.3 million increase requested for the Centennial Initiative, \$242.8 million is requested across the operations and construction accounts to restore and maintain all 6,735 highest priority non-transportation assets in good condition over 10 years, in combination with a mandatory proposal to provide \$300 million annually over three years for deferred maintenance projects.

In addition, it proposes funds to celebrate civil rights in America through targeted investments to highlight the struggle undertaken by Americans to secure civil rights and liberties—actions that inspired many groups in America and around the world to continue their pursuit for civil rights equality.

Finally, the Centennial Initiative includes a discretionary increase of \$40 million to provide the federal match for NPS Centennial Challenge projects and programs at national parks, to catalyze creative initiatives to improve visitor services, support outreach to new audiences, and leverage partnerships to reinvigorate the parks while forging connections with communities.

# Gray & Hooker

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voyage of exploration in tropical South America. His discoveries and writings based on that voyage established the new field of plant geography.

Humboldt's ideas strongly influenced Charles Darwin, who had five of Humboldt's books in his library of 136 volumes on the Beagle. Darwin's (and Wallace's) theory of natural selection provided the mechanism that could explain the riddle of relationships among floras, how closely related plant species in different locations could have evolved from a common ancestor. Thus, Hooker and Gray, both avid Darwinists, puzzled over the relationships of this enigmatic mountain flora.

When the expedition was over, they wrote an analysis of their collections for the Bulletin of the Geological Survey. They attempted to compare the major floras of North America, including the Rocky Mountain alpine flora, with other regions and also considering the last 60 million years of geological history.

It is not certain that Gray was much involved in the collection of plants, certainly Hooker was quite astonished to find an Asian connection (from the Altai Mountains) very different from the east Asian connection with the Atlantic coast flora in the United States. The Altai is a range of mountains north of Tibet, in Central Asia. Thus, he saw a particular Asian connection with the alpine flora of the southern Rocky Mountains. Hooker probably found a sympathetic response to these views from Strachey, who knew the Himalayan flora well. Hooker's conclusions were not included in their joint paper, and they would've been lost to history if not for the work of a remarkable American botanist.

William Weber (born 1918) grew up in New York City, fascinated by the natural history of the region. During the depression, he took advantage of educational opportunities offered by Iowa State University in Ames, receiving his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Botany (1937-1945). He became well-acquainted with the flora of the United States, especially Colorado, and moved to the University

of Colorado in Boulder, in 1946. He is still there as an emeritus professor, 68 years later.

Over that time, he learned and wrote about the local flora and made the herbarium an important research facility. It was his discovery of the richness and beauty of lichens in 1951 that awakened his interest in the Asian connection. He found many examples among the lichens of these two regions. To fill in the details, he travelled to many alpine regions of the world, including central Asia, and visited researchers and herbaria.

He summarized over 50 years of research on the Asia question in a long article (Weber, William A. 2005. "The middle Asian element in the southern Rocky Mountain Flora of the Western United States: a critical biogeographical review". *Journal of Biogeography* 30:649-685).

Crestone and the Baca had a strong Weber connection for many years through the presence of Jim Erdman. Jim was a retired botanist with the U.S. Geological Survey; Weber was his Ph.D. mentor at the University of Colorado. Anyone who uses a contemporary guide to local plants in the San Luis Valley, or elsewhere in Colorado, indirectly receives a Weber influence; he is the expert on local plants.

It seems appropriate to share this story of the scientific link between the plants of the high peaks of the Sangres with those of Central Asia, as we live in a community with similar connections, cultural and spiritual, to Asia as well.

The voyage and the legacies of many of the people in the photograph—mentioned in this article—are commemorated in the names of peaks in the Rockies and Sierra Nevada:

Mount Hooker (Wind river Range, Wyoming, 12,509'); Gray's Peak (Front Range, Colorado 14,278'); Hayden Peak (near Aspen, Colorado, 13,561'); Mount Jackson (Northern Sawatch, Colorado, 13,676'); Humboldt Peak (Sangres, Colorado, 14,070'); Mount Darwin (Sierra Nevada, California, 13,837'); Mount Lamborn (San Juans, Colorado, 11,402'); and Mount Stevenson (Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, 10,230').

David Lee is a botany professor retired from Florida International University, known for his work on the function of plant color.

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# In Search of Economic Reality

*America's expensive & unjust justice system*

by Ed Lyell

The US has a "justice" system that is unfair and exploitative of middle class taxpayers, while increasing the wealth of the rich. It starts with who is arrested and why. It includes a bail process that bankrupts the working class, while enhancing the wealthy and connected. It includes the jury system that extracts time and lost income from thousands while making money for jury specialists, investigators, and lawyers. The way that trials are conducted often makes victims re-live bad experiences and stretches over so many years that memories are all but useless. The only winners are the lawyers and judges who make a lot of money with multiple layers of trials and long delays. The death penalty attracts a lot of attention and costs millions of taxpayer dollars while not slowing crime; it just lengthens the pain for criminals and their victims. Prison with no chance of parole victimizes taxpayers costing money that could be sending scores of others to university.

About \$70 billion dollars are spent on corrections yearly and prisons and jails consume a growing portion of the nearly \$200 billion we spend annually on public safety. Why is it that the USA has over 800 prisoners for each

100,000 people, 7 times the rate of all other developed nations? We have more people in prison, adjusted for population, than the Russian dictator Stalin with his Siberian Gulags. Do we run our justice system for justice, or for the greed of those making money from the current system?

It also seems that our justice system is highly prejudiced. If you are a person of color and rob a neighborhood convenience store you are more likely to be caught, tried and jailed for the \$100 dollars stolen than if you are a wealthy white investment banker who ripped off thousands of people for billions of dollars. FBI data shows that blacks are arrested 10 times more than whites in over 70 cities. From 1980 to 2008, the number of people incarcerated in America quadrupled—from roughly 500,000 to 2.3 million people today. The US is 5% of the world population and has 25% of world prisoners. Combining the number of people in prison and jail with those under parole or probation supervision, 1 in every 31 adults, or 3.2% of the population is under some form of correctional control.

Together, African Americans and Hispanics comprised 58% of all prisoners in 2008, even though they only make up approximately one quarter of the US population.

About 14 million whites and 2.6 million African Americans report using an illicit drug and 5 times as many whites are using drugs as African Americans, yet African Americans are sent to prison for drug offenses at 10 times the rate of whites. African Americans represent 12% of the total population of drug users, and 38% of those arrested for drug offenses, yet are 59% of those in state prison. Is America again a racist nation as 150 years ago with slavery? By having millions in prison, required to work for less than a dollar a day for large US corporations, we have not abolished slavery, just transferred it into the prisons. (NAACP)

These are troubling facts to me. Yet if we follow the money we see who wins.

Lawyers, police, for-profit prison owners and guards all make money from the current system. There are 15,000 bail bond agents working in the United States, writing bonds for about \$14 billion annually. Bail bond companies take billions from low-income people with no gain in terms of public safety. Backed by multibillion dollar banks and insurance giants, the for-profit bail bonding industry maintains its hold in the pretrial system through political influence.

Most states now spend more

money for prison than for universities, whereas in 1960 it was 3 times more for college compared to prisons. The US jury system imposes hardship and costs on the jurors. They are seldom real peers, since the demographics seldom match the accused. We should make the courts or losers in civil suits pay jurors their actual daily wages, even if hundreds per day. We should also not let lawyers chose jurors but assign them quickly and randomly.

States pay \$134,000 per year to incarcerate just one child. Yet we say we have no money for early childhood that saves \$7 for every dollar spent in terms of the lifetime cost per youth.

Yet not even state legislators can discover the cost of trials, death penalty prosecution, or any other court-mandated activities. We need a transparent economic analysis prior to trials and not waste money on big trials that are more for the ego of the players than justice for victims. Instead, we make everyone relive the terrible events while the accused have the opportunity to further terrorize a community, like the current Aurora theatre trial.

Colorado, like other states, needs to stop spending so much on an unjust justice system, prisons, and the cost of long trials so that we can better invest in our children and prevent future crime by giving poor children an opportunity for real success.

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# Baca Grande Library News



by **Suzanne McGregor**

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One of our favorite success stories is that of Ada Lovelace (1815-1852), daughter of the poet Lord Byron and Lady Byron. Abandoned by her father (he had wanted a son instead of a daughter), her mother wished

her daughter to be unlike her poetical father, and she saw to it that Ada received tutoring in mathematics and music, as disciplines to counter "dangerous poetic tendencies." In Ada's chosen field of science and technology, she became a great success as founder of computer technology and the first computer programmer. We invite you to come in and discover other histories of women and their fascinating achievements.

The library would like

to extend much appreciation and gratitude to Tom Hart, local resident, sculptor, historian and scholar, for the donation of his exquisite bronze sculpture, Trackers, to the library. This beautiful piece fits in perfectly with the rich western history of our area and will be a showcase in the library for years and years to come. The staff and patrons are honored by this gift.

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## Mountain Mamas Tell Tall Tales

Chalk Creek Stories  
Mud season

by *Kizzen Laki*

Springtime, snowmelt and mud—lots and lots of mud—inspire me to tell this back country mud story.

If you go visit Twin Lakes in Colorado these days, you'll see an electrical generating plant there. In the 1970s, a reservoir was built several miles above the lake to generate electricity. When this project was proposed, there was a big controversy in Lake County. The old Twin Lakes were made deeper, and the government force-purchased numerous fishing cabins and homes along the lake. Old cabins were auctioned off and hauled to Buena Vista and Leadville. Progress had come to this high mountain lake.

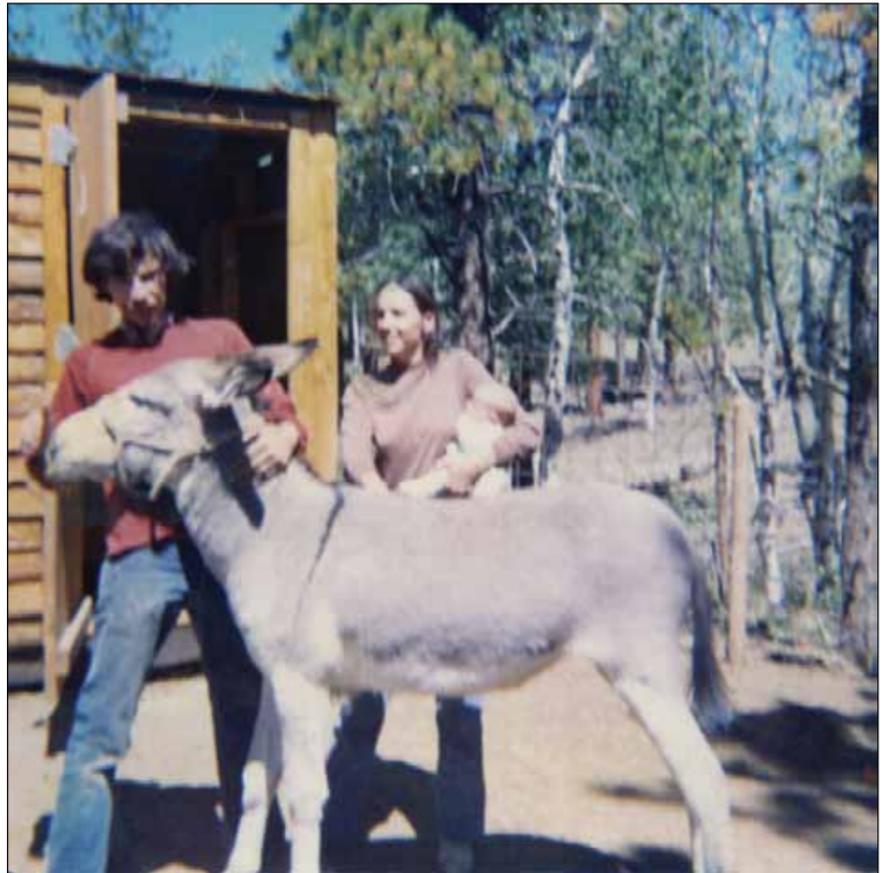
In 1974 we were a young family living "back to the land" in a cluster of old primitive cabins in Chalk Creek Canyon about 10 miles up from Nathrop, 10 miles down from St. Elmo. Hauling water, chopping wood. Living in a beautiful place—but very close to the bone.

The land where the new reservoir was to be built needed to be cleared. It was at about 10,000' and covered mostly with lodgepole pine. Hundreds of acres of forest. The word went out, people could get permits and come harvest the trees. We jumped on it. Always looking for ways to make a dollar, we took our old 1952 flat bed Chevy truck and started cutting and hauling. We'd load the truck up with lodgepole, bring it home to the cabin and, using a draw knife, peel off the bark. Have you ever hand peeled logs? Hard work, but you do get nice big pecs. We had a man who would buy all the peeled logs we could bring him. He was selling them as posts and rail fences along the Front Range and up in the developing areas of Vail and Breckenridge. I think he was a lot smarter than us.

We would spend the day cutting and stacking the logs in the shadow of Mt. Elbert, bring a picnic lunch and our baby girl. We would cut more than we could haul in one trip and when the first snows of winter arrived early we had to leave a big stash of logs buried under the snow to wait until spring.

Spring of 1975 came, sorta, like it does in March in the high country. We'd been waiting for an opportunity to go get our logs before someone else hauled them off. There was still quite a bit of snow on the ground, but it was melting in the open areas and the roads were clear. Husband Earl and I with our 9-month-old daughter reached our cutting area a few miles above Twin Lakes. We could see that the meadow rising to the trees was clear, but spongy wet. Snow still hung in the trees and little rivulets of snowmelt trickled through the meadow. Our old tracks were visible and clear, a little muddy, but clear enough. Famous last words: "it doesn't look too bad."

We started up the track. The closer to our wood stash we got, the worse the mud got. More famous words: "let's stop here" I said "and carry the logs out to the truck". Seemed like a smart move to me. "Let's try to get closer to the pile," he said, gunning it through the mud. And then we sank. Axle deep. All four wheels. Back and forth he rocked that truck—digging us deeper. Mud flying out in plumes as the wheels spun. Water was pouring in from the rivulets. We were at least smart enough to bring a shovel and tried channeling it away. Didn't really matter—the mud was like quicksand. Earl tried laying logs of lodge pole in the mud—they sank. We added more, gained a few inches, slipped off of them, and sank. I pushed, slipping, unable to gain ground. He broke the shovel.



Earl, Kizzen and baby Nakia with Chica Burro, 1974.

We had gotten there around noon when the cool sun was high. We'd spent hours trying to dig out. And no one, all afternoon, had driven down the forest road about 1/4 mile away, and even if they had, they would never hear us yell for help. "Let's leave and walk for help," I said, several times. "No, gotta try this, gonna try that" he said. The sun was starting to head behind Mt. Elbert and the temperature was dropping and I was wet to my thighs in mud. Food was gone. It was probably 4 miles to the nearest anybody. I grabbed my daughter, bundled her up in a blanket and headed for the road—soaked boots squishing mud. Earl could sleep in the cold stuck truck if he wanted to, but my daughter and I weren't. Finally, he reluctantly started to follow. I had just reached the forest road when here came a pickup truck. The only one of the day, probably the only one of the week. I waved them to a stop. Everyone stops for a woman with a baby.

I explained the sticky situation while my husband caught up. They were local cowboys, looking up the muddy track and shaking their heads—muttering about how

they wouldn't have driven into that mud hole and me rolling my eyes at Earl in that "I told you so" way that women have. They backed up their big truck as close as they dared. Using their tow chains and ours we managed to bridge the mud. Low gear and trucks bucking like broncos, they pulled until the sucking mud broke its grip and we landed on solid ground. They were my heroes. Wish I had had a beer to give them. Instead we gave them our deep gratitude and a good story about "fool hippies" to tell. They were proud of themselves and their truck. We were all happy.

The sun sank behind the tallest mountain in Colorado while we drove down off the mesa. Mud flying off the undercarriage of the truck all the way down to Buena Vista. A few weeks later, Earl went with a buddy and got the logs. And he and his buddy peeled those logs. When I'm done, I'm done. I went and got a real job. The moral of this story? When you are about to drive into a mud hole miles back into the wilds, listen to that small voice of wisdom that says . . . what does it say? It says "STOP!"

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2. School bus routes as designated by the appropriate school district.
3. Mail carrier routes.
4. Other County roads designated by the Board of Commissioners to remain open during the Winter months.

It is the policy of Saguache County to remove snow from roadway surfaces only when average snow accumulation exceed 1(one) inch on paved (asphalt) surfaces and 3(three) inches on unpaved roads. Since it is impossible to monitor all areas within the County and snowfall can vary considerably from area to area it is possible that some locations will have deeper snow than the minimums before plowing begins.

Sand will usually only be applied at or near intersection, on extreme grades and along sharp bends on paved roads. Sanding equipment is not assigned to all areas and in some cases must be brought in from other areas of the County. In most cases this cannot be done until conditions permit which will usually mean in most cases no sanding will be done until the storm abates and the snow removing/sanding equipment has completed its removal responsibilities in its area.

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Plow operators are directed that the first priority is to get the roads cleared as safely and efficiently as possible. Operators are authorized to stop and assist disabled or stuck vehicles only if it is necessary to clear the roadway or if life or health is in danger. Requests for assistance from stranded vehicles not involving an emergency will be relayed into the Sheriff's office for disposition.

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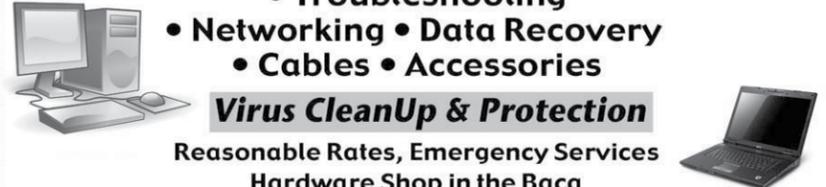


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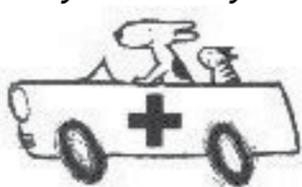
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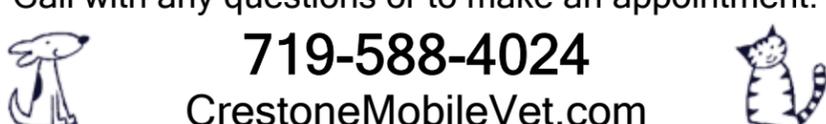


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**by Keno**  
**Is it true that March is the most blizzard-prone month in Colorado?**

For the most part, yes, but blizzards can take place anytime from September through May. In the greater Crestone area, officially we rarely see blizzards. When we do, often they are localized and the National Weather Service (NWS) usually misses them, especially 30 years ago. Looking in our record books for blizzards around Crestone will not tell us much. The last true blizzard this area saw was on March 17-18, 2003, with whiteouts and over 30" of snow, yet officially the NWS didn't call the storm a blizzard—but it was a blizzard, no question about it! Also, for heavy snowfall from one storm only, most of these events in Crestone have not occurred in March.

**How many heavy snowstorms have we seen in Crestone?**

Crestone's official weather records only go back to 1982. Unfortunately, snow totals were the one kind of record that wasn't always reported; many snowfalls were missed. Because of this incomplete data, I will only list the big snowfalls since I started to take records in 2002, with one exception, that being the big Thanksgiving storm that hit Crestone in 1997. Officially, on November 28-29 of that year, 30.5" of snow fell, making it the second highest snowfall total from one storm ever recorded here. However, from other reports from those around on that day, that total may be underreported. I've seen only higher totals reported in different spots around the Chalets, anywhere from 32" to well over 40" of snow.

I should also point out that by calling this "Crestone records", that's a bit misleading. The Town of Crestone has never had an official weather station. Records were first kept, starting in 1982 in the Baca, in Chalet 1, at an elevation of 8,700', near



*We were blessed with this cloud formation on Valentine's weekend. Magical!*  
 photo by Lori Nagel

the top of Baca Grant Way, recorded by the late Hal Reinhart. I took over for Hal and started my recordkeeping in November of 2002. My station is also off of Baca Grant Way, but at a lower elevation, at 8,085', and exactly one mile southwest of Hal's old station. Also note, most of the time you will see 2-day totals noted below, since it often snows overnight, but all of these dates and totals come from one single storm.

So with that in mind, here are the highest single snowfalls recorded since November, 2002, of storms of 10" or more:

- 1) March 17-18, 2003, 32.0"
- 2) April 11-12, 2009, 27.7"
- 3) Nov. 23-25, 2013, 26.4"
- 4) April 24, 2007, 23.6"
- 5) April 17, 2009, 18.9"
- 6) Feb. 26-28, 2003, 14.9"
- 7) Oct. 25-26, 2006, 14.2"
- 8) Dec. 25-26, 2014, 11.9"
- 9) Feb. 8, 2011, 11.2"
- 10) Dec. 8-9, 2008, 11.1"
- 11) Feb. 3-4, 2004, 10.4"
- 12) Oct. 28-29, 2009, 10.3"
- 13) Jan. 19-20 2006, 10.0"

Another 3 different snowstorms since 2002 had exactly 9.9" of snowfall.

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## Crestone-Baca Weather Report

*by Keno*  
**January 21 to February 20**

Total precipitation for period:  
 Liquid precip: 0.41"  
 Snow: 5.7"  
 Measurable precipitation fell on 5 days.  
 Measurable snow fell on 5 days.  
 A trace of snow fell on 2 days.  
 No rain, hail or thunderstorms occurred.

Total precipitation year to date:  
 Since Jan 1: 0.77"  
 Total snow to date:  
 Since Jan 1: 10.4"  
 Snow Season\*: 41.8"  
 \*Snow season runs from July 1 to June 30

Temperatures for the period:  
 High temp: 54.8°F on February 14  
 Low temp: -0.8°F on January 23  
 Avg. high: 41.3°F  
 Avg. low: 18.6°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 50°: 6  
 Number of days with the high temperature at or above 40°: 18  
 Number of days with the low temperature at or below 32°: all 31  
 Number of days with the low temperature at or below 10: 4  
 Number of days with the low temperature at or below zero: 1  
 Winds for the period:  
 Avg. speed: 1.5 mph  
 Highest gust: 35 mph on February 11  
 Main direction: Out of the east.

**Weather summary:**  
 Mild and dry sums up the way this period was for the greater Crestone area. The last 10 days of January were mild with just a bit of snow, and February was mild to even warm, with 2 record highs set, along with only 0.1 inch of snow falling as of the twentieth of the month.

**Outlook for March:**  
 In March, we normally see our snowiest month of the year, with 12.2 inches of snow falling on average. The snowiest March on record was set in 1983, when 40.4 inches fell. For liquid precipitation, we can expect to receive 0.90 of an inch, with the record being 2.89 inches, set in 1990.

Temperature wise, in the first week of March, the average highs and lows are 43° and 18°, but they warm up nicely by month's end, to 52° and 24°. The warmest March day on record was March 31, when the temp reached 71°, set just a few years back in 2012, and the coldest temp for the month was -10°, set on March 3, 2002.

The 30 day outlook for March is calling for slightly above normal precip, along with slightly above average temps.

*Note: For current Crestone weather conditions visit Keno's web site: [www.keno.org/vws](http://www.keno.org/vws).*

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