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## Saguache County considers new marijuana regulations

### Public hearing May 12

by Lisa Cyriacks

Saguache County has marijuana on its agenda. Earlier this year, the County Commissioners convened a Marijuana Task Force to draft and propose updated regulations. Those regulations will be reviewed and comments taken at a public hearing on May 12, 1pm at the Saguache County Road and Bridge meeting room, 305 3rd St., Saguache.

On February 2 the County Commissioners approved increases to the fees paid by marijuana es-

tablishments. The Marijuana Use Permit increased from \$1,150 to \$3,000. At the same time, the Commissioners increase the fees for all other conditional use permits from \$650 to \$1,000.

The task force met several times in February and March to review the existing regulations and to propose changes in accordance with updates to State statutes. Articles 43.3 and 43.4 currently govern state licensing requirements to sell marijuana.

Reflecting current state legislation, the Land Use regula-

tions limit the number of plants for "home grow" to six plants per adult or 12 plants per household. The person(s) engaged in cultivation of marijuana must be resident on the property. No home grows will be allowed on vacant parcels. Marijuana grown outdoors shall be contained entirely in an area that is completely fenced and screened with a locked gate and security system and shall not be visible from any right of way, any residence or the public. If the person or caregiver is not the owner of the property, renters must provide written con-

sent from the property owner.

Primary caregivers who cultivate medical marijuana must be registered with the state licensing authority (Colorado Department of Public Health) and are required to provide the cultivation operation location, the registration number of each patient, and any extended plant count numbers. Saguache County will also require registration.

No more than six (6) medical marijuana plants may be grown, cultivated and processed by a patient or caregiver and no more than thirty-six (36) medical marijuana plants may be grown, cultivated or processed in a residence, regard-

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## Sanders, Cruz win at Colorado state conventions

Choosing presidential candidates 'feels like democracy,' but reality is more complicated

by Lisa Cyriacks

Despite the majority of elected officials serving as Hillary Clinton-pledged superdelegates, most Democrats attending the Colorado convention overwhelmingly felt the Bern. Bernie Sanders captured 41 delegates out of 78 at the state convention in Loveland—giving Sanders a clear hold on Colorado. Twelve super delegates remained unpledged.

That's 63% of the straw poll vote at the state convention, improving his chances from the 59%

Sanders received on precinct caucus night, March 1.

State Representative Joe Salazar, one of the few elected officials who supports his state Party's favorite, spoke to cheers, "It definitely shows the trend for Bernie Sanders in the state of Colorado is still really strong."

Sanders supporters say they have been betrayed by the majority of the state's superdelegates including Gov. John Hickenlooper, Sen. Bennet, Reps. Ed Perlmutter, Diana DeGette and Jared Polis,

former Gov. Roy Romer, Mannie Rodriguez and Blanca O'Leary who have all thrown their weight behind Clinton.

The other four superdelegates—Anthony Graves, Lisa Padilla, Beverly Ryken and Democratic State Party Chair Rick Palacio—have not announced their candidate.

Earlier that week, Democratic Party chairman Rick Palacio admitted that the party misrepresented the caucus results—and kept it quiet

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## Community spirit

Dear Editor,

Once again, the Crestone/Baca Grande Community came forward in support of our library. The Friends of the Baca Grande Library (FOL) conducted the April 15 ("Tax Day") Bake Sale with great success. We experienced a very nice turnout, in spite of the chilly blustery weather. This success continues to allow funding for improvements at the present library and more importantly, indicates a community spirit for maintaining this important facility so vital in every community. Let us hope to see a new library facility within the town of Crestone in the near future.

As Chair of the FOL, I wish to thank all who participated—those who donated homebaked yummys and those who donated their time at the bake sale table—thank you.

With so many to thank and names to remember, please forgive me if your name is not mentioned. First of all I wish to thank the library staff for all the assistance, Suzanne who helped set everything in motion, Barry and Sandia for spending time at the table, before Sandia went to work at the library, and for Barry helping to set-up and take-down and put everything away. Muchas gracias amigos. Sarah, our Library Director who drove here from Saguache to deliver baked goodies on her lunch break, and Hillary, the Chair of the Saguache FOL left a generous donation. And Miton, who once again generously allowed us to conduct the event on his property, John who assisted all day, from early set-up to take-down. Elianna, Crystal, Curtis, Carol, Allyson, Leah, Michael, Lili, Mary, Ann, Cathy Jo, Desiree, and our wonderful bouncy Barbara.

Your generous support shows a "community spirit" second to none. Thank you.

Also, many thanks to Steve and Elaine for allowing the FOL to have a donation jar at their store, the Mercantile, for many months. Wow, what great supporters for our community.

Thom Ontko, Chair,

Friends of the Baca Grande Library

## Not 'smart' for Crestone

Dear Editor,

I am moving to Crestone for many of the same reasons that others do: a slower, more authentic pace, lack of commercialism, community closeness, personal reflection and spiritual growth. It was surprising to learn of an insidious form of pollution heading for Crestone.

With a family member extremely sensitive to electromagnetic fields (including wifi, cell phones, microwaves, etc.), one of the first calls I made was to SLV Rural Electric to ensure that the safe, old fashioned analog electric meter on

the house we purchased would be allowed to stay in place. What I discovered is that so called "Smart Meters" are on their way here, and have already been installed in several communities in the valley. Having a Smart Meter attached to the house would make it unlivable for us.

Smart Meters are known to cause a variety of health challenges from pulsed radiofrequency electromagnetic fields (RF radiation) in timings and volumes known to be harmful for humans, animals and plants. Upon installation of smart meters and infrastructure, many people (especially children, elderly, and immune-compromised) report headaches, ringing ears, dizziness, breathing problems, memory loss, muscle spasms, rashes, heart problems, and even seizures.

Numerous peer-reviewed scientific studies report these levels of radiation directly connected to cancers, neurological illnesses, birth defects, childhood leukemia, childhood behavioral disorders as well as a wide variety of other symptoms in exposed individuals, even those who don't necessarily feel the effects.

Additionally, the AMI "mesh network" created transmits data from one wireless meter by means of wireless microwave pulses to the next house's meter and so on. So, even if a specific resident is allowed to opt out, they are still exposed to microwave radiation from surrounding meters. Also, the data sent to the utility contains information about your private activities; what TV programs you watch, what appliances you use, when you go to bed, when you go on vacation, etc., allowing police, government agencies and others to have access to your lifestyle data without needing a warrant.

I have not been able to get information about when installation will begin in Crestone. I suspect that Smart Meters will simply start to appear without any advance notice, as has happened in many communities.

Educating ourselves as a community is an important next step. Several local wellness practitioners are coordinating community showings of the informational movie *Take Back Your Power*, which is also available on Amazon Prime and at our local library as well. I hope Crestone will come together as a community and collectively "Opt Out" of this threat to our health and well-being.

Vicki Webb

## New POA directives?

Dear Editor,

In a democratic world built on the will and movement of the people, a time arises when a "spokesmen" assumes a false role of dictator, typically for the "greater good" of the people. The longer this dictatorship behavior is endorsed, and allowed to flourish, the greater its resilience becomes. Recently, I discovered the community is being guided into the well-charted territory of standardized building and centralized infrastructure dependence. This system has inherit failures and displays short sighted leadership characteristics. Dec-

ades ago, the Baca Grande subdivision chose to align with a new paradigm of living, building and environmental stewardship. This alignment has recently experienced a staggering shift.

Currently, we utilize a series of "Governing Documents" and "Building Guidelines" to educate potential new members about out community ideals. The Governing Documents are legal documents on how to address conflict and manage infrastructure. Our Building Guidelines drive the basic construction style and management of building in the Baca.

Building Guidelines typically represent community values and direction. The most recent Building Guidelines update shows the removal of the Energy Conservation Credit and the removal of 6 pages of Suggestions for Energy Conservation addressing proper passive solar and resource efficient design principles for our location. The Design Guidelines have experienced a reduction of approximately 53 pages in the latest revision. I wonder if I am the only one who didn't know about these foundational changes in our community direction and ideals for the future.

Maybe it's no big deal. Maybe we're just eliminating unnecessary language. Everyone has a right to build whatever they want. Although, as a covenant community, we have a responsibility to ourselves to maintain a level of lifestyle consistency conducive to the future of our community marketability. For decades we have been known for our natural and sustainable building practices, yet we chose to remove most of the indications of it in our Design Guidelines. I am *not* in support of this new directive. How about you? It's time for the roots to grow grass.

Donovan Spitzman

## Malice is not the issue

Dear Editor,

Reporting the news is not malice. Holding public officials to a standard of conduct is not malicious as Robin Crites asserts in the April 12 letter published in the *Valley Courier*, defending Saguache County attorney Ben Gibbons.

Crites goes on to remark in his letter: "a conflict of interest in the Valley is unavoidable." What the Colorado Supreme Court's Attorney Regulation Counsel, James C. Coyle, writes is: "The evidence shows there was a failure of Mr. Gibbons conflict check procedures to recognize the relationship . . . We expect this additional care will prevent issues like the one addressed in this investigation from occurring in the future."

Contrary to Robin Crites' assertion that the question is whether or not conflicts of interest are avoidable—the issue is how to handle questions or appearance of conflict of interest while avoiding violations of procedural due process.

Mr. Coyle's comments indicate to me that conflict of interest is a serious issue, one that needs to be prevented in the future. Mr. Gibbons' defense that he did not remember his representation of the town was the sole reason he was not disciplined for his failure to recognize

## Editor's Notes

### Really news?

I've been in the news business for nearly 30 years. The media business, fact checking and journalism has gone to hell. "The medium is the message" said Marshall McLuhan. Now that anyone can create a website, opinion is presented as fact. Facts are fantastical and fleeting, out of context, twisted beyond recognition. If it's printed on a website, surely it must be true.

Bill Moyers and I despair.

A person can easily buy and set up a newspaper format website. They look all official and newsy. Content is grabbed from here and there and posted unvetted—the more sensational the better. It's an election year! Post an opinion that feeds into what people want to believe. Make it look like you know what you're talking about. Put in lots of links to other unvetted websites. Make those links go round and round so you have tons of web traffic. Make lots of money on all those crappy ads that clutter your website. News in the internet age.

The big media news sources, which used to be reliable sources of vetted news, I now feel have been compromised. Owned by big corporations, they tell you what they want you to know—endlessly. Rather than just reporting the news, they too often create it, attempting to control the conversation. Important issues get ignored. Significant events go unreported. No good journalist goes unpunished. News in the corporate age.

You have to be willing to do research to get to the truth of things. I encourage people to look a little deeper before they share posts on social media. These are important times.

Support your independent hometown newspapers, radio and media. They have a trust relationship with their readerships. They will print a correction if they get it wrong. And many, in old-fashioned style, still work hard to get it right. Many thanks.

Happy Mother's Day,

—Kizzen

the conflict of interest.

Mr. Gibbons' role as the attorney for the Town of Bonanza and subsequent representation of Saguache County in the abandonment proceedings was under review—not the question of whether or not to abandon the Town of Bonanza. That question was decided months ago by the Colorado Secretary of State's office, when Saguache County and Mr. Gibbons failed to meet the requirements under statute for abandoning a town.

Mr. Crites asserts that the facts presented are "innuendo." Under rules promulgated last year by the Colorado Supreme Court "innuendo" is indefensible since internal investigative files of the judiciary are not available to the public. Under these new rules (which are outside the requirements of the Colorado Open Records Act—1969) only Mr. Gibbons and the investigators are privy to the discussions held that resulted in the final decision to not proceed with disciplinary action.

Process and procedure are important to normal people. They protect us from criminality and are intended to maximize fairness in any governmental or judicial proceeding.

Colorado laws require that any meetings where a formal action occurs shall be held only after full and timely notice to the public. It is questionable that an officer of the legal system—such as an attorney—should have discretion to avoid the rigidity of the law—ever. It would be malice to do so.

A citizen is always entitled to fair and consistent application of rules.

The legal profession is largely self-governing despite the close relationship between the profession and the processes of government. Mr. Gibbons is currently the Saguache County attorney. Mr. Crites is a former Saguache County attorney. Saguache County has a documented history of failures to provide adequate notice and a complete record of its proceedings. My very real concern is: Are the citizens of Saguache County able to inform themselves and participate fully in the processes of their government before that government takes action?

Lisa Cyriacks

Advocate for government transparency

## Commentary: Amenities at risk?

by Judy Gilbert

Although I would typically prefer to read a good murder mystery, I decided last week to re-read the Baca Grande POA (Property Owners Ass'n) Covenants and By-Laws. The impetus for this drastic decision was what I consider to be recent attacks by at least some members of the POA Board on the support of community amenities.

I expected these POA governing documents to only contain harsh "thou shalt not" kinds of things, but was actually pleasantly surprised by the many upbeat statements regarding the role of the POA in enhancing the common good within the community. Right on page 5, in the Articles of Incorporation, was reference to the POA "performing any and all acts that, in the opinion of the Board, will promote the common benefit and enjoyment of the occupants, residents, and Owners within the Community". I won't bore you with a lengthy recitation of similar quotes from throughout the 57 pages of the documents, but I easily gathered two full notebook pages of quotes that are related to this uplifting concept.

The specific attacks on amenities I refer to above are against open space provided by the Crestone Baca Land Trust to the community and the raising of marked extra charges to the producers of the Crestone Music Festival. In the case of the open space, in 2008 lots were offered to the Land Trust by Saguache County and after rezoning to Open Space by the County and waiver of taxes, and the action by the Board of Directors of the POA to waive dues insofar as the never-to-be-developed lots were seen as adding to the community amenities, the Land Trust accepted the stewardship of the land, most of which was in conservationally sensitive areas. This January after eight years of not receiving dues-assessments, as had been originally agreed, the Land Trust received dues bills amounting to nearly \$10,000, in an action not by the Board of Directors but apparently by a single one of its members, acting on his own. As for the Music Festival, its director, Tom Dessain, was presented with a new

fee of \$5000, for the attendance of the ambulance service. Why should the Music Festival—in my view an incredible amenity for the community—be charged anything at all? The "Amenities" section of Covenants states, "The Association at the discretion of its Board may support and fund other amenities to enhance lifestyle and recreational options for its members". To me this means that the POA has the authority to pay the EMTs working on the ambulance out of POA funds. Of course the EMTs should be paid for their time. The POA currently also charges the Festival for use of the golf course. Why?

The word "amenity" is derived from the Latin "amoenus", meaning "pleasant". The dictionary definition of amenity refers to qualities such as "the attractiveness and aesthetic or nonmonetary value of real estate" (*Webster's Third New International Dictionary*). Love of natural beauty and space is probably what has brought most of us to this village on the back edge of not much. And the natural beauty is itself made more manifest by the conservation of environmentally sensitive areas and open space left in its natural condition (also referred to as a community value in the Covenants).

The POA, a non-profit corporation, is held responsible by our governing documents for much more than producing the lowest possible annual dues. In fact that idea isn't mentioned at all in the governing documents. By the way, relieving the open space lots of paying dues and lowering the expenses charged to the Music Festival would together account for less than \$5 of the annual dues-assessment.

In the amenities section of the Covenants (page 42), after identifying parks and greenbelts as amenities, it goes on to state that "The Association (POA), at the discretion of its Board may support and fund other amenities to enhance lifestyle and recreational options for its members". I would call on the current POA Board to move in that direction rather than the current one of doing the opposite. And now I'm going back to murder mysteries.



### Andy Beard

Jan. 3, 1983 - April 4, 2016

On April 4, 2016, Andy passed away at his home. Andy was 33 years old.

Andy was born in Reno, NV and lived most of his life in Escalon, CA. He also lived in Colorado, in Crestone, where he had many school friends, and Denver, as well as Kansas.

Andy had a passion for working with family and helping those in need. He enjoyed working many years in the family business around almond farming and processing. In 2002, Andy suffered a traumatic brain injury, recovering in Craig Hospital (Denver) where he returned for a period to work and help others who had similar injuries.

Family was important to Andy. Charli, his daughter, was the apple of his eye. Charli, age 7, lives in Kansas with her mother, Kasandra.

Andy is survived by his daughter Charli, his parents Steve and Vedina Beard, and his brothers Bruce Beard and Steven Beard

A service was held at Burwood Cemetery, Escalon, CA, on Thursday, April 14.

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## Hantavirus death in Saguache County

by Mary Lowers

Saguache County Sheriff deputies were called out to a residence near Lazy KV Estates where a young man in his twenties had died mysteriously. According to Deputy Wayne Clark the dead man and the four people with him had come up here recently from Florida. Saguache County Health Department officials confirmed the young man had died from Hantavirus. The disease is carried mostly by deer mice whose droppings spread the illness. Hantavirus symptoms can look very much like flu symptoms. This disease cannot be spread from human to human but from exposure to mouse droppings. Household pets and the mice themselves are not affected by this disease. Once someone has contracted Hantavirus, the disease's progress is fast. It is fatal for more than 1/3 of those infected. The Colorado Department of Public Health says the state averages four confirmed cases of Hantavirus yearly from all over the state. New Mexico is the only state averaging more Hantavirus cases than Colorado.

## Public Health information on hantavirus

### Saguache Co. Public Health

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease caused by exposure to hantavirus. Colorado has had more confirmed cases of HPS than any other state except New Mexico. The disease is fatal for more than one-third of those people who become infected.

Hantavirus cannot spread from person to person. People are infected by breathing in the virus when stirring up dust from mouse nests or mouse droppings in areas with poor ventilation, or when handling mice, because hantavirus can be found in the urine, saliva, and droppings of infected mice. People are at risk when going into closed spaces with rodent droppings, such as crawl spaces, attics, barns, outbuildings, and sheds, or when clearing wood piles where mouse droppings might be present.

In the San Luis Valley, the hantavirus is carried by deer mice, which have tawny backs, white bellies, big eyes and big ears. Typically, 10-15% of deer mice are infected, and it is not possible to tell if a mouse has the virus just by looking at it. Rodents and household pets do not get sick from the virus.

### Symptoms of HPS

Symptoms usually start from one week to six weeks after exposure. Initial symptoms are fatigue, fever, and muscle aches. There may also be headaches, dizziness, chills, and abdominal problems such as nausea, vomiting, and chills. Four to ten days later, a dry cough and difficulty breathing may develop as the lungs fill with fluid. From this point, the illness can progress rapidly to respiratory failure or even death.

Because the disease can progress rapidly, it is important to seek medical care immediately if you develop fever, headache, and muscle pain within six weeks of exposure to mice or their droppings.

### Reduce your risk

Keep mice away from areas where you live and work. Store human food, pet food, and bird seed in lidded containers or securely closing cabinets. Use baited traps with peanut butter [or raisens -ed.] to remove rodents from indoor areas. Keep garbage in tightly-covered cans.

Plug all holes (dime-sized or larger) in walls and around pipes and vents, using steel wool or metal sheeting. Repair window screens and make sure weather-stripping is tight under all doors, including pet doors. Store hay, wood and equipment above ground at least 100 feet from the house. Remove old cars, junk and brush piles from the yard.

### To clean up rodent-infested areas

Open doors and windows and allow a room to air out for 30 minutes before going inside. Consider using a respirator mask (N-100 rating) that seals tightly to the face. **Do not sweep or dry-vacuum mouse droppings.** Mix a fresh solution of one part bleach to nine parts water (or 1½ cups bleach per gallon of water). Wear rubber gloves and spray droppings, nests, and carcasses with the bleach and water solution. Let soak for 5-10 minutes before cleaning up with a mop, sponge, or wet vacuum. After disinfecting, place mouse carcasses, nests and cleaning materials into a plastic bag. Tie the bag shut and put it in an outdoor trashcan. Wash hands and clothing after clean up.

Hantavirus is a very real threat in the San Luis Valley. Take care when opening outbuildings, or when you find mouse droppings and mice around the house. For further information about protecting yourself and your family from hantavirus, contact your local Public Health Agency or go to [www.cdc.gov/hantavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/hantavirus).

## Saguache County Crime report

by Mary Lowers

**Mike Rust:** The Saguache County Sheriff Office received the results of DNA tests on human remains found between Villa Grove and Saguache. The test confirmed the body was that of Mike Rust mountain biking pioneer bringing some closure to his friends and family. As we go to press there's no comment on further investigation into the murder.

Once again this past month, people who are choosing not to show up for their court dates are winding up jailed in Saguache on Failure to Appear charges. An Alamosa man, 24, was arrested on Failure to Appear charges and held in jail on \$5000 bail. A Monte Vista woman, 29, sat in jail with \$1000 bail listed for failing to make a court date. A Monte Vista man, 52, was held in the County jail on failure to appear charges with \$500 bail listed. Remember, it will always be cheaper and easier not to ignore court dates.

In other crime news, a Del Norte woman, 19, was held on \$5250 bail on charges of aggravated vehicle theft. A Pueblo West man, 31, was taken into custody at the Hooper Pool on charges of domestic violence and harassment. No bail amount was listed for him. A Saguache man, 79, was taken to jail as a fugitive from justice in Chaffee County. His bail was listed at \$1000. A Center man, 21, was held in jail with no bail listed on harassment charges. An Alamosa man, 30, went to jail for violating a restraining order and having no proof of insurance. His bail was set at \$1000.

A Longmont man, 39, was arrested in Moffat on a long list of misdemeanor charges including: obstructing a police officer, speeding, two charges of attempting to elude police, third degree assault, and third degree criminal trespass. He got felony charges for possession of a weapon by a previous offender. His bail was listed at \$2000. Three misdemeanor charges of being a fugitive from justice and a felony charge of introducing contraband landed a Monte Vista man, 23, in jail with a bail of \$6090 set. A Moffat man, 21, went to jail on a felony charge of vehicle eluding, and misdemeanor charges including resisting arrest, possession of a dangerous or illegal weapon and a warrant out of the State Patrol in Alamosa as a fugitive from justice. His bail is listed at \$1000.

A Crestone woman, 42, landed in the Saguache County Jail with \$20,000 bail listed. Her charges include a felony charge of robbery, and misdemeanor charges that include: resisting arrest, third degree assault, menacing, child abuse, careless driving and DUI.

## Naked man taken to jail

by Mary Lowers

On April 1 employees looked out the windows of the Forest Service Office west of Saguache and observed a man in a pickup truck stop in the parking lot. He got out of his vehicle and with determined steps walked over to the flag pole, took down the flag and restrung it so it would fly upside down. He proceeded to take off his clothes, got back in the truck he arrived in and fled the scene. The Saguache County Sheriff's Office was called and the perpetrator of this odd crime was eventually apprehended. After his arrest he went before a judge who set his bail at \$2,500 cash only. According to Deputy Wayne Clark, "The gentleman was off his meds. He's back on them now and facing multiple charges."



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**by Sandia Belgrade**  
**Employee appreciation & issues**

In appreciation of their years of service employees were honored with a Service Pin Presentation. The number of years that many residents have worked for the County is indicative of the fact that the County is one of the most stable employers with decent pay. Those recognized:

- Anthony Salaz: 5 years service
- Connie Trujillo: 20 years of service
- Jackie Stevens: 20 years of service
- Thomas Perrin: Coroner, 20 yrs

**Issues with compensation time**

Lyn Lambert, County Co-administrator, discussed the need to address the compensation time some employees have accrued through sick and vacation hours not taken. Potentially if a large number of retirees' payouts are taken at once it could be fiscally disastrous to the County.

Department heads need to review it quarterly and keep a watchful eye on their staff to assure they use up sick leave and vacation hours within a reasonable amount of time and not cash it out at 100% value when they retire. Right now there are about 15 employees with many hours. The policy will be discussed in a work session. Auditors will see it as a liability, and want justification for it.

**Board of Social Services monthly report**

Linda Warsh, Director of Social Services, noted that while April is the officially designated "Child Abuse Prevention Month," awareness is needed every month. The i has pledged its support. Everyone in the community plays a role in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Colorado has one toll-free phone number to report child abuse and neglect 24/7, 365 days a year. Please call the Colorado Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-844-CO-4-KIDS (1-844-264-5437) to report concerns about a child's safety and well-being. All calls are confidential and will be routed to the county where a child resides. If it is an emergency or you are witnessing a child in a life-

threatening situation, call 911 immediately.

Warsh also noted that La Puente is working with our county on a building in Center. It will be a retail site with a consignment area and can also be used as a workforce training center. TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) funding has come in making this possible. Several buildings are under consideration.

**A busy month for Land Use**

As we approach marijuana growing season, Land Use has announced significant possible changes to the Saguache County Land Development Code for marijuana regulations Article IV. In abbreviated form:

IV7.2.3. Marijuana grows shall not be located within 1,000 feet of a licensed alcohol or drug treatment facility or meeting area, a licensed child care facility, or an educational facility including college grade level, designated school bus stops and/or substantially similar facilities in an adjacent municipality, government buildings, hospitals and/or clinic buildings, as measured from the closest point of the subject parcel lines.

IV. 7.2.4. Lighting—No artificial lighting for cultivation purposes shall be visible from outside, if it creates a nuisance.

IV7.2.5. All applications submitted for this type of use must include an approved copy of the State MED (Marijuana Enforcement Division). A license must be supplied to the Land Use Office within 10 days of receipt from the State of Colorado Department of Revenue.

IV7.2.6. Approved Water Supply—must provide a copy of approved State of Colorado Permit or contract for water.

IV7.2.7. Approved Sewage Disposal Permit. Waste product from the marijuana production shall be disposed of properly so as not to be at risk for consumption by others or as not to attract rodents, pests and public curiosity. Waste product from the marijuana production shall be disposed of properly so as not to cause contamination of ground water and must be in accordance with applicable Saguache County and State of Colorado Individual Sewage Treatment Facility regulations.

**Community input & public hearing**

To view the complete regs for marijuana or the proposed changes, residents may contact the Sa-

guache County Land Use Department, PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149; or wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov; or by calling 719-655-2321; or go to the County website at www.saguachecounty.net.

Written comments will be accepted until Friday, May 6, 2016 at 3pm, and may be sent to Saguache County Land Use Department at PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 or emailed to wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at the Saguache County Road and Bridge Meeting Room located at 305 3rd Street, Saguache, on Thursday, May 12 at 1pm. Not a convenient time for people who work. The commissioners will take written comments at the hearing and can adopt them at next BOCC meeting.

**Proposed marijuana excise tax**

An excise tax is being considered by the BOCC. The exact wording as it will appear on the ballot is not yet finalized. Ben Gibbons, County Attorney, noted any county or municipality can impose an excise tax on legal marijuana growers to levy, collect, and enforce an excise tax on the first sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana by a retail marijuana cultivation facility subject to voter approval. It does not affect residents who are not cultivating in a marijuana facility, nor is medical marijuana subject to the tax. Although Colorado is taking in millions of dollars from marijuana sales, Saguache County is not. Yet Ouray County approved a 5% Marijuana Excise Tax. The increased revenue is estimated now to be 10.7% higher due primarily to the excise tax.

**Graywater**

There will be a hearing concerning Saguache County Graywater Control Regulations for review and possible adoption at the end of the regular Commissioners' meeting on May 17. The prospect of recycled water could be a blessing for drought seasons in Colorado and could amount to as much as 30% of water savings.

**Hemp moratorium**

Jason Anderson spoke with resident Diane Dunlap who is concerned about hemp being planted near her marijuana grows. She wants a moratorium on hemp. Her fears about contamination are understandable, but hemp is a valuable agricultural product.

The County can set the distance between the species. In Pueblo it is 5 miles. According to Anndrea Hermann, an international hemp expert, a safe starting distance between marijuana and hemp plants is 10 miles. This issue is similar to the one between organic and conventional farmers growing in the same area. The Board has placed a 6-month moratorium on hemp until it is worked out.

**Support for Crestone Creative District**

A few communities are designated as creative districts in Colorado, and Crestone has been industriously working toward that designation which allows more advertising and tourism. The Board received a letter requesting support and moved to support it. The state arts agency, a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, accepts letters of interest from towns seeking formal designation as a Certified Creative District. The goal is to help creative districts achieve the administrative structure, funding streams, community engagement process, strategic plan and staff structure that provide both immediate sustainability and opportunities to evolve.

**Contentious state regulation**

Raising license fee for food establishments is problematic as our restaurants are barely hanging on. There is a disparity between growth cities and rural areas. Blanket bills do not take into account these disparities.

**Jail or mental health facility?**

Mentally ill offenders possess a unique set of circumstances and needs. However, all too often, they cycle through the criminal justice system without appropriate care to address their mental health. Their recurring involvement in the criminal justice system is based on a legal system which says to determine whether an offender belongs in a jail or mental health facility within 72 hours. It's difficult in a rural area, and expanding that time window is essential.

**Courthouse elevator**

The Commissioners moved to accept the only RFP received for an architectural design study for an elevator at the courthouse. The bid of \$14,500 was by McClure Architectural design.

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## The Crestone Baca Land Trust: support then, threats now

by **Bill Sutherland, President Crestone Baca Land Trust**

It seems like a good time to review some historical aspects of the all-volunteer Crestone Baca Land Trust (CBLT) because recent actions of some members of the Board of Directors of the Baca Grande Property Owners Association (POA) could threaten the Land Trust's continuing viability.

### Support for open space

In 1998 citizens here, aiming to conserve ecologically sensitive areas by increasing the amount of non-developable open space, submitted a grant application to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO; a state organization that distributes lottery funds for parks, wildlife and land trust-type entities). As is often the case, a small number of activists do most of the heavy lifting: Lisa Cyriacks, Linda Eickhoff, Jim Erdman, Suzanne Frazier, Thomas Hall, Jillian Klarl, and Tom Tucker were some of those who got things going. Many local organizations were also invaluable.

Moreover, the community itself was strongly supportive of the goals of what was at first called The Manitou Institute-Crestone/Baca Open Space Project, as judged by the extremely positive expressions from the 888 POA member-respondents to a 1998 survey, 733 of whom did not even live here (*Baca Grande POA Newsletter*, Nov.1998 and March,1999). The Manitou Institute, a 501(c)3 charitable entity, sponsored the GOCO grant application, which was awarded in the amount of \$129,000 in July of 2000. Altogether 177 acres in the Baca Grants were obtained by purchases with GOCO funds and through contributions by private owners and Saguache County. Conservation easements, which among other things block development, were placed on the newly acquired lots and in turn these easements were transferred to The Nature Conservancy in 2003. Later that year the Manitou Institute transferred ownership of all the lots (the 177 acres) at fair market value to the POA in lieu of payment for past assessments. In 2005 The Nature Conservancy transferred the conservation easements held on the GOCO properties to the CBLT, which had incorporated and received its own 501(c)3 designation in 2001.

### Biologic importance

The lots that were acquired were selected for their location along the streams coursing through the Baca into the Wildlife Refuge (at that time, the Baca Ranch). A previous study of the region's ecology was expanded in 2005 when a grant was awarded to the CBLT from the Colorado Department of Wildlife. This money allowed the Land Trust to contract with the prestigious Colorado Natural Heritage Program (CNHP), based at Colorado State University, to conduct

a biological assessment of the Baca Grande. The results of this study, published in 2006, identified the riparian (streamside) areas as supporting vulnerable and rare or uncommon occurrences of a woodland plant community. Also, five animal species which are rare or uncommon live in the Baca, among the 45 species that were recorded. Increasing development and contamination from septic systems were especially identified as threats to these valued areas and to the people living there. Information from this Land Trust-funded study also proved helpful in the campaign to avert drilling in the Wildlife Refuge.

Awareness of the biological importance of the course of Cottonwood and Spanish Creeks, not to mention their aesthetic values, prompted the Land Trust to continue acquiring adjacent properties. These instincts were further supported by the results of another member-survey reported in the POA Newsletter of winter 2006. These further acquisitions by private individuals also had conservation easements placed on them through the work of the Land Trust. Conservation easements can be specified in various ways, but generally, as in these cases, they prohibit further development of the land and functionally designate the land as open space. Because of the tax benefits to owners who commit to a conservation easement, the designation is to last in perpetuity. It was intended by the owners that ultimately their lands would devolve to the POA to augment the community's legacy of ecologically and aesthetically valuable lands. Much of this work was facilitated by the Land Trust's then president, Kim Malville.

### Memorandum of good faith

As all of these properties were intended by their owners to be transferred to the POA, as the GOCO lots had been, it was important that the POA establish its own affiliate with 501(c)3 status, to conform with the laws governing such transfers. In June of 2006 a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between the Land Trust and the unanimously approving Board of Directors of the POA. In the memorandum the POA agreed "to work in good faith toward the formation of the POA affiliate and the qualification thereof as a federal 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization for conservation purposes". The POA Board further agreed not to charge CBLT any Association dues for the property in consideration of its willingness to own and manage the property until the 501(c)3 affiliate was created. Unfortunately, there is no evidence that the POA made any effort to achieve its part of the agreement and it therefore expired in 2011.

### Open space, dues waived



An elk herd gathers in the meadow along Spanish Creek. This is one of the areas in the Baca Grande that are being preserved as open space by the Crestone Baca Land Trust. Land was donated by the County to the Land Trust after it had been rezoned as open space, making this land free from the threat of development. In support of having conserved land, the POA had made an agreement with the Land Trust that this open space land be exempt from dues. In a seeming breach of agreement, the POA has started billing the Land Trust. photo by Linde Waidhofer

In 2008 Saguache County offered to give the Land Trust 33 lots in the Baca which had been forfeited to the County because of non-payment of taxes. Most of these lots were near Cottonwood and Spanish Creeks in the Grants (and adjacent to the POA lots on which the Land Trust already held conservation easements) which were highly desirable for conservation, documented in the CNHP study cited above. However, the small Crestone Baca Land Trust would not be able to afford the taxes and POA dues—if billed currently the annual assessment by the POA alone would be nearly \$10,000.

Wendi Maez, the Saguache County Land Use Manager, working with the Land Trust's Jillian Klarl, facilitated the re-zoning of the lots from residential to open space, enacted by the Board of County Commissioners. Then, in July, 2008, the POA Board of Directors unanimously approved Director Diane Dunlap's motion to have the Association waive the annual dues in perpetuity. Two more lots have since been acquired by the Land Trust for the community and similarly processed by the County (re-zoned as open space) and the POA Board. The fact that the County waived its taxes and the POA had agreed to waive their dues assessments enabled the Land Trust to accept the properties, thereby adding to the POA's undevelopable open space. Without this implicit contract those lots may have been developed, with the result of permanent loss of aesthetically and biologically valuable ecosystems.

### Vote? \$10,000 in dues?

Since the POA Board's July, 2008 decision all was quiet until 2014, when before that year's POA election the Land Trust first discovered its votes were only used to determine the quorum. Seeking clarification of this unusual category of voting, the Land Trust approached the POA. Through the Community Manager the POA Board asked their attorney, Erich Schwiesow, if an owner who does not pay dues, in this case the Land Trust, was allowed to vote; naturally enough he said, No. No further information was provided the attorney. In his response (October, 2014; available on the POA website) the attorney acknowledged he "was not informed

of any reason that these entities do not pay annual assessments"; and the "reason or justification for exempting certain lots from paying assessments has not been made known to me".

It is therefore unfortunate that Mr. Schwiesow was not then, nor even now, informed that the lots under consideration had been re-zoned as open space, since as attorney for the Water and Sanitation District he stated in a memo (April 24, 2007), "Thus, where there is no possibility of building on a lot, there is certainly a justification for waiving the A of S (availability of service) fee for that lot". Article XII of the POA Covenants on variances allows for the Board to sidestep certain covenantal requirements under circumstances such as those presented here. The Land Trust agrees with this 2007 observation of Attorney Schwiesow and strongly believes that an undevelopable open space lot should not be assessed dues, per the agreement with the POA in 2008. However, in January, 2016, the Land Trust for the first time received statements for dues amounting to nearly \$10,000.

### Not a Board decision

It is unclear at present what the current POA Board intends to do with this issue. The Board itself has no official record of having decided to overthrow the previous (2008) Board decision not to ever charge CBLT dues for the designated lots, and it is even possible that the entire decision to start charging the Land Trust dues was the action of a single individual on the POA Board. The CBLT made a decision to accept lots based on the agreements by the County to eliminate taxes and the POA Board to eliminate dues. CBLT believes that essentially a contract was created among these entities and now broken by the current POA dues assessments. It seems that the POA Board is having this issue further studied and CBLT expects that a carefully considered evaluation will honor this contract.

Open Space is pretty much forever. The Land Trust is proud to have helped to obtain more open space in accordance with the will of the community, firmly expressed at those rare times the actual opinions of members of the Association were solicited.

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# POA News: Saguache saves the Crestone Music Festival; Land Trust & new building requirements continue to cause concern

by John Rowe

A regularly scheduled Baca Grand Property Owners Association (POA) Board meeting was held April 21 at 6pm at the POA Hall. Directors Bruce McDonald, Joanna Theriault, Sughanda Brooks, and Matie Belle Lakish were all present, with President Nigel Fuller absent. Vice-President McDonald chaired the meeting in his stead. There was a forty-five minute executive session followed by a lengthy public meeting, lasting until after 9pm. There were twenty-three audience members in attendance, many more than for most board meetings.

## Land Trust concerns

Last meeting's minutes and this meeting's agenda were approved unanimously in short order and the meeting moved on to a lively Member Forum session where several comments on recent POA Board actions were given. A discourse on just how much is spent before a builder can break ground was given, that amount estimated to be over \$17,000, much more with the new POA building regulations. An audience member announced that Nigel Fuller was likely to be sued over his alleged unilateral and illegal actions that will certainly spell the end of the Crestone/Baca Land Trust, if left to stand. This audience member seemed to be certain that President Fuller acted on his own without any sort of board vote, this in violation of POA rules. A confidential *Eagle* source verified to this reporter that this unilateral move by Mr. Fuller did indeed take place. Another member wanted to know why the Board felt it necessary to increase the charges to the Crestone Music Festival for ambulance service from \$1000 to \$4300, this with no notice. This amount would almost certainly end the music festival as it has struggled just to try and break even in recent years. Board response was that this \$4300 figure is what it would cost the festival at competitive market prices.

Department reports resulted in the board unanimously voting in a cot and powerlift for the new

ambulance at a cost of \$40,000. A grant will likely cover half of this cost as well as half of the \$170,000 basic ambulance cost. Fire Chief Chris Botz would like to see home fire mitigation become much more the norm as insurance rates in the area are sure to climb if this does not happen. An accounting report revealed the happy news that the POA has \$48,000 more than at this time last year, with rigorous dues collection efforts making some real difference.

Tom Dessain, representing the Crestone Music Festival, was on hand to announce that Saguache would provide ambulance service and a full complement of EMTs for \$975 for the entire weekend, making it possible for the music festival to continue. Bruce McDonald seemed to encourage this move but Derek Garcia appeared disturbed by the huge discrepancy between the \$4300 the POA wants and the \$975 Saguache figure and requested a meeting with Tom Dessain to go over all this. So perhaps there is hope that the Crestone/Baca area

will take care of its own and save local residents the embarrassment of appearing to bail out on what has become a defining event near and dear to so many of us.

Two different parties showed up to express an interest in renting out the old pro shop on the golf course and were turned away. The board does not think it rentable in its current condition and it needs substantial renovations, perhaps not happening until the fall. And so this building will continue to sit empty as it has since the Yak and Cracker closed some time ago.

## Opposition to new building regs

More spirited commentary was forthcoming from three audience members who are enthusiastically opposed to the new building regulations and fees involved. An EAC (Environmental and Architectural Committee) member was present and defended the POA action designed to rid the Baca of a rash of new blight that has sprung up over the last few years. This produced a lively discussion that con-

tinued well after the meeting was adjourned. One board member was so concerned that she wants to try to find building funds for a young woman who, five minutes before, had been berating her for embracing these "shameful" new policies. The above-mentioned EAC board member thought this same young woman would make a good EAC committee member, again despite some heated rhetoric aimed at him earlier. Another audience member wanted to form a committee to help clean up the worst of the blight, in conjunction with EAC recommendations, all this to be done by volunteers for free.

Thus the meeting-after-the-meeting ended on a very hopeful note, with the clear indication that the community at large is very much concerned with helping its young people trying to build constructive lives here. Stay tuned for more as I believe this is an issue that will resonate in the community and more actions/discussions will be forthcoming.



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**Town election results**  
 by *Allyson Ransom*  
 Crestone Town Clerk

The Town completed a successful mail ballot election on the 5th day of April, and four trained judges tallied votes from 46 returned ballots with the following results: Kairina Danforth (unopposed) won the mayoral position with 39 votes, James Adam Kinney won a trustee position for a second term with 36 votes, Terry Goergen won the second open trustee position with 34 votes, and C. Kimberly S. Martinez had 14 votes. The Town appreciates all of the candidates' efforts and integrity while adhering to the myriad of rules under Title 31 of the Colorado State Code while running for these essential community positions.

The ballot question for allowing retail marijuana sales and its taxation passed with 30 "yes" votes and 13 "no" votes. The Board of Trustees and Town Attorney have begun to draft a new ordinance that will detail procedures for accepting and administering applications and tax collection of businesses that may begin to apply by July. Both safety and education will be of major focus when composing the new regulations.

**Regular Board meeting of April 11**

- Kizzen Laki, whose 4-year trustee term ended on April 5, was appointed by the Board of Trustees to fill one vacant trustee position created by the resignation of trustee Lonny Roth. As a previous Trustee and Mayor, Laki lends her extensive knowledge and expertise to the Board once more, and the town is fortunate to have her back.
- The Board approved appointing Acting Town Clerk, Allyson Ransom, as the official Town Clerk since she had successfully completed basic Clerk's training and run the election.
- The Board heard several presentations at their meeting including Dylan Eisler speaking for the Colorado Rural Water Association about a Water Source Protection Plan for Crestone. Anyone interested in learning more may contact Ann Bunting of the Cre-

stone Water Department.

- The Board heard a request from Dave Carlberg on behalf of the Crestone Brewing Company to hold a grand opening event on June 25 in Little Pearl Park, adjacent to their new business. The Town Attorney will work on an agreement and resolution to be presented at the May 9 Board meeting.

- Elaine Johnson, representing the Town Tree Board, reported on a Cottonwood tree off of North Alder street which needs care. After review of a certified arborist's assessment and inspection report, the Board approved to pay trimming costs up to \$520.00 and save the tree.

- Daniel Johnson of FireWise presented details on creating a unified county program to mitigate residential fire hazards, which was followed by a question and answer period.

- Paula Hudson, a member of the Crestone Creative District, presented a request to use Town Hall as a display venue for local art. The Trustees approved her proposal, and she has begun the art installation in the hallway and meeting room.

**Town residents, it's free branch pickup time**

On Monday, May 16, workers will be collecting piles of dead wood, scrap wood, branches, dead weeds and brush piles on town resident properties. It is very important to continue reducing the amount of combustible materials in our forested town and you can help by gathering piles on your property. Please have debris piles accessible at the roadside for a free pickup. To report your town property location contact Town Hall at 256-4313. The mitigation pit is open and free for all residents in the Crestone and Baca Grande area. For mitigation pit information contact the Baca Grande Property Owners Association at 256-4171



Heavy equipment preparing Alder Street in Crestone for lowering the road grade, new paving, curbs and sidewalks as part of the Downtown Redevelopment Project. The Town and Alcon Construction are trying to do this work without many road closures. The Town thanks you for your patience and asks that you be careful around the heavy equipment and workers.  
 photo by Lori Nagel

**Crestone Downtown project underway**

by *Allyson Ransom*  
 Crestone Town Clerk

The Crestone Downtown Redevelopment Project has begun as of April 11. Alcon Construction is working primarily on Alder and Silver Streets. Including a couple of unexpected snow days, the project will take about eight weeks to complete and be ready before the Fourth of July celebration. It consists of street and sidewalk improvements and a small public plaza at the Silver Avenue frontage of "Little Pearl Park." A full-color plan is available to view in Town Hall.

Work will include complete redevelopment of two intersections, one located at Alder Street x Galena Avenue, and the other at Alder

Street x Silver Avenue, as well as street and sidewalk improvements extending south from Galena on Alder and extending east on Silver from "Little Pearl Park" to a "round-about" terminus beyond the Crestone Spirits Liquor Store.

A small plaza area will be constructed at the entrance to "Little Pearl Park." Neutral-colored concrete sidewalks will also be included. Although there are some beautification features that have been postponed, the overall plan has not been altered.

The Town looks forward to these improvements and advises pedestrians and drivers to use caution while traveling through the construction zones. Thank you!

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## Saguache Museum's Pioneer Days May 10 & 11 is for children, teachers, parents & homeschoolers

This is your child's opportunity to learn how his great-grandparents lived. The Saguache County Museum is once again having a Pioneer Day for area children, their parents and teachers on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 10 and 11. From 10am to 3pm, they will tour the entire Museum with the tour director and participate in all kinds of activities.

Among the activities they will learn this year will be washing clothes in an old-fashioned wash-tub with a scrub board, dressing a baby with cloth diapers, making adobe bricks, learning parts of a saddle and mounting a saddle, and touring the jail to visit Alferd Packer, taking selfies in the jail, and signing the graffiti board. In order to keep their energy going, they will learn to make butter and eat it on home-made bread.

Inside the Museum, they will have a guided tour of all eight rooms, learn to make a 4-piece quilt patch, make a bracelet on the loom, and if there is any extra time, even sing some of the old songs by the player-piano. They can keep their quilt-patch and bracelet to take home as souvenirs.

For all this fun activity on Pioneer Day, everyone (including all parents and teachers) will only be charged \$1 each. However, if an adult is not accompanying a child, they will be charged the regular

adult entrance fee of \$7.

If there is a child in anyone's class that cannot afford the \$1, the Saguache County Museum has a small slush-fund to help out in this situation. Please let Dorraine know when making the reservations.

For reservations, please call Dorraine at 719-256-4281.

Hope to see you at the Saguache County Museum on Pioneer Day, May 10 or 11.



### Saguache County Museum opens May 29; come join us for a weekend of fun!

The Saguache County Museum will be opening for the 58th year Sunday, May 29. There are new and exciting exhibits for everyone to enjoy. Find new books, crafts by local artisans, T-shirts, caps, and much more in the gift shop. The Museum will open 9am to 4pm every day through mid-September. Admission is \$7 for adults and a \$1 for children under 12.

The perfect way to start your weekend either on Saturday, May 28 or on Sunday May 29 (or both days!) is with a pancake and sausage breakfast in Otto Mears Park Pavilion from 7am to 11am. Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee will be served for \$5 a plate. Please help support this Museum fundraiser.

Shop the food and vendor booths in the Community Building and Otto Mears Park from 9am to 4pm.

Author Margaret (Minks) Mizushima, who attended school in Saguache, will hold a book signing 9am to noon in the Museum yard.

Sunday afternoon historical lectures or music recitals begin in June. Pick up a schedule on May 29 or call 719-655-2557 for dates and further details.

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# Crestone Music Festival

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Mama Magnolia to return to the Crestone Music Festival!

## Cool acts & the early bird is smiling!

by Tom Dessain

The 18th Annual Crestone Music Festival is proud to announce more new and exciting acts appearing at this year's fest. The Early Bird ticket discount is also in full swing so get your discount tickets before June 1! The festival will be held at the Baca Grande Golf Club in Crestone Colorado August 12-14. It's a three-day, multi-genre, multi-cultural event with a kids' zone, family activities, all-age contests, Energy Fair demonstrations, energy vendors, arts & crafts vendors, healers, international cuisine and great libations. So here we go . . .

### + 2MX2 +

Crestfest welcomes a new genre this year. The group is called **2MX2** and is an alternative, bilingual, positive message Hip Hop group. They embrace modern political topics such as immigration, health and education reform. They embrace age-old non-political topics such as tolerance and kindness. Their music is both in English and Spanish, integrating mainstream music to underground Hip Hop, as well as Mexican traditions. One of their singles "Si Se Puede ft Rebel



CrestFest welcomes The Jah Kings for the first time!

Diaz" appeared in the motion picture *El Gringo* starring Christian Slater.

More importantly, this group is part of our Youth Enrichment Program (YEP). They performed April 19 for the entire Crestone Charter School which enjoyed an impromptu visit from the Mofat high schoolers, who just had to check it out. The next day saw 2MX2 do multiple shows at Center schools. Their presentations included shows and a workshop.



Latin/Blues/Soul/Jazz artist Javier Mosley LIVE at CrestFest!

YEP is in its 15th year and this was our 34th presenter. We've now produced 185 shows in the San Luis

Valley with 113 of those here in Saguache County. We always like to showcase participants from our YEP program at the festival and this year's was a giant hit with students. They are new and true so check 'em out!

### + Mama Magnolia +

Back by popular demand is **Mama Magnolia**. Best described as Soul Rock, this six-member group consists of 2 horns, guitar, bass, drums and a vocalist that pushes hard on that "Oh yeah, sing it Mama" brain button! With a love of shifting meters, polyrhythmic structure, evolving harmonies and complex dynamic shape, you could almost call this jazz—and you wouldn't be too far off. Most of the members hold a degree in Jazz Performance, but that education just served as the jumping off place for their soulful groovin' evolution. Yes, Mama Magnolia is your guide through a mesmerizin' an' tantalizin' musical landscape.

### + The Alcapones +

**The Alcapones** are bringing in homegrown Ska and Reggae tunes inspired by mountain living on the Front Range. The Alcapones are a six-piece outfit with drums, bass, guitar, and three talented horn players. From raw originals to their ska/reggae fusion, you will find that The Alcapones' styles continuously in-

spire your feet to dance. This band will also be playing for us at our Memorial Day weekend Happy Dance at the Cloud Station May 29. So catch them there and at the festival and celebrate life like gangsters of love!

### Tumbleweeds

We are resurrecting **Tumbleweed!** Originally formed in the fall of 1973, the band was Don Richmond's first band in the valley and enjoyed great success for 17 years. Many musicians have flowed through the band over the years and are a part of many other popular valley bands to this day. Tumbleweeds' music is characterized by a variety of eclectic selections that feature intricate and challenging arrangements. Although usually thought of as a country band, Tumbleweed plays material from rock to blues to bluegrass to miscellaneous. In 1990 the band retired from active touring, though they still get together regularly for reunions and special events like ours. The band members remain close and seem to have no trouble getting the songs flowing and the fingers flying. And you still never quite know what's going to happen! But it will be fun!

### + Jah Kings +

The **Jah Kings** will be appearing at the festival for the first time. Spearheaded by Crestone local Alexander Kofi, the band is bathed in the Roots Reggae Culture. Kofi, whose heritage is Ashante African, Blackfoot Lakota, Cherokee and Choctaw, has toured internationally. Jah Kings explores world music through roots reggae and the Native American roots of Alexander Kofi and band members' heritage. The CD *Love* was nominated Best Reggae CD and Alexander Kofi Best

## Headliners!

### T Sisters The fabulous Thunderbirds BandaBordel

Friday night will feature the amazing T Sisters. This is a six-piece Americana band with drop-dead harmonies and frisky instrumentation. The three sisters' inventive songwriting is supported by their own acoustic instrumentation as well as upright bass, mandolin/guitar and drums. They have also been featured on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion". Don't miss these sweet singing sisters.

Saturday features The Fabulous Thunderbirds. This Grammy-nominated band has a distinctive and powerful blues/rock sound with Cajun and soul influences. This is exemplified in their three top-40 barnburner hits "Tuff Enuff", "Wrap it up" and "Look at that". This band should be a total blast to experience, so don't miss them Saturday August 13!

Sunday features two French bands combining to be BandaBordel. This is an up-to-nine-piece, male/female ensemble that plays a variety of instruments including bass, violin, guitar, trap-set drums, mandolin, banjo, keyboards and cajon. They play original folk fusion in a funky French Gypsy kind-of-way. Lively, loud and ferocious with fun, these folks sing bilingually and are danceable unilaterally. They have headlined House of Blues Mainstage and shared the stage with the Young Dubliners who we had last year. This will be a raucous good time and a fun way to end the fest.



The Tumbleweeds

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Reggae Performer at the 2002 Chicago Musik Awards. The *Now* CD was nominated for Best World CD at the 2004 Jammie Awards. In November of 2014, Kofi found management and a record label, Seven Day Records, that had ideals aligned with his. One thing is certain, the music of Jah Kings will never fail to lift the spirits of everyone it reaches.

## + Javier Mosley +

**Javier Mosley**, the “Technician of Emotion”, will be traveling from California to join us this year. First picking up a guitar at age 11, Javier earned a degree from the prestigious Berklee College of Music. His Latin-based band delivers

an array of explosive sultry sounds from Latin to blues, from soul to jazz. Javier’s world experience and contribution to society does not only stop at music. He works with the City of Los Angeles as a liaison for community outreach and community policing. His compassion for helping the youth compelled him to create and start a program that provides a positive impact and experience for those who have very few encouraging contacts. This band will definitely get your attention.

We still have the locals to choose and a few more regional slots to fill so check out our web site, [crestfest.org](http://crestfest.org), for updates. Be sure to see the June *Eagle* for more information and the raffle kick-off! Our Early Bird discount is in full swing but ends June 1 so get your tickets on-line at [crestfest.org](http://crestfest.org) or call our office at 719-256-4533.



Straight from the Front Range! The Alcapones!

## The Alcapones perform at Cloud Station May 29

by Tom Dessain

Crestone Performances Inc. is producing another Happy Dance at the Cloud Station. The “Happy” means we are serving alcohol again! The response was so positive after the last Halloween Ball we thought we’d give it another go.

The dance will be held Sunday night, May 29, Memorial Day weekend. We will serve micro-brews, wine and a variety of mixed drinks. We will also have sodas, juice and snacks available. This event is 21 to enter. That’s 21 or over with all IDs checked at the door. Doors open at 7 and we dance ‘til midnight. We will also fence in the walkway area for a beer garden again. So grab your squeeze, pay the sitter, belly-up and boogie.

Hey, we got a great band too! Get ready to dance to The Alcapones. This is a six-piece with drums, bass, guitar, and three talented horn players. From raw originals to ska/reggae fusion, you will find that The Alcapones’ styles will set your feet to flying and your face to smiling.

All proceeds go towards operational support for Crestone Performances Inc. CPI is a 501(c)3 non-profit community service organization that annually produces the Crestone Music Festival, produces and subsidizes San Luis Valley school presentations and provides free consulting and technical assistance to other community endeavors. For more information please call 719-256-4533 or visit [www.crestfest.org](http://www.crestfest.org).

## Last chance, local acts, apply now!

by Tom Dessain

It’s time to apply for the 18th Annual Crestone Music Festival to be held August 12-14. We are accepting applications until May 10. To qualify as a local act 50% of the group must live in or have a house in Saguache County. Selection will be based on quality and popularity with consideration given to new acts that are also of high quality. Please present us with your best stuff. If you are musicians, I need recordings that showcase your music. Dancers need to submit a video. Whatever you do, show it well so we can be as objective as possible. Applications are available at local stores, at our office and online at [CrestFest.org](http://CrestFest.org). We are interested in any performing art including music, dance, drama and comedy. Locals get paid \$25 each with a maximum of \$100 per act and a free day pass on their day of performance. The application is mandatory and should be postmarked by May 10. You can also drop it off at our office at 120 W. Silver Ave. Suite 104 (former Secret Garden location). Applications should be posted to: CPI Local, P.O. Box 6, Crestone CO 81131. You can call 719-256-4533 for more information.

## Last chance, local vendors

The 18th Annual Crestone Music Festival is accepting applications from local vendors for this year’s festival August 12-14. Categories include food, arts and crafts, healing, merchandise or other. Applications are available at local businesses, at our office and online at [crestfest.org](http://crestfest.org). The application is mandatory and should be postmarked by May 10. You can drop it off at 120 W. Silver Ave. Suite 104 (former Secret Garden location). Applications can be mailed to CPI Vendors, P.O. Box 6, Crestone CO 81131. Call 719-256-4533 for more information.

## Last chance, T-shirt designs

T-shirt designs are now being accepted for the 18th Annual Crestone Music Festival. We pay \$200 for the accepted entry plus two weekend passes to this year’s festival and a few freebies. We also feature you in *The Crestone Eagle* and the festival program. The design is usually used for the program cover also. It does not have to be fully completed for us to review it. The general idea and look will be enough to start with. Entries should be post-marked by May 10. Please mail submissions to: CMF T-shirt, P.O. Box 6, Crestone, CO 81131. For more information or to discuss your design, please call 719-256-4533 or drop by our office at the old Secret Garden across from Aventa Credit Union.

## Aventa Credit Union & CPI offer youth scholarships

CPI and Aventa Credit Union are offering scholarships to Saguache County students who want to further their education in the performing arts. This includes music, theater, voice, dance, or other. Scholarship must be used for performing arts costs and expenses for instruments, lessons, camps, workshops, etc. Each school has also received guidelines for applicants.

Guidelines are:

1. Be in 8th through 12th grade.
2. Be a resident of the San Luis Valley
3. Submit a short, typed, essay of 300-500 words. The topics of essay should address your performing arts background and interests, your goals, and how you would use your scholarship money.
4. Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, mentor or other. No parents please.
5. Cover page must be typed and include your name, address, name of your school, grade, and a parent or guardian’s signature. Please advise us if you are being home-schooled.
  - Essay quality is important.
  - Applicants may be interviewed.
  - A written follow-up report will be required.
  - Awarded applicants will be notified by June 15, 2015.
  - Purchase request detailing use of the funds will be required.
  - Parent or guardian’s signature is required.
  - One submission per person, per year.

The deadline to apply is Monday June 1, 2016. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. For questions call 719-256-4533 or e-mail us at: [info@crestfest.org](mailto:info@crestfest.org). Mail application to Crestone Performances Inc., P.O. Box 6, Crestone, Colorado 81131.

### PIANO TUNING

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Cloud Station

# The Co-Existence Bagel Shop & Company of Players

## Coffee house takes shape—Beat theme

The creation of the Co-Existence Bagel Shop and Coffee House, as in the famous cafe in San Francisco, began to take shape at a community organizational pot luck meeting on April 15. Another meeting to further define the show will take place on Thursday, May 5, 5:30-7 at the old school house.

This production invites the Crestone/Baca community to join the Company of Players at a recording party where a radio show, a la Prairie Home Companion, will be created by the Company and all who want to take part in the production, to be recorded, edited and aired on KRZA and the World Wide Web.

The party takes place on July 10 at Cloud Station (Radio), 3-5pm. Bagels (the real thing!), cream cheese and such will be available. Although the show's format will resemble Prairie Home Companion, it will also include audience participation through on-the-spot interviews and conversation, rap, and whatever else our community's imagination creates.

The party will include Jack Kerouac (Richard Collier) reading from Kerouac's journals, an overseas British correspondent phoning in and describing and commenting on the unwashed English Mods and Rockers (Findley West), a Beat poetry reading and discussion (Kelly Delamor and other kindred souls reading Ferlinghetti, Ginsberg, etc.), radio dramas from the fifties,

coffee house personalities such as a brassy waitress (Robin Blankenship) and maybe a bemused proprietor (any takers?), old timers reminiscing about radio in their youth (Ammi and David Nelson, want a go at this?).

And lots and lots of good music from that era. Dean, get your people and go for it!

Take-home material will include Beat language which we hope customers will use as they munch those tasty bagels and talk with their fellow bagel-lovers. And bring a beret if you have one.

Join the Company on May 5 at 5:30 at the old school house for a community pot luck. Bring your ideas, join the party, help create a community production.

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Nancy & Kim Malville, generous supporters of the Crestone Artisans Gallery.

## Artisans Gallery celebrates anniversary & honors patrons

by Patrick Moore

The Crestone Artisans Gallery will be celebrating its 12th anniversary on May 28. The gallery was established when Kim and Nancy Malville decided to build on an empty lot in town with the goal of providing office space for *The Crestone Eagle* and establishing a place for art to thrive. A group of local artists eager for a venue where they could show their art formed the gallery coop and moved into the building in the spring of 2004.

Kizzen Laki, owner and publisher of *The Crestone Eagle* says "The Malvilles have always been very generous to our community—supporting the arts, parks and open spaces. Before the gallery was built, there was no place for our many talented artists to display and sell their work in Crestone. The Gallery not only showcases wonderful local art, but is a great place to purchase local art for yourself or as gifts. It has become a real treasure in the heart of down town Crestone."

Woodworker and long time member of the gallery Bob Adler says "Before the gallery was a possibility, I really had no idea how to show my work to the public."

Jeff and Myan Sorensen, owners of Dancing Elk Designs and members of the gallery for over ten years, say "we have enjoyed the camaraderie of other local artists for inspiration and encouragement. We love being in the gallery, meeting customers and selling great art."

Photographer Thomas Schultz reiterated the sense of camaraderie and community, saying "the gallery provides an opportunity for me to

exhibit my work within the community I call home. It is a venue for artists to display their art and discuss their work with the general public and receive feedback from patrons."

Painter Beatris Burgoin has a nice way of expressing how the gallery and our community have merged. "To me, the gallery is a vortex of energy focused on art in our community. It is the place to meet, interact and reveal different energies and art (but from the same tree)."

One of the benefits of having a well established, strong gallery in our community is that newcomers have a place to connect. Painter Paula Hudson said "I have been in Crestone one short year. Being in the Gallery has allowed me to feel part of the community very quickly." Kathy Strathearn, weaver and brand new to the community, echoed that sentiment, saying "Being new to Crestone, I was excited to find the CAG for a place to show my art. The artwork in this gallery is outstanding, and I am honored to be a part of it."

Each of the artists at the gallery has a similar story and sentiments of community and gratitude for the environment Kim and Nancy Malville have generously created in our community. Please join us on Saturday, May 28, from 3 to 5pm at the gallery for a very special event in honor of Kim and Nancy and their foresight, commitment and generosity. There will be music (CB Jazz), dancing (Crestone Tribal), food, refreshments and a special presentation. Please come and share with the Malvilles what the gallery means to you.

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**The Co-Existence Beatnik Bagel Cafe Radio Show  
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**Thursday, May 5th, 5:30pm**  
at the Old Schoolhouse

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We are proud to announce that **CRESTONE BREWING CO.** will be opening its doors in early May, 2016. We are a community centered enterprise with an aim to provide world-class beer, cuisine, & service to the residents & visitors of Crestone, a place we are honored to call home. We can't wait to serve you!

You are invited to attend our **GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION,** ON **SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH,** FEATURING **GIPSY MOON** and an afternoon of live, local music, premiere beer releases, home cooked grub, local artisans and much more.

Look for us at the site of the former Bliss Cafe 187 W. Silver Avenue in the heart of Crestone.

Kindly excuse our ongoing construction



For more information visit [crestonebrewingco.com](http://crestonebrewingco.com) or call 888-589-9035

# HAPS

## Qur'an class begins May 8

Current predictions are that by 2017 Islam will be the most populous religion in the world. Would you like to explore the source of Islam, the Qur'an, and its many levels of interpretation?

The Crestone Circle of the Nur Ashki Jerrahi Sufi Community is sponsoring Haqiqa Kathleen Ochs, scholar and longtime Sufi dervish, in leading a monthly course that will include the context of the Qur'an, studying various translations of the same suras (chapters), written in English and chanted in Arabic.

Haqiqa has followed the Sufi path since the early 1970s, first in Ajmer's Chisti Order and later in our Nur Ashki Jerrahi Community. She taught at Naropa University on Sufism, Islam and Gender, and has authored the book, *Without Map or Compass: An American Sufi Feminist in the House of Islam*.

All welcome. Class is at 5pm. Call 256-4290 for more information.



Earth Day celebration parade in downtown Crestone.

photo by Lori Nagel

## Tennis Anyone?

We have two new courts behind the library. Contact Howard 719-429-5870.

## Workshop: Explore your relationship with dying, May 1

Often, we push death out of our minds, but we can experience a much richer life by making friends with death. Informed Final Choices, the educational arm of the Crestone End of Life Project, will offer a workshop on May 14 from 9 to 3 titled "Art to Contemplate Dying." Presented by Noah Baen and Anrahya Arstad, this hands-on and contemplative event gives participants the chance to explore their own inner relationship with death. The day will intersperse meditation periods with simple forms of art expression to allow one to sink deeply into one's own experiences, beliefs, feelings, and attitudes toward dying. You do not need to be an artist to participate!

The cost for this workshop is \$35, which includes all materials. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited to 12 participants. Scholarships are available. To ask further questions or to register, email noahbaen@yahoo.com or call Noah at 256-4182.

## Crestone #1 per capita in Bernie donations

According to buzzfeed.com, Crestone, Colorado has the highest concentration of Sanders donors by zip code per capita outside of Vermont. Of the 1,173 people (?) who live in 81131, 107 have donated to the Sanders campaign. The zipcode that includes Logan Circle, the neighborhood in Washington, D.C., is in the top five. Three zipcodes for Berkeley, California, are in the top 25 for donations per capita.

## CEOLP changes meeting site

Crestone-End-of-Life-Project (CEOLP) has a new monthly meeting place beginning in May. CEOLP and its sister organization, Informed Final Choices (IFC) meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm. All are welcome.

Beginning on Wednesday, May 11 at 7pm, the monthly meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the Little Shepherd Church in Crestone. The Fellowship Hall sits next to north side of the church, one block north of Crestone Town Hall. Once you cross over the bridge, the church and hall are on the left side of the road.

Many thanks to the Topping House for serving CEOLP's meeting needs for many years and to Wayne Hallstrom for his kindness and stewardship between the Topping house and CEOLP meeting participants.

## Saguache Museum pancake breakfasts

Enjoy a delicious Pancake and Sausage Breakfast either on Saturday, May 28 or Sunday, May 29 at the Otto Mears Park Pavilion in Saguache from 7 to 11am. Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee will be served for \$5 a plate. Please help support this Saguache County Museum fundraiser.

## Get your stuff together! NHN yard sale is June 4

Neighbors Helping Neighbors yard sale is Saturday, June 4. Save the date! If you would like to donate items for the sale, we will be accepting items in good or greater condition starting 8am.

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# Community Calendar—May 2016

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

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

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

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

calendar listing, with a discount for *Eagle* display advertisers. For more information call us at 719-256-4956.

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

## Monthly Events

### Saturday, April 30

- A Workshop for Women, ASU Student Union Building 9am-4pm Free [www.skeo.com](http://www.skeo.com) 719-256-6701
- Last Day of Passover

### Sunday, May 1

- Explore Your Relationship with Dying workshop 9:00 am-3:00 pm \$35 256-4182
- Anam Thubten recorded meditation teachings – 4:30-5:45pm Free [debrunninghorse@gmail.com](mailto:debrunninghorse@gmail.com)

### Monday, May 2

- Meet the Board, Crestone Town Hall 1-3:00 pm
- Crestone Planning Commission Meeting – Crestone Town Hall 6-8pm 719-256-4313
- Dakini Tsok (Vajrayana Communal Feast) – Choying Dzong 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

### Tuesday, May 3

- Baca Water & San Director Election – All Day [www.bacawater.com](http://www.bacawater.com)

### Thursday, May 5

- Community of Players pot-luck, Old School-house 5:30 pm-7:00 pm

### Friday, May 6

- New Moon – All Day
- New Moon Fire Ceremony – HUA Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:00 am-noon 719-256-4108
- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-11:00 am

### Saturday, May 7

- SLV Health Fair – Creede Old School Gym 7:00 am-12:00 pm 970-944-0321
- A Workshop for Women – Scout Hut 9:00 am-4:00 pm Free [www.skeo.com](http://www.skeo.com) 719-256-6701

### Sunday, May 8

- Mothers Day
- Monthly Sampai, Shumei Sanctuary 10:30am-noon Free [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) 719-256-5284
- Movie "Take Back Your Power" – Cloud Station 3:30-5pm <http://bit.ly/1SotYd1> 256-6999
- River of Restoration for your body – Crestone 3:30 pm-6:00 pm \$25.00 310-924-9223
- Anam Thubten recorded meditation teachings – 4:30-5:45pm Free [debrunninghorse@gmail.com](mailto:debrunninghorse@gmail.com)
- Qur'an Class. All welcome. – 5:00 pm-7:00 pm [nurashkijerrahi.org](mailto:nurashkijerrahi.org) 719-256-4290

### Monday, May 9

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

### Tuesday, May 10

- Deadline for CrestFest '16 local performer application – CPI All Day
- Deadline for CrestFest '16 vendor application – CPI All Day

- Saguache Co. Museum Pioneer Day – Saguache County Museum 10:00 am-3:00 pm \$1 or \$7 719-256-4281

### Wednesday, May 11

- Art to Contemplate Dying Workshop – Crestone 9:00 am-3:00 pm 719-256-4182
- Saguache Co. Museum Pioneer Day – 10:00 am-3:00 pm \$1 or \$7 719-256-4281
- CEOLP meeting, Little Shepherd in the Hills 7pm

### Thursday, May 12

- Sufi Dhikr. All welcome. – 4:00 pm-6:00 pm [nurashkijerrahi.org](mailto:nurashkijerrahi.org) 719-256-4290

### Friday, May 13

- Annual Ashram Online Auction, 1:08-8:01pm [www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram](http://www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram) 719-256-4108

### Saturday, May 14

- Annual Ashram Online Auction, 1:08-8:01pm [www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram](http://www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram) 719-256-4108
- Ragtime Jack Radcliffe – Cloud Station 7:00 pm-11:30 pm

### Sunday, May 15

- Annual Ashram Online Auction, 1:08-8:01pm [www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram](http://www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram) 719-256-4108
- Movie "Take Back Your Power" – Cloud Station 3:30-5pm <http://bit.ly/1SotYd1> 256-6999
- Anam Thubten recorded meditation teachings – 4:30-5:45pm Free [debrunninghorse@gmail.com](mailto:debrunninghorse@gmail.com)

### Monday, May 16

- Town branch pickup – All Day Free to town residents 719-256-4313
- Annual Ashram Online Auction, 1:08-8:01pm [www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram](http://www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram) 719-256-4108
- Moffat School Board meeting, Moffat School Community Room 5:30pm 719-256-4720, 4725, 4710
- Guru Rinpoché Tsok (Vajrayana communal feast) – Choying Dzong 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

### Tuesday, May 17

- Annual Ashram Online Auction, 1:08-8:01pm [www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram](http://www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram) 719-256-4108

### Wednesday, May 18

- Annual Ashram Online Auction, 1:08-8:01pm [www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram](http://www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram) 719-256-4108

### Thursday, May 19

- Annual Ashram Online Auction, 1:08-8:01pm [www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram](http://www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram) 719-256-4108
- BGPOA Board Meeting – BGPOA Meeting Room 6-9pm [bacapoa.org](http://bacapoa.org) 719-256-4171

### Friday, May 20

- Full Moon – All Day
- Annual Ashram Online Auction, 1:08-8:01pm [www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram](http://www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram) 719-256-4108

### Saturday, May 21

- Full Moon Ceremony, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-noon [info@babajashram.org](mailto:info@babajashram.org) 256-4108
- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-11:00 am
- Annual Ashram Online Auction, 1:08-8:01pm [www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram](http://www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram) 719-256-4108
- Shumei's 14th Anniversary & Interfaith Day, Sanctuary 1:30-6pm Free [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) 256-5284

### Sunday, May 22

- Hempcrete workshop – 4th St. Food Market, Saguache All Day \$109.00, [karenkshner@gmail.com](mailto:karenkshner@gmail.com)
- Shumei's 14th Anniversary in Crestone, Sanctuary 10:30am-4pm Free [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) 256-5284
- Annual Ashram Online Auction, 1:08-8:01pm [www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram](http://www.BiddingForGood.com/babajashram) 719-256-4108

### Thursday, May 26

- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome. – 4:00 pm-6:00 pm [nurashkijerrahi.org](mailto:nurashkijerrahi.org) 719-256-4290

### Saturday, May 28

- Sag. Museum Breakfast Fundraiser – Otto Mears Park 7:00 am-11:00 am \$5
- Yoga Chakra Series: Sacral Chakra –Svadhishthana – 10:00 am-4:00 pm 310-924-9223
- Gallery 12th Anniversary Celebration – Crestone Artisan's Gallery 3:00 pm-5:00 pm
- DJ Tranquility Dance Party – Blue Earth Cafe @ Saguache Works 6:00 pm-10:00 pm Free

### Sunday, May 29

- Sag. Museum Breakfast & Opening – Otto Mears Park 7:00 am-4:00 pm \$5
- Armond Peloquin – Blue Earth Cafe @ Saguache Works 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Free
- Memorial Day Happy Dance – Cloud Station 7-11:30 pm [www.crestfest.org](http://www.crestfest.org) 719-256-4533

### Monday, May 30

- Memorial Day
- Crestone Love Tribe 3:30-5:30pm free [www.facebook.com/groups/175897539121892](http://www.facebook.com/groups/175897539121892)

### Tuesday, May 31

- Dakini Tsok (Vajrayana Communal Feast) – Choying Dzong 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

### Wednesday, June 8

- Art to Contemplate Dying Workshop – Crestone 9:00 am-3:00 pm 719-256-4182

### Sunday, June 19

- Fathers Day – All Day

### Monday, June 20

- BG Stables' Children's Riding Program Session 1 – Baca Grande Stables 8:30-11am \$150
- Moffat School Board meeting, Moffat School Community Room 5:30pm 719-256-4720, 4725, 4710

## Daily/Weekly Events

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

### Daily

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

### Sunday

- Sunday mass at Nada Carmelite hermitage 9:00 am-10:00 am 719-2564778
- Drop-in Meditation at Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist

- Temple Choying Dzong 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Town Hall 7:00 pm-8:00 pm [www.slvaa.org](http://www.slvaa.org)

### Monday

- 'Meet Your Crestone Board' Mondays Crestone Town Hall 1:00 pm-3:00 pm 719-256-4313
- Soul Transcendence Seminars, home of Susan Fey 3:00 pm-5:00 pm no cost 719-496-0977

### Tuesday

- Yoga & Yoga Nidra classes: All levels welcome! Crestone 9:00 am-10:30 am 310-924-9223
- Radiant Flow - Yoga at Noon & 5 w/Cynthia Little Shepherd in the Hills All Day \$10 719-298-0360
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45pm By donation 719-256-5668
- Narcotics Anonymous open meeting marijuana users welcome, Baca Grande Library back door 7:30 pm-8:30 pm 970-309-0710

### Wednesday

- Yoga Fundamentals & Refinements 8:30-10am By donation [shaktisharanam.com](http://shaktisharanam.com) 719-256-5668
- Yoga n Soak w Cyn Joyful Journey Hot Springs 5:00 pm-6:00 pm \$10 719-298-0360
- "Ease of Being" iRest Yoga Nidra Crestone 5:30 pm-6:30 pm 310-924-9223

### Thursday

- Yoga & Yoga Nidra: All levels welcome! Crestone 9:00 am-10:30 am 310-924-9223
- Gentle Yoga, BeBop Studio 1-2pm 719-298-0360
- Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting, Crestone Baptist Church, noon-1pm, [www.slvaa.org](http://www.slvaa.org)
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45pm By donation 719-256-5668

### Saturday

- Dorje Trolo Practice- White Jewel Mountain 10:00 am-noon no charge 719 480-5403

# Out & About

with *Lori Sunflower*

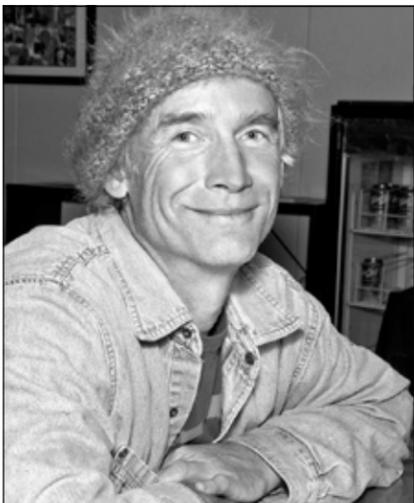
Column & Photos by Lori Nagel

This Month's Topic: **Your Healing Journey in Crestone**




**Matthew Lyon-Clark**

In November of 2013, I was in a major head-on collision between 2 pick-up trucks at 40-50mph on the highway. I smashed my head in, was in a slight coma, taken to the hospital in Gunnison, and air-lifted—for \$35,000!—to Grand Junction, where I was in the hospital for a month. A lot of major surgery happened, on my head, and on my heart. Then I lived in my parents' basement for 2 months before moving back to the family land in Crestone because I needed to get back into my home project. Living here has helped me to better manage challenges, since Crestone is not a challenge-free place to live—it's a place at the end of the road. Very rural. There are challenges with utilities, transportation, food, relationships, otherwise, and going through those helps our healing process, I think, of helping us be more resilient, and more dedicated to our own health, so that's a big thing. The wilderness is essential for healing here, and I'm a wilderness guy. My Outdoor Leadership degree is all about learning to live outside. And while my healing has been up and down, the energy vortex here in Crestone, along with the people, have really made a significant difference!



**Nathan Good**

I first came here in '95, and started a healing journey with the family—the children being the biggest part of that. In '96, we were able to actually live here and start meeting people and learning what

Crestone was about. Not just being a visitor, but being in the community depth. The children connected us through families and potlucks. I learned that I was just one piece to the puzzle of so many others' journeys. It became a colorful collage of families, so many of whom are still here, so it's still a steeping experience. This 20-year journey has stretched to a point of almost unimaginable, incomprehensible, understandings. I still don't know exactly what they will end up being, but it's calling me to continue. Now that the children are big, there's this listening, deep listening, to find out what the growth is, what I can piece together from the past, from before I got here, up until to this moment, which is . . . wonderment, complete wonderment. Curiosity is still what's keeping me moving, so, staying curious. And if you keep your house too clean, you never have time to play with children, which is what I've learned from them. The healing can take place by just letting go of what you thought was complicated, because kids make it simple.



**Laura Karnes**

The energy in Crestone is like a vortex and it's a very sacred space. The Native Americans never lived here because it's a place of healing and power that's meant to be respected and treated with sacred honor. Therefore, when you move here, you need to have a certain amount of respect and honor for that energy. I moved here having experienced a lot in life and having gone through and healed a lot within myself. When I came here, I felt like the community was very loving and welcoming, and though they have never known what I've actually gone through, they've treated me with the utmost respect and honoring and kindness. With that, I've been able to do a deeper healing, which is connecting with people that I don't know, that I don't have to have shared experiences with, but that can trust me with their children in my position as the Charter School Counselor, trusting I'll be able to meet their children with a

level of kindness and humility and compassion they need in order to truly learn in a healing and nurturing environment.



**Ava Lowe**

I've had a really amazing life in which I've been around the world 27 times. I used to organize tours for an author and public speaker, travelling the world doing events on consciousness. And after being with crème de la crème of consciousness, and feeling I hadn't yet reached a place where I felt safe enough to really open my heart, I left feeling a little bit broken. I'd been with the best, so what's wrong with me? I needed another journey. I came to Crestone to write another memoir, and worked on that quite considerably. It was the peace, the incredible quiet that attracted me so much, that helped me get into the writing. The writing helped me find what I was looking for in my heart, and delve into the place that really realized how protected I was, and how much I didn't want to be protected. Then, I met my beloved. I came here with the idea that I'll die a spinster, because I won't be dating anyone in Crestone! And I met the love of my life who has taught me immense desire to want to open up and be vulnerable. That vulnerability is what I consider spirituality because it's the ultimate of being able to get into my heart.



**Nathan Peloquin**

I guess I'm pretty happy to have grown up here because it's definitely a very diverse place in a lot of ways, and nobody's forced to be a specific kind of person. I came back here to get off the streets, cuz I was sick of that. I was in Denver and playing music on the street and makin' money doin' that. It was fun, but it was like bein' in the same routine over and over and over again. You never really real-

ize how frickin' awesome of a place this is until you come back here. Like, you leave for a little bit, and really realize . . . cuz like I grew up here and never really fully understood the beauty and power of this place until I left and came back, and there's no other feeling like it coming here. The style, like everything—the mountains. There's a lot more freedom here—you don't have to deal with other people's BS, unless you want to! There is a lot of BS that always brews up in small towns, especially here, but it's your own choice to get involved with it. This place is beautiful and sometimes I feel like it's driving me insane there's always a turn of events, it's always different, this place is as bi-polar as I am, man.



**Helena Wright**

Well, I was dragged here by my mother when I was 16. So it wasn't exactly a personal choice to come here, the middle of nowhere. I didn't like it at first—I thought everyone was very hypocritical. But I didn't understand at the time, which I understand now at 28 years of age, that the people are so humbled here—there's so much stuff. They come here, and they see everyone else who's just like them, and there's this sense of acceptance here. So no matter what we're going through, cuz we're all going through something, we're all figuring out something. For me, being in Crestone has been my maturation. I used to live in lots of different places, in cities, in places everywhere. Crestone has been my only constant since I was 16. For 12 years. And every time I interact with someone I heal a little bit, because I can't help but see myself mirrored back at me. I see myself in everyone else. And in spite of all our issues, we all love each other. We can't help it, even if we get angry at each other, we all love each other. It comes back around.

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# Shumei International Institute celebrates 14 years of community

by **Matthew Crowley**

On Saturday and Sunday May 21 and 22 the Shumei International Institute (SII) will celebrate the 14th anniversary of its Crestone center.

For Shumei, this is first and foremost our opportunity to express gratitude to you and this entire community. And to that end, you are all invited to join us for part or all of the weekend's festivities. All events are free and open to the public and do not require any RSVP, just come and join us!

A complete schedule is listed in an ad in this month's *Crestone Eagle* and can also be found at our

website: [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org).

The Shumei International Institute is very honored to have Sensei Tamao Koyama, from Shumei's headquarters in Japan, joining this year's anniversary celebration and presiding over 2 special sampai prayer services. "Sampai" literally means "going to a higher place" and is Shumei's term for its prayer services. Sampai services involve chanting and the sharing of Jyorei, a spiritual healing practice whose intent is purification, spiritual transformation and . . . happiness!

Sensei Tamao Koyama will first lead the traditional World



Guests arriving at one of Shumei's anniversary gatherings.



Saturday's taiko concert is always popular for young and old!

Peace Prayer Sampai that takes place Saturday evening. Shumei centers from around the world simultaneously join us in chanting with the intention for a world free from poverty and strife for this sampai. The second will be the anniversary sampai held Sunday morning. Sensei Tamao Koyama will give a keynote speech following the Sunday morning sampai.

The weekend's events will begin with an interfaith gathering Saturday afternoon. This year's interfaith event will be a tribute to Maurice Strong who passed into the spiritual realm on November 27, 2015 (please see sidebar for details). Following the tribute, there will be a taiko concert featuring members of Shumei's Los Angeles-based Makoto Taiko. Saturday will wrap up with the Sampai for

World Peace.

Sunday morning begins with the special anniversary sampai and Sensei Tamao Koyama's keynote speech. After Sampai, SII will express its gratitude to the community by offering a free luncheon this year featuring Raman noodles!

Sunday's activities will also include open garden tours and an art exhibition featuring our community's local artist's representations of some of our neighboring spiritual centers.

Also on display will be just a few of the many images of Maurice Strong, from the family's private collection. They highlight just a few of the stunning number of programs, projects, awards and accomplishments from this extraordinary man's lifetime.



## Shumei International Institute's 14th Anniversary

A tribute to Maurice Strong

**Saturday May 21st 2016**

\*1:30pm

This year's Interfaith event will be a tribute to Maurice Strong

4:00pm

Come experience the power of Taiko at the Shumei Amphitheater

5:15pm

2002 video of Maurice Strong's Grand Opening Address

6pm

Sampai prayer for world peace at Shumei Sanctuary

**Sunday May 22nd 2016**

\*10:30am

Anniversary Sampai at the Shumei Sanctuary Immediately following Sampai

A delicious and healthy community lunch provided by the Shumei Staff

1 - 3pm

Open Garden Tours

2 - 4pm

Art Exhibition in the Shumei Gallery

**\*Plan to arrive early to give yourself time to park and be seated as all events start promptly at times listed**

Shumei International Institute, 3000 East Dream Way Road, Crestone, CO 81131, 719-256-5284, [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org)

## Shumei anniversary

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The Shumei International Institute is a Colorado not-for-profit organization and is the third of three sacred sites for Shumei worldwide. Nestled on the shoulder of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, SII represents the Earth element.

SII's unique mission within the greater worldwide organization is: "Inspired by the philosophy of Mokichi Okada, Meishusama,

Shumei International Institute helps people of the world realize that they are world citizens able to act for the common good."

Please see the accompanying schedule in this issue of *The Crestone Eagle*. Please note all events start promptly at the times listed. Plan to arrive early in order to park, walk to event locations and find the best seating. Some events fill to overflowing and parking on the high road is sometimes challenging. We hope many of you will join us in celebrating world citizenship in community.



Guests at an anniversary *sampai* chanting with a shared intention for peace on earth.

## A Crestone interfaith tribute to Maurice Strong

by Matthew Crowley

I think it is impossible to overestimate Maurice Strong's love for the earth, his personal commitment to honor, protect and serve this planet as well as the number of posts he filled and awards he received in doing so. The offices he held are too numerous to list, but include Undersecretary General of the United Nations and first executive director of the United Nations Environmental Program.

In 1972 Maurice's work at the Stockholm Conference birthed the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) of which he would become the first executive director. As head of UNEP Maurice Strong convened the first international expert group meeting on climate change. It is fair to say that Maurice Strong initiated the worldwide movement to address climate change.

As impressive as Maurice's credentials and accomplishments are I personally find his less official titles such as "The first official custodian of the planet" (*The New York Times*) and my favorite—"Father Earth" even more revealing. In a very real sense, this community is the manifestation of Maurice and Hanne Strong's vision for a world which embraces spirituality, peace and sustainability.

Each year as part of the Shumei International Institute's (SII) anniversary celebration we host an interfaith gathering. It only seemed fitting that this year's gathering would pay tribute to the man, who along with his wife Hanne, helped bring so many of the diverse traditions together in

this remote and beautiful place. The Strong family has graciously agreed to share some photos from their personal archives. SII will be assembling an exhibition featuring a few images that capture some of the many, many projects, programs and positions around the world that Maurice held during his lifetime.



Maurice Strong.

You might think you know about Maurice Strong but believe me when I tell you only those closest to him could possibly even begin to elaborate on his lifetime accomplishments. A number of people affiliated with some of Crestone's many spiritual traditions will share stories about Maurice, the early days of Crestone's spiritual centers as well as what has manifested in the present and perhaps a glimpse of what might be yet to come. This exhibition and interfaith tribute shall endeavor to demonstrate just a little more of this extraordinary man's life than what you may already know.

The tribute will begin promptly at 1:30pm on Saturday, May 21 in Shumei's Sanctuary. Plan to arrive early to park, walk to the Sanctuary and find the best seating.

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# Who We Are

## Alma Carél:

### *Childhood passions revived*

by Gussie Fauntleroy

Sitting on a couch in her downtown Crestone business, ADA Apothecarie & Tea Shop, Alma Carél half-jokingly bemoans her “lost years.” She’s referring to the decade or so when most of the things she loved doing as a child and teen were put aside. After leaving home at 18 she believed she needed to be practical. She planned to work, save money, and eventually have time to return to drawing, painting, music, poetry, and dance. She was familiar with farming and food, having grown up learning cooking and other traditional skills on her family’s southern Missouri Ozark Mountain homestead. So for ten years, living in South Dakota, British Columbia, Northern California, Arizona, Montana, and Boulder, that’s what filled Alma’s days—caretaking farms, tending goats, working in kitchens, bakeries and a hemp ice-cream factory, practicing herbalism, and making chocolate.

What she hoped would be a stepping-stone became a too-busy, stressful life. “I couldn’t get creative,” she says. “I was stuck in that loop.” Now, at age 29, she’s finding that the loop is morphing into a more balanced work/create groove. It’s a balance that—relatively recently—has also come to include making room alongside traditional folkways for aspects of high-tech life. Reflecting on her earlier resistance to things like computers and electronic music, she now sees how it’s possible to become stuck in an old-world paradigm. Yet everything we call traditional was once a revolutionary innovation, she points out. “It’s like a tree: You have the roots and it keeps growing.”

#### **A Lothlórien education**

Alma’s roots extend deep into the soil on a small subsistence farm where she lived with her parents, brother, and grandparents as a child. There her family carried on an age-old approach to farming passed down from her mother’s Wisconsin ancestors—working the land without the use of chemicals. This eventually led to a keen appreciation for sustainable agriculture, organic food, and nutritional study, along with traditional skills including cooking, canning, sewing, quilting, fiber arts (spinning and dyeing), and wildcrafting medicinal herbs.

It was all part of the home-schooled education Alma received on the family land her parents called Lothlórien Woods. “We joked that I attended Lothlórien Private

School,” she says. A perfectionist with a quick sense of humor and deeply ingrained self-discipline, she has always thrived on learning new abilities and refining the ones she has. Along with hands-on skills, her early schooling involved Latin, Greek, folklore, storytelling, and multimedia art and sculpture, in addition to math, science, and other basics. As a teen she spent a month in northern Minnesota at an inten-



Alma’s two sides, earthy/traditional and contemporary/experimental, are happily juxtaposed at this point in her life.

photo by Paul Grice



Masquerade dark chocolate (hand-tempered, organic, fair trade) by chocolatier Alma Carél.

photo by Alma Carél

sive month-long camp learning Norwegian language and culture, her heritage on her mother’s side.

#### **Performing arts dream deferred**

But Alma has always had an intense desire for physical self-expression as well. Her grandmother collected educational and entertaining videos to share with her grandchildren, among which were Cirque de Soleil shows. As soon as Alma saw the first one, she knew circus performing was what she wanted to do. She was acrobatic and athletic, studied ballet and theater as a child, and always loved to dance. Later these qualities would merge in her passion for the flow arts and in particular, poi, the traditional South Pacific women’s dance art featuring graceful two-handed spinning of soft balls on the end of cords or long cloth sacks.

For most of Alma’s twenties, however, the flow was from work to work, living for fairly short peri-



Alma Carél at the March 2015 grand opening of her downtown Crestone business, ADA Apothecarie & Tea Shop.

photo by Roy Gould



Fire dancing at the 2015 Taos Solar Music Festival.

photo by Paul Grice

ods in various parts of the west and engaged in food and agriculture-related ventures while longing to express herself through art. At 19 she taught herself to make chocolate, one area where work and creativity converged. In Boulder she found value with the non-profit Food Not Bombs as part of the local chapter’s core group, providing free healthy meals from good but unsalable food “rescued” from grocery stores and bakeries. Also in Boulder she began meeting people from Crestone and coming here off and on to visit. She moved to Crestone in 2012.

#### **Winnowing down her pursuits**

Today Alma’s diverse activities fall under the umbrella of ADA Arts LLC. These include Alkymi Chocolate, hand-tempered, raw, 80% dark chocolate from organic and fair-trade ingredients sweetened with raw local honey. (Available online at Etsy or by calling

Alma, 970-316-2562.) Her Apothecarie & Tea Shop is currently open by appointment, but she hopes soon to re-establish regular hours, offering bulk herbs, tea blends, and medicinal herbal remedies. Among her other pursuits have been live sound engineering for music events at Cloud Station, and modeling for photo shoots featuring Baca resident Donovan Spitzman’s Guise Designs fashion line.

Three years ago, along with Donovan and others, Alma was enormously inspired by learning fire spinning with Lisa Bodey and members of the Crestone Creative Council, which Lisa was leading at the time. “I went from spinning fiber to spinning fire,” she says, smiling. This eventually led to the creation of ARC, a Crestone/Baca and Taos-based circus troupe. “I wanted to run away with the circus as a kid,” Alma says. “But since there was no circus to run away with, we had to create our own.” The circus brought her back to poi, which employs similar flowing, complex movements and coordination skills as fire spinning. And it gives her the opportunity to learn other flow arts. “I’m seriously dedicated to dance and the flow arts right now,” she says.

She’s also dedicated to transforming the bus she owns (a former Oompa Loompa hemp ice-cream delivery vehicle) into a snug, high-quality year-round tiny home. She has drawn up the design and has many of the necessary construction skills—she just needs to save money for materials. Toward that end she is harnessing her self-discipline and honing her focus so that what she spends time on results in both income and personal satisfaction, as well as inspiring others. “The gap between what I enjoy and what I do for a living is getting smaller,” she says. “Sometimes I wonder if my passions are really very practical for the world. Then something says, of course they are; that’s why you’re called to do them.”

# Camino de Crestone for 2016

## Interfaith pilgrimages offered

by Willaim Howell

The Camino de Crestone rears its inter-spiritual head again in 2016 with two . . . make that 2 ½ . . . pilgrimages to fifteen . . . make that sixteen . . . different spiritual centers. Still the only truly interfaith pilgrimage in the world (right here in Crestone!),



the Camino de Crestone is putting out the word about its two public pilgrimages: from August 20 to 27 and from September 10 to 17. The [www.caminodecrestone.com](http://www.caminodecrestone.com) website provides context, details, responses to FAQs, as well as faculty bios, general daily itineraries and helpful hints.

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Still a week-long 36-mile circuit, still providing great camaraderie along with fine food three times a day, still meaningfully intersecting with sincere practitioners in various paths to fullness of life—the Camino de Crestone is now in its fourth year (still at its maximum affordable tuition).

The great draw of this adventure is just that: that it is a unique spiritual adventure which blends fellowship with education, inner with outer investigation, exercise with meals that always taste better on an odyssey, not to mention the surprises that always arise to make such a journey the journey of a lifetime.

There is also this summer a special Camino (as there was in 2015) with the Leadership Group of Yampah Mountain Charter High School. These fortunate students, all seniors, from Glenwood Springs, under the guidance of their mentor, Sonja Linman, will make a 4-day camino before heading off to Colorado Springs for a three-day conference on Restorative Justice. It is an honor to make this pilgrimage with young people who are interested in receiving the globally wise inputs that will help them guide the sacred duties that they in the coming years will assume.

While in our unprecedented day the unconscious of the human collective consciousness rises for inspection, choice, purification and new hope, so the cause of peace currently grows both more vital and yet seemingly more impossible. The inter-religious nature of the Camino de Crestone brings focus to the most potent contributor to lasting harmony or continuing discord: the realm of faith/religion/spirituality. Gaining fullness and ease within this most fundamental layer of human awareness and potential, pilgrims on the Camino de Crestone make not only a physical excursion, but also a heartfelt *in*-cursion into the antidote for the ills of our time.

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Don Tullos, Curtis Goodnight and Robert Long clear the North Crestone trail of downed trees.

## Crestone Wilderness Stewards are GARNA's newest chapter

by Cathy Amenta, Co-Chair  
Crestone Wilderness Stewards

With the arrival of spring The Crestone Wilderness Stewards (CWS), are entering our third year of service. We are a volunteer stewardship group that serves the wilderness areas in and around Crestone and the Northern San Luis Valley.

We are both excited and grateful to have recently come under the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA) umbrella in early 2016. This now gives us the benefit of being a 501(c)3 which will enable us to apply for grants, which will give us the resources necessary to enable us to maintain the trails in our own National Forests and Wilderness areas. Unfortunately our National Forest and similar government agencies no longer have the money to do this work. We need to put our own skin in the game if we want to maintain access to our National Forests.

Our mission is to assist the Rio Grande National Forest, and the Bureau of Land Management San Luis Valley Field Office with projects benefiting the five wilderness areas that are within the upper San Luis Valley area. This includes trail maintenance and repair, trail condition surveys, invasive species monitoring, dispersed campsite removal and restoration, trailhead monitoring and maintenance, and assistance with public volunteer projects.

Our chapter's goals are to maintain, protect, and restore the character of the Crestone area and Upper San Luis Valley's wilderness areas and to address the pressing issues of increased visitations, decreased federal resources and imposing ecological impacts such as invasive species.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in volunteering your time to help us, we are looking for new volunteers to join our efforts. For more information about the CWS and how to get involved, please contact Cathy Amenta at 719-480-1718 or by email at [cathyamenta@gmail.com](mailto:cathyamenta@gmail.com). You can also find us on Facebook under Crestone Wilderness Stewards.

If you would like to help the CWS monetarily, please consider becoming a member of GARNA. Nature Centered, Community Driven. You can do so at [www.GARNA.org/crestone](http://www.GARNA.org/crestone)



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## Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

April has been a wonderful month with a lovely and inspiring Spring Navratri expressing our gratitude to the Divine Mother, attended by many people. The children's ceremony was particularly sweet.

Our big event this month is our Seventh Annual On-Line Auction from Friday, May 13 through Sunday, May 22, to raise funds to help support the Ashram. We already have over 140 amazing auction items, which include a signed basketball by the best team in the history of national basketball, the Golden State Warriors, and a jersey from perhaps their best defensive player, Draymond Green. We also have an eleven-day stay for two at Kamalaya on Koh Samui, Thailand, which has recently been named "Best Destination Spa" at the prestigious Condé Nast Traveller Spa Awards 2016. As in the past, many of our local practitioners, artists, hot springs, and service providers have donated items as well to the auction. We are deeply grateful to all who donate and to all who bid on these wonderful values. It is a big part of the Ashram budget each year. Go to [www.biddingfor-good.com/babajashram](http://www.biddingfor-good.com/babajashram) to see all of the items and to make your bids. Thank you for your support.

Our new-moon fire ceremony this month is on Friday, May 6. Our full-moon fire ceremony is on Saturday, May 21. 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@babajashram.org](mailto:info@babajashram.org) for proper protocol for attending fire ceremonies and any other questions.

The Maha Lakshmi Shop is still very fully stocked with all of the new items that I brought back from India. There are new anklets, earrings, bracelets, malas, pendants, kurtas, lunghis, cosmetic bags, hand-made paper journals, oils, perfumes, altar cloths, silk stoles, t-shirts, and so much more. 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://mahalakshmi-shop.wazala.com>

For more information about the Ashram, please visit our newly designed website at [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.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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## Released from our endless drama Sri Aurobindo Learning Center

by Dr. Eric Weiss

The mark of our participation in the "ego project" is our constant involvement in drama.

A drama is a way of linking the past with the future by means of a story. For example, "I have worked hard, so now I should succeed," "I did good deeds so people should be nice to me," "I have suffered for a long time, and it will go on forever." In the course of our days, we weave countless stories of this type.

What gives these stories their significance are the great polarities of existence: pleasure and pain, joy and sorrow, praise and blame, success and failure, to name a few. We are bound into our dramas by our preference for the "good" side of these polarities, and our aversion to their "bad" side.

These polarities are relationships between my finite self—my body and my personality—and the rest of the world. So I experience pleasure, joy, praise and success when the world conforms to my expectations, and I experience pain, sorrow, blame and failure when the world does not conform to my expectations and, instead, frustrates me.

Am I fundamentally limited to my finite self? Sri Aurobindo suggests that each of us is not only individual, but also universal and transcendent. That is, each of us, while remaining an individual, is also one with the universe out of which we emerge, and also one with the transcendent source of both the universe and the individuals of which it is composed.

If this is true, then it is possible for us to break our exclusive identification with the individual aspect of our beings. This exclusive identification is the great ignorance that is the foundation of the ego project. We break this identification by first noticing, and then progressively learning to identify with, that aspect of ourselves which is the silent witness, noticing all of the events of our lives with serene equanimity. It is from the perspective of this silent witness (called, in the Vedic tradition, the Purusha) that we can rediscover ourselves as divine beings, both universal and transcendent.

Rediscovering our own divinity, we are released from the apparent opposition between self and world. Released from that opposition, we cease to be troubled by the alternations between great polarities. Freed from our obsession with those alternations, we are released from our endless dramas and we come, at last, to the end of the tedious frustration of the ego project.

In our ongoing reading of Sri Aurobindo's *The Synthesis of Yoga*, we are exploring the path that leads from the ego project to a life divine. Feel free to join us every Sunday at 10am in the Solar Bridge house at the Sri Aurobindo Center on Baca Grant Way. For more information, call me at 719-937-7936.

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## Robin Blankenship's new book *How To Play in the Woods* on the stands

*How to Play in the Woods*, a new book release by Peregrine Books, Gibbs Smith Publishing, was written and illustrated by our own Robin Blankenship. The book hit shelves in April, and is also available on Amazon and through Barnes and Noble.

As described on the Amazon site: "This book is filled with skills, games, and activities for back-to-nature adventures and camping trips. It is great for all ages and abilities, from children to adults, and is a must-have for anyone working with scouts or youth groups.

*How to Play in the Woods* is also a handy reference book for campers and outdoor enthusiasts who need to brush up on basic survival skills. Learn how to make rope from plant materials, navigate using the sun and/or moon, build shelters, and start a fire. There are activities for teaching about safe knife handling, gathering and preparing wild foods, cooking on a spit, and plant medicines.

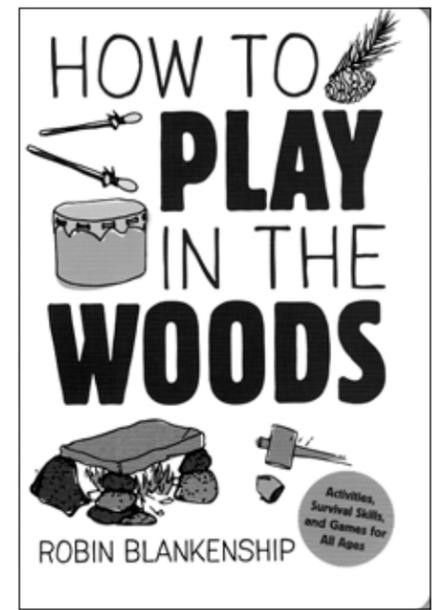
And, for more fun and entertainment, there are instructions for making instruments, natural jewelry, clay containers, baskets, and even buckskin clothing. This book encourages and motivates readers to be interactive with nature, to be free from prescribed schedules, and to just play and enjoy outdoors while relearning the wisdom and ways of our ancestors.

Robin Blankenship is the owner of the Earth Knack School and has been teaching primitive skills, sustainable modern life skill courses, and leading wilderness treks since 1978. She is the co-author of *Earth Knack: Stone Age Skills for the 21st Century* (also published by Gibbs Smith, in 1996.)

Recently Robin has given presentations nationwide on the physical and psychological benefits of nature immersion. In this new book she speaks directly to those benefits and talks about the growing body of quantifiable research generated at universities around the globe in the last several years. Robin says, "Even though we know it's good to get ourselves outside, with all the convenient and easy modern distractions available in the indoor environment, it's tough to make the outdoor choice. *How to Play in the Woods* gives so many easy and accessible activities and ideas about how to have fun out there, that it won't take readers



Robin Blankenship.



Robin Blankenship's latest book.

long to feel the motivation to head out the door.

"Besides health and enjoyment, I really wanted to remind readers of the unified relationship humans have had with nature throughout most of history, how it has formed who we are physically and mentally, and the rich heritage of living skills amassed by our ancestors. Ancient technologies are just as magical and amazing as modern technologies, and re-incorporating a few of them back into our modern lifestyle would go a long way in remediating many of our modern environmental and personal health maladies. Greater appreciation for this planet that sustains us and the wisdom of our ancestors is a lovely side effect of getting out there and rubs off on our youth. Have fun playing in the woods!"

*How to Play in the Woods* by Robin Blankenship is available on Amazon.com.



Alex (the horse) giving love. Stable requires helmets for all riders.

## The Baca Grande Stables offers 2016 children's summer riding program

by Joanna Dokson

The Baca Grande Stables' 2016 Summer Children's Riding Program for children ages 6 to 15 will begin the week of June 20. Please note that there will be two sessions in June, two sessions in July and one session in August. Session 1 will be June 20-24; Session 2, June 27-July 1; Session 3, July 11-15; Session 4, July 18-22; Session 5, August 1-5. Each session is five days for 2 1/2 hours, from 8:30 to 11am. Lessons include riding in the arena and on trails and general horsemanship—safety, grooming and tacking up. Class size is limited to 5 students per session, so sign up soon. The cost will be \$150 per week-long session.

As in years past, the Baca Grande POA has generously agreed to underwrite a portion of the summer children's riding program in order to reduce the cost of lessons for local residents who demonstrate financial need. With the POA subsidy, the full cost of \$150 per weekly session will be reduced to \$100 for eligible students.

Summer is a busy time at the Baca Grande Stables. Private and group lessons are available for beginners through intermediates. We teach both English and Western riding. Our philosophy

is based on discovering and establishing a loving, safe and knowledgeable partnership with horses. Body awareness, boundary setting, effective communication with honest intention and self confidence are all enhanced by equine sports.

Trail rides are available year round by appointment, weather permitting. These are usually one to two hours long and can feature a variety of terrain and areas of interest. Ages 6 and above are welcome.

Community members who believe in the value of this program for local youth and would like to underwrite a partial scholarship for families in financial need can make a tax-deductible donation to the Atalanta Association (the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that leases the Baca Grande Stables), earmarked "Summer Children's Riding Program." We will gratefully accept donations of any amount and will send a receipt to donors for tax purposes.

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## Enjoying Everyday Life

Facing the truth that matters most



by Joyce Meyer

We all face challenges in life and there are times when we need to confront them. It could be something in your past that you've been avoiding. Or maybe it's a person you need to forgive. No matter what the issue may be, we need to understand how important it is to deal with it, because if we don't, we will miss out on the wonderful life Jesus died to give us.

Now, I realize that there are things we can't go back and fix. But sometimes God asks us to make restitution. When He does, confrontation is necessary. This means we need to face the truth about our circumstances, other people and ourselves.

I've had to confront a lot of difficult, hurtful things in my life, and it wasn't easy. But I know from personal experience that if you will face the truth about yourself and let God change you enough, you can learn to be happy no matter what anybody else chooses to do or what your circumstances may be.

Maybe it's me . . .

I remember a time many years ago when I thought all of my problems were caused by other people or circumstances I couldn't control. One day I was praying aggressively for God to change my husband, Dave. I was giving it everything I had, crying out for God to "fix" him, and in my heart I heard Him say, "Excuse Me, Joyce, but Dave is not the problem."

My next thought was, "Well, then who is? It's just me and him in this relationship." For the next two days, God showed me what it was like to live with me . . . and I cried for two days. It was so hard! I had a long way to go to be free of the hurt in my heart and the wrong behavior I had lived with for so long. But it was the beginning of my journey to experiencing the freedom I enjoy today.

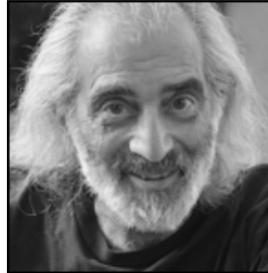
One of the first things I had to understand was I had to stop blaming everybody else, stop looking at what was wrong with other people and start taking responsibility for my attitudes and behavior. It's amazing how easy it is for us to point out what's wrong with others while we totally ignore the issue in our own lives.

The truth is, no matter what's wrong with everybody else, you can't change them. Only God can do that. You can choose to cooperate with the Holy Spirit and let Him change the things in your heart that need to be changed. But you have to be willing to face the truth about yourself and deal with the issues He reveals that are causing your problems.

We need to live deeper lives in Christ. I'm talking about knowing God intimately, personally and walking in the Spirit, not our flesh, or what we want, think and feel outside of our relationship with Him. When we seek God's face—not just His hand or what He can do for us—that's when we grow in our faith and become what He created us to be.

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## Aging as an art

by Ammi Kohn

### Writing my obituary

Writing a good obituary is a work of art. How does one trace the arc of a life?

Most obituaries are dull and tell nothing beyond dates, family, place and some laudatory sentences. The deceased was perfect! Boring to read and equally boring to write. How much better would read an account of mystical moments, critical decisions, passions, shocking traumas, lost opportunities, opportunities recognized and acted upon.

For years ago I would scan the obituary page of *The New York Times*. The paper has an outstanding obituary staff whose only job is to record and keep current the lives of prominent and interesting people. I especially enjoyed, in a macarbe sort of way, reading the obituary of someone younger than me.

Was that because a little part of me felt I had outwitted death?

As the years pass, I am most often older than the lives decried in the obit columns. The game is no longer quite so much fun. Why I am still interested in obits? Each year I relish revising my "last wishes", an addendum to my will that I send to my family and everyone whom I have gifted a special possession. I state how and where I want my memorial service, the location of my money accounts, a suggestion

on how to divide the non-gifted possessions, etc., etc., etc.

Come on, Ammi, do you really think you can control life after you go? Yes, sure, well perhaps, maybe, in a way.

If I compose an elegant and moving description of my life, surely my children will run it exactly as I wrote it. Or will they rewrite it? Perhaps we should write it together and then I can see how we all look at my life. And what would it include? . . . my first kiss, my first transcendent experience, the trajectory of my emotional life, the crucial turning points of my life known now but unrecognized then, the despairs and joys that are now wispy inconsequential memories? And all the secrets we don't reveal to our children, the hidden stories we never tell anyone. And should we tell them from the grave?

If everyone wrote such obituaries, would it surprise their families?

Faustus: If you opt to go into the past, make sure there is plenty of simpatico between your avatar and your family. Or else you face a severe train wreck.

Ammi: Right! They have to be able to see your humanity, not the parent persona they grew up with.

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# Positive youth development & marijuana education training offered June 1

by Lisa Bodey

Join the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) for their upcoming training on Positive Youth Development and Marijuana Education. This training is designed for youth-serving professionals or anyone else interested in youth health and well-being and will be held in Saguache on June 1 from 9am-4pm with a free lunch provided. For more information and to register, please go to [www.colorado.gov/cdphe/RetailMarijuanaTA](http://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/RetailMarijuanaTA) and then scroll down under trainings. You can also contact Erin C. Flynn, MPH, Marijuana Education and Youth Prevention Coordinator at 303-692-6435 or [erin.flynn@state.co.us](mailto:erin.flynn@state.co.us).

The CDPHE Retail Marijuana Education Program website hosts a wealth of other information including online webinars for adults who would like education on how to start conversations with youth about marijuana and where to find resources on the health effects of marijuana. You can also subscribe to their monthly newsletter to stay informed about future trainings and funding opportunities, or join the Colorado Marijuana Youth Prevention Facebook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/CDPHEMJPrev](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CDPHEMJPrev).

Positive Youth Development (PYD) is an approach, not a program, that can be used to complement and enhance current models of care across the spectrum of prevention, intervention and treatment. Conceptually, this evidence-based public health approach guides communities and organizations as they

organize services, opportunities and supports so that all youth can be engaged and reach their full potential. In practice, PYD incorporates the development of skills, opportunities and authentic relationships into programs, practices and policies so that young people are seen as resources and not problems. The principles of PYD are:

- Strengths-based
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- Engaging youth as partners
- Collaborative
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For additional information on PYD please contact Audra Bishop

at [Audra.Bishop@state.co.us](mailto:Audra.Bishop@state.co.us) or visit [www.co9to25.org](http://www.co9to25.org).

I would like to thank Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA) for awarding me a scholarship to cover my mileage, lodging and meals which afforded me the opportunity to attend this training when it was held in Pueblo, CO. Their generosity allowed Benjamin Konkol and two high school students, Sridhya Love-Mueller and Ilura Love to attend this training as well. We are grateful for the commitment to this kind of community work and were thrilled with the passion and energy that Erin

and Audra brought to this training. Their ability to bring authentic dialogue to a difficult public health concern was refreshing. They are building the bridges of partnership from the state level into rural communities to ensure that we have the proper education, tools and resources to step into a healthier future.



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- Chambers, Isabella 4.000
- D'Alessio, Heather 4.000
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- Propst, Orion 4.000
- Ramadei, Malana 3.857
- Richardson, Dakotah 3.714
- Wallace, Constance 3.571
- Anzelc-Tolian, Layla 4.000
- Anzelc-Tolian, Sedona 3.500
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- Faust, Anton 4.000
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- Rigdon, Joedeelee 4.000
- Roman, Jedi 4.000
- Rude, Destiny 3.571

### Principal's Honor Roll 3rd 9 weeks

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- Hunter, Cheyenne 3.000
- Martinez, Tristan 3.429
- Merryman, Xavier 3.333
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- Taylor, Sheridan 3.3330
- Wallace, Christopher 3.429
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- Anzelc-Tolian, Sedona 3.000
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- Nelson, Taleb 3.000
- Richardson, Michael 3.000

## Moffat School National Honor Society interviews inductees

Moffat School has begun interviews for possible inductees into National Honor Society (NHS). These students have met the following criteria of the four pillars of NHS—Leadership, Scholarship, Character and Service and also:

- Are sophomores, juniors or seniors
- Have maintained a 3.0 GPA or higher (scholarship)
- Problem solve, make suggestions, is a positive influence, has a positive attitude, demonstrates academic initiative, and is a leader in

and out of the classroom (leadership)

- Take action on behalf of others without financial or material gains, volunteers and provides assistance to others (service)

- Accept recommendations graciously, exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, etc), is honest and reliable and regularly shows courtesy, concern and respect for others (character)

Based on their interview and

the criteria listed above the following students will join our previous two members, Tina Chavez and Joedeelee Rigdon and will become lifelong members of National Honor Society:

- Taru Gouldberg
- Jedi Roman
- Jake Hansen
- Layla Anzelc
- Matthew Potter
- Ryker Poor

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CCS Director Michael Hayes enjoys observing middle school students, Vanaiah Baca and Cailan Boone, dissect a frog in science class.

## CCS Middle School students enchanted with *Peter Pan* production April 1-2



Cast photo from *Peter Pan*, a school trip fundraiser.

photo by Lori Nagel

## Crestone Charter School seeks new Director

by Jo delAmor, CCS Governing Council Chairperson

After three years of service to the Crestone Charter School, Director Michael Hayes will be moving on to lead the start up of a new charter school elsewhere in Colorado. His presence will be missed at CCS but we are excited for his next step and deeply grateful for all he has done for our school.

At a recent community meeting Vesper Gers gave a beautiful tribute of gratitude for Michael, highlighting what made him such an excellent school leader. During her term on the CCS Governing Council, Vesper observed the tenacity and dedication that Michael poured into his work at CCS and saw how he held true during times of adversity. She came to know him as a man of integrity and saw the quality of his grit as a core element of his inteGRITY.

In 2013, when the Governing Council set out to hire a new Director, we had very specific goals in mind. Since its inception nearly two decades earlier, CCS has been a place of creative education with moments and expressions of true educational brilliance. Yet after all those years, we lacked a framework with which to replicate those brilliant moments and guarantee consistency in that creative education for all students.

For many years the Governing Council received feedback from the community about the importance of creating stronger systems to guarantee reasonable progress from grade to grade. The community also wanted to see more effective approaches to individualized learning and whole child development. The need for a more cohesive staff with

teachers collaborating to create a strong educational experience at CCS was apparent.

These were the tasks we set Michael upon his hiring and these are the things he has accomplished. For the first time perhaps in the history of our school we have a clear and tangible creatively structured and innovative educational curriculum and an enthusiastic, cohesive staff that is excited to bring this education to their students. Using the principles of "personal mastery" and professional development for our staff funded through the exclusive Gates Family Foundation Grant that he procured, Michael has given our school the tools it needs to fulfill its mission "to provide a stimulating experiential program that nurtures each student's sense of wonder and natural desire to learn, in a creatively structured atmosphere, emphasizing academic excellence and uniqueness of character."

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Wendy (Soraya Grote) pleads with Captain Hook (Jonathan Neuhaus Rose) to order his pirates to let the children go.

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The Wildlings (played by Ayla Tieder, Shannen Beelendorf, Kirah Claudio, Uma Long, and Luna DelAmor) lead the Lost Boys home from Neverland.

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## The Washington Beat

*Perception & momentum  
New York! New York!*

by David Nicholas

The Quinnipiac poll was right; ten days before the New York primary, Quinnipiac said the margin of victory for Hillary Clinton over Bernie Sanders would be fourteen points or better. The winning margin for Mrs. Clinton was 16 points, 57.9% to 42.1%. Secretary Clinton needed to win big, and she did. By contrast NBC/*Wall Street Journal* on Sunday, April 17, had Mrs. Clinton at 51% to 49% for Mr. Sanders and it was very wrong.

This should have been a coalescing victory for Mrs. Clinton. Instead, the battle continues on toward the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia, July 25-28. Mr. Sanders will continue to nip at her heels. Pundits say that Mr. Sanders should either capitulate or go slow on criticizing Mrs. Clinton.

Had he won in New York, then Mr. Sanders could have argued for his momentum going into the April 26 primaries in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland and Rhode Island. But it is Mrs. Clinton who has the needed momentum now, and the march will be steady. So what's the problem? Why should this be such a battle for her? It's the likeability trust concern and Bill Clinton.

### The trust issue

While these two concerns appear to be separate they reverberate one off the other. The concern is that Mrs. Clinton cannot be trusted and it's not over the "damn" emails as much as that she doesn't have an agenda that really matters to her or to anyone, except promising more of Obama's policies. She just jumps on issues without thinking them through well. Talking the talk on issues that really matter to Democrats isn't working for her. As far as young people can tell, she doesn't stand for anything that interests them. People who voted for her in New York did so more for the candidate they knew rather than the candidate they didn't know. The win ensures she doesn't have to account for anything she says on the campaign trail.

I think the acrimony of the Democratic debate on April 17 between her and Mr. Sanders was more divisive than at any other time. There was enough blame to go around, but Mrs. Clinton doesn't perceive how graciousness needs to be rendered in order for Mr. Sanders' base to be included as the race goes on. This is a bad habit she picked up from Bill Clinton whose Bernie-bashing has had Mr. Sanders stubbornly dug in.

Mrs. Clinton can't win the presidency without a sizeable block of the Sanders base, and Chelsea

Clinton ain't the catalyst to do that. At the moment if Mr.

Sanders takes his toys and goes home angry and bitter, so will his base, a good portion of whom will not turn up at the polls to vote for the Democratic candidate.

Mrs. Clinton offered a kumbaya moment in her New York primary victory speech to the Sanders supporters on April 19, while her campaign a few hours later issued a demand that the Sanders campaign cease and desist. Good luck with that. You don't carrot-and-stick Bernie Sanders or his base.

Currently 25% of Sanders supporters are saying that they won't vote for Hillary, and they are still seriously angry at the Democratic establishment for maintaining the centrist status quo. If Mrs. Clinton leaves this schism untended until the convention, and then attempts to make peace with Mr. Sanders and get some agreement on taking on his issues, it will be too late. To assume that the Bernie base will have a change of heart is an act of sheer hubris and that's a bad Clinton trait. We will see if there is some attempt to mollify the "serious liberals" as the media defines them.

### Bill Clinton: Please shut up!

A year ago someone in the Hillary campaign actually thought that putting President Bill Clinton to work for his wife's nomination race for the 2016 presidency was a good idea. We all knew the former president was itching to test his prowess and show off being the master campaigner of his 1992 race and so they put him on the team. Mrs. Clinton was only too happy as he would take on the bulk of the work she didn't like, but it was a mistake. The problem with Mr. Clinton is that he doesn't know when to shut up and when he screws up, it undoes the narrative that the Hillary Campaign is trying to promote in that cycle.

Unfortunately, belittling the Black Lives Matter and youth supporters of Bernie Sanders as he did on several occasions in April had the Hilary Campaign working overtime to undo the damage he caused and they haven't succeeded at belling this cat at time of writing. President Clinton's persistent eloquence belittling and deriding people, whom he supported in his presidency in 1992, comes at a time when Hillary Clinton needs not to appear to be a rolling campaign juggernaut.

The other point to make about



President Bill is that his campaigning has the perception that she cannot become President without his prominent participation. Actually, this becomes a bigger problem after Mrs. Clinton wins the nomination. The perception is that voters prefer candidates to be seen as gaining the Presidency in their own right. This is a result of the 2000 campaign, where Bush43 becoming President riding on Bush41's—his dad's—coattails. Remember Bush43 didn't win the popular vote in that election, it was a Supreme Court decision over Florida chard ballots that made him President.

My preference is that President Bill keep his head down and go and do something else well away for the campaign. Probably won't happen, but if Hillary is to emerge in her own right before November, at some point she will have to tell Bill to take a hike. Sooner the better.

### The Drumpf spawn: Campaign moment of clarity

If there was ever a Mitt Romney moment—a moment where the candidate is caught in headlights saying something totally indefensible (with Romney it was the 47% video moment)—which defined the 2016 presidential race for Donald Trump, it occurred on March 31, a cherry blossom day in DC, where TheDonald was asked by MSNBC's Hardball host Chris Matthews if a woman who has a banned abortion should face criminal punishment. His response, after Mr. Matthews pressed him on it? "The answer is there has to be some sort of punishment."

Matthews: Do you believe in punishment for abortion, yes or no, as a principle?

Trump: The answer is there has to be some form of punishment.

Matthews: For the woman?

Trump: Yes.

Matthews: 10¢, 10 years, what?

Trump: I don't know. That I don't know. Trump was also asked if the man should be held responsible. "Different feelings. Different people," Trump responded. "I would say no."

Well, as a Democrat, you gotta like them apples.

So at this point TheDonald is mortally wounded but it's a slow bleed. With the general blather of the campaign it's been successfully disappeared until TheDonald starts campaigning nationally. Then the Democrats will roll this out as an ad, also nationally.

This needs to be remembered because . . .

### The Drumpf spawn is winning the GOP race

The narrative is that his decisive win in New York has re-energized his race to the White House. Yes, there were lots of the usual TheDonald narrative distractions in April, saying the rules of the Republican National Committee are rigged and are designed to deprive him of his rightful win at the GOP

convention, hung or otherwise, but it matters little now.

TheDonald's New York was decisive and his path to securing the 1237 delegates to nominate in the first ballot is pretty likely. TheDonald won all 89 out of 95 New York delegates leaving Governor John Kasich and Senator Ted Cruz in the dust. You can expect him to perform well in all the remaining primaries in the Northeast and giving Senator Cruz a run for his money in Indiana on May 3, making a hung convention unlikely now.

The reason why the New York win was major for TheDonald was the winning margin of 60.4%. The margin was over the two other candidates totals combined. Let me say this, that having watched how TheDonald uses the MSM—mainstream media—he is master at it. He uses inflammatory statements to be the top political story in the nightly news cycle then usually backtracks with the usual one-on-one interview, which usually follows after several days of top media coverage where he backtracks in measured tones and he seemingly appears reasonable. It's slick and it works. It's just when TheDonald comes up to someone like Chris Matthews of MSNBC's Hardball who knows how to talk over the best of them, TheDonald hits the wall.

### But it's all about the numbers, Part 2

The numbers ultimately matter in the end—Republicans need 1236 and Democrats need 2383 pledged delegates to win the nomination of their respective parties.

As of April 21, in the Republican race TheDonald in the CNN tally has 847, Senator Cruz has 553, and Governor Kasich has 148. Senator Rubio, who withdrew, has 167 and unless he releases them prior to the GOP Convention, they will declare for him on the first count in Cleveland. How Mr. Rubio's delegates vote on any second ballot at a brokered convention depends on how much influence Mr. Rubio has at the convention, but for now they make it a lot harder for any of the candidates still in the race to get to the 1236 needed for victory.

As of April 20, per CNN in the Democratic race, Hillary Clinton had 1443 pledged delegates to Bernie Sanders' 1183 and when taking the super delegates' count—politicians and elected officials committed to either candidate who can prove extraordinarily fickle when the writing is on the wall as they did in 2008—Mrs. Clinton has 467 and Mr. Sanders has 41.

April 26 Results Seals the Deal for Clinton and Trump

If New York was the turning point when frontrunners win their respective delegate requirements for their parties' nomination at the conventions in July, the final primaries in April locked it up.

Hillary Clinton won four of the

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five primaries against Bernie Sanders in Pennsylvania (55%-43%), Maryland (62%-33%), Delaware (59%-39%) and Connecticut (51%-47%). Sanders won Rhode Island (55%-43%). Mrs. Clinton is now the presumptive nominee of the Democratic party. The rest of the primaries are more about going through the motions. Mrs. Clinton will win California. By how much is the only question, but it won't make much difference.

The Donald won Pennsylvania (56%-C21%-K19%), Maryland (54%-K22%-C18%), Delaware (60%-K20%-C15%), Connecticut (57%-K28%-C11%) and Rhode Island (63%-K24%-C10%).

Delegates as of April 26: Democrats: Clinton 2156 (1654 pledged, 502 super), Sanders 1374 (1332 pledged, 42 super). GOP: Trump 951, Cruz 564, Kasich 152 and Rubio 167.

As of April 26, The Donald leads in Indiana. See you on the other side.

**May primaries**

Democrats: May 3, Indiana, probably Clinton. May 7, Guam, likely Sanders. May 10, West Virginia, tossup but likely Sanders. May 17, Kentucky, tossup but the state makeup favors Clinton; Oregon, likely Sanders.

Republicans: May 3, Indiana, goes to tossup but likely Cruz. May 10, Nebraska, likely Cruz; West Virginia, evangelical heaven, Cruz. May 27, Oregon, Trump. May 24, Washington, Trump.

**Obama in Arabia**

April 19 saw President Obama wheel up to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia to calm down Saudi anxieties about a bill in the Congress and to lay out the US relationship with the Kingdom for now. But it's the bill that has the Saudis excreting bricks. The Saudis are threatening to sell up to \$750 billion worth of US assets held by the Kingdom if Congress passes a bill that would allow the Saudi government to be sued by the relatives of the victims over 9/11. The Saudi Foreign Minister, Adel al-Jubeir, personally passed on the message in March during a trip to Washington.

The Justice against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, (JASTA) would let victims of 9/11 and other terrorist acts sue foreign sponsors of terrorism. The bill was introduced

in September 2015 but was not marked up for a Senate floor debate. The bill is co-sponsored by Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY)—likely leader of the Senate Democrats after the November 8 presidential election and more likely Senate majority leader if Democrats win back control of the Senate—and John Cornyn (R-TX).

Since the 9/11 attacks, some court decisions have improperly blocked terrorism-related claims that Congress intended to permit. Because of these rulings, without this legislation, Americans may have no recourse against the foreign states and groups that sponsor terrorist attacks. Schumer and Cornyn said that, if passed into law, JASTA will finally help the victims of 9/11 achieve justice by allowing them to sue countries, like Saudi Arabia and Qatar, that fund terrorist groups, like Al Qaeda. JASTA would also allow a family member to sue those that fund ISIS, Hamas and other groups, should they kill an American in an act of terrorism on American soil.

Personally, I support this bill. In 2005 I walked the 9/11 site and there were widows crying four years after the loss of loved ones.

So the Saudis are playing hardball and the visit by President Obama is to try and sooth Saudi concerns, usually by supplying more US arms. Also, the inept government of King Salman wants to know that the US has their back if it comes to armed conflict with Iran (and that's unlikely). President Obama isn't going to back-down on that because the Iran agreement is part of his legacy. He will emphasize the provisions for the agreement that come into play if the Iranians break the arrangement.

But it is not just the US the Saudis are angry at. The Saudis have stupidly got involved in the war in Yemen. Only a clown would have been foolish enough to step into that nest of local vipers, but step into the fight they did and they are paying for it. Like all rabid autocrats, the Kingdom has never been a democracy and hates countries on their borders who step towards that ideal.

But in addition they are playing oil politics by trying to break

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

**—MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS**



by Ish

**1/ Confucius:**

★★★★

This biographical drama came out in 2010 with Chow Yun-Fat in the role of Confucius. The film begins with Confucius as an old man and goes back to his 50s where he is being promoted from Mayor to Minister of Law. He is confronted with ethical issues due to saving a slave boy. The movie evolves with complex politics and war and causes Confucius to be rejected and become a wandering scholar. He's invited back as an old man after enduring many losses.

**2/ The King of the Streets:**

★★★

An action movie about Yue Feng, a young thug with exceptional street fighting abilities. As he pursues his quest of being undefeated a tragic accident puts him in prison for eight years. Upon coming out he seeks a new life of peace and fulfillment.

**3/ Holes:**

★★★

A nerdy teenager, falsely accused of stealing sneakers, is sent to detention camp. He and the others in there are forced to dig holes by the sadistic warden as character-building exercises. But there is another reason for all the holes as the story unfolds. A good cast with Shia La-Beouf, Sigourney Weaver, Jon Voight and others.

**4/ Leverage:**

★★★★

A 5-season TV series where a former insurance investigator played by Timothy Hutton is backed by a bevy of thieves and hackers. He pulls a turnaround on the corporate and government entities he used to protect, the reason being they played a role in his young son's tragic death. He has a "gadget guy" and con-artist and martial arts experts.

**5/ Stand Up Guys:**

★★★

Three retired gangsters have a drunken reunion with audacious reminiscences of wild times and crimes gone by. Energized by their own memories these drunken friends undertake a reckless criminal caper. Starring Al Pacino, Chris Walken and Alan Arkin.

Iran and Venezuela economically, and it's costing them. On April 21, the Saudis are seeking a \$10 billion loan to handle their immediate cash flow and ease their foreign debt, which in the history of Saudi Arabia is unprecedented.

Also, they are pretty pig-headed. They tried to dictate terms in an oil summit in Doha on the weekend of April 16, which the Iranians boycotted. The aim of the meeting was to keep daily oil production at levels of January. Not only was it depleting the Saudis financially, but it was bringing other oil producers, such as Nigeria, to their knees in this pumping race to the bottom. No agreement was reached. So the extreme fluctuations on world oil markets continues. More as we go in coming months.

**Presidential debates**

At the time of going to press

there are no debates scheduled for May either for Republicans or Democrats but that could change at very short notice. The last Democratic debate on Thursday, April 14, was acrimonious as Secretary Clinton and Senator Sanders interrupted and cajoled one another while moderators struggled to maintain control. Suddenly no more nice guy stuff. This means it is unlikely the Hillary Campaign will consent to another debate with Feel The Bern. So if there are not any more televised town halls, which has just about been done, Bernie Sanders and the minor GOP contenders are left to blow in the wind; or spend money in advertising to keep their campaigns before the public; or use social media blogging on Facebook and Twitter (which to these guys still seems a bit foreign). Pity but so it goes.

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until *The Denver Post* uncovered the error. Palacio said the party discovered no other errors and downplayed concerns about the tallies because the March 1 vote didn't apportion any actual delegates.

At the Republican convention held the prior weekend, Ted Cruz landed a landslide victory in Colorado—moving the GOP closer to a contested national convention.

The Texas senator won all 37 delegates awarded in Colorado. Going into the convention Cruz had 17 bound delegates. Another four delegates were unpledged. An additional 13 delegates were awarded at the state convention. The three additional delegates in Colorado's 37-member national delegation are unpledged party leaders.

Ted Cruz was the keynote speaker on Saturday afternoon at the convention. Cruz was the only candidate who showed up to speak to the crowd. Nation front-runner Donald Trump and Ohio Governor John Kasich did not attend the state convention, sending supporters in their place. Both campaigns invested little in the state, sensing that the state's caucus process run by hard-core party insiders did not favor their campaigns.

### US Senate

Incumbent Democrat Michael Bennet gave the keynote speech at the Democratic Party state convention Saturday in Loveland. Although Bennet is unopposed in his primary race, he cannot take his re-election for granted. The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee plans to spend \$5 million in Colorado to defend its lone vulnerable incumbent, Sen. Michael Bennet.

The GOP convention gave 70% of their vote for the US Senate race to Darryl Glenn, a 49-year-old Air Force lieutenant colonel who is currently County Commissioner in Colorado Springs. Charismatic Glenn gave a rousing speech to the crowd on debt, ending federal funding of sanctuary cities, and

the Iran nuclear deal. He calls himself a "Christian constitutionalist conservative".

Glenn faces four Republican challengers in the June 28 primary who used an alternate signature-gathering route to secure a place on the ballot: Colorado Springs businessman Robert Blaha, former Aurora city councilman Ryan Frazier, businessman Jack Graham and former state Rep. Jon Keyser.

GOP delegates at the convention shocked everybody by humiliating state senator Tim Neville and his powerful gun-rights backers. Neville did not even meet the threshold needed to appear on the June 28 ballot.

### 3rd Congressional District

Incumbent Republican Scott Tipton faces a primary opponent. At the Republican 3rd district assembly, 27-year-old recent law school graduate Alex Beinstein earned 40% of the delegate vote—enough to make the June primary ballot.

Tipton is a staunch Second Amendment supporter and a member of the National Rifle Association. The Congressman's campaign boasts of bills he passed on renewable hydroelectric power; support for the Western Slope's energy industry, and his sponsorship of a bipartisan Water Rights Protection Act to protect Colorado water rights from the federal government.

Beinstein is a Colorado native and considers himself a crusader to defeat Islamic terror and to reclaim our constitutional republic.

Democrat Senator Gail Schwartz of Crested Butte became the sole nominee with 259 out of 369 cast, or 70.8%, at the Democratic 3rd district assembly.

Democratic Party leadership is hopeful that Schwartz can successfully challenge Tipton in a district that is a conservative stronghold, where Republicans have roughly 12,000 more voters than Democrats.

Schwartz served two terms

in the state Senate, representing a district where the largest bloc of voters are registered independent, followed by Republicans and then Democrats. Congressional District 3 has grown, geographically, since that 2000 race and became slightly more Democratic when congressional maps were redrawn in 2011.

When making her announcement to run, Schwartz pointed to her ability to work with rural communities. She cosponsored 2013 bipartisan legislation that created the Build Excellent Schools Today program, which provides construction funding for school districts.

"I know we can bring this same commonsense leadership to a broken Congress," she said.

Schwartz also pledged to work on "investments in rural infrastructure including broadband, the protection of our natural resources and way of life, and to keep Americans safe."

Schwartz won an immediate endorsement from former Secretary of the Interior and U.S. Senator Ken Salazar, who said "Gail's work in the San Luis Valley and for our rural communities has been transformative; she has worked to build new schools, protect our seniors, and take care of our veterans. Results matter and Gail has delivered."

### Colorado State Senate District 35

Incumbent Republican Larry Crowder was unanimously selected by District 35 delegates at state convention.

Senator Crowder, a fifth-generation Coloradan, spoke at the convention: "I'm humbled that the people I represent have again put their trust and support in me. I will continue to work tirelessly to stand up for Southern Colorado to ensure residents of District 35 have job opportunities, access to healthcare and education and an excellent quality of life."

Crowder will be facing a Democratic opponent in the general election—James Casias, also a native Coloradan, is currently Sheriff of Las Animas County. Ca-

sias on his campaign: "Fairness and justice are what I stand for everyday. We need to make sure everyone has a fair shot at success. Your zip code should *never* determine your opportunities in life. I know I am best suited to stand up for our values and bring some law and order to Denver."

### Colorado House District 62

Incumbent Democrat Edward Vigil is term-limited. Delegates at the Democratic convention also whittled down the number of primary candidates for state House District 62, in southern Colorado, from three to two. Winning their way onto the ballot: Alonzo Payne of San Luis and Donald Valdez of La Jara.

Announcing his candidacy, Valdez said he is seeking the state house seat "to be the voice of the district and for the people here in the San Luis Valley for education, agriculture, our water and economic development."

Alonso Payne on why he is running, "My No. 1 priority is making sure that I'm going to be a voice for the middle class and for the poor because, quite frankly, that's what this district encompasses."

According to the Secretary of State's website, the Republicans are also fielding two candidates, Marcy Freeburg and Bob Mattive.

Freeburg ran for House District 62 in the last election against Ed Vigil. Her highest priority is to reduce the regulations, laws and rules that make it very difficult to start and sustain a small business. "I have two small businesses and the regulations absolutely stifle small business. We have five of the eight poorest counties in this district and the government makes it so difficult to start a business."

Mattive received 44% of the delegate votes in order to win a place on the primary ballot June 28, 2016. He is running on the platform of providing a strong voice not only for agriculture but for all of the issues facing the citizens of House District 62.

## Most Democrats at Colorado convention felt the Bern

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The proposed changes also include a section on Violations and Enforcement that further define legal possession and use of marijuana for the purposes of law enforcement and allow for inspection of operations. If inspection reveals non-compliance with these regulations the Land Use inspector, Code Enforcement Officer or Administrative Warrant shall pursue the non-compliance violation through proper authority and action as allowed within the Saguache County Land Development Code.

To view the proposed changes, you may contact the Saguache County Land Use Department, PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 or [wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov](mailto:wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov), or by calling 719-655-2321 or you may

view the changes on our website at [www.saguachecounty.net](http://www.saguachecounty.net).

Written comments will be accepted until Friday, May 6, 2016 at 3 pm, and may be sent by mail to Saguache County Land Use Department at PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 or email to [wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov](mailto:wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov).

The Marijuana Task Force will be taking up separately regulations for hemp cultivation in Saguache County in May. The

commissioners are considering a moratorium on hemp cultivation until the regulations are in place.

Currently Colorado State law permits growing and possessing industrial hemp by persons registered with the Colorado Department of Agriculture and allows for hemp to be grown for commercial or research and development purposes regardless of the size of operation.

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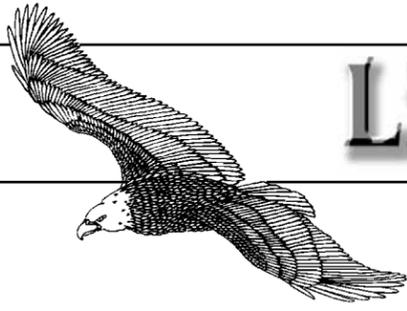


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# Living on the Earth

## 2015 Collective Biodiesel Conference hosted by Crestone Energy Fair

by Nicholas Chambers

The Collective Biodiesel Conference is an internationally-attended conference of DIY (do-it-yourself) practitioners, academics, biodiesel co-ops, bio-fuel plant operators, executives, visionaries, and mad scientists. It was founded over 10 years ago at the Colorado School of Mines and has since been hosted all over North America. It is a multi-faceted platform to learn, discuss, and share current tricks and methods of the trade as well as immerse oneself in the over-arching concepts of sustainability, appropriate technology, and bio-chemistry. This article is a recap summary of this historic event held in Crestone last August.

The conference was held at the Crestone Charter School, catered by OFIA. It brought in over 40 people, almost exclusively from out of town. We had a day and a half of presentations and discussions, with another evening previewing the film *Fuel*.

Standard to any CBC event, co-founder John Bush and the Omaha Biofuels Coop folks ran the group through the chemistry of biodiesel production in the CCS chemistry lab. There were also presentations on natural building, solar, adobe construction, and climate battery greenhouses as a part of the normal Energy Fair programming.

We had a 10 kw woodchip gasifier genset made by All Power Labs in Berkeley, CA that Santa Fe Community College loaned to us for the event, and Agua Das had his woodchip gasifier forge there as well. Together with a tool box, air compressor, a couple of torches, a barrel of mitigation piñon-juniper wood chips, some screens, and the general resources of downtown Crestone at the Energy Fair, this group was like kids in a candy store.

It wasn't long before we had a bona fide three-ring circus going on. We had a team screening and sifting woodchips into gasifier-for-electricity chips and gasifier-for-forge chips, another team smashing up beer cans and scavenging Drew Snyder's old aluminum window frames for smelting, and another team rounding up sand from the adobe demonstration to make a sand casting.

Das had the crucible in the forge red hot and they were throwing in beer cans and chunks of window frames. A couple sand beds had been made and a grenade and wrench was pushed in to make a negative. When completely melted, Das grabbed the crucible with long tongs and carefully poured the molten aluminum in the sand molds. Right about this time Mat-



Oil for Costilla County's biodiesel program is pressed from local farmers' sunflower and canola seeds in a sustainable, closed-loop model worth emulating.

thew Human took the stage and wooed the Crestone community with songs of love, the simple life, good food, and biodiesel sedans!

Front and center to all this spontaneous thermal action were Bill and Tina from Waste Free SLV. Naturally, the upcycling of aluminum cans with renewable energy is of great interest to them. Most of the CBC attendees I think were blown away with this direct application of woodchip energy, as they all knew the science and theory. But to have a project everybody could jump in on was really memorable. Thanks to all who helped pull this event off, especially all the sponsors: Donovan Spitzman, ScSEED, Alycia Chambers, and Nathan Good.

For 2016, check out the Energy Fair at the Crestone Music Festival, August 12-14. To get involved contact Donovan at dspitzman@yahoo.com or 303-868-6352.

For folks interested in advancing biodiesel, SVO, anaerobic digestion, or wood chip gasification in the SLV, contact Nick at nick@livingart-systems.com or 719-588-8245.

### 2015 Conference highlights:

- **"Municipal Field to Tank Biodiesel,"** Ben Doon, Co-Manager/Administrator, Costilla County Biodiesel

The Costilla County biodiesel program is by far the valley's most established and most noteworthy biodiesel producer, and they merit national recognition. The work

they have done is a testament to what can happen when a group of committed individuals decides on a bold vision and has the tenacity to roll up its sleeves to accomplish something where there is no precedent.

Administrator and project champion Ben Doon opened the conference with the twisting but ever-successful story of their biodiesel plant. The project was first conceptualized in 2001 by then Commissioner Joseph Gallegos. They began construction in 2004 and they went through several design strategies and changes to now have something that works well for their road and bridge department, fueling their trucks, graders, and other vehicles.

The oil comes from Costilla County farmers providing sunflower and canola seeds, which are then pressed to extract the oils. The seedcake is then a high-protein animal feed that goes back into local agriculture. If there is ever a story of closed-loop sustainability that is good for government, the environment, and agriculture, this county sure has an excellent model to emulate. Keep it up Costilla County!

- **"Biodiesel Research & Education at the University of Idaho,"** Keegan Duff, University of Idaho

Keegan Duff made his way here from his lab at the University



The 2015 Collective Biodiesel Conference in Crestone, CO.

photo by Scott Murrish



Santa Fe Community College's Biofuels lab loaned the Crestone Energy Fair/Collective Biodiesel Conference a 10 kw Power Pallet made by All Power Labs in Berkeley, CA.

of Idaho where they have been working in biodiesel since 1979. Keegan is responsible for the analytical laboratory for the Biofuels Research group in the Biological Engineering Department at the University of Idaho. He discussed some higher level chemistry with conference attendees, as well as discussed his pilot-scale waste-oil-to-biodiesel plant, and some of the curriculums they have created for high school students. He had prior experience as a plant engineer for a 40 million gallons per year (mgy) canola crushing facility and start-up of a 0.5 mgy biodiesel plant.

- **"WVO Processing,"** Scott Williams, PhD, Managing Director, Omaha Biofuels Co-op

Brothers Scott and Eric Williams came out from Omaha to show us some of their novel straight vegetable oil (SVO) processing techniques, as well as to share details about how their coop works. Dr. Scott Williams had just accepted a position as Assistant Professor in the Energy Technology Program at Creighton University in Omaha. As a coop, they process recycled vegetable oils into fuel-grade SVO for SVO-adapted cars or for use in biodiesel production. They also landed a good contract with the Henry Doorly Zoo where they provide SVO

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by Kim Malville

**May 5 & 6:** The Eta Aquarid meteors occur when the Earth passes through the debris dropped by Halley's Comet as it moves along its orbit. This year we pass close to the center of this debris cloud. The best time for viewing these meteors will be just before dawn on these two mornings. This shower comes out of the constellation of Aquarius, which will be low on the horizon in the east-south-east. There might be some bright meteors that will streak upward from the eastern mountains and cross the sky towards us.

**May 7:** See if you can catch a glimpse of the very thin crescent moon low on the western horizon in deepening twilight about 45 minutes after sunset. Above and to the left of the moon you might see Aldebaran.

**May 21-22:** Mars reaches opposition to the sun, rising at sunset, reaching south at midnight. It is in the constellation of Scorpius. The moon will be to the upper left of the planet.

**May 30:** Mars comes closest to the earth and brightest since 2005.



in their vicinity. There simply shouldn't have been any gas or dust lying outside the two black holes that could emit light.

Now, a new twist in the event has appeared. In September 2015, NASA's Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope saw a faint burst of high-energy light only 0.4 seconds after the arrival of the gravity waves.

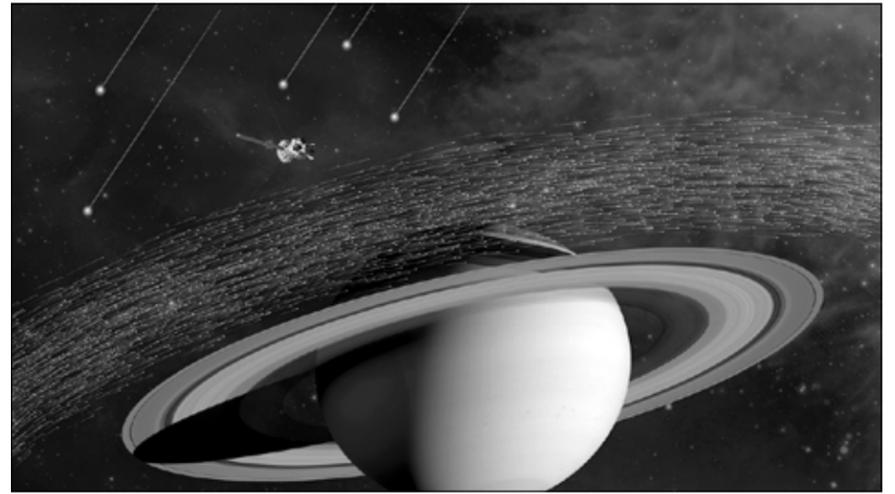
One rather bizarre explanation is that the two black holes had formed inside a very large star more than 65 times larger than our sun. It had a very dense interior, dense enough to form not one but two black holes. Like some evil infection, these two black holes born in the belly of the star consumed its interior as they circled each other. Eventually they coalesced, causing the star to explode.

**Dust from beyond the solar system**

It turns out we don't need to build space craft to travel light years beyond our solar system to visit other stars. They are coming to us.

Like a bugs spattering on a small windshield in space, NASA's Cassini spacecraft has been able to "capture" interstellar dust particles entering the solar system. Cassini has detected dust orbiting Saturn or flowing outward from the sun. In addition it has collected 36 particles from beyond the solar system. They were traveling some 45,000 miles per hour, and their trajectories showed them to be truly alien. The strange thing about these particles is that they are almost perfectly identical, with nearly the same chemical composition, regardless of what star was their birthing place. The explanation sheds light on the violent nature of space beyond the solar system. Explosions of stars produce hot shock waves that fill interstellar space. These rip apart these dust particles such that they melt and reform many times before reaching our vicinity of the galaxy. We still need to travel to those stars.

For most of human history, the night sky appeared to contain the few thousand stars and handful of



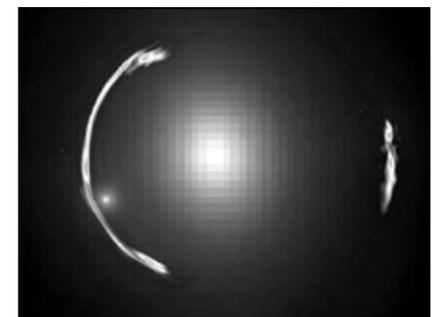
Dust grains detected by the Cassini spacecraft near Saturn.

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planets that could be seen with the naked eye. In 1610, the universe was expanded enormously when Galileo used his telescope to vastly expand our view of the cosmos. For hundreds of years that followed, the heavens were assumed to be only filled with the objects visible through a telescope. Galaxies were considered to only consist of stars, gas, and dust. Just this century we discovered that the mass of the galaxies revealed by visible stars was insufficient to hold the spinning galaxies together. Galaxies contained more stuff than we can see. Now we understand that every galaxy lies at the center of an enormous bubble of dark matter several times larger in diameter and many times greater in mass. Part of that dark matter is contained in many dwarf galaxies which swing around their master. For every large galaxy we see, there should be many dwarfs. In the very early universe, dark matter first started to condense into blobs, of which there were many more small ones than large ones, and then ordinary matter followed. When you smash a brick with a sledge hammer, you get many more small particles than large ones. There are many more small craters on the moon than large ones; many more small asteroids than large ones. For some reason the small blobs of dark matter didn't collect very much ordinary matter. We have detected six dwarf galaxies that are orbiting our Milky Way Galaxy; they are 99% dark matter. We expect there are many more dark matter dwarfs out there, but they are very difficult to locate. Dwarf galaxies may provide a clue about dark matter. Although there is six times more dark matter in the universe than matter like us, we don't have a clue about its nature.

Just this year, we have discovered that gravitational lensing may help. Gravity of a closer galaxy bends the light of a more distant galaxy, creating a magnifying lens-like effect. Dwarf galaxies can be located in the same way that you can see rain droplets on a window. You know they are there

because they distort the image of the background objects. The figure obtained by an observatory in the Atacama Desert of Chile, shows a dwarf galaxy hiding (in the lower left) in the halo of a larger galaxy, positioned some 4 billion light-years from Earth. This tiny and faint galaxy has a mass less than

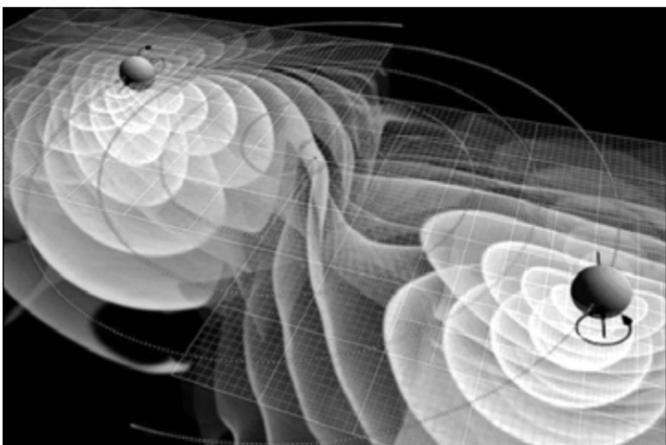


Dwarf galaxy seen in a gravitation lens.

Stanford University

one-thousandth that of the Milky Way. As we have moved far beyond the small lens of Galileo, we have discovered a universe that is vastly more mysterious than he could have imagined.

Any questions? Contact me: kimmelville@hotmail.com.



Colliding black holes and their gravitational waves.

NASA

**When black holes collide**

In February, we learned that gravity waves had been detected at the two Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatories (LIGO), just as Einstein had predicted 100 years ago. The LIGO team had determined gravitational waves were produced by two black holes, 29 and 36 times the mass of the sun, merging together. It was not expected that any light would come from this cataclysmic event. The event should have taken place in complete darkness, only gravity waves should have emerged.

These huge black holes circled each other for millions of years, sucking up any spare gas or dust

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION ON FIRST RESPONSE

by Chris Botz

We have burned the mitigation slash pit so that it can be used all season. Please remember this is for slash and brush only: no construction debris or any other trash. Shawn Hollmer and the Maintenance crew work hard to keep this option available and we appreciate it. Thanks to all of them!

The Town of Crestone and the Baca POA are working together to get a Firewise certification for ourselves. We have never had this designation and it will be very difficult to get, so it will require the participation of everyone. This certification allows us to apply for grants beyond the usual Title Funds that are received from the County; not just for mitigation either. It will help with the ISO rating which governs insurance premiums and availability.

There will be a Firewise presentation for the community at the Baca POA Hall on Thursday, May 12 at 6pm. This presentation will be very informative and useful in answering your questions about

the program and explaining the goals of it.

For those of you with Wildland Firefighting course 130/190 already attained, Baca Fire will be hosting the S-211 Wildland Pumps and Water Ops class. This will be taught and certified by Daniel S. Johnson. The course will take place Friday and Saturday at 8am to 4pm, May 13 & 14, at the Baca Firehouse.

The Fire Regatta will be held in the Crestone Town park the afternoon of Monday, July Fourth, shortly after the parade. Times and schedule of events here in this column in June. Special appearance by the Colorado State High School Home run champions, 59 of them.

Welcome back Ivan Lakish from the Paramedic course at St. Anthony's in Denver.

For all things EMS, please contact Ambulance Service Administrator Darrick J. Garcia, EMT-P, EMT-P-CC, et al. 719-256-4171 x14.

Once again we would like to thank the *Eagle* for the space for this column!

## Atalanta Cooperative Garden— purchase vegetable shares

by Joanna Dokson

The Atalanta Cooperative Garden has openings for both working and non-working members this year. Located on the north bank of Willow Creek, the garden is in its 17th year on the Atalanta project land. The garden has been producing food for members, as well as the Food Bank and La Puente, each summer with the help of working members. No non-organic pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers are used in the garden. Our water is from our solar-powered well.

A wide variety of veggies are grown each year from asparagus to potatoes, greens to tomatoes, peas and beans, peppers and radishes, carrots, garlic, onions, leeks, shallots, parsnips, broccoli, cabbage, winter and summer squash and herbs. An orchard is being established with apple, plum, and cherry trees and berry bushes. Members may also purchase eggs and goat milk from Atalanta.

Members can sign up for 1/2 or full shares. A full working share is \$100 and a non-working share is \$250. A full share is generally enough for a family of four. Share contents and amounts change and increase throughout the growing season. Non-working members have their shares delivered while

working members take their share home after harvest each week. Working members help with planting, harvesting and maintaining



Summer greens at Atalanta garden.

the garden which is watered by soaker and drip irrigation on timers.

The asparagus, garlic and chives are coming up and the gooseberries are leafing out. We are looking forward to another productive and fun year. Call for information and to sign up: 719-256-6200, Joanna.

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# Hempcrete workshop in the San Luis Valley

by Caren Kershner

Have you heard of hempcrete? Have you wanted to learn more about this fantastic, inexpensive, carbon-negative building material utilizing industrial hemp? Here is your chance to learn from one of the best. Register now to be sure to reserve your spot!

Colorado Industrial Hemp Coalition presents a hempcrete workshop with John Patterson on Sunday, May 22, from 9am to 3pm at the Fourth St. Food Store studio and side yard, 404 Fourth St., Sa-guache; \$109.

John has presented hemp-crete workshops across the US and in Poland. He has been instrumental in establishing the tiny hemp house movement and is one of the most experienced hempcrete enthusiasts in the country. We are fortunate to have him visit the San Luis Valley to share his expertise!

The workshop will run from 9-1, with lunch provided around 12:30 with a question and answer session. A second PowerPoint and discussion on hemp farming and its potential in southern Colorado will be shown after the lunch

and the Q/A session, and will include information from three years of research in this area. Related discussion may continue until 3pm.

Cost for the workshop is \$109, which includes snacks, lunch and your very own hempcrete brick! A limited number of partial scholarships will be available. Please email john@hemp-solutions.org for more information on scholarships. If you would like to sponsor a scholarship, please contact Caren Kershner from Colorado Industrial Hemp Coalition, carenkershner@gmail.com Any/all donations will go directly toward offsetting the cost for deserving individuals who cannot afford the total cost of the workshop.

Please pre-register, so that we can get a count for food and materials. Register online at Hemp-solutions.org. Contact John or Caren if you have any difficulties registering online.

Hope to see many of you at this exciting and informative event Sunday, May 22! Remember- Hemp is Hope, not Dope!

## Look out—the geologists are coming!

by James McCalpin,  
Conference Organizer

Crestone will be crawling with geologists May 30-June 2, as the 7th International Workshop on Paleoseismology, Active Tectonics, and Archaeoseismology (“PATA Days”) is held at the Baca Campus of Colorado College (www.pata-days.org).

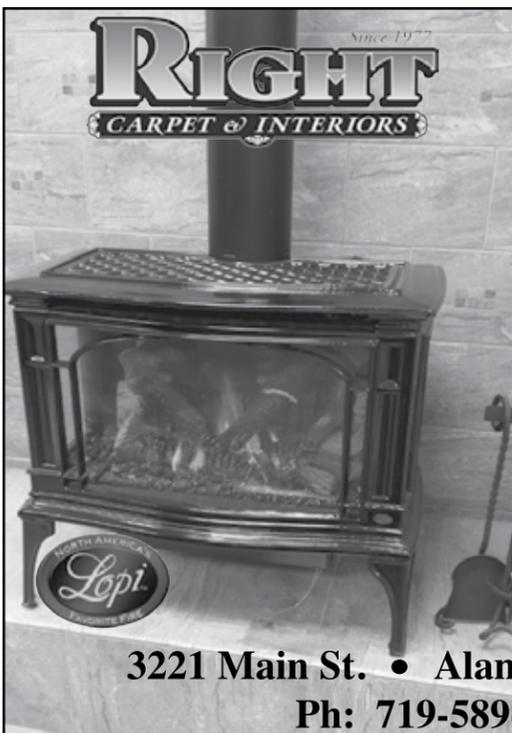
The workshop is sponsored by the Crestone Science Center (www.crestonescience.org), GEOHAZ Consulting (www.geohaz.com), and Colorado universities including Adams State, Colorado College, Colorado School of Mines, and the University of Colorado.

Technical talks and field trips will cover a spectrum of topics related to active faulting and seismic hazards, delivered by senior researchers from USA, Canada, Mexico, Chile, Ecuador, United Kingdom, Sweden, Finland, Germany, France, Italy, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Poland, Russia, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, India, Japan, South Korea, Australia, and New Zealand. So if you see a bunch of foreigners lurching around town carrying rock hammers and looking for a pub . . . that’s us.

PATA Days 2016 is the seventh conference in the series, all sponsored by the International Quaternary Association (INQUA) www.inqua.org. Previous conferences were held in Spain, Greece, Mexico, Germany, South Korea, and Italy.

The Crestone conference is the first to be held in the USA, and was chosen because of its proximity to active faults such as the Sangre de Cristo, Villa Grove, and Sawatch fault zones, and because of the convenience of hosting midsize conferences (~75 people) in Crestone using the CC campus, Desert Sage Restaurant, and Baca Townhouses, with support from Crestone Mercantile, local B&Bs and other businesses, and enthusiastic local volunteers.

High school students from Crestone Charter School and Moffat School are invited to become interns at the conference, to perform light duties from May 30-June 2. In exchange, students may attend PATA technical sessions free of charge at the Baca Campus auditorium. Contact James McCalpin for more information at 719-588-4279 or mcca-lpin@geohaz.com.



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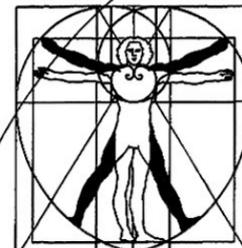
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## Aventa Credit Union Chairman celebrates 50 years of volunteer service

Aventa Credit Union is pleased to announce that Michael Fansler, Chairman of Aventa's Board of Directors, is celebrating his 50th year of volunteer service to the credit union.

Mr. Fansler began his volunteer service in February 1966 when he became a member of the Supervisory Committee and later joined the Board of Directors. He has held the positions of Treasurer, Vice Chairman and Chairman on the Aventa Board of Directors. He has spent 18 of the last 20 years as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Fansler has also served on the board of the Colorado State League as well as the audit committee. Locally he had a strong influence on the former Pikes Peak Chapter of Credit Unions and various other credit union-related organizations. Other credit union service includes serving in an advisory capacity for SunCorp Corporate Credit Union.

"Mr. Fansler is an engaged member, educator, supporter, credit union defender and advocate. He has continued to educate himself and has received numerous commendations, awards and certificates for his involvement and service. He is a visionary and at the same time applies those 50 years in a very steadfast, knowledgeable role. He is Aventa's walking library of history. We congrat-



Michael Fansler, Chairman of Aventa's Board of Directors, is celebrating his 50th year of volunteer service to the credit union.

ulate him on 50 years of service" said Gregory Mills, Aventa's CEO/President.

### About Aventa

Aventa Credit Union was founded in 1957 by the Colorado Springs Utilities Department. Today, Aventa has grown to more than 21,000 members and \$163 million in assets. The credit union offers a wide variety of financial products and services throughout their branches in Colorado Springs, Pueblo and the San Luis Valley.



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\$275,000! Seller will finance. Unique property with 2 units and office space, 3BD 2¼BA, full sauna, 33' grow dome, orchard. Borders greenbelt & creek. 699764



\$265,000 2BD 2BA. Million dollar views of Crestone Needle & valley! Beautifully situated contemporary home built in 2014. 1 acre next to the creek. New appliances. Deck and screened-in porch.



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



\$230,000 3BD 2 BA on 3 consolidated lots, garage, fenced yard, garden, hot tub, open floor plan, hearthstone stove. Lovely treed, close to town, with wonderful mountain views. 715889



\$229,000 5BD 3¼ BA with additional room off Master suite. Kitchen has plenty of cabinet space. Attached 2-car garage. 699746



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



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



\$199,900 3BD 2BA, spacious, light home. Fireplace, vaulted ceilings, new carport; sits on 3 consolidated lots, at the end of the street. Downstairs has own entrance. 708971



REDUCED! \$193,000 Secluded, close to Willow Creek with views, surrounded by greenbelt. Spacious kitchen, appliances. Green construction, fire resistant, kitchen gardens, solar shades. 711195



\$190,000 New construction, 2BD 1½BA. Backs to greenbelt & creek. Passive solar, year-round warm earth mass floor. Custom kitchen. Bathroom with garden tub. 699761



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



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



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



\$179,000 Unique home on 1.5 acres, 4BD 2BA. Beautiful wood walls, spacious living room with sunroom. Large, fenced-in yard, carport. Adj. shop with commercial well also for sale.



\$179,000 Spacious store/shop with large garage door, located on 1.5 acres. Commercial town well, commercial kitchen. 2BA & laundry room. Quonset hut, plenty of storage & garages.



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



\$159,000 An adorable café with commercial well on 3 acres. Excellent views. Commercial kitchen & appliances, spacious dining room, 2BA, office space and storage room.



\$159,000 Surrounded by trees, spacious 3BD 2BA. 1817 sq.ft. living room, dining room, large family room, fireplace. Master suite has 5pc bath. 2-car garage. 715168



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



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



\$144,000 Beautiful Baca Meadows Town Home. 2 floors, 2BD 2BA, spacious living room with high ceilings, private balcony & patio areas. Convenient to town. 699781



REDUCED! \$139,500 Great getaway home near Cottonwood Creek. Builder's own home, great room with vaulted ceilings, quality craftsmanship; loft could be guest area. 699734



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



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# Garden Guru

Let's talk tomatoes



**by Matie Belle Lakish**

Many gardeners in the mountains prefer to grow their tomatoes in their greenhouse, but some gardeners, including myself, don't currently have that option. Or perhaps we want to can tomatoes, make sauce or juice, or just want to grow more tomatoes than will fit in a greenhouse. I have been experimenting with growing outdoor tomato crops at an altitude of 8000 ft. for several years, and have learned some things that may be helpful.

**Choose early varieties**

When I first started gardening in Crestone a bit over 20 years ago, there were very few early tomato varieties available. Burpee's Early Girl remains the standard if you are buying plants at most garden shops. However, if you start your own plants the selection of varieties that can be grown from seed is now much greater, thanks particularly to varieties from Russia. In addition, independent American plant breeders have put their attention to the problems of cold climate gardeners, and some great new open-pollinated varieties have emerged. If ordering seed, look at the days to maturity, which are usually listed, and choose ones that mature in fewer than 75 days. Some of our local Crestone-area gardeners have been experimenting with early varieties, and you can now purchase locally grown plants at Saturday Market if you haven't started your own.

Here are some of the ones I have tried and like:

**Small early varieties**

Most cherry tomatoes will mature in Crestone, but some will be later than others. I have an early variety that is also very tasty, and I don't know its name, but even the cheap cherry tomato seeds from Walmart will mature. An old favorite of mine is Yellow Pear. My grandmother grew it and it is still delicious, if somewhat late. It is in-determinate, meaning it keeps growing all season and needs a support. A newer yellow determinate variety well suited to small spaces is Gold Nugget. I grew this one in a pot the first year, and the flavor wasn't great. There must have been something missing from my potting soil, because when I grew it in the garden, the flavor was delicious. It is a favorite of the children in the neighborhood.

**Small to medium varieties**

Some of the earlier tomatoes in this category have particular qualities. Some have been bred for earliness, some for cold-hardiness. Early Girl falls in this group, as the fruits are medium-sized. Cold Set, Glacier, and Stupice are all medium sized tomatoes bred for cold climates and cold nights. They are all determinate, meaning the plants don't get very big, and usually don't continue bearing throughout the season. However, they are a good choice for salads in July. Another one I like is Tiger, or Tigerella. This in-determinate red striped tomato is very tasty, and in my garden has been fairly early as well. Jung's Wayahead is another I like. Taxi is



Young tomato plants under early spring cover.

a fairly new yellow one that worked well for me last year.

**Large, main season**

We all want tasty slicers for salads and sandwiches, and these are usually the latest to ripen. Several varieties don't ripen in the garden at all, and have to be brought indoors and stored as frost approaches. For this reason, I limit my large long-season varieties to one or two. However, there are several large tomatoes in the 70- to 80-day range that will ripen in the garden in August and provide enough for canning. The old faithful for me is Black Krim. As you might guess, this is a Russian tomato. Another Russian that some folks like is Cosmonaut Volkov. There is a large yellow tomato that I've been saving for a few years that has great flavor and is fairly early. You can sometimes find these plants for sale as Matie Belle's Big Yellow. A new series called the Wild Boar Series has two large early varieties. Last year I grew the Pink Berkeley Tie-Die, and it was tasty, early and thin skinned. This year I'll also try the Large Barred Boar, advertised at 65-75 days. There are a few other longer season varieties that I have tried that will mature at least a few large tomatoes before frost, and are tasty enough to bother growing. Cherokee Purple is an old favorite. Amana Orange and the Brandywine series are also some of my favorites.

**Paste tomatoes**

Most paste tomatoes will ripen at least some of their crop before frost. Roma is the old favorite, and will ripen fairly well here. I prefer a newer variety, a small tasty striped paste named Martigan, which ripens loads of tomatoes early. An early yellow paste called El Dorado was a favorite with other growers. Look for them at the market.

**Planting in the garden**

Depending on the weather, I

typically plant my young tomato plants into the garden around mid-May, knowing that I will have to protect them from late frosts. Sometimes I use Wall-o-Water devices around them. Since those are expensive, not all plants get one. An alternative that works fairly well is gallon milk jugs with the bottoms cut out. Place them around the plants, but leave the lids off so they can breathe. I always watch the weather forecast, and if a hard freeze is predicted, I bring out the old blankets, sheets and towels to cover the plants—plastic bottles and all. Later, after the weather moderates and frosts are unlikely (after June 1) I put various supports and tomato cages up to keep the plants off the ground. This helps thwart the mice and ground squirrels that also seem to love tomatoes. Guess which variety is the favorite of the Rock Squirrels—Pink Berkeley Tie-Die. Good taste, those squirrels have.

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# There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root

Vervain (*Verbena hastata*, *V. bracteata*, *V. spp.*)



**by Dorje Root**  
The wild Vervains come in several varieties, all with square stems and many small bright blue flowers on a flower spike. Prostrate Vervain creeps along the ground, whereas the upright Vervains are tall plants with multiple erect flower spikes.

The flower and leaves are the parts that are used, and they can be dried and used as a tea, or tinctured. Vervain has a bitter taste and can be combined with other more palatable herbs. Because it's a bitter herb, Vervain stimulates the liver and benefits digestion, especially sluggish digestion, constipation, and even depression.

Vervain was considered to be a sacred herb by the Druids, and was dedicated to Isis, the goddess of birth. It has been used more recently during labor to stimulate contractions (though it's too stimulating to be used during the rest of pregnancy). It's also used as a galactagogue—an herb to increase the flow of breast milk in lactating women.

Vervain is a relaxing nervine for people who are "driven", or have a very intense way of going about their lives. The description of the type of people who are benefitted

by the flower essence (below) is also true of those who can most benefit from the herbal form. It helps people relax and let go, which can help all types of physical issues caused by tension, or not being willing to take the time to get well. This can be anything from the flu, to neck or back pain, to headaches and migraines.

Vervain is one of the original Bach flower essences, for tension and over-enthusiasm. People who need Vervain are strong willed, and have strong views. They are sensitive to injustice and get so involved in causes that they can become fanatical and begin to alienate the very people who could help them. This leads to nervous tension and exhaustion. The positive aspect of Vervain is a sense of calm, ability to relax and be tolerant. As Dr. Bach says, they understand that "it is by being rather than doing that great things are accomplished." Wise man, that Dr. Bach.

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



Upright Vervain (*Verbena hastata*, *V. bracteata*, *V. spp.*)



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# Bio-diesel

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for use in the zoo's open combustion boiler that powers a train.

- **"Biodiesel & Biogas Synergy,"** Doug Renk, *Biological Commissioning Engineer, BioFerm Energy Systems*

Some *Crestone Eagle* readers may be familiar with the Viessmann gas boilers and solar thermal panels that Talmath Lakai and myself have installed in the Crestone/Baca area. Viessmann is actually a very large German company that owns an anaerobic digestion company called Bioferm Energy. We had the fortune of getting Doug Renk to join us from Wisconsin who had a wealth of background experience in biodiesel and anaerobic digestion as a Biological Commissioning Engineer for Bioferm.

Bioferm has a very unique and counter-intuitive anaerobic digestion technology. The basics are that organic material (food waste, manure, etc.) is loaded into huge bays and piled up on the floor. Large garage-type doors are closed, a vacuum is pulled on the bay, and the resulting gases coming off the organics (carbon dioxide, methane, etc.) over the next 30-60 days is drawn into large storage bags. The solution of gases are what is called biogas and, at large scales, is used for running combined heat and power plants, or cleaned up and injected into the natural gas grid, or compressed and put into carbon fiber tanks to power buses and cars.

Doug was making a clear case that every biodiesel plant should be coupled with an anaerobic digestion plant because biodiesel makes a lot of organic, liquid by-products (oil sludge, french fry residue, glycerin, etc.) and these liquids are like Red Bull for the micro-organisms responsible for biogas generation. Chances are you will see Doug again in Crestone in the near future.

- **Santa Fe Community College Biofuels Lab & Biofuels Center of Excellence** *staff presentations*

- **"Supercritical Biodiesel,"** Stephen Gomez PhD, *Chair and Assistant Professor*

Dr. Gomez delivered a sweeping presentation of Supercritical Biodiesel production (using high heat and pressure). In this production process low quality feedstocks that have high quantities of water, such as trap grease or poor quality yellow grease (SVO), can be used without affecting the process. Also, you don't have to use a catalyst in supercritical, so that expense is saved, plus catalysts (sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide) can cause downstream issues, especially in the presence of water. This process truly makes gold out of the lowest possible quality feedstocks.

- **"Photo-Bioreactors and State of Algae in the Southwest,"** Luke Spangenburg, *Director*

As a technology developer of algae photo-bioreactors (PBRs), a consultant on large biofuel projects, and as Director of the SFCC Biofuels Center of Excellence, Luke discussed current projects and the trials and tribulations of getting projects off the ground.

- **"Using Wastes for Food, Fuel, and Water,"** Steve Hansen, *AgPower*

Steve Hansen has been teaching water and waste water treatment programs at the college after a long career working in the field. His presentation focused on how the basic necessity of waste water treatment can yield useful products and that there is no such thing as "waste water." The process of treatment can also be coupled with other processes to yield maximum benefit, such as a treatment plant capable of taking extra organic solids to augment its anaerobic digestion process and biogas production potential.

- **"Tropical Institute for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Agriculture"** William Torres-Longo, *TISARE, Puerto Rico*

Mr. Torres-Longo comes out of a long career in agronomy and telecommunications before starting intensive studies in the Advanced Trades and Technologies Department at the college. His project in his native Puerto Rico, TISARE, is planned to utilize a number of processes that all complement one another. Electricity and propane are all very expensive in Puerto Rico, which makes biomass-based renewable energy and food production attractive investments.

- **"Flo-cam,"** Ondine Frauenglass, *Assistant Director*

The Crestone and Collective Biodiesel community were so lucky to get the SFCC folks to come to the event in force. Not only did their presence, presentations, and discussions lend a huge value to the event, but they brought or loaned some amazing equipment. Ondine set up the flo-cam which is like a video microscope for looking at the amazing microscopic world of aquatic biology. They use this in algae cultures to identify what species are present in the culture, and what other critters are also in there, such as rotifers, who actually eat algae.

- **"B100 in Heavy-Duty Fleets,"** Kevin Smith, *Mechanical Engineer, Optimus Technologies*

Kevin drove all the way from Pittsburg in a heavy duty semi-type truck that had the Optimus system on board. Optimus produces a next generation dual diesel fuel system specifically designed for large, heavy duty trucks that can be used with biodiesel in all temperatures, as well as SVO. The system relies on two tanks, one with regular diesel and the other is heated from the engine coolant. There are also separate filters, pumps, and electronics to give the operator a comprehensive control panel in the cab. Optimus believes this system will be a valuable tool for truck fleets across the nation to easily meet renewable energy targets.

- **"Direct Consumer Marketing of Biodiesel,"** Brian Roberts, *Cowichan Bio-Diesel Co-op*

Brian came from Vancouver Island to share the details of actually getting coop-produced biodiesel into the hands of everyday fuel users. A veteran of the CBC, and former host, he gave an inspiring presentation about decentralized and unattended fueling stations, coop memberships, and the technology choices to make it all happen.

- **"Wood Chip Gasification, CHP, & the Future of Combustion,"** Agua Das, *Green Sources*

Agua Das is no stranger to the



Kevin Smith of Optimus Technologies shows off his truck which uses their system. Optimus hopes to help the nation's truck fleets meet renewable energy standards by providing these conversions which can run biodiesel or straight vegetable oil (SVO) year round.

Crestone Energy Fair or the CBC, having attended both for many years. Das gave a quick tour de force of the place woodchip gasification has in the renewable energy portfolio and its many attributes. Once we got down to the park and broke out the woodchips, gasifiers, forges, and tools, that's when Das really had a chance to spread his wings to astound and confound!

- **"Integration of Sustainable Renewables,"** Jeff Rola, *Go Bio Co*

We were lucky to get Jeff Rola to come to the fair this year, as he sponsored the t-shirt theme: "Bio-Curious?" He got us all to pull the chairs in a circle and inspired a discussion about what's really going

on, how do we integrate everything we've talked about, and what's firing people up. Once the momentum got going and time was up, he had to get in there to pull the plug as the group could have kept going and going!

- **"Water/Methanol Injection for IC Engines,"** Eric Maki, *Machine Whisperer*

Crestone's own Eric Maki gave an interesting discussion of the merits of water/methanol injection for internal combustion engines. This approach cools the temperatures of the cylinders for enhanced power and remarkably better fuel efficiency. Eric has installed a couple of systems in the Crestone/Baca area and has had road miles as testament. [www.machinewhisperer.com](http://www.machinewhisperer.com).

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**1927 Lone Pine Way - \$185,000**  
This 3 bd 2 ba, 1694sf Home on two consolidated lots with gorgeous mtn views. Hardwood floors, great room, granite countertops, laundry room, hot water baseboard heat w passive solar! Space for RV w Elec. Apple trees & manicured paths throughout.

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**635C Panorama Way - \$159,000**  
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**1202 Wagon Wheel Road - \$152,000**  
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**123C Skyview Way - \$139,000**  
Hexagonal 3BD/1.75BA 1452sf home on 1.437ac backing to South Crestone Creek greenbelt. Fully fenced lot. Kitchen cabinets, appliances & Windows updated. Incis wood-stove on hearth.

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**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.

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360° View Deck

**418 Moonlight Way - \$249,000**  
Octagonal 2BD/1BA 1200sf home w/view deck, attached studio & exquisite custom details, super high Rvalue, outbuildings, shop, fenced garden and huge greenhouse. Backs to greenbelt w/trails & creek! Views.

**Was \$249,000**  
**UNDER CONTRACT**

**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!

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**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.

**Reduced! - Was \$200,000**  
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**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.

**UNDER CONTRACT**  
WAS \$195,000

**3704 Carefree Way - \$169,000**  
Immaculate like new 3 bd/1.75ba, 1316sf home has wood floors, stucco privacy wall, single car garage, beautiful views of the mountains.

**New Listings**  
Fine Strawbale Construction

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

**New Listings**

**Mother-in-Law Suite**

**1453C Wagon Wheel - \$259,000**  
Spacious SW-Style 4BD/3.5BA 2421sf home on 3.164 acres, backs to Willow Creek greenbelt. Light-filled, dramatic high ceilings & forever views. Lg Mstr Ste upstairs, screened east balcony. Well & septic. Great value!

**Off-Grid**

**144 Rain Dance Trail - \$240,000**  
This ~2600sf 4BD/2BA (w/unfinished 3rd BA) sustainable builder's home has solar thermal, PV, combo of frame & pumice construction. On well & septic. Barn & storage shed, and more! On 6.32 acres. Includes Lot 145.

**Southwest Style**

**1479 Badger Road - \$209,000**  
Custom 3BD/1.75BA home, built in 2004, backs to open space. Immaculate condition. Beautifully crafted w/diamond plastered walls, wood ceilings, wood floors, in-floor radiant heat, & wood stove.

**Backs to Greenbelt/Open Space**

**8 N Baca Grant Way - \$199,000**  
This 1.5 story 2BD/1.75BA 1649sf home w/partially finished basement & garage backs to greenbelt. Many updates including ETS heat, bathrooms, insulated roof. Beautiful Redwood decks w/gorgeous views. Close to town on paved road.

**Willow Springs - NOW \$299,000**  
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**20510 CO Rd 59 - \$99,000**  
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**Baca Townhome #16 - \$179,000**  
A lovely 3BD/3BA/sunroom 1622sf one story townhouse located close to S. 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.

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**30' Yurt**

**4519 Grayline Court \$485,000**  
Elegant 2br 2ba custom strawbale home built in 2003 w/Views! Asian style "Sante Fe" design. Private Cul-de-sac on 8 Consolidated Lots incl +2 adj lots, 5.35 acres. 30' yurt w/ kitchenette & Bathroom.

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**437 N Chaparral Way - \$479,000**  
Built by Paul Koppna 2020sf 4 bd/2 ba strawbale home + detached oversized 2-car garage w/potential apt is designed non toxic materials and energy efficiency. On 2.09 Acres bordering greenbelt of S Crestone Creek with Sauna and outdoor oven.

**Indoor Exercise Pool**

**1967 Rockyview Way - \$449,000**  
Luxurious 3BD/2.75BA/Office/3-car Garage 2953sf home sits on 2.374 acres & has a 2-room upstairs Master Suite. Beautifully landscaped courtyards & gardens with custom fence & deck, great views

**Private on the Creek**

**3959 Cheerful Court - \$429,000**  
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**Was \$459,000**

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**22 Alpine OL - \$295,000**  
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**WA S \$289,000**

**757 Rendezvous Way - \$269,000**  
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**A lovely sanctuary**

**3919 Cordial Way - \$275,000**  
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**Detached Studio**

**1540C Willow Creek Way - \$269,000**  
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**WAS \$259,000**

**207C Foothill OL - \$249,000**  
2-story 3BD/2.5BA/Study stucco home on .965 acres built with non-toxic materials & energy efficiency. Lrg kitchen, bamboo floors, pine ceilings. Spacious master suite w/Jacuzzi tub, sep. shower, marble counters. Views/Deck.

**Eco-Friendly**

**1738C Willow Creek Way - \$239,000**  
Built in 2013, this Paul Koppna strawbale eco-friendly home sits up high in Chalet 1. 2BD/2BA, 1532sf on .91 acres. Strong passive solar. Solar radiant floor heat & domestic hot water. Energy efficient.

**Baca Grande - Grants**

**New Construction: Paul Koppna**

**Reduced! - Was \$229,000**

**1867C Rockyview Way - \$219,000**  
3BD/2BA 1520sf New Construction by Paul Koppna, 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.

**New Construction**

**1911 Lone Pine Way - \$195,000**  
This 2BD/1BA, 1200sf New Construction by Art Reeves. Efficient, great design & views. Rustic wood & metal siding, hrdwd floors & vaulted ceiling in Great Room. Modern kitchen w/stainless appliances. Spacious Master bdrm, & bath.

**Great Value!**

**35 Camino Baca Grande - \$169,000**  
Lovely 3BD/2.5BA 2013sf 1.5 story home remodeled in 2010. Lg living rm w/cath ceiling, kitchen opens to patio w/mtn views. Master suite w/lg walk-in closet, soak tub. 2 lg bdrms & bath up w/full-length deck. Paved road, easy access to town.

**Was \$179,000**

**3376 Genial Way - \$159,000**  
Tri-level 3BD/1.75BA home, lovely screened porch w/trex deck off living room. Lots of windows in the living space, offering amazing views, lots of light, and passive solar. ETS heat.

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**4485 Ridgecrest Way - \$74,500**  
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635C Panorama Way	\$159,500	SOLD	1447 Chaparral Way	\$189,000	UNDER CONTRACT!
1573 Kings Hill OL	\$159,000	SOLD	3704 Carefree Way	\$169,000	UNDER CONTRACT!

# In Search of Economic Reality

## *Americans' experience with refugees*

by Ed Lyell

I moved to Colorado in 1970 and soon after developed the normal Coloradoan viewpoint that now that I am here in this beautiful state we should stop others from coming. Dick Lamm, when Governor, shared that view and shut down the movement to host the 1976 Olympic winter games. This seems to be a universally shared human value, to get to a good place and then try to keep it good by shutting new entrants out. The refugee crises in Europe based on millions trying to escape the turmoil of the Middle East exhibits the same viewpoint or prejudice.

Yet America is a country of refugees. Since the first Caucasians landed in North America there have been battles about more escapees from European oppression coming to America. The history network has said; "In the 1790s, the American scientist David Rittenhouse said the United States was "an asylum to the good, to the persecuted, and to the oppressed of other climes." The prominent historian Gordon Wood writes: "By the early 1790s Americans were not surprised that their country was in fact attracting refugees from the tyrannies of the Old World. (<http://historynewsnetwork.org/blog/153691#sthash.E1u5DG8i.dpuf>)

Helping refugees has also always been political. The Federalist Congress passed the Alien Act as a reaction to their fear that the newcomers were overwhelmingly supporters of Thomas Jefferson's Democratic-Republican Party. Later refugees from revolutionary France were joined by thousands, fleeing political oppression in Ireland. Each wave of new migrants faced hatred, oppression, and exploitation by the existing citizens who feared new competition for jobs and business.

The pot stirred again in the late 1930s, when Americans faced Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany. These refugees were the scientists who dramatically raised education levels in America and created the rockets, airplanes, and other technologies that won WWII and provided decades of economic gain in America. The only clear losers from these waves of new immigrants were the Native Americans who were killed by the thousands in what is forever a stain on America's conscience.

Then in 1975, 62% of Americans said that they feared that Vietnamese refugees would take their jobs. Four years later, just as many said they didn't want to admit "boat people" from Vietnam,

who were fleeing the country's repressive communist government. Americans said the same for Cuban refugees in the 1980s and Haitians in the 1990s. The Mexican revolution in 1910 caused over one million Mexicans to come into the U.S. over the next two decades. One of my personal friends, who did his PhD in business with me at CU-Boulder, was a refugee from Hungary when the Russians invaded his home country. He was an Olympic skier for Hungary when he and other Olympians stole a tank and fought their way out of Russian-occupied Hungary. Laci became a staunch conservative Republican who supported new immigrants—a far cry from current Republican leaders.

America was built by refugees from all over the world. The common theme was to escape oppression and come to America to create a liberty-loving and economically successful country for everyone. Many were exploited upon arrival and yet most developed much better lives here than from whence they had fled.

I have my own concerns for the criteria used for legally admitting new citizens. We are one of the few countries that give priority to linking up families which brings

in many illiterate immigrants who can hurt the economy. Other countries give priority to admitting those with already good education and skills, requiring that they first demonstrate competence in their new country's language. As an economist I prefer those criteria.

I also think that it is a mistake to provide incentives for pregnant women to come across our border to then give birth. These anchor babies then give rise to increasing numbers of legal and illegal immigrants. There are companies that sell vacation trips to the Chinese, bringing them into our country to have their babies. They also help them purchase homes putting the title under the new US born baby's name. One Las Vegas realtor reported that half the homes, sold after losing half their value in 2008 were cash deals to these visiting families. This forward planning means that their child will have preferences for getting into top universities at lower cost many years later.

Of course the USA also has a special immediate path to citizenship for anyone bringing millions of dollars into the US. Again the wealthy live by different laws than the average American. We need a national discussion to create better immigration policy and laws while continuing to embrace acceptance of refugees who come with skills and a deep quest for improving life for all.

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# Successful spay & neuter clinic



by Patrick Moore

"I have never seen such complete community involvement, participation, volunteerism, contribution and enthusiasm," said Lisa Petri, President and workhorse of Colorado Animal Welfare League. She literally travels the world for the benefit of animals in underserved communities everywhere. She recently brought her skills, devotion and really big trailer to Crestone for the Pet Partners' Spay and Neuter Clinic. Lisa was amazing, and also quite amazed at how completely our community stepped forward for this clinic and for the well-being of our pets. She said she never sees such involvement and volunteerism by the community in her travels.

The clinic was a huge success; over 50 of our community pets were spayed or neutered and 100% of pre-registrations showed up (except one cat who was being stubborn that morning). The turnout was astounding. So many in our community made this possible.

Dr. Linda Behrns, of Crestone Mobile Veterinary Service, performed all surgeries in three and a half days! That's a marathon. Her dedication, skill, professionalism and stamina were incredible. None of this would have been possible without Linda. We're so fortunate to

have her in our community. Thank you Linda!

The volunteers were amazing too! They welcomed the pets and owners, calmed the animals, carried them from surgery to recovery, tended to their needs until they recovered, gave instructions to the pet owners for meds and care, and cleaned. Special thanks to Lisa Haskins, Melinda Davis, Jade Vigil, Donovan Michael, Cathy Amenta, Thomas Lechner and Mary Miller. I loved seeing how beautifully these volunteers ministered to the animals' needs. You would have thought they were trained technicians, but it was good old-fashioned love and compassion I saw. Thank you so much volunteers.

Even community businesses jumped in to make this a success. The Crestone Mercantile provided pet pads, food, water, donuts and coconut water to the effort. Bob's Cafe provided breakfast and lunch every day for the staff and volunteers. The Northern Saguache County Fire Protection District loaned the fire house, and the men and women of the Crestone Volunteer Fire Department made it ready for the clinic. The Rainbow Bed & Breakfast donated a room for Lisa Petri while she was here. Aventa Credit Union loaned its bathroom facilities to staff and volunteers. The Crestone Creamery provided a treat of ice cream on the last day. Thank you all.

Finally, as Linda put it, "Perhaps most importantly of all, thanks to all the cat and dog owners who got up early and did the responsible thing by bringing their animals in to get spayed and neutered." Way to go everybody!

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# Baca Grande Library News



by **Suzanne McGregor**

On behalf of our dedicated Friends of the Baca Grande Library (FOL), we would like to thank all community members

who contributed delicious baked goods and helped at the table for the annual Tax Day Bake Sale last month. Coordinated by Thom Ontko with assistance from many hard-working volunteers and library staff, the event was a success—even with the chilly windy weather! Thank you for supporting our efforts by buying some of these goodies and making donations to the jar—the profits will go to enhancing our present library and planning for the future of the Baca Grande Library.

High altitude gardening can be quite challenging, especially

with a short growing season—and sometimes snowfalls in May. We can help by providing the information and guidelines that you might need for a successful and fruitful season in our high and dry area. We have an extensive gardening section with books on low-maintenance, vertical and cubed foot gardening, Rocky Mountain plants, Colorado month-to-month guides, cold frames and greenhouses, xeriscaping and permaculture. At the end of the season, you might consider *Seed to Seed* and *Seed Saving*. For year-round information, *Zone 4* and *Rocky Mountain*

*Gardening* magazines are available in the library.

The library has a lovely gift idea for Mom on Mother's Day, May 8. We think she might like a colorful book/shopping bag handmade by Pat Tullos. Come see the collection—they are perfect for carrying home all those books that are checked out of the library.

Notice: The library will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

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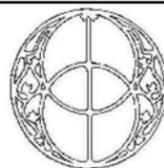
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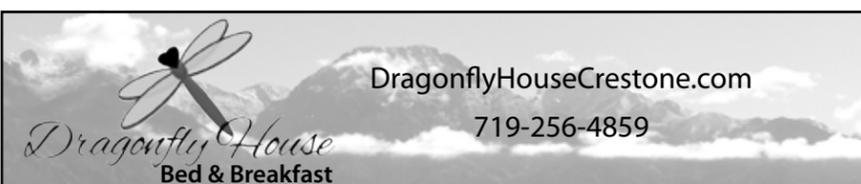
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New Cottage in Saguache for sale. Straw bale, metal, stucco, and large wooden beams. Nice stairway to loft and small greenhouse upstairs with star gazing deck. Two bedrooms and an office. Small tiny home kitchen. Still needs the bathroom added, but water and sewer are in place. Water spigots are freeze proof Flow-Backs all throughout the 1/4 fenced acre. 12 X 28 Rhino Barn, could be used for horses or storage. 10 X 16 art studio with bamboo door and high grade windows. Propane has been run to studio ready for heater. Main house has a 12 X 28 covered patio. Seven years of building and finishing. Skylights and nice finishes. Color coated and ready to move in except for bath. Nice garden beds all ready to plant. Twelve foot gates with 8 foot fencing enclosing entire property. Very private behind locked gates. Must see artistic 1200 sq. ft. tiny

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#### Mobile Home on 5 Acres

Mobile Home on 5 acres on County Rd T, between Moffat and Crestone, well, garage, outbuildings \$179k. Joe 719-256-5439

### TOWN OF CRESTONE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

As per CRS 12-47-415, a Public Hearing will be held on Friday, May 20, 2016 at 10:00 am at the Crestone Town Hall, 108 W. Galena Avenue, Crestone, CO, regarding a new Brew- Pub liquor license application made by David Carlberg on behalf of the Crestone Brewing Company from March 10, 2016 for the premises at 187 W. Silver Avenue, Crestone, CO. 81131

### SAGUACHE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at the Saguache County Road and Bridge Meeting Room located at 305 - 3rd Street, Saguache, Colorado, on the following date:

**THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016 at 1 PM**

to consider proposed changes to the Saguache County Land Development Code

Article I – Introduction

Article IV – Articles of Local Interest – Marijuana Regulations

Article III – Construction Permit

To view the proposed changes, you may contact the Saguache County Land Use Department – PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 or [wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov](mailto:wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov), or by calling 719-655-2321 or you may view the changes on our website at [www.saguachecounty.net](http://www.saguachecounty.net).

Written comments will be accepted until Friday, May 6, 2016 at 3pm, and may be sent to Saguache County Land Use Department at PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 or email to [wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov](mailto:wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov).

By: Jason Anderson, Chairman  
Chairman, Saguache County Board of Commissioners

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**Looking for home to rent in July (12 mos)**

36/32 respectful couple & 5 year old son looking for home in the Baca. Air Force veteran. We own an online business & will pay on time. Selling Texas home in June. Small Yorkie. Prefer 12 month+ lease. References available. Nick & Jessika 682-351-3712

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The Baca Grande Property Owners Association is seeking two full-time Maintenance Assistants. These will be temporary summer positions. Must be 18 years of age with a valid Colorado Driver's License. Ability to perform heavy manual labor required. Prefer someone who is able to operate a variety of heavy equipment regularly. Working knowledge of mowers and golf course equipment, turf watering systems, maintenance, basic carpentry, plumbing and electrical skills are preferred, but not required. Please contact the BGPOA office for an application at: (719) 256-4171 or on our website: [www.bacapo.org](http://www.bacapo.org)

**Office Aide/Clerical Assistant**

Position open for an office aide/clerical assistant. Part-time, 10.00 per hr. Applications may be picked up at Crestone Town Hall, 108 W. Galena Ave. Mon-Fri, 9-1 pm.

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# EARTH TALK

**Questions & Answers About Our Environment**

**From the Editors of E - The Environmental Magazine**

Dear EarthTalk: Why is the Arctic such a crucial area to focus on in efforts to stem global warming?

—Joseph Constabile, Dedham, MA

The image of a polar bear standing on a shrinking iceberg has become one of the most iconic symbols of global warming, yet few of us realize just how important the Arctic's ice is, wherever we may live on the earth. Researchers consider the Arctic to be an "indicator region" for the rest of the planet, given that even small differences in temperature there can have profound ecosystem impacts and can give us a better idea of the types of problems we can all expect down the road.

Of course, the effects of global warming have been under scrutiny in the Arctic for decades already. Since 1979, the extent of the Arctic's permanent ice cap has shrunk by upwards of 20%. Even worse, the remaining ice has thinned by as much as two-thirds in some parts of the Arctic. Recent models suggest this ice loss will only accelerate in the next several years due to a global warming feedback loop called the "albedo effect," whereby less ice means less reflection of the sun's radiation back into space and thus more warming at the Earth's surface. And not only is the ice shrinking—parts of the ice cap are also rupturing: The Ward Hunt Ice Shelf, the largest block of ice in the Arctic and intact for some 3,000 years, finally cracked in 2000, and within two years split all the way through.

These changes up north are already starting to have ripple effects elsewhere. For starters, the entire Arctic ecosystem is being forced to shift with the changing climate. Animals like polar bears, whales and seals are changing mi-



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gration patterns, in turn impacting native people who depend on them for sustenance. Meanwhile, other organisms are overpopulating, given all the new habitat opening up. Rising temperatures have allowed the spruce bark beetle to add an extra reproduction cycle each year. As a result the pesky little beetles decimated 3.4 million acres of Alaska's forests over just 10 years.

And then there's the issue of sea level rise. Thanks in large part to melting Arctic glaciers, sea level is expected to rise some three feet on average around the world in the next century, flooding over 22,000 square miles in the United States alone. This pressing issue threatens island nations especially. Countries like the Maldives, precariously perched just six feet above sea level, are as concerned as anyone about melting glaciers in the Arctic. And warming in the Arctic also affects weather patterns vital for food production all over the world. Cold water from the melting ice could also potentially halt the Gulf Stream,

which brings warm weather to Europe. This would result in a steep drop in temperature for much of northwestern Europe and would affect weather patterns far beyond.

While it may seem futile for us to try to stop Arctic ice melting, we do in fact have the power. We can all work to reduce our carbon footprints by flying and driving less, turning down (or off) the heat or air conditioning, speaking up to our elected officials, and even divesting from companies that support the continued development of fossil fuels.

Contacts: NOAA Arctic Change website, [www.arctic.noaa.gov/detect/climate-strat.shtml](http://www.arctic.noaa.gov/detect/climate-strat.shtml); EPA Carbon Footprint Calculator, [www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator](http://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator).

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## Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno

March 21 to April 20

**Total precipitation for period:**

Liquid precip: 1.96"

Snow: 19.3"

Measurable precipitation fell on 9 days.

Measurable snow fell on 8 days.

A trace of snow fell on 5 days.

Measurable rain fell on 2 days.

A trace of rain fell on 3 days.

Measurable hail fell on one day,

and a trace of hail fell on 1 day.

2 thunderstorms occurred.

Total precipitation year to date:

Since Jan 1: 3.02"

Total snow to date:

Since Jan 1: 34.7"

Snow Season \*: 56.7"

\*Snow season runs from July 1 to June 30

**Temperatures for the period:**

High temp: 66.1°F on April 7

Low temp: 3.0°F on March 27

Avg. high: 51.1°F

Avg. low: 24.3°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 60°: 9

Number of days with the low temperature at or below 32°: 25

**Winds for the period:**

Avg. speed: 3.5 mph

Highest gust: 44 mph on March 29 and also on April 5

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

**Weather summary:**

Temperatures were near normal,

with 3 record highs and 2 records lows.

Precipitation was above normal.

**Outlook for May**

May is a month where things start to warm up nicely around here. The average high in the first week of May is 62°, with the average low right at freezing.

By the end of the month we see highs of 72° and lows of 40°. The warmest day ever in May was a very hot 96°, set in 2002, while 13° was the coldest reading in May, set in 2011.

Precipitation-wise, May is the fifth wettest month of the year, averaging 1.11" of precip.

We also see an average of 2.6" of snow in May, and just how great is your weather memory? If it's good, you will recall that just last year we broke the record for most snow even in the month of May, with 18.4" of snow falling, including 15.9" falling on May 9 alone.

The 30-day outlook for May as of April 21 is calling for the same weather it has called for all year long—that being below normal temps with very much above average precipitation.

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