

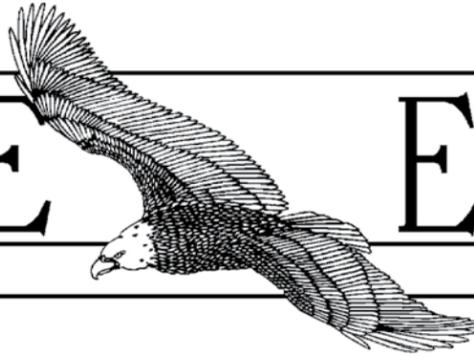
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Hiker killed in fall on Crestone Peak; Search & Rescue teams respond to numerous incidents

by Mary Lowers

According to Sheriff Dan Warrick, on Friday July 24 at 9:32am the Saguache County Sheriff's Office received a call from 911 Dispatch. A climber had fallen 800' to 1000' around the Red Gully area of Crestone Peak. Despite timely and determined efforts of emergency personnel and volunteers from many agencies and the military, headed up by Saguache County Search and Rescue (SCS&R) Christopher Kiryluk, 34, of Denver was pronounced dead in

the Baca Ambulance at the soccer field landing area near County Rd. T.

Kiryluk was part of a twelve-person hiking group. When the call came in and personnel reached the scene the victim was breathing but unconscious with broken bones and bleeding. Sheriff Warwick told me after SCS&R was paged out, Eagle Medical, a new fight-for-life helicopter out of Salida, was called for assistance. "Very quick response time by Eagle Medical allowed us to get SCS&R close to

the victim," according to the sheriff. Custer County Search and Rescue (CCS&R) were also called out along with the Gunnison Mountain Rescue Team and the National Guard. Gunnison never made it to the scene.

The National Guard sent a Blackhawk helicopter with members of the Aspen Search and Rescue team. Kiryluk was hoisted to the helicopter and flown down to the waiting Baca Ambulance crew at the soccer field near the POA.

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The Annual Crestone Energy Fair happens Aug. 28-30. See feature story on page B-1

Above: Annie Pace answers questions about her lovely home and studio space, complete with a blue adobe floor.

Comments due on 2nd draft of Colorado's Water Plan

by Lisa Cyriacks

A second draft of Colorado's Water Plan was made available to the public earlier this month. The state's first-ever water plan is a 479-page document that highlights how the state will meet the growing water needs of its population. Public comment on the second draft is open through Sept. 17.

The comment phase is the last step in an extensive development process for the plan. Governor John Hickenlooper signed an

executive order for the creation of a statewide water plan in May 2013. The final draft is due to the governor by December 10.

Water shortfalls expected by 2050 or sooner in Colorado are the impetus for creating a statewide plan to manage water resources. According to the state demographer, Colorado's population is expected to double in the next 35 years. Most of that population will land on the Front Range, adding pressure to an already over-bur-

dened water supply.

Conservation is at the heart of the statewide plan. Specifically, the plan calls for a reasonable statewide urban conservation goal of saving 400,000 acre-feet of water by 2050. This equates to an almost 1% per year reduction in water use in Colorado cities and towns. However, the plan needs to include the incentives, funding and technical support to get that done.

The plan also underscores the

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Celebration thank you

Dear Editor:

Writing this letter I am filled with gratitude toward everyone who participated in the 2015 Crestone celebration of Independence Day. My heartfelt thank you to this year's sponsors, vendors, volunteers, parade participants, and all who came to enjoy. I saw many happy faces, young and old alike, enjoying this year's celebration of America's birthday.

Serving you as your mayor is a gift to my life. We are all embarked on an incredible journey together. This year's sponsors, vendors, volunteers, parade participants mark a clear beginning for the co-operative venture of creating Crestone's future now.

Thank you,
 Kairina Danforth
 Mayor, Town of Crestone

Root Beer Float Special

Dear Editor,

The Friends of the Baca Grande Library wish to thank our community for all the support we received during the 4th of July festival. The Root Beer Float Special continues to be a fun and successful event for our Independence Day parade and festivities. This event and others help the Friends to continue to support our library.

Special thanks for all those kind and generous souls who donated their time and energy working at the booth, scooping out lots of yummy ice-cream, pouring soda, making change and helping to keep everything organized. Special thanks to: Isadora, Sandia, Peggy, Grace, Shirley, Anthony, Natasha, Carol, Pavita, Ron, Suzanne, and to Barry and Ed for being there to both help set up and take down the awing, clean up the area and bring the equipment back to the library. Wow—what great folks, thank you.

Also, very special thanks to Crestone's Company of Players, who have so very generously donated a large sum of money from the proceeds of their last production to the Friends of the Library. Thank you Ammi and Players for you time, effort, generosity and

BGWSO Correction

To the Editor,

Your recent article on the "Shumei" fire was egregiously incorrect:

1. The fire hydrant at the corner of Laurel and North Carefree, the hydrant closest to the fire, was quoted as being out of order. This is demonstrably not true: it is working well at 180psi, albeit with a slight leak. The impression drawn by many members of the community was that we, the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District, do not properly take care of the hydrants. This could not be further from the truth as every year our dedicated and hard working team checks the pressure and usability of every fire hydrant in the district and there are 276! As the article pointed out, there are indeed 2 hydrants that do not work. Those that do not work are properly capped, while we wait for spare parts. The fire hydrant at Laurel is not one of these. (Please see photo of working hydrant at Laurel.)

2. There are no high and low pressure hydrants as such. Rath-



er the pressure of the water in the lines fluctuates with the position of the hydrant, i.e., higher in the system, slightly less pressure; or lower in the system, slightly more pressure. There is however always more than sufficient pressure at all of the hydrants to fight fires. The pressure of the hydrant on Laurel is in fact higher than the hydrant used by the fire department in fighting the fire.

In his report to the POA, Chris Botz reported that the hydrant was working, though leaking.

Thank you for providing this information to the community.

Martin C. Macaulay, Director, Baca Grande Water & Sanitation District

Editor's Notes

It must be true, I read it on Facebook

I stepped away from the computer shaking my head. Facebook. Jeez. Jump into the drama or leave it alone? There are a couple of local Facebook groups that chat about local events, who has or wants what, who did what, and what everyone thinks about that. Small town gossip goes digital.

On fb we learn that the government is spying on us with military helicopters while using search and rescue operations as a cover. (Nefarious ops for sure)

Complaints about traffic—some people have an old-fashioned idea that people should stop at stop signs and obey traffic laws. Others think they are special and should be exempt. Always there are complaints about dogs. Dogs running loose and causing problems and the rights of dogs to run loose (free the hounds!). 100 comments and going strong.

You can find out who is doing drugs in the park—well, supposedly. Maybe that was said by the person annoyed with barking dogs.

UFO sightings are always fun. We live in such a well-visited place! Then there are the opinions on police protection. We should have more, we should have less, we shouldn't have any at all and let everyone be self-aware and self-policing and we'd all have a perfect world.

Opinions are stated as fact. Facts are pulled from unvetted websites that look like "news". Might sound really crazy, but it's all true! I swear!

I have to admit at the end of the day it can be greatly entertaining. I might even jump in with a "like" or add a historical "fact" (there's always a spoiler or two in the crowd). And I have to confess, I do like the cute videos of cats.

Enjoying the summer fun,
 —Kizzen

thoughtfulness.

And, many thanks to all those who have recently made personal donations to the Friends and for the new library building fund, including Chuck and Ester Grant, Hamilton & Miriam Brannan, and Kathleen & David Slusser.

Thank you all,
 Friends of the Library,
 Thom Ontko, Chair

PS. We wish to welcome back as Vice-Chair for the Friends an old friend and previous valuable member of the Friends of the Library, Mr. Parvin Johnson. Yeah!

Shumei fire response story

Dear Editor,

Speaking now as a public citizen, I was dismayed reading the report about the Shumei fire response. The impression given was that there was an issue with the fire hydrants. This is a serious implication that has not been backed up by our investigations. I've been in the Baca Water Board room as hydrant maintenance has been covered for many year now, first as an often solitary member of the public, and now as a board director. The District has been fully aware of the critical fire situation in this community, of course. To print such

a slanted picture with such basic errors as it contained amounts to a type of negligent defamation of the good work and sincere intent the district has shown through the years around hydrant maintenance. This issue is too important to let some, perhaps careless, misinformation contribute to public worry.

Thank You,
 Michael Scully

(Editor's note: The Shumei fire article referenced above quoted the incident commander on scene. In any fire, police or search and rescue emergency, the official report is the one given by the incident commander, chief or sheriff. These are the statements our reporters have to rely on. That article was fact-checked by the IC and another firefighter before it went to press. It does happen, after a review of an event, differing or corrective information is presented. We are always willing to print factual corrections.)

Regarding the Shumei structure fire & hydrant

Dear Editor,

We are grateful to the water and sanitation district for supporting a functional water and hydrant system that supplied a water tender relay operation, which allowed the darkening and the extinguishment of the recent Shumei structure fire.

Although the hydrant on the corner of Laurel and Carefree was not utilized for use on the night of the incident for safety and water shuttle concerns, it was utilized in a training a few days after the fire, where it was found to not be operable for the demands of that particular fire incident due to excessive friction loss and significant leaking at the hydrant when connected to several hundred feet of fire hose.

What was learned in this review was that this type of situa-

Invitation to Submit Logo Design for the New Library

Theme of the new logo for the Library is the honey bee, in its colors of black & gold. Submission of a logo design is a donation, and winning entry will become the property of the Library Steering Committee. All designs will be considered; winning selection will be announced in the September issue of the Crestone Eagle. Send entries to Friends of the Library, PO Box 36, Crestone CO 81131 or drop off at the Library. If you have questions, call Joy at 719-480-3938. Deadline for entries is August 20, 2015. Children are encouraged to submit designs.

Thank you for your participation in this community endeavor.

tion in the future may demand a complex multi-engine pumping operation and/or the already established water tender shuttle relay.

Chris Botz, BGVFD Fire Chief

Peter May, Incident Commander

Naturopathy & botanicals in Moffat

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to shed some light on the activities going on at the green octagonal building in Moffat. While some consider it the bus stop for Denver, or a parking lot to leave their cars for other reasons, it is actually the office space of Wildwoods Botanicals and Kim Engard, who is a Doctor of Naturopathy.

Dr. Engard and I have known each other since 1989, first meeting in Howard, Colorado. She worked, studied, and obtained her doctorate, herbalist, acupuncturist, chiropractor degrees over the years while I practiced living as an artist and community organizer. We reconnected last summer when she visited my website (after reading *The Crestone Eagle*). By luck, she had also purchased our previous home in the Baca Grants subdivision that my husband Eric had built. How synchronistic is that?

Dr. Kim Engard practiced full time in Arizona for 12 years and is currently working from both the Moffat and her AZ office every month. While the Moffat office is not currently open to the public on a regular basis, Dr. Kim does consult with patients by appointment. It is also where I work throughout the month as Dr. Kim's herbalist assistant. I make and ship various extracts that she prescribes to her patients.

Dr. Kim is planning to announce the 20th anniversary of Wildwoods Botanicals soon with much fanfare and will open the



Elbert Herman "Buck" Reid

January 22, 1926-June 28, 2015

Buck Reid and his wife Francis came to the Sangre de Cristo Mountains 28 years ago and built a beautiful home called the Blue Spruce. They spent many summers in Crestone enjoying and entertaining family and friends. Buck and Francis had a huge role in building the Crestone Baptist Church in the early 70s. The Crestone Baptist Church was their home church when they were here during those summer months. Buck enjoyed fishing and hunting, he often drove around the Sangres in search of elk. We all enjoyed our gatherings with the Reids and will miss Buck greatly.

Our love and prayers go out to the Reid family.

Moffat office in celebration. While it might not look like there's not much going on at the green octagonal building in Moffat, it's becoming an integral part of this community, and we are looking forward to sharing the success.

I'm so grateful for this community and for Dr. Kim—what a blessing!

With much love,
Leigh Mills

Liberty Trail Clarification

In the July Eagle's Summer Fun hiking article last issue, we mentioned the cabins at Liberty. Please note that the cabins are on **private** property. Please remain on the public trail when hiking out toward the Sand Dunes.

Search & rescue

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taken, "Rio Grande Hospital was called," Sheriff Warrick said, "and it was determined no rescue was possible." The victim had flat-lined. "The end result was not what we wanted but we got a tremendous amount of support from professionals and volunteers," the Sheriff said. It is not known if Kiryluk had a CO Hiker's Card.

Two weeks prior to this tragedy, a pair of Search and Rescue (S&R) missions were launched on the weekend of July 11. Saguache County S&R, Custer County S&R, and the Western State Mountain Rescue Team from Gunnison were all needed to bring a woman, 39, with a broken leg and other injuries down from 13,000' on a south-facing slope once again in the Red Gully area of Crestone Peak. To the south, on Mount Blanca, Alamosa Search and Rescue, along with the National Guard, was hunting for two Missouri women in their forties who had been reported missing on Friday July 10.

The two hikers on Blanca were found Saturday and extracted by Black Hawk helicopter in the late afternoon. According to the *Valley Courier*, except for being hungry and thirsty the two women were fine.

It was a different story for the mid-July S&R mission above Crestone. According to Crestone S&R member Warren Stephen, Incident Commander who coordinated the ground operations and communications for this rescue, the call came in after 2pm Saturday. Two friends, a man and woman, had been climbing up around 13,000', and the woman was injured. Warren told me, "The hiker was 700' above the landing zone on a snowfield." Flight-for-life service Eagle Medical out of Salida assisted in the rescue, getting crews up to where they needed to be.

CCS&R identified the climbers, as Adam Vonnehme, 39 and Jennifer Staufer, 39, of Superior. Vonnahme called S&R when Staufer fell 150', breaking her leg and sustaining other injuries. Cell phone communication was helpful to S&R crews until the phone batteries died. According to the press

release from Custer County, "difficult terrain, darkness, wet rock, running water, snow and ice" made this a difficult mission.

The Blackhawk military helicopter that was used for the Blanca S&R mission refueled and was able to come back and help with the Crestone mission. According to Stephen it took crews from 7pm to 1am to safely get the injured woman down. She was flown to Memorial Hospital in CO Springs. Fourteen personnel were involved in this rescue from Custer and Saguache counties. It is not known if the climbers had Colorado Hikers Cards.

Stephen said the Baca Fire Department and the Ambulance Service assisted in the Crestone rescue at the landing zone. The Ambulance Service was able to help lodge for the night the uninjured hiker and a CCS&R team member who got soaked and chilled getting the injured hiker down off the mountain.

At 2pm on Sunday, July 12 Custer County S&R were called out again to assist a hiker in the Crestone Peak area on the east side of the mountains. This hiker had also fallen in the Red Gully area and had an injured ankle. While assisting the hiker another person who needed medical assistance due to low blood sugar was helped.

S&R teams from both sides of the mountains want to remind everyone to use extra caution this year while climbing in the Crestone group. These fourteeners include Crestone Peak, Crestone Needle, Humbolt Peak, Kit Carson and Challenger Point. These areas are on the border between Saguache and Custer Counties. Late season snow pack, ice and rock falls are a consideration, as is lightning. Hikers are advised to have equipment to spend a night in an emergency. A well charged phone and a Colorado Hikers Card are also recommended. While Sheriff Warrick could not comment on greater danger on the peaks due to the unusually wet year he did say, "Danger is extremely high."

The many rescue missions so close together in time and geography explain all the helicopters that were seen. Given the extra hazardous conditions up on the peaks, we can expect to see more helicopters in our skies.

President declares disaster for Colo.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that federal disaster aid has been made available to the State of Colorado to supplement state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, flooding, landslides, and mudslides during the period of May 4 to June 16, 2015.

The President's action makes federal funding available to state and eligible tribal and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by severe storms, tornadoes, flooding, landslides, and mudslides in Baca, Elbert, El Paso, Fremont, Logan, Morgan, Pueblo, Saguache, Sedgwick, Washington, and Yuma counties.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Saguache County Crime report

by Mary Lowers

On July 10 at 3pm a fatal crash occurred on Hwy. 160 one mile west of Del Norte in Rio Grande County. Investigations by the Colorado State Patrol indicate that 1988 Mercedes Benz travelling west veered into the eastbound lane and collided with the rear dual tires of a 1994 International truck pulling a trailer. The driver of the Mercedes, William Calkin, 82, of Golden was pronounced dead at the scene by the county coroner. The driver of the truck was unhurt. Seatbelts were in use by both drivers. The accident is still under investigation.

In a multi-agency mission, Costilla County Sheriff's Deputies and Colorado State Patrol troopers using intelligence from the Colorado FBI's Southern Colorado Safe Streets Task Force executed a warrant out of Pueblo County. Fugitive Xavier Quintana, 40, of Pueblo was arrested without incident at a traffic stop. He was booked into the Costilla County Jail.

A Baca Grande man, 33, was taken into custody in Saguache on three misdemeanor counts including obstruction of phone service, third degree assault, and harassment. No bail amount was listed. Failure to Appear charges landed a Saguache woman, 18, in jail with \$2000 bail. An Alamosa man, 23, went to jail with \$5000 bail on Failure to Appear charges. A Center man, 36, is in jail for Contempt of Court, Failure to Appear, and two Fugitive from Justice charges. His bail is listed at \$12,000. A Del Norte Man, 23, was stopped on Hwy. 285 for speeding and summoned to appear in Saguache County Court for driving on a suspended license. A Moffat resident was issued a Summons and Complaint for destroying property belonging to KV Estates.

A resident at a retreat complex east of Crestone indicated she was responsible for a white dog with a dark collar that bit a woman on her scooter in the Baca Grande last month. She was issued a summons to appear in county court regarding this incident.

Summer tourist travel is up and so are speeding violations all over the valley. Pay attention and use cruise control.

Death with dignity bill explained

By Gussie Fauntleroy

Over the past 20 years, members of the Colorado state legislature have introduced death with dignity (also called aid-in-dying) bills three times without success, most recently during the 2015 session. The proposed legislation would allow a terminally ill person—under specified conditions and with multiple safeguards—to request life-ending medication to be self-administered by ingestion. While the 2015 bill was defeated in the legislature's Public Health Care & Human Service Committee, supporters believe efforts in Colorado and other states are paving the way for legal changes that clearly reflect public opinion on the issue.

Roland Halpern, regional campaign and outreach manager for the national nonprofit organization Compassion & Choices, was in Alamosa in late June to give a free public informational presentation on the bill and surrounding issues. Halpern explained that aid-in-dying is not euthanasia, which is administered by a third party medical professional, usually by lethal injection. Aid-in-dying is not "mercy killing," defined as the ending of a patient's intolerable suffering as performed by a third party. It is also not suicide, which essentially is a choice of death over life. A terminally ill person has only the choice of one form of death over another.

Instead, aid-in-dying is a humanitarian, legal way of allowing "a competent, terminally ill adult (with six months or less to live) the legal option of requesting a life-ending medication that the patient can self-administer to end intolerable suffering, but only when and if he or she so chooses." It is an option currently supported by 68% of Coloradans, according to a Jan. 2015 Tamely-Drake poll. Nationwide, Gallup polls indicate that since 1977, public support has never dipped below 60% and has been as high as 75%.

Colorado's latest effort, HB 15-1135, was a virtual replica of the Oregon state death with dignity law that has been in effect for more than 17 years, with no documented cases of abuse. During a committee hearing for the Colorado bill, which

failed by a vote of 8 to 5, opposition was expressed primarily by religious groups and disability rights organizations. Disability activists voiced concern that HMOs, family members or others would use the law to end a disabled person's life to save money or relieve a family's burden of care.

Halpern pointed out, however, that disability is not the same as terminal illness. The proposed law would require a terminally ill adult, diagnosed by two separate physicians, to submit an oral request for life-ending medication, wait a minimum of 15 days, and submit a second oral request. The patient then is required to submit a written request signed by two witnesses who have no financial stake in the patient's life or death, with at least one of the witnesses having no relation to the patient by blood, marriage, adoption or civil union. If any question arises about competency, coercion, or depression, a psychological evaluation would be required. A number of other safeguards also would be in place, including the patient's right to rescind the request at any time, Halpern said.

In Oregon, the law has resulted in some perhaps surprising results, including more willingness by patients to explore other options, better use of palliative and hospice care, and in some cases patients living longer because of relief from anxiety and fear concerning unbearable suffering. Annually, between 30 and 40% of patients who request aid-in-dying end up not taking the medication, Halpern said. "But they are comforted knowing they have control over the illness rather than the illness controlling them."

The Colorado bill will be reintroduced during the 2016 legislative session. For more information, visit compassionandchoices.org. A video of Halpern's 55-minute presentation is online at uualamosa.org, the website of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Alamosa. Click "social activism." Halpern also may be reached at 1-800-247-7421, ext. 2162 or rhalpern@compassionandchoices.org.



Great day at the Saturday Market. Friends visited and listened to music, kids played in the street and there were lots of happy buyers and sellers! photo by M. Diane Bairstow

Water Plan

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importance of healthy rivers and streams in Colorado and acknowledges that \$2-3 billion is needed to protect them, but doesn't yet commit funding to carry out that protection.

But some wonder if rural Colorado is over-accommodating metro areas with the plan. The Colorado Water Conservation Board and nine regional water basins have outlined an estimated \$20 billion in projects needed to meet long-term water supply needs, mostly related to municipal water, a need which is largely growing because of Front Range expansion.

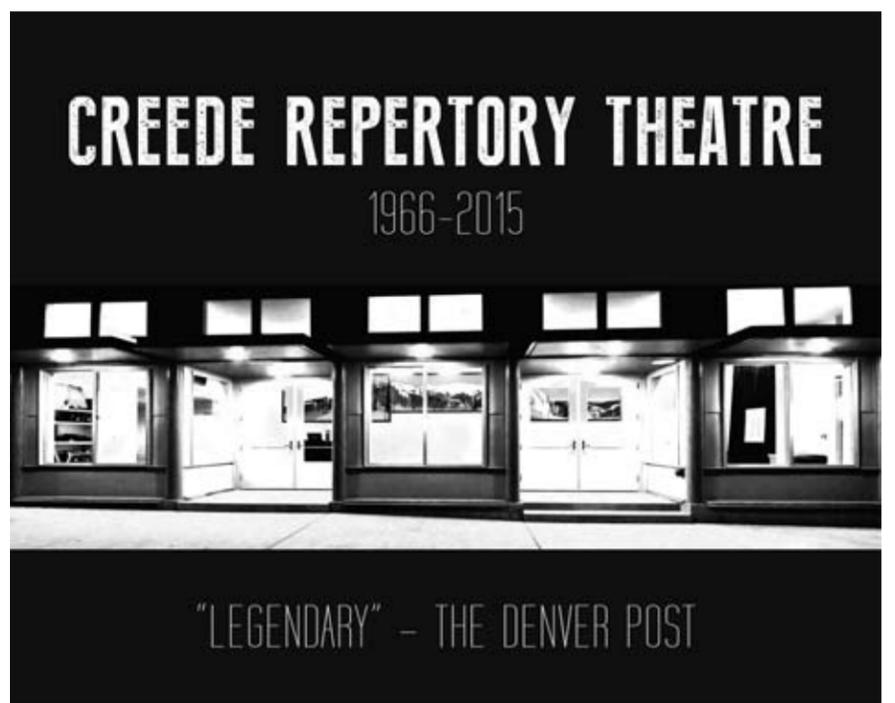
The most populated basins—the South Platte and Denver Metro—call for more water from the Colorado River. Currently, the Colorado River's reserves are especially low and the seven states (Wyoming,

Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and California) entitled to water from the Colorado River are claiming the same amount of water they have historically.

That increased demand is in addition to strategies like water conservation and reuse. In the Arkansas Basin, more water is important, along with fixing the area's aging infrastructure.

The Rio Grande Basin focuses on agricultural water, which uses the majority of the water available, and environmental needs. In the plan the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable expresses a goal "to meet new demands for water, to the extent practicable, without impacting existing water rights and meeting historic compact obligations."

www.colorado.gov/pacific/co-waterplan/july-2015-second-draft-colorados-water-plan or <http://coloradowaterplan.com>.



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Saguache County News

by Sandia Belgrade

Air Force training flights in Saguache

The Air Force will conduct training flights at Saguache Municipal Airport. The County has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated April 23 of this year with the 27th Special Operations Wing (SOW) and Air Force Special Operations to conduct unlimited daylight operations and limited nighttime operations for semi-prepared and night vision goggles operations during unlighted or covertly lighted conditions for training purposes. The MOA is signed by Randall Arredondo, administrator of Road and Bridge who also serves as Air Traffic Manager of Saguache Airport. The agreement applies to the C 146A (Dornier 328) planes located at Cannon Air Force Base on Clovis, NM. Most C-146 flight training is done at Cannon and are deployed all over the world to provide intra-theater logistical support for special operations forces.

According to Arredondo, pilots will be able to practice flights on a dirt runway at high altitude as practice flights. The MOA stipulates it will occur no more than one week a month, practicing landing and taking off. Coordination with the airfield will normally be made the day prior to use. These are not surveillance or combat planes. The C 146 planes are double prop transports; they carry no bombs and transport personnel only. They can carry up to 27 passengers or 6,000 pounds of cargo or 4 patients on litters. The appearance of the aircraft is a civilian-style "low-profile" paint scheme. They are deployed all over the world to provide intra-theater logistical support for special operations forces. At the July 21 meeting, the commissioners stressed that the airport is a public facility, and the government donated the land for the airport. Smoke jumpers have trained at the airport because in a medical emergency, supplies would be brought in there. The County receives no remuneration. They will fly only over Saguache. Crestone is a no-fly zone. Arredondo says it is part of protecting our freedom.

Assessor's Office contemplating new software vendor

After an agonizing period of working with an unreliable Pueblo system, the County Assessor Peter Peterson has investigated other alternatives to determine and track appraisals. He arranged a phone conference for the BOCC so they can determine if they should fund the costs of switching to Tyler Technologies, a public sector software company in Lakewood, which implements Tyler's Eagle software solution that serves local governments. Other counties, such as Las Animas and Costilla counties, are also switching. At present, 23 coun-

ties, including Boulder, or 36% of the county assessors in Colorado, are using Tyler software, more than any other vendor. The Tyler rep Glen Snider detailed what the costs of a contract would entail:

- * The initial buy-in costs are \$200,000 which would be paid in increments. This drops to \$17,000 per year. There are 3 components to an agreement:

- * Software and licenses: \$84,000

- * Professional services to convert the system, including training: \$117,180

- * Annual fee: \$16,500, for software and network support, and maintenance.

In comparison, Saguache is now paying Pueblo nearly \$56,000/yr now for software support. Payments for Tyler would be spread out over 5 years or \$44,007 per year. The process for transferring data takes about 5 months. The County will get a rebate from Pueblo of \$10,000 which is already promised. There appears to be a substantial savings after set-up costs, according to Peterson, and way better support compared with Pueblo. Connie Trujillo, County Treasurer, stated that her office will not need to make a change; the Treasurer's files are operating well.

Road and Bridge contribution to Crestone's downtown project

Akia Tanara, Administrator of the Town of Crestone appeared before the board regarding Crestone's downtown project. As a search through minutes showed, on December 10, 2013, the County approved a \$22,388 in-kind donation for the project. The grant deadline is the end of the year. Initially the County was going to do the paving, but since the County's asphalt plant will be closed when it's time for that work, Tanara provided a list of other deliverables for Commissioners to consider for the same amount of contribution. As the project is out for bid, Tanara needs to confirm what the County's contribution will be. The BOCC directed Tanara and Arredondo of Road and Bridge to come up with a spending plan.

Title III public hearing deferred

A public hearing on the agenda for July 21 was cancelled after a letter from Lisa Cyriacks was received. Cyriacks pointed out that a 45-day public comment period must be honored to provide adequate time for comments and applications. The BOCC extended the time to meet requirements to August 20. The hearing will be on September 1. While the procedure will now meet strict guidelines, Daniel Johnson of the Firewise program observed that with the delay crucial time before winter for fire mitigation will consequently be lost.

Driver license renewal in Saguache

Beginning in July, county residents can renew their driver's license. The fees are \$25.00 for driver license renewal; identification card renewal is \$16.50. Customers renewing a current Colorado document with an address change will



A C 146A airplane will be used for training flights at the Saguache Airport.

be required to provide TWO forms of current address information. Hand written information will not be accepted.

Residents must provide proof of a Social Security number. Customers simply renewing a Colorado document which contains all current information will not be required to provide any additional address verification. The following are examples of acceptable proof of address documents if they contain the name and physical address: utility bill, credit card statement, rent receipt, telephone bill, bank statement, mortgage document, tax document, insurance policy, vehicle registration/title. Acceptable documents that display a person's Social Security number are Social Security card, W-2 form, and pay stub with applicant's name and SSN. The Saguache County Clerk's office renews valid Colorado documents only on Tuesdays from 8:30-3:30. Call 719-655-2512 before you come.

National Association of Counties

Commissioner Jason Anderson attended The National Association of Counties (NACo) annual conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. Sallie Clark of El Paso County was elected NACo's 81st president and the first president from the state of Colorado. Some of the topics discussed were mineral royalties due counties and reducing ozone to tolerable levels. With only Hawaii, Oregon, Washington state and Colorado having legalized marijuana, other states were interested in marijuana legislation. Washington is doing away with medical marijuana, which is where they say the black market works. Anderson sponsored a proposal which passed: that NACO urge the Federal land agencies to establish the ability of local land managers to reclassify trees and lumber products that have been affected by insect infestation or disease to a classification that would allow for the removal of these products without the accountability and oversight necessary for the harvesting of undamaged lumber for commercial use.

Not your parents' 4-H

Amy Henschen, CSU Extension Agent- 4-H Youth Development, was awarded a \$5,000 Sales Tax Grant in 2014. Her report showed how 4-H has changed, now offering Rockets and Robotics as well as Animal Husbandry. The San Luis Valley 4-H robotics program was launched in 2013-14. Participants learn about robotics and programming through hands-on challenges using Lego Mindstorms EV3 robotics kits. The

initial pilot program was funded by a grant from the Colorado 4-H Foundation. Teams of 2 to 4 youth meet monthly throughout the year, and more frequently in the summer months as they gear up to compete in the state and regional 4-H Robotics Challenge. These competitions provide additional enrichment for team members. The 4-H robotics team placed 9th in DC among 1600 kids. In Center there are robotics and summer team leaders in rock-etry. Michael Pacheco has a robotics class at the Crestone Charter School. The San Luis Valley 4-H Foundation also provided financial support for two new teams. They're looking to expand in the future and seeking youth members ages 8 to 18 who live in the SLV as well as adult coaches. Adult volunteers will be provided with training, curriculum and equipment so they can coach a local team; time commitment is about 3 hours a month. Space for youth participants is limited due to robotics equipment costs. Children of adult volunteers will be given priority on the waiting list.

Liquor license renewals

Carla Gomez updated the BOCC on the status of liquor licenses in the county. Tom Dessain of Crestone Performances, Inc. applied for a Special Event Liquor Request in a timely manner and was approved. He noted that security is all set, the coordinator went through bartender training and the beer garden is fenced. Villa Grove Trade has applied for liquor license renewal which expired June 6. They turned in an application June 15. There is a grace period: if not more than 90 days late the renewer can pay a late fee. La Garita has decided not to renew their liquor license. Nine valid licenses exist in the county.

Social Services hires second Crestone resident

Linda Warsh, Director of Social Services, announced that Renee Hill, a Crestone resident, is coming on board as a child welfare employee. Matie Belle Lakish is also on staff. Warsh presented the department goals for work force development and training. The Alpine Achievers Initiative that was approved will allow 12 AmeriCorps members to provide academic interventions and out of school programs for the Charter School, Mofat School, and Mountain Valley School.

Cow Town is officially gone

After months of negotiating, Dave Wendell, owner of Old Cow Town Colorado, LLC finally reached an agreement with the County. Old Cow Town will change from commercial into residential use. The change to residential will involve redoing well permits.

Quick notes

- * Public Health is still looking for a Director. They will now be open on Friday like the rest of the county. To contact: 719-655-2533 or 719-655-2727

- * The Saguache County Board of Commissioners will be taking Grant Applications for Saguache County Sales Tax Grants until 3pm, Friday, August 14.

Saguache County Property tax update; some corrections made to valuations

by Lisa Cyriacks

Saguache County Assessor Peter Peterson reports on the 294 Notice of Valuation protests filed by the June 1st deadline. Out of the protests received, 156 were changed or adjusted, resulting in a decrease in Valuation from \$41.9 million to \$33.8 million—over an \$8 million decrease.

Peterson reports that for the properties he was able to adjust, it was primarily corrections in square footage, the year built or age, or the grade (i.e. condition of the house). Corrections were entered into the system resulting in a valuation change.

Given the mass appraisal model he is required to use, Peterson added, “There is little I could do about the other almost 50% of the protests that were denied. There is a big difference between fee appraisal and mass appraisal. People don’t seem to understand that.”

Market approach

Colorado assessors must rely exclusively on the market approach

when valuing improved residential property. Most assessors nationwide rely on the modern Computer Aided Mass Appraisal system (CAMA). Data gathering is a key first step in market-based CAMA. This includes property characteristics, location and other factors affecting value; plus sales information concerning dollar amounts, sale date, non-real property items included in the sale, financing, and other unusual circumstances concerning the sale.

“That’s one reason I value these current protests,” Peterson sums up. “It gives the chance to correct the information going forward.”

Once a CAMA model is developed for a class or subclass of property, then it is applied to all properties in that class or subclass. This is to assure that all properties are treated equitably, as required by Colorado law and property assessment regulations.

Looking to the future, Peterson has made a proposal to hire a new software provider and install new software. Saguache County has used its current system—the “Pueblo system”—for the past eight years.

Peterson describes the challenges of working with the Pueblo system that he inherited. “There are a lot of anomalies and glitches in the Pueblo system. A lot of effort over the past couple of years went into updating vacant properties with improvements, but I have discovered errors in data and how it was entered into the system.”

Peterson continues, “The system goes down when we are doing updates, which resulted in redoing Special Notices of Valuation. There are mistakes in the system, which have resulted in errors in square footage, errors in the grade of the property, which affects the overall value.”

The new system would be implemented in 2016 in preparation for the Assessed Valuation adjust-

ments that will happen in 2017.

Board of Equalization

Approximately twenty-five appeals to the Assessor’s determination have been filed, requesting a hearing with the County Board of Equalization (CBOE). Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 39-8-101, the Board of County Commissioners sits as the CBOE. Hearings are scheduled for July 30, 31 and August 3 (as needed).

The process provides that CBOE will issue a response within 5 days. Decisions of the CBOE may be appealed in three ways: binding arbitration, filing in District Court, or appealing to the State Board of Equalization.

The properties being appealed are varied according to Peterson—from changes in designation, adjusting percentage of commercial/residential portions of a multi-use property, to actual disagreements about valuation of residences and vacant land.

Peterson is also taking the opportunity to adjust for residences and other improvements currently not in the system.

Peterson commented, “I feel good about where we are. It was important for people to look at Notices of Valuation and inform my office of any mistakes. It is important to the process for people to participate and inform themselves of their rights—what is going on with their property.”

“This was an educational process for me as well,” Peterson continued. “It was my first time on this side of the counter rather than the other side.”

Property taxes

“[The real estate] Market affects property value. The value is used to determine taxes. This is why this is so important for people to make sure their valuations are correct.” Peterson concluded.

The next step is that Abstracts of Assessed Valuation are issued to taxing entities in the county—towns, school and other districts in late August.

This is usually a first step in the annual budget process where county commissioners, city councils, school boards, and governing boards of special districts determine the revenue needed and allowed by law for their entity to provide services for the following year. The revenue is based on the total assessed valuation on property included within the boundary of each taxing entity.

Each taxing authority calculates a tax rate based on the revenue needed from property tax and the local assessed valuations for real and personal property located in their boundary. This becomes the property tax rate or mill levy calculated against the assessed valuations on each property resulting in an annual property tax bill.

According to Colorado statutes, public notices of budget hearings must be published in the local newspaper within prescribed time frames. The public hearings are usually scheduled in October, November or December.

The public, by law, is given the right to review or comment in the budget process under Colorado Revised Statutes 29-1-106. By attending budget hearings, taxpayers may participate in the budget process and become informed about the quality and cost of services provided in their area.

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Two cases of plague reported in Colorado, one death

The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment has issued a Health Advisory on July 28. The state public health laboratory has confirmed two human plague cases in Colorado this season. The first was a case of septicemic plague in a Larimer County resident who died in June. The second was a case of bubonic plague in a Denver County resident who became ill in July and survived. The Denver resident was exposed to plague in Chaffee County.

In addition to the human cases, the state health department has been receiving reports of suspected plague die-offs from around the state. Plague-infected wildlife have been found in Baca, El Paso, Fremont, Larimer, Jefferson and Pueblo counties. The most recent of these samples, a tree squirrel from Jefferson County, tested positive on July 24, 2015. The squirrel was found dead at a public park in Golden in the same area where the Buffalo Bill Days Festival was held from July 22-26. Several domestic pets have also been diagnosed with plague, and additional cases are under investigation.

Symptoms of plague generally include sudden onset of high fever, muscle pain, malaise, nausea and vomiting, or a general feeling of being ill. Individuals with bubonic plague will develop a large, swollen, painful lymph node (a bubo) in the area of the flea bite. If the patient is not promptly treated with antibiotics, the plague bacterium can enter the bloodstream (septicemic plague) or lungs (pneumonic plague) causing severe, life-threatening complications. It is also possible for the initial presentation of plague from a flea bite to be primary septicemia without a bubo. In rare instances people can inhale the bacterium and initially present with pneumonic plague. If plague is suspected clinically, the laboratory should be alerted to exercise caution in specimen handling. Specimens should be referred to the State Lab for confirmation. See www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/lab.

Suspected cases of human plague should be reported to CDPHE immediately at 303-692-2700, and appropriate diagnostic testing and treatment regimens should be implemented. If the patient has a respiratory component to their illness or there is suspicion of pneumonic plague then droplet precautions should be adopted immediately.

For more specific information about diagnosis and treatment go to CDC’s Plague Resources for Clinicians at: www.cdc.gov/plague/healthcare/clinicians.html.

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Downtown redevelopment update: road work, curb & gutter to wait, parks improvement to start

by Akia Tanara
Crestone Town Administrator

The downtown redevelopment project went out for bid in mid-June and six representatives from construction firms throughout the valley attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting and project walk-through on July 1. The bid opening was July 10 and not one bid was received. Both architect Burt Wadman and I were stunned! It's hard to imagine having money for development and no one bidding on the project. I contacted all the representatives that attended the walk-through and inquired why they had not submitted a bid. Everyone said they have "too much work" this year and could not fit our project into their schedule. It's great news for the valley in general that construction crews have so much work, but disheartening results for the town.

We're not surrendering so easily; Burt discussed a secondary plan with the Board of Trustees on July 13 which would separate the overall project into two phases. One phase would be road work, curb & gutter and sidewalks, which would be deferred to 2016. The other phase—construction of rock walls and the artistic entrance to Little Pearl Park—could possibly still be completed this year. The trustees were very supportive of this plan. Burt and I are working to develop

this idea, and hopefully you will see some infrastructure improvements downtown in 2015.

The funding source for this project—Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), contains financial contributions from both state and federal sources, which means there is more paperwork and less flexibility than most grants the Town receives. The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Regional Manager Christy Culp commented that our municipality is not the only community to not get bids for a project; this is particularly a problem in rural areas. DOLA is working with the Town to attempt to lessen the insurance and bonding requirements for contractors in order to make the project more attractive to potential bidders.

by Gretchen Nelson
Town of Crestone Clerk
4th of July thank you

Thank you to the Town staff and volunteers who helped make this event fun for everyone! There are too many of you to mention names, but you're all sincerely thanked by the Town and the thousand or so people who attended this wonderful annual celebration. Feedback from community members has been great. The parade, food area, kids' area, vendor area, 5K event, Big Splash dunk tank, bounce house and musical events were a big success. Everyone leaving the event had big smiles even after the rain and winds arrived. Hope to see you all for the 2016 annual celebration!

New planning commissioners

At the July 13 Crestone Board

of Trustees meeting Mayor Danforth appointed Benjamin Byer as a new Planning Commissioner and Terrence Georgen as an Alternate Planning Commissioner. Welcome to the Planning Commission and thank you in advance for your future participation in the planning and development of the Town.

Mosquito spraying

This year the Crestone/Baca area is experiencing a really bad mosquito season. The mosquito is more than just a nuisance; it's a vector agent, transmitting various diseases. Prior to the 4th of July celebration the Town and others purchased and started spraying infected areas within Town using a product called Mosquito Barrier. This product is an environmentally friendly alternative to poisons. It is natural, biodegradable and safe to use around humans, animals, trees and vegetation of all sorts. Mosquito Barrier is a very strong liquid garlic extract (over 99% garlic juice) and comes from a special variety of garlic which is many times more potent than the type found in grocery stores. Various community members noticed a decrease in the mosquito population after spraying. Next year the Town plans to purchase a larger amount of this product to better control the mosquito problem.

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POA board & Saguache County Commissioners meet to discuss marijuana growing, greenhouses, law enforcement

by John Rowe

The Baca Grande POA Board of Directors and the Saguache County Commissioners met for two hours at the POA Hall at 6:00pm on June 29 to discuss timely and important issues to both the Crestone/Baca community and Saguache County at large. The meeting was open to the public and a handful of concerned citizens attended.

All three commissioners—Chairman Ken Anderson, Jason Anderson, and Tim Lovato—were present for the meeting as was Saguache County Land Use Administrator Wendi Maez. All five POA board members—Chairman Matie Belle Lakish, Nigel Fuller, Bruce McDonald, Sugandha Brooks, and Joanna Theriault—were present as was Baca Community Manager Alison McClure. No one from the POA Land Use Department attended the meeting. Colorado State Division of Water Resources representatives Jim Swanson and James Heath were also present to give information on the water use issues central to stated agenda items. Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick was also present to discuss law enforcement issues.

There were five items on the agenda for discussion and they were as follows: limiting the size of greenhouses in the Baca; the proliferation of unregulated marijuana growing operations in residential neighborhoods within the Baca; law enforcement in Crestone and the Baca; business development in the county; and a conditional use permit application for a several-thousand-square-foot greenhouse and large licensed marijuana growing operation in the vicinity of Chalet III in the Baca.

The conditional use permit issue was tabled as it is still in process and can't be publicly discussed. The talk surrounding the new POA regulation of the maximum greenhouse size to be 350SF going forward was brief, as Wendi Maez assured everyone that the County would support this new regulation when issuing

building permits, despite this being smaller than the County's own size restriction.

Law enforcement

The law enforcement discussion was extensive and enthusiastic with audience members, board members and commissioners all wading in on the issue. When asked why Crestone and the Baca receive the police coverage that they do, Sheriff Warwick said that Crestone, as an incorporated municipality, is legally bound to provide their own policing, chooses not to, and the County provides some protection strictly as a courtesy. This cuts into the Baca's fair share of County resources, and Sheriff Warwick stressed that the sheriff's department is very limited by financial realities and has a huge geographic area to cover. He is well aware that there are persistent complaints of heroin and meth-amphetamine use in the community, but insists he does not have the manpower he needs to effectively address this issue.

He explained that Center, with a large agricultural tax base, has its own seven-person police force and that the town of Saguache contracts out an extra deputy and patrol car at \$40,000/year per 40-hour shift. When asked directly if Crestone and the Baca are under-policed when compared to Center and Saguache, he quickly answered, "yes, absolutely". The Town of Crestone and the POA board are currently not considering spending money to have more police protection. **see editor's note at end of article.*

Marijuana

Sheriff Warwick also cautioned that, while he is very committed to stamping out illegal marijuana production in the county, the laws are complicated, in direct conflict with federal statutes, and are constantly being tweaked and added onto, making law enforcement difficult. He stressed that he understands and appreciates the community's concern but the sheriff's office needs probable cause for searches,

is not the agency to deal with illegal structures and water law violators and will proceed with diligence but caution as well.

This led into discussion of some growers living part-time on land that has no water, septic or sewer capacity, and no permanent living structure. State Division of Water Resources attendees Jim Swanson and James Heath assured everyone that they do care if people are illegally watering marijuana or anything else with a well permit deemed in-house-use-only or from area creeks. Virtually all well permits issued in the Grants are for indoor use only and many residents have trees, gardens, and the like. When asked if these residents are in any real jeopardy of being fined and asked to discontinue outdoor water use, James Heath replied that there is so much large scale illegal water use in the area and that the Division of Water Resources has such limited manpower, that this scenario would be extremely unlikely unless neighbors repeatedly complained.

Jim Swanson did point out, however, that he has legal authority to go onto any property with or without the land owner's permission to see if water laws are being broken and would do so if he deemed it necessary. Alison McClure asked if the POA could get information as to whether a Baca resident had a well or not and Jim Swanson assured her that they could. He also stated that he was available to come out and do an inspection if people were growing any crop without a well.

Illegal living

Wendi Maez and the County commissioners all were emphatic that people living without a well/water hookup and septic/sewer would be forced into compliance or to vacate the premises, citing County regulations that require both on any human-occupied property. When asked by an audience member why it was taking so long to move on these folks, a convincing answer was not forthcoming. It was stated, however, that there are sev-

eral citations in process and more will be moved on over the next year.

All three County commissioners talked of the need for more jobs in Saguache County as well as a larger business tax base. Ken Anderson and Jason Anderson remarked about how 80% of the county is federal land and accounts for very little tax revenue. All three remarked how difficult it is to lure business to such an isolated area but plan to continue to promote tourism and new business startups. Local business person Vivia Lawson and Crestone Mayor Katrina Dansforth are part of a county-wide effort along these lines.

In summary, all the powers that were present are aware of Crestone/Baca citizen concerns over illegal living situations, outlaw marijuana growers, hard drug use and crime, lack of sustaining jobs; and they are moving on all of these, albeit at a slower pace than many would like. This, added to the POA board's harder stance regarding extreme blight and delinquent dues, seems to this reporter to indicate a real attentiveness to prevailing community values, supported by real and decisive action.

Jason Anderson ended the meeting on a lighter note, citing the County's deep and abiding appreciation for Pam Gripp, who worked tirelessly on the Baca ambulance department for 29 years, heading it up for the last 26. Pam retired at the end of July and will be sorely missed.

**Editor's note: There appears to be some confusion on the subject of law enforcement. According to the Town of Crestone's attorney, the Town is responsible for enforcing its own codes and ordinances. The Sheriff has criminal jurisdiction throughout the entire county, (including municipalities.) The Sheriff is not separately paid by the town for enforcing state laws. If the Town and Sheriff's office were to enter into an intergovernmental agreement, the Sheriff could be paid for enforcing town ordinances.*

Discussion of Baca Property Owner's Assoc. management options dominate meetings

by John Rowe

The Board of Directors of the Baca Grande Property Owners Association (POA) met as regularly scheduled on June 25. The meeting began at 7:10pm, following an hour-long private executive session. All five board members were present with Board President Matie Belle Lakish presiding. Eight audience members were present.

The member forum was brief and concerned only with the status of the closed recycle center just west of the POA hall. The folks who are interested in reopening the center (Waste Free SLV from South Fork) want the POA to take over the \$200/month lease payment for the recycle container. The board expressed no interest in doing so and also cited liability concerns

over the fact that the container has been substantially altered by the addition of windows and doors. No further POA action is anticipated.

Ambulance Department Head Pam Gripp gave her last report and announced that a grant has been approved to help pay for a new ambulance and cot. A new ambulance director was announced. His name is Derek Garcia and he lives in Conejos County. He will be here three full days a week and will reside in the ambulance quarters.

Fire Chief Chris Botz announced that the Baca Fire Department will not burn the remains of the Shumei cabin, as too many liability issues exist. \$12,500 in Title 3 funds for mitigation was granted to the Baca and will provide a good start as to what is necessary to do a thorough job. An agreement to protect the KTTG stupa in case of fire was denied. Chief Botz cited insufficient access to bring in the large equipment necessary to fight

a fire there as the reason. Professional fire inspectors were very impressed with how well and how quickly the Baca volunteers put out the Shumei cabin blaze. Chief Botz was effusive with praise for his department and their performance, saying "I am very happy with my guys".

President Lakish had suggested a Pet Vaccination Day and it was move to try and have the Fire Station in the Baca sponsor such an event, hopefully with a local veterinarian.

Management options

A 45-minute discussion of management options for the Baca began at this point, with considerable back and forth taking place. Directors Fuller and McDonald are not satisfied with the Baca's current management company, HMI (Hammersmith), and said they would consider the other two management companies that responded

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to a POA request for proposal, or self management, along the lines the Baca has had in the past. Directors Lakish, Brooks, and Theriault are more open to consider rehiring HMI, as well as considering new management companies or self management. Community Manager Alison McClure spoke about the advantages of having all the expertise and resources HMI provides and how it helps her do her job effectively. Pros and cons of the options were brought up, examined by all, and it was decided to allocate a full hour for further discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

The July 9 meeting began at 7:15pm after a lengthy private executive session. All five board members were present with Board President Matie Belle Lakish presiding and six audience members attending.

The proposed agenda and last meeting's minutes were approved unanimously and the meeting moved to Member Forum.

An audience member wanted to know if there was any movement on the recycle center issue and was assured there was not. This POA board is not interested in running a recycling effort and it was suggested to contact the Town of Crestone to see if there are still recyclers coming to town once or twice a month.

No department reports were given at this meeting and the board moved into the hour-long further discussion of Baca management options.

Director Sugandha Brooks reported that one of the interested management companies, Pro Active, actually visited the Baca, spent the

night, and tried to get a feel for the community. Board members seemed to be impressed with this but some expressed doubt that a company with only five employees could really do the job. Like the meeting two weeks prior, there was considerable back and forth on the options at hand. Directors Fuller and McDonald once again brought up that they thought the Baca's current management company HMI (Hammersmith) had performed poorly in enough respects that they should not be retained. President Lakish and Director Joanna Theriault stated that the previous board had such a hostile stance toward HMI that effective relations were severely compromised. Director Theriault said that "the key was to work with the management company, not against them". Again, like the last meeting, no consensus emerged and the issue was very much still up in the air. The next step was agreed to be to explore piecemeal options with HMI, not just total management. Director Brooks suggested interviews with the two new perspective suitors and it was agreed to have an additional meeting just to conduct in-depth interviews. July 27 was decided to be the tentative date, dependent on everyone's schedule being able to work with that day.

The next issue on the agenda was to decide ballot issues, if any, in addition to voting for two new board members. The idea to reduce the 900SF minimum home size came up again, as it always does. The board agreed to consider this and, perhaps, other items for the near future.

Budget planning was chosen to commence in August and September with segments discussed and decided upon every week until it is finished with various department heads to give their input where it is appropriate. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.



POA NEWS

Tidbits for property owners

by the Baca Grande POA Baca Grande Golf Course

The Baca Grande POA would like to give a sincere "Thank you" to the community who help support the golf course. The POA is now running the golf course. Non-member greens fee is \$10. Donations are greatly appreciated for the up keep of the golf course maintained by the POA maintenance staff. Holes 5 and 6 have been reseeded and we ask that you please stay off of the reseeded areas. Please continue to support our efforts in making the golf course a beautiful setting for our locals and visitors.

Procedure for covenant violations in the Baca Grande POA

Anyone can file a complaint: members, board members, committee members, staff, renters and the general public. A Complaint form can be picked up at the POA Office or by going to our website at: www.bacapoa.org. Complaint forms can be dropped off at the office or emailed to: info@bacapoa.org.

When filing a complaint, please give as much detail as possible, i.e., who, what, when, where? Pictures are always helpful but especially with dog at large violations. Anonymous complaints will be researched, but in most cases it is more beneficial to not remain anonymous if further questions need to be asked about the complaint. The POA will make every effort to keep the person filing the complaint unnamed.

After the initial complaint has been filed, the Community Manager or the Land Use Administrator will make an attempt by phone to schedule a site visit with the homeowner to hopefully resolve the issue. If no phone contact is made, a first notice letter will be sent with a homeowner response form. The response form enables the homeowner to communicate how the violation will be resolved. If there is no response, a second notice will go out with a scheduled hearing date before the Environmental and Architectural Committee (EAC). A homeowner response form will be included with the second notice. The goal is to bring the violation into compliance without the need for a hearing. This can be accomplished by communicating with the POA office, conducting site visits, and creating a plan that works for

both the POA and the homeowner and bringing the violation into compliance. If there is no resolution to the violation, more letters will go out and more fines could be imposed. For full details on how the process works, please go to our website and read the Covenant Enforcement & Hearing Policy.

Baca Grande POA Mitigation Pit

It has been brought to our attention that construction debris is being dumped at the POA mitigation pit. Please be aware that we must meet certain requirements per our EPA permit in order to keep the Mitigation Pit open. Not only must we meet certain requirements, but it can be costly for members when heavy equipment tires are damaged due to nails, screws or other sharp objects contained within construction debris. There are also added costs when the POA Maintenance Department has to haul off construction debris to the dump. The Mitigation Pit is open 24 hours, 7 days a week at no charge. Only mitigated material may be dropped off at the pit. Absolutely no trash, palettes, wire, construction debris, or tree stumps are permitted in the Mitigation Pit. Distribute brush less than four inches diameter in the brush pile to the west and distribute firewood greater than four inches to the east in the firewood area.

The POA Maintenance Department puts a lot of effort into maintaining the Mitigation Pit. Let's all show our support and gratitude and keep the Mitigation Pit running smoothly for the POA Maintenance Department!

No cash accepted for Baca POA assessments

The Baca Grande POA will no longer be accepting cash payments for POA assessments due to new state laws. The new law requires that all money belonging to others which is collected by the POA for payments of assessments must be deposited within 5 business days upon receipt. Considering our location, this makes it impossible for the POA to meet this requirement and could be subject to disciplinary action by DORA including fines and revocation of licenses. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope that this does not have a substantial impact on members.

You may pay your assessments using a check or money order. Money orders are available at any post office for a small fee. Also, assessments can be paid online; go to www.bacapoa.org and click on the Payments link. For members who are on a payment plan, we recommend setting up an auto bill pay with your bank, or getting set up on an ACH plan and your payment will automatically be withdrawn from your account.

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CALL FOR CANDIDATES

For the October 9, 2015 Board of Directors Election

There will be two (2) vacancies on the Baca Grande POA Board of Directors this Fall. Any POA Member in Good Standing is eligible to become a candidate. Candidates may qualify to run for a position in one of the following ways:

- 1) Submit an application through the Nominating Committee. You may obtain a Candidate Packet through the POA office or online at www.bacapoa.org.
- 2) Obtain a petition with signatures of twenty-five (25) Members in Good Standing.

Candidates must submit their materials by 5:00 PM August 6, 2015 to the POA Office. Petitions must be verified by the POA Office prior to the due date. Contact the POA Office at 719-256-4171 or info@bacapoa.org if you have any questions.

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+ August 7, 8 & 9 +
Crestone Music Festival
+ 2015 +

A festival packed full of goodies

by Tom Dessain

Get your tickets now for the 17th Annual Crestone Music Festival August 7, 8, & 9 in beautiful Crestone, Colorado!

Our Friday night headliner is Lunar Fire.

+ Friday +



Lunar Fire

They are a multimedia, trans-cultural, musical spectacle with costumed dance, trapeze artists, fire dancers and world-class musicians. Opening for Lunar Fire is the green funk band Global Soul Experience. Also on Friday is the cello reggae of Intuit plus more.

+ Saturday +

Saturday night will feature 5 time Grammy-nominated and renowned guitarist Robben Ford. Robben has toured with Charlie Musselwhite, Joni Mitchell and Miles Davis. He has recorded with Bonnie Raitt, Bob Dylan, Phil Lesh and a host of others. Opening for Robben Ford is Todo Mundo, an award-winning Latin band with killer horns from San Diego. Also on Saturday will be soul from Mama Magnolia, belly dance from Belly Sattva, new age from Beth Quist,

+ Sunday +

country from Sandy Wells and more. Sunday features the legendary Young Dubliners! The band members' dual Irish and American heritage has always resulted in a distinctive and richly varied musical palette. Opening for the Young Dubliners is the Americana New Grass band sensation, Gipsy Moon. Also on Sunday will be Ghana drum & dance from Logo Liji, smooth country grass from the Rifiers and even more!

The festival is a 22-act, two-stage, multi-genre, multicultural event with camping, arts & crafts, great food, Colorado libations and a raffle. Our Kids' Zone features a climbing wall, a bouncy house/slide, games, hula-hoops,



Robben Ford



Young Dubliners

beach balls, bubbles, costumes, parades, aerial acts, stilts, putt-putt and story time. Workshops include tie-dye, tumbling, drumming for all ages, creative art using nature, paints, and recycled materials. The contests are men's and women's wood chopping, limbo and pie eating.

We have a raffle with five prizes. First is our destination prize which includes ski, concert, hot springs and river rafting packages. Next is a pile of Colorado Hot Springs day passes. It in-



Todo Mundo



Global Soul Experience

cludes over 50 total day passes to five Colorado hot springs. We also have a brand new Martin acoustic electric guitar that comes with a hard shell case, Fishman active electronics and a full warranty. Robben Ford's signature will make it one-of-a-kind! Next is a \$500 gift certificate to Kristi Mountain Sports. And last but not least is Christmas in August. You win a wide assortment of items and services from our festival vendors. It includes jewelry, clothing, leather goods, woodworking, candles, toys, massages, pottery, photos, services and more! Ticket prices are the same again at \$7 for one, 3 for \$15 or 5 for \$20. Tickets can be purchased during the festival.

All ticket prices have been frozen from 2014. Advance prices are available until 6pm Thursday August 6. Prices are: Under 12 free; teens \$10/day or \$25/weekend; advance adults \$27/Friday (\$30 gate), \$37/Saturday (\$40 gate), \$27/Sunday (\$30 gate) or \$75/weekend (\$80 gate); advance seniors (60+) \$17/Friday (\$20 gate), \$22/Saturday (\$25 gate), \$17/Sunday (\$20 gate) or \$45/weekend (\$50 gate). Camping prices have been reduced to \$25, which covers four days per person.

Please visit www.crestfest.org and order your tickets or call our office at 719-256-4533 or toll free at 855-85MUSIC. The Crestone Music Festival is a production of Crestone Performances Inc., a 501c3 non-profit community service organization.



The Rifiers

Thank you Aventa!

Aventa Credit Union and Crestone Performances have teamed-up again to award \$500 in scholarships to local students. The winners are Chenoa Off and Quincy Meisman. Both girls will be seniors at the Crestone Charter School. Each student will receive \$250 for lessons and music. The official award ceremony will happen at 7:30 August 8 at the 17th Annual Crestone Music festival.

Chenoa Off is a vocalist who has performed in musical classes and performances with the Creed Repertoire Theatre. She has also performed at the Crestone Charter School in many productions including three years in the Charter School Rock Band. Her goals are to continue to learn about her voice and develop it to its full potential. She also wants to continue singing and acting in musicals.

Quincy Meisman plays piano and violin. She has performed at the Crestone Charter School and can be heard at the school at odd times of the day playing away. Her goals, at this time, are to continue learning her instruments and to increase her proficiency.

Our thanks go out to Aventa Credit Union for fully funding this program. They have been generous, gracious and sincere in their efforts to make a difference with students and the arts in our community. Thank you Aventa! For more information please call 719-256-4533.

+ Win hot springs vacation packages and other great prizes in the raffle +

The Crestone Music Festival Raffle has cool prizes. First is our destination prize which includes ski, concert, hot springs and river rafting packages. Specifically, we have overnights for 2 at Joyful Journey and Cottonwood Hot Springs. We have an overnight for 2 at Valley View Hot Springs with a catered dinner. There is an overnight at the Windsor Hotel in Del Norte.

We have concert vouchers for Wildwood Sounds concert hall in Del Norte, the Gunnison Arts Center and the Durango Community Concert Hall. We have ski passes to Monarch, Wolf Creek and Arapahoe Basin. A new addition is two rafting trips with Buffalo Joe's White Water Rafting.

Not to be out-cooled is our pile of Colorado hot springs day passes prize. It includes 10 passes to Joyful Journey Hot Springs, 4 passes to Orient Land Trust, 10 passes to Orvis Hot Springs, 2 passes to Cottonwood Hot Springs and \$300 towards the package of your choice at the Sand Dunes Swimming Pool! Folks, that's a sack of soaks.



Still cool is a brand new Martin acoustic electric guitar worth over \$900! It comes with a hard shell case, Fishman active electronics and a full warranty. Robben Ford's signature will make it one-of-a-kind!

The prize from Kristi Mountain Sports in Alamosa is \$500 credit to be used towards any

product or products from their store. This can include hiking gear, ski gear, climbing gear or a mountain bike. They have a huge selection of products and it's just plain ol' cool to shop at a sporting goods store.

Our last but not least prize is a cool Christmas in August. You win a wide assortment of items and services from our festival vendors. The exact value is unpredictable but has exceeded \$1,000 every time so far. It includes items such as jewelry, clothing, arts & crafts, leather goods, woodworking, candles, hoola-hoops, massages, pottery, photos, services and more!

Ticket prices are the same again: one for \$7, 3 for \$15, or 5 for \$20. Tickets can be purchased during the festival or from CPI board members. Board members are: Peter Taylor, Aaron Conrad, Don Richmond, Kizzen Lakai, Akia Tanara, Dennis Neuhaus, Eli Dokson, Steve Westra, Sarah Koehn Fry and Dan Perlman. They're all carrying so grab 'em and get 'em!

Activities abound



The 17th Annual Crestone Music Festival has piles of exciting activities, workshops, games and arts and crafts planned for kids of all ages! To start the morning off right, we will have registered yoga teacher Cynthia Nielsen offering free morning yoga workshops for all levels and ages and afternoon Kids' Yoga Too.

The Salida Circus will be back with parades, aerial acts, stilts and multiple performances. Rosario will be returning to offer his workshop, "We are the drum" for all ages. The traditional men's and women's wood chopping, limbo, and pie-eating contests will be back. We will still have hula-hoops, beach balls, and bubbles drifting about.

New this year will be Artsy Ansley who will coordinate the Kids'

Zone and provide opportunities for kids to get creative using nature, paints, and recycled materials.

Also new is a huge bouncy house slide plus a little putt-putt course. Ansley will also have games and giggles and story time too.

Another new activity will be a tie dye workshop Sunday afternoon. Bring your white T-shirts, undies, socks, pillow cases and whatever close to white you got!

Our Family Tent and activities are located on the west end of the festival. The schedule of activities will be posted at the gate, on the family tent, and in the program. All workshops are free. So get your young-on and plan to play at the party! For more information call us at 719-256-4533.



+ 2015 Schedule +

Friday, August 7th

1:30 – 2:15 (west stage)	River Bottom Blues Band
2:45 - 3:45 (west stage)	Blue Rooster
4:00 – 5:30 (east stage)	Intuit
6:00 – 7:30 (west stage)	Global Soul Experience
8:00 – 10:00 (east stage)	Lunar Fire

Saturday, August 8th

10:30 – 11:15 (east stage)	Rusty Lovell
11:30 – 12:15 (east stage)	Cari and James
12:40 – 1:20 (east stage)	Fiji Acoustic
1:30 – 2:30 (west stage)	Sandy Wells
2:45 – 3:45 (east stage)	Beth Quist
3:45 – 4:00	Break - Women's Wood Chopping Contest
4:00 – 4:30 (west stage)	Belly Sattva
4:30 – 4:50	Break – Men's Wood Chopping Contest
4:50 – 6:00 (east stage)	Mama Magnolia
6:15 – 7:30 (west stage)	Todo Mundo
7:30 - 8:00	Break – Scholarship Award
8:00 - 9:30 (east stage)	Robben Ford

Sunday, August 9th

8:00	ScSeed Pancake Breakfast
8:30– 9:00 (east stage)	Seat of the Pants String Band
9:30 – 10:30 (east stage)	CB Jazz
10:45 – 11:45 (west stage)	The Sonic Apothecary
12:00 – 1:00 (east stage)	Teddy and the Tarantulas
1:00 – 1:15	Break – Pie Eating Contest
1:15 – 2:30 (west stage)	The Rifters
2:45 – 3:45 (east stage)	Logo Ligi
3:45 – 4:00	Break – Limbo Contest
4:00 - 5:30 (west stage)	Gypsy Moon
5:30 – 6:00	Break – Raffle Drawing
6:00 – 7:30 (east stage)	The Young Dubliners



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Robin Ross in her studio.

photo by John Conrad

Robin Ross retrospective to be held at Shumei August 23

August 23 at 3pm Shumei International Institute in Crestone will be hosting a retrospective symposium for painter Robin Ross. Robin lived and worked in Crestone from 2011 until her death in February of this year. Robin was instrumental in Crestone's art scene. She was a founder and guiding force of CrestoneArtists.com group, its webmaster, principal organizer of the group's regular salons for local artists and of the last three Crestone Open Studio Tours and the Crestone Perpetual Open Studios project.

Join us Sunday August 23 starting at 3pm to 5pm as we celebrate the life and work of Robin Ross.

The exhibit will include paintings on canvas, in altered books and on wooden cigar boxes including work from Robin's series Spiritual Portraits, Animal Postures and Numinous Marks and

Remarks, and as well as examples of Robin's assemblage sculpture. Robin's paintings are heavily layered and glazed, with words and colors scratched into an atmosphere of intensity creating both physical depth and deep radiance. She wrote "I try to relay what grounds us to stay earthbound—discovering how we as humans exist on terrain that is a meld of animal, plant and cosmic matter. Having encountered near death experiences and thus having seen a different side of life has given me an unusual perspective of reality. I address themes of existence and persistence by exposing the light and energy that I recog-



Sky Climber, by Robin Ross.



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nize." Her stated aspiration was to "transform each painting into the dreamtime that allows for transcendence physically, conceptually and spiritually."

Robin was educated at the University of Colorado (1977 BFA) and New York University. She formed her personal sense of color and immediacy as a child, influenced by Degas, Braque and Brueghel reproductions. At eighteen she went into a brief coma and near-death experience that brought an aspect of deep spirituality to her life and work.

Ross had solo exhibitions in New York City at L.I.C.K. Ltd., Saatchi & Saatchi Worldwide, Keyspan Energy, The Independence Community Foundation and Belanthi Gallery; Beside Myself Gallery in Vermont, Evoltus Gallery in Florida and Shumei Intl. in CO. Group exhibitions in New York City included Art in General, P.S. 1 Museum, Longwood Center for the Arts, Tabla Rasa Gallery, and numerous college and university exhibits. Two person exhibits included Marymount College and ZGD Dance Co. both in NYC, and Maclaren Markowitz Gallery in Boulder CO, among many others.

Her paintings were reproduced in publications including *Art in General Manual 1992-1993*, *The New York Daily News*, *And Then, Flying Into the Sun*, and *Zeek Mag-*

azine. Ross appeared on Live at Five as a featured artist on NBC's "Local Focus", in the independent film by David Varga about her project *Animal Postures*, and in *Robin Ross: A Look at Hands* conceived and produced by international filmmaker Leybe Diaz.

Her work is present in many private, corporate and public collections, including Pfizer Inc., the International Monetary Fund, Corporate Office Properties Trust, the Brooklyn Marriott Hotel, Kentler International Drawing Space, Ohm Acoustics Inc., and UNM Medical Center in Santa Fe, NM. She authored *Open Doors*, a book of artist interviews, which is in the library collections of the Guggenheim, Museum of Modern Art and Rutgers University, among others.

Ross was the recipient of 3 Sage Brush Fund awards, an Independence Community Foundation endowment, the Adolph and Ester Gottlieb Foundation Emergency Grant, and a residency co-sponsored by the American and Spanish Embassies and Adesjo Fundacion in Ocoa, Dominican Republic. An extensive retrospective exhibition of Ross' work will be mounted this fall at Point Gallery in Denver. Robin's enthusiastic joy touched many. This local retrospective will hang the entire month of August. The Shumei gallery is open daily 9 to 5pm.

Poetry & steel drumming with Paul Goldman at Shumei Aug. 28

Paul Goldman offers "An Ecstatic Performance" Friday August 28 at 7pm at Shumei International Institute. Paul's poetry is accompanied by Liz Walsh on Steel Drum. There is a \$10 suggested donation. All proceeds benefit the artists.

You are invited to come away for a while, to allow yourself to fall deeper, yet deeper, into a meditative experience, where all of you and everything about you is more than welcome. Imagine in this moment, you yourself are a blank canvas. Whatever you dream, is available for you. You decide this time how your own life is to manifest.

Come on in and paint you any way you see fit. Yes, this is your moment to come away for just a while longer. Come on in, come on in . . .

Paul Goldman is an ecstatic poet! That being said, what does that mean?

As the thirteenth century mystic Jalal Ad-Din Muhammad Rumi wrote:

When your heart is free of limiting ego,

then you will see the ageless Beloved.

You cannot see yourself without a mirror;

Look at the Beloved, see that (S)He is the brightest mirror.

So, too, has Paul's journey been to peel away the layers of self masking the true vision of what has always been right before his eyes, nothing less than the Very Beloved, the one he invokes to make sense of this mortal existence. Stripped of artifice and distractions then, has been his path to seeing himself and the Beloved as One. Secure in this foundation, the veil thinned

further, the walls of separation crumbled to dust and everyone was revealed to be breathing in the sweetness of being One with each other.



Poet Paul Goldman at Shumei International Institute Aug. 28.

The natural progression of this process has been an increasing urgency to convey the messages of hope, of peace, of solace and of our own awakening inherent in these perceived poems. You are invited to let these sacred words ease into the marrow of your being so that you too may find the connection Divine to your own unique Source.

Join us for a unique performance. Weather and bugs permitting we will be in the outdoor amphitheater at Shumei in Crestone. For more information visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKSXLh0_yd0 and <http://ecstaticpoet.homestead.com/index.html>.

Get a taste of the west! Del Norte Covered Wagon Days happens July 30-August 2

Covered Wagon Days this year is loaded with displays (quilts, cars, draft horses & wagons, branding irons and photographs), events (architectural and historical tour, parade, dog show, barbecue, pancake breakfast, horseshoe tournament and ice cream social), live music, a cavalry encampment (learn about life in the 1870's on the campaign trail), 5k run, kids' area, games, and sales. Great food and refreshments will be served from the chuckwagon.

The Flying W Wranglers from Colorado Springs will be in concert featuring western swing and country western music under the Big Top tent. Odin Dean opens the festivities at 6pm. Funds raised will benefit veterans from all eras who reside in the San Luis Valley, and will be distributed by the Veterans' Administration at Homelake.

A chuckwagon pig roast dinner will be held on Friday, July 31 at the Encampment behind Jack's Market, beginning at 6pm. Ron Martinez, from Mountain View Restaurant, will be roasting up the whole pig with his famous green chile, and other delights will be courtesy of Calvillo's Mexican Comfort Kitchen and the Covered Wagon Days, Inc. Board members. Funds raised will benefit Veterans

from all eras who reside in the San Luis Valley.

Saturday is Parade Day, with an Open House on Grande Avenue. At 11 am the Del Norte Volunteer Fire Department hosts their BBQ Lunch at the Firehouse.

After the Parade, cars, motorcycles and trucks will line up on Columbia Street for the CWD Car Show. Some of the magnificent draft horses and wagons will be available for a closer look. You will be able to catch a ride on a haywagon, which will take you on an historical tour of the town's architecture led by Mark Jones, architect and historian, and by Louise Colville, historian and lifetime resident. The tour is a can't-miss event! Stop by Kathy's Fabric Trunk and vote on your favorites in the "Pieces of Del Norte" Quilt Show.

Posters are up around the valley with the full schedule, and you can pick up brochures to take home at a number of locations including Del Norte's restaurants, the Rio Grande County Museum and area-wide visitors' centers. More details are available at www.coveredwagondays.org, as well as registration forms. Tickets are now on sale for the concert and dinner, which can be purchased online using PayPal, by mail or by calling 719-657-0286.



Bernie Skydrumm, Jennifer Friedman and Wonder Bob will facilitate the Dances of Universal Peace.

Dances of Universal Peace August 13-16

The great sufi sages climbed the majestic mountains immersing themselves in the universal life force pervading the earth, nature, and all that is. This essence can be observed in any person, living thing, crystal, molecule, atom, or celestial body. Knowing we are all connected to each other through the unified field, peace is the only way.

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Bernie Skydrummer: Torrey, Utah. Dancing and leading since the 70's. An expert musician, percussionist and facilitator of grace.

Jennifer Friedman: Longmont, CO. A singer/songwriter, and interfaith minister. Her beautiful voice creates a resonate frequency of bliss.

Wonder Bob: Crestone, CO. A metaphysician, singer/songwriter, and facilitator of consciousness, channeling powerful shakti to the dance.

Dances: Thurs. 7pm, Fri. 2 & 7pm, Sat. 10 & 6pm, Sun. 12

Ceremonies: Sat. 2pm Stupa, Yuwipi 9pm, Sun. Ziggurat 9am

Questions? wonder_bob@msn.com 719-937-3052 Slipstreamintelligence.com.

ALMA presents Emily Robinson Aug. 6

The Alamosa Live Music Association presents singer/songwriter Emily Robinson in concert on Thursday, August 6 at 6:30pm. The concert will take place in a unique studio venue located at 13201 Chamisa Trail just outside of Alamosa. Concert attendees will need to bring their own chair and may bring their own refreshments.

Emily Robinson grew up in North Carolina where she was steeped in the soulful old-time, Americana and folk music of the South. Influenced by powerful female voices such as Joni Mitchell, Patty Griffin, and Emmylou Harris, Emily joins the choir of women who sing bare and beautiful songs

about real life, hope and heartache, accompanied by her solo guitar. She currently calls Chattanooga, TN home, although she left a piece of her heart in the San Luis Valley when she lived here in 2010. Emily is thrilled to be returning to Alamosa for a live performance and a little of that valley magic.

Tickets: \$15 General Admission, \$13 ALMA members, \$10 Students/Seniors/Community Volunteers. Advance tickets available at the Narrow Gauge.

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Living Well transportation survey results

We are all aware of the transportation difficulties that arise when one lives in a remote area, where such services as health care can require an hour's drive, both coming and going. Those who find driving difficult or impossible because of health or financial issues are particularly burdened. To address these issues, a small group of volunteers (the Living Well Crestone Project) has been meeting for about a year now. A non-profit, OccupyCrestone.US, has been created to address this and other community needs. To see whether a community public transportation alternative is currently feasible, a survey was circulated both physically and online.

Would Crestone/Baca benefit from a public transportation service to Alamosa/Salida/Hooper Pool? More than 95% of respondents said "yes".

How important is transportation to Alamosa/Salida/Hooper Pool? Alamosa was the biggest priority identified, though Salida was a close second. Hooper Pool was rated as "very important" by more than 19% of respondents. From comments received, it is apparent that a service with multiple stops



in the Alamosa and Salida destinations is desirable, and this will be addressed later.

What fee structure (round trip) is reasonable if public transportation is available? This is the question that brought the most varied responses. The suggested fees of \$7.50 and \$10.00 received the most responses.

Would you use public transportation to Alamosa/Salida/Hooper Pool if available? 52% said "absolutely," 33% said "maybe," and 10% of respondents indicated that they would not.

Not surprisingly, the need for a public transportation alternative was most apparent in those over 50, though there was substantial interest in other age groups. Survey questions related to fee structure, probable frequency of use, and demographic data will be used to generate a business plan to determine whether this project is feasible at this time. Many thanks to all who participated.

CAUTION!

Crestone Bear Alert!

Several bears are roaming around the Baca and Crestone area, especially at dusk and during the night. There have been several reports of bears breaking into occupied homes, breaking through screened windows

and tearing open partially open windows, raiding refrigerators and trashing kitchens.

There have also been reports of bears breaking into and damaging automobiles.

They are not very afraid of humans.

They could become aggressive if they feel threatened.

Be very careful walking around at night.

Be mindful of your children and pets.

Do not leave food in your car, tent, camper or leave bear attractants in your yard.

Close porch and ground-level house windows at night and especially while you are away.

If you encounter a bear, back away, go to a safe place.

The Sheriff & the Division of Wildlife are aware of the problems with the bears. If there are more serious problems, then the bears could be removed and killed.

Please, for your safety
and the bears',
Be Bear Aware!

Recycling rezooms

You can bring your clean, sorted recyclables to the parking lot across the street from Aventa on the first & third Saturdays of each month, 10am-2pm. Waste Free SLV will be asking \$10 to take away the average household's recyclables, less for small amounts, more for larger.

Waste Free SLV takes, sorted into these categories:

- Plastics 1-7 (please discard plastic lids & caps)
- Glass bottles & jars
- Other glass (window panes, light bulbs, etc.)
- Steel (cans, metal lids, caps, etc)
- Aluminum (cans, foil, trays, etc)
- Plasticized cartons (milk, soup, etc.)
- Corrugated cardboard
- All other types of paper

Bill and Tina hope soon to be able to take plastic bags, but for now please take them to retailers who have plastic bag collection bins. If you have any questions, please call them at 719-588-2703.

Crestone Creative District news: Outdoor art, Welcome Center

by Kairina Danforth

An outdoor public art installation is planned by the Crestone Creative District for early August. The Polish tapestry "Sunset" has been donated to the District by Vince Palermo in memory of his recently departed wife, Mary. The installation will also feature a temporary donation of a large marble sculpture by Posey Nelson, which will sit at the entrance of the access trail. The weekend trail-building work session will be followed by a formal dedication ceremony. The CYP group will be assisting with the trail creation. Details will be posted on Facebook.

Several members of the CYP group have also expressed an interest in exploring mountain biking options in the Crestone/Baca area as well as learning more about trail building. Moira Forsythe is working with Lisa Bodey to have some CYP riders at the upcoming 12 hours of Penitence bike race event in Penitente Canyon on Oct. 18.

We now have a Crestone Welcome Center, collaboratively created by the Crestone Area Business Alliance, the Crestone Creative District, and financial support from the Saguache County Tourism Council. Swaha has accepted the position of Volunteer Coordinator and is seeking volunteers, as she says, "to help visitors with directions, information about food, lodging, trails, local arts and crafts, performances, spiritual center/events and anything else to inform those who are coming to explore our culturally-rich-but-not-so-easy-to-navigate community. For more information about volunteering to become a part of our new Welcome Center, contact Swaha at SwahaUS@gmail.com or 719-256-4470. Many thanks to Museum Director Jim McCalpin for allowing the Welcome Center to become a part of the Crestone Historical Museum.



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Grand Opening Celebration of the new

 **Moffat Pre-K-12 School**
Consolidated School District #2

Ribbon Cutting, Open House, Tours and Community Barbecue

Moffat Consolidated School District #2 is pleased to invite our community to the **GRAND OPENING** of the new Moffat Pre-K-12 School. This event will be held on
Friday, August 7th at 11:00am.
501 Garfield, Moffat, Colorado

Planned activities include Official Ribbon Cutting, Open House, Tours and BBQ.

With the long history and traditions of Moffat Pre-K-12 School, the school district wants to invite students, parents and the community to join us in celebrating our new school!

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Franz Marc & the Blue Riders

Experience a moment in art history when German Expressionism emerged. It was a very artistic time when artists such as Paul Gauguin, Van Gogh, and Picasso were developing their work. Marc befriended Kandinsky and August Macke who influenced his short life.

Paintings, quotes, artists' life stories, degenerate art, a poem, music with Bruce Becker, Richard Collier, Ammi Kohn and Jennifer Thomson presented Monday, August 10 at 7pm, Cloud Station. Free admission.



Lost Cat

Willow was last seen July 19 at her home at Camino Baca Grande & N. Crestone Overlook. She's an indoor/outdoor cat who slipped through a screen door. She has a pink collar with tags & ID. If you see her, or her collar, please call Whitney at 719-256-4242 or 480-0874. Thank you so very much.

New County Commissioner hours at local offices

Our three Saguache County Commissioners will be rotating their visits to Crestone, Saguache and Center. On the second Monday of each month a different commissioner will be in Crestone at the Crestone Realty building, corner of Galena and Alder, from 9am to 2pm to meet with citizens. On August 10, Ken Anderson will be in Crestone; on September 14 it will be Jason Anderson; and on October 12 Tim Lavato. On the 4th Monday of each month Jason Anderson will continue to be at the Crestone office. Want to meet with your County Commissioners? Stop by and say hi.

Swami Atmavidyananda talks at ashram

On Saturday August 22, at 3pm at the Haidakhandi Universal Ashram Temple, there will be a talk and satsang with Swami Atmavidyananda from the Kriya Yoga Institute in Homestead, FL on Kriya Yoga and the Divine Mother. Call 719-256-4108 with questions. All are welcome.

Moffat School Grand Opening August 7

The new Moffat School will celebrate its Official Grand Opening with a community ribbon cutting ceremony at 11am on Friday August 7.

The school district is inviting students, families and the community. Planned activities include an open house, tours and barbeque.

The new Moffat School will host approximately 120 students. In addition to flexible classrooms, this exciting 21st century learning facility will house specialty classrooms such as a science lab, computer lab, and industrial arts room, as well as a gym, kitchen and cafeteria, music room and stage.

Funding for this school was provided through the Building Excellent Schools Today program from School Trust Lands and the voters of the Moffat Consolidated School District #2.

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."
-Robert Louis Stevenson

Sacred purification with the elements

A two-part workshop with Native American teacher and healer Láné Sáan Moonwalker

Sacred fire and water have been used for purification throughout the ages. Every lasting spiritual tradition has worked with these sacred elements to be more in alignment with universal flow. Understanding this alchemical process is essential in these times so that resolution and healing can take place. This is beneficial for anyone on a spiritual path.

We'll work with our own personal process on the first day, and on the second day we'll participate in a sacred purification ceremony as a group.

Although each day of the workshop can be taken separately, it is highly encouraged to do both days.

Saturday, August 22 from 9:30 to 4:30, and Sunday, August 23 (Sunday's time and place TBA). \$75 for one day of the workshop or \$140 for both days. To register and for location call Dorje Root, 719-937-7786, or dorjeroot@yahoo.com. Private sessions are available.



Saguache County Museum offers Sunday programs

You are welcome to attend the following Sunday programs at 1:30pm at the Saguache County Museum.

Aug. 9 - Elaine Woodard & Delores Worley: Italy, Then & Now

Aug. 16 - Ken Frye: Local Area Petroglyphs & Rock Art

Aug. 23 - Jim Moore: Scandinavian Memories

Aug. 30 - Barbara Maat, author of *Westward Woman: My Two Thousand Mile Trek of Raw Discovery Along the Donner Trail*, and book signing

The Museum would like to begin collecting yearbooks from Saguache County schools. Please donate, if you can.

The Museum will host the Annual Photo Contest in conjunction with the Saguache Art Fest 2015 on August 22. For further information call Sara Fernandez at 719-239-0366.

Baca National Wildlife Refuge Open House August 21

Friday August 21 the Refuge is hosting an Open House at the Baca Office, 1pm-4pm.

Baca National Wildlife Refuge invites you to take a tour and see what's new on your national wildlife refuge.

Tours are approximately 4 hours long and leave promptly at 9am from the new office at the former ranch headquarters on County Road T. Reservations are required: call 719-256-5527. Limited seating available; first come, first served.

Thursday August 20:
Ranch History tour

Friday August 21: Baca Office Open House 1pm-4pm

Thursday September 3:
Fall Management tour

Thursday September 24:
Elk Management / Viewing tour

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

Monthly Events

Friday, July 31

- Blue Moon – All Day
- Full Moon Fire Ceremony, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am free www.babajashram.org 256-4108
- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-10:45 am
- Concert with “Zen Cowboy” Chuck Pyle – Shumei International Institute 7-9pm \$15 Donation

Saturday, August 1

- Yang & Hadelich, Salida Aspen Concerts, Salida HS 7:30pm \$15, \$3 studentssalidaaspenconcerts.org 719-539-6467

Sunday, August 2

- Drop-in Meditation – Choying Dzong 10am-1pm
- Mariachi San Luis – Cole Park 6:00 pm-8:00 pm free, www.almaonline.org 719-937-1255

Monday, August 3

- Town of Crestone Planning Commission Regular Meeting – Crestone Town Center 6-8pm

Tuesday, August 4

- Embodied Meditation Exploration Circle – 144 E Galena Ave 7-8:30 pm free 720-441-2850

Wednesday, August 5

- Tea Circle, 4:30 pm-7:30 pm free 719-256-4656
- Thai Yoga Massage, Crestone Healing Arts Ctr 6-9pm \$20 sherrysummers.com 314-378-5942

Thursday, August 6

- Baca Nat'l Wildlife Refuge tour: Invasive Species Mgmt 9am-1pm fws.gov/refuge/baca 719-256-5527
- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome. – 4-6pm Free/ Donation nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290
- Emily Robinson performs, Alamosa, Studio venue 6:30pm
- Foreign Film: “Wild Tales” – Cozy Castle Cinema 7:00 pm-9:00 pm \$7.00 719-221-4159

Friday, August 7

- Art Retreat with Jennifer Thomson – Sun Studio All Day \$355 719-937-7694
- New Moffat School Grand Opening – Moffat School 11:00 am
- Crestone Music Festival – Challenger Golf Course 6:00 pm-10:00 pm crestfest.org

Saturday, August 8

- Crestone Music Festival – Challenger Golf Course 10:00 am-10:00 pm crestfest.org
- Anton Nel, Salida Aspen Concerts, Salida HS 7:30pm \$15, \$3 studentssalidaaspenconcerts.org 719-539-6467

Sunday, August 9

- Monthly Sampai, Shumei Sanctuary 10:30am-noon free www.shumeicrestone.org 719-256-5284
- Crestone Music Festival – Challenger Golf Course noon-8:00 pm crestfest.org

- Talk: Italy, Then & Now, Saguache Museum 1:30pm
- Dakini Tsok (Vajrayana communal feast) – Choying Dzong 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Monday, August 10

- County Commissioner hours in Crestone – Crestone Realty 9:00 am-2:00 pm
- No. Sag. Co. Library Dist. monthly meeting, Baca Library 9-11:30am nscld.colibraries.org 719-655-2551
- Savitri Immersion Workshop – Savitri House 9am-6pm \$250 719-256-6010 or 206-963-0989
- Crestone Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – Crestone Town Center 1:30 pm-6:30 pm
- Franz Marc & Blue Riders art presentation – Cloud Station 7:00 pm-8:15 pm 937-7694

Tuesday, August 11

- Embodied Meditation Exploration Circle – 144 E Galena Ave 7-8:30pm free 720-441-2850

Wednesday, August 12

- Perseid meteor shower – 1:00 am-3:00 am

Thursday, August 13

- Yuwipi Ceremony/Dances of Universal Peace, all day slipstreamintelligence.com 719-937-3052
- BGPOA Board meeting – BGPOA Meeting Room 6:00 pm-9:00 pm bacapoa.org 719-256-4171
- Edgar Meyer, Salida Aspen Concerts, Salida HS 7:30pm \$15, \$3 studentssalidaaspenconcerts.org 719-539-6467

Friday, August 14

- New Moon – All Day
- New Moon Fire Ceremony, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am free www.babajashram.org 256-4108
- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-10:45 am
- Baca Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Open House, 1-4pm www.fws.gov/refuge/baca 719-256-5527
- C/BG Friends of Library meeting – Crestone Town Hall Meeting Room 1:30 pm

Saturday, August 15

- Saturday Prayer Breakfast – Crestone Baptist Church 8:00 am-10:00 am
- Delightenment shadow wisdom workshop 9am-9pm \$75-125, shadowwise.net 413-441-1563

Sunday, August 16

- Drop-in Meditation – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- Talk: Local Area Petroglyphs & Rock Art – Saguache Museum 1:30 pm
- Living Wisdom presentation, Savitri House 3pm Free
- Blue Canyon Boys – Cole Park 6:00 pm-8:00 pm FREE www.almaonline.org 719-937-1255

Thursday, August 20

- Baca Nat'l Wildlife Refuge tour: Ranch History, 9am-1pm www.fws.gov/refuge/baca 719-256-5527

Saturday, August 22

- Camino de Crestone pilgrimage – All Day www.caminodecrestone.com
- Photo contest, Saguache Museum all day 719-239-0366
- Workshop with Láné Sáan Moonwalker, 9:30am-4:30pm \$75 one day, \$140 both 719-937-7786
- Saguache Art Festival – Downtown Saguache 10am-5pm Free www.SaguacheChamber.org
- Swami Atmavidyanada: Kriya Yoga & Divine Mother – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 3pm free www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108
- Dinner & Movie – Crestone Baptist Church 6pm

Sunday, August 23

- Talk: Scandinavian Memories – Saguache Museum 1:30 pm
- Retrospective Symposium for painter Robin Ross, Shumei Gallery 3-5pm free www.shumeicrestone.org 256-5284
- SLV Big Band – Cole Park 6:00 pm-8:00 pm free www.almaonline.org 719-937-1255

Monday, August 24

- Commissioner J. Anderson in Crestone – Crestone Realty 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Tuesday, August 25

- Guru Rinpoché Tsok (Vajrayana communal feast) – Choying Dzong 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Thursday, August 27

- Crestone Energy Fair, Downtown Crestone all day
- Sufi Dhikr All Welcome – 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Free/ Donation nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290

Friday, August 28

- Crestone Energy Fair, Downtown Crestone all day
- Spoken word & steel drum, Shumei, 7-9pm \$10, www.shumeicrestone.org 256-5284

Saturday, August 29

- Crestone Energy Fair, Downtown Crestone all day
- Full Moon – All Day
- Full Moon Fire Ceremony, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am free www.babajashram.org 256-4108
- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-10:45 am

Sunday, August 30

- Crestone Energy Fair, Downtown Crestone all day
- Talk: 2000 miles on Donner Trail – Saguache Museum 1:30 pm

Thursday, September 3

- Baca Nat'l Wildlife Refuge tour: Fall Mgmt. – 9am-1pm www.fws.gov/refuge/baca 719-256-5527

Friday, September 11

- Free Solar Training, All Day free 719-256-4656

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

Sunday

- Bible Study & Service Crestone Baptist Church 10am-noon
- First run movie Cozy Castle Cinema 7pm \$7 719-221-4159
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Town Hall 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 719 937 7769

Monday

- Karate Summer Training CCS 6:15-7:30pm \$50 adults; \$30 students & family members 413-219-7774

Tuesday

- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, 5-6:45pm By donation shaktisharanam.com 719-256-5668
- Basic Mindfulness Meditation instruction & practice 6:30-8pm free KTTG.org 360-370-7770, 719-256-4764
- Feldenkrais Lessons 1538 Willow Creek Way 5:45-6:45pm \$2 256-4480
- Karate Summer Training CCS 6:15-7:30pm \$50 adults; \$30 students & family members 413-219-7774
- Quigong for health & healing Enchanted Sacred Space 9:00 am-10:15 am \$40 413-441-1563

Wednesday

- Yoga Fundamentals & Refinements Shakti Sharanam 8:30-10am By donation shaktisharanam.com 256-5668
- Crestone Food Bank Crestone Town Hall 1-3pm
- Karate Summer Training CCS 6:15-7:30pm \$50 adults; \$30 students & family members 413-219-7774
- iNtEgRaTiVe YOGA YES Bldg next to library 9:15 am-10:30 am \$11 719-298-0360

- Gentle Yoga YES Bldg next to library 11:00 am-12:30 pm 719-298-0360
- Shadow Wisdom Collin Ricketts' home 7-9pm \$15/evening www.shadowwise.net 413-441-1563
- Bible study Crestone Baptist Church

Thursday

- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45 pm By donation 719-256-5668
- Karate Summer Training CCS 6:15 pm-7:30 pm \$50 adults; \$30 students & family members 413-219-7774
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Baptist Church noon-1pm

Friday

- Encaustics Workshop Firstthought Studios 1-3pm \$50 www.facebook.com/Firstthought 256-4848
- First Run Movie Cozy Castle Cinema 7-10pm \$7.00 719-221-0159

Saturday

- First Run Movie Cozy Castle Cinema 4-7pm \$7.00 719-221-0159



Crestone's 4th of July celebration! Parade, booths, music, races, games and so much fun!

photos and collage by Lori Nagel



Lori took this Cooper's Hawk's photo on 8/31/2010. They were driving down Road AA in the valley, and there were 3 Cooper's Hawks flying overhead. Her partner pulled over just as 2 of them were landing on some fenceposts next to the road. Lori got out her camera and just zoomed in and started shooting. This lovely creature jumped from one post to another and back again—with its dinner—giving Lori many opportunities to get a good wingspan photo. She is so appreciative of the gift of this photo!

photo by Lori Nagel

Crestone Artisan's Gallery features photographer Lori Nagel

Local photographer Lori Nagel began visiting Crestone in 2005 and moved here in 2010 from the Denver/Boulder area. With her computer science degree in tow, she had worked for IBM Global Services for 11 years as a Certified Project Manager, working from home and managing multi-million dollar international projects for the Lucent & Avaya Corporations.

"Even though I was involved in many mentoring programs and Community Service organizations during that time, I felt so empty and unfulfilled on such a deep level," Lori recalls.

She started attending Unity Church in Boulder in 2002. She started visiting Crestone in 2005. In 2007, there was a magnet on her

fridge that had quite a large impact on her: "If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life!" "I used to just stare at it, and I would think, what *is* that? What do I love?"

So she started taking classes at Denver Free University, which has teachers who are experts in their professions, rather than professors. "I took classes in pottery, playing pool, meditation, watercolor, candle-making, Reiki, how to support your wanderlust by getting paid to travel around the world—stuff like that," she says.

In December of 2007, she took a class in photography, and she was hooked! She bought her first Nikon DSLR camera half way through the class, signed up for more photogra-



Teanna Grote performing some magical Barrel Turns at the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Winter Plumage event on 11/10/2012.

photo by Lori Nagel

phy classes, started printing out pictures, putting together portfolios, sharing them with anyone who would look. She took class after class from expert artists in Photo-shop, printing and various other amazing photography courses.

In the summer of 2008, Lori quit IBM to pursue her dream of being a photographer. She volunteered and got very involved at her photography school, and was a vice president of their large photography club.

In 2010, when Lori got pregnant, she knew immediately that it was time they move to Crestone, as that's where she wanted to raise her baby. With her son Ziggy, now almost 5, she resides in the Baca, has taken thousands of photos in Crestone, and is the Staff Photographer for *The Crestone Eagle*.

"People often thank me for being a sort of 'visual historian' for the town, capturing all these fun moments in this most unique commu-

nity. But really, it's I who am thanking them! These beautiful, colorful, genuine people have changed my life and I am forever grateful."

Lori specializes in portrait, event, scenic, wildlife and real estate photos. In addition to being a photographer, Lori's also an expert graphic designer. Check out her website at www.sunflowerstudios.us.com.

Lori has been a part of the Crestone Artisans Gallery since she moved here in 2010. She currently has cards and matted prints for sale at the gallery, and any photo of hers can be special ordered as any kind of print, including canvas, aluminum, wall clings, coffee mugs, keychains—or pretty much anything else you can think of.

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Living with Joy, Dying in Peace— Chamma Ling annual fall teaching events

Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche, founder and spiritual director of Chamma Ling and Ligmincha Institute, acclaimed author and highly respected and beloved teacher to students throughout the world, will be in Crestone sharing teachings on Living with Joy, Dying in Peace from September 18-20. It is said that “The key to living fully, with joyful presence, is to relate intimately to the truth that sooner or later all life comes to an end.”

At this fall retreat, held at Blazing Mountain Retreat Center, Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche will impart knowledge from Bon Buddhist teachings that offer methods for recognizing death as a doorway to opening the heart and achieving self-realization.

Participants will engage the luminous wisdom of impermanence and the importance of resolving conflicts with others, explore their relationship to death and the dying process, and learn how to promote a more peaceful and uplifting dying process for themselves and others. Practical guidance will be offered for those who wish to assist a dying loved one, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Immediately following this 3-day retreat, Alejandro Chaoul, PhD in Tibetan Religions from Rice University, Houston, will share the unique Tibetan traditional understandings of issues at the end of life. During this interactive

workshop, Alejandro will continue leading the Bardo practices that Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche taught over the weekend, and propose how to apply them into one’s life as well as in a professional healthcare environment. The workshop will include practices, teachings, as well as vivid discussions of how to apply these deep ancient teachings in a modern western environment. The retreat will be of value to all caregivers and practitioners.

Alejandro is faculty at MD Anderson Cancer Center’s department of Palliative, Rehabilitation and Integrative Medicine where he does research using Tibetan meditation and mind-body techniques with cancer patients.

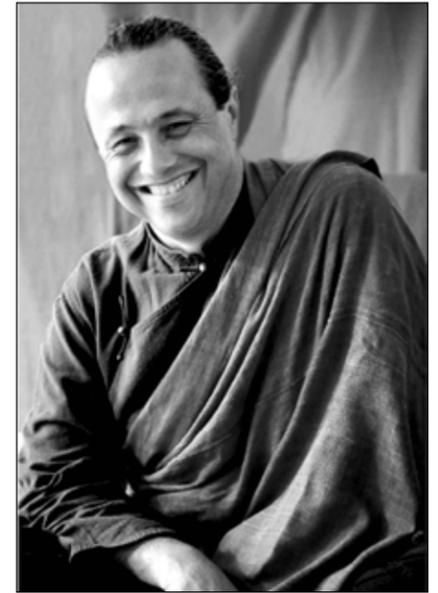
The Chamma Ling Annual Fall Retreat is always a lively and engaging event that includes several delicious meals, Sang Chod at the Chamma Ling Retreat Center, a gala dinner on Saturday evening and the fund raising auction forever full of wonderful items to take home.

The weekend teachings with Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche will be held at the Blazing Mountain Retreat Center and the following retreat with Alejandro Chaoul will be at the Chamma Ling Community House.

Prior to these 2 retreats, long time student of Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche, Peter May, will lead a mountain expedition focusing on the Five Elements and offering participants an excellent opportunity



Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche



Alejandro Chaoul, PhD .

nity to deepen their understanding and relationship with the elements and nature.

This high altitude experience will include group and solo practice opportunities and an introduction to the online Elements course. Space is limited to 15 people so submit your application early if interested. Accommodations are tent camping amidst the pristine, fresh mountain air and vast,

starry night sky, with simple and healthy backcountry food.

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Living with Joy, Dying in Peace
With Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche, September 18-20
Blazing Mountain Retreat Center

Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche, founder and spiritual director of Chamma Ling, will teach on the methods for recognizing death as the doorway to opening the heart and achieving self-realization.

Living with Joy, Dying with Peace
Applications in One’s Personal and Professional Life
With Alejandro Chaoul, PhD., September 21-23
Chamma Ling Community House

An interactive workshop to deepen the weekend’s Bardo teachings from Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche and instructions on how to apply them to life as well as in a professional healthcare environment.

Chamma Ling

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Who We Are

Tom Dessain; The man behind the music

by Gussie Fauntleroy

When Tom Dessain was 15, his older brother Kenny “kidnapped” him from Texas for the summer and brought him to Colorado, where Tom happened to see JN Bates (now with the Lazy Aliens Blues Band) on acoustic guitar and vocals in Salida and thought, “Very cool!” Back in Houston, his other brother Ron lent him a guitar, which Tom taught himself to play and never gave back. There you have it: the short-version genesis of Tom Dessain as Executive Director of the Crestone Music Festival and founder of Crestone Performances, Inc. This



month he presides over Crestone’s 17th annual festival, the 16th under his direction. Looking back over the years, he grins and says, “It has not been a boring life.”

For example: At age 12 Tom found himself gleefully raiding a wealthy family’s fridge and hanging out by their pool with ZZ Top guitarist Billy Gibbons, ten years Tom’s senior and in an earlier band at the time. Gibbons was dating one of the daughters of the wealthy Houston family and Tom’s brother was engaged to her sister. For some reason Tom and Billy ended up at the family’s home alone with only the maid, who green-lighted the fridge and pool.

Farther back, music was already a central part of Tom’s life. His father, a traveling salesman for steel foundry products, was a musician, singer and natural-born comedian. Tom’s mother had a talent for producing large events, including working with the annual Buckaroo Ball charitable benefit in Santa Fe.

From age 12 through high school Tom lived in an apartment above his family’s detached garage, as did his two brothers, each in turn. The arrangement allowed him to teach himself fingerpicking guitar, write pensive, teenage-

angst-filled songs and practice for hours each night without being heard—until he was ready. In fact, for two years no one except his father even knew he played.

During high school Tom lived with Kenny in Colorado for three summers, first in Salida, then Paoonia, then Crestone. After graduation he enrolled in the University of Texas at Austin but left when Ron

called with an invitation to join him and his girlfriend for an extended period of living on Ron’s 30-foot sailboat. They meandered around the Caribbean for 13 months, Tom snorkeling every day, contributing food

by spearfishing and trolling, and scouting out the best anchor spots. As the odd-man-out, “I swam a lot,” he quips.

Settling into music

Living in Alamosa in his early 30s, Tom returned to school for the first time in 19 years, studying classical guitar and a comprehensive musical curriculum at what was then Adams State College, in preparation for teaching music. He now is in his fifth (non-consecutive) year of teaching band—as in rock and roll—and sound engineering to high school students at the Crestone Charter School. He also serves as producer and sound engineer for community music events. As a performer he’s played over the years with San Luis Valley musicians including Don Richmond, “tai chi Bill” Smith, Peter Taylor, Dale Smith, and in the band Rescue Party with Tedd Brumm and Barry Monroe.

In 1998 Tom was one of six musical acts lined up to perform at the first Crestone Music Festival, held at the golf course and organized by area residents Meryl Ennis



“I do love my job!” Tom Dessain.

and Deb Morley. The small, one-day event was aimed in part at increasing interest in the golf course, which Deb was managing at the time. Meryl and Deb stepped back after the first year and Tom took over, bringing in Richie Havens as headliner and eventually expanding the event to its present three-day, two-stage format. Two years later he founded Crestone Performances, Inc. (CPI). Along with putting on the music festival, the non-profit organization books or produces educational and cultural presentations in the 35 schools of the San Luis Valley’s 14 school districts, all of which are underfunded in the arts. Since its founding, CPI has taken 31 acts (more than 175 performances) into the schools, including a robotics troupe, a portable planetarium, Australian bush poets, a Cuban band, Aztec dancers

from outside the valley. “The only way it happens is because of the community,” Tom says—almost 85% of the Crestone area community takes part in some way, as volunteers, vendors, musicians, sponsors, and/or attendees. One thing that makes the event so unusual and special, Tom points out, is that a community as small, remote, and economically challenged as Crestone/Baca could host such a festival at all. “It’s a reach, and it’s fragile,” he says. Two low-turnout years in a row could mean the festival’s end. In 2014, hard rain and then a wreck that shut down US 285 for a time dealt the festival a major financial blow, with many attendees and some musicians unable to reach Crestone. “It’s a struggle to do this,” Tom says, “but it’s so cool.”

At age 60, Tom’s life these days is defined by two priorities, music and family—his wife, Ann Bunting, their 7-year-old daughter Claire, already passionate about clarinet, ukulele, drums, and singing; three grown children from Tom’s previous marriage, and one grandchild so far.

Yet even with constant, often intense involvement in multiple aspects of music, including teaching, sound engineering, event production, and performance, he says, “Here’s the catch: If you ask me what I am, what I’ve been my whole life from 15 on, I’m a songwriter. In fact, in two days I’m performing an original wedding song I was paid to write 14 years ago, when the bride was only 12.”

Music is a universal form of connection, Tom believes, because humans everywhere are hardwired to appreciate it. “There are expressions of emotion that can be put into notes, chord patterns, and lyrics, and songwriters tap into that,” he says. “I write a lot of beautiful stuff, but I also like to rock out. The festival reflects many of my musical tastes.”

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



3-foot whopper lobster caught by Tom Dessain long ago.

and Celtic acts. “The festival came first, but this is really the heart of the organization,” Tom says.

A cool but fragile event

Today the Crestone Music Festival presents about two-dozen acts and relies on roughly 150 volunteers. Some 3,000 people pass through the gate each year, 60%

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PROFILES IN MUSIC: SUE VAUGHAN

The art of Bel Canto

by Eli Dokson

I have to admit I know very little about opera or opera singing. I do appreciate the amazing things those operatic voices can do when I happen to catch something on PBS, and of course the elaborate theatrical staging. Yet I could not help but be curious knowing that right here in our little town lives a person who, rumor has it, actually performed with the Metropolitan Opera in New York! Even an old blues-rock-folkie like me knows the Met is one of the great (if not the greatest) opera venues on the planet. So I sought out local singer-voice teacher-choir leader Sue Vaughan to find out her story—wow.

Did Sue actually sing with the Metropolitan Opera? Yes, it is not just a rumor—Sue in fact sang with the Met for 20 years, from 1977-1997, working next to such lumi-

naries as Placido Domingo (a true sweetheart it turns out), Pavarotti, Birgit Nilsson, Renee Fleming, Leonie Rysanek, and conductors such as Seiji Ozawa and Carlos Kleiber. How this 4th generation Coloradan made it in the Big Apple is a great story, as are her explanations to how Bel Canto singing actually works.

Sue sang in choirs from a young age, and after singing in her first musical, *Oliver*, in high school, the bug really bit. Until then she had plans to become a nurse, but with her mother's encouragement she followed her passion into college—first CSU and then DU—as a performance major. At age 21, a rare medical condition caused a number of strokes and put Sue in a coma for three days. When she finally left the hospital she knew she had no time to waste and headed to NYC to pursue her dreams.

Sue had several "voice teachers" over the years, but when she met Dr. Ed Dwyer of Columbia University she realized the difference between good musical coaches and a true voice teacher. Ed Dwyer taught her the technique of Bel Canto ("beautiful singing" in Italian), which Sue explains as "getting out of the way" and "using what's actually there and happening." Sue herself now teaches these techniques, but more about that below.

After a couple of years pursu-

ing early Renaissance music and musical theater (think Gilbert & Sullivan), Sue was almost ready to change career paths when she auditioned for the chorus at the Met. As she was leaving the audition the chorus master mentioned something about the "extra" chorus (a prequel to the "regular" chorus), but when she didn't hear back she was preparing to pack her bags. The next thing she knew she received the rehearsal schedule and was on her way to Lincoln Center Plaza and getting to work. She quickly moved from the "extra" to the "regular" chorus and continued performing until 1997. But trees and stars and her Colorado roots had been on Sue's mind after visiting Crestone for a retreat in 1993. She moved here permanently in 1997.

Sue, who has taught at Adams State and has offered mentorships at the Crestone Charter School as well as private lessons, teaches the Bel Canto technique of singing almost as a martial art, meditation or yoga. Being grounded in



physicality, using one's awareness, tolerating the urge to constrict one's larynx while allowing your effortless natural voice to emerge, are but some of the principles she employs in this process. When she speaks of "shifting" from up-to-down, visual-to-tactile, outer-to-inner, backward-to-forward, fast-to-slow, I realize how much I do not know about singing but would like to know. I may never know what the great Italian masters had in mind when they composed operas for the voice instrument, but if you would like to find out more about Bel Canto, or perhaps to inquire about lessons or joining a serious vocal ensemble, give Sue a call at 256-4915.

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Living Wisdom group awarded grant

by Barbara Hoepfner

You should have seen the big grins that went around the table when the Living Wisdom Village board learned of the \$10,700 grant the Saguache County Commissioners awarded us. Now, we are able to have a professional Market Survey of residents of Saguache County done which will ascertain whether or not the county has the ability to support a senior village in Crestone. If the market study says "yes", our next big step will be to attract those who want to invest in our project.

We'll also be able to develop a website in order to keep you informed of our progress (and problems). This will give us an easy way to communicate with one another. And we've just begun interviewing community members who are interested in giving us direct feedback as to how the project is developing.

For those who missed the presentation of what the Living Wisdom Senior Village could look like, architect Burt Wadman will be presenting on Aug. 16 the PowerPoint show he created. Other board members will be on hand to respond to your questions, suggestions, compliments and complaints. Baby Boomers and those older are encouraged to be at this presentation at Savatri House, 83 Baca Grant Way, Sunday, August 16 at 3pm.

Baby Boomers, listen up! Our board is at the point of needing a few more members, particularly those with financial and secretarial and/or computer skills. Not only would you be working with incredibly great people, you'd learn a lot and have fun. We laugh a lot!

PS. Did you notice what category our grant was listed in the *Eagle* as? *Renewable energy!* That's us! Thank you.



Commissioner Jason Anderson congratulating Living Wisdom on receiving a sales tax grant. Left to right: Findley West, Kirsten Schreiber, McGregor Gaines, Barbara Hoepfner, Burt Wadman, Steve Elliot, Commissioner Anderson, Vivia Lawson, Ammi Kohn.

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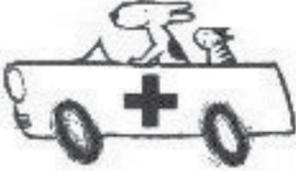
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Tara Gonpa built by Bhikshuni Tenzin Yeshe. Thanks!

Tara Gonpa—Crestone's monastic residence for bhikshunis

by Bhikshuni Tenzin Yeshe

In 2007 Dharma Institute, founded by me in 1989, bought land in the Grants and broke ground to build Crestone's first monastic residence for bhikshunis (fully ordained women in the Buddhist traditions). This is the first monastic residence here devoted to providing a home and place for retreats for bhikshunis from all Buddhist traditions. The land is almost next to the Karma's land in the Grants and is an auspicious place for dedicated female Buddhist practitioners to live together and do retreats. We are still finishing the interiors of the main residence and the meditation hall and will accept four other bhikshunis to live here full time after the building is done. I live here full-time and hold the space for the others to join me in the not-too-distant future.

In the Tibetan Buddhist tradition women may not receive full ordination (the bhikshuni vows). So, many of us who have taken "lower" vows in the Tibetan tradition have gone to other Buddhist lineages for full monastic ordination. In my case, I received the sramanerika vows from His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, India in 1990 and went on to receive the bhikshuni ordination from Vietnamese Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh near Bordeaux, France in

1994. There are now other women around the world who are basically Tibetan practitioners but who have received the bhikshuni ordination in other lineages; we are inviting such women from around the world to submit applications regarding joining us to live at Tara Gonpa and form a working Bhikshuni Sangha. We are sharing this update on our progress on the occasion of the 8th anniversary of the founding of Tara Gonpa.

One of our activities is an animal refuge project. None of our animals are killed for food (or for any reason), but we have eggs and milk in our back yard. We have launched an online fundraiser about this project called "Food In My Back Yard" which has the potential to feed many around the world. Please visit www.gofundme.com/msxgnc to read details about this work.

In October 2015 the Dalai Lama will visit Colorado, and we will be presenting him with a report on the progress of the building of Tara Gonpa. He has consistently stated his support of establishing (re-establishing) a Bhikshuni Sangha in the Tibetan tradition, and it is possible this is happening now here and at other locations around the world, slowly but surely. We invite all who wish to help us in any way to contact us at DharmaInstitute-Mail@gmail.com.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife offer summer birding tips

Colorado hiking, biking, boating, camping, fishing and hunting all have something in common: they are a gateway to viewing wildlife, including some 400 species of birds.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife recognizes summer as an ideal time to try birding in state parks and wildlife areas in a variety of habitats on the plains, in the mountains or near wetlands.

CPW offers tips useful for both first-time and experienced birders.

Thirty-year birding enthusiast and Mueller State Park staffer Linda Groat, who has led countless wildlife watchers to diverse areas of the country in search of birds, says the first step is taking the time to get outdoors and slow down. "Don't be in a rush, take the time to listen and watch, just stop and be still, sit a few minutes," said Groat.

But birders won't have to wait long if they are outdoors during times of high bird activity. Active birds are usually present in the morning and at dusk when they are finding food to refuel.

"As with most organisms, conserving current energy stores is important," said CPW's Bird Conservation Coordinator David Klute. "When birds forage in the early morning and at dusk they expend less energy than they would during hot summer days when they may be resting or tending young during the most extreme heat."

Factors like elevation and weather may affect when birds are most active too, according to Klute. "Breeding season, usually late spring to early summer, is when birds tend to be active throughout the day," adds Klute. "When looking for birds outside of breeding season, locating a specific bird's ideal habitat increases the likelihood of catching a glimpse of them."

Some birders use bird identi-

fication guides to determine what bird they want to see, while others acquaint themselves with what habitat birds prefer. Most birders enjoy the challenge either way.

"When you see a bird, try to get a snapshot in your mind, where are the patches of color, what is the size and shape, is it long and pointy or short and fat," recommends Groat. "Visual characteristics can help you identify the bird, but habitat can be useful as well."

Habitat, where a bird lives, is part of an ecosystem, made up of living and nonliving matter. In Colorado, eight ecosystems are identified by Colorado Birding Trail and Denver Museum of Natural History.

Klute, who works with a variety of wildlife partners to monitor and ensure sufficient habitat for specific species of birds, says the amount of moisture, types of plants, trees and shrubs, as well as temperature and presence of other wildlife all provide clues about a given habitat.

"Distinguishing between Sage Shrubland and Juniper Woodland can help birders deduce what species are likely in the area and provide a starting point when referencing field guides by Audubon, Sibley and Peterson, websites like BIRDNET, cobirds.org, and others, for further identification," added Klute.

Bird posture and voice can help identify a species, too. A variety of applications are available for download on smartphones and desktops that allow a birder to learn bird songs or help identify a song recorded in the field.

CPW reminds every wildlife watcher to respect animals and never chase, feed, handle or disturb wildlife. Back off if the animal changes behavior while viewing and always leave pets at home.

Also, as with any outdoor activity, dress appropriately and be prepared for changing weather conditions. Protect against insects, bring water and use a trail map to make sure of the distance back to shelter.

Learn more at cpw.state.co.us/things/todo/Pages/Birding-Locations.aspx. Locate an upcoming event at a park near you at cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Calendar.aspx. See also 2015 Parks Guide and Park Finder.

CPW is an enterprise agency, relying primarily on license sales, state parks fees and registration fees to support its operations, including: 42 state parks and more than 350 wildlife areas covering approximately 900,000 acres, management of fishing and hunting, wildlife watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education. CPW's work contributes approximately \$6 billion in total economic impact annually throughout Colorado.

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Savitri and the philosophy of consciousness

“Consciousness studies” have enjoyed a surge in importance and popularity in the past decade in both philosophy and science, with vast expenditures of time, energy, and money, as well as consciousness itself, on neuroscientific research for example, and in the writing of innumerable books on the subject.

And in the early to mid 20th century the subject of “consciousness” was the main focus of phenomenology, in philosophy and psychology, which resulted in a kind of revolution in thinking about reality. It constituted a shift from scepticism and empiricism to the view that consciousness is one with world, we are connected with everything, and knowledge is possible on the basis of identity. This is also the view of eastern spirituality in general, which we have learned from Buddhist and Hindu seers and practitioners.

The theme of our August Savitri Immersion Workshop is based on a course that was presented in Auroville on The Philosophy of Consciousness this year and will present a broad view of the pursuit of the attempt to answer the question What is Consciousness?, especially from the points of view of the philosophies of Hegel and Sri Aurobindo. But the assumption is that it is from within consciousness itself that the question can be answered rather than by laboratory experiments and rational constructs. And if consciousness holds the purpose of caring about the being of things, and not just the awareness and manipulation of objects, then to

answer this question could impact the way human beings adapt to the environmental crises that are growing in importance and seriousness. As the philosopher A. N. Whitehead said, it is our ability to assess the importance of things that enables us to focus our energies and establish the values that create civilization. And at the present time on earth this ability may also be important to our survival.

Sri Aurobindo’s yoga of the transformation of consciousness was expressed most powerfully in the mantric transmission known as *Savitri* which enhances our ability to rise above rational mind into a more direct intuitive awareness of the world and ourselves. Beginning with the context of philosophy and jnana yoga we will endeavor to move with the rhythmic expressions of mantra yoga into a spiritual embrace of reality as a whole.

The workshop will be held at Savitri House and the Solar Dome from August 10 to 15, and sessions will take place daily from 9am to 6pm. Most participants will be there for the week, but visitors may feel free to drop in for a few sessions. A contribution of \$250 is asked for the week, including lunch and dinner each day. For more information please contact Brian Dyer 719-256-6010 or Rod Hemsell 206-963-0989.



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Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

July is traditionally one of our busiest months at the Ashram, and this year has been no different. We began with hundreds of people coming to the Ashram for the long 4th of July weekend.

Next we had folks arrive from around the country and Canada and Mexico for our Annual Samaj Weekend and Ashram board meeting followed by our 15th Annual Family Week.

To top this off, I left for our International Guru Purnima gathering in Italy right after Family Week with a short stop in Loveland for an evening of Paduka Puja and chanting. What a full and wonderful month!

This month our new-moon fire ceremony is on Friday, August 14 and our full-moon fire ceremony is on Saturday, August 29. The fire ceremonies begin at 10am and are followed by a meal. Morning aarati is at 7am and evening aarati is at 6pm. There is generally a small fire ceremony after morning aarti at about 8am each day that we do not have a large one at 10am. Please call the Ashram at 719-256-4108 or email us at info@babajiashram.org for proper protocol for attending fire ceremonies and any other questions.

The Maha Lakshmi Shop just received carloads of silk saris, bed spreads, drapes, tablecloths, runners, pillow shams, duvet covers, and bolts of raw silk fabric as a donation to help raise money for the Ashram to buy a newer, more dependable car. These exquisite items previously sold at such stores as Neiman Marcus but now the owner has changed professions, so she donated everything to the Ashram. We are selling these amazing pieces for less than 10 to 15% of their value, so come in soon to get the best choice.

We will also be having a Saturday bazaar in town to help display these beautiful items, probably on Saturday, Sept. 5. The shop is open every day from 10am until 5pm. We invite you to come in and if you mention that you are an *Eagle* reader, we will happily give you a 10% discount on your non-sale purchases. We deeply appreciate your support. You may view some of what is in our shop on our website at <http://mahalakshnishop.wazala.com>.

For more information about the Ashram, please visit our newly designed website at www.babajiashram.org where you will find a calendar of upcoming events, many stories by devotees, writings about Shri Babaji and the Divine Mother, and the Ashram schedule. We also invite you to visit the Ashram at any time. We love to share Shri Babaji’s and Mother’s home with others. Just drop by or give us a call at 719-256-4108.

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In Acts 27 (AMP), there's a great story about the apostle Paul. He was travelling by ship with some people when "a violent wind came bursting down from the island". For days they were caught in the storm, and at one point it was so fierce, they were "dangerously tossed about by the violence of the storm" (v. 18) and had to throw the ship's equipment overboard. They ended up without food, hungry, stranded—seemingly without hope.

In that moment, Paul stood in the midst of the survivors and said to them, "I beg you to be in good spirits and take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you . . ." He then shared that an angel of God told him this, and said "So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as it was told me."

How could Paul, in the middle of a horrible storm, ask the people to "be in good spirits" and have a good attitude? Because he believed in his heart—without a doubt—"that it will be exactly as it was told me." I love that! It's a great picture of the power of faith in God when all hope seems lost. And we can have the very same faith that Paul had if we will overcome doubt.

We all face storms in life. Some are more difficult than others, but we all go through trials and tribulation. That's why we have the gift of faith.

We usually experience doubt after we've made a decision. In James 1:6, the Bible says having doubt is like being tossed about like the wind, which feels like you're trying to go in two different directions at the same time. And it's miserable to be torn between two places, not able to decide what

you really believe.

When doubt comes against us, we have to lift up the shield of faith. We do this when we open our mouth and say what God's Word says, rather than grumbling and complaining about the problem. Our faith is released as we say, pray and do the Word. So in those times, open your mouth and say, "I believe that everything God has told me will come to pass!"

Maybe you're doubting whether you can hear God's voice or not. This happens because we usually doubt ourselves more than we doubt God. Now I'm not talking about actually hearing a voice; I'm talking about that knowing we have inside our hearts about what is right or wrong. That's the still, small voice of God. Believers in Jesus Christ all have it, but many don't have the confidence to trust it.

The Bible says in James 1:5 that when we need wisdom, we can go to God, ask Him for it, and He will give it to us "liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding" (AMP). God will be faithful to us and give us what we need if we will ask Him for help. He loves us, blesses us and uses us in spite of us, because He is faithful! And we never have to doubt that.

I've learned through my own relationship with God that He's not expecting me to be perfect; He wants me to do my best to be in His will and take steps of faith as He leads me, through His Word and the promptings He speaks to my heart.

By God's grace, we can be bold in faith and overcome every attack of doubt during the storms of life.

Baca Grande Library News



by Suzanne McGregor

On behalf of our Friends of the Library (FOL) group, we would like to extend much gratitude to those volunteers who participated in the FOL Root Beer Floats booth fundraiser to benefit the library on July 4 in Crestone Park. These dedicated volunteers, led by Thom Ontko, set up tables, decorated signs, made trips for supplies,

manned the table, made yummy floats, and cleaned up afterwards.

The group is currently focusing on our main priority at this time—securing the land near the Charter School for the location of our new library. When you are in the library, please sign our sheet that says you are excited about having the new library—no commitment necessary, just a big Yes! for the project!

Many, many thanks to Miss Penny from the Saguache Public Library who gave a wonderful gift to the youngsters in our community with the summer reading program. A new program will start in the fall when school is back in session, so be sure to look for information. We will have the schedule posted in the library on our community bulletin board.

Speaking of the start of school, a number of youngsters feel a bit anxious about this new experience, so maybe the library can help with some exciting books about this adventure-to-be! We have *Kindergarten Rocks!* (Katie Davis), *The Kissing Hand* (Audrey Penn), *The Night before Kindergarten* (Natasha Wing), *First Day Jitters* (Julie Danneberg), *Chrysanthemum* (Kevin Henkes), *This School Year Will Be the BEST!* (Kay Winters), *David Goes to School* (David Shannon), and *Llama Llama Misses Mama* (Anna Dewdney). They are sure to get a giggle—and maybe a bit of courage as well.

Heather D'Alessio has been beautifying the outside of the library this summer. She has planted bushes (Caragana pea and Sierra currant) along the sidewalk, pulled weeds, trimmed overgrown plants, and installed soaking hoses. So thank you, Heather, for your hard work and many great ideas!

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

NEW LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER NEEDED FROM CRESTONE/BACA GRANDE, TO START SEPTEMBER 2015

The Northern Saguache County Library District has a managing Board of Trustees, and two of the trustees are from the Crestone region. One of these positions will be opening for a partial term, to begin at the September 14 board meeting. Regular meetings are generally held monthly, on the second Monday of the month, and there are other meetings and special tasks. As this is only a partial term, the assignment is until December 31, 2015.

QUALIFICATIONS TO BE ON THE LIBRARY BOARD: You must be at least 18 years old and you must reside in the library district. In the case of a board member representing the Crestone area, you must live in community of Crestone or the Baca Grande subdivision.

HOW TO APPLY: Pick up and fill out the application for new board members. Copies of this are available at the Baca Grande Library.

The Handbook for Trustees and the Bylaws of the Library District Board, as PDFs, are at the Baca Grande Library. The application asks if you have read them, as they will give you an idea of what is involved in the position. In a nutshell, members of the Board are mandated by Colorado law to adopt and oversee the budget,

develop and adopt policies, conduct strategic planning, and hire and evaluate the Library Director. However, the NSCLD Board of Trustees is currently working towards a new library in the Crestone community, so there are many exciting ways to be involved.

Return your application to the Library District Director, Sarah Koehn Frey, at the Saguache Public Library, 702 Pitkin Ave, Saguache, or mail it to P.O. Box 448, Saguache, CO 81149.

Applications are due by August 14 and you will be emailed or phoned regarding your application.

Thanks for thinking of the Library District!

Crestone Botanic Garden

The Crestone Botanic Garden is open Monday – Saturday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at Crestone Town Center.

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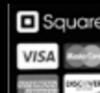
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Late Summer: Earth's harvest

by Jan Foster Müller, L.Ac.

The ancient Chinese experienced the year's cycle as being five seasons rather than four. We enter this extra season, Late Summer (somewhat akin to our "Indian summer"), by at least mid-August. It lasts until the trees begin to lose their leaves around the equinox. It is a transition time. The rapid, expansive growth of spring and summer moves toward the decline of fall and winter. But first there is this season of harvest, Late Summer.

In the ancient Chinese view, Late Summer corresponds with the Earth element. When in balance, the Earth element gives us abundance, harvest, nurture, nourishment. Its power is to concentrate all the energy that has gone into growth into the end product, the harvest. Think of a perfectly ripened peach where that concentrated energy explodes in your mouth with its juicy sweetness. This is the energy of Late Summer.

The earth now shares its abundance and dazzles us with yellow, the element's color. We see it in the blooming rabbitbush, the winter squash ripening, and the gold of aspen and cottonwood leaves as they turn. It is a busy time as animals and humans scurry about gathering winter stores, fortifying their homes, and finishing all the tasks that need to be done before cold weather arrives.

The earth element is likened to a mother, feeding her children and giving them stability to feel safe and secure. It gives the ability to be sympathetic, understanding, compassionate, and grounded.

Physically, the element rules the stomach and spleen, which have to do with digestion and distribution of energy, and the muscles and flesh, where we hold our energy stores. Any disturbance in these areas can be a sign of imbalance in the Earth element. Other signs of imbalance can be loss of appetite, insecurity, neediness, obsession, worry, or self-centeredness.

Foods that particularly nourish the earth element are those harvested in late summer especially winter squash, pumpkin and most root vegetables. Millet, dates, and carob are also earth foods. You may notice that these foods are naturally sweet, the flavor for the earth element. This is the sweetness the body craves rather than the refined sugars that have become so prevalent. Including these naturally sweet foods, especially at this time, can help reduce sugar cravings and bring the body to better balance.

Mind and spirit need harvest, too. A strong earth element brings fruition to our projects, the goals we've set and the work we've done. When there is no harvest of our efforts, we feel empty and unsatisfied. The earth element feeds us on all levels. We must be nourished in mind and spirit, too. Now is a good time to ask yourself what feeds you. It is ok to be fed by delight, by ideas. Whatever feeds the soul will bring harvest to your life.

Jan Foster Müller is a licensed acupuncturist trained in the Classical Five-Element tradition. She works with the laws of nature to reduce symptoms and optimize health.

Simple Green Living



Make your own salad dressings

by Zana Hart

You can have delicious unique salad dressings at a fraction of the cost of the store-bought kind. You don't have to be some kind of cooking genius, either. All it takes is a basic recipe and a willingness to experiment.

Start by saving a couple of empty bottles of purchased dressings. Glass is better but plastic will work too. Wash them well, and then measure how much they will hold. It may be about a pint, or it might be more. Optionally, you can use any glass jar you have, but put some water in it, shake it up, and turn it upside down to be sure it won't leak when you shake up the dressing.

The basic components of salad dressing are oil and vinegar, with salt unless you are on a salt-restricted diet. Everything else is optional. A bit of water often helps.

You want your ingredients to be of good quality. The best oil just happens to be one of the healthiest ones for you: olive oil. Be sure you get extra virgin olive oil, as it is the highest quality. It is produced by a physical process rather than chemical treatment and it is known to have a superior taste. Extra virgin olive oil does cost more, but the flavor and the nutritional qualities are worth it.

There are many excellent vinegars. Raw, unpasteurized apple cider vinegar is very healthy and gives a fresh flavor. Balsamic vinegar, rice vinegar, and others will do very well also. You don't use much vinegar per batch of salad dressing, so you can afford good ones.

The salt can be whatever you have around the house, but sea salt or other good salts will improve the flavor.

So, finally, what is the recipe? Well, it depends. Two parts olive oil to 1 part vinegar is a good blend, but you may also like 2 parts olive oil to 1 part vinegar and 1 part water. In other words, if you were making a pint (two cups) of salad dressing, you could use 1 1/3 cups of olive oil to 2/3 cups of vinegar to create the first ratio. For the second one, you would use 1 cup of olive oil, 1/2 cup of vinegar, and 1/2 cup of water.

Start with 1/4 teaspoon of salt per pint of dressing, and increase it to taste. As for other spices, of course black pepper is typically used, but hot cayenne pepper, the milder paprika, and anything else on your shelf can be tried. Dried mixed herbs do well, so long as you give them enough time to soak in the dressing before using it for the first time.

Find a good basic dressing that becomes a standard, and you will be able to make it rapidly. Then when you feel like it, experiment. Lemon juice can be a good substitute for vinegar, but it's so strong that you may want a smaller amount of lemon juice than you would of vinegar. Leftover wine can replace water. Peanut butter can be added, as can yogurt. Use a blender if you wish.

Once you start making your own salad dressings, the flavor combinations are endless. If the olive oil solidifies when you keep the salad dressing in your refrigerator door, just pull out the dressing before you cook a meal, or keep the dressing at room temperature if you are going to use it up fairly soon.

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Rendering of Moffat School.

Moffat School Grand Opening August 7

The new Moffat School will celebrate its Official Grand Opening with a community ribbon cutting ceremony at 11am on Friday August 7. The school district is inviting students, families and the community. Planned activities include an open house, tours and barbeque. The new Moffat School will host approximately 120 students. In addition to flexible classrooms, this exciting 21st

century learning facility will house specialty classrooms such as a science lab, computer lab, and industrial arts room, as well as a gym, kitchen and cafeteria, music room and stage. Funding for this school was provided through the Building Excellent Schools Today program from School Trust Lands and the voters of the Moffat Consolidated School District #2.

Back-to-school organization tips for a successful school year

When the school year begins, students need to quickly get back into the swing of things. Staying organized from day one can ease the transition.

While every individual needs to tweak his or her routine to best suit personality quirks and study habits, here are a few tried-and-true organization tricks that will work for most anyone:

Get scheduled

While the word "bedtime" may have no meaning on summer vacation, during the school year, it's vital. A regular sleep schedule can mean better quality sleep and higher alertness at school. Likewise, a morning routine can help students focus and prep for the day.

Family members should share their schedules with each other to ensure everyone gets to practice, club meetings and other activities on time. Install a household calendar or bulletin board in a central location to ensure everyone stays in the know.

Stomp out clutter

Lockers and backpacks need to stay organized. Whether notebooks, binders and textbooks are arranged by sequence of the day, subject or color isn't important so long as the system works for you. To create more storage space in your locker, add durable, stackable locker shelving.

For on-the-go book hauling, look for a backpack such as the Five Star Expandable Backpack that features two expanding compartments providing additional space, along with protected storage for laptops.

Its patented zipper allows you to quickly get inside your backpack while it's hanging in your locker. Ergonomic patent-pending straps distribute weight to comfortably support a heavy load.

To cheer up your locker with

a boost of color and add a place for quick reminders and mementos, try the Five Star Magnetic Mirror + Push Pin Board. Its slam-resistant magnets will keep it affixed to the inside door of your locker. There isn't much time between classes, so a mirror is a welcome locker feature when there isn't time for the bathroom.

Organizational tools such as these can keep your ducks in a row all year long. Also remember to set time aside weekly to clean out your locker and backpack, throwing out candy wrappers and crumpled notes.

Personal organization

Students need to be able to keep more belongings than ever with them throughout the day—traditional school supplies, paperwork, flash drives, calculators and other electronics. A binder that can contain it all will give students a chance to make sure their lives are in order, not just a class at a time. For a secure method of carrying supplies, look for the Trapper Keeper Zipper binder, with pockets and dividers to keep items organized, and the Five Star Zipper Binder + Expansion Pocket, which features storage for textbooks and a tablet, and has an adjustable strap that allows you to carry the binder messenger style or on your back.

At home, it's easy to get distracted from important tasks like studying and homework. Create a dedicated work space away from televisions and other distractions. Make sure the area is comfortable, well-lit and conducive to great work.

More study tools and tips can be found at www.Mead.com.

The right tools and habits can empower students for a successful and organized school year.

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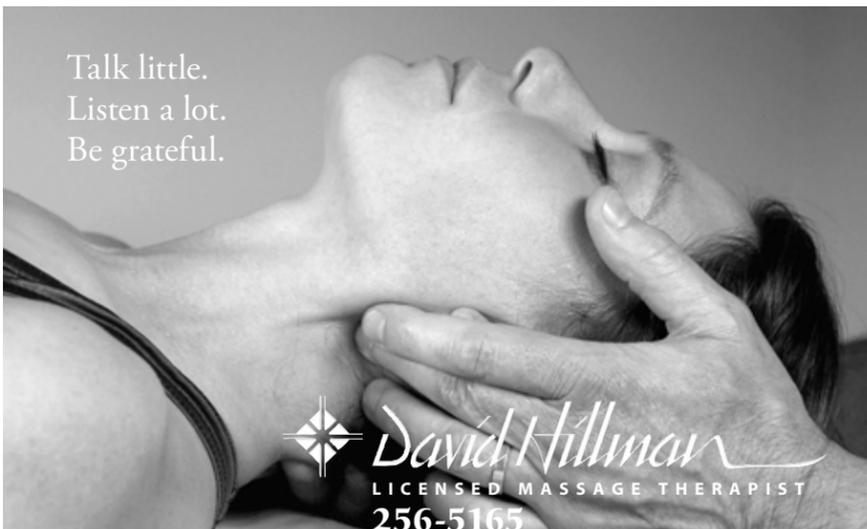
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Will there be Firewise funding this year?

Due to an email to the Saguache County Commissioners regarding Firewise funding, the public comment period has been extended until September 1, meeting the 45-day federal requirement. Any resident who has an opinion on how the funds have been used in the past or should be used in the future can call, email or write to the County at PO Box 655, Saguache, CO 81149.

Despite the current increase in precipitation, it is a perfect time to mitigate wildfire hazards around your house before extreme fire conditions return. "If you live in an area of contiguous grasses, brush and trees, you have to expect to deal with a wildfire someday," says Daniel S. Johnson, who has done hazard assessments and mitigation projects for homeowners for the past 6 years. "Almost every house, including the ones which owners think are safe, has vulnerabilities which can be easily corrected."

As wildland fires increase in size and destructive power, government agencies delegated to fight these fires have developed methods to reduce flame intensity as fire passes a house. Pruning lower limbs, thinning out crowded trees, (especially saplings which can ladder the fire up into the canopies), removing burnables under decks, and cleaning leaves and needles out of gutters are but a few of the simple corrections to a house built

amongst trees. A free video can be watched by going to the Saguache County website, www.saguache-county.net, and click on the *Wildfire Protection* video.

Throughout his 40+ years as a wildland firefighter, Johnson has seen his share of destruction. "Some fires gather so much momentum due to wind, dry fuels and steep slopes, they have incinerated thousands of structures in a single day," he recalls. "There's no better feeling than arriving at a house in the path of a fire front and finding it has been mitigated to Firewise standards. We can usually save that house."

"This year, we hope to treat some POA greenbelts," Johnson says. "Many houses I have mitigated up to their boundaries are still vulnerable from heavy fuels on common (greenbelt) properties. We are working out the details to be able to mitigate these hazards under the grant, as long as the hazards lie within 200 feet of a structure."

If successful, the greenbelt mitigations will reduce liability for the POA, help defend houses, and supply jobs and training for the local firefighters who participate. If you like, or don't like, the way these funds are allocated, now is the time to speak up. If approved, the Firewise program will be up and running again in September.

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

—MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



by Ish

1/ *The Treasure Hunter* ★★★★★

In this richly imaginative and action-filled film, Jay Chou of Green Hornet fame is the chivalrous hero helping his mentor's daughter, along with a famous archaeologist who has a map leading to ancient treasure that is supposedly buried under the desert sands.

2/ *Seven Psychopaths* ★★★★★

A rather tongue-in-cheek, at times hilarious film about dog kidnappers that kidnap the wrong dog of an underworld big time thug. Colin Farrell is about the most normal one of this group, which includes; Sam Rockwell, Woody Harrelson, Tom Waits and Christopher Walken. Some of the lines are gems.

3/ *B Monkey* ★★★

Raven-haired beauty Beatrice befriends mild mannered Alan in a London bar. She leads him through all kinds of new, interesting and dark situations. Stars Asia Argento, Jared Harris, Rupert Everett and others.

4/ *Side Effects* ★★★★★

A young wife's depression goes out of control due to her husband's prison release. Meanwhile she turns to a new medication that alters her life forever. Stars Jude Law, Rooney Mara and Channing Tatum.

5/ *The Dragon Pearl* ★★★

While visiting each of their parents at an archaeological dig in China, newly formed friends Josh and Ling, find adventure when they discover a Chinese Golden Dragon. Family friendly.

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The Washington Beat

Snapback & Cuba libres

Obama's legacy leaves

GOP in the dust

by David Nicholas

If there was a day when the Obama Legacy took on juggernaut proportions, it was July 20. On that day Cuba raised its flag in DC at its embassy, the first time since 1961 that had happened. On that day the UN Security Council passed unanimously the resolution to overturn the sanctions on Iran, beginning beinning to bring the Islamic Republic into a place where issues can be addressed over a table rather than threatening to bomb them into oblivion. It was President Obama who went on and did both.

Republican presidential contenders and members of Congress are late to the changing world around them. President Obama has them playing catch-up. They look pretty lame, and in these matters, irrelevant.

It doesn't matter that they have the power to overturn the Cuban economic embargoes or have a say on who our Ambassador might be to Havana; the President's executive powers have set both trade and tourism in motion, the two things which bring dollars to the island and are likely start an economic boom. If Congress doesn't get on board, the regulations will be loosened over time and as the momentum builds to be friends with our neighbors, Republicans will end up looking like has-beens and stick-in-the-muds. Marco Rubio, this means you. Your fellow Cuban-Americans think you need to change. If you are smart you'll be on board by the time SecStat John Kerry hits the island on August 14.

For instance, even with a 60-day consideration period to sit and dwell and attempt to pull it apart, the UN Security Council voted unanimously a week after the Iran deal and agreed to lift the sanctions after 90 days. The 90-day period is to see if Iran lives up to the letter of the agreement. This vote was swift. Arch-Iran foe Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was ignored and worse, Israel wasn't invited to speak at the UN meeting and carp or to utter the usual warnings of impending doom. That said we go on:

Snapback

Verb and noun (depending on context).

It's what happens if Iran fails to comply with the conditions of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action signed July 14, 2016. Sanctions would be re-imposed within 65 days on the Islamic Republic if it is thought to be in violation of said agreement.

The JCPOA came into being after two years of intense back-and-forth, on-again off-again negotiations which ended with all parties in agreement on the deal. All parties are the P5+1—the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany—and the Islamic State of Iran.

Within minutes of the joint formal announcement by the Eu-

ropean Union's High Representative Federica Mogherini and Iranian Foreign Minister Hasan Zarif, President Barack Obama made the announcement at 7am on the morning of July 14 that the work on the agreement was finished. Now it was up to the US Congress to have its say on the deal after what promises to be a free-for-all. After 60 days of review and deliberation—the amount of time Congress has to consider the deal—unless a block of Democrats has serious reservations about it, there probably won't be enough votes to override a presidential veto. The President emphasized that in his remarks.

The President said that the United States “. . . has reached a historic understanding with Iran, which, if fully implemented, will prevent it from obtaining a nuclear weapon.”

“As president and commander in chief, I have no greater responsibility than the security of the American people, and I am convinced that if this framework leads to a final, comprehensive deal, it will make our country, our allies, and our world safer. This has been a long time coming.”

The Iran deal

If you take the President at his word, here's a summary to help you make up your own mind on what the 159-page document (plus annexures) states:

Enrichment

Iran has agreed to reduce by approximately two-thirds its installed centrifuges. Iran will go from having about 19,000 installed today to 6,104 installed under the deal, with only 5,060 of this enriching uranium for 10 years. All 6,104 centrifuges will be IR-1s, Iran's first-generation centrifuge.

- Iran has agreed not to enrich uranium over 3.67% for at least 15 years.

- Iran has agreed to reduce its current stockpile of about 10,000 kg of low-enriched uranium (LEU) to 300 kg of 3.67% LEU for 15 years.

- All excess centrifuges and enrichment infrastructure will be placed in IAEA monitored storage and will be used only as replacements for operating centrifuges and equipment.

- Iran has agreed to not build any new facilities for the purpose of enriching uranium for 15 years.

- Iran's breakout timeline—the time that it would take for Iran to acquire enough fissile material for one weapon—is currently assessed to be 2 to 3 months. That timeline will be extended to at least one year, for a duration of at least ten years, under this framework.

- Iran will convert its facility at Fordow so that it is no longer used to enrich uranium

- Iran has agreed to not enrich uranium at its Fordow facility for at least 15 years.



- Iran has agreed to convert its Fordow facility so that it is used for peaceful purposes only—into a nuclear, physics, technology, research center.

- Iran has agreed not to conduct research and development associated with uranium enrichment at Fordow for 15 years.

- Iran will not have any fissile material at Fordow for 15 years.

- Almost two-thirds of Fordow's centrifuges and infrastructure will be removed. The remaining centrifuges will not enrich uranium. All centrifuges and related infrastructure will be placed under IAEA monitoring.

Iran will only enrich uranium at the Natanz facility, with only 5,060 IR-1 first-generation centrifuges for ten years.

- Iran has agreed to only enrich uranium using its first generation (IR-1 models) centrifuges at Natanz for ten years, removing its more advanced centrifuges.

- Iran will remove the 1,000 IR-2M centrifuges currently installed at Natanz and place them in IAEA monitored storage for ten years.

- Iran will not use its IR-2, IR-4, IR-5, IR-6, or IR-8 models to produce enriched uranium for at least ten years. Iran will engage in limited research and development with its advanced centrifuges, according to a schedule and parameters which have been agreed to by the P5+1.

- For ten years, enrichment and enrichment research and development will be limited to ensure a breakout timeline of at least 1 year. Beyond 10 years, Iran will abide by its enrichment and enrichment R&D plan submitted to the IAEA, and pursuant to the JCPOA, under the Additional Protocol resulting in certain limitations on enrichment capacity.

Inspections & transparency

- The IAEA will have regular access to all of Iran's nuclear facilities, including to Iran's enrichment facility at Natanz and its former enrichment facility at Fordow, and including the use of the most up-to-date, modern monitoring technologies.

- Inspectors will have access to the supply chain that supports Iran's nuclear program. The new transparency and inspections mechanisms will closely monitor materials and/or components to prevent diversion to a secret program.

- Inspectors will have access to uranium mines and continuous surveillance at uranium mills, where Iran produces yellowcake, for 25 years.

- Inspectors will have continuous surveillance of Iran's centrifuge rotors and bellows production and storage facilities for 20 years. Iran's centrifuge manufacturing base will be frozen and under continuous surveillance.

- All centrifuges and enrichment infrastructure removed from Fordow and Natanz will be placed under continuous monitoring by the IAEA.

- A dedicated procurement channel for Iran's nuclear program will be established to monitor and approve, on a case-by-case basis,

the supply, sale, or transfer to Iran of certain nuclear-related and dual use materials and technology—an additional transparency measure.

- Iran has agreed to implement the Additional Protocol of the IAEA, providing the IAEA much greater access and information regarding Iran's nuclear program, including both declared and undeclared facilities.

- Iran will be required to grant access to the IAEA to investigate suspicious sites or allegations of a covert enrichment facility, conversion facility, centrifuge production facility, or yellowcake production facility anywhere in the country.

- Iran has agreed to implement Modified Code 3.1 requiring early notification of construction of new facilities.

- Iran will implement an agreed set of measures to address the IAEA's concerns regarding the Possible Military Dimensions (PMD) of its program.

Reactors & reprocessing

- Iran has agreed to redesign and rebuild a heavy water research reactor in Arak, based on a design that is agreed to by the P5+1, which will not produce weapons grade plutonium, and which will support peaceful nuclear research and radioisotope production.

- The original core of the reactor, which would have enabled the production of significant quantities of weapons-grade plutonium, will be destroyed or removed from the country.

- Iran will ship all of its spent fuel from the reactor out of the country for the reactor's lifetime.

- Iran has committed indefinitely to not conduct reprocessing or reprocessing research and development on spent nuclear fuel.

- Iran will not accumulate heavy water in excess of the needs of the modified Arak reactor, and will sell any remaining heavy water on the international market for 15 years.

- Iran will not build any additional heavy water reactors for 15 years.

Sanctions

- Iran will receive sanctions relief, if it verifiably abides by its commitments.

- U.S. and E.U. nuclear-related sanctions will be suspended after the IAEA has verified that Iran has taken all of its key nuclear-related steps. If at any time Iran fails to fulfill its commitments, these sanctions will snap back into place.

- The architecture of U.S. nuclear-related sanctions on Iran will be retained for much of the duration of the deal and allow for snap-back of sanctions in the event of significant non-performance.

- All past UN Security Council resolutions on the Iran nuclear issue will be lifted simultaneous with the completion, by Iran, of nuclear-related actions addressing all key concerns (enrichment, Fordow, Arak, PMD, and transparency).

- However, core provisions in the UN Security Council resolutions—those that deal with transfers of sensitive technologies and activities—will be re-established by a new UN Security Council resolution that

will endorse the JCPOA and urge its full implementation. It will also create the procurement channel mentioned above, which will serve as a key transparency measure. Important restrictions on conventional arms and ballistic missiles, as well as provisions that allow for related cargo inspections and asset freezes, will also be incorporated by this new resolution.

- A dispute resolution process will be specified, which enables any JCPOA participant to seek to resolve disagreements about the performance of JCPOA commitments.

- If an issue of significant non-performance cannot be resolved through that process, then all previous UN sanctions could be re-imposed.

- U.S. sanctions on Iran for terrorism, human rights abuses, and ballistic missiles will remain in place under the deal.

Phasing

- For ten years, Iran will limit domestic enrichment capacity and research and development—ensuring a breakout timeline of at least one year. Beyond that, Iran will be bound by its longer-term enrichment and enrichment research and development plan it shared with the P5+1.

- For fifteen years, Iran will limit additional elements of its program. For instance, Iran will not build new enrichment facilities or heavy water reactors and will limit its stockpile of enriched uranium and accept enhanced transparency procedures.

- Important inspections and transparency measures will continue well beyond 15 years. Iran's adherence to the Additional Protocol of the IAEA is permanent, including its significant access and transparency obligations. The robust inspections of Iran's uranium supply chain will last for 25 years.

- Even after the period of the most stringent limitations on Iran's nuclear program, Iran will remain a party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which prohibits Iran's development or acquisition of nuclear weapons and requires IAEA safeguards on its nuclear program.

Analysis of the deal

Irrespective of the premature hostility from the Republicans and some Democrats in Congress as well as Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu, who plan on colluding to destroy this deal, the agreement stand ups in my view as solid and worthy of consideration.

The big mistake Iran haters make is that the Iran under the administration of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad isn't the government of President Hassan Rouhani. Governments do change so from time to time. We do allow nations we disagree with or who we are ideologically opposed to a degree of latitude, and I think this is such a case. President Rouhani is more moderate and reflects more the wishes of the people of Iran, the majority (60%+) of whom are under 35. This means that many Iranians want contact, and I mean normal contact, with the west, if just to shop. They can't do that now, so many see this as way of getting out from under the weight of international sanctions.

If we rebuff an agreement as difficult as the one above is, which Mr. Rouhani and his moderates have worked hard to get, because of stupidity and narrow-mindedness, there is no second chance.

The hawks in the Islamic Republic also want this deal to fail. They want the nuclear facilities open and operating for their domestic needs, which are also legitimate in my view, but the radicals believe in their right to pursue a nuclear program in great haste that includes the option to make a weapon. Also as the Iranian nuclear program is a popular source of pride among all Iranians, it wouldn't take much for all Iranians to get on board with this view. So disbanding the program or trying to bomb it into oblivion would see the nuclear program go underground, which much of it is now, anyway.

The agreement calls for a lot of willing transparency and Iran has agreed to do this despite the distrust of the senior mullahs. On the face of it Iran's nuclear program can be monitored, and really the only way to see how true and transparent their intentions and conduct become, deserves a chance to be implemented.

The dishonesty of the Republicans and Bibi is that they now want Iran's other issues negotiated under this agreement. It's the moving of the goalposts syndrome. This tactic has pissed Iran off so many times that they won't return for more dogmatic rhetoric or warmongering.

Bibi certainly wants Iran to be economically weak because economically Iran has it over Israel as the Islamic Republic has more natural resources than the Jewish state. The latter basically has *nada* in terms of an economy that can solidly cover the cost its existence. Bibi thinks that Iran has extensive imperial designs in the Middle East, but that's doubtful. Iran certainly has an interest in supporting the Shias in Baghdad through its militias and in battling ISIS—which is one of our interests—and there is Hezbollah in Lebanon, which Bibi just hates and we don't like, but that can be discussed with Iran in the future as trust builds.

It's not appropriate to include those issues in this agreement. To blur the objectives of the deal by arguing about additional foreign policy issues at this time is political stupidity. Of course Republicans have a lot of that.

As to the Saudis who would dearly love a Bush again in the White House where once they had influence on US energy policy, by comparison Mr. Obama is just their worst nightmare. Their political game now is keeping the price of oil down to kill off oil shale development in North Dakota and make us again mostly reliant on their oil. This only works when they totally control the price. Iran as an oil producer with 9% of all known world oil reserves can shred their game plan. As there is no love lost between the Iranian Shia mullahs and the current Saudi Sunni princes in nearly every conflict in the Middle East (Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon and Yemen), Iran even with a stable peaceful nuclear industry, is the last thing that

want.

As President Obama is being very assertive to pursue this deal, there's not much they can do to kill it on their own if they can. But to do it they need conspiring bedfellows. They need Israel and they need gullible GOP Congressmen to try and kill it. So that's what's going on. So do the Republicans want to do that? The answer in the main is no, and here is why. Iran is good business for corporations who give contributions to the GOP. They have for years wanted the Iranian markets open for business. This is an opportunity to have their wishes realized. Stay tuned: it's going to be number one on the nightly news for the next couple of months.

Rum & cola for the Yankee dollar

Monday June 20 is the day Cuba and the US resume formal diplomatic relations. It was way back in 1961 when diplomatic ties were cut and the current policy of economic sanctions and political attacks kept both countries at arms' length. No more. The flags were raised at each country's embassy in Washington and Havana, and everyone's talking real friendly-like but there are tough demands each side wants to address. Handing Guantanamo back to Cuba—unlikely—and economic reparations are some of the issues which Cuba wants to talk about.

However, yes, there is a however, ambassadors may not be named anytime soon as Congress has the right to confirm or reject the President's nominee for the top post in Havana. But my sense is that Iowa Republican farmers will start smiling as beef and grain deals are signed with the island. Republicans may relent sooner than later. The only real Democrat who seriously opposes this is Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ), but as he has been indicted over corruption charges, the Senator has his hands full.

So Cuba Libres may be the drink of choice around DC in coming days. We will still be talking about this next month.

Trumpty Dumbty

Trumpty Dumbty sat on a wall, Trumpty Dumbty maybe had a great fall. Six weeks into his bid for the Presidency, Donald Trump is still waging war on Mexicans and Hispanics generally. His manufactured outrage was working using this abominable racism to boost his standing among Republicans. Before July 18 his standing in polls among Republicans had him rising spectacularly to the top of the heap with 17%, one percentile above Jeb! at 16%.

But came Saturday, July 18, The Donald chose to attack Arizona Senator John McCain's military service and his imprisonment by the North Vietnamese at Hanoi Hilton for five years after being shot down.

A rule of thumb in political campaigns is that you never attack your opponent's military record, because if he was honorably discharged—and Senator McCain was—it demands respect. But this didn't seem to faze The Donald.

He attacked and besmirched the Senator's service. It wasn't the words as much as how the words were used in a dismissive manner

and the perception of arrogance and superiority for which The Donald is infamous. The Donald doesn't like Senator McCain, which goes back to the 2008 election; savaging the Senator was a cheap shot. At time of writing, The Donald remains unapologetic.

It's early days for this blow-up, and it could just get more embarrassing. The Republican debate on August 6 has the top 10 candidates on the stage and The Donald looks like he will be one of them. Hispanics for Hilary never had it so good.

By the way, the first GOP debate will be on August 6. It will be in Cleveland, OH and hosted by Fox News and Facebook. The party's second debate will be on September 16 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, and aired on CNN.

Other Republican entries in the nomination stakes (sigh!)

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal announced he was in the GOP race on June 24. He announced his candidacy by using a social media camera focused on his family units who were less than impressed and posting this thing on YouTube. Seriously.

Current New Jersey Governor Chris Christie's charm offensive (emphasis on "offensive") announced he was running on June 30. Well, what one can say about "Bridgegate" and the Governor being a scandal of New Jersey proportions? With management skills that have the NJ economy at junk bond status, what more can one say?

Last but not least for this month we have former Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker. Republicans might like him but Democrats won't. Still fresh on the memories are his attack on Wisconsin teachers and public employees, cutting their entitlement packages and doing away with their collective bargaining rights in 2011. There is a conventional wisdom that says he can win the nomination away for Jeb! Fortunately there much conventional wisdom and ones with long memories.

All told there are 33 Republican candidates who have declared, most of whom dwell in the netherworld of second and third tiers of this race, but which at this point don't merit space in this column because they have yet to make a significant mark. Maybe in the future.

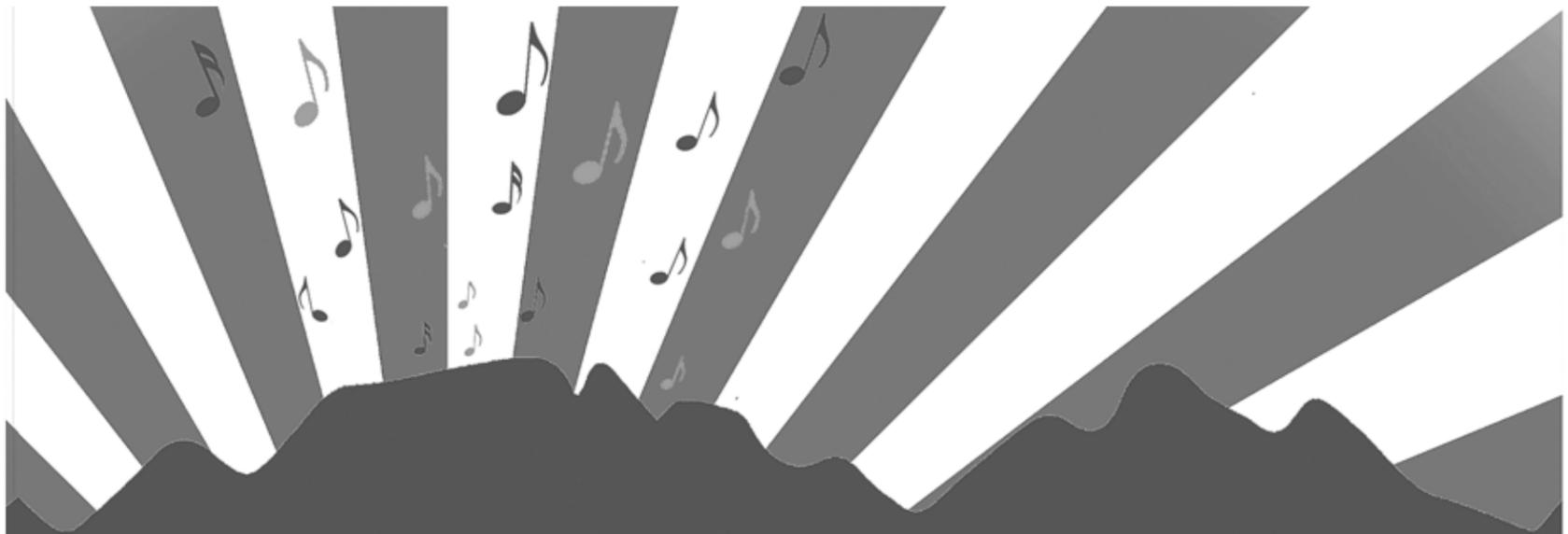
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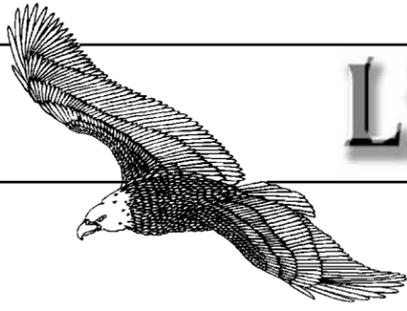
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Living on the Earth

Annual Crestone Energy Fair August 28-30

The 26th Annual Crestone Energy Fair August 27-30 is proud to welcome the Collective Bio-Diesel Conference (CBC) to this year's event. There will be a welcome reception on Thursday August 27 for the Collective Bio-Diesel Conference at the Crestone Charter School starting at 5pm. The Collective Biodiesel Conference is geared toward active and open collaboration among participants, including home brewers, grease collectors, multi-million gallon producers, and everyone in between.

The conference is designed to provide sufficient detail for participants to put what they learn, both technical and logistical, directly into action. In addition to open forums and lectures, the conference also features case studies from the

front lines of the Do-It-Yourself (DIY) renewable energy generation.

Friday, August 28

Friday morning will begin the Collective Bio-Diesel Conference (CBC) education series with the basics of regenerative energy creation for processing bio-diesel starting at 9am.

After the morning education series, a local food lunch will be provided by OFIA. Then the CBC will embark on the chemistry and details of bio-diesel production. The work session will include information on biodiesel testing, oil seed farming, WVO: strategies and operations and cogeneration concepts.

Friday night the CBC and Energy Fair participants will ex-



Energy Fair attendees tour vendor booths in the park.



Home tour attendees marvel at the incredible round doorway in a rammed earth wall inside Paul Shippee's house.



Michael and Kathleen Haas constructed a beautiful cordwood home with reclaimed interior finishes. Home Tour 2014.



Pictured are Charter School students in a renewable energy mentorship working on biodiesel and gasifying woodchips.

plore the concepts of SEED Parks: A SEED Park is an agricultural and natural resource-based park developed to produce products and create jobs through sustainable environments and economic development. The basic premise is that an eco-industrial park will be comprised of businesses that utilize each other's by-products in order to move to a zero waste existence.

Saturday, August 29

Saturday morning the CBC education series will tackle the broader picture of Biodiesel Processing. Covering topics such as, Methanol recovery, glycerin utilization, SVO design and strategies, Combined Heat and Power (CHP) and Commercial Renewables in the San Luis Valley.

Simultaneously on Saturday morning, the Energy Fair participants will gather in the post office parking lot, at 9am, to embark on the initial home tour of this year's event. We will tour a group of completed structures with a focus on design components and integrated energy systems.

Lunchtime will find both groups coming together again for a communal-style feast and idea sharing.

The CBC and CEF will combine for the Saturday afternoon education series. Collectively we will tackle Regenerative Energy Systems and the basics of siting, thermal mass vs. insulation, and the dynamics of Passive Solar Design.

At the close of Saturday's education series, we will converge on Little Pearl Park for a family-style cookout with music and vendors. Throughout the day Saturday, Little Pearl Park will be bustling with vendors displaying everything from cottage industry crafts to solar and other energy system demos. The day will be enhanced by the melodic sounds of our local musicians. The evening will end with dancing under the stars.

Sunday, August 30

Sunday, the CBC shuttles will begin departing to transport participants to DIA. Alternately, there will be a series of self-guided tours to commercial facilities around the valley for those who would like to see live commercial bio-diesel examples.

The Energy Fair participants will embark on a second home tour.

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Saturn is the only bright planet visible after twilight this month and dominates the skies in the south-southwest after sunset. The ringed planet lies in eastern Libra (the Scales, which used to be the pinchers of Scorpio) about 10° west of Antares. On these warm August evenings you might enjoy looking upward to locate the Summer Triangle, which will be overhead in the evening. It consists of the brightest stars of three different constellations: Deneb (Cygnus, the Swan), Altair (Aquila the Eagle), and Vega (Lyra, the Lyre).

August 2: Saturn stops moving retrograde

August 12, 11, and 12: This year will be a banner year for observing the Perseid meteor shower. The sky will be dark because the moon will be new on August 14. The early morning before dawn will be best, especially the morning of August 12/13.

August 22: Quarter moon is near Antares and Saturn

August 24: Moon is above the stinger of Scorpio

August 28: Full moon. The first of three super-moons this fall. The full moon occurs at perigee, when it is closest to the earth.

On August 14 NASA's New Horizons spacecraft made its swift passage of Pluto, moving at a speed of 30,000 miles per hour. The photos and discoveries from this event are, to use the words of the scientists involved, "truly jaw-dropping." This is a remarkable

and a huge craterless plain that appears to be no more than 100 million years old. The mountains, which also had no craters, were named after Tenzin Norgay, the companion of Edmund Hillary during the first ascent of Mt. Everest and the ice plain after the Russian spacecraft Sputnik.

The second briefing showed extraordinary details of the Texas-sized plain, named Sputnik Planum, which evidence moving glaciers composed of methane, nitrogen, and carbon monoxide ice and an entirely new mountain range which has been named after Tenzin's companion on Mt. Everest, Sir Edmund Hillary. Even at Pluto's temperatures of minus 390°F, these ices can flow when the weight of the overburden of ice causes melting and lubricates underside of the glaciers. The latest briefing also showed a stunning photo of a total eclipse of the sun by Pluto as viewed by the spacecraft. It revealed a layer of dust some 100 miles high.

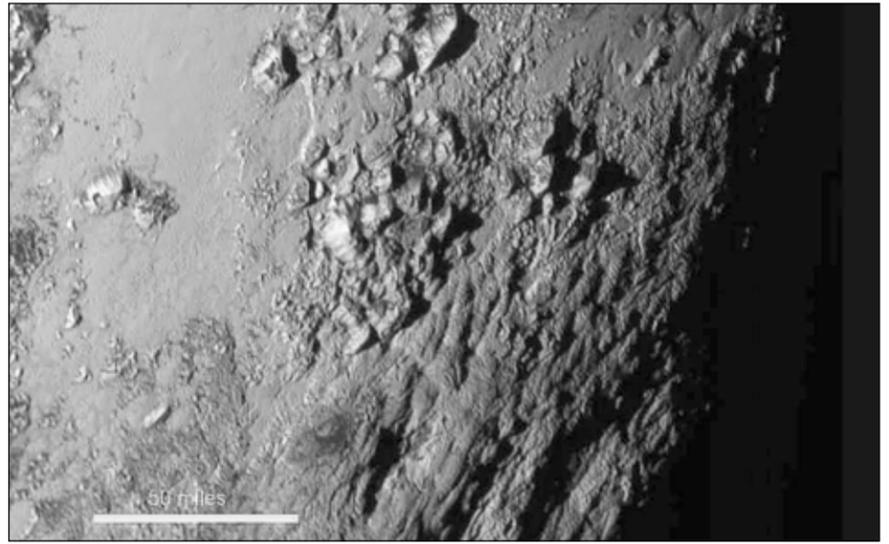
Pluto has five moons of which the largest, Charon, the mythological boatman who ferried unfortunate souls across the river Styx to Hades. Charon is about half the size of Pluto, and they deserved to be called double planets. They are 12,000 miles apart, and are gravitationally locked, each one always facing the other. The earth's moon is 240,000 miles from us, and, as you know, always keeps the same face to the earth.

Charon orbits Pluto every 6.4 days; its rotation period is 6.4 days and Pluto's rotation period is 6.4 days. Perhaps this intense gravitational locking has produced heating of the interiors of these two objects. Like Pluto, there are regions of Charon that show no craters, meaning that it too has been an

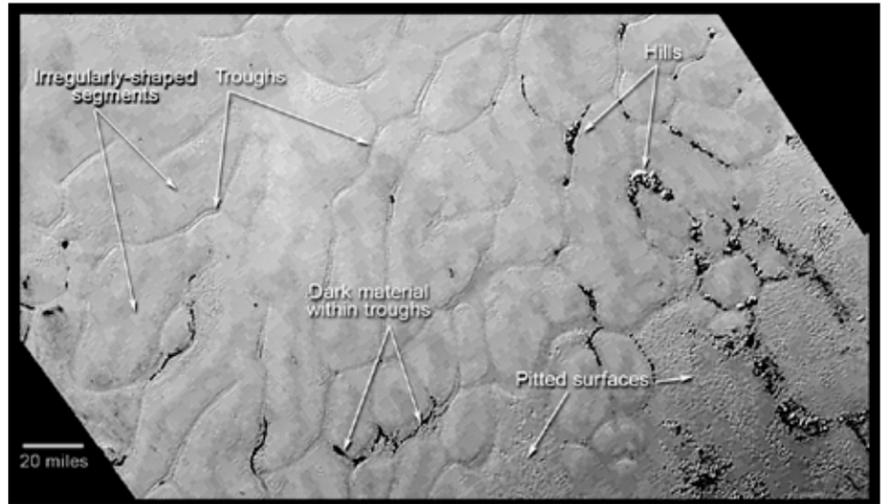
alive and active planet, coating its surface with water ice, perhaps spewed out by water geysers. It has a strange dark area in its north which has been named Mordor of Middle Earth fame.

The mountains of Pluto are apparently composed of water ice because ice made of methane, carbon monoxide, or nitrogen would not have the internal strength to support such high peaks. Frozen nitrogen and methane would crumble under their own weight at those elevations. The large area containing the ice plain and the two mountains is named Tombaugh Regio after Clyde Tombaugh who discovered Pluto in 1930.

Sputnik Planum is unlike



Ice mountains of Pluto, 11,000 feet high, named Norgay Montes after Tenzin Norgay, who climbed Mount Everest with Edmund Hillary. NASA



Sputnik Planum. Its craterless surface indicates a surprisingly young age of 100 million years. NASA



Pluto's moon, Charon. The dark north polar region has been named Mordor, of Middle Earth.

experience for all humankind, to share in exploring and discovering this cold, distant, dark world, once considered to be the ninth planet of the solar system. In the past when new lands were being discovered, such as searching for the source of the Nile or exploring Antarctica, there was a long wait before the results could be shared. Now it is only the four hours it takes radio signals to travel from New Horizons to Earth and the time needed to process the data.

There have been two major media briefings by the New Horizons team, July 17 and July 24. The first briefing revealed images of revealed 11,000-foot-high mountains of water ice

anything else in the solar system. It has a broken surface of irregularly-shaped segments, roughly 12 miles across, bordered by shallow troughs. Some of these troughs have darker material within them, while others contain hills that rise above the surrounding terrain. Elsewhere, the surface appears to be etched by small pits that may have formed by sublimation, in which ice turns directly from solid to gas. Pluto has a rocky core covered with a layer of ice and also, perhaps, an ocean of water. These ice mounds may be a product of convection, similar to bubble in boiling water. On Pluto, convection would occur within a surface layer of frozen carbon monoxide, methane and nitrogen, driven by the warmth of Pluto's warmer interior.

An atmosphere as high as 1,000 miles was another surprise. It appears to consist largely of nitrogen. The atmospheric nitrogen is being plucked away from the planet by the solar wind flowing past the planet, carrying it more than 10,000 miles into space.

Jupiter has 67 moons. Saturn has 62 moons. Uranus has 27 moons. Neptune has at least 14 moons. Pluto has 5 moons, maybe more. How is it that our Earth has only one? There are

two kinds of planets in the solar system: the Terrestrial planets (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars), and the Jovian planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune). While the Jovian planets have a total observed number of moons of close to 90, the Terrestrial planets have only 3 (the Moon, and two small moons around Mars). This huge difference is linked to the formation of the solar system. The two small moons of Mars are probably captured asteroids. In the case of our moon, it appears to have been produced by the collision of a large wandering proto-planet with the Earth, perhaps the size of Mars. Most of the proto-planets near the earth had been evaporated by the intensity of sunlight. This collision would have ejected a lot of material into Earth's orbit that contracted to form our satellite. The Jovian planets were surrounded by such wandering small condensed rock and ice and easily captured their moons. The story of Pluto's moons is still a mystery.

Note: At the time of writing this was "breaking news". Because the last briefing on July 24 was days and days after Kizzen's deadline for submission, I am grateful to the editor for her understanding. ;-)

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION ON FIRST RESPONSE

Thank you, Pam

by Chris Botz

The *Eagle* has long provided this space as a public service and will continue to do so as column concerning the activities of the first response services. We thank them for that support and look forward to the continued partnership.

The first in the new format will be about the Emergency Medical Service, also known as the Baca/Crestone Ambulance Service, which is part of the Baca Grande POA, aka the "Pambulance".

Let me reintroduce to you Ms Pam Gripp, EMT-Paramedic. While she did not begin the service, she has been largely responsible for the service's existence and its continued quality of care. Thanks from those of us who know you, and thanks from the many who don't know whom to thank.

Pam's retirement occurred on July 31. This is after twenty-nine years of service; that's just about three decades. She started here as an EMT-Intermediate and then, while working, ranching and mothering, commuted to Paramedic School in Pueblo. That was a yearlong course followed by the required one thousand clinical hours.

The difficult thing about writing this particular column is the reticence of the subject herself.

Pictures of Pam are few in number—seven last count, four of them of her back. She is found most often in the pictures of a particular ambulance with the crews of that period.

She has been on call for the greater part of her life, willing to get out at any hour or weather to help whoever has called. Sincere thanks from any who have needed to make this call.

She is also responsible for several dozens of us getting our certifications in EMS, and making sure our continuing education requirements were provided. Thanks from all of us and all that benefited by our number.

She is an Aries paramedic and thus you were assured of excellent care. (I am running out of more concrete facts, for this I apologize, but cannot be blamed). However, remembering our long transport distances, her knowledge and compassion for those under her care can be attested to. Thanks from all who were well served by that hour's drive to the hospital.

Pam is reserved and quiet, she does not sing or even say her own praise. She isn't the kind to write a memoir though she could. Thanks from all of us that have been served by her modesty and grace. Thank you Pam.



Three solar design clients of Paul Shippee visit a completed Colorado Sunworks solar job in Salida.

Free solar training September 11-13 for Saguache County residents

by Paul Shippee

Living with the sun is fun! You can take a hot shower every day using free energy from the sun. Learn how-to at Crestone Solar School's upcoming free solar workshop funded by a Saguache County 2015 Sales Tax Grant award.

Living with the sun is a 21st century reality. Why not take the opportunity to learn how to do it? You can get free energy from brother sun to run an electric ice-maker in the summertime (ask Ed!) In winter you can harness that big furnace in the sky to provide most of your home's heating needs with free radiant fuel coming down to the earth from the sun. And Federal Tax Credits of 30% are available for one more year to help you pay for your solar dream. We are a solar civilization.

Colorado Sunworks (Paul Shippee's solar design, consulting and building company) and Crestone Solar School (a division of Colorado Sunworks) has teamed up with Saguache County via a generous sales tax grant award to provide free solar training on the weekend of September 11-13, 2015.

This is a rare opportunity to learn both the theory and the nuts & bolts of solar technologies—both solar thermal for home heating & domestic hot water and PV (photovoltaics).

Hands-on demonstrations, solar home tours and plenty of solar technology instruction, including take-home workbooks, will be valuable parts of this special weekend workshop.

Paul Shippee, the presenter, has been teaching and training people in solar applications for more than 30 years. With a degree in Civil Engineering he is an award-winning solar designer, engineer, consultant and builder. He has designed and built every kind of passive solar home and installed many active solar heating systems in Boulder, Larimer, Chaffee and Saguache counties over the years.

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Can kinetic energy help replace fossil fuels?

Power from revolving doors, soccer balls & tiles: the next frontier in clean energy

Dear EarthTalk: I recently heard about a cafe in the Netherlands that harvests so-called "kinetic" energy from its revolving door to power its interior lights. Is there potential for kinetic energy to provide significant amounts of electricity to help replace fossil fuels?

—Doug Mola, Boise, ID

Physicists define "kinetic" energy as the energy of motion (as opposed to potential energy, which represents an object's stored energy). While there is not much that is practical that we can do with potential energy, kinetic energy is another matter. We can capture energy from all sorts of everyday activities, and entrepreneurs around the world are working hard on ways to make kinetic energy more accessible. But we may be decades from realizing any serious fossil fuel displacement from this age-old energy source, and by then other alternative energy sources may have already made coal, oil and natural gas things of the past.

While the cutting edge revolving door at Natuurcafé La Port in Beerschoten, Netherlands (about 30 miles southeast of Amsterdam) may be one of the best examples of repurposing the kinetic energy that humans generate through their movement into electricity to power their stuff—the door connects the cafe to an adjoining train station and generates some 4600 kWh of electricity annually—it's far from the only one.

Socket kinetic soccer ball

Uncharted Play's Soccket soccer ball doubles as a kinetic energy power source for an integrated high-efficiency 3-LED lamp.

The Soccket is a soccer ball that was designed by Harvard undergraduates for a class project—and since incorporated as the company Uncharted Play—that harvests energy when it is kicked around and can then be used to power an included energy efficient 3-LED lamp that runs for up to three hours after just 20 minutes or so of soccer. "The more the ball rolls, the more power that's generated," reports Uncharted Play, which got the idea for the ball as a way to help eliminate the use of kerosene. The company also makes the Pulse, a portable, emergency battery charging jump rope designed to promote physical activity and spread awareness about the global energy problem. While the Pulse is a jump rope just like any other, it is also a portable battery charger that can be powered up from a power outlet or even better from using it. For every Soccket or Pulse purchased (\$99/each), Uncharted Play donates one to a kid in a developing country who might not otherwise have access to electricity to provide a light to read at night.

Another innovative application of kinetic energy is from Pavegen, which produces floor tiles that absorb kinetic energy when people walk on them. The tiles are made with recycled materials and contain small LEDs that light up to show they are working. Meanwhile, KinergyPower is applying the same principal to harnessing the kinetic energy from vehicles through designed road surfaces that turn vehicle motion into electricity.

But while kinetic energy shows lots of potential for helping transition away from fossil fuels, it may never become more than a novelty if we continue to focus our energy resources on other proven clean renewables like solar arrays and wind farms. Regardless, get used to seeing more and more kinetic energy-harvesting from flooring, sidewalks, soccer balls, jump ropes and who knows what else. Going through a revolving door never felt so good.



Cheatgrass.

Moisture leads to vigorous wildfire-prone cheatgrass

The San Luis Valley experienced an unusually wet May and early June. This additional moisture allowed for vigorous growth of grasses, including non-native cheatgrass—a noxious weed that competes with native vegetation and is of concern during wildfires.

Cheatgrass, also known as downy brome, grows vigorously in disturbed areas such as roadsides and recent construction sites. It is a fast-growing, early-season plant that becomes a problem after it grows vigorously in spring, as it is highly flammable and creates thick, continuous beds of surface fuel that allow for fast-spreading wildfire.

"Cheatgrass turns brown and dries out by early summer, leaving behind fine fuels that can catch fire easily," said Marvin Reynolds, CSU Extension.

The flammability of dead cheatgrass means it should be managed around structures. Adam Moore, Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) Alamosa District, says that cheatgrass should be removed or trimmed

to less than 6 inches in height within 30 feet of homes, garages and other structures, and also propane tanks.

"Cheatgrass can easily generate flames of eight feet in height, so homeowners should also prune tree limbs to 10 feet above ground, or one-third the height of the tree," Moore said. "This can help prevent a grass fire from moving up into the trees."

Methods for effectively eliminating cheatgrass can be mechanical, such as pulling the grass by the roots, or chemical treatments with herbicides. But Moore and Reynolds say this is not always easy.

"Removing cheatgrass takes a continued, dedicated effort," Reynolds said.

For additional information on cheatgrass management, see CSU Extension publication 6.310 at www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/natres/06310.html or contact 719-852-7381. For more information about reducing wildfire risk near homes and communities, contact the CSFS Alamosa District at 719-587-0915.

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Water Resources Committee to hear comments on draft water plan

by **Bea Ferrigno**

The Interim Water Resources Review Committee (IWRRC) of the state legislature will meet in Alamosa on August 10 to receive public comments on the Statewide Water Plan. The second draft was released last month and the comment period extends to September 17. The meeting for the Rio Grande Basin will be from 6 to 8pm at the Rodeway Inn, formerly the Inn of the Rio Grande.

According to a report submitted by Randy Fischer, Chairman of the IWRRC, to James Eklund, Director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), the first round of statewide meetings on the plan brought to light several common themes:

- Support for “a strong and robust commitment to . . . water conservation as one of the top priorities for meeting future water demands.”

- Concern that “communities will be dewatered for the benefit of fueling front range population growth” and “about the impacts that possible trans-basin diversions would have on their economies and quality of life.”

- Support from both urban and rural residents for “a State role in reducing the water footprint of new development and redevelopment as a conservation measure.”

- Coloradoans statewide place a high value on “healthy rivers and resilient, naturally functioning watersheds [and] view the maintenance of healthy aquatic ecosystems and riparian corridors as a beneficial use for water and are willing to make the tradeoffs necessary to allocate water toward meeting environmental and recreational needs.”

- Residents across Colorado expressed “the need for additional storage . . . as well as infrastruc-

ture improvements to increase the efficiency and resilience of our water supply and delivery system.”

- Coloradoans were similarly united in support of “maintaining agricultural productivity and strengthening our agricultural economy.” They want to “find alternatives to drying-up irrigated farmland to meet future municipal and industrial water needs.”

- While Coloradoans support the doctrine of prior appropriation, they are also calling for “strong policy directives aimed at increasing flexibility, innovation, and creativity in the administration of Colorado water law. [They] support innovative approaches toward conservation and toward sharing water among agricultural, municipal, and industrial users as well as for maintaining environmental and recreational values.” They would like to see trials of “innovative practices, such as leasing/fallowing, flexible water rights, water banking, and rainwater harvesting” with “policy and legislative direction” included in the Statewide plan.

To read or comment on the current draft of the plan, visit

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Editorial: Rainwater harvesting?

by **Bea Ferrigno**

Despite the interest recorded in the Fischer report [see paragraph 2, article at left], there are still no legal rain barrels in Colorado, which remains the only state in the lower 48 that does not allow homeowners to capture rainfall.

In May, House Bill 1259, “Concerning the Use of Rain Barrels to Collect Precipitation from a Residential Rooftop for Nonpotable Outdoor Uses” passed the House, but was delayed in committee so that it could not reach a vote before the session ended. It would have allowed two 55 gallon drums of rainwater to be collected from residential roofs for use in yards and gardens. One hundred and ten gallons is about .03% of an acre foot; it would take 14,932 households collecting 110 gallons each to make up even one acre foot of water that would reach the ground in any case.

The Rio Grande Decision Support System, the basis of pending groundwater regulation in the San Luis Valley, does not even consider amounts of water less than 50 acre feet. It seems that certain holders of water rights feel threatened by the possibility that their entitlement might be diminished by household rainbarrels, even though they would only slightly delay the absorption of rain water by the ground.

If you are concerned about the continued prohibition of rain collecting in Colorado, speak up at the IWRRC meeting [Aug. 10 in Alamosa] or at their September 15 meeting at 10am in Denver where they will discuss the potential impacts of rain barrels on stream flows. The rain barrel bill could be re-introduced by a legislator or by the IWRRC.

PS: The July meeting of the Rio Grande Interbasin Roundtable was cancelled; the next meeting is scheduled for 2pm on August 11 at the conference room of the SLV Water Conservancy District, 623 Fourth Street, Alamosa.

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There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root

Mustard Family



Mustard family: Tansy Mustard, Pennycress, Peppergrass, Shepherd's Purse, etc.

There are so many wild mustards in this area (and most areas) that I've decided to talk about them as a group, because for the most part they have very similar characteristics. Although almost all mustards are edible and some medicinal, they can still cause intestinal irritation if eaten to excess. The Brassicaceae or Mustard family includes not only the wild mustards but also cultivated species such as broccoli, kale, cabbage, cauliflower, kohlrabi and Brussel sprouts (interestingly all bred from the same species).

Mustard family plants all have four sepals, four petals, and 6 stamens, four long and two short. The petals are usually arranged in a cross shape, leading to the family's other name, Cruciferae. The seed pods of the mustard family plants wind around the stem in a spiral shape. They are all different but all are in the same pattern. Mustard flowers are commonly bright yellow, white, or purple.

Many mustard leaves are edible as a potherb or in salads, and seeds can be used as a spice, in salads, or ground like cultivated mustard seed. The seed can also

be ground and used in a mustard plaster. Basically the ground seed is mixed with flour and water or instant mashed potatoes and water, applied to a cloth and placed on the chest to warm and penetrate the lungs in chest colds and other respiratory infections. Care must be taken not to burn the skin by keeping it on too long.

Shepherd's Purse is a mustard plant which is used as a hemostat (stops bleeding), usually for excess menstrual bleeding or for urinary tract infections. It is best used fresh or as a fresh tincture.

Mustard as a flower essence is used for depression that descends out of nowhere like a mist. Edward Bach wrote that Mustard Essence helps "those who are liable to times of gloom, or even despair, as though a cold dark cloud overshadowed them and hid the light and the joy of life. It may not be possible to give any reason or explanation for such attacks. Under these conditions it is almost impossible to appear happy or cheerful".

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Garden Guru

The beauty of mulch



by **Matie Belle Lakish**

I'm sure you've seen those landscapes with the attractive flowering shrub surrounded by smaller annual or perennial flowers and an attractive bark or pebble mulch around the plants. Typically there are few weeds in between. In most of these gardens, common around banks and corporate offices, there is a weed barrier under the mulch, and perhaps an underground watering system with a sprinkler that comes on at computer-regulated times. It's an attractive and efficient system that requires little maintenance.

We can put something similar to work in our own gardens with even better results if we mulch our vegetables and flowers with nutrient-rich materials that feed our soils and conserve our precious water.

Soil-building in the mountains can be a long-term process and mulching should be a part of your gardening plan. Mulches can provide nutrients that slowly break down and feed the soil, holding in moisture and feeding the earthworms, who slowly churn the raw plant material into humus that your plants will love. Mulch also helps regulate soil temperatures and keeps weeds under control.

You can tell a serious organic gardener by their avid pursuit of mulching materials. Different materials can be used to advantage for different purposes. Bark mulches, as in the above landscape, will retain moisture and help control weeds and cover those weed barriers around perennial plantings. However, they add little to the soil in the short term, as they decompose very slowly.

Straw is a favorite mulch material in the valley, as it is readily available, provides good cover for weeds, retains moisture and moderates soil temperatures. However, it is low in nitrogen and other needed nutrients, so use it with a compost layer underneath.

Grass clippings are a high-nutrient choice, as long as the lawn has not been sprayed with weed-killer. Look for lawns with an abundance of broadleaf weeds such as clovers and dandelions, and try to intercept the clippings before they hit the dumpster.

Leaves from deciduous trees such as cottonwood and alder are great, especially for berries. The trees bring nutrients from the subsoil, especially needed minerals. Pine needles and chips can be used around most shrubs, but *don't* use cedar or juniper wood chips, bark or needles around plants, as they contain a toxin that inhibits plant growth. They can be great in paths, however.

Alfalfa and clover hays are great nitrogen sources. As the earthworms work on these mulches from the bottom, they take the nutrients down to the root level. These are the best substitutes for animal manures in your organic garden.

Rock and pebble mulches can gather heat and hold it into the evening, moderating the temperatures at night, while preventing evaporation in our desert environment. Kitchen items like tea leaves and coffee grounds make a good mulch for roses and berries,



A thick layer of straw mulch keeps roots cool and moisture contained while discouraging weeds.

and even those weeds you pull can become a mulch, as long as there are no mature seeds. Paper items, such as last month's *Crestone Eagle* and flattened cardboard boxes, can turn back into the earth. Use ones without much colored ink and place beneath your straw, leaves or grass clippings in especially weedy areas.

Warning: Toxic! Do not use!

Have you seen those attractively packaged mulches at the local Walmart and garden centers that say they will last forever and come in attractive varied colors? Yes, I mean those rubber mulches made from old tires. These are an ecological and health disaster! According to EHHI*, "In some states

rubber tires are a 'Hazardous Waste' and in other states they are a 'Special Waste'. Whichever the case—one has to get a permit to dispose of rubber tires and there is a cost associated with that disposal. It is these very same rubber tires that are being cut up and sold to people as "mulch". Check out the review of toxic chemicals in tire waste at www.ehhi.org/turf/pr_rubber_mulch_danger.shtml.

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Crestone Energy Fair

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Sunday's Home Tour will focus on homes under construction. We will explore the diverse options and benefits of shelter construction outside the standard "stick frame" method. Once again we will congregate in the post office parking lot at 9am.

After lunch there will be demonstrations and discussions on a variety of construction methods from the Home Tour. The methods include straw bale, rammed earth tires, earth bags, Greenstar Blox,

cobb, cordwood and earthen plasters.

Sunday evening will close the event with a community potluck and open mic in Little Pearl Park.

Come out and join us for this incredible weekend of experience-based education and fun in Crestone. Crestone is a small but very unique community that provides an incredible travel and learning opportunity. The area is considered to be the straw bale building capitol of the world and is home to numerous experts and companies that are leading the way in cutting-edge innovation for a wide variety of renewable energy, green building and regenerative living practices. When not engaged in an indoor



Home tour attendees discussing siting and exterior features of this straw bale home.



Mason Greenstar Blox wall completed during the 2014 building demonstrations

presentation or outdoor demo, fairgoers can enjoy the natural beauty of the area, fresh local food and local arts and crafts.

Once again we would like to thank Saguache County Tax and Tourism Board for their generous financial support, ScSEED for their fiscal sponsorship and guidance (We'll miss you Julie), The Collective Bio-Diesel Conference for choosing Crestone for this year's event, The Town of Crestone and most importantly the Crestone community for living the dream of a resilient and regenerative future.

Through our actions and creations, we walk steadfastly towards

our dreams of a greener tomorrow. Together, hand in hand with hearts and minds melding, we will resonate a vision of harmonious prosperity. Our goal is to attract people from all over the world, and encourage dialogue between experts, novices, and practitioners of all different backgrounds and skill sets.

Join us for the courageous adventure we call the Crestone Energy Fair. Details for the event can be found at www.ScSEED.org/Energy or on Facebook at Crestone Energy Fair or at www.collective-biodieselconference.org. You can also contact Donovan at 303-868-6352 with questions.

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In Search of Economic Reality

21st century learning—How to double student achievement while spending less money

by Ed Lyell, PhD

The world has had a major paradigm shift, the biggest in over a thousand years—a shift from information scarcity to information abundance. All of the world's history, theories, skills, are available 24/7 through the internet. Billions of people get that information every day on computers and smartphones. For decades I and others have advocated just-in-time learning instead of structured subject-based and lock-step curriculums. Talking head teachers transmit information at 120 words per minute yet student's brains think at thousands of words per minute. The student drifts in and out of listening and learning.

How much more could students learn if we get the time-based, compliance-based schools out of their way? In my 1982 campaign brochure for the State Board of Education I stated "formal education can be a hindrance to learning". We have working examples of students actively learning through project-based methods. We have self-paced computer-guided tools to teach the basics of any subject better than a talking head teacher, and much cheaper. Students can google any topic and quickly get lessons, PowerPoints, video lessons from around the world. Many schools have learned that having student teams produce their own video lessons create better learning than passive listening. Websites like the Khan Academy provide free lessons of high quality to learners around the world. They are part of a new sharing society that is dramatically

changing many industries such as car and home rentals. Teachers are making money by posting their lessons on websites or being paid as online tutors.

So why are the public schools fighting real change while bragging about one percent gains in student achievement when less than one half are proficient in reading, writing, math or anything? Why are we paying more and more money for the same mediocrity? Some of the problem is basic human reluctance to change. Only babies with wet diapers cry out for change, and even then they need help. The adults who run schools as legislators, school board members, principals, and teachers all want to see dramatic improvement but don't want to change anything to get it. They especially do not want to give up their power and money. School boards should be focused on helping every family in their district to have their students learn as much as they can, as effectively as possible. Instead, the local boards see their job as protecting the existing employees' jobs. This is not a surprise, given that school board elections occur separate from other elections, have less than a 10% voter turnout, with 80% of those voting being the employees and their families. America has 18,000 local school boards that are not representing the public, but their employees.

The world now has three major shifts—information abundance, non-geographic institutions, and a sharing economy—all dramatically changing the world. We are watching geographic-based power structures, like nation states, give way to affinity networks. In an internet "flat" world people connect with groups they choose from anywhere in the world. Geographic proximity means less and less.

People can connect with others who share their values, religions, and hobbies. People connect based on common interests through cable TV, websites, Facebook pages, and video games. My students come into class texting their friends or checking websites and do not talk to the student next to them. The nation/states have lost power to multinational corporations, worldwide non-government organizations, and other affinity-based groups. Some of the best charter schools are part of national networks sharing learning strategies, computer-based tools, and non-geographic linkages. The traditional geographic-based neighborhood schools fight to keep their dominance even as they limit student learning.

We know that long term learning only comes from projects or activity-based learning. As a scoutmaster I watched my scouts learn faster and better through scouting activities than from classrooms, while having fun. Youth teach each other while

adults serve as expert advisors or emotional guiders. We need teachers as tutors and coaches, more for emotional guidance than cognitive knowledge. Finland has led the world in student achievement for several years. Yet they are now shifting from the traditional time-based school with age-based grades, seat time in subject-based classes to one based on multi-age topic- or issue-based learning, finding information electronically and learning critical thinking skills.

America has major barriers to dramatically better student learning because of the geographic focus. School funding is based on local taxes and this creates massive disparities. America is one of only three advanced countries that spend less on the education of poorer children than richer ones. Unlike most developed countries, America doesn't put better teachers in poorly performing schools but in wealthy schools. Spending per child should be equitable with differences only based on specific student needs, not rich versus poor neighborhoods. It is not right or effective that spending per student varies from \$6,000 to \$21,000 based on neighborhood wealth.

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 <p>Backs to greenbelt</p> <p>11 N. Baca Grant Way - \$159,000 Octagonal 3BD/1.75BA 1452sf. Updated w/stucco exterior. Wood fireplace & propane heat stove, electric backup. Large deck facing Greenbelt at the front of the Baca on paved road.</p>	 <p>Great Price!</p> <p>23 Alpine OL - \$89,000 This 3BR/1.5BA 1520sf A-Frame house sits on 1.24 acres backing to greenbelt. Close to town off paved road. Needs some TLC, but updated w/ETS heat & woodstove. 2BR/1BA downstairs & Master up.</p>	 <p>Small Home, Small Price!</p> <p>4485 Ridgecrest Way - \$74,500 Unique, small 394sf home, with 2nd structure in Chalet 3. Fixer-upper, but can be a home in the Baca at an affordable price. Woodstove, loft sleeping area w/wood ceilings. Full kitchen w/cookstove, fridge & combo w/d. Shower bath.</p>	<p>EIGHT New Listings this month!</p> <p>Call Today— 719-256-4198</p>	



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<p>SOLD!</p> <p>SOLD!</p>	<p>A Special Home</p> <p>SOLD!</p>	<p>SOLD!</p> <p>SOLD!</p>	<p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>Was \$115,000</p>	<p>Commercial Property</p> <p>Professional Building</p>	<p>Historic Hotel</p> <p>Willow Springs (Moffat) - NOW \$299,000</p> <p>Fully restored former historic Forbes Hotel. 9bd/3BA 3600sf; detached 22x24 studio, 500ft artesian well. Great business potential for B&B, hotel/retreat center.</p>	<p>Town of Crestone</p> <p>Reduced! Was \$499,000</p> <p>Creekside in Crestone!</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>995C Pinon Rd - \$165,000 Light-filled, recently remodeled 1BD/1BA 1204sf home on 4.03ac includes 8x13 retreat cabin & 13x8 toolshed. Set up for horses w/10x12 loafing shed & hay barn. Exquisite mtn views w/lots of privacy. Well.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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!</p>

<p>Baca Meadows</p> <p>Income Potential</p>	<p>Private</p> <p>Enchanted Castle</p>	<p>Indoor Exercise Pool</p> <p>REDUCED! Was \$495,000</p>	<p>Was \$459,000</p>	<p>Guest House</p>	<p>Garage + Studio</p>
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<p>Baca Meadows Townhome #10 \$189,000 Exquisite townhouse completely remodeled in 2008. 1480sf 2-story 2BD/2BA features redesigned kitchen & bathrooms, updated heat & lighting systems, beautiful patio. Must see!</p>	<p>Baca Townhome #16 - \$179,000 A lovely 3BD/3BA/sunroom 1622sf one story townhouse located close to N. Crestone Creek walking path & convenient to town. Great for full time homeowner or can be as rental. Excellent separation of master suite and guest bedrooms.</p>	<p>2795CR Brook Terrace - \$499,500 The castle tucked away on a private cul-de-sac on 2.765 wooded acres. 3 level stone & stucco with views to the sky. Artistic with quality & attention to detail. A must see home!</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>786C Panorama Way - \$419,000 This Lee Mitchell custom 3bd/2ba/sunroom/library/balconies 2428sf home with fabulous gardens sits on 2.14 acres w 2-car garage/studio. Exquisite - Must See!</p>	<p>1275C Bear Grass Way - \$399,000 Unique, 2-story 2BD/2BA 2040sf+loft hexagon energy efficient Rastra home up high in Ch1, adjacent to greenbelt on ~2 acres. In-floor radiant heat, passive-solar, woodstove & solarium. Detached double garage w/396sf studio space w/full bath, possible kitchen.</p>	<p>340C Palomino Way - \$389,000 Immaculate 1820sf, 2-story, 3BD/2BA home on 1.79 acres, meditation gardens w/rock lined pathways & patios. Solar h/w, woodstove & solarium. Detached double garage w/396sf studio space w/full bath, possible kitchen.</p>
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<p>Was \$349,000</p>	<p>Silver Star B&B</p>	<p>22 Alpine OL - \$295,000 CUSTOM 3bd/2.5ba/2 car garage 2232sf home close to town. Screened porch & wrap deck. Gracious Living with exceptional views!</p>	<p>3615CR Splendid Terrace - \$275,000 1938sf 3BD/2.5BA, meticulous, Southwestern style home with arched windows & doorways sits on 1.719 acres. 400sf detached Casita Apt w/kitchenette & full bath.</p>	<p>3919 Cordial Way - \$275,000 Two story, 3BD/2.5BA ~2400 sf home has a walled courtyard & 4 intimate decks w/ great views. Southwest style home gracefully adorned with fine details and finishes.</p>	<p>1540C Willow Creek Way - \$269,000 3BD/2.5BA 1946sf classic farmhouse, 1.3 acres, backs to greenbelt & w/ 2 screened porches & southern deck. Separate log-cabin studio, w/steam-shower bathroom, kitchenette, and covered porch.</p>	<p>149 Moonlight Way - \$259,000 Beautiful 3bd/2ba 2118sf home w/ 2 living areas - extensively updated & immaculate condition. Cathedral ceilings & a wall of glass w/ great views. Adjoins greenbelt & creek. Great space for entertaining!</p>
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<p>Non-Toxic</p>	<p>MILLION \$ VIEWS!</p> <p>Reduced! Was \$299,000</p>	<p>WAS \$245,000</p>	<p>New Construction: Paul Koppapa</p>	<p>Private</p> <p>Reduced! Was \$255,000</p>	<p>Great Reduction! Was \$259,000</p>	<p>New Construction</p>
<p>207C Foothill OL - \$259,000 2-story 3BD/2.5BA/Study stucco home with a 2-car attached carport is non-toxic with Bioshield paints & oil finishes, Bamboo floors & natural pine ceilings. Spacious Master Suite w/Jacuzzi tub, separate shower, porcelain tiles & marble counter.</p>	<p>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/kitch.</p>	<p>1216C Chaparral Way - \$235,000 Custom built 2005-Teahen home, 1710sf 2-story, 3bd/2.5b home on 1.132 acres is immaculate! Great kitchen, master suite w/ elegant master bath. Upstairs sitting room, bonus room and balcony.</p>	<p>1867C Rockyview Way - \$229,000 3BD/2BA 1520sf New Construction by Paul Koppapa, energy efficient design. Active solar hot water sys thru radiant floor grid + domestic hot water. Very insulated, triple pane windows & heat recovery ventilation, airtight construction.</p>	<p>705 Rendezvous Way - \$220,000 Add your finishing touches to this large 2923sf one story stucco home. Fully livable w/ETS & woodstove heat, a completed kitchen and bathrooms. Large great room offers lots of space. 2 car garage w/ two story enclosed unfinished space.</p>	<p>4454C Ridgecrest Way - \$219,000 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.</p>	<p>2145 Indian Well Way - \$209,000 This 2BD/1BA is a new construction w/huge windows & rooftop deck for gorgeous views. Aspen panel ceiling in Great Room, Stainless kitchen appliances w/granite tile & butcher block countertops. Soak tub w/ separate shower.</p>

<p>WAS \$210,000</p>	<p>Was \$199,000</p> <p>Easy Access</p>	<p>Reduced! - Was \$212,000</p>	<p>Private</p>	<p>Space/Garage/Greenhouse</p>	<p>One-Story</p>	<p>WAS \$195,000</p>
<p>3356C Camino Del Rey - \$199,900 2 story, 1981sf, 2bd/1.75ba home w/ passive solar sunroom - great views on .864 acres. Master suite w/clawfoot tub, pine floors, pellet stove. Propane heat, great appliances.</p>	<p>333 Palomino Way - \$189,000 Built in 2011, this 2-story 1685sf home offers 3BD/Study/2.5BA in a very functional floorplan. Passive solar, fire-resistant siding, carport, stainless kitchen with concrete countertops,</p>	<p>1447 Chaparral Way - \$189,000 This 1440sf 2bd/2ba home is a complete remodel with bamboo flooring, Jenn-Air stainless appliances, maple cabinets, granite countertops, travertine bathrooms, master bath soak tub. Adjacent lot available.</p>	<p>3949C Cheerful Way - \$189,000 Built by Terry Anderson in 2002, 1110sf, 2-story 2BD/1.75BA/carport on .699 acres. Balcony w/ outstanding views, diamond plastered walls, soak tub. Private location w/ trees. Retreat home, private getaway, full time residence.</p>	<p>3705 Carefree Way - \$179,000 This 1874sf 3BD/1.75BA home was built in 1995 as a passive solar home. Very spacious w/detached 2-car garage & greenhouse. Also includes the upper adj lot to protect mtn views.</p>	<p>635C Panorama Way - \$169,500 This 1504sf 3BD/2BA home sits on 1.013 acres & has an open, flowing floorplan w/lots of windows for natural light. Hardwood floors, custom made cabinets, screened porch, honeycomb window blinds.</p>	<p>3704 Carefree Way - \$169,000 Immaculate like new 3 bd/1.75ba, 1316sf home has wood floors, stucco privacy wall, single car garage, beautiful views of the mountains.</p>

<p>Cabin in the Woods</p>	<p>Was \$179,000</p> <p>Great Screened Porch!</p>	<p>Private</p>	<p>Was \$169,000</p>	<p>Was \$169,000</p> <p>Separate Office/Workshop</p>	<p>Near Pundarika</p>	<p>Grants in Trees</p> <p>20+ acres!</p>
<p>2167 Indian Well Way - \$169,000 This adorable 3BD/1BA cabin was built in 2001 & sits in a great location on a wooded lot. The lovely deck, wood floors, woodstove, storm doors, outdoor swing, mtn views and storage shed complete this charming home.</p>	<p>3376 Genial Way - \$162,500 Tri-level 3BD/1.75BA home, lovely screened porch w/trex deck off living room. Lots of windows in the living space, offering amazing views, lots of light, and passive solar. ETS heat.</p>	<p>263C Moonlight Way - \$159,000 Built in 2014, this 1532sf newer construction offers 3BD/1BA w/ potential for 2nd bath. Set back from road on 1.042 acres w/beautiful trees, lots of privacy. Open living/dining/kitchen area w/hardwood floors. Immaculate. ETS heat.</p>	<p>1573C Kings Hill OL - \$159,000 Light & bright 3bd/2ba, 1480sf, 1.5 level stucco with large south facing windows and view deck on .84 acres. Easy access off paved road. Hot water baseboard heat/passive solar. New roof.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>1221 Chaparral Way - \$149,000 This lovely one owner 2BD/1BA 1008sf Terrapin home has hot water baseboard heat, Vermont casting wood stove, stucco exterior & beautiful views. Landscaped, fenced yard & off the road for privacy. Near Pundarika retreat property.</p>	<p>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.</p>

<p>Fantastic Great Room!</p>	<p>Reduced! Was \$355,000</p> <p>11.94 Acres + Garage/Apt!</p>	<p>6.775ac on Creek Greenbelt!</p>	<p>Was \$249,000</p>	<p>Soak Tub with Views</p>	<p>Off-Grid</p>
<p>56 Wagon Wheel Road - \$295,500 Luxurious ~1800sf 2BD/2BA southwest-style ranch home built in 2002. 2-car garage w/studio. Large windows in great room w/stone fireplace & amazing views. 4.6 acres, well & septic.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>937C Spanish Creek Trail - \$229,000 This lovely 3BD/2BA+Office home sits on 6.775ac & backs to the Spanish Creek Greenbelt. Built in 2007, this 1680sf home has wood floors, a woodstove, 2 flagstone patios & boasts amazing mtn views.</p>	<p>1564 Wagon Wheel Road - \$229,000 A 2,192sf beautiful single level ranch style home built in 1997 on 1.66 acres. 3bd/2ba, great room, living room & 2 car attached garage. Well and septic. Great value!</p>	<p>1175 Golden Eagle Tr - \$185,500 2BD/2BA 1196sf Ranch-style home on 2.15 acres, built in 2006. Cozy luxury in the Grants. Mstr suite has tremendous views, full bath, walk-in closet, patio & garden. ETS heat. Well & septic</p>	<p>600 Heatherbrae Road - \$185,000 Off-Grid - Beautiful 1240sf 2BD/1.5BA home on 2.61 acres, borders Conservation Easement. 220sf enclosed passive solar porch, 105sf shower & deck, 528sf deck & 8'x12' storage room. Well & septic.</p>

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by Kizzen Laki
 Ka-boom crack! The sound of the rifle shot ricocheted off the canyon walls at dawn. Ka-boom again! What the heck? The sound came from up canyon. Our only neighbor up Chalk Creek Canyon was Jo Love.

I wandered up later that day to find out about the gun shots. “Bobcats” she said, “trying to get into my chickens.” She didn’t shoot it, she was just scaring it away.

I had met Jo earlier that year while tracking down a wayward burro. We had moved into Chalk Creek Canyon in 1972, into a cluster of old long-abandoned cabins.

The Love Ranch, another cluster of old but well-kept cabins, was run by Jo who rented out the cabins during the summer. They were nestled between the creek to the south and looked upon the brilliant Chalk Cliffs to the north. West, up the canyon are the roaring cascades of the creek, the old miners town of Alpine—now home to summer visitors. Farther up canyon is the “ghost town” of St. Elmo. In the winter the snow plows stopped at the Love Ranch. Mark and Jo Love had built the cabins in 1926 and rented them to miners and their families. Mark died in 1932 after a horse accident. Jo continued on by herself and even after the miners were long gone, built more cabins so visitors could enjoy the beautiful canyon.

I first met Jo when I got a visit from Big John the game warden who stopped by to let me know that Jo had called him to report that a burro was up at her place munch-

ing in her flower beds. He thought it might be mine. It was.

Chica Burro was an escape artist. Raised as a pet until she was big and spoiled, she was given to us to have a home in the country. She was a master at getting through a barbed wire fence. Head first between some middle strands, then the front legs one at a time, then dragging her fat belly through, leaving tufts of hair and usually a few popped fence staples, then easy as you please stepping her back legs through. Often she would show up on my front porch, sticking her head through my open dutch door looking for treats. But many times she’d head off for greener pastures up the canyon.

I retrieved Chica from the Love Ranch, walking her home on a lead rope. A few days later, Chica was back again at the tasty flowers. This time I received a personal call from Jo to come get my burro. We started visiting more often. Chica was a charmer, knew how to bat her long lashes, beg for treats, stand by the door and wait to be petted. So it wasn’t too bad—Jo kinda liked her.

Jo was getting up there in years and had lived alone in her canyon cabin for decades. She was of a breed of old-time mountain woman that was self-sufficient and independent, refined and gentle while tough and hard working. The kind to have flower beds, doilies on the tables and a rifle propped up in the corner. The following summer I worked occasionally for Jo helping to clean her rental cabins, dung out the chicken pen and do some



Big horn sheep at the Love Meadows State Wildlife Area. Their great grandparents remember Jo Love. *photo courtesy of wish upon an rvstar.blogspot.com*

odd yard work. After the chores we’d have a cool drink on her porch and she’d talk about “her” beloved mountain sheep.

Across the road from her cabins was a large pasture, one of the few in the canyon. It was the regular hangout for a herd of big horn mountain sheep. When the sheep came down from the high mountains they called the Love Ranch home. She provided them a safe migratory home and they provided her much enjoyment. Preserving that pasture for them was important to Jo and she arranged to make that home permanent for them. That section of the Love Ranch later became the Love Meadows State Wildlife Area and the sheep still visit—as well as many visitors who view them from designated overlooks.

Jo Love died in 1976, not long after I had just begun to know her. But her love of nature, her independence, her sweet little cabins had a long-lasting impact on me. Through her I was able to get a glimpse of an older, wilder Colorado. A place where a woman alone had persevered in a mountain life, graciously greeted guests and did battle with bobcats.

Any time I take the drive up Chalk Creek Canyon to St. Elmo, I remember her, a roaming burro tied to her front porch railing and a glass of iced tea.

In the 1970’s Kizzen and her family lived in a cluster of old cabins in the Colorado mountains with other assorted young folk. They chopped wood and hauled water. This is a story from those days.

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2 CHALET 1 LOTS FOR SALE Time to let go. Inherited from my mother 2 adjoining lots, great location, tap fees paid, lots 186 & 187, corner of Moonlight & Cascade, walking distance to Baca Park. \$9k for both lots. Call for video tour: (505) 920-5429

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Beautiful mountain views, 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath, strawbale courtyards, outdoor patio, oversized 2-car garage, professional kitchen, new copper metal roof, completely fenced, custom touches throughout. \$199,000. Call 970.210.2726

Victorian & Guest House

victorian&guesthouse, 35A, \$365K; strawbale 2bd/1.75b Grants Spanish Creek \$235K; New 2bd/1.5b aspen t&g interior, custom kitchen Cottonwood Creek \$199,900. By appt. 719-937-1039

Four 1/2 Acre Lots

Four 1/2 acre lots for sale by owner. Great location in Chalet II with amazing views. Tap paid. <http://enchantedforestcrestone.weebly.com/lots-for-sale.html>

Beautiful Baca Grants Property

Lot 483C, 6.33 acres off-grid. NW corner Cottonwood Creek and Camino Real. Near dead end and boundary of Sand Dunes NP. Owner financing possible. \$14,900. Matthew 505-920-8870

Property for Sale by Owner on One Acre

1480 Sq Feet, 2 bed, 2 bath with attached greenhouse. PLUS 1 bedroom, 1 bath separate apartment. 2 car garage, 20 ft yurt, 15 fruit trees with a fruit cellar inside floor. Set up for solar and hot water. 1/2 mile to Crestone. \$189k 719-256-5439.

6 Acres in the Grants with Views

Amazing 6 acre parcel in the Grants with incredible views! Consolidated lots 318-319 off of Wagon Wheel. \$8,500 www.crestonelandforsale.com

GRANTS LOT 495 FOR SALE

Grants Lot: 4.5 acres +/- Off the grid. On NW corner of Camino Real and Camino Del Rey. Owner will hold mortgage with down payment. Motivated seller. 256 5110

"Angel's Nest" For Sale

"Angel's Nest" 5 bedroom 3 bath on 5 lots right up against national forest. Breath taking Eagle Eye views. Chalet II Owner financing possible. 719 480 0010.

Houses for Rent

Lovely Mountain Views

Lovely Mountain Views, backs to open space and close to town of Crestone. 2 BD, 2 BA 1200 sq.ft. Washer/dryer. \$700/month + utilities, deposit of the same and year lease. New high efficiency hot water heating system, low E windows and triple honeycomb Duette shades. Pic/details/contact Seva Property Mgt 719 937 4226

2Bd/2Ba REMODELED TOWNHOUSE

Gorgeous 2-story townhome, furnished, views! Next to Desert Sage. Walk to town. No pets or kids. \$850 + util. Year lease. Avail Sept 1. brahmiji@gmail.com/588-5192/588-4258

Lg. Studio Log Cabin Furnished

Avail Sept www.thelongandshortofrenting.com for details, pics, contact 505 728 0244

2BR/2BA Lovely Furnished Home in Grants

Avail Sept 3 for short term or long term - www.thelongandshortofrenting.com for details/contact info

Victorian & Guesthouse For Rent

VICTORIAN & GUESTHOUSE, unfurnished, 35A, organic garden, 2bd/1.75b and 2bd/.75b, 1st, last, damage deposit, references, shown by appt. 719-937-1039 or soularquest@gmail.com

Unfurnished Off Grid Home in Grants

2BR/1.5BA Avail. Sept. 1 for long term winter rental - www.thelongandshortofrenting.com for details/contact info

FOR SALE

Secluded Garden Cottage in Saguache



Straw Bale studio house for sale in Saguache. Located in the corner of town on 1/4 fenced acre and 9 foot gates with bamboo.

Large garden space, 10'x16' studio/storage building.

12'x12'x28' Rhino barn used for a horse but could be additional storage, boat or RV parking.

Large area for animals or greenhouse. Great space secluded in corner of town. Nice landscaping, with apple trees and fire pit area. Solex carport could be enclosed for additional greenhouse space.

Water has five flow back spigots throughout the yard for easy watering. No meters on water.

Cottage is newly finished with beautiful artistic accents, including a new Envirolet toilet and small "tiny home" kitchen. Ceramic airtight wood stove and propane heater.

Sewer Tap is paid and ready to bring in. Upstairs loft bedroom with tongue and groove ceiling and an additional greenhouse room with deck and views of mountains.

Beautifully done! A must see for \$150,000. No owner carry.

970.210.2726

http://www.ccbrealtors.com/chf/maildoc/petem_1436998940-Jul-15-2015-6_22_20pm.html

Three Beautiful Baca Properties For Sale!



Victorian and Guest House ~ Grants \$365,000

2 bed / 1.75 bath, 35 acres, choice view of Sangres, radiant heat, wood stoves, organic garden, domestic well permit



On Cottonwood Creek ~ Chalet II \$199,900

2 bed / 1.5 bath, new construction, earth mass brick floors, aspen T&G interior, sunroom, screened porch, decks, dream kitchen, carport



Sycamore Road ~ Grants \$235,000

Professionally built strawbale, 2200 sq. ft., 2 bed / 2 bath, radiant floor heat, 350 feet of Spanish Creek



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House On Acreage For Rent
35 Acres fenced. 3 bd.rm house. 2 full baths. Outbuildings. Good water 3 miles from Crestone. T Rd. & 65 T Rd. \$850/month 256-5439

Cabin Available Mid August
Beautiful cabin available mid August. Fully furnished. kitchen shower and compost toilet large private outside area for sitting on deck and enjoying the scenery. On 40 acre retreat close to town. suitable for quiet stable refined person. No pets and No drugs. \$600 per month. Please call 303-746-6095

Feng Shui Design
Beautiful 1BR/1BA, feng shui designed interior strawbale home with greenhouse dome. Easy access and next to stupa. No smoking or drugs. Private and quiet. Perfect for someone looking to go within. Avail 9/1. \$950+utilities & internet. Call 312-715-7811. Photos available upon request.

Apartments/Rooms/Misc. for Rent

Sunny Apt available
Furnished studio apt for rent. 650sqft, private entrance, nestled in cottonwoods next to stream. Ideal for 1 or 2. Mainroom, kitchen, bath w deep soaking tub. w/d. No pets, no smoking. References. First,last,security. \$575/month + propane.719-937-7931 sandother1@gmail.com.

ENCHANTED FOREST LODGING
Cozy rooms, luxury master suite & studio cottage for rent. Nightly/weekly. Octagonal Sacred Space available for retreats/events. 719-256-5768.

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Room for Rent in Grants
Private bath and entrance (stairs), kitchenette, WiFi, \$30/night, \$175/wk. 719-256-4552. Great views!

Services

Healing Revolution at the Lotus Pond
offers many healing modalities and products in our new shop at the Sangre de Cristo Inn downtown Crestone. Please come by and see how we can serve you.

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Bring your recyclables to the parking lot across the street from Aventa the first & third Saturdays of each month, 10am-2pm. Waste Free SILV will be asking \$10 for the average household, less for small amounts, more for larger. 719-588-2703.

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Software Company in Crestone! We are hiring.
Seeking: 1) Bootstrap Web Developer 2) SaaS Client Manager 3) enterprise software Sales. Needed skills: E-Commerce, database experience, & technical onboarding. Fast learners only need apply. Long-term opportunity. www.SilverEarth.com

Job Opening – Receptionist – Baca Grande POA

The POA is looking for candidates for a receptionist position. This job is well rounded and involves many duties in addition to answering phones. The primary responsibility of the receptionist is managing the reception area and front desk operations, interacting with members and other clients of the POA via telephone, email or walk-in traffic. This position performs clerical, administrative and basic accounting functions for the office. All work is to be performed in accordance with policies and procedures set-forth by the Board of Directors of the POA. You will also be taking on projects given by the Manager on an as needed basis. You must be a team player, a quick learner, able to work well unsupervised, have excellent communication skills, a strong initiative, able to multitask and function in a high

paced environment while providing excellent customer service on a consistent basis. You will need to be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook programs. Quick Books familiarity would be a plus. Excellent organizational and time management skills are very important. Educational background and experience required: High School Diploma; accounting experience in A/R and A/P, clerical/administrative and customer service experience. Need to have reliable transportation and a valid Colorado driver's license. This job is full-time and provides benefits. Please stop by the POA office to pick up an application or visit www.bacapoa.org. Applications can be dropped off at the POA office or emailed to info@bacapoa.org.

Misc. Wanted

WANTED: Bodhisattvas
For the benefit of all beings, starting with all beings here and now! tinyurl.com/Bodhisattvas

Misc. for Sale

Pianos / Freezer / Wicker Chair
2 studio pianos, good condition, \$400 each, negotiable. Chest freezer \$100, large wicker chair \$50. 138 Skyview, 256-4809

Vehicles for Sale

Great Truck for Sale
2003 Ford Ranger XLT Truck, 4x4, 5-speed manual, 103,000 miles. Camper shell, roof racks, trailer hitch, travel/camping bed. Navy blue. Very good condition. \$6,500 Crestone 575-758-1280

~ Benz for Sale ~
2003 Mercedes Benz E320 Midnight Blue 165,000 miles great car, original owner 925-808-8469.

Lost and Found

Lost Fishing Pole
I left my Abu Garcia fishing pole in Willow Creek Park on Sunday, July 12th. If you found it, please call me at 719.496.9396.

Yard/Garage/Moving/Estate Sales

Yard Sales in Saguache
Two Big Yard Sales at the Saguache Lodge! Buyers and sellers welcome. Two weekends August 14, 15 and August 28, 29 9:00am to 3:00 pm. Sellers call Faith 719-850-2473 and plan to bring your table. Buyers many items for home, horses and shop. Come to sell! Come to Buy!

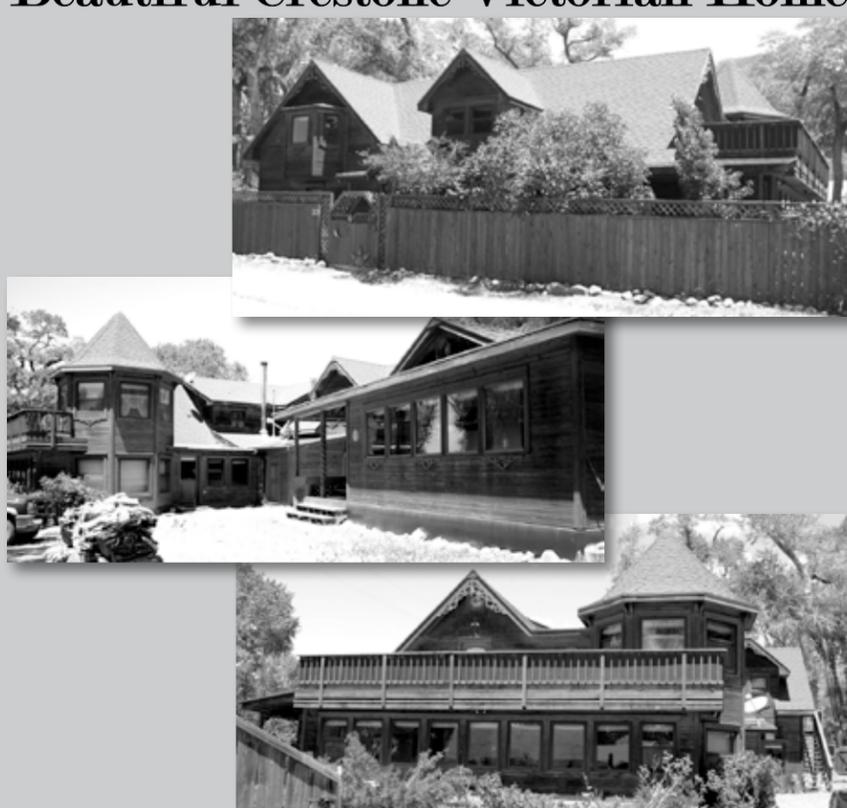
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HOUSE FOR SALE 1474 E. Badger Rd. (Baca in Chalet 1)



Custom home by Lee Mitchell on 1.56 acres on Willow Creek greenbelt. 1650 square feet. Great room, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, study, sunroom. Cempo exterior walls (R32) with stucco finish. Concrete barrel style tile roof. European exterior rolling shutters on windows. Corian counter tops. Ceramic tile floors with in-floor radiant heating. Double car attached heated garage. Xeriscaped yard with drip system.

\$359,900

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by Keno
You wrote about red sprites last month; are they the same as blue jets?

No, but they do have a few things in common. Whereas red sprite isn't lighting, blue jets are more related to the phenomena. Yet while generated by such storms with high lightning rates, unlike red sprites, blue jets do not appear to be related to specific cloud-to-ground lightning discharges. Scientists still today are not totally sure as to what causes blue jets and how they form, but they're believed to be electrically induced forms of luminous plasma. It's a short-lived electrical-breakdown phenomena that occurs well above the altitudes of normal lightning and storm clouds.

Blue jets occur much less frequently than sprites. But like red sprites, they are transient luminous events, which include various types of electrical discharge in the upper atmosphere that lack several characteristics of the more familiar tropospheric lightning. Another difference between blue jets and sprites is that blue jets occur lower in the atmosphere. Projecting from the tops of cumulonimbus clouds above thunderstorms, their shape is typically seen as a narrow cone, reaching up to the lowest levels of the ionosphere, 25 to 30 miles above the earth. They are also brighter than sprites and, as implied by their name, are blue in color. They were first recorded on October 21, 1989, on a monochrome video of a thunderstorm on the horizon taken from the space shuttle as it passed over Australia.

They last generally less than a quarter of a second, but they can be seen with the naked eye and are easier to see than red sprites. They're also more likely to occur near the highest portion of intense thunderstorm cells, such as those



Flowers are flourishing around town this summer due to abundant rainfall. The Crestone Artisans Gallery yard is especially pretty this year.

which produce hail and tornadoes.
What exactly is wind shear?

Sometimes referred to as wind gradient, wind shear is the sudden change in speed or direction of wind over a relatively short distance or time period in the atmosphere. Wind shear can occur at both high and low altitudes.

We often see the results of wind shear here in Crestone during thunderstorms in the form of very sudden gusty winds. It is commonly observed near microbursts and downbursts caused by thunderstorms, fronts, and areas of locally higher low level winds, referred to as low level jets, near mountains. Wind shear in an atmospheric layer is clear, but unstable, and often

results in clear air turbulence.

Strong wind shear can tear hurricanes apart. Hurricanes need to develop vertically. When wind shear is increased, there is a greater chance the hurricane will dissipate because the storm is pushed or spread over a larger area.

Wind shear also has a significant effect on control of aircraft during take-off and landing, and it has been a sole or contributing cause of many aircraft accidents. Many airports now have wind shear detection equipment near the ends of runways to warn aircraft if it is too dangerous to land.

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

Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno

June 21 to July 20

Total precipitation for period:

Liquid precip: 2.24"

Snow: 0.0"

Measurable precipitation fell on 14 days.

Measurable rain fell on 14 days.

A trace of rain fell on 7 days.

Hail fell on 3 days.

6 thunderstorms occurred.

No snow fell.

Total precipitation year to date:

Since Jan 1: 11.67"

Total snow to date:

Since Jan 1: 58.1"

Snow Season (old) *: 89.5"

Snow Season (new) *: 0.0"

*Snow season runs from July 1 to June 30

Temperatures for the period:

High temp: 90.2°F on June 22

Low temp: 43.4°F on July 16

Avg. high: 78.6°F

Avg. low: 49.7°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 90°: 1

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 80°: 11

Number of days with the low temperature below 50°: 20

Winds for the period:

Avg. speed: 3.0 mph

Highest gust: 36 mph on July 20

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

Weather summary

"Wet" is once again the weather word for this period, with precipitation above normal. For the first full 6 months of this year, and also up until July 20, Crestone has never been so wet, not since Crestone recordkeeping started in 1982. But even more impressive is that several locations in Colorado that have been taking weather records since the 1800s can also make this claim. As of July 19, all of Saguache County is now officially out of the drought; in fact, 90% of Colorado is out of the drought.

Here in the greater Crestone area, there were too many weather records broken to note, for both precipitation and low temperatures. Daytime highs were very much below normal for the period. As of July 20, Crestone only saw 3 July days with the temperature above 80°!

Outlook for August

This is normally a wet month, the second wettest of the year, averaging 2.06". The wettest August was in 1987 when 4.64" fell, the third wettest overall month ever recorded for our area. The least amount of precipitation for the month took place in the drought year of 2002, when only .45" fell.

Most of August is normally warm, but it cools off as the month proceeds. In the first week we average highs and lows of 80° and 49°, and by the last week we dip down just a bit, to highs of 76°, and lows of 45°. The record high for August is 92° on Aug. 17, 2002, and the lowest reading was 34° on August 28, 2006.

The 30-day outlook for southern Colorado (correct more often than incorrect this year—haven't been able to say that for a few years) is calling for more of the same, with well above normal precip, along with well below normal temps.

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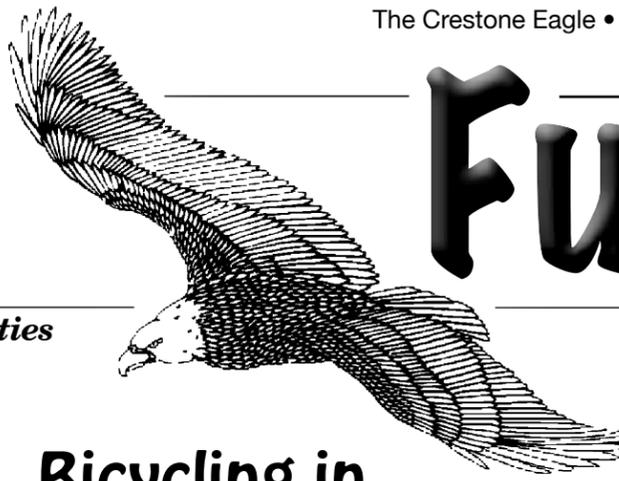
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Summer



Fun

The Crestone Eagle's guide to regional events & activities

August, 2015



Josh Wilfong and daughter Piper enjoy a bike ride in the Baca Grants. photo by Deana Wilfong

Bicycling in the Crestone area

by Carrie Caverly

Though not a mountain biking mecca like nearby Salida or Penitente Canyon, the Crestone area is home to a plethora of secluded dirt roads that offer cyclists an ample amount of surfaces to ride in beautiful, peaceful, gravelly solitude.

Riders can traverse along the top of the Chalets out to the KTTG Stupa via Camino Baca Grande and Dream Way along "The Spiritual Highway." Or bicyclists can head south off of Camino del Rey into Chalet III, winding and climbing along neighborhood dirt roads out to the two-track jeep road curving down below the Ziggurat, popping out on Staghorn in the Grants, which runs back into Camino del Rey. Cyclists can drop down on Badger or Two Trees and head northwest on Wagon Wheel, cruising around the Grants along Camino del Rey in a large loop with panoramic mountain and valley views.

An adventurous rider looking for a long ride with a destination

could even journey out to Valley View Hot Springs and the Bat Caves via Co. Rd. 65 heading north off of Road T just east of the first set of curves.

Heading west out of the town of Crestone on Galena Ave. and then heading north past the cemetery, bicyclists will discover a maze of jeep roads winding through the grasslands and piñon forests north of town. The challenge in this area is sand. Sandy roads are a major hindrance to all but those with fat tire bikes, and while some of these jeep roads present a hard-packed surface, there are areas with deep sand that make the riding a bogged down chore.

Other options on dirt roads include riding up out of the town of Crestone along Spillway Road through the North Crestone Campground to the North Crestone Trail Head. Riders can continue up the trail along North Crestone Creek until the Wilderness boundary, but mountain biking is not permitted in

continued on the back page with a ride map

6th Annual Saguache Arts Festival August 22

The Saguache Chamber of Commerce and Saguache Area Artists invite you to the sixth annual Saguache Arts Festival. Savor the day visiting galleries and studios, watching demonstrations, and enjoying music, good food and artwork from the growing Saguache art community. The Town of Saguache will host some 20 artists and crafters from 10 in the morning until 5 in the evening. Maps will be available at all of the participants' locations, and all venues will be designated by

- Paintings by Duncan Martin in the 310 4th street building.
- The 4th Street Diner will offer their wall for artwork, (and then there's the food ...)
- The Picking Talent of roving musicians Ed Johnson and Mike Brill.



-Saguache Works will host a place for fiber artists to gather and share their art through demonstration in Dave Martinez Park. Just around the corner on San Juan and on 5th you will find:

- Within Clay Walls, a showroom for Fenton Studio Pottery. The Fentons will be offering throwing (on the potter's wheel) demonstrations and the showroom will feature work from their most recent kiln firing.
- The Mad Hatter (aka Slim Wolfe) creative Woodwork.
- Smith Market Gallery (5th & Denver) with striking and colorful gourd designs of owner Byron Williams, the accomplished paintings of Yvonne Halburian, and furniture by Slim Wolfe.
- Cowboy Artist Wade Collins will be nearby manning a display of his artwork,
- Woodturner Doug Glenn will be there too
- Terry Rill, painting and jewelry,

turquoise balloons.

On 4th Street visit:

- The Range Gallery, featuring sculpture by owners Adrienne Gabrini and Alex DeCarli,
- The Hauck/Pederson Fine Art Gallery, featuring expressionist figurative art,
- The Magpie for the well-known artwork of Judith Page and collectables from Africa and beyond,
- The Saguache Welcome Center, which will display works of several local artists.
- Antiques Etc. hosting Barb Donahue showing her terrific floor cloths.

also at 5th and Denver

A short walk down Christy:

- A Photography Exhibit sponsored by the Saguache County Museum will be held in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Christy and 6th.

- This year the Historic Ute

Theater (and the rest of Saguache) is proud to welcome Don Richmond for a post-festival performance, beginning 5:30 ish Saguache Time.

Come and spend a fun-filled day in charming and beautiful Saguache. For more information please see www.saguachechamber.org

Saguache Art Festival

Saturday August 22, 2015
9am - 4pm

Sponsored by the Saguache Chamber of Commerce
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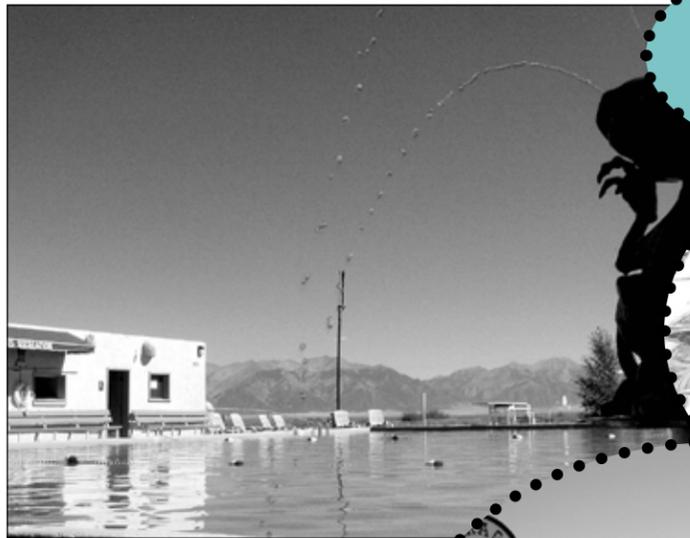
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San Luis Valley



Villa Grove Trade

After soaking and swimming at the hot springs, food and accommodations await at the Villa Grove Trade. A small town general store since 1882, it features live music and dinner specials every 2nd and 4th Sunday, 6-8pm. Villa Grove has several old west buildings that date back to the railroad days. The Trade offers mighty fine meals, home baked desserts, wi-fi, local art, general supplies, ice, snacks and beverages, specialty coffees and espresso. There are also a couple of quaint rooms

Swim at the Sand Dunes Pool

On Highway 17, north of Hooper, turn east on Road B (the water billboard). Follow the signs 2.5 miles to the Sand Dunes Swimming Pool.

Heated by geothermal water, this pool has a diving boards, a kiddies' pool, toys, a therapy pool and a concession stand that was voted "Best in Colorado."

New Adults Only Greenhouse Area available to 21+. Additional fee applies.

RV & tent camping as well as cabin rentals available year-round. Visit our website for details. Admission: \$12/adult, \$8/child (3-12yrs), children under 2 are free. Seniors 65+, students with ID and military are \$10. Last Hour of the Day Deal: Arrive 1 hour prior to closing to receive half price discount. March 1-November 30. 10am-10pm. Closed every Thursday for draining and cleaning.

For more information and to learn about passes, punch cards and group discounts, call 719-378-2807 or visit sanddunespool.com.



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The Mirage Trading Co., in Moffat, is a true oasis on Hwy. 17, in the middle of the San Luis Valley. The Mirage has "the best coffee in the valley," roasted on the premises under the name of Mirage Roasting Co. Delighted by the smell of roasting and brewing coffee, many a passerby is astounded by the superb quality of the coffee and of the local art produced by the many talented local artists. Stop by to check out the art. Sample the freshly roasted organic, fair-trade coffee and take "a little bit of the valley" home with you. Hours are 8am-4pm, 7 days a week. PO Box 412, 17555 Hwy 17, Moffat, CO. 81143, 719-256-4357. Log on at: miragetradingco.com.



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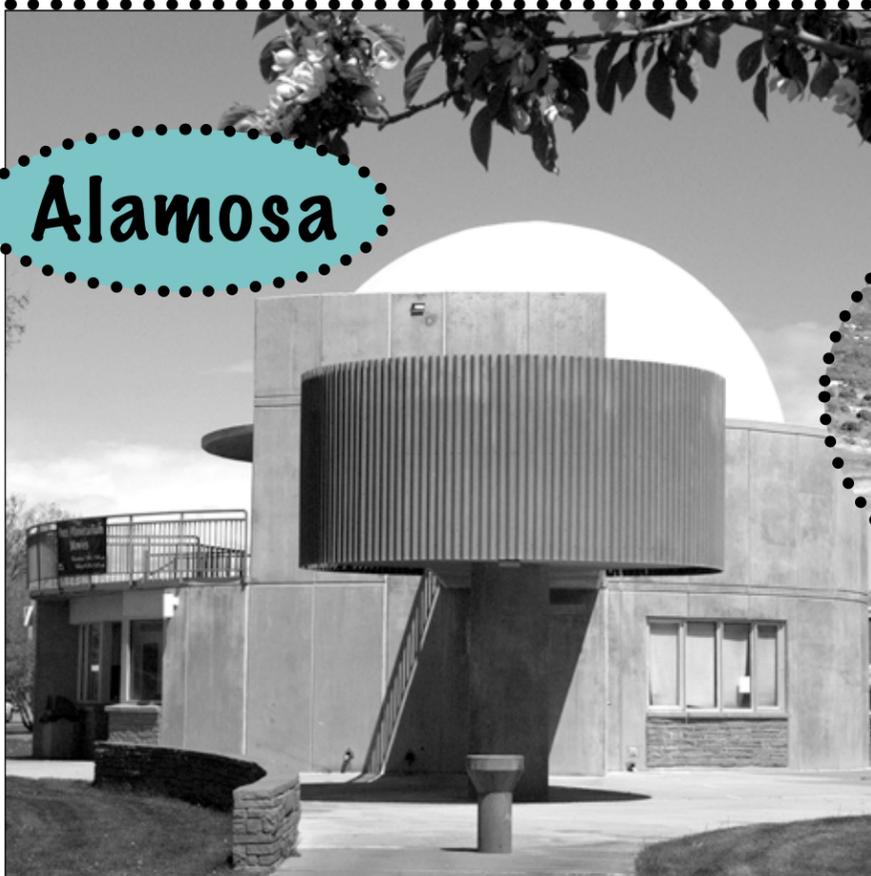
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The Zacheis Planetarium

This summer Adams State University's Zacheis Planetarium is trying something new—double features every Thursday night. The first movie will start at 7pm and the second will start at 7:45pm. There will be a break between movies to allow visitors to go in and out of the theater. "If the double feature idea proves to be popular, we will continue it into the fall semester," said Dr. Robert Astalos, Planetarium Director.

All shows are free and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 6:45. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Schedule (7pm movie listed first):

August 6 – Escher's Universe; Extreme Planets

August 13 – Bad Astronomy; Exploding Universe

August 20 – Astronaut 2012; Dream to Fly

Visitors may attend both movies, or just one, on any given night.

For more information and movie descriptions, visit blogs.adams.edu/zacheis.

UFO Watchtower

The UFO Watchtower is an educational facility which provides insight to the UFO phenomena. To date, seventy-seven UFOs have been seen, spotted from the tower's observation deck. It is said two energy vortices draw UFOs to our area! You can peruse a gift shop full of books on the subject, and shop for out-of-this-world souvenirs. Just 3 miles north of Hooper on Highway 17. Admission is \$2/person or \$5/car. Primitive camping is available for \$10 per night. Reservations for camping are suggested. There is also a Bed & Breakfast available. Call 719-378-2296 or log on to ufowatchtower.com for full details. For conference reservations call Judy at 719-378-2296.

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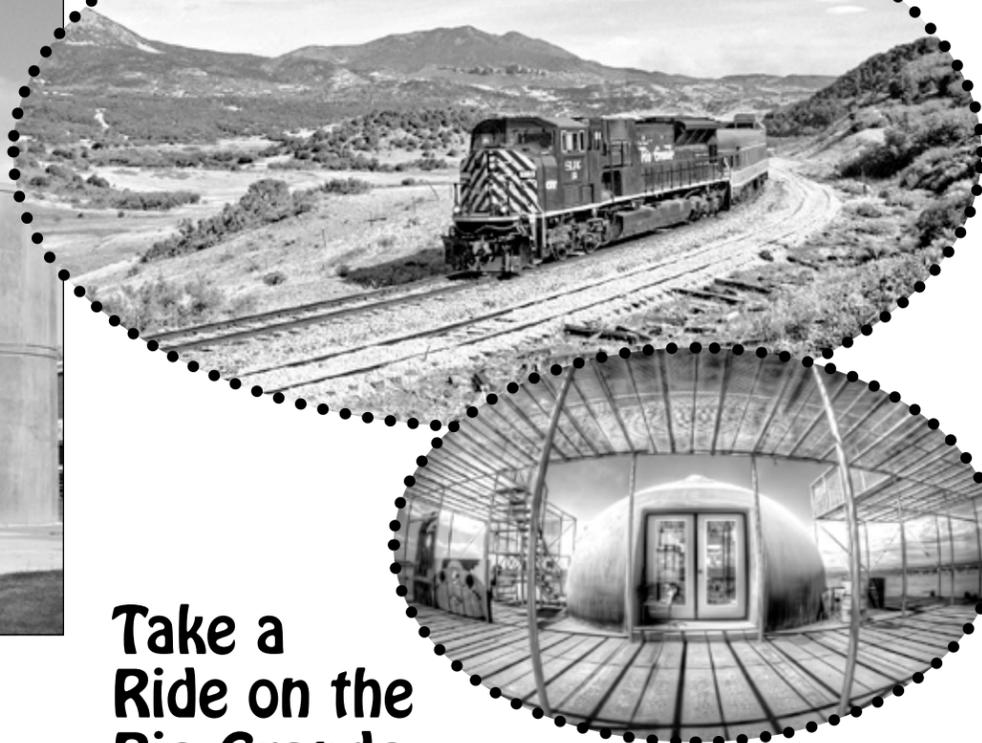
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Take a Ride on the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad

The Rio Grande Scenic Railroad travels on tracks over historic La Veta Pass that date all the way back to 1878, but had been closed to the public in the 1950s and only used for freight.

Now we didn't think scenery that spectacular, on rails that curve and wind through steep rocky grade, and mountain meadows with elk, eagles and bears, should remain closed forever. So we opened this line again for passenger train in 2006 initially offering excursions then expanding to holiday rides, dinner trains and mountaintop concerts. Come ride and you'll see what generations have missed.

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Salida Aspen Concerts continue

Salida Aspen Concerts wraps up its 39th season in August with recitals by two top pianists—Joyce Yang and Anton Nel—and a final concert by the renowned bassist and composer Edgar Meyer.

On Saturday, August 1, the young pianist Joyce Yang, called the greatest of her generation, will perform with violinist Augustin Hadelich. They will play César Franck’s popular “Violin Sonata in A major,” then each will play solo works for their instrument.

The following Saturday, August 8, pianist Anton Nel plays Mozart, Chopin, and Debussy, including “Clair de Lune,” before joining a chamber group to perform “Piano Quintet in A Major, B. 155, op. 81” by Antonin Dvořák.

The final concert, Thursday, August 13, features Edgar Meyer playing classics and his own compositions with a string quintet.

The New Yorker calls Meyer “the most remarkable virtuoso” in the history of his instrument.

Concerts are at Salida High School auditorium, 26 Jones Avenue, just off U.S. Highway 50, starting at 7:30pm with a pre-concert interview at 6:45pm. Tickets for \$15 (\$3 for students) can be purchased at the door or in advance online at SalidaAspenConcerts.org.

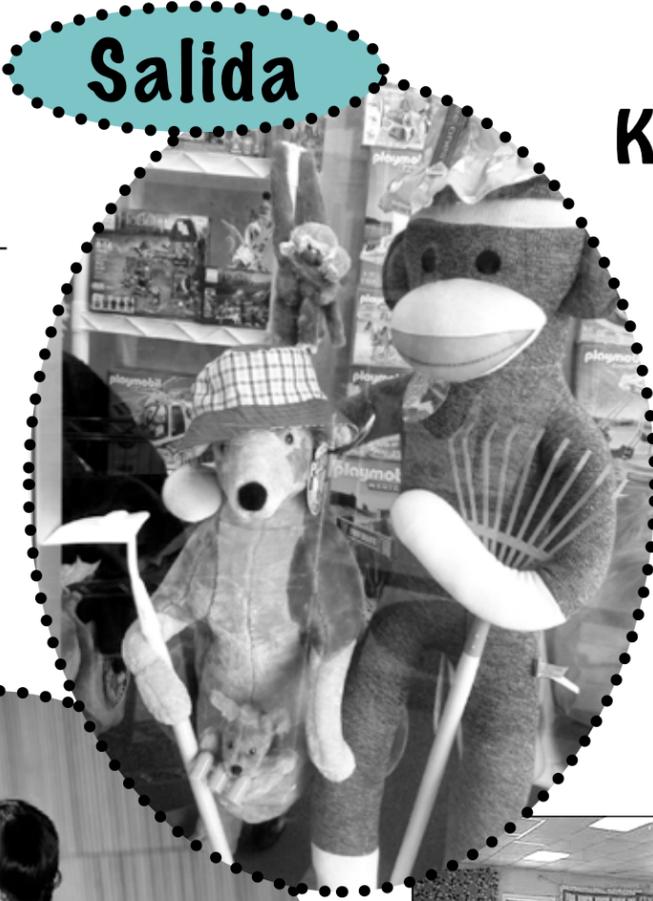


Photo booth at Kaleidoscope Toys

Visit Kaleidoscope Toys in downtown Salida for all your summer adventures. We have new outdoor toys, novelty items and travel activities arriving weekly. Stop by our fun photo booth during the Gentlemen of the Road music festival August 21 and 22. Join our email list, like us on Facebook or check our website (kaltoys.com) for details about sales and events throughout the summer.



Saguache



Saguache Fall Festival & Quilt Show

22nd Annual Fall Festival & Quilt Show September 19

Breakfast will be served by the Saguache County Museum—hot cakes & sausage for \$5, includes a beverage—starting at 7am. Participate in the Fall Colors Run/Walk—registration begins at 7:30am with run/walk starting at 8am. Live music will be performed throughout the day to keep folks entertained. Stir up your appetite with a performance by Crestone Love Tribe-African tribal dancers. Children’s activities will include face painting and games. The Pitkin Avenue Baptist Church also hosts fun activities for children including a bounce house and free treats. Sample green chilies roasting in the park. Sign up to participate in the Tournament of Games. Stay for the announcement of the silent auction winners at 3:30pm.

The Saguache Sagebrush Quilters will be featured at the Saguache Community Building along with other vendors. Be sure to catch the quilting demonstrations throughout the day. Outside in Otto Mears Park you will find a variety of vendors—food booths, jewelry and artisans displaying everything from handcrafted items to artworks. The event is hosted by the Saguache Chamber of Commerce and is the primary fundraiser for the Chamber to support community activities.

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8am
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Saguache County Museum

A lovely exhibit in the Indian Spanish Room at the Saguache County Museum is centered around an 1860 painting titled "La Providencia Divina".

The painting is on tin, by Ramir, and was once owned by a Spanish Ambassador to Russia. This was a gift of Mrs. Helen Kempner.

The gold Mexican Bubble Glass totals 17 pieces and was donated by Mrs. John Woodard.

The black lace Mantilla belonged to Elaine Woodard's grandmother, Dr. Mae Gillette Smith.

On the left is a Saltillo serape, multi-colored with white fringe, donated by Mrs. Hazel Coleman.

On the far left, is an orange and blue Indian Dance Shawl with blue fringe, a gift of Marvelle Cina.



Saguache

4th Street Diner & Bakery

As you walk into the diner the aroma of fresh bread and baked goods fills the air. Six years ago we embarked on our dream of opening a diner and improving downtown Saguache. Since then pies, cookies, scones and muffins always fill the bakery case. Open 7 days a week from 7:00-3:00 we offer a full breakfast/ lunch menu. We serve local foods such as our blue range burger. Smiles, laughs, and chatter fill the dining room every Wednesday night. From 6:00pm-8:00pm we host a community soup kitchen. So if your looking for a pie, breakfast, lunch, or just a good cup of coffee the 4th Street Diner and Bakery has you covered.

Don't Miss a Trip to The Saguache County Museum
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The Cozy Castle Cinema

The Cozy Castle Cinema, located at 403 4th Street in downtown Saguache, operates year round showing first-run movies and foreign films. First-run movies are shown every weekend. All showtimes are Friday 7pm and 10pm, Saturday 4pm and 7pm, and Sunday 7pm.

In addition to first-run movies, the cinema also showcases foreign films the first Thursday of every month starting at 7pm. Ticket prices are \$7 for all ages; children 3 and under are free. Cozy Castle Cinema features a cozy setting, with climate control, all-digital cinema, amazing DTS 7.1 surround sound, all carpeted floors, high back rocker chairs, extended leg room, and a fully stocked concession stand. All this plus a warm and inviting atmosphere. Cozy Castle Cinema owners, Scott and Pearl Alexander, welcome you to experience a movie with us. Come by the cinema, sit back and enjoy the show. You won't be disappointed. For feature film and showtime information, call the movie hotline at 719-221-4159. Hope to see you here!



Summer days at the Smith Market Gallery

You are cordially invited to visit the Smith Market Gallery. The last few months have been very productive. Owner Byron Williams has a beautiful "fresh" collection of intricately designed gourds and baskets, many with antler embellishments or handles. We have added to our interesting collection of western decorating items, which includes saddles and other vintage horse-related items, and tobacciana of all types. You might even find an already-broken-in pair of cowboy boots to make your western outfit complete. If you are looking for antlers to decorate your house or garden, be sure to stop in and see our selection

Additionally, the well-known SLV artist, Yvonne Halburian, continues to amaze us with her ability to capture the clarity and beauty of the Valley in her watercolors. We are privileged to have in stock prints of Yvonne's famous maps of the Valley's Rock Art and the Old Spanish Trail. We are also featuring some recent work by the wood artist, Slim Wolfe. His furniture is both creative and functional.

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Crestone Artisan's Gallery

Please visit us and see just what a friendly and creative community Crestone is! Crestone Artisans Gallery will be open Wednesday through Monday from 10 to 5. Come by and meet artists, enjoy the ever changing displays of local talent (find those special one-of a-kind birthday, anniversary, and Christmas presents. Its never too early!) The gallery represents over 24 local artists and craftspersons showing works in many media including paintings in oil, acrylic & watercolor as well as prints; jewelry; glass; leather work including hand made shoulder bags; pottery; hand-turned wood; furniture; textiles; sculpture; wind chimes; and photography. We have new members who are jewelers and painters showing this summer. Don't miss this opportunity to meet the artists!



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Come on downtown to the Saturday Market

Downtown Saturday Market on Silver Street is your Saturday morning destination location for music, food, plant starts, eggs, cheese, veggies, home made sauces, jams jellies, mouthwatering pastries, lemonade, cookies, herbs, jewelry, cosmetics and much more. There's something for everyone, and a big part of the fun of the Market is that beside your favorite regulars, there's often one-time vendors with garage sale items or travellers from afar passing through with exotic wares. You never know what will be there, so be there: 10-3 Saturday mornings.

Encaustic painting workshops



I learned encaustics as an accident while living at Ein Hod Art Colony in Israel. There was no electricity and to paint at night I used candles. After knocking them over a few times and throwing out my paintings I decided to pour the wax onto the paper with gouache and india ink and crayons.

When I brought my portfolio to various NYC art schools I was told I worked in encaustics. I said you mean there's a name to my mistakes? I continued painting with encaustic for several years and re-enlivened it in the past five years, teaching at the local middle school and the HS mentorship program.

I've also offered it as a two-hour workshop at my studio. I've gone to four art schools in Israel and NYC, taught myself jewelry, did a Utica Club beer commercial with Bert Stern, decalced a Rolls Royce with Peter Max and was the assistant art director for Martin Scorsese.

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Check the Eagle events for dates of our larger full and new moon fire ceremonies, which are at 10am.

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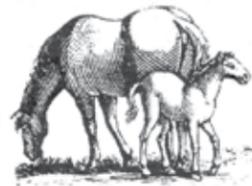
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Bicycling

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Wilderness areas. Riding east out of the town of Crestone on Galena, bicyclists can climb a grueling 2 miles up to the South Crestone and Willow Lake Trailheads, and can either head back down the same

way, or hop onto a single track trail that follows South Crestone Creek down to the park on Camino Baca Grande.

Those looking for world-class mountain biking only need to drive an hour to Poncha Springs, hop on the High Valley Shuttle (ask for the locals' rate) that trucks bikers up to the top of the Monarch Crest

Trail, a segment of the Continental Divide Trail. The International Mountain Biking Association ranks Monarch Crest as one of Colorado's top five Epic Rides and as the second most popular trail in Colorado. Those who don't want to rely on a shuttle and don't mind pedaling up mountains can park along Hwy. 285 at Mears Junction near

Poncha Springs and ride east or west on the Rainbow Trail.

Penitente Canyon, only 45 minutes west across the valley, contains some of the best mountain biking in Colorado. Stunning slick rock trails are the site for the upcoming 'Twelve Hours of Penitence' endurance mountain biking race October 18, 2015.

Crestone area bicycling routes

1. Crestone Cemetery Jeep Roads

Difficulty: Intermediate
A maze of jeep roads located north of Crestone on Town property heading out to the Skoglund Gravel Pit and San Isabel Creek.

Distance: 5.4 miles one way to San Isabel Creek

Route Suggestion: From the Town of Crestone head west on Galena, turn left at the Cemetery, left at the fork near an old trailhead sign, keep left at the next fork, pass through a barbed wire gate (close gate) near the Gravel Pit entry, turn right on 66T over a cattle guard and ride up to San Isabel Creek. Return the same way or head back to Spillway Rd. via the jeep road near the Rio Grande Forest entry sign (3 miles back to town).

Hazards: Sandy, a maze of unmarked roads, easy to get lost.

2. North Crestone Trailhead

Difficulty: Easy

Distance: 3.8 miles one way. 1,240 ft. elevation gain.

Route Suggestion: From Crestone head north on Alder, east on Mica, then north on 71/Spillway Rd. following the signs to the North Crestone Campground. Continue to the top of the campground to the large parking area at the trailhead.

3. Willow Lake Trailhead

Difficulty: Intermediate

Distance: 2.9 miles one way up to Willow Lake Trailhead from the Kiosk. 1,000 ft. elevation gain.

Route Suggestion: From Crestone head east on Galena up the dirt road to the Willow Lake / South Crestone Trailhead then return the same way.

4. Grants Loop

Difficulty: Easy

Distance: 14.0 miles round trip, relatively flat grade with no elevation gain.

Route Suggestion: Starting at the Kiosk, head west on Road T and turn left on the Emergency Egress Road / Spanish Creek Trail heading toward the Stables. Right on Wagon Wheel, then continue around the western edge of the Grants as the road turns into Camino del Rey, left on Camino Real, left on Spanish Creek Trail, back onto the Egress Road and back to the Kiosk.

5. The Ziggurat Loop

Difficulty: Easy

Distance: 10-11 miles from Willow Park

Route Suggestion: Starting at Willow Park at the corner of Camino Baca Grande and Two Trees ride down Two Trees, left on Camino del Rey, right on Staghorn continuing all the way to the end, where the road becomes a two track jeep road that curves up to the east just below the Ziggurat. Continue on the jeep road until it becomes Cordial Way, then left on Enchanted Way, right on Carefree, left on Camino del Rey, right on Wagon Wheel and back up to Willow Park. Or, from Cordial Way: right on Enchanted, right on Camino del Rey, left on Camino Baca Grande back to Willow Park.

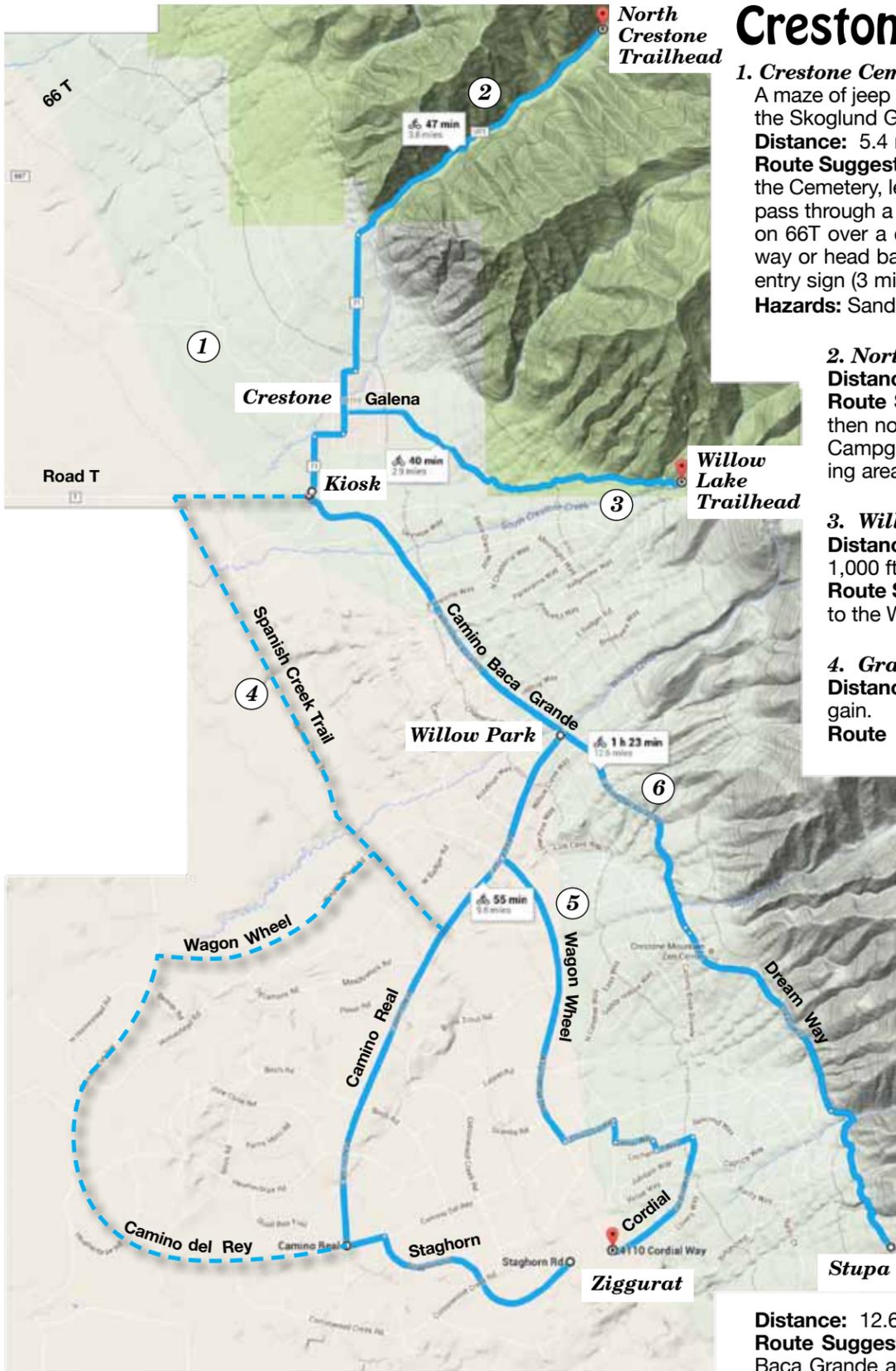
6. Spiritual Highway

Difficulty: Easy

A high traverse in the Baca Chalets along Dream Road or "The Spiritual Highway" out to the KTTG Stupa. Pavement and narrow dirt road.

Distance: 12.6 miles out and back from the Kiosk to the Stupa.

Route Suggestion: Can park a car at the Kiosk or at Willow Park at Camino Baca Grande and Camino Real (Two Trees). Head southeast on Camino Baca Grande and stay on the high road / Dream Way when it turns to dirt. Continue out toward the KTTG Stupa passing the Cottonwood Creek trailhead. Be respectful of private property and stay on the road.



Just a few of the many possible bicycling routes in the Crestone area. map courtesy of Google Maps.

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