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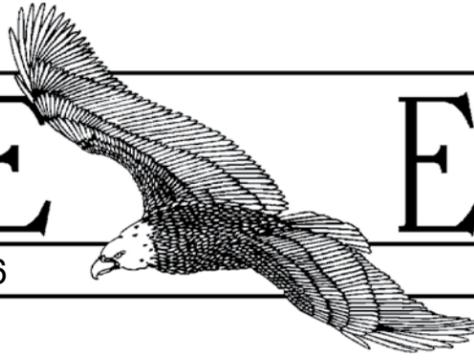
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Hemp takes center stage at Saguache County meetings; short-lived hemp moratorium lifted

by Sandia Belgrade

The Saguache County Commissioners did a quick turnaround on hemp. In their first May meeting they issued a 6-month temporary moratorium on hemp cultivation. Their reasoning was that this would allow them ample time to research and study the pros and cons of hemp. Amendment 64, the 2012 Colorado ballot initiative that legalized marijuana, also provided for state licensing of industrial hemp farming including growing industrial hemp by registered per-

sons for commercial purposes. On May 17, the Commissioners lifted the short-lived hemp moratorium by a 2-1 vote, in time for planting season. According to Jason Anderson, many got their applications in to the State to cultivate hemp before the moratorium, so a moratorium was not practical as they would be grandfathered in.

Commissioner Ken Anderson's contend that it's an agricultural product and there is no reason to treat it differently. Although hemp has a visual similarity to

marijuana, hemp contains very little or no THC, the psychoactive chemical. Hemp fiber is the longest, strongest and most durable of all natural fibers. Cultivation requires no chemicals, pesticides or herbicides. Industrial hemp can be used to make food, fuel, clothing and fabric, plastics, construction materials, cement, textiles and paper to name a few uses. Yes, paper—another way to save our forests. Moreover, it has the possibility of bringing needed income to the county. About \$500 million worth of hemp product is imported

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Another Hantavirus fatality in SLV confirmed

Lab tests confirmed in May that a Rio Grande County resident, who recently fell ill and was hospitalized, was exposed to hantavirus, according to Rio Grande County Public Health Director Emily Brown. To protect confidentiality, public health officials are unable to disclose the identity of the patient or exact location of exposure.

"We want to remind our community to take precautions to reduce the chance of exposure to this virus," said Brown. Exposure to hantavirus can cause Hantavirus

Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS), a rare but serious disease that 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 or being bitten by mice, because hantavirus can be found in the urine, saliva, and droppings of infected mice. People are at risk when getting 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.

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Workers build a retaining wall in front of the Town Hall during the Pedestrian Pathways Project construction. Crestone's downtown is looking great! Sidewalks! See feature story on Page B1.

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Thank you Chris Botz

Dear Editor,

Chris Botz has officially retired from our Crestone Baca Ambulance Service. He put in years and many hours going over, above, and beyond expectations.

Thank you my friend, for sharing the road and your knowledge with me.

May your future be bright and beyond your dreams.

Cindy Hefty EMT

Thanks for the help

Dear Friends,

At this difficult time, after having lost a son, I would like to thank all of the outpouring of love, emotional support, food and donations we have received for our family. We are very humbled and wish to sincerely thank all of you who have helped and are still helping us through this—the most crushing experience of our lives.

With gratitude,

Allyson Ransom and Family

Alligator in the kettle

Dear Editor,

The heating element in my hot water kettle used to be a gleaming stainless steel. But now it has a black coating and the kettle is black. It changed after some well meaning individuals projected their beliefs onto Ortho-Polyphosphate in the Baca water. OPP which has no demonstrated negative health effects was in the water to inhibit copper leaching which does have negative health effects. They prevailed and OPP was banished from the water. The substitute is soda ash in the water which is now smelly, funny tasting, and deposits black scaly material on the heating element of your hot water tank!

Seems there is always somebody to complain about anything instead of looking deeper at truth and unintended consequences. But now since spring has finally arrived, we can get out, plant good seeds in the garden, and pull out unintended weeds by their roots. First however, water is on the boil and time for tea. Which reminds me of the age-old wisdom of Pogo who said, "if the skeeters don't get ya, the gators will". My conclusion: Baca Crestone is a very interesting community with black kettles and hot water tanks.

Vince Palermo

All the best

Dear Crestonites,

John and I have sold our home on Panorama Way, a bittersweet moment.

We came to Crestone for the first time in 1988 on a retreat after our Colorado College son told us about the beauty of the San Luis Valley.

We've owned our lovely, com-

fortable home in the Baca since 1998, thanks to builders Richard and Elinor Laurie. In addition to Richard and Elinor, we are very grateful to so many Crestonites for their friendship and support over the years.

First and foremost, we will always be appreciative of our life-giving connection with the monks at the Spiritual Life Institute and the Episcopal community at Little Shepherd.

We owe more thanks to Marcia Heusted, Martin Macaulay, Carol and David Crawford, Lee Temple, Carol d'Antoni, Darlene Yarbrough, Whitney Strong, Mark Jacobi, Josh Wilfong, Matt Potter Jr., Chris Canaly, Michael Wasserman, Christine Dupre, Matie Belle Lakish, Loretta Covert, Don and Pat Tullos, Findley West, Kai Beetch, and the excellent librarians at the Crestone Library who have provided us with wonderful resources and good conversation.

As the Irish like to say—All the best,

Helen & John Molanphy
Santa Fe, NM

Writing your own obituary fan

Dear Editor,

I thought I would like to write today to Ammi Kohn after connecting with his Aging as an Art column in the May issue of *The Crestone Eagle* about writing your own obituary.

It was just so curious to me that it corresponded beautifully to my own experience of having just composed my own obituary, days prior to receiving the paper. I am not sick nor dying (as far as I know, anyway). It was just a random exercise, an inspiration that occurred to me that day.

I look forward to the obituaries but not out of some fear, mortality, or morbid perversity. I think I stand in awe of all these "short stories" of people who truly came into their own. It's humbling to wonder if I ever will. Only 61, so there's still time to kick-start it into gear and reach some pinnacle of accolade I suppose! But I rather suspect my nature is to fade rather than to flame.

I am pleased by people's names sometimes. The quirky ones. Some elegant and some must have been a challenge and I wonder had it been mine would I have changed it? I look at the photo and match it to their chronology. An image selected, someone else's choice of the decedent's prime. Would it be the one they would have chosen? What snapshot in time will someone choose for me?

For those who passed before their prime, there is great reverence and I hold that thought close for a moment and say a blessing. For those who led remarkable lives I am just amazed at all they accomplished and the changes they brought about and the impact they had! And sometimes, I meet someone here and—obviously under different circumstances—think maybe we'd been friends.

So, that is my letter now to Anni Kohn. A moment shared.

Gretchen Renata

Who needs libraries anymore?

Dear Editor,

Public libraries are dead, right? I mean seriously, we have the all-powerful Google machine in our pocket. What more do we need? All we have to do is ask Siri to find us a Wikipedia article and instantly there is everything there is to know about the 1965 Norwegian Parliamentary Election. Spoiler alert, the Labour Party takes it again! In all seriousness, why do we need libraries in the age of the internet and what purpose do they serve?

Public libraries ensure equality. They offer access to resources that some people simply can't afford, and in modern libraries those resources are much more than books and an internet connection. Modern libraries offer DIY spaces where patrons can gather to create, invent and learn. Tools, software and hardware that aren't practical or affordable for most individuals to own can be made available for free. Telecomm spaces can be made available so citizens all over the country and of low socioeconomic status can coordinate and advocate for causes that are important to them. Outdoor equipment can be checked out so everyone can enjoy Nature's beauty and experts can be brought to offer free courses to the community.

Libraries can transform communities. They can engage residents around their shared aspirations for their community, help drive projects that are addressing challenges in the community, help build a sense of civic pride, and create more trust and stronger relationships among community members. If you ask me, these are things all communities could use, especially ours. If you have never been to the library in your area, take some time to visit, and if you have the means, please consider investing in your community and supporting the Baca Grande Library. All the things I mentioned above could very much be a reality here.

—Michael Pacheco

Take back your power

Dear Editor,

Kudos to all the people involved in showing the revelatory documentary about the so-called smart meters, "Take Back Your Power," coming to our local electric meters soon.

Copies of the movie are at the library and it would be good if all of us saw it to get informed; these meters are extremely health-hazardous, no matter what the power companies say, as well as a serious infringement of our constitutional rights. We must be able to choose Yay or Nay, but this is apparently being denied us.

Stay tuned for meeting updates and please show up if you care about your personal health and our collective democracy.

Yours for the Evolution,
Paki Wright

Wishing all fathers a very
Happy Father's Day!

Editor's Notes

Feeling happy

I'm so happy that I have a big smile on my face just by walking to the post office. Walking on beautiful earth-toned sidewalks, admiring the color and shapes, the curves and places for plants and trees. Didn't have to walk in the road or stumble on gravel. Didn't have to walk on harsh grey concrete. Who could imagine that curbs, gutters and sidewalks could be so graceful? Burt Wadman did. He was the project manager and designer from the beginning.

This project has been in the works for years. How to make Crestone be a place you want to get out and walk around? How to make it safer and prettier? Yet still be Crestone? Still have the small town feel we love? There have been many community members, town trustees, mayors, an administrator, staff, project managers and funders that gave their input to made that happen. Next month I'll try to compile the long thank you list. For now I want to reaffirm that when people get together, share their energy, believe in making something happen, it can happen.

In June the paving will be done. This summer Little Pearl Park will see its dirt entrance become a plaza with a beautiful mosaic and fountain. With community help and donations, trees and plantings can happen.

Give in to the urge to get out and be a pedestrian. Park and then take a stroll down Alder Street. See the renovations that are happening to the Town Hall. A new greenhouse and stairway have been built, and more painting with added details are coming (the wagon wheels will be back!).

Thank you to everyone who has put up with the construction and driven around and driven slowly. Thanks to the Alcon Construction guys for working around the traffic. And thanks to all who carry a vision and have pride in their town.

—Kizzen



David Chubirka

January 3, 1953-May 15, 2016

David Chubirka gracefully departed this world as the sun rose Sunday, May 15.

David was born in Emmaus, PA January 3, 1953. Following high school he served in the US Navy. After the military he moved to the Bay Area of California.

He entered college and studied the sciences with his eye toward becoming a chiropractor. Before graduating he put his studies on hold. David became enamored with bicycles—he built them, rode them, raced them and sold them for Specialized Bicycle Company.

It was after his bicycle phase that he entered his computer phase. Moving to the Redmond, WA area he studied computer science and earned many Microsoft certifications. He spent thousands of hours embroiled in the exciting challenges of programming and IT. For his next phase he returned to college, earning a BS in Naturopathy from Clayton College. He immersed himself in the study of Energy Medicine and herbology.

David dedicated himself to his every pursuit including his spiritual understanding, a major focus throughout his life.

He read voraciously on myriad subjects and loved to share his discoveries and curiosity. Among his passions were: history, astronomy, quantum physics, bicycling, model trains, model car racing, the intricacies of guns and re-loading bullets, cooking, the universe and a spirited debate.

David enjoyed living in Crestone and the valley. He participated in the community as a member of the Crestone Fire Department, survived working for the POA in the Land Use Department, working at the Mart, cooking at the Silver Palace, working for the US Forest Service and roasting coffee at the Mirage in Moffat.

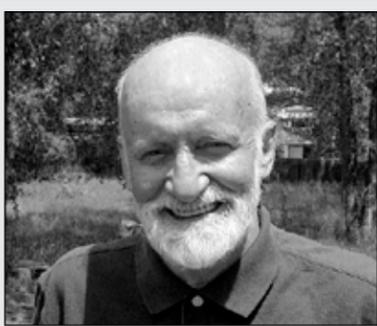
David's journey on Earth was brought to a close by an aggressive and voracious cancer.

He will be celebrated and missed by the many whose lives he touched.



Shirley Claire Clark

Shirley Claire Clark, a resident of the Baca since 2008, passed away April 30, 2016. Claire, as she liked to be called, was born in Metropolis, IL. A very accomplished woman, she received her BFA from the University of Illinois, and later attended the University of Colorado for her Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture. She was a world traveller, living in many places, before she decided to call Crestone her home. A lover of nature, gardening, hiking, backpacking, and reading were among her favorite activities. Shirley Claire was 85. She will be greatly missed by her 2 sons, a daughter-in-law and many friends.



Robert Philleo

May 10, 1932—May 11, 2016

Robert Steven Philleo was born on May 11, 1932, in Wisconsin Rapids, WI to John Minahan Philleo and Benamena Kurzewski Philleo. Robert studied at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Chicago. He worked as Director of Training and Assistant Director of Personnel at National Institutes of Health from 1962 to 1983.

In 1984 he moved to Crestone where he became a real estate broker and started Northern Valley Realty company. He was also elected a Saguache County Commissioner.

Robert was a deeply committed Buddhist who served on many non-profit boards. He was known for his good-naturedness and generous spirit and was an avid golfer, meditation practitioner and architectural enthusiast.

He is survived by his four children: Steve Philleo of Bethesda, MD; Dean Philleo of Frederick, MD; Brad Philleo of Golden, CO; and Wendy Philleo of Charlottesville, VA; ten grandchildren and five siblings. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name to the Insight Meditation Society (www.dharma.org) would be welcome. A service to celebrate Robert's life will take place in Crestone on Saturday, July 9.



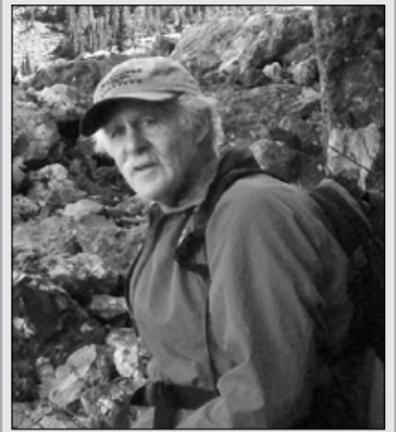
James Emerson Ransom

March 21, 1987-May 8, 2016

James Emerson Ransom, aged 29, was a beautiful and beloved son, brother, and kind friend to many. He passed away at his home on May 8, 2016 in Rogers, Arkansas. He was the third son from a family of five brothers and was born on the first day of spring on March 21, 1987 in Alamosa, Colorado. An intensely creative and gifted artist from an early age, he later graduated from Gravette High School in 2006 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Arkansas in 2010. His hobbies often overlapped with his work: drawing, design, and photography. When he was 9, he taught himself how to play the guitar and music was always an important part of his life. He uploaded some of his music, Palustrina Nueva, to Sound Cloud. He loved animals and trained and raised a German shepherd puppy that became his "child." One of his greatest gifts was inspiring others to follow their hearts and to look for beauty in even the most drab and mundane of places. At the time of his death, he was enjoying his work as the Senior Art Director at the advertising firm, Geometry Global, from their Rogers office.

James is survived by his mother, Allyson Ransom of Crestone, CO; his father, Ramon Ransom of Sulphur Springs, AR; his brothers, Jacob Ransom of Bentonville, AR, John Ransom of Denton, TX, Michael Ransom and Max Van Horn of Crestone, CO, a multitude of close friends and last but not least, his beloved German Shepherd, Ellie.

James' family will celebrate his life with a private family memorial service, but is very grateful for all of the kind words, gifts and support that community members have already shared. In lieu of flowers or money, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made in James' name to the Humane Society or by simply planting a tree. He will be more than missed, but his family sends blessings to him on his new journey, and in the words of one of his closest friends, "James Ransom—you were a bad ass dude, a damn fine artist, a driving creative and now you have been reduced to what you have always been, a truly beautiful soul."



Gordon Thomas Barnett

June 20, 1941-April 4, 2016

Born in Seattle, Gordon is survived by his daughter, Nicole Golden, of St. Petersburg, Florida, and her two children, Phoebe and Skyler, and his son, Aaron, of Port Townsend, Washington, and his daughter, Thea. Gordon is also survived by two brothers, John, of Turlock, California, and Fred, of Albuquerque, NM.

Gordon worked his whole life in construction, in Colorado, Washington and Alaska. His areas of construction included single family homes, apartments and small commercial buildings, including remodels and new construction.

Gordon grew up mostly in Seattle, but spent many summers attending YMCA summer camps and on Bainbridge Island, where the family eventually moved to live year long. Gordon took part in YMCA winter programs, learning to snow ski in middle school. Gordon and John joined The Mountaineers in high school, and often spent winter weekends at one of the lodges, skiing all weekend long. Frequently, during the summers, Gordon would work construction with a family friend who was a contractor. His earliest business venture was "Big Daddy's Fruit Stand" with his best friend. Gordon attended Haverford College and then matriculated from the University of Washington. He spent half a year bicycling around Europe before stopping to spend a ski season in Austria. Upon his return to the U.S. he entered into construction, learning all he could from more experience people. He married long-time friend, Judy Barnes, with whom they had three children. Gordon and Judy both shared a passion for skiing, and lived in several areas close to the mountains, including Skykomish, WA, and Aspen, CO.

Later, Gordon lived near where he could ski and also do contracting. He lived and worked in or near Snowmass, Aspen, and Vail. He also enjoyed skiing Taos, Crested Butte and Monarch.

For the majority of his last years, Gordon lived in Crestone, CO. He enjoyed the proximity to the mountains and the solitude of living amongst the piñon trees. Very important to Gordon were the very close-knit friendships he built over time in the Crestone community.

Memories of our lives,
of our works and our
deeds will continue in
others.

—Rosa Parks

Commentary: The marijuana carpetbagger invasion

by Sandia Belgrade

Carpetbaggers is a term coined in 1868 to describe Northerners who went to the South after the American Civil War. These outsiders came for financial and political gains and were depicted carrying their profits in a carpetbag. In present usage the word refers to outside opportunists who come to an area looking to exploit a situation for their own profit. In this transition era where some states have legalized marijuana and others not, several kinds of carpetbaggers have appeared in states where marijuana is legal, including illegal growers and business privateers coming from out of state. Venture capitalists, investors and entrepreneurs are rushing in to take advantage of the cannabis gold rush, dubbing the phenomenon the “green rush.”

It’s capitalism after all. They’re all looking to take advantage of the marriage between big business and marijuana, between those who work inside the law and those outside it. We’re seeing a rush of greed in the so-called “free market” approach as marijuana transitions from the black market. In the four states with legal recreational marijuana—Alaska, Colorado, Oregon and Washington—and 24 legal medical marijuana states and DC (none from the south), the trend has been for carpetbaggers to move north or west into these states. Oregon has carpetbaggers coming from its neighboring states, so many that some Oregonians boycott any pot business run by out-of-state owners to keep the pot business and cash local. Carpetbaggers are even heading to Alaska to cash in on the new market.

Opportunistic capitalist

Not long ago some of these carpetbaggers didn’t know a sativa from a Subaru but are now diving into the market. Some are making out like bandits.

Marijuana is already the top cash crop in twelve states, one of the top three cash crops in 30 states, and one of the top five cash crops in 39 states. Legalization of recreational marijuana has given rise to a whole new economy surrounding the sale of cannabis: oils, lotions, edibles and paraphernalia. The era of grassroots—love that word—is ending, but the nouveau riche investing in marijuana have little deference for the old guard. We’re seeing perhaps the last vestiges of the drug’s counterculture. A generation of growers are being priced out of a market they created, only to watch corporate carpetbaggers swoop in.

Two significant aspects of the green rush cannot be overlooked: the effect on medical marijuana and the effect on communities and people. Colorado has reacted with a law that limits caregivers who grow pot on behalf of patients to 99 plants. The private privateers and venture capitalists are untouched. It amounts to an under-the-table nod to carpetbaggers who are not the subject of scrutiny the way the medical growers are. This example

from California applies here. They passed the Compassionate Use Act to ensure that seriously ill Californians have the right to obtain and use marijuana for medical purposes deemed appropriate by a physician who has determined that the person’s health would benefit from the use of marijuana in the treatment of cancer, anorexia, AIDS, chronic pain, spasticity, glaucoma, arthritis, migraine, or as palliative or symptom-relieving care for any other illness for which marijuana has been proved to provide relief. It’s given rise to a new phenomenon. Some California doctors crisscross the state charging \$150 for every medical exam needed for a medical marijuana recommendation. Such a physician needs to see just 30 patients a day to gross more than \$1 million a year. The money and not the positive medical attributes of cannabis are the focus. What happened to “do no harm?” These get-rich profiteers are crushing the medicinal market, and in response states are limiting caregivers and restricting medical plants, sometimes to 36. The medical cannabis system is being folded into the newly approved system for legal marijuana sales. This new structure is detrimental to an effective medical distribution system—especially in a rural area where there are no medical dispensaries. See more at: <http://healthimpactnews.com/2014/medical-cannabis>.

The deterioration of the social fabric.

Down here on the ground, there is another phenomenon creeping in. In Saguache County, for example, there are people who come into this poor, rural county in the spring, set up their greenhouses or rented houses, do their grows illegally, use water sometimes illegally without regard for that precious substance, and sometimes use pesticides. They don’t socialize; there are no friendly waves. They aren’t interested in being neighborly. It makes for an unknown, shadowy presence in the community. When the Drug Enforcement Administration’s Denver Field Division busted illegal pot farms in southern Colorado last fall, agents found 28 guns. After they harvest, they pack up and go—sometimes leaving behind dirty messes, water logged floors, ghost imprints on the land. They are modern-day carpetbaggers, and this is their idea of freedom: move in, take your profit and scam. These carpetbaggers don’t see or appreciate that in a state supposedly taking in millions of pot dollars, this county gets precious little. It would be but a small percentage of their profit to support the county by paying land use fees.

It can be so different. Trinidad City Manager Gabe Engeland says that pot money is being re-invested and it is reviving their town. In Oregon, many have made a commitment to sustainability using less power and less water to shrink their eco-footprint. In old fashioned terms: giving back to the land, to the people, and to the community.

Commentary: Colorado Community Rights Amendment could help local government protect their environment

by John Loll

Two recent Colorado Supreme Court actions have set the stage for a potential November 2016 ballot showdown between local communities seeking home-rule and the oil and gas industry.

In March the high court cleared the way for a state constitutional amendment initiative to advance toward the November ballot. The initiative guarantees the right of local community self-government to the people of Colorado. One hundred thousand valid signatures are required to qualify the measure for the ballot.

The Community Rights Amendment was drafted by the Colorado Community Rights Network. As communities across the state face a range of environmental and economic harms—including fracking and livable wage issues—Coloradoans are advancing the right to local community self-government in order to secure the rights of people, communities, and nature, and to protect against fracking and other activities that would violate those rights. The title of the amendment reads as follows:

“An amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning a right to local self-government, and, in connection therewith, declaring that the people have an inherent right to local self-government in counties and municipalities, including the power to enact laws to establish, protect, and secure rights of natural persons, communities, and nature, as well as the power to define or eliminate the rights and powers of corporations or business entities to prevent them from interfering with those rights; and exempting such local laws from preemption or nullification by any federal, state, or international law if the local laws do not restrict fundamental rights or weaken legal protections for natural persons, their local communities, or nature.”

“We will now begin what could be considered the largest volunteer, grassroots campaign for a Colorado state ballot initiative in our state’s history. We aim to make democracy legal in the most important of places—where we live”, said Cliff Willmeng, campaign organizer of Colo-

rado Community Rights Network.

On May 2, the Colorado Supreme Court blocked efforts by Fort Collins and Longmont to limit oil and gas development near people, ruling state power to promote industry overrules local bans, which the court deemed “invalid and unenforceable.”

Consequently, successful petition and subsequent voter approval of the Community Rights Amendment is necessary for communities to have meaningful local control over corporations.

Crestone and the Baca have long distinguished themselves in fighting for protection of land, open space, water, silence, dark night sky, riparian recharge areas, preservation of aquifers, and protection of local wildlife. A deep appreciation of nature is what led many of us to this special place and is a cherished community value.

But as we’ve seen these battles must be renewed when corporations overstep.

Whether it occurs because of local circumstance as in the attempt to charge dues to open space by the Baca Grande Property Owners Association or so-called “international free trade agreements” by multinational corporations, the ability of local municipalities or counties to apply needed corrections and prohibitions must be ensured.

Since the Baca is a split estate with subsurface mineral rights not owned by the surface property owners, the Community Rights Amendment could help the Baca bolster its ability to resist new attempts at water, oil or gas exploitation. But since the Baca is not incorporated it would need to rely on current representation through Saguache County or alternatively be annexed to Crestone or incorporate as a municipality of its own.

So as we contemplate our path forward, hopefully we have reached the point as a Crestone-Baca community where we are able to set aside personal or vested interests, and thoughtfully ask how we may best benefit our high mountain desert home, and all life upon it. You may contact the Colorado Community Rights Network at: www.cocrn.org.

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World Peace & Prayer Day/Honoring Sacred Sites Day June 21

written by Nac'a (Chief) Arvol Looking Horse 19th Generation Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe

Maka akantula (People of the Earth),

My name is Nac'a Arvol Looking Horse founder of World Peace and Prayer Day and Honoring Sacred Sites Day, spiritual leader of the Lakota, Dakota, Nakota Sioux Nations, known as the Buffalo People.

I humbly ask People of the Earth to join together at your own sacred place of prayer, in the effort of healing our Ina Maka (Mother Earth) on June 21st.

For 20 years, People heard the great calling to follow their spirit and helped bring attention to Ina Maka's Sacred Sites around the world, All Nations, All Faiths, One Prayer. Wopila (a great thank you) to each and every one of you that made a difference creating that sacred circle in your territory. I would also like to take this time to acknowledge the People who are making sacrifices, either through walking, riding in sacred Horse Rides or running, to bring attention to the atrocities and preserve what we have left for our children's children.

When the Elders passed the Sacred Bundle to me to care for on behalf of the People, they told me of the warning that came from Pte San Win (White Buffalo Calf Woman) 19 generations ago. She left a prophecy that when animals are born white, it would be a sign of a blessing, but this sign would be a symbol of opportunity to change the path of destruction to all life that we would be on. I thought that this would not be in my lifetime. The birth of the white buffalo calf Miracle in 1994 and all the white animals that stood upon the earth since that time are messages that we can no longer ignore. We have always known that man has gone too far, even scientifically this sad truth has been shared of earth and climate changes.

Children are now being born with great sickness, just as the Elders told us would happen. Water is now contaminated throughout the world, the blood of our Mother Earth. The power of Woc'ekiya, which means kiya to send, c'aya to cry (prayer) has to be done with great intention of great Unity, this is what has brought us through many hard times. It is time for this understanding to take place on a global scale.

We are asking all People of the Earth to help create this energy shift by making the Woc'ekiya stronger by going to your own Sacred Site or place of your Faith on June 21st, to join together to pray for the healing of the World's Sacred Waters. This year, I will be joining you while attending a traditional ceremony, many prayers are going out to protect our mni wic'oni, our water of life.

I sincerely ask for Unity on behalf of all life upon Mother Earth to heal and all life to come. It is time all People understand Mother Earth is the Source of life, not a resource.

In a Sacred Hoop of Life, where there is no ending and no beginning. Onipiktec'a (that we shall live)

Saguache County crime report

by Mary Lowers

As the season changes, crime marches on in Saguache County. Tickets given for speeding show that folks are still willing to risk health and safety of themselves and their passengers, rising auto insurance rates and a nearly \$200 fine by speeding around the county. This seems to be a particularly nonsensical behavior on Hwy. 17 where road work through August will slow traffic anyway . . . so let's hurry up and wait!?

People seems to be finally awakening to the fact that not appearing in court to face charges only makes the situation worse. There were only a few failure to appear arrests in the past month. A Center man, 23, was jailed on two failure to appear charges. His bail was set at \$1000. A Baca man, 26, was jailed with \$300 bail on failure to appear charges. A man, 30, living on Rd T in the unincorporated county turned himself into jail in Saguache. He faces failure to appear and fugitive from justice charges with \$1000 bail set.

A Center man, 31, was taken to jail for violation of a restraining order, disorderly conduct and obstructing a police officer. His bail was \$500. Another Center man, 41, was jailed with \$500 bail listed for violation of a restraining order. A Center man, 30, was jailed for violation of a restraining order and is being held on \$1000 bail. A Center man, 47, was jailed with no bail listed on charges of domestic violence, two charges of criminal mischief and a charge of resisting arrest.

A Center man, 32, was jailed with no bail listed on fugitive from justice charges. A 39-year-old man with no address was arrested at a Villa Grove residence on charges of theft and criminal mischief. His bail was set at \$2500. An Alamosa man, 29, was jailed on fugitive from justice charges with bail set at \$5000. A Center man, 35, is being held in jail on \$10,000 bail on charges of second degree assault and felony menacing with a weapon. A Saguache woman, 53, was jailed on charges of theft of \$1000 to \$20,000, felony procession of a controlled substance, and procession of drug paraphernalia. No bail amount was listed.

An ambulance and police were called to a fight east of Crestone Mercantile Wednesday, May 19. According to Deputy Wayne Clark, A male, 16, got into a fight with a male, 28. The younger man hit the older man with a rock causing no life-threatening injury. The sixteen-year-old was charged with assault.

If you think you are seeing more police in our neck of the woods, you are not paranoid or mistaken. Deputy Wayne Clark tells me, "We are trying to be more pro active by having presence in all county towns. We are doing lots of patrols. I frequently do a foot patrol in Crestone to help deter things early."

The Saguache County Sheriff considers the Mike Rust murder case to be an active investigation. According to Deputy Clark, now that positive identification of the body has been established, leads are being further explored.

Hantavirus

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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.

To clean up rodent-infested areas

Open doors and windows and allow a room to air out for 30 min-

utes 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 cleanup.

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.

Human remains discovered

by Mary Lowers

A man exploring old sheds west of Saguache discovered a human head. According to Deputy Wayne Clark, the location where the head was found was so remote deputies could barely make it in with their SUVs. The investigation is ongoing. It appears the head had been out in the woods for seven to ten years. The skull belonged to a male around fifty years old. "We

are contacting all the other agencies around here to see if anyone's missing. The problem is that people come up here and don't tell others where they are going. The victim could have fallen, broken a leg or had a heart attack," said Deputy Clark

First degree murder charged

by Mary Lowers

Juan Vega, Jr, 27, of Center is being held in jail in Saguache on a list of crimes including first degree murder, not a common criminal charge in the valley. When arrested on April 27, Vega became the second suspect charged in the New Years Day murder of Ivan Antonio Sanchez, 26, of Center. Vega is accused of committing ten felony and three misdemeanor charges. The crimes he is accused of include first degree murder, burglary, kidnapping, aggravated robbery, felony menacing with a weapon, theft and child abuse. The court set his bail at \$500,000. As the investigation continues we will have more information on this serious crime.



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Saguache County News

by Sandia Belgrade
Saguache County approves use of greywater

The Commissioners adopted the regulations for greywater in accord with the new Colorado law, which legalizes in a residential, commercial or industrial building that water used may be collected after the first use and put to a second, beneficial use. It used to be a crime to collect rainwater. Health concerns in many states motivated strict no-contact rules and defined used domestic water as waste water. Drought and climate change have contributed to the change in attitude and law as well as business, political and community pressure. Greywater sources include rainwater harvesting and water discharged from bathroom and laundry room sinks, bathtubs, showers, and laundry machines. "Greywater" is distinct from "blackwater" or water discharged from toilets.

Anyone want to work?

County departments have been advertising to fill positions but there has been little response. Ginger Stringer, director of Public Health, is hiring a part time Prevention Specialist who will work with coordinators from 4 other counties in the SLV. There will be a strong focus on strengthening/developing tobacco policy in local school districts and other entities. The position is 13-15 hours per week. Ileen Rivale, present Prevention Coordinator, is retiring this summer after diligently serving the County. Details and an application are available at www.saguachecounty.net, or call 719-655-2533. Road & Bridge is also hiring, according to Randal Arredondo, Road & Bridge Supervisor. He reported that they have been advertising for 2 positions but have received no applications. They are still looking to fill a full-time operator position. The applicant needs a commercial driver's license. There are also 2 full-time temp positions, requiring a driver's license. He will post the positions on Facebook.

Successful drone test

Commissioner Ken Anderson reported a successful and inspiring test of a commercial drone. In May he met with Jack Elton, CEO of Black Swift Technologies; Constantine Diehl, president of UAS Colorado; and Mike Spearman, former Saguache County Commissioner who is coordinating the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle project at Leach Air-

port. They were testing the "Swift Trainer," a drone with unique capabilities to create detailed, accurate maps even in high altitude. According to Anderson, the group went over to Penitente Canyon to see a demonstration of what the drone could do in high altitude and how it handled the wind. What most impressed him was

how quickly it was programmed, and how Elton held it in his hand, and once he let it go he didn't have to touch it again. The unmanned aerial vehicle went in a circle over their heads, and completed a detailed mapping task in 15 minutes and then set itself down right near them. Anderson said it would be an invaluable asset in a search and rescue mission in the rugged mountains around the valley. The goal for the project is more than just saving lives, though with all the hikers, campers, and climbers that come here, drones make it more possible for emergency management to help visitors. Six counties are coordinating their efforts, and Leach Airport has seen improvements to accommodate multi-day operations: secure overnight storage, adequate electric outlets, fuel, and a conference room. The team hopes to draw other companies here such as those wanting to map water sources in this high valley.

Mental health awareness

Whitney Glenn brought the County's attention to the fact that May is "Mental Health Awareness" month. Our county has a high rate of addiction and many are facing mental health difficulties. She affirmed that there are specific tools to meet these challenges so people can recover and lead productive lives. Every organization, agency, school and citizen has a responsibility to support and increase awareness. Her office is in Center, but she goes to schools around the county. She presented the BOCC with a resolution to proclaim May as Mental Health Month which the commissioners supported. The need for funding for counseling and mental health is a main concern since addiction and crime affect funding. Many with mental health issues are incorrectly imprisoned.

Land Use issues

Several concerns came up when Steve Criswell appeared to defend the Conditional Use application for his business, All Season Adventures, offering snowmobile, ATV rentals and tours. The area in question is Poncha Pass, which is on the border between Chaffee County and Saguache County. Mr. Gonzales, a neighbor who has lived there since 1994, was concerned and came to protect his rights and property values. He recently put in a \$12,000 well. Another concern is that this

is a Gunnison sage grouse area plus an elk route and the activity might endanger them. A determination had been previously made that the Gunnison sage grouse was granted a threatened, not endangered species classification, and Poncha Pass has been removed as an area of critical habitat not capable of sustaining the Gunnison sage grouse. The BOCC accepted Steve Criswell's Conditional Land Use request. He represents a new business for Saguache County, an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and snow mobile business. He wants the business to be in Saguache County.

Amended compensation policy clarified

County Co-Administrator Lyn Lambert has helped facilitate a new policy for compensatory leave. Clearer guidelines will reduce the possibility of employees retiring with an exorbitant amount of leave time that could negatively impact the County budget. Employees are paid at the rate of 1 1/2 times their regularly hourly rate for hours worked in excess of 40. Compensatory leave has a cap limit of 60 hours. Employees must use their accrued compensatory time within 90 days after the end of the month in which it was earned and by year's end. Employees must use accrued compensatory time prior to the use of annual or sick leave. Department heads are not eligible.

Road & Bridge compliance

Brad Yenter, Xcel Energy, sent the Board an email regarding concerns that Road and Bridge employees are doing grader work without a request to locate power lines. It is a State statute to call the power company before digging or doing road work to determine where lines are. Randal Arredondo's response when questioned was that it was problematic to keep roads drivable "so I don't have to call every time."

Arredondo was reminded that would be a violation. This is public safety concern as well as a concern for operators' personal safety. Arredondo will address the issue. Tim Lovato is working with Xcel to assure better communication and procedures on both sides.

Support for sheriff

Steven Harrell, former manager of Baca Water and Sanitation, was in attendance and spoke during the public comment period. He spoke positively of recent interfaces with the sheriff and deputies and said that with added migration of new people into the Baca he encouraged the BOCC to give more funding to the Sheriff's department.

Charges against County dropped

Lisa Cyriacks had filed charges that the Commissioners weren't being responsible with the budget and not transparent. According to Ben Gibbons, County Attorney, a District Attorney inquiry and investigation concerning violation of budget law ruled the charges were unfounded. There was no evidence submitted that showed probable cause of any criminal act; nor criminal intent or culpability.

Saguache County Sales Tax Grant awards

The County announced the Sales Tax Grant awards for 2016, Cycle #1. Winter brings in fewer tourists and visitors so the revenue from sales tax is lower. The amount available for Sales Tax Grants was approximately \$50,000 compared to over \$100,000 in requests. It's important to note that Saguache is the only county in the state doing this. And since our county has 150 non-profits—about the highest in the state—the tax grants allow the County to disperse support without having to fit those monies into the budget. Below are the grants applicable to the Crestone area. The full awards are online at www.saguachecounty.net.

Your Empowerment Solutions (YES) - \$2632

- Tom Dessain - \$2,000
- Crestone Youth Plaza - \$4700
- Moffat School - \$4,000
- Kundalini Fire Management - \$2500
- Northern Saguache County Library District - \$2669
- Crestone Youth Plaza - \$300

Hemp

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every year, but we can grow it here. Saguache has reportedly received more than 200 applications requesting hemp cultivation providing needed revenue.

Present in the Commissioners' public meeting before the first decision was handed down was Diane Dunlap, a marijuana cultivator and retailer. According to the initial resolution, the effects of cross pollination with marijuana is a concern, and current land use regulations do not address these potential impacts. Noted agriculture consultant Anndrea Hermann says: "experts agree that a distance of 10 miles between hemp and marijuana fields is exceedingly appropriate to avoid cross-pollination." Jason still wants more information, for example, on how much water it takes to grow hemp.

Marijuana public hearing

A public hearing was held on May 12 to review updated regulations put forth by the Marijuana Task Force. A large crowd was in attendance and there was a good back and forth response to the suggestions. All comments were recorded and the County Commissioners will review citizen comments as well as the task force recommendations. They will make revisions as needed, and schedule another comment session on the revised document. Thanks to Caren Kershner for help with the meeting report.

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New online service: Customers now have option of online bill payment

from BGWSD

The Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District has teamed up with Xpress Bill Pay to offer residents the ability to pay their bills online. This new service is in response to customer requests for faster and more convenient bill payment options.

The new service will give residents the ability to view, track, and pay their water/sanitation bills through the secure Xpress Bill Pay Web Site. Various payment options are available, including credit and debit cards and electronic funds transfer. Customers can also set up automatic monthly payments and view up to a full year's history of their accounts.

When you're ready to pay your bill, select a payment type.

Then enter the information and you're done! It's that easy, and it only takes you a few minutes each month. All you need is an internet connection and an e-mail address. Residents can learn more about Xpress Bill Pay and sign up for this new service by visiting www.bacawater.com.

And remember, it's free to sign up and free to use. Sign up today!

Welcome new Board of Directors

The Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors is pleased to announce the election of two new Board members. We warmly welcome these new Board members Lynn Drake and Matthew Ghourdjian. Lynn and Matthew will both serve 4

year terms. Board President Cindy Reinhardt, was re-elected and will serve another 4 year term.

At this time we would also like to recognize the efforts of our outgoing members, Kyle Grote and Judy DeLuca. We are thankful for their time and service through the years as members of the District Board of Directors.

Meet your new Board members

"I, Lynn Drake, moved to Crestone with my husband 22 years ago. We designed and built our own home in the Baca and I began learning a new career as a ceramic artist. I ran a successful art studio and gallery in downtown Crestone for 5 years, working to share the joys of ceramics with the community. At that time I worked with the Charter School in their mentorship program, I taught home school kids, had an after school program for teens and a membership program for adults. I now have a new studio at my home and continue to create art that is included in many international collections.

Previously, we lived in Santa Fe for 18 years and ran a successful high-end tailoring business. I have been self-employed for most of my life and enjoy the challenges of creating new directions. Born and raised as a child of a diplomat, new places and people were an exciting part of my life and still are.

Joining the water board is important to me. Water is our most important resource for life. With the dwindling supply of good

clean water in the world, I hope to continue working for our community for a good safe, clean, and most importantly, an affordable water source."

Matthew Ghourdjian is an information technology executive with a 38-year track record of creativity and execution, designing, building, implementing and operating information technology solutions in the telecommunication, healthcare, legal and financial services industries.

In addition to being a Partner at both Arthur Andersen and KPMG Consulting during his career, Matthew was the founder and CEO of Cogility Software that developed a model-driven integrated development environment, CoderCard Inc., that designed and developed network security devices for the military, and several document management companies.

After retiring in 2012, Matthew now consults on implementing agile software development methodologies, implementation of DevOps and NoOps, selection of software tools and technologies, understanding and implementing cloud strategies, cost optimization, loan servicing, loan origination, internet advertising optimization, peer-to-peer payments services and call center management. Matthew received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1978, with an emphasis in Computer Science and Management, from Ambassador College in Pasadena California.

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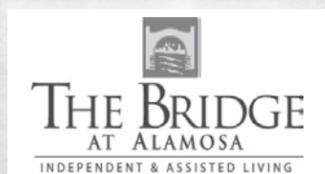


John and Virginia Kelly say they "are definitely independent."
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Arvilla Weldon said she "lives in gratitude each day" at the Bridge of Alamosa.
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Baca Grande POA News: Election deadlines loom, Baca POA needs Nomination Committee members

by John Rowe

The Baca Grande Property Owners Association (POA) Board announced at this month's meeting that at least two Nominating Committee members are needed to begin the process of selecting prospective POA Board candidates. Qualifications include being a POA member in good standing (no dues, fees, or fines outstanding) and having the capacity to identify and verify viable candidates from our community. Sooner rather than later would be much appreciated, as the August 1 deadline to declare candidacy is coming up. The Board also wanted it to be noted that anyone interested in running for the POA Board does not need to go through the Nominating Committee to run, they just need to pick up an application at the POA office, fill it out, and return it before August 1.

The only POA Board meeting of the month was held on May 19 at 6pm and there was no Executive Session held. All five Board members were present as were three audience members. The meeting was opened, agenda and minutes approved without incident, and

indeed, the entire meeting was a quiet one with virtually no contentious behavior from either Board or audience members.

It was brought up during Member Forum that a member that was not in good standing had been very vocal during the previous two meetings, this in violation of current POA meeting procedure. Nigel Fuller, Board President, vowed to correct this, as he is adamant that anyone must be a POA member and current in their dues payments in order to speak at meetings.

Noteworthy in department reports was Fire Chief Chris Botz's announcement that he now had a roster of ten active members, more than in the last several years. He noted that there had been as many as twenty-four on the roster before his tenure, but only between three and six that were really active. Chris will retire at year's end and will undoubtedly be missed and is looking to begin the process of training his replacement. He was happy that the position of Chief will be a full-time job (paying forty hours instead of the twenty-five he is currently being paid for). He



The month of May in Crestone saw rain, snow, sleet, hail and beautiful water-filled clouds playing hide and seek with the mountains.
photo by Lori Nagel

hopes this extra allotted time will allow the new Chief to concentrate more time and resources to fire mitigation, a sorely needed capacity in the Baca.

Sean Hollmer announced that the golf course condition continues to improve, although there are two greens that are struggling to grow decently. A casual investigation is taking place to find out how much it would cost to seal the old lake bed adjacent to Casita Park so it would hold water and actually be used. The costs are expected to be prohibitive and more information will be forthcoming by year's end.

A non-profit group, SLV Hackerspace, wants to rent the old charter school building. Kevin Pednecker is spearheading this effort and it seems as though the Board is amenable and only some details need to be worked out before this can take place. Go online to investigate the Hackerspace phenomenon, a movement that is gaining momentum across America.

A heartwarming moment took place as a Baca resident came forward looking for a variance from the Board for a 440sf greenhouse, instead of the 350sf maximum, adopted by the Board last year. The Board declined to grant the variance, stating that too many variances have been given out over the years, but was uniformly sympathetic and in-

stead voted to expand the standard to 500sf, rendering the request for a variance unnecessary.

Tom Dessain was on hand to solidify the new contract for the upcoming Crestone Music Festival and was happy to announce that he and Ambulance Chief Derek Garcia had reached an agreement on ambulance/EMT service that is actually less expensive than in recent years. This constituted quite an improvement from the Music Festival's perspective, down from an initial estimate of over \$4,000 from the POA Board earlier this year.

The meeting ended with the Board passing a series of election issues. It should be noted again that the deadline to declare candidacy for the POA Board and to petition for any changes or additions to governing covenants needs to take place before August 1.



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Call for Nominating Committee Members 2016

Hello Members!

Would you like to be more involved in the Baca Grande Property Owners Association (BGPOA)? Would you like to assist with the 2016 Board of Directors Election? The BGPOA is looking for three eligible Members to volunteer for the Nominating Committee for this year's Board of Directors Election. Candidates must be Members in Good Standing and must provide a written letter of interest. Interested Members, please respond by 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2016. Please drop off your correspondence at the BGPOA office or send to: info@bacapoa.org
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CALL FOR CANDIDATES

For the October 20, 2016 Board of Directors Election

There will be two (2) vacancies on the Board of Directors of the POA this fall. Any Member in Good Standing is eligible to become a candidate. There are two ways that a candidate may be qualified to run for a Director position.

- 1) Submit an application through the Nominating Committee. Please contact the POA office to obtain a Candidate Packet.
- 2) Obtain a petition with twenty-five (25) signatures of Members in Good Standing; petitions must be submitted to the Board of Directors sixty-five (65) days prior to the annual election and vetted by the POA Office prior to that date.

The date of the election and Annual Members' Meeting is Thursday, October 20, 2016.

Interested Candidates must submit their materials to the Nominating Committee through the POA Office by 5:00 pm on Monday August 1, 2016. These are voluntary positions. Please call POA Office with any questions, 256-4171.

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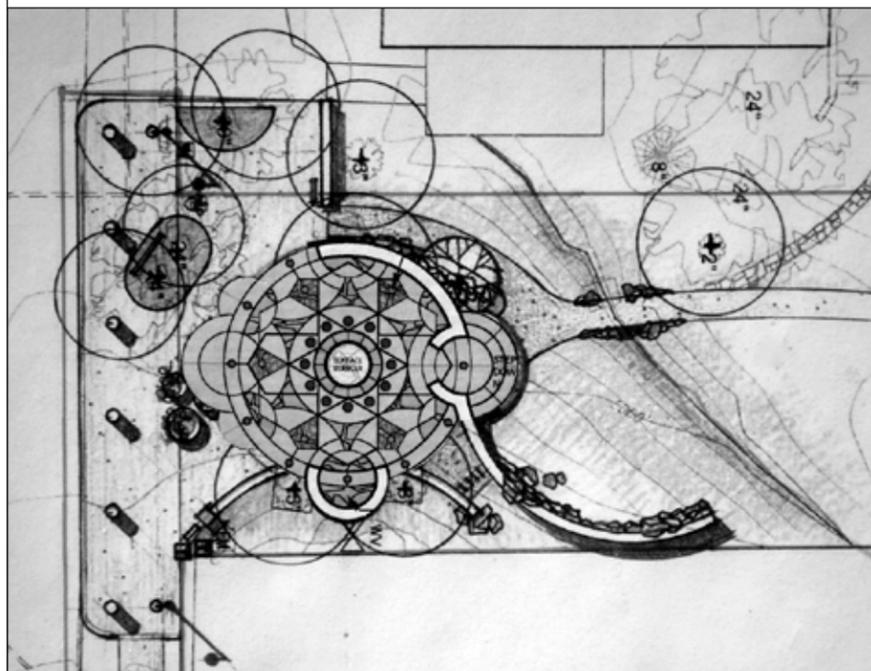
The "Little Pearl Park" Plaza, now under construction, is located at the heart of the commercial core, at the entrance to Little Pearl Park, and next to the outdoor dining deck of the local bistro on Silver Street. It is the visitors' information point, where tourists and others can orient themselves, obtain information about the community, and get directions to destinations in the area. As such, Little Pearl Plaza is the physical portal for access to hiking, campgrounds, climbing, local history, community services, civic organizations and spiritual centers.

Due to a shortfall in funding for the Downtown Redevelopment Project, Block Grant funds were concentrated on infrastructure elements—streets, drainage, underground utilities, and sidewalks. Landscaping, lighting and street

menting by local artists and volunteers under the supervision of an experienced installation artist.

At the center of the mosaic is a disappearing water fountain which introduces the presence of the water element. This discreet feature represents an awareness of the fragility of our environment and the sanctity of all life. The fountain effect is similar to that of a low bubbling geyser and has a noticeable sound. Specimen Crestone Conglomerate stones are placed around the bubbler so that the intense colors of the conglomerate are accentuated by the water.

As a way to offer community stakeholders an opportunity to identify themselves within the public commons, an ornamental pattern is included in the overall design which will allow participat-



This drawing and design by Burt Wadman shows mosaic plaza and planned improvements to Little Pearl Park on Silver Ave. in Crestone.

furnishings were suspended from this first phase, awaiting future funding, as were important elements of the new plaza.

In March of last year the Creative District stepped forward and offered to complete the plaza surface with a large inlaid geometric design that would be a focal point for visitors, a distinct artistic feature, and a representation of community values, i.e., Unity through Diversity. The Town Trustees unanimously approved this proposal.

The Saguache County Tourism Council has endorsed the project and will be recommending approval to the Board of County Commissioners for a grant of \$25,000 to the Creative District for implementation of the mosaic. This grant is predicated on the project receiving matching in-kind contributions by Crestone community artisans, volunteers and supporters.

The mosaic design is to be a symbol of community unity and a focal point for visitors and public events. The design is a non-denominational geometry that incorporates symbolic elements of the world's major faiths. It is composed of a combination of stone, ceramics and concrete, and will be imple-

ing civic, educational and spiritual organizations to have an identifying plaque. For a donation of \$500 and an approved design, these plaques will be fabricated and installed by the Creative District.

Little Pearl Park Mosaic & Fountain project coordinators

Kairina Danforth, Executive Director, Crestone Creative District, Mayor, Town of Crestone

Burt Wadman, Mosaic Project Director, Architect, Downtown Improvement Project

Noah Baen, Mosaic Installation Leader, Award Winning Installation Artist & Naturalist, Representative for Crestone End of Life Project & Informed Final Choices

Tim Wiley, Fountain Installation, Landscape Artist, Certified Arborist

Patrick Moore, Steering Committee, Crestone Artisans Gallery, Painter, Photographer, Motivator & general Bon Vivant

Marika Popovits, Painter, President, Sri Aurobindo Learning Center, Crestone Spiritual Alliance Networking

Don Gifford, Crestone Creative District, Businesses Advocate Entrepreneur, Chef, Owner, Crestone Creamery



Beatrice Bergoin and Noah Baen confer on colors for the mural being painted on the side of the Crestone Brew Pub building. The mural will lend a beautiful backdrop to the Sculpture Garden being created.

Gallery celebrated 12th anniversary in May, creating a sculpture garden

The Crestone Artisans Gallery had its 12-year anniversary celebration in May. The plans revolved around the honoring of Kim and Nancy Malville. They are generous art patrons that have supported the gallery for years supplying, among other things, the land and building that house the Crestone Artisans Gallery. They strongly believe in the vision of the gallery to provide a hub for the community to enjoy, study and take part in creating art. They were honored with music, wine and general celebration as well as tokens of appreciation. One of the Malvilles' recent gifts is the use of the land directly in front of the gallery running alongside the Crestone Brewing Company, for a sculpture garden.

The Gallery has started the work on the sculpture garden with Patrick Moore directing the realization of the plans. What you will see first is that the mural is underway! You would have seen its beginning on May 16, if you had wandered by the long side of Crestone Brewing Company facing Cottonwood Street. That's when Beatrice Bergoin put the design up on the wall of the new brew-pub. First she and Noah Baen painted the whole wall white and then drew the design. Quite an undertaking to maintain the right proportions when going from a drawing to a 12' by 22' space! Stop by and watch! The subject of the mural is the changing seasons. Starting

from the left when you are facing the wall, you see winter, dark and cold, but with its buds just peeping out. Next is spring with its soft burgeoning light and small tender growth, followed by summer with the children playing and the earth in full regalia. Finally you see fall complete with falling leaves and wildlife.

Keep watching over the summer. You should see the beginnings of wandering paths, benches and of course sculptures.



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Crestone Music Festival

+ August 12-15, 2016 +

Fierce competition creates a stellar line-up of local acts

by Tom Dessain

The 18th Annual Crestone Music 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 demonstrations and vendors, arts & crafts, healers, international cuisine and great libations.

We are proud to announce this year's local musician lineup. The competition was fierce with fifteen quality entries. Exact scheduling is still in process so be sure to look in the July *Eagle* for the full festival schedule. Come out and start your days at the festival with our local acts and show 'em some love.



Crowd favorite Blue Rooster returns to Crestone Music Festival!



Crestone's own Organic-UF-Flows debut on Friday at CrestFest!



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Fuel your morning with Fossil Fuel! Father/daughter duo Tim and Zia Windwalker.

+ Organic UF-flows +

So here we go . . . we start with Hip Hop from Crestone's own Zya Hollyer, Therran Hawk and Malana Ramadei. Together they are "Organic-UF-Flows." This is a youth rap group who has grown up with conscious hip-hop, a lot of support, and an aware mindset. They are all inspired by activism and want to be a part of making the world better, while inspiring the planet and its youth. Yowzers!

and get you dancing. Members are Pearl Brewer on keyboards and astonishing vocals, Scott Alexander on drums and vocals, Ed Johnson on guitar and vocals, Mike Brill on guitar and vocals and Dennis Neuhaus on bass. Don't miss this festival first.

+ Cheap Therapy +

On Saturday, Barry Monroe brings his brainchild to the stage with "Cheap Therapy." This band delivers his unique originals with a tropical pop, reggae shuffle vibe. They dish out harmonies so smooth you can ride 'em like a slide.

+ Not From Around Here +

Another local favorite is "Not From Around Here" Featuring Deb Irazzary, Markus Newell and Cari and James Vodica. Alternative rock may best describe this group but like most talented bands, they defy boundaries. With great vocals from Cari and James, and a tight driving groove from Deb and Markus, you could dance all day.

rangements of songs spanning 10 decades. Tim is co-owner and instructor at the Earth Dancer School of Shoemaking in Crestone and has a booth at the festival. Zia is studying neuroscience in the Master's program at Northern AZ University. They will sing it sweetly, so enjoy.

+ Blue Rooster +

Next is the new blues machine in town, Blue Rooster. These guys play a mix of blues, classic rock, R&B and originals. The musicians are Peter Taylor on blues harp, guitars & percussion, John Hefty on bass, Eli Dokson on guitar and Dale Smith on drums. They play throughout Colorado, giving folks bushels of blues and danceable grooves. Don't miss them.

+ Kicker +

Galloping across the valley from Saguache is "Kicker." This is a five piece country rock band with a beat that will kick you to your feet

+ fossil fuel +

We also have a family duo in Fossil Fuel. Zia & Tim Windwalker are this father/daughter singing combo. They bridge the generation gap with original compositions and intriguing ar-

Headliners are the cherry-on-top of each day at the festival: T Sisters. The fabulous Thunderbirds. BandaBordel.



The singing T Sisters headline on Friday night.

[Friday]

Friday enjoy sweet and sassy singing from the T Sisters. These three sisters' inventive songwriting is supported by their own acoustic instrumentation as well as upright bass, mandolin/guitar and drums. They have been featured on Garrison Keillor's A Prairie Home Companion and are currently working on their new album coming this summer! You don't want miss these sweet singing sisters.

[Saturday]

Saturday features The Fabulous Thunderbirds. This Grammy-nominated band has a distinctive and powerful blues/rock sound with Cajun and soul influences. Bringing folks to their feet for over 30 years, this band should be a total blast to experience, so don't miss them Saturday August 13!



The Fabulous Thunderbirds will appear August 13 at the Crestone Music Festival.

[Sunday]

We finish up Sunday with two French bands combining to be BandaBordel. This is an



BandaBordel wraps up the festival Sunday night.

up-to-nine piece, male/female ensemble that plays a variety of instruments including: bass, violin, guitar, trap-set drums, mandolin, banjo, keyboards and cahon. Playing acoustic World funk in a French Gypsy kind-of-way, this will be a raucous good time and a fun way to end the 2016 Crestone Music Festival.

More regional acts!

Guess what! We have two more regional acts. First is Ponder the Albatross. This is an experimental folk rock/reggae grass band with very cool originals. These guys have one of the great newer sounds coming out of the music scene in Denver and are extremely high energy. Don't miss them on Friday.

We have filled the comedy gap this year with John Craigie! In the images of Todd Snyder and John Prine, John Craigie has been called one of the best storytellers of our time. After receiving fan mail from Chuck Norris, he wrote a song called "Chuck Norris' Tears Cure Cancer, but He Never Cries". Check it out. Other song titles include "I almost stole some weed from Todd Snyder" and "Do Yourself a Favor Don't Go Lookin' at the Pictures on my Phone". John is from Oregon and will be opening for our Sunday headliner BandaBordel. Be sure to catch a laugh on Sunday.

Don't forget our other cool regionals. Over the weekend you'll hear bi-lingual Hip Hop from 2MX2, reggae grass from Ponder the Albatross, funk ska from The Alcapones, country rock from Tumbleweed, soul from Mama Magnolia, roots reggae from the Jah Kings, Spanish guitar virtuosity from Javier Mosley and snide remarks from John Craigie.

Ponder the Albatross
John Craigie
2MX2
The Alcapones
Tumbleweed
Mama Magnolia
Jah Kings
Javier Mosley

Local acts cont'd...

+ BellySatva + + the Crestone + love Tribe +

BellySatva is the performance troupe of the Crestone tribal belly dance project. Their dance style is based in an improvisational tribal fusion style. Their aesthetic style is based on traditional costuming and jewelry. The music is a folkloric style of Turkish, Indian and Egyptian. This troupe will perform multiple times at the festival so be sure to get yourself a bellyful.

The Crestone Love Tribe will return with several shows over the weekend. The Tribe presents traditional and contemporary African dance and drum from the countries of Mali, Ghana, Togo, Guinea and Congo Brazzaville. Together for 7 years, the troupe consists of both dancers and drummers who create a spirit of happiness and joy through their drum and dance.



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'Inner Vision' Conference coming to Joyful Journey Hot Springs June 24-26

Joyful Journey Hot Springs is happy to host their first annual "Inner Vision" Conference which will be held from June 24-26. There will be speakers in the conference center and food, drink and various vendors on the grounds. The intention of this event is "to provide tools and information to assist you on your inner journey". The speaker line-up is as follows:

Friday, June 24

4-6:30 - Meet & Greet in Conference Center

6:45 - Peter May presents "The Magic of Phytochemical Precursors in Healing"

Saturday, June 25

9am - KC Goldberg presents "Thought Forms and Synchronicity"

10am - Woody Bobb presents "What if You Knew What You Don't Know about Healing Your Quantum Self"

11am - Alan Drobnak presents "The Next Level of Frequencies"

11:30 - 1pm - Lunch break

1pm - Adam Sommer presents "Evolutions in Astrology"

2pm - "Grandpaw" Peter Koyote presents "Human Vibes"

3pm - Michelle Many presents "Healing with the Heavens"

4pm - Estella Colores presents "Sacred Medicine Creation"

5:15pm - Michelle Many gifts us with the "Neptune Meditation" to close speaking presentations

Vendor fee is \$25 for entire event. Daily admission is \$10 and will include a reduced soaking price of \$10, as well as entry for the door prize of a night in Joyful Journey's new "Crystal Yurt".

All overnight guests will receive free admission to this event. Call the Joyful Journey reservations desk at 719-256-4328 to reserve your room now!

If you are interested in being a vendor please contact Marquita or Theo by calling 719-256-4329 or email manager@jjhotsprings.com.

ColoradoCare Amendment 69 fundraiser, lunch & documentary film on June 28

On Tuesday, June 28, from noon-2:30pm at the Crestone Charter School, take the opportunity to chat with T.R. Reid, view his documentary film, *Sick Around the World*, about universal health care systems in countries around the globe, and purchase an autographed copy of his *New York Times* bestseller, *The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care*. Reid is current Chair of the Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care (www.couniversalhealth.org/board-of-directors-2) and former *Washington Post* Bureau Chief in Tokyo and London. His 1-hour documentary film will be featured followed by his talk and Q&A.

Sandwiches and dessert will be available for a small charge.

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ColoradoCare will have *no* co-pays for designated preventive and primary care services and *no* deductibles whatsoever.

For more info on ColoradoCare, visit www.coloradocare.org

For more information about the event contact Barb Tidd at 719-221-8434 or slvbarb498@gmail.com

Hope to see you there!



The Sona Trio of Sarah Off, Anne Sorensen-Wang and Chunyang Wang will be joined by Mathieu D'Ordine and Randy Macy for a July 10 concert.

Popular chamber musicians offer concert July 10 in Crestone

A talented group of musicians led by Del Norte native Sarah Off and representing the Mt. Blanca Summer Music Conservatory (of Alamosa) will pause in their tour schedule to visit our community on July 10 at the Colorado College facility. Artists included are Sarah Off (violin) and Marilyn Clark Silva (percussion), who perform as the Tandem Duo, who will release a recording this summer; Sona Trio is Sarah Off, Anne Sorensen-Wang (violin) and Chunyang Wang (double bass); and these are joined by Mathieu D'Ordine (cello) and Randy Macy (piano). The program will range from Bach to Rossini, Gershwin, Martinu, Piazzola and others.

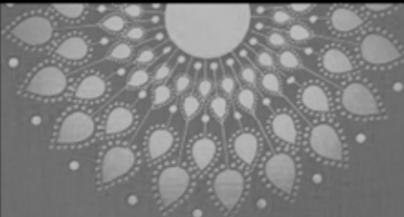
These well traveled artists have earned awards for their performance. But all are deeply committed to bringing the joy of music to diverse communities such as our rural area. This will be Dr. Clark Silva's first appearance here after performing in the US and South America. She actively commissions and performs new works and collaborates with living composers. Returning cellist Mr D'Ordine is currently the Principal Cellist for the Boulder Symphony and Principal Conductor of the Boulder Opera Company. He also actively commissions and performs new works from composers such as Anthony Green and Steve Sachse. Mr. Wang has achieved top prizes at many international competitions and is also an award-winning composer. Ms. Sorensen-Wang, after much performing here and abroad, is keenly involved in musical education in public schools in Mesa, AZ. Randy Macy's pianism is a favorite here. He is a music advocate in his community (he recently completed a performance space in his home) and a college educator. Ms. Off has her talented hands in many musical pots. We appreciate her fondness for concertizing here in the Baca.

A contribution of \$15 is requested with students in free. The concert is on Sunday, July 10 at 3pm at the Colorado College auditorium.

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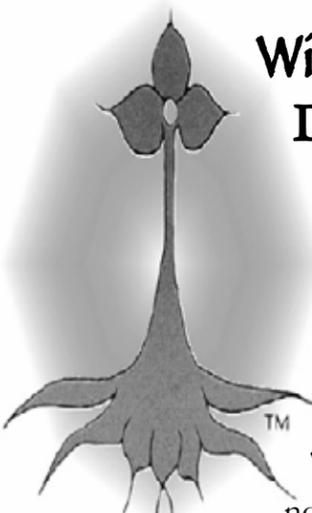


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Men Only on Saturday June 25, 9am. Extra special class for Grumpy Old Men (OK, or not-grumpy guys who think they can't do yoga). Also appropriate for male spouses too shy to show up with their wives. And especially recommended for those guys who see Annie in the post office and threaten to show up but never do. *No bendy women allowed!* No experience preferred.

This class will be offered by donation, but please RSVP, as space is limited. 719-256-5668, www.shaktisharanam.com.

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For more information, or to get involved, please call 655-0216.

Local artist has retrospective show at RGCM

The Rio Grande County Museum in Del Norte, CO, will host a show devoted to the work of Byron Williams. Byron, who runs the Smith Market Gallery at the corner of 5th and Denver in Saguache, will have examples of work he has done on display, going back 40 years. Included will be basket and gourds of many patterns and styles.

The show will be available for viewing May 25-June 25. Museum hours are from 10-4 Tuesday-Friday and 10-3 on Saturdays. The Museum is located at 580 Oak Street, Del Norte, CO.

On Saturday, June 11 there will be a reception at the Museum to which you are all invited.

Please go and see the array of work Byron has done over the years.

Saguache County Republican Spring Fling

The 2016 Annual Spring Fling Fund Raiser Silent Auction opens Saturday June 11 at noon at the Moffat School.

Lunch will be served at 12:15pm. Enjoy a meal of beef brisket or baked chicken, baked potato, green beans, dinner roll, green salad and drinks.

Featured speakers are Brandi Meek, Colorado GOP Secretary, and State Senator Larry Crowder.

Adults \$25, kids 12 & under \$10. To RSVP contact Virginia or Richard Drake at 719-256-4215 or email info@saguachegop.com no later than June 1.

Please make checks payable (no later than June 1) to: Saguache County Republican Party Ed Nielsen, PO Box 55, Saguache, CO 81149 www.saguacheGOP.com.

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Finding a new director for our school is a very important. Crestone Charter School Governing Council values your participation in this process and hope that a big crowd is going to join us!

Flower Gathering June 5

On Sunday, June 5 at 2pm, please join us at the Shumei Crestone Center and enjoy flower art in your own way.

Jane Imai will facilitate the event using her 40 years of experience in flower arrangement.

Please bring your favorite container (vase, pot, etc.), and scissors. You can also bring branches, flowers, and or leaves for your arrangement.

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This NVC class/workshop is a practice group and learning circle organized in recurring cycles of two months each throughout the year. At the end of each two-month cycle new people can join and some may elect to drop out. At the beginning of each two-month cycle a commitment is requested from each participant to attend the next four classes.

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

Monthly Events

Tuesday, May 31

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

Friday, June 3

- Potluck & Q&A with CCS Director Candidates – Crestone Charter School 12:00 pm-2:00 pm
- Summerfest on the Rio – Cole Park, Alamosa

Saturday, June 4

- Summerfest on the Rio – Cole Park, Alamosa
- New-moon Fire Ceremony followed by a Meal – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am - noon www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108

Sunday, June 5

- New Moon – All Day
- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-11:00 am
- Shumei's Monthly Sampai Shumei Sanctuary 10:30am-noon free www.shumeicrestone.org 256-5284
- Flower Gathering at Shumei International Institute 2-4pm \$5 www.shumeicrestone.org 719-256-5284

Monday, June 6

- Town of Crestone Special Board Meeting – Crestone Town Hall 1:00 pm-2:00 pm 256-4313
- Town of Crestone Planning Commission Meeting – Crestone Town Hall 6-8pm 256-4313

Tuesday, June 7

- Yoga & Yoga Nidra class 310-924-9223 jyoti@yourownyoga.com 9:00 am-10:30 am

Wednesday, June 8

- Art to Contemplate Dying Workshop – Crestone 9:00 am-3:00 pm 719-256-4182
- Crestone End of Life Project Monthly Meeting, Little Shepherd Church 7-9pm 256-4211
- Cary Morin, The Cloud Station 7-9pm www.facebook.com/thecloudstation/?fref=ts 719-588-1278

Thursday, June 9

- Sufi Dhikr. All welcome. – 4:00 pm-6:00 pm nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290
- Ronny Cox performs at Society Hall, Alamosa – 7:30 pm \$20 SocietyHall.org 719-937-2636

Saturday, June 11

- Reception for Byron Williams – Rio Grande County Museum
- Greenhouse Climate Battery Workshop – Rama-dei/Jewett home 1-5pm \$25 719-256-5616

- Yogic Cooking Workshop, pre-reg requested – Shakti Sharanam 3-8pm \$30-\$60 256-5668

Sunday, June 12

- Mike Russo at Saguache Museum – Saguache Museum 1:30 pm Free
- Quran Class & Potluck. All welcome. – 5:00 pm-8:00 pm nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290

Monday, June 13

- Town of Crestone Regular Board Meeting – Crestone Town Hall 1:30 pm 256-4313

Tuesday, June 14

- Yoga & Yoga Nidra class 310-924-9223 jyoti@yourownyoga.com 9:00 am-10:30 am
- Firewise funding public hearing – Moffat School 10:15 am
- Guru Rinpoché Tsok (Vajrayana communal feast) – Choying Dzong 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Wednesday, June 15

- Nonviolent Communication, Paul Shippee 4:30-6:30pm By donation <http://paulshippee.com> 256-4656

Thursday, June 16

- BGPOA Board of Directors Meeting – BGPOA Meeting Room 6pm bacapoa.org 719-256-4171
- Baca Refuge Tour – Baca National Wildlife Refuge 9:00 am-3:00 pm 719-256-5527

Friday, June 17

- SpiritMoves! Yoga & Dance – Crestone 7:00 pm-8:45 pm \$10. 310-924-9223

Sunday, June 19

- Fathers Day – All Day
- River of Restoration – Crestone 3:30 pm-6:00 pm \$25 310-924-9223

Monday, June 20

- Full Moon – All Day
- Summer Solstice – All Day
- BG Stables' Children's Riding Program Session 1 – Baca Grande Stables 8:30-11:00 am \$150
- Full-moon Fire Ceremony & Meal – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-noon www.babajashram.org 256-4108
- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-11:00 am
- Moffat School Board meeting – Moffat School Community Room 5:30pm 256-4720, 4725, 4710

Tuesday, June 21

- Yoga & Yoga Nidra class 310-924-9223 jyoti@yourownyoga.com 9:00 am-10:30 am

Thursday, June 23

- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome. – 4:00 pm-6:00 pm nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290
- Susan Gibson performs at Society Hall – Society Hall 7:30 pm \$20 SocietyHall.org 719-937-2636

Friday, June 24

- Inner Vision Conference, Joyful Journey Hot Springs www.joyfuljourneyhotsprings.com 256-4329

Saturday, June 25

- Men Only Yoga Spectacle, pre-reg requested, Shakti Sharanam 9am By donation 719-256-5668
- Crestone Brewing Co. Grand Opening – Crestone Brewing Co. noon 719-256-6400

Sunday, June 26

- HH 17th Karmapa's Birthday Party – Tashi Gomang Stupa (Big Stupa) 11am-12:30 pm Free
- Becky Dolan & Ken Frye at Saguache Museum – Saguache Museum 1:30 pm Free

Monday, June 27

- BG Stables' Children's Riding Program Session 2 – Baca Grande Stables 8:30-11:00 am \$150

Tuesday, June 28

- ColoradoCare lunch, fundraiser, documentary, Crestone Charter School noon-2:30pm 719-221-8434

Wednesday, June 29

- Nonviolent Communication, Paul Shippee 4:30-6:30pm By donation <http://paulshippee.com> 256-4656
- Open Mic w/Bittersweet Hwy. – Society Hall 6:30pm \$5 SocietyHall.org 719-937-2636
- Baca Refuge Water Mgmt. Tour – Baca National Wildlife Refuge 9:00 am-3:00 pm 719-256-5527
- Dakini Tsok (Vajrayana Communal Feast) – Choying Dzong 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Saturday, July 2

- Yoga for Back Care – Crestone 10:00 am-12:30 pm \$25 www.yourownyoga.com 310-924-9223

Monday, July 4

- Independence Day
- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-11:00 am

Friday, July 8

- Syd Masters performs at Society Hall, Alamosa 7:30 pm \$20 SocietyHall.org 719-937-2636

Daily/Weekly Events

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

Daily

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

Sunday

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Town Hall 7:00 pm-8:00 pm www.slvaa.org
- Temple Choying Dzong 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- Mass at Nada Hermitage Nada Carmelite Hermitage chapel 9:00 am-10:00 am 719-256-4778
- Drop-in Meditation at Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple Choying Dzong 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Monday

- 'Meet Your Crestone Board' Mondays Crestone Town Hall 1:00 pm-3:00 pm 719-256-4313

Tuesday

- Narcotics Anonymous open meeting marijuana users welcome Baca Grande Library back door 7:30 pm-8:30 pm 970 309 0710
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5--6:45pm By donation 719-256-5668
- TuesdaYoga w Cynthia Fellowship Hall, Little Shepherd Church All Day \$10 719.298.0360
- Martial Arts Class CCS 6:00 pm Sliding Fee 719-580-4094

Wednesday

- Yoga Fundamentals & Refinements 8:30-10am By donation shaktisharanam.com 719-256-5668
- "Ease of Being" iRest Yoga Nidra Crestone 5:30 pm-6:30 pm 310-924-9223
- Crestone Food Bank Crestone Town Hall 1:00 pm-3:00 pm 256-4644
- Joyful Yoga Joyful Journey Hot Springs 5:00 pm-6:00 pm \$10 719.298.0360

Thursday

- Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting Crestone Baptist Church noon-1pm www.slvaa.org
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45 pm By donation 719-256-5668
- Gentle Yoga Thursdays BeBop Studio 1:00 pm-2:00 pm 719-298-0360
- Martial Arts Class CCS 6pm Sliding Fee 719-580-4094

Saturday

- Dorje Trolo Practice White Jewel Mountain 10am-noon no charge 719 480-5403
- Martial Arts Class CCS 9am Sliding Fee 719-580-4094

It's a shallow life that doesn't give a person a few scars.

-Garrison Keillor

Out & About

with *Lori Sunflower*

Column & Photos by Lori Nagel

This Month's Topic: **What's Your Vision for Crestone?**




Usnea

My dream for Crestone, oh my God, this is interesting. Well, I would like it simple, that people can afford to live here. Being a senior, 72 years old, it's hard to live on a small income here, I mean, you're in poverty all the time. I love Crestone. I love Crestone because of the diversity of the people, and ya know, we have our characters—we have our people that we kind of scratch our head and go, "mmm, OK." But ya know, we tolerate most of them, and most of them are harmless. And there's ones that are not harmless, and we run 'em outta town! We just get rid of 'em—we figure out a way to get rid of 'em, ya know? But I really think that we should start thinking about affordable places for people to live here. Not so expensive that we have to move to Alamosa to live in senior housing or that we have to move to Salida or Denver or Grand Junction. To be able to live here in my old age would really be a blessing, but I don't see it happening, just because of the cost of it.



Jeremiah Bayes

I've been here for 17 years, and I've seen it go in a lot of cycles. Or maybe not a lot of cycles—just one big cycle. And when I first came here, everything was very interconnected and communal and we were all helping build each other's homes, and hanging out with each other, communally involved in businesses and growing and things like that. And then as time went by, we all married and had babies and

started going down separate paths and whatnot, and Crestone kinda stepped into this individually finding yourself rather than communally finding yourself. And I think that's part of the cycle, and I think it's really important. But I'm looking forward to when we get comfortable inside of ourselves and we're able to come back together and start working together in a good way. I've always liked tribe, and things like that. And one time I went to a Gathering and the whole Gathering was about the distinction between communities and tribes and why communities fail and tribes have succeeded for thousands of years. The main distinction was that communities are built on a belief, and beliefs come and go at the whim. Tribes are based on sustainability or necessity—the tribe staying together and working together. I'd like to see necessity facilitate our coming back together, growing food together, working together, raising our children together, and including elders in the raising of our children. Meanwhile, I just intend to be sittin' out on my land, waitin' for it to come, cuz I'm not a big social butterfly! (laughing)



Megan Riley

I have 2 visions for Crestone. The first is mine personally. I grew up sensitive, and a lot of kids and their parents don't know what to do about that. So, I would really love to have something, like some kind of center or school for sensitive psychic kids. The Charter School is extraordinary, but I'm thinking of an after-school program, something for these kids that are being born cable-ready—already plugged in and nobody knows what to do with them. Regarding a future in Crestone, I picture that it's not really big and the Creative District is really active. And it's almost like the spiritual community of Lily Dale, NY, where there's so many creatives, so many spirituals, but there's no need to compete—there's something that we offer that no one else can provide and it's for the perfect person at the perfect time. Having that old town feel, art-walks, creative, artsy, very thriving. Schools do better when

there are more creatives in town, the town does better, people are happier—it goes all over the board. So, if the Creative District can push this, and push those of us who are creative, it will be somewhere people visit for healing and art and . . . our beer! (Author's note: Megan's brother and sister-in-law happen to be 2 of the 5 owners of the new Crestone Brewing Co.)



Donovan Spitzman

What would my dream for Crestone be? It's a very difficult thing because we have such incredible diversity. I guess my dream really follows William and the Harmony House that he put together over there. Striving to see both ends of the spectrum, find some place of balance and harmony in the center, where suddenly we're actually all getting along and effectively communicating, and addressing each other's needs—however that looks, and I have no idea what that looks like. Yeah. That's my dream. Because right now, we seem to be very disjointed on a lot of levels, and we shouldn't be.

If you look at the history as well as the current status of this community, it truly is the owner-builders, homesteaders, and that end of the spectrum that make this community work. And are there more people here? Absolutely! Do we see them? Very rare. They're travelling or they're hangin' out at home, or they're doing something, but they're not here supporting the inner workings and dynamics of the community. And in order for this community to actually experience an abundant future for its residents, it's those residents that create it. And so, that's what makes it work here.



Sharron Rose

Well, there are 2 specific projects. One is, because I'm a filmmaker, and I love working with Doug Beechwood, we're going to do an in-

terview series with people who visit. I call it, "Crestone Live" and feel it would help attract people here, if we could put it up on YouTube and on the siteto really show the amazing spiritual teachers we have here, and community. So that's one. The other is, we have all these spiritual centers, and we're all sittin' and doin' meditation, but, except for Shumei, who has the drummers, there's really no ritual performance—music, dance! From my own experience, working in the arts for so many years, I've found that music and dance is the best way to harmonize people. So I really want to put together both a choir, and I have people interested in that, and a ritual music dance performance community group.

One more idea I've been discussing with Kairina Danforth [Crestone's mayor] and John Milton and Peter May, is to create a program that would help bring children into nature by using mathematics and sacred geometry. They would go for nature walks to find the geometric forms in nature and they could take things and make collages—a way to really connect them.



Doug Beechwood

Not much would change. I can't see much changing. The natural environment is always gonna be key. The lifestyle here will always be simple and small but I see it being a community where people can sustain themselves with their artistic livelihood, with their artistic vision. They can sustain themselves, remain off the grid, still live sustainably/alternatively but be able to thrive instead of just grasp for, ya know—it's not like we're so much facing a poverty mentality here, it's just there's nothing to base the economy on. So I hope there'd be a base for the economy, and actually provide some type of input from outside. It also allows artists, artisans, educators, authors, all the creative, independent people we have here to find a market in the outside world. I'd like to see Crestone be known for its natural resources, its simplicity, and the difficult environment to live in—ya gotta still be pretty special to be here, full time. But I see there being an economic basis where we could actually all make a living—we wouldn't have to fight for trumps anymore. It's difficult to make an economy based on all the independent people without something coming in from outside, and us reaching outside as well. Outside of Crestone, outside of the valley, outside of the state. I think we have . . . we have wisdom to share with the whole world.

Crestone Brewing Company now open downtown

Serving regional food & custom brews; Grand Opening Festival June 25

by Mary Lowers

So there I am on a beautiful Rocky Mountain spring Saturday, sitting outside sampling some incredible appetizers, drinking an icy house-made cucumber, basil, ginger soda which is light and refreshing, not unlike the season. I am visiting with Tim Riley, one of four founders, on the patio of the new Crestone Brewing Co. occupying the former Bliss building on Silver Ave. in Crestone. Life just keeps getting sweeter. I find out the incredible Caprese Fritters I am trying not to wolf down, made with fresh mozzarella, basil and cornmeal, served with dipping sauce, is always on the affordable menu. In fact the other two appetizers I tried, the vegan lettuce wraps with the paper-thin namasu style cukes, and the well loved hand cut fries made with tasty valley potatoes, are also filling, well priced and on the menu.

A busy hum of conversation pours out the backdoor of the newly refurbished establishment, drifting over the Little Pearl Park. All the new dark wood tables and chairs are filled with happy drinkers and diners. Even the cozy and—dare I say—romantic booth constructed in

the “L” leading into the old back room is packed. The redesigned interior feels streamlined to me. New paint and lighting along with a custom wood treatment freshen the dining room. Tim tells me that the wood is “reclaimed white oak pallet wood, which our very own David Carlberg collected from the area, finished, and hung.”



Brewmasters Dave Carlberg & Greg Foley at the Crestone Brewing Co.

photo by Lori Nagel



The Crestone Brewing Co. crew. L to R: Tim Riley, Dave Carlberg, Kira Riley, Aeon Saltsganer, Scott Selker, Greg Foley.

photo by Lori Nagel

Tim tells me that the company started with the idea of living in an incredible place with a strong sense of community. Because of this shared dream, the four founders came together to form Crestone Brewing Co. “We are really fortunate to have a lot of talent on our team, and that is because Crestone is a draw. Kira Riley, (Tim’s wife) offers front-of-house management expertise, while David Carlberg offers brewing skills and extensive brewpub management experience, and Greg Foley brings his depth of beer knowledge and brewing excellence. I knew we had a great team at the formation, and then with the addition of chef Scott Selker, it became clear that we have something truly special.”

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Kira and Jesse Re, ace servers from many Crestone eatery incarnations, seem to weave effortlessly through the crowd. Tim says, "We were happy to bring on Crestone workers, and the team is continuing to expand. It's really a win-win relationship." It's easy to see the fare pleases the customers. Chef Scott Sekler from Boulder is committed to locally sourcing food as much as is possible. The menu already features seven valley food sources for ingredients including yak, beef and trout. Sekler works closely with sous chef Aeon Saltgaver (Moffat alumni) who has been working in Taos, NM restaurants. Tim says, "We are extremely fortunate to have such top notch talent in the kitchen. The chefs have a great creative relationship." A collective management style at the brew pub allows everyone's best creative ideas to be heard.

The menu seems to cover every style of eating from carnivorous to vegan. They feature yak and veggie burgers as well as the Brewers' Burger created with beef marinated in porter. There are several varieties of taco offered. They can be ordered singly or in a combo plate. To me the most intriguing taco choice is the pulled pork taco with pineapple slaw. Salads are served with a choice of several house-created dressings and can include added chicken, trout or salmon. Sandwich offerings include a Cubano and a BLT Wrap. Trout fish and chips, Chicken El Diablo Pasta, Yak Meatloaf and the veggie Shepherd's Pie served with vegan mushroom gravy are some of the hearty fare offered. The specials are listed on the chalk board at the end of the bar. Key Lime Pie was the dessert featured the day I visited.

In addition to house-made soda and mineral water, Crestone Brewing Co. beers will be offered. Tim describes brewmaster Greg Foley and brewer David Carlberg as, "exceptional brewers who possess the imagination and creativity required to take beer to the next level." Crestone Brewers "are masters at perfecting classic styles, while also innovative in the beer they brew. For example, they may



Vegetarian San Luis Valley Shepherd's Pie with vegan mushroom gravy, now being served at the brand new Crestone Brewing Co. photo by Lori Nagel



Local Trout Fish & Chips with kale slaw, now being served at the new Crestone Brewing Co. photo by Lori Nagel

use sage and elderberry instead of hops, and it tastes amazing." Crestone Brewing Co. is hoping to have the facilities in the brew house complete and licensing in place by July. "Until this is done house ales will be limited in quantity, so we will be serving only 5oz. pours," Tim said.

While not a full service bar in the traditional sense, Crestone Brewing Co. serves specialty cocktails featuring gin, whiskey and tequila. There are also three guest

beers on tap from regional sources, soon to be more when an additional tap setup is installed.

"We want to serve the community high end specialty fare at competitive prices." Tim said. "We feel that the local community is what makes this all possible, and we want to offer quality and value served in a friendly, uplifted environment to express gratitude for this gift."

I encourage readers to go check out this new food and bev-

erage venue. The official Grand Opening of the Crestone Brewing Company will be held on June 25. The festivities will begin at noon. There will be live music in the Little Pearl Park, beer carts, BBQ and guest beer taps. At 5:30 in the evening Gipsy Moon, a Front Range new grass band, will play into the summer night. You can call 719-256-6400 to find out the specials or make a reservation.

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STARTERS

Caprese Fritters ^{GF}
Mozzarella & basil stuffed fried cornmeal with basil vinaigrette & balsamic reduction.....8⁰⁰ / 12⁰⁰

House Tortilla Chips ^{GF}
Served with garden fresh salsa or guacamole.....5⁰⁰ / 7⁰⁰

Loaded Smashers ^{GF}
Colorado potatoes covered with cheddar, mozzarella, thick cut bacon & chives.....7⁰⁰

Tim's Nachos ^{GF}
House tortilla chips with tomato, onion, jalapenos, sour cream, pintos & melted cheese.....10⁰⁰
add chicken/pork/yak.....2/2/3

Lettuce Wraps ^{GF}
Southeast Asian seasoned vegetables on butter leaf lettuce with bean sprouts & house made sweet & sour pickles.....8⁰⁰ / 12⁰⁰

Soup of the Day
Market Price

SALADS

^{GF}
Choice of lemon blueberry vinaigrette, balsamic vinaigrette, ranch or tzatziki add chicken, trout or salmon.....4/5/6

Three G's
Grilled chicken, greens, & goat cheese topped with roasted beets, almond slivers & avocado.....12⁰⁰

Arugula, Kale & Nicoise
Topped with tomatoes, kalamata olives, blanched string beans, fingerling potatoes & hard boiled egg.....9⁰⁰

House Salad
Fresh mixed greens, tomatoes, string beans & shredded carrots.....3⁰⁰ / 6⁰⁰

TACOS

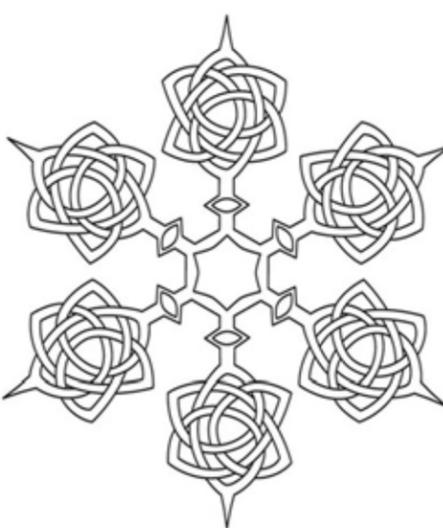
^{GF}
Ask your server about the COMBO platter

Veggie
Zucchini, beans, corn, bell pepper, onion, kale, & salsa.....3⁰⁰

Chicken
Diced seasoned chicken topped with house salsa.....4⁰⁰

Slow Cooked Pork
Pulled pork topped with a pineapple slaw.....4⁰⁰

Fish
Fried to perfection with pineapple slaw.....5⁰⁰



ENTREES

available after 5:00 pm

Yak Meatloaf
Homemade meatloaf served with smashed potatoes & seasonal vegetables.....16⁰⁰

Spent Grain Eggplant Parmesan
Served over pasta with parmesan, mozzarella & basil.....14⁰⁰

Chicken El Diablo
Chicken over pasta topped with spicy marinara, mozzarella, & basil.....16⁰⁰

Shepherd's Pie ^{GF}
Bed of shepherd's vegetables covered with mashed potatoes & cheese with a vegan mushroom gravy.....12⁰⁰

Local Fish & Chips
San Luis Valley trout fried in a spent grain breading & served over fries & kale slaw.....15⁰⁰

Ginger Soy Glazed Salmon
Glazed salmon served over a bed of quinoa and fresh vegetables.....18⁰⁰

SANDWICHES

^{GF} *Served with your choice of side Sub Gluten Free Bread for 1⁰⁰*

Crestone Burger
Locally raised Yak burger with lettuce, tomato, red onion & avocado.....13⁰⁰

Veggie Burger
House made falafel burger topped with avocado, greens, hummus & tatziki.....11⁰⁰

Brewer's Burger
Porter marinated beef with lettuce, tomato, red onion & a saison aioli.....11⁰⁰

Cubano
Sliced ham & pulled pork with mustard, pickles, & melted swiss cheese.....10⁰⁰

Grilled Chicken
Grilled chicken with tomato, avocado, swiss & greens.....8⁰⁰

Pulled Pork
Slow cooked pork topped with pickles & a housemade barbeque sauce.....9⁰⁰

BBQ Chicken
Chicken breast topped with tomato, cheddar cheese & house barbeque sauce.....9⁰⁰

San Luis Valley Wrap
Fresh valley vegetables wrapped in a whole grain tortilla with a balsamic drizzle.....9⁰⁰

SIDES

4⁰⁰

- Kale Slaw
- Seasonal Veggies
- Smashed Potatoes
- French Fries
- Tortilla Chips

DESSERT

Homemade Key Lime Pie
With a house margarita drizzle.....6⁰⁰

DRINKS

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Coffee.....2⁰⁰
Iced Tea.....2⁰⁰
Homemade Soda.....4⁰⁰
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Never before in world history had 116 heads of state gathered to gather in one place for any reason. Maurice Strong worked for years to bring them together for the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. When asked by a reporter how many leaders he had gathered he is quoted as saying "Well, we have 116 heads of state, presidents, kings and prime ministers, tyrants and democrats and dictators... but not one leader!"

Exhibition at Shumei: Only one Earth: A retrospective photo exhibition on the extraordinary life of Maurice Strong

The Shumei International Institute is pleased and honored to host this photo exhibition composed of more than 100 historical photos. The exhibition opened on May 22 as part of an interfaith tribute to Maurice Strong on the day of Shumei's 14th anniversary in Crestone. Maurice Strong passed into the spiritual realm on November 27, 2015 on the eve of the Paris Climate Talks which would never have taken place if it were not for his lifetime of work. Maurice himself wrote the words "Only One Earth" as the slogan for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm Sweden in 1972. It is no exaggeration to say the Maurice Strong began the worldwide dialogue on the environment of our planet.

Maurice Strong was born to in a poor family in a small town in Manitoba, Canada during the Great Depression on April 29, 1929. At the restless age of 14 Maurice was a stowaway on the Noronic, the largest passenger vessel sailing the great lakes. From there he would spend 2 years "riding the rails" crisscrossing the continent and living the life of a hobo.

During these years he picked up a newspaper that was blowing across some unknown railway yard. It was an article about the formation of the League of Nations, the predecessor of the United Nations. Maurice shared in a private interview that he knew right then and there that was what he would devote his life to.

He then spent the next 2 years in remote Chesterfield Inlet in the far northern tundra of Canada where mail was delivered only once

a year. He befriended and lived with the indigenous Inuit people there, learning their language and their ways of living in harmony with nature and the earth. This was a formative experience which would lead to a lifetime of love for the indigenous tribes and peoples of the earth.

Only those closest to Maurice Strong could possibly even begin to realize the full scale and scope of this man's love for nature, mother earth and its peoples. Through images, artifact, words and stories Shumei endeavors to share just a tiny portion of the epic story that is the life of Maurice Strong.



Hanne and Maurice Strong when they first met in 1971.

This may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many people to see these images and get this unique perspective on this man, who, along with his wife Hanne, are largely responsible for the 30 or more spiritual groups who currently have a presence in our community.

This exhibition will hang through the month of June. Shumei's gallery is open 7 days a week from 9-5 and is always open and free to the public.

Local woman, Bailee Schreyer-Bragassa, produces first film: 'Her side of the Bed'

It was four years ago that local Bailee Schreyer-Bragassa moved from the San Luis Valley to Los Angeles to pursue her career in filmmaking. Having attended the Colorado Film School in Aurora she realized it was time to give it her best shot in the Hollywood scene. After working on several major television series including MasterChef and Agent Carter as Production Assistant, and on a handful of independent feature films in the Assistant Director department, Bailee made the right connection at the right time.

It was April 2015 when she was introduced to fellow female filmmaker Bryn Woznicki who was heading into production on her directorial debut, *Her Side of the Bed*. The two immediately clicked and after a short amount of time as 1st Assistant Director, Bailee was promoted to Producer of the film. A year later, filming is complete and Bailee makes bi-monthly trips from Las Vegas, where she currently resides, to LA to work with Bryn and their editor on post production for the film.

Her Side of the Bed is a realistic romantic drama with comedic and LGBT themes that follows two young women living together in Manhattan. After Rachel, played by co-writer Chelsea Morgan, is dumped by the man she thought she would marry, her best friend and roommate, Nicole (played by writer and Director Bryn Woznicki) tries to help her mend her broken heart and find herself again. But after a shared intimate experience both are forced to ask the question, when we strip away the relationships and false personas, who are we really?

The film has garnered much media attention already and has seen positive response from focus groups and test screenings. Both Bailee and Bryn are hopeful for a premier at a major festival,

Sundance being their first choice. However, there is still work to be done. With the edit almost complete, they are looking to raise funds to pay for professional sound mixing, color correction, and music composition. Because of its strong female leadership and focus, they have received several grants and have been approved for The Film Collaborative, a program that makes anything donated to the film 100% tax deductible.

"I went into film so that someday I might be able to create something that someone would watch and realize they aren't alone, that someone else understands," says Bailee. "I think a lot of us have defined ourselves at some point or another by our relationships, or lack of them. If this beautiful and unique coming of age story can help even one person through their struggles I know I'm on the right path. But for us to help others we need help in finishing this project and getting it out to the world. Anything helps."

Bailee encourages anyone who wants to know more to check out the website www.hersideofthbedmovie.com or the Facebook page www.facebook.com/HerSideoftheBed and if they have further questions or would like to contribute to the film, they can contact Bailee directly at schrebfilm@gmail.com.



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Blue Earth Café opens in Saguache

Coffee, snacks & music!

by **Kathy Bedell,**
SaguacheToday.com

The beginning of summer always marks the Grand Opening season for new businesses. And so it goes for the new coffee shop in downtown Saguache. So it's a big welcome to the Blue Earth Café, a new venture started as part of Saguache Works. Located in the back behind the popular 4th Street Food Store in downtown Saguache, "behind the bank."

"We specialize in fine coffees, teas and snacks, most of which is organic" says the new café's manager Jopa, a familiar face and name around these parts. The Blue Earth Café is open daily from 8am to 6pm and will celebrate its Grand Opening this Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-30, with some live music.

Here's the line-up to entice you to swing into downtown Saguache during your Memorial Day travels to check out the latest venture. Oh, and since they'll be doing



Jopa Roth, owner of Blue Earth Cafe in Saguache, welcomes you to his new coffee shop.

live music throughout the summer, be sure to talk to Jopa about any musical talents you care to add to the venue!

Friday, May 27, 3-6pm: Barry Monroe

Saturday, May 28, 6-9pm: DJ Tranquility

Sunday, May 29, 3-6pm: Armand Peloquin

Monday, May 30

3-6pm TBA

6-9pm Crestone Love Tribe (drum & dance)

Be sure to stop in when you're downtown, grab a cup of coffee, catch up on some local news, and listen to some great live music. The Blue Earth Café is located at 404 4th Street, Saguache. You can also connect with them on the Saguache Works Facebook Page.

"It's a very community-oriented space," explained Jopa. "We hope to get an acoustic music scene happening through the summer. So stop in and let us know what talents you have to add to the lineup."



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Colorado Revealed video contest winners announced

Videos demonstrate the "reel" Colorado

The Colorado Office of Film, Media and Television announced on April 21 the winners of the Colorado Revealed Video Contest. Five winners were chosen from 59 film entries that were competing for the total prize of \$15,000 plus commemorative *Hateful 8* filmstrips from Kodak. The contest received over 7,000 votes and had more than 55,000 views.

Winners

1st Place Jury Selection: *Colorful Colorado* - Brett Schreckengost, Ophir. Description: If you're lucky enough to live in Colorado, you're lucky enough.

2nd Place Jury Selection: *Rediscover the Known* - Diego Estrada, Denver. Description: When Matthew hits a creative road block, he skates through the city streets.

1st Place Audience Award: *Colorado Revealed Worlds Within* - Sarah R. Lotfi, Colorado Springs. Description: Sometimes the world of wonder that we seek is a world much closer than imagined. Discover Colorado through the intimate journey of filmmakers.

2nd Place Audience Award: *Far in the West* - Maurice Cox, Denver. Description: This land isn't for the faint of heart; fortune does indeed favor the brave!

3rd Place Audience Award: *A Colorado Day* - Riley Donovan, Chicago, IL/Salida, CO. Description: My friend Garrett rallied the local crew

to go sandboarding at Great Sand Dunes National Park. We got the supplies, piled in the car, got blessed at The UFO Watchtower and then had one heck of a good time.

All videos are still available to view at: <http://bit.ly/22U9L0n>.

The videos were judged by a panel of expert judges: Brit Withey, Artistic Director, Denver Film Society; Frederic Lahey, Vice President of Communications & Events, Grant Heritage Hotels/Stanley Film Center; Cathy Ritter, Director, Colorado Tourism Office; Courtney Potts, Program Manager, Colorado Office of Film, TV & Media; Taylor Tschida, Program Coordinator, Colorado Office of Film, TV & Media.

The Colorado Revealed Video Contest was hosted on The Audience Awards contest platform.

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Who We Are

Adam Kinney: Building family & community

by Gussie Fauntleroy

If construction hadn't come to a halt when it did on the downtown Crestone building on which Adam Kinney was crew chief, he would not have been in the position to even consider buying the business he now owns and runs. The very week that work ended on the structure next to the Free Box, Blue Earth Design founder and owner Bruce Nygren put his longtime business up for sale. Blue Earth was a woodworking shop specializing in finely crafted product display cases for retail businesses and manufacturers.

As it turned out, the company and Adam were a perfect fit. He had the woodworking skills, artistic sensibility, design sense, and drive. After working on the downtown building project he realized he was ready to leave construction. So he took a business course in Alamosa, wrote a business plan, got a loan, and purchased Blue Earth Design. In 2014 he and his wife, Cristina Cabeza-Kinney, took over the reins. A few months later a longtime client pulled out, taking with it the shop's bread-and-butter income. That's when Adam's faith in the rightness and serendipity of seemingly negative events was put to a serious test—and passed.

A new vision

The sudden loss of a major client threw open the door for a full re-visioning of the company. "Me and Cristina sat down and established our values, what kind of business we wanted and what kind of materials we wanted to use," the 39-year-old owner and lead designer says, sitting in the office of the building Blue Earth rents a few miles west of town. The Kinneys' value system retained the shop's high standards in craftsmanship and design while committing to ecologically conscious materials, including beetle-kill pine and other sustainably forested products and non-toxic, water-based finishes.

Soon the former client, Sounds True—a spiritually oriented multimedia publishing company—was back on board. A sales push brought in new clients, among them OpenVAPE, Frontier Co-op spices, and Aura Cacia essential oils. Blue Earth also does other custom wood-

working, and has acquired a laser cutter/engraver and silkscreen equipment for producing t-shirts and other logo-branded items. The company, which has employed up to 12 full and part-time workers, currently consists of Adam, Cristina as co-owner and business manager,



Adam with family, l to r: Luna Blue delAmor, Naiya, Raven, and Cristina.

and Julian Wade as digital designer and "genius-tinkerer." Adam is seeking at least one other full-time employee as the business stands poised for significant expansion.

Shedding suburban life

Growing up in a Dallas suburb, Adam was an imaginative boy but he could not have imagined the ways his life would diverge from the standard American script. When he was 14, the family moved to Madrid for his stepfather's business consulting work. Living in Spain for two years blew open Adam's world. He learned Spanish, traveled around Europe with his family, lived in Japan for a month as an exchange student, encountered Gitano people (gypsies), and saw the effects of poverty first-hand for the first time in his life. Then when he was 16 the family moved back to their former Dallas suburb. "We were in the same house we'd lived in before, same school. It was awful," he remembers.

Music, writing, and travel came to the rescue. At 17 his stepfather bought him his first guitar. Soon Adam's poetry morphed into song lyrics, and he dreamed of becoming a rock star. At 21 he outfitted an SUV with a bed and hit the road to see the country. He drove to California (with the idea of knocking on Tom Petty's door to



Adam Kinney at work. Kinney is co-owner and lead designer at Blue Earth Design, a woodworking shop that specializes in retail product display cases.



Kinney's band, Plan Be: (clockwise) Adam, Nick Chambers and Jacob Pesqueira. photo by Cari Vodicka

say hi, which didn't happen), then made it as far as Flagstaff before running out of gas and pawning his guitar. He continued on to New York City, and between that and other road trips eventually rolled across every state in the continental U.S.

Finding family & home

But it was the Southwest that touched Adam's soul. "It's the only place in the entire world I've felt a cellular connection with, where when I walk through it I feel things," he says. He returned to Flagstaff and soon was working in construction, honing his skills wherever he lived. Searching for land to homestead, he and his then-wife Jo delAmor moved to the San Luis Valley in 2001. When their daughter Luna was born at home, fatherhood launched Adam into a deeper connection with things that matter in life. "That was it, right there, nothing could ever be the same again. It's why I'm here and what I work for," he says. Luna now lives half-time with Adam and Cristina, Cristina's son Raven, and the couple's daughter, Naiya, in the home Adam built in town.

Commitment

In Crestone Adam continued working in carpentry and also became involved with sweat lodges and peyote ceremonies led by Chris Long. He remembers his first real conversation with Cristina, next to a sweat lodge fire. "I knew immediately that I was massively in love with her and always would be," he says. They were married in 2010. Two years later Adam was elected to the Crestone Town Council and continues to serve the community in that role. With the growth and changes Crestone has seen in the past few years, it's a time-consuming commitment. But he believes it's worth it—he appreciates consciously-oriented growth for the benefit of local businesses and the families that depend on them. One

thing Adam would like to see accompany that growth is the kind of wise welcome he received from longtime residents, including Kizzen Laki and Jim Holmer, when he moved here. "It's important to help people understand the community's shared value system and how they can fit in here," he says. "Now that responsibility is falling on my generation."

Others may need to take up that task, however. Working sometimes 80 hours a week at Blue Earth, building an addition onto his family's home, and practicing, performing and recording with his band, Plan Be, consumes most of Adam's time these days (among Plan Be's upcoming gigs: main stage at FIBArk in Salida June 16, and at Crestone Brewing Company's grand opening June 25; see soundcloud.com/adamkinney). His long-term aspiration, he says, is to "really create something legitimate and solid to leave to my children, to make it possible for them to do what they want, like travel or school. So I'm going full-bore right now."

Ask Dr. B about pets

Fleas, ticks, heartworms



by **Linda Behrns DMV**
Fleas, ticks, heartworms

It didn't feel very spring-like much of April and May, but warmer weather is on its way and with it all the bugs of summer. I have already had a few clients find a tick or two on their dogs. No reports of fleas as of yet but invariably there will be a few showing up soon. Never mind the mosquitoes who are no doubt waiting to show up in swarms again as soon as it warms up a bit.

The Mercantile usually has a variety of flea and tick treatments on hand. If you are in town or on-line looking for something I would recommend Frontline Plus or Advantage. Fleas should be pretty easy to eliminate on pets here and, other than skin irritation, are unlikely to cause anything worse than a case of tapeworms. Ticks, on the other hand, can be more of a problem and potentially carry more serious diseases, so if your dog goes out walking or hiking regularly I would recommend one of the pour-on products at the Mercantile or the Frontline Plus or Advantage.

It is somewhat questionable whether heartworms can be transmitted here, due to a variety of factors. Our relatively cool summer nights being one of them. They prevent heartworm development

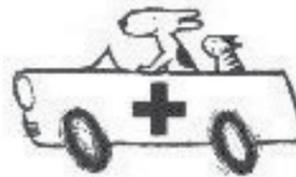
in the mosquitoes. Given that it is such a serious disease when a dog does get it, and the impressive number of mosquitoes we can have, I personally don't like to risk it in my own dogs. I start them on heartworm prevention sometime in June and test them every other year just to make sure.

The heartworm medication I have also takes care of pretty much all types of intestinal worms including tapeworms. Animals get tapeworms by eating mice, rabbits and other small mammals as well as from ingesting fleas from these animals or while chewing themselves. Tapeworms are the one parasite I do see on a regular basis here in the Crestone area.

All the flying bugs eventually bring bats looking for a meal to town. Bats are incredibly helpful in decreasing the mosquito population, so I am all for attracting as many as possible and have three bat houses myself. However, they can also carry rabies, which is a very serious public health concern. Rabid bats are generally on the ground unable to fly and vulnerable to curious dogs and cats. Rabies can easily be transmitted from one animal to another, or to a human, so please remember to keep your animals all up to date on their rabies vaccinations!

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Sri Aurobindo Learning Center

The Goddess Savitri

by Rod Hemsell

There is a central section of Sri Aurobindo's mantric teaching, *Savitri—A Legend and a Symbol*, which is often mistakenly interpreted as primarily a mythological legend rather than a symbol. However, through a series of workshops presented this year at centers in Europe as well as at our center here in Crestone, we have tried to demonstrate the truer esoteric nature of the teaching that is revealed in this important part of the book. It is the section of about 60 pages in the very middle of the 700-page tome that ostensibly deals with the meeting of Savitri and Satyavan in the forest, but which is actually an initiatory transmission of the qualities embodied by the symbolic goddess of the "New Consciousness" descending on earth, and of the truly ready human soul that is elected as a vessel of that descent.

In the cantos of Books 4 and 5, therefore, we find a description, canto by canto, of the gradual emergence of that new consciousness on earth, first in the form of an invisible universal power working through nature and art and science; then as a subtle mystical intuition experienced by many who aspire for the emergence of a more spiritual reality beyond the practical and rational mind to which we seem bound; and finally as the original Vedic luminosity and joy of revelatory inspiration named Savitri that descends into the life and mind of the ready human being, with an elaborate description of what such readiness means and requires. And it is here that we are made to hear and see the qualities of a spiritual presence that can be

experienced through Yoga. For example, She is described as:

A silence in the noise of earthly things . . .

The very room and smile of musing space . . .

A godhead sculptured on a wall of thought . . .

This intimation of the world's delight . . .

A Mind of light, a life of rhythmic force . . .

And in these pages we also find several examples of a pattern and technique whereby Sri Aurobindo makes the poem reflect on itself in a way that expresses its deeper meaning and purpose. He writes of it:

This word was seed of all the thing to be . . .

There came the gift of a revealing hour . . .

The word was used as a hieratic means

For the release of the imprisoned spirit . . .

When read in the normal way, by the eyes and the brain, one can easily miss the meaning and power of lines and phrases like these. But in a dynamic mantric reading and hearing, the direct revelatory effect is of a presence and quality of experience that is exactly what is being described and transmitted by the poetry. This is the mantric quality of *Savitri*, which is the essence of Vedic speech known as mantra. One of the primary aims of our workshops and the activities of the center is to make such experience a familiar occurrence on the path of Integral Yoga.

For information on upcoming workshops and activities of SALC please call 719-256-4917.



Ashram helps unpacking new products for The Maha Lakshmi Shop, which is very full. Come by between 10am and 5pm every day!

Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

May was great with a very successful annual on-line fundraising auction. We want to express our deep appreciation for all who participated.

Our new-moon fire ceremony this month is on Saturday, June 4. Our full-moon fire ceremony is on Monday, June 20. 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 on each day that we do not have a large one at 10am. Please call the Ashram at 719-256-4108 or email us at info@babajiashram.org for proper protocol for attending fire ceremonies and any other questions.

The Maha Lakshmi Shop is very fully stocked with many new items that just arrived. There are amazing new murtis (statues), small and very large, belly dancing bells, Indian bedspread, hand wo-

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Enjoying Everyday Life

Secrets to increasing your happiness



by Joyce Meyer

I believe everyone has a desire to be happy. In fact, much of what we do is motivated by that desire, yet there are so many people who are not happy with their lives because they are striving to get happiness in the wrong way.

Through studying God's Word, I've discovered several principles we must live by to be happy or to increase our level of joy.

Make a decision

The truth is, you'll never be truly happy if you don't make a decision to be happy, no matter what your circumstances may be. Because true godly joy is not based on what is happening around us.

One definition I've read describes happiness as the product of expecting something good to happen to you. I love this because it means that even if something good isn't happening to me right now, I can have hope and expect that something good will happen. We don't have to wait for our circumstances to dictate whether we should be happy or not. I realize we can't always control our circumstances or what happens to us, but we can choose our attitude.

Live to give

Another biblical principle that guarantees our happiness is found in Matthew 16:24 (AMPC): "Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to be My disciple, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

This scripture is saying that if you want to be happy, you have to learn to give your life away, or "live to give." This is not easy in the beginning because we are naturally selfish people, accustomed to thinking about ourselves first. But in order to really live, you have to die to yourself first. I'm not talking

about physical death, but being willing to give up what you want all the time to be a blessing to others.

To forget yourself doesn't mean you shouldn't take care of yourself or that you never get to do anything you want to do; it just means you don't have yourself on your mind all the time. And taking up our cross to follow Jesus is all about losing sight of ourselves and our own interests so we can say, "Here I am, God. I give my life to You and I want You to use me in any way that You want to work in and through my life."

Please God, not people

We also have to understand that if we let other people run our lives, we won't be happy. God created you as a unique individual with a special plan and purpose in this world. And you have to be who He created you to be—not what others may want you to be—to fulfill your destiny.

Being yourself is all about learning to follow your heart and the leadership of the Holy Spirit in your everyday life. But many times, we find ourselves doing what others say we're supposed to do and worrying about what they think or what they will say.

Refuse to give up the destiny God has for you because of a fear of rejection. Remember that God loves you and He always has your best interest at heart, so whatever He shows you to do, it's for your good. Sometimes being obedient to Him requires us to do things we don't feel like doing or that are hard to do. But if we trust Him, we'll find that doing things His way, by His grace, leads us to the happiest life we could ever have.

Gotta love libraries

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by Amy Garoutte,
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In March, I was able to spend my spring break in Yuma, Arizona. My family spent our time visiting with my mother-in-law, and her friends, and taking in some of the local sites. One day we toured the Yuma Territorial Prison, where we enjoyed ourselves and learned a lot. The prison was opened in 1876 on a hill next to the Colorado River near the village of Yuma. The prison remained open until 1909, when a larger prison in Florence, Arizona was opened.

At that time, the prison was state-of-the-art and sometimes served as a cultural hub of Yuma. However, many Yuma citizens resented the modern amenities of the prison, many of which were not available to the citizens, and they referred to the prison as "The Country Club on the Colorado." These amenities included electricity; forced ventilation; sanitation, including two bathtubs and three showers; and a library with 2000 books, the most in the territory at the time. Local citizens were allowed to utilize the library. There was even a prison band that provided paid performances to the local citizens.

While the townspeople considered the prison luxurious, the prisoners felt differently, often calling it the "Hell Hole." The prison was surrounded by rivers, quick sand, and desert in all directions. There was a "snake den" and ball and chain as standard

punishment, and the heat was insufferable (even with the forced ventilation). It was said that the prison was "impossible to endure, more impossible to escape." Prisoners who were brave enough to try and escape were usually quickly captured by members of the local Quechan tribe, who were paid as trackers by the prison superintendent.

Madora Ingalls, wife of one of the prison superintendents, was responsible for raising funds for the Yuma Territorial Prison Library and the betterment of the lives of the prisoners. The prisoners liked and respected her. While she worked hard to improve the lives of the prisoners, she also proved tough during an escape attempt. During one prison break attempt, prisoners shot two guards manning the Gatling gun. While waiting for the other guards, Madora Ingalls took up the Gatling gun and prevented the prisoners' escape.

What a different life it was in the early days of the American Southwest. I can't imagine manning a machine gun against prisoners trying to escape. Furthermore, I cannot imagine having to go to a prison to research a topic or check out a book that I wanted to read. We are lucky to have such easy access to our friendly libraries in Crestone and Saguache. I hope you will take advantage of our libraries and stop by to say hello. We promise not to throw you in a snake den.

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Policy governance & the missing link between education & accountability

by Zya Hollyer,

2016 Charter School graduate

Policy Governance is a multifaceted, integrated leadership model. Primarily it serves as a system of policy organization with the objective of efficiently delegating responsibilities and connecting the ownership to the governing body. Policy Governance is spreading in popularity as more and more schools identify with the model's ideals of integrity, quality and self accountability. For the most part, school boards and governing councils that implement Policy Governance have all had varying degrees of success (www.carvergovernance.com/pg-np.htm). Through thorough research and personal experience, I have concluded that Policy Governance has massive potential, as well as a few problem areas.

Variations in success are mostly caused by localized issues, but usually they can be traced back to one key factor, accountability. In Policy Governance, the board or governing council has three main functions. First, to connect the operational organization (the school) with the ownership (students and their parents). This includes the integration of the ownership's values and educational objectives. The second is policy development, ensuring that said prerogatives are the guiding forces behind the creation of new policies. The third is monitoring the performance of the organizational policies and ensuring that they aid the school's progress in the manner intended. So the governing council is a product of the ownership and is second to their command, while the school director (CEO) is subject to the governing council, and the staff is under the CEO's jurisdiction.

The governing council demonstrates its competence to the ownership through the policies it writes. There are four types of policies that the council will write, and they all serve a very specific purpose. These policies can be broken down further into Ends and Means. Policies about governance process, (which includes how the meetings are orchestrated and policy is written), board management delegation, (anything pertaining to the communication/delegation of responsibilities within the board and to the CEO) and Executive Limitations (specifications concerning only how the CEO may *not* conduct business) all fall under the Means category. Ends policies are rather self-explanatory and pertain purely to the goals of the organization, or its purpose. It is in the Ends policies that you can most clearly

see the influence of the ownership. And thus we have come in a fullish circle and can hopefully observe the effects of each of these parts on another.

Policy governance embodies the elegance and functionality that can only be achieved through transparency, accountability and quality effort. And therein lies its greatest fault. Because it is unlikely that every person in the ownership will be infallibly responsible and dedicated, you cannot rely purely on the good intentions of the community.

The model offers no surefire way to hold the ownership accountable, and as a result they are often not. The board may hold all of the public meetings they wish but they cannot force participation. Such is the case in my school, that a few well meaning individuals are left to represent the entire community. Periodically this causes misunderstandings, and the council is faced with the aberrations and aggressions of those who do not understand Policy Governance and thus do not know how to properly make a case for the council to consider.

I have noticed that the individuals with objections are rarely the same ones who attend governing council meetings, so it seems reasonable to conclude that they are upset because they feel their voices are not being heard. But if the council is under the jurisdiction of the ownership then how could this be? Again, it is simple lack of accountability. But can you honestly expect every single community member to just magically have a thorough understanding of their school's governance? The answer is no. On the other hand, is the purpose of a school not to educate?

My solution to this accountability paradox is . . . more accountability! If the choice were mine, ownership would be subject to mandatory volunteer practices, a set amount for anybody who directly



The Crestone Charter School graduating class of 2016. Back row, L to R: Ryan Johns (LINK Teacher), Miki Mei Moreno, Quincy Meisman, Chenoa Off, Zya Hollyer, Rowan Lyford, Emily Donaldson (LINK Teacher); Front row: Parker Solano. Not pictured: Nicholas Meisman. photo by Lori Nagel

benefits from the school (mostly parents). This would include periodic workshops on the dynamics and subtleties of Policy Governance, as well as time on the actual council. To create more fluidity within the governance process and allow for a rotating cast of parent volunteers, all school policies would need to be classified as prerequisite knowledge before enrolling their children. Additionally, as students move through the curriculum they would also learn about Policy Governance and perhaps even form their own student council in coalition with the Governing Council.

Because Policy Governance holds its participants to such high standards, it is essential that thoughtful and precise work form the foundation for any progress. Therefore, in the interest of fulfilling the lofty ideals of transparency, integrity and quality that Policy Governance claims, I believe that this revision (or a similar one) is necessary.

Of the three functions that Policy Governance serves, connecting the ownership to the operational organization is the most important. Without that link, the system is subject to the personal agendas of

its constituents, and its functional integrity is compromised. To be very clear, there is absolutely nothing wrong with pursuing such unanimous ends; but relying on the accountability of individuals without anything in place to hold them accountable is foolish and would only work in a utopian scenario. This is not to say that people are inherently irresponsible, but without insight and instruction, you could not possibly expect the community to be an asset in the complex and nuanced enterprise that is Policy Governance.

As a student who has been personally indoctrinated into the methods of Policy Governance, I know that understanding such a system is universally achievable and absolutely imperative. Additionally, I believe that this entire dynamic, of depending on accountability and people not being held accountable is an eerie reflection of our planet's political state. It is no coincidence that our government is corrupt and its ownership uneducated. Understanding leads to empowerment and progress, and what better place to sow the seeds of knowledge than our very own school.

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The Washington Beat

What if he wins?

by David Nicholas

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Book of Daniel, Chapter 5, Balthazar's Feast, the handwriting on the wall. The prophecy didn't end well for King Balthazar after Daniel told him. It was mostly bad news. The King, he said, has been measured and found wanting, whereupon the word of mouth recorded in the Talmud says he was dead within hours and soon after, his Chaldean/Babylonian empire was split up and taken by Medes and Persians (modern day Iran).

That said, it is not whether TheDonald can win the presidency, as much as what he would do if he won the brass ring? There is no doubt that with the presidency, it's the office that makes the man/woman (when one is elected), but after much of the punditry go-around in May, when it came to considering the Republican presumptive nominee (see what that means below), I decided to lie awake in the dead of night and weigh up what we have here in TheDonald.

The immediate reaction is: not much. The man is a mess both in his private and public life, particularly business, but if he isn't opposed in a careful and forthright manner the Dems can screw it up and he can win enough electoral college votes to win the presidency.

This situation happened before in the 1980 presidential election when Ronald Reagan, an actor who played second fiddle to a chimpanzee (*Bedtime for Bonzo*), won in a landslide against the incumbent, President Jimmy Carter. In that case many Democrats were in disbelief that someone like Reagan could conceivably be in consideration to win the prize.

The Democrats need to dispense with incredulity and prepare for TheDonald as a formidable opponent, no longer an aberration that will soon die and go away. Personally, the Beat has had to undergo a transition in the realization

that TheDonald has soundly beaten all other GOP candidates who were thought to be much more formidable than he, so not treating him like the enemy incarnate is a big mistake.

Trump is a juggernaut and the warning has been sounded by Senate Minority leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) that Trump needs to be stopped, and they are now waging their own campaign to stop Trump. This must be the beginning.

So what does a President Trump look like? Scary, really scary. As the former Obama Campaign Director David Axelrod said as the Kentucky primary results were coming in, when you mouth off as TheDonald has done during the primary campaign, these same sentiments and words can have mortal consequences as president.

Hence, the prophesy of Daniel. If he ever gets to be president he will inherit vortices well beyond his pay grade.

Drumph spawn foreign policy speech

Is he the new Don Quixote? After 40 minutes of a scripted—for once—diatribe on foreign policy, if TheDonald were to be elected president we would be in for a completely revamped, sometimes incoherent, mish-mash. TheDonald wants to be best friends with Vladimir Putin, sort of, have a love fest with Israel and Saudi Arabia, maybe then teach Iran how to behave in the world, or not, and last but not least chew the fat in Pyongyang with North Korea's Kim Jung Un. Foreign policies in TheDonald's mind, where America can become great again by putting America First. Uh-huh. Then again, maybe not.

How do ya like them windmills? No? Well, you wouldn't be alone. TheDonald spoke at a gathering hosted by the *National Interest*. This invitation-only gathering



of foreign policy movers and shakers had many of them snickering in the aisles. Listening to it, I closed my eyes and just tried to listen to what TheDonald was enunciating and much of it was incomplete thoughts, many of which didn't seem connected with reality. It displayed that this modern-day Don Quixote was way out of his depth.

Foreign policy for most presidential wannabes is mostly on-the-job training, but prior to getting the job one reads position background papers written by foreign policy wonks whose expertise you trust. TheDonald did the usual and listened to himself. To be nice, he don't know much.

The big news was that TheDonald has surrounded himself with a former US ambassador to Iraq and New American Century think-tanker Zalmay Khalilzad, who introduced him. Just to recap, Ambassador Khalilzad was aligned with the Defense Department's neo-con cabal (including SecDef Rumsfeld) that got its claws into a naïve Bush43 and voila! the Afghan invasion in 2001 and the Iraq War in 2003. Right now most of the neo-cons—who gave us the Iraq invasion under Bush43—were advising the Cruz campaign with the likes of Elliott Abrams and Frank Gaffney. However, since Senator Cruz saw the blinding light, they are circulating their resumes among the Trumpets.

These warmongers want America on a permanent war footing, and when TheDonald gets bored with being presidential, war could be his entertaining option. I keep track of this bunch because I would like them to be hauled up before the International Criminal Court and tried for their war crimes, but I'm not holding my breath.

What I get from TheDonald is that he wants a few windmills to attack in an aggressive manner. A little red meat for the GOP base. You had to be careful to listen for TheDonald's implications, because although he implied that foreign policy has been badly handled since 2001, he is quick to mention President Obama and Hillary Clinton by name, while being careful to also point the finger at Bush43, a slight but significant jab. The Bushes do not endorse TheDonald.

So whaddaya mean when you don't have Cruz to kick around anymore?

It's why the Indiana result on May 3 was such a shock. The polls were suggesting that the result in Indiana would be a victory for TheDonald, but as usual the polls taken were wildly off the mark. TheDonald won 52.3%, beating Ted Cruz's 36.7% (John Kasich had 7.6%). We expected the Senator to front the cameras after a crushing defeat to say, "Tonight was a good night," giving his usual slight side smile (you couldn't call it a smirk) and launch into the long rant as to why victory would be in reach at the convention, but that didn't happen.

Instead, Cruz's vice-presidential nominee Carly Fiorina appeared, who delivered a very soft-spoken introduction and then the Senator appeared looking meek and mild, naw, beaten. He quit the race. The speech was short and sharp. Mr. Cruz had had enough.

The previous week was not a good one for Mr. Cruz. His attempt to approach pro-Trump protesters at his rally and reason with them using his Texas charm ended badly with one of the protesters telling him he should go back to Canada.

On top of that the *National Inquirer* had a photo of what was purported to be the Senator's father in the Dallas Sheriff's Department basement holding area, just moments before Lee Harvey Oswald was shot by nightclub owner Jack Ruby in 1963. TheDonald was quick to use the photo by attacking the Senator, saying that his dad was part of the plot to assassinate President Kennedy.

There are things—often many things—said in presidential campaigns, which can tip a person over the edge, and this baseless allegation saw Ted Cruz lose it. I think this was the last straw for him in what had been a highly acrimonious couple of weeks.

In his farewell to the campaign speech, Senator Cruz did not call on the party to unite around the presumptive nominee. Given that Senator Cruz is known to hold a grudge, and that the damage of those last incidents had psychologically wounded him, it's unlikely he will endorse TheDonald, at least not before the GOP convention in Cleveland in July.

For TheDonald it was just business as usual.

Then it was Kasich's turn

Within 24 hours, the entire GOP race was turned on its head—it's the right cliché to describe this—when Ohio Governor John Kasich announced he was suspending his campaign. The Governor left with his head held high, thanking his campaigners for their efforts, but as with Cruz he did not endorse TheDonald. On hearing the news, TheDonald said how much he liked the Governor and aired the idea that Mr. Kasich might make an ideal Vice-President. However, Mr. Kasich has vetoed that suggestion whenever he was asked it over the last four months. He said in his closing remarks that he would see what God had planned for him next. At this point, that was that.

So the "What if he wins?" column inches will be a regular feature from now until November.

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The presumptive GOP nominee

Within minutes of the networks calling Indiana for TheDonald, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus tweeted that TheDonald was the presumptive GOP nominee and for the other two candidates the writing was on the wall. And they got the message, and they were gone within the day.

What does “presumptive nominee” mean in a campaign? Well nothing much publicly; it dominates the narrative for a couple of news cycles. While it allows the nominee to start to focus on the national campaign, the big change comes with his security. From that signal, the Secret Service attends the campaign. The candidate has a full security detail at campaign venues and gets motorcades, which drive through towns and cities at high speed.

This was why Mr. Priebus announced Trump as the presumptive nominee—the demonstrators outside his campaign events were getting unruly, on one occasion forcing TheDonald to go through back entrances or scurry across fields to reach venues. With Secret Service protection TheDonald’s life is no longer his own. Everything he does gets vetted before he moves in the outside world.

The Donald wouldn’t make it as a Democrat. Philosophically, TheDonald doesn’t stand for anything and he really doesn’t give a damn if we don’t like him.

Ahh, Hillary. Sigh.

Having donned the soothsayer robes, the answer is, yes, he could be President. But whether Clinton will win the presidency has gone from certain to circumspect and cautious. It’s about how Mrs. Clinton will handle the personal onslaught that comes when you go up against TheDonald. I think about Hillary Clinton and wish she was Elizabeth Warren, but she ain’t and she is going to have her work cut out for her when she goes up against TheDonald. Truly.

TheDonald is a scrapper, a street brawler, who really doesn’t mind getting in your face. The problem is Mrs. Clinton isn’t a street brawler, and it’s a trap taking on TheDonald on those terms. They are his terms and you can’t get the better of him by stooping to his level. Marco Rubio did that and he blew it. Ted Cruz unraveled just as quickly when he lost his temper.

The answer is to enjoy the give and take, and more importantly get TheDonald to defend his inarticulate conversation and reckless remarks. TheDonald is not good on defense, but to do that you have to be in the mix.

In this campaign, these days the mix means sitting on your Twitter account (or your designated Twitter surrogate) and tweet-

ing incessantly about everything that is uttered on the 24hour news channels, replying almost instantly to anything that is said about the candidate. TheDonald does this now when he’s not speaking at rallies or being interviewed. Thus TheDonald is on every news channel responding to or initiating conversation, all the time. In short, this is total aggression.

Case in point: May 17, the night of the Kentucky and Oregon primaries, where Mrs. Clinton won the Bluegrass State by a whisker ahead of Bernie Sanders (46.8%-46.3%); also Mr. Sanders won Oregon by a wide margin. Neither TheDonald or Mrs. Clinton made a victory speech as it was too late on the east coast for speeches to make the morning news shows. While Mr. Sanders spoke to a rally in California, which the news channels took as live feed, nothing was heard from either Mrs. Clinton or the Hillary Campaign. However, TheDonald was tweeting throughout the hours when the results were coming in and turning them into immediate talking points. So the “Crooked Hillary” handle trended Tuesday night, overshadowing her victory—a victory she needed to slow Mr. Sanders’ perceived momentum toward a major win in California on June 7.

The momentum for Bernie Sanders is there, but this presidential race is about narratives, controlling them on the 24-hour, weekly and monthly news cycles. In my view, Mrs. Clinton and her campaign are sitting on their laurels when they need to be front and center. There is no time to waste. TheDonald is framing her in his narrative: she can’t handle the pressure of the campaign; she has investigations of criminal behavior pending; and she can’t handle the pressure of the presidency. Doesn’t matter if it’s true, it’s getting talked about because TheDonald is pushing.

The worst thing for Hillary is to be thought by her own base to be retiring. She doesn’t like to campaign—truth be told no one likes to campaign unless you are Bill Clinton or Barack Obama—but getting out on the campaign trail is what you do. There is no excuse not to appear and say something every time you have the ability to take advantage of free airtime. This is not 2008; 2016 is quicker and slicker. This is why Mrs. Clinton can lose. The 30-second commercial is still part of a campaign but instantaneous—Twitter and Facebook—is where you take the fight these days and what’s more, it’s cheaper.

Bernie

I’ll leave Bernie for another time. If he wins California on June 7 by a big margin—as I write this California is still a tossup in the Democratic race—it makes the convention and Democratic National

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

—MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



by Ish

1/ Syrup: ★★★

Here we have an unmotivated slacker named Scat with unapplied genius potential. He gets a million-dollar idea for an energy drink and to see it through he has to learn to trust his attractive corporate counterpart (who may be out to steal his idea).

2/ Dorfman in Love: ★★★

Cluelessly trapped in her role as caretaker of her unappreciative family, this young single woman desperately needs to get her own life. She volunteers to cat sit at her unrequited love’s downtown L.A. loft and her world changes forever. Stars Sara Rue, Haaz Sleiman, Elliot Gould.

3/ Narc: ★★★

After a year or so since a tragic chase that ended with the death of a baby, undercover cop Nick Tellis hits rock bottom. Another undercover cop gets killed and Tellis, being street smart, is called in on the case. Stars Jason Patric, Ray Liotta and others.

4/ Duplex: ★★★

In this fun movie filled with almost vaudevillian antics we have Ben Stiller and Drew Barrymore as a young couple moving into a gorgeous duplex in an ideal New York neighborhood. Their current upstairs tenant is the proverbial little old lady in a rent-controlled apartment who winds up basically undoing the young couple’s entire life. Directed by Danny DeVito.

5/ Gigli: ★★★

Ben Affleck plays small time thug Larry Gigli, who kidnaps the DA’s brother to save a mob kingpin from prosecution (played by Al Pacino). But Gigli’s superior doesn’t trust him to finish the job and sends gorgeous (lesbian) Ricki in to assist (played by Jennifer Lopez). Gigli is both offended and infatuated and so the film unfolds.

Donald Valdez running for House District 62 Representative

Donald Valdez, candidate for Colorado State House Representative District 62, is running for office so he can give back to his community, the district, and the state of Colorado.

Valdez is a fifth generation San Luis Valley native. He currently resides near his family in La Jara, Colorado. His family and the people of Southern Colorado are important to him, and he feels that representing the people of House District 62 is an excellent way to give back to them.

Valdez attended Adams State University, where he received his degree. He was the vice-chair and Western Slope Director of the Soil and Water Conservation Society for Colorado and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Civil Rights Committee, and his resume goes on. He is currently serving as the Assistant District Governor for Area 5470 of Rotary International. He hopes to combine his education, background in county and federal government, and business skills with his experience on the family farm and ranch and his love for Southern Colorado to make the district a better place.

His key priorities for southern Colorado are; strengthening our education and prioritizing resources for Colorado schools, keeping agriculture thriving by protecting our water and land, providing all-encompassing support for veterans, their health, mental wellness, and supporting growth of veteran programs, and access to affordable health care and economic development in our communities.

Donald Valdez is the right answer for HD 62. He will be your voice and represent our communities. Vote Donald Valdez for southern Colorado HD 62 in June 2016. Check www.ValdezforCO.com or face book for more info.

Committee Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman-Shultz’s (D-FL) job a little crazier. She will have to actually talk to the Bernie campaign. If you have been following the sniping between them of late, there is a serious lack of communication and a tactical mistake on her part. A serious and possibly fatal mistake for a presidential race, which Democrats should easily win.

May primary results

Current delegate count at time of writing: Clinton 1771 pledged delegates; 504 super delegates; total is 2275. Sanders 1499 pledged delegates; 40 super delegates; total 1539.

Republicans: Trump, the last candidate standing, was the winner. Current delegate count at time of writing: Trump, 1176; Cruz, 566; Rubio 173; Kasich, 159.

Syria

Six years and no desire by any of the warring factions to call

a cease-fire. It stands as a living example of western power hubris when it interferes in a local civil uprising. That is how the war in Syria started in 2011. French President François Hollande, the blame falls on you. Six million refugees—two million in Europe—and thousands starving in Syrian war zones. Grand plans come and go, and great powers pronounce from on high, much of it incompetent and impossible to implement among those being bombed to kingdom come. And we haven’t learned diddly.

We learn in terrible ways that bombing isn’t a solution even if advertised as an expedient and we do it with drones. We learn that bombing doesn’t solve wars on the ground, it only makes them worse and more terrible, scarring those on the receiving end for life. The scars last for generations to come.

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Forest Service & partners gear up for significant 2016 wildfire season

Current outlook underscores need to reform wildfire funding

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell met today with Forest Service Regional Foresters to discuss preparations for anticipated significant wildland fire potential in 2016. The briefing comes as the 2016 fire season has begun with five times more acres already burned than this time last year, following 2015's record-setting fire season.

"The 2016 wildfire season is off to a worrisome start. Southern California, the Great Basin in Nevada, portions of the southwest, and even Florida and Hawaii are particularly vulnerable this year. In California, more than 40 million trees have died, becoming dry fuel for wildfire," said Vilsack. "Congress must take action now to ensure that we, and ultimately the firefighters we ask so much of, have the resources to do the restoration and wildfire prevention work necessary to keep our forests healthy."

Forest Service Chief Tidwell underscored the Forest Service's commitment to ensuring the protection of firefighters' lives. Last year, seven members of the Forest Service firefighting team were lost in the line of duty, and 4,500 homes were damaged or destroyed. This year the Forest Service is able to mobilize 10,000 firefighters, 900 engines, 300 helicopters, 21 air-tankers, 2 water scoopers and over 30 aerial supervision fixed-wing aircraft. Together with federal, state and local partners, the agency is positioned to respond wherever needed.

"The job of fighting wildfires has become increasingly difficult due to the effects of climate change, chronic droughts and development within Wildland-Urban Interface areas," said Tidwell. "We must do what is necessary to ensure we have the resources to perform restoration and wildfire prevention work essential to keep our forests healthy."

Climate change has led to fire seasons that are, on average, 78 days longer than they were in 1970 and, on average, the number of acres burned each year has doubled since 1980. As a result, the Forest Service's firefighting budget is regularly exhausted before the end of the wildfire season, forcing the Forest Service to abandon critical restoration and capital improvement projects in order to suppress extreme fires.

The cost of the Forest Service's wildfire suppression reached a record \$243 million in a one-week period during the height of suppression activity in August 2015. With a record 52% of the Forest Service's

budget dedicated to fire suppression activities, compared to just 16% in 1995, the Forest Service's firefighting budget was exhausted in 2015, forcing USDA to transfer funds away from forest restoration projects that would help reduce the risk of future fires, in order to cover the high cost of battling blazes.

Last December Vilsack told members of Congress that he will not authorize transfers from restoration and resilience funding this fire season. Instead, Vilsack has directed the Forest Service to use funds as they were intended. For example, restoration work through programs like the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program and implementation of the National Cohesive strategy, are reducing the size and severity of wildfires. USDA, the U.S. Department of the Interior and other partners are working with at-risk communities to promote community and homeowner involvement in mitigating wildfire risk, reducing hazardous fuels and accomplishing treatments that increase forest health and resilience.

"We keep setting records we don't want to see beat. According to the National Interagency Fire Center, over the last 10 years we've seen 16 of the most historically significant wildfires on record," said Vilsack. "Only focused prevention and forest restoration work can help us turn the corner, so I have directed the Forest Service to aggressively use the funding provided in the 2016 Fiscal Year budget to support forest management, restoration, research, and partnership work to help get ahead of the severe wildfire problem and to focus on providing other services that the American public expects from the Forest Service."

Even a so-called normal year is far worse than it used to be. On average, wildfires burn twice as much land area each year as they did 40 years ago and the threat continues to increase.

Over the last two years, \$237 million has been permanently shifted from the Forest Service non-fire budget forcing the department to abandon critical restoration and capital improvement projects in order to suppress extreme fires. This loss in funds to firefighting took place before a single fire broke out in 2016.

For the first time in its 111-year history, over half of the Forest Service's 2015 budget was designated to fight wildfires, compared to just 16% in 1995. 2015 was the most expensive fire season in the department's history, costing more than \$2.6 billion on fire alone.

The mission of the U.S. Forest Service, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. Public lands managed by the Forest

Service contribute more than \$13 billion to the economy each year through visitor spending alone. Those same lands provide 20% of the nation's clean water supply, a value estimated at \$7.2 billion per year. The agency has either a direct or indirect role in stewardship of about 80% of the 850 million forested acres within the U.S., of which 100 million acres are urban forests where most Americans live.

CDPHE requires notification of landowners adjoining landfill after monitoring well showed chemicals

by Lisa Cyriacks

Landowners and residents adjoining the landfill were notified by Saguache County regarding the possibility of groundwater contamination which may affect their wells. Although relatively low concentrations associated with trichloroethylene (TCE) have been identified in the landfill monitoring wells, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment regulations require notification to property owners that might be potentially impacted by the volatile organic compound (VOC).

According to Freddy Arck, Public Information Specialist for the Colorado Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division of CDPHE, "The County failed to put in all the liners required for operation. CDPHE informed the landfill that it had to be corrected to be in compliance. This missing liner is likely the cause of chemicals that have leaked into the groundwater."

According to minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, in June 2011, CDPHE approved the installation of a new cell. It was noted then that, "throughout the years, clay and liners were supposed to be used, and this will be implemented now." One of the mitigating factors appears to have been the installation of the monitoring wells. One of which is now showing increasing levels of TCE.

The landfill was closed from June to October 2013 in order to complete the engineering and install additional monitoring wells. At that time, Landfill Manager Randall Arredondo reported that the County tried to work with CDPHE and requested waivers for dry conditions and other problems that plague the landfill. For prior installations, CDPHE required Saguache County to construct double-lined cells according to Arredondo cost about \$70,000 apiece.

Arck from CDPHE said, "The County started to look into a replacement well, but decided against it."

The landfill in recent years has had declining revenues that have not kept up with the costs of running and maintaining the landfill. A 1% sales tax to provide additional funding to the landfill in 2014 was not supported by voters.

CDPHE has continued to hire experts to test the wells, and the most recent report from the 4th quarter of 2015 was issued February 24, 2016. The TCE was first detected in May 2014 and ongoing monitoring shows increased levels. The last test conducted was December 14, 2015.

The Saguache County Landfill is located approximately 8.5 miles northeast of the town of Saguache via Highway 285, and one mile south on County Road 55. The 20-acre landfill is an existing municipal solid waste that opened in 1987.

The 2012 Groundwater Monitoring and Sampling Plan defines the environmental system as including one landfill gas monitoring probe and three groundwater monitoring wells. The locations for the wells are intended to provide early detection of potential release from the landfill.

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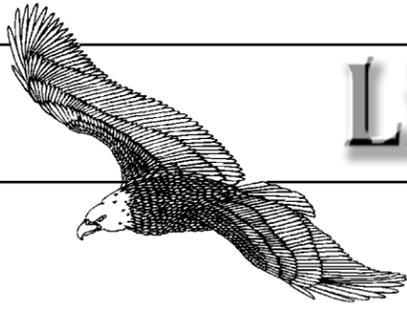


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Living on the Earth

The Pedestrian Pathways Project brings a whole new look to downtown Crestone

by **Kairina Danforth,**
Mayor, Town of Crestone

Once upon a time, we were a small town, where people walked in the streets (where cars should go) and parked on the side of the street (where people should walk). Time went by. More people came to live or visit. We were still a small town but what we had was an auto-centric, strip-mall feel where people drove in, parked, shopped, and drove away.

What we wanted was pedestrian-friendly access for all our businesses and our charter school. A place for mothers to push their babies in strollers, for wheelchair access to sidewalks.

The Town partnered with ScSEED to begin development of a downtown revitalization project. Public meetings were held with business and property owners in the commercial district and the Crestone Board of Trustees. A com-



Take a WALK around town! The Alder Street section of Crestone is being transformed. Shown is the intersection of Alder and Silver looking north on Alder towards the Galena intersection and Town Hall. Paving will be next, bringing the road height up to the curbs.

mittee was formed for the Crestone Redevelopment Project, (called Refine the Vision Committee) which later became the Pedestrian Pathway Network Project (PPNP) Task Force, consisting of representatives from the Town Planning Commission, Trustees, business and property owners, and residents of the town, the Baca, and the unincorporated Saguache County residents. Meetings were held over a two-year period, ideas were gathered, and an enthusiastic vision developed.

We realized that the public infrastructure of the town was largely undeveloped. Existing public safety issues included unsafe pedestrian routes, inadequate handicap access, significant infrastructure issues, extensive drainage problems and inefficient lighting. Parking was undefined. There were no sidewalks, curbs or gutters, and businesses were not easily accessible.

We decided to concentrate improvements to maximize impact, including street improvements that would slow traffic and improve safety. We wanted to emphasize beauti-

fication to increase “linger time” in the business district and to establish anchor features (or events) to act as social magnets for community use and to capitalize on the existing charm of the central town park. We believed that completing redevelopment of the commercial district would provide a strong, sustainable platform for future economic growth and community socialization, as well as address existing public safety problems.

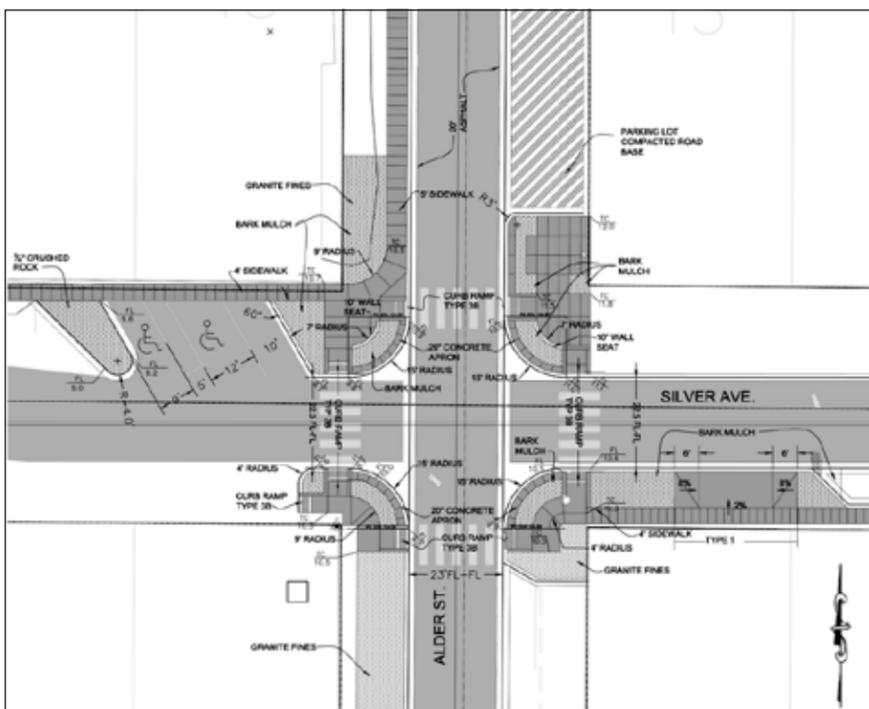
The Town partnered with ScSEED to begin development of the downtown revitalization project. In addition to the Town’s initial contribution and moneys raised by ScSeed, funding contributors to the project during this time included Saguache County and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.

Funding requests were submitted for PPNP Phase I improvements to provide new infrastructure, including restructuring and resurfacing of the streets, adding drainage culverts to address storm water runoff issues, adding handicapped accessibility ramps to improve safety and accessibility at all crosswalks, and constructing pedestrian routes to separate pedestrians from traffic.

Beautification & business

Additionally, the improvement would include benches, planters and landscaping. The PPNP also includes development of the park area, part of which was donated to the Town for this project by a local resident. These additional improvements address the economic development and community needs, by providing an incentive for new or existing businesses to locate in the commercial district. That would attract tourists and community members alike, creating a more pedestrian-friendly business district and increasing the economic capacity of the area. The business district is fortunate to have a number of historical assets and inherent charm. Completion of the project can provide a strong, sustainable platform for future economic growth and improved quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

The Town has received a
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Drawing detail of the intersection of Alder and Silver Street showing rounded corners, sidewalks, planter bed and improved parking. drawing by Burt Wadman, Architect

But are the streets wide enough?

by **Burt Wadman**
Urban Designer and Project Director

The name of the Project is PPNP, Pedestrian Pathways Network Project. Crestone, for a number of good reasons, is making a conscious shift from an exclusively auto-oriented town to one that is pedestrian-oriented too.

It’s true that cities designate their street systems according to traffic counts. But we don’t have traffic counts high enough to warrant a single traffic signal. Our designations are “gravel” or “paved”.

Nevertheless, guidelines are helpful, so let’s see how we compare. The urban standard for street width, excluding parking, is 24 ft. Parallel parking adds 8 or 9 ft per side.

We can also consider our local rural streets here.

In the Baca, the Badger Road pavement varies between 21 and 22 ft, edge to edge.

Camino Baca Grande is 23 ft, edge to edge, of pavement. Speed limit: 35 mph.

Golden Avenue, in front of the Free Box, is 23 ft edge to edge. Speed limit in town: 15 mph.

The new Alder St. is 23’-3”, flow line to flow line (gutter to gutter). Silver: 22’-6”, flow line to flow line, plus 9 ft more in the four new parallel parking spaces on the south side between Aventa and Crestone Spir-

its. We are a smidge less than the urban standard for street width, and this is intentional. It will definitely be pedestrian-friendly.

Turning radii are important too. In Alamosa we find corner radii of 5 ft, up to 10 ft. Common standards for Collector Streets are 20 ft.

Here in Crestone, turning radii at the four corners of Silver & Alder are a generous 15 ft.

At Galena & Alder, based on input from Elaine Johnson [of Crestone Mercantile], in order to clear the rear wheel drag of a semi, the SE and NW corners will have a radius of 32 ft; and the SW and NE corners have a radius of 22 ft.

Thus we meet or exceed the turning radii standards, and our corners are adjusted according to the type of traffic. In addition, the crosswalks are pulled far back from the corners to protect pedestrians from careless drivers.

Our curb design is also different. It’s one that will not break a tire rim if hit. We use this design also as a “soft” wheel stop in parking areas.

Lastly, we have not lost any parking spaces, and in fact, by organizing the streetscape and reducing speeds, parking will be less haphazard and more efficiently utilized.

Keep the faith!



by **Kim Malville**

Three bright planets are visible in the evening skies. The two brightest are Jupiter in Leo and Mars in Libra. Saturn is a little fainter, appearing to the east in Scorpio.

June 17: The Moon, Saturn, and Mars will form a wide triangle. The Moon will be above Antares, the red heart of the Scorpion.

June 20: Summer solstice in the northern hemisphere. The longest day of the year occurs at 4:43pm MDT.

be approached only by a narrow causeway, over which all the building materials had to be carried.

When I was planning for research programs that summer, I consulted the topographic map of the area and noted that the orientation of the mesa is approximately along the line toward sunrise on summer solstice. My first guess was that the Great House had been constructed in such an unlikely place because it provided a view of summer solstice



Chimney Rock near Pagosa Springs, the location of ancestral puebloan ruins, became a National Monument on September 21, 2012, partly because of its astronomy.



The moon rising between the two towers August 8, 1988. photo by Discovery



The Chimney Rock Pueblo was built just below two natural rock towers, far from water with difficult access, an illogical location without an understanding of astronomy.

Explore the astronomy of Chimney Rock

If you haven't done this already, consider a trip this summer to explore the astronomy of some of the ruins of the ancestral pueblos of Colorado at Chimney Rock. It is a drive of 2 hours to Pagosa Springs and another half hour to the Chimney Rock visitors' center. It is certainly the most dramatically located ruin in the Southwest. Perhaps you may even have puzzled over it, driving between Pagosa Springs and Durango. It is certainly worth a visit. You can reserve space on a tour through their website, www.chimneyrock.org. There is a special early morning trip on June solstice, for which reservations are needed. One can camp at the Ute Campground nearby.

My experiences at Chimney Rock started nearly 28 years ago when I was leading a two-month field school in archaeoastronomy at Yellow Jacket, north of Cortez. Professor Frank Eddy, one of my colleagues at CU, who had excavated Chimney Rock in 1970-2, had suggested to me that the high mesa at Chimney Rock looked and felt like an observatory, high above the surrounding countryside.

The Chimney Rock Pueblo, a Chacoan-like two-story Great House, had been constructed on the mesa just below the two rock towers. It was an unlikely place for a building, a two-story structure with perhaps 35 rooms and two kivas, on such a remote location. It was 1500 feet above the Piedra River, far from water or agricultural lands. It could

sunrise between the double chimneys. Could that have been sufficient justification? With that possibility in mind, I climbed up to the upper mesa at dawn of June 21. To my disappointment I found that sunrise was well to the south of the chimneys. At least it was a hypothesis that was easily disproved!

During that summer I continued to wonder what kind of astronomy might be associated with those majestic rock towers. I knew Venus sometime rises slightly to the north of the sun at solstice, but after checking out its orbit I found that it could not rise in the gap as seen from the Chimney Rock Pueblo.

By the end of July our team had surveyed the outline of the chimneys, and I knew the necessary coordinates for an astronomical object to fit between the chimneys. I checked out the moon and discovered that at its most northern rising position, known as northern major standstill, the moon just might fit between the towers. The major standstill only happens every 18.6 years, and by a wonderful bit of good luck the moon was nearing the end of its major standstill period. I figured that—just possibly—on the early morning hours of August 8, the moon might rise between the towers. My students were justifiably skeptical that it would be worth staying up until two in the morning on that high mesa based on my calculations. I joked with them that Chinese astronomers often lost their heads when wrong, and I swore them to secrecy, just in case my calculations didn't work out. By one

The next time the rising moon was photographed between the chimneys was in the fall of 2004, some 16 years later. Chimney Rock may be the only place in the world where natural topography so beautifully frames the moon at its major standstill. The appearances of the moon between the chimneys would have been impressive events for those who lived there. The Chimney Rock Pueblo had been originally built in 1076 and then rebuilt in 1093. Both of these dates were times of major standstill of the moon. For some reason the area was abandoned soon after that last moonrise.

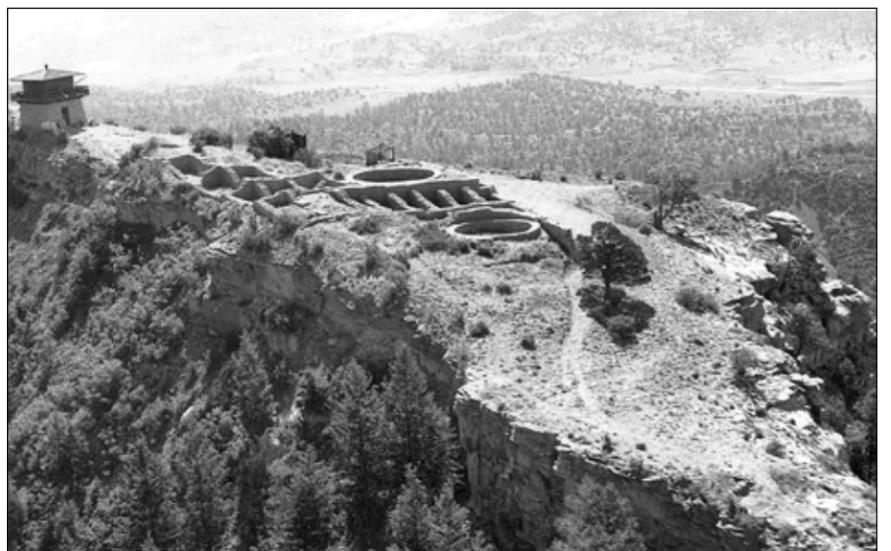
Over the next few years we discovered three locations for watching the sun to come up at summer solstice. Chimney Rock was indeed beginning to look like an observatory. The Forest Service took note and began emphasizing the astronomy of the place. The moon returned in 2004 and for three years, once a month, it rose between the chimneys. The Forest Service organized tours at night to watch the spectacle, charging \$50 per person.

A fire tower had been built next to the Great House in the 1930s, unfortunately blocking a direct view of moonrises from the Great House. In 2010, quite wonderfully, the Forest Service removed the fire tower, allowing an unimpeded view of moonrise from the Great House. Best of all, partly because of its astronomy, the area became a National Monument on September 21, 2012. A devoted and talented group of volunteers runs tours throughout the summer. Give them a try this summer. Afterward, consider stopping at the Pagosa Brewery for a sip of Ancestral Ale, specially brewed for the inauguration of the National Monument. You will note the label shows moonrise between the chimneys.



Pagosa Brewing's Ancestral Ale shows the moon rising between the rocks.

in the morning they were increasingly skeptical and getting a little rebellious. Fortunately the moon behaved beautifully. Everyone was stunned and nicely impressed. The moon came up as predicted, we captured its spectacular rise on film. I may not have been believed without such evidence.



The Chimney Rock Pueblo with a 1930s fire tower that blocked the view of the moonrise. In 2010 the Forest Service removed the fire tower, restoring the unimpeded view of the moonrise from the pueblo's Great House.

“Climate Battery” researcher & author Jerome Osentowski teaches in Crestone in June

A forager and permaculturist with roots in rural Nebraska, Jerome Osentowski, author of *The Forest Garden Greenhouse; How to Design & Manage an Indoor Permaculture Oasis*, lives in a passive solar home he built at 7200 feet above Colorado’s Roaring Fork Valley.

Director and Founder of Central Rocky Mountain Permaculture Institute and a permaculture designer and teacher, he has built five greenhouses for himself and scores of others for private clients and public schools in the Rockies and beyond. He makes his living from an intensively cultivated acre of indoor and outdoor forest garden and plant nursery, which he uses as a backdrop for intensive permaculture and greenhouse design courses.

Among his accomplishments is hosting the longest-running Permaculture Design Course in the world, coming up on thirty years running. The Central Rocky Mountain Permaculture Institute is open for tours and consultations, and holds multiple workshops and courses throughout the year. For more details on Osentowski, his courses, or the institute, visit crmpi.org.

Osentowski also works with Michael Thompson, his partner with EcoSystems Design, where they build and design passive solar and near-net-zero greenhouses for clients. Another side project

includes the Heritage Fruit Tree Project, in which Jerome and his partners have been instrumental in with the process of identifying, conserving, and propagating heritage fruit trees that have survived and borne crops for over a century in the harsh environment of the Roaring Fork Valley. Osentowski’s explorations of sustainable systems and his travels for development projects have taken him around the world from Baja to Patagonia, Finland to Australia, and many places in between and beyond.

A way of heating a greenhouse with near-net-zero energy cost is called a subterranean heating and cooling system (SHCS). Osentowski has studied and researched this technology for the last thirty years and he, along with several of his partners, have coined the term “climate battery”. This technique is simple and effective. It takes warm air from the top of the greenhouse and with only a simple fan, lowers it into the soil. Once in the soil, the heat warms the roots and allows for storage of the warmth and moisture to be used throughout the night. Climate control is achieved with minimal energy outputs. The capacity and range of plants available grows exponentially.

This technique, alongside several other low-energy methods that Osentowski incorporates, allows



Jerome Osentowski.

for constant growth year round. If next January during a blizzard you find yourself with a hankering for a fresh kumquat right off the tree, put on your parka and make your way over to one of Jerome’s greenhouses in Basalt or stick around till we build a few more “Climate Batteries” in Crestone to bear these juicy fruits using minimal energy other than the sun’s heat stored overnight in Mother Earth’s soil.

Presentations June 10 & 11

Friday, June 10 at 6pm, Osentowski will be giving a 1-hour presentation on his life work after the local Grange Meeting at the Cloud Station. We are requesting donations in support of CRMPI and this important work. Saturday morning, June 11, he will be available at Crestone’s Saturday Market with

his nursery plants for sale, as well as copies of his recently published book, *The Forest Garden Greenhouse*.

Saturday afternoon from 1-5pm will be a “Climate Battery Workshop” led by Osentowski. We invite you to join us for hands-on experience installing a climate battery out in the Baca (Yes, you could be in the dirt working!) or just cheer us on as we install the first and deepest set of pipes that will be moving warm air next winter when outside, above ground, will be icy cold! Since space will be limited, we ask you to please register soon for the workshop by contacting Pamela Rama-dei or Rich Jewett 719-256-5616 or Pamela@choicetochange.com to get some hands-on experience installing a climate battery.

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Public hearing for Firewise funding June 14

The Saguache County Commissioners have set the date of June 14 for a public discussion of proposed changes to how Title 3 Firewise funding will be distributed. Since the Commissioners will already be discussing the Secured Rural Schools Act at the Moffat School at 9:30 that morning, they have slated the Firewise discussions to take place directly after, around 10:30, according to Wendi Maez, County Administrator.

The need for changes in the way Title 3 funds have been used in the past became apparent last year when local watchdogs found little or no reporting and/or unauthorized uses from some entities given funding. Strict fund use guidelines were added by the USDA Forest Service after a 2012 General Accounting Office report found widespread misuse of the funds, possibly exacerbated by inadequate instructions.

In an attempt to overcome future problems with misuse of funds, poor reporting, lack of accountability and unequal services to parts of the county, career wildland firefighter Daniel S. Johnson presented a proposal to the Commissioners on March 15 of this year. In his Proposal for Unified Saguache County Firewise Program, Johnson advocates an end to the "unnecessary competition" for funds through joining all services into a single entity.

"We did a test run in 2015," says Johnson, "joining my efforts with the Baca Grande. Volunteer firefighters from the Baca learned how to do home assessments with Firewise checklists, mark trees for removal or pruning, use chainsaws safely, complete mitigation projects and participate in daily briefings and reviews. And they brought home decent pay for helping protect their community."

Johnson's proposal wants to ex-

pand this model to the entire county, training volunteer firefighters and working with fire experts to identify hazard reductions needed in all fire-sensitive areas, and moving communities toward Firewise Communities/USA recognition. By working together, all participants will share in common terminology, safety in the tree-felling environment, be able to raise their qualification levels and improve the survivability of firefighters' and neighbors' homes.

Fire Chief Christopher Botz from the Baca Grande says he is fully on-board for the unified process and has offered a new roster of volunteers for 2016. District Forester Adam Moore and liaison Courtney Peterson from Colorado State Forest Service have also written their support and offered their expertise. Northern Saguache County Fire Protection District Chief Wes Moores introduced Johnson's proposal to his fire chiefs and they collectively back the proposal.

Kundalini Fire Management, one of the previous recipients of the funding for many years, has opposed the proposal "because it appears to not conform with the funding requirements." KFM Chief Peter May and Johnson have met in hopes of overcoming disagreements. These issues will be aired at the hearing.

The Town of Crestone, the fourth recipient of past funding, decided to wait until it has more information, after hearing from both Johnson and May at the April 11 meeting. They did vote to release their 2015 funding and contracted with Tad Crawford, who says he will use it under the guidelines. Crawford also hopes the Commissioners will unify the program to add transparency to the process. "We are here to serve the community," says Crawford. "We can accomplish so much more if we all work together."

SMOKE COLUMN COMMUNITY INFORMATION ON FIRST RESPONSE

by Chris Botz

Since we all know how dark it can get here at night and how remote our addresses can be, a couple of quick suggestions for anyone who has called the ambulance: turn on your porch light or have your car hazard flashers on in the driveway. If you can see the ambulance approaching, wave a flashlight back and forth. Please remember we are here for you, so call sooner rather than later if you feel that you need an EMS response.

Information on the Fourth of July Fire Regatta

It will start thirty minutes after the parade ends, in the Crestone Town Park at the west end of Silver Avenue. There will a small boat race, water soccer, and several water accuracy contests.

There will be fire tee shirts given for prizes to the first three finishers in each event. This will also be a fundraising event for the Firefighter Beneficent Fund. This fund has been maintained for a dozen years and is tapped occasionally to help First Responders who are hurt in the line of duty or have other personal emergencies due to life's hardships. We have in the

past helped with medical or dental emergencies, or getting someone to a family emergency. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Dave Chubirka has left this life after a year-and-a-half battle with cancer. Dave was a firefighter with the Crestone VFD. I trained and responded with Dave for five years. He was at every water soccer event, having at least as much fun as the kids, trying to blow the referee's whistle full of water. He had an economy with words even when he had an array of facts from his lifetime's study and reading. In our conversations he related a large number of interesting experiences, often with a wry poke at himself included. His favorite job was working seasonally for the US Forest Service as scout on mapping details. He was sent out to determine the accuracy of the places and things on the USGS maps, like was the spring indicated really there, or was it now dry? "Outside all day travelling in the beautiful countryside, looking and finding, and discovering. I'm lucky to have this job," was what he said about it.

Dave, we will miss you at the regatta.

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Rainy month of May promises plenty of mosquitos

Do-it-yourself mosquito control tips

by Lisa Cyriacks

If they aren't already out, hibernating mosquito adults from last season are expected to emerge soon, as are the larvae from eggs that survived the winter. Given our rainy May, Crestone and the Baca can definitely expect a lot of mosquitos. Wet weather just provides a lot of breeding ground.

Mosquitos are irritating and sometimes disease-carrying. Experts say the key to reducing the threat of mosquitoes, which require water to reproduce, is removing standing water and monitoring areas prone to collecting moisture.

According to The Mosquito Squad, 74% of people in the U.S. don't plan to take the necessary precautions to eliminate mosquitoes, and less than half will use insect repellent. Local governments in the early 1900s started taking on mosquito control, in part to prevent outbreaks of malaria. In more modern times they may pay for spray trucks to drive up and down city streets at dawn or dusk during mosquito season.

With headlines about the Zika virus and birth defects, not to mention lingering fears about West Nile virus, some residents are interested in knowing what they can do to protect themselves.

Mosquitos are a serious concern. They carry some of the most widespread and devastating human disease agents, including West Nile virus, encephalitis and malaria. Mosquitoes are also re-

sponsible for transmitting heartworm in dogs.

But here are some things you can do:

Modify habitat to eliminate standing water in rain gutters, old tires, buckets, plastic covers, or any other container where mosquitos breed. Experts say it only takes a bottle cap of water to breed 300 mosquitos. Empty and change the water in fountains, birdbaths, wading pools, and rain barrels. Keeping water circulating discourages mosquitos from laying eggs in the water.

Available under various trade names Bt-i is effective at killing mosquitos before they develop into biting adults. Bt-i (*Bacillus thuringiensis* var *israelensis*) is a naturally occurring and highly specific biological pesticide. Applied to standing water, it is effective for up to 30 days and will not harm people, pets, wildlife, livestock or fish. It is readily available at hardware and garden supply stores. The larger rings can be broken into smaller pieces for smaller bodies of water.

Flying mosquitos rest in protected areas during the day. Natural mosquito foggers can be used, although a cautionary note is warranted since botanical insecticides are not specific to the pest and will have an impact on all insects including beneficial insects.

Attract natural predators. Mosquitos are a food source for many birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and other animals. Bats are renowned for keeping night-flying insects at bay. Many folks in Europe have been using bat houses to eliminate mosquitos since the early 1900s. Mosquito-eating fish can eat up to 100 to 500 mosquito larvae per day. They can play an important role in mosquito control in ponds, canals, irrigated fields—even backyard ponds. Check with your fish & game department regarding local regulations before stocking.

Of course, during mosquito season, you can best reduce your exposure to bites by using insect repellents and wearing protective clothing when outside.

Bites from mosquitoes and other insects, as well as ticks (which officially are arthropods, not insects), are more than just annoying. They can lead to lasting health issues and can even result in death. Through proper use of insect repellents, you and your loved ones can enjoy outdoor activities more comfortably. Read the labels and understand the products you are using. Remember that in some instances you can use sprays on clothing and not the skin and reach almost the same level of effectiveness in repelling biting insects. Most importantly, by using repellents you will help reduce the risk of getting Lyme disease, Zika, West Nile and a host of other serious illnesses spread by these pests.

Whichever control methods you utilize, remember that the mosquito lifecycle is about four weeks. If you want to make a dent in their populations, you need to utilize control methods on a regular basis. The more you stick to your program, the more effective it will become.

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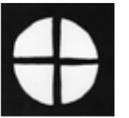


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UNDER CONTRACT		New Listings		UNDER CONTRACT		UNDER CONTRACT		UNDER CONTRACT		UNDER CONTRACT		UNDER CONTRACT	
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1275C Bear Grass Way - \$348,000 Unique, 2-story 2BD/2BA 2040sf+loft hexagon energy efficient Rastra home up high in Ch1, adjacent to greenbelt on ~2 acres. In-floor radiant heat, passive-solar, woodstove. 352sf guest house. Gorgeous, must-see home!	557 & 560 Panorama Way \$299,000 This spacious 7BD/3BA home has functioned as a B&B - fantastic for owner occupied &/or retreat space. Amazing 360 views, nearby creek w/ cottonwood & aspen trees. A must-see property.	22 Alpine OL - \$295,000 CUSTOM 3bd/2.5ba/2 car garage 2232sf home close to town. Screened porch & wrap deck. Gracious Living with exceptional views!	3919 Cordial Way - \$275,000 Two story, 3BD/2.5BA ~2400 sf home has a walled courtyard & 4 intimate decks w/ great views. Southwest style home gracefully adorned with fine details and finishes.	757 Rendezvous Way - \$269,000 Very lovely 1868sf 3-or-4BD/2BA + dining screen porch, sunroom w/ fireplace, yoga/exercise room, deck w/amazing views & hot tub. Private, but close-in. Beautifully landscaped.	1540C Willow Creek Way - \$269,000 3BD/2.5BA 1946sf classic farmhouse, 1.3 acres, backs to greenbelt & w/ 2 screened porches & southern deck. Separate log-cabin studio, w/steam-shower bathroom, kitchenette, and covered porch.	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		New Construction: Paul Koppana		MILLION \$ VIEWS!		Backs to Greenbelt/Open Space		New Construction		REDUCED! Was \$209,000		Great Value!	
1738C Willow Creek Way - \$239,000 Built in 2013, this Paul Koppana strawbale eco-friendly home sits up high in Chalet 1. 2BD/2BA, 1532sf on .91 acres. Strong passive solar. Solar radiant floor heat & domestic hot water. Energy efficient.	1867C Rockyview Way - \$219,000 3BD/2BA 1520sf New Construction by Paul Koppana, energy efficient design. Active solar hot water sys thru radiant floor grid + domestic hot water. Very insulated, triple pane windows & heat recovery ventilation, airtight construction.	909C Brookview Way - \$200,000 Home on 1.12 acres w/ spectacular views at top of Baca waiting for the right person to complete the vision. 2324sf & designed with 3bd/2ba. Separate 576sf guest house w/kitchen and office above.	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.	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.	1479 Badger Road - \$189,000 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.	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.							

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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.	4485 Ridgecrest Way - \$74,500 Unique, small 394sf home, with 2nd structure in Chalet 3. Fixer-upper, but can be a home in the Baca at an affordable price. Woodstove, loft sleeping area w/wood ceilings. Full kitchen w/cookstove, fridge & combo w/d. Shower bath.	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.	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!	144 Rain Dance Trail - \$229,000 This ~2600sf 4BD/2BA (w/unfinished 3rd BA) sustainable builder's home has solar thermal, PV, combo of frame & masonry construction. On well & septic. Barn & storage shed, and more! On 6.32 acres. Includes Lot 145.									

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149 Moonlight	\$259,000	SOLD	1202C Wagon Wheel Road	\$152,000	SOLD
418 Moonlight Way	\$249,000	SOLD	123C Skyview Way	\$139,000	SOLD
705 Rendezvous	\$220,000	SOLD	20510 CO Rd 59	\$99,000	SOLD
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3949C Cheerful Way	\$189,000	SOLD	557 & 560 Panorama Way CH1	\$299,000	UNDER CONTRACT!
1927C Lone Pine Way	\$185,000	SOLD	1447 Chaparral Way	\$189,000	UNDER CONTRACT!
3704 Carefree Way	\$169,000	SOLD	1564 Wagon Wheel	\$159,500	UNDER CONTRACT!

Garden Guru

Appreciating Alliums



by **Matie Belle Lakish**

In the mountains, June is a month of waiting. While watermelons are ripening in south Texas and cherries are abundant in Washington, in the mountains we are still waiting for salad greens to get big enough to pick. There are a few green things, however, that seem as though they can hardly wait to give abundantly: the in the mountains. This benevolent family includes onions, garlic, and some attractive globe-like flowers.

The first green things in my garden in the spring are my green onions. They are variously known as Green onions, Top-set onions, Walking onions, Winter onions, and probably a few other names that I don't remember. This time of year their hollow green spears are over a foot high in clusters of 20 or 30. While you can take a trowel and dig some of the slender bulbs along with the green tops, I usually just cut the tops and use the green parts. Chopped fine, they are excellent in salads, stews and casseroles. Try a Cream of Green Onion Soup. Take a nice sized bunch of green onions, both tops and bottoms, wash, then chop into pieces 1/2 to 1 inch long. Saute these in butter or olive oil until they are tender, then stir in a little flour or cornstarch to thicken, then some

milk, soymilk or half and half. Stir over low heat until all is mixed and soup begins to thicken. Season the soup with bullion or other herbs and salt and pepper.

Later in the summer small bunches of miniature onions will form on long strong stems that shoot up through the leaves. These are the plant's way of reproducing. Gather some of the "sets" to start new plants. If you don't gather them you will learn what is meant by "Walking onions", as the tops will bend over and start new plants anywhere they get an opportunity.

Another spring favorite is Chives. Everybody knows the cheerful purple flowers and narrow rounded leaves. Chives are not quite as strong tasting as green onions, and are therefore versatile in salads and spreads. My favorite use is chives chopped fine in Deviled Eggs. The pretty purple flowers are a treat in the garden. Trim the flowers with a scissors into salad mixes to add a touch of flavor, color and texture.

Another spring green is Garlic Chives. These are larger than chives and have a flattened leaf with a v shaped fold in them. They are somewhat stronger tasting than regular chives, but are very nice in casseroles, soups, and chopped fine in salads. They have white flowers and



Winter onions and chives with new lettuces.

can spread rapidly, so cut the flowering tops off before the seeds ripen if you don't want Garlic Chives taking over your garden.

Another wild Allium is our native Nodding Onion. These delicate violet-flowered beauties are also edible in salads and chopped into omelets and other dishes that need a bit of onion flavor.

Most gardeners plant garlic for late summer harvest. Even here in the mountains, garlic cloves are separated and planted in late summer or fall for the following year's harvest. Each clove will usually send down some roots and a slender green top the first year. After waiting in the ground all winter, they are eager to grow in the spring, and are usually a foot tall by June. They continue growing and fattening bulbs

until late summer, when the tops began to yellow. That is the time to dig the bulbs, clean them, and store for winter. To replant, break the bulbs apart and plant one clove for each new plant you want for next year.

The big bulbous onions we are accustomed to chopping up for cooking have yet a different growth pattern. In Colorado, we plant these in spring for fall harvest. For the average gardener, there are two forms of planting onions: sets and plants. Gardeners can start their own onion plants from seed indoors, but plants are also available at local garden centers. They come in bunches, usually of about 50, and can be separated and planted about 3 to 4 inches apart in the garden. With adequate sun and water, they will make nice large bulbs in time for fall harvest. Planting onion sets is another option for gardeners. These miniature onions have been grown out in a warmer climate to give a head start to growers across the country. Plant each small set with the pointed side up about 4 inches apart in a row. Water generously.

If you buy seeds and plant your own, it is important to select varieties that do well where you live. Onions come in Long Day, Short Day, and Intermediate Day, depending on how many hours of sunlight they need to start making bulbs. Southern Colorado falls in the Intermediate Day category of daylight hours—about 12 to 14. The most commonly grown varieties are Candy and Red Candy Apple.

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Downtown

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Community Development Block Grant to support the PPNP funding requirements. We also applied for a Safe Route to Schools grant. Unfortunately that funding was not received and the current project is, of necessity, focused on the infrastructure improvements. That has forced postponement of the beautification aspects. We have to build the foundation first, which means storm drainage, curbs and gutters and sidewalks. Now we can move forward with requests to fund the balance of the project.

All of the design and oversight is provided by Burt Wadman, Architect, Urban Designer and Project Director. His architectural expertise and unstinting assistance exceeds any level we might have envisioned. For that we can only say thank you, Burt. Wadman collaborated with the Civil Engineer for the Project, Martin Reynolds, of Reynolds Engineering Company of Alamosa. The General Contractor on the project is Alcon Construc-

tion, out of Alamosa. The Town is extremely fortunate to have this excellent team of experienced professionals on the job.

Work is proceeding at a good pace, and the goal is to complete the work in time for the 4th of July festivities. The project is in the heart of downtown circulation, but Alcon is making every effort to keep our streets open as much as possible to minimize inconvenience to residents and visitors. Drivers must be very careful in negotiating the obstacles, and this is greatly appreciated by the construction crew.

There's an old saying, "A rising tide lifts all boats". The tide is rising in our small town. We can see it in our new businesses and existing businesses, in our burgeoning Creative Arts District. We can feel fortunate for the funding that's been received as we already are looking for more. And, finally, we can thank ourselves as we look forward to the beginning of a more pedestrian-friendly environment inviting us to shop, to linger, and to enjoy the unique charm of our altogether unique Crestone community, described recently as "a place of the heart".



Silver Ave. features earth-colored sidewalks, new & improved parking areas, a circular loop between Crestone Spirits and the Post Office, and a pedestrian crosswalk near the Post Office. Planter beds and retaining walls are where people can sit and enjoy the flowers and trees (when they get planted!) and the view of a beautiful downtown. Paving will bring the road height up so the roadway will be rounded at the corners—and the road will not be as narrow as it has been while under construction.

The Downtown Redevelopment Project

by Architect Burt Wadman,
Urban Designer &
Project Director

In 2012 the Refine the Vision Committee made the pedestrian experience their top priority in the selection of an improvement project. The Phase I Development Plan included a design plan, a drainage plan and a landscape & beautification plan.

Features of the plan included:

- Developing safe and inviting pedestrian connections throughout the most highly trafficked parts of the core area;

- Unveiling and making fully accessible the town's already charming park assets at the heart of the commercial district;

- Establishing street tree plantings and xeriscaping to beautify the new streetscape;

- Implementing first phase improvements of a master drainage plan for the downtown;

- Creating a "Crestonian-friendly" public gathering place at the entrance to Little Pearl Park;

- Adapting best practices and engineering standards in designs specifically appropriate and adapted to Crestone's rural setting;

Project goals

The primary goals and parameters for the project were established by the committee:

- Separate pedestrians from traffic

- Connect businesses

- Improve safety at intersections

- Define & increase efficiency of parking

- Improve stroller and wheelchair safety & mobility

- Simplify maintenance

- Improve drainage

- Encourage use of the parks

- Unify the overall core area

Design guidelines

In finalizing the scope of the project for Phase I improvements, guidelines established for the project design were as follows:

- Concentrate rather than disperse improvements to maximize impact

- Focus on the "Magic Triangle" of pedestrian traffic—Little Pearl Park/Town Hall/Post Office, where pedestrian traffic is greatest

- Emphasize beautification to increase "linger time" in the business district

- Establish anchor features (or events) to act as social magnets for community use

- Create a streetscape that will evoke and catalyze community change

- Capitalize on the existing charm of Town Center Park

- Create a compelling project for funding applications

ADA requirements

ADA guidelines effect both the design and cost of the project. To the maximum extent possible, within the constraints of our sometimes steep terrain, ADA requirements are met by the project to assure access to all public areas.

Colored concrete

The committee insisted that the severity of raw concrete be mitigated. Several samples were poured and the Trustees selected a buff color that is being used

throughout the project area. In addition, the scoring pattern is slightly different than the norm, giving sidewalks a more intimate feeling.

Parking

The new streets and sidewalk improvements will have a calming effect on traffic and will visually organize and define parking more clearly, resulting in an effective increase in parking of 6-8 spaces, including 2 handicapped parking spaces.

Air quality

Exposed soils that are pulverized by constant traffic contribute substantially to respiratory and related problems. Paving in some of these areas will have a beneficial effect on air quality in the downtown.

Maintenance

Durability and maintenance requirements have been considered in the design. This includes snow removal, piping for future landscaping irrigation and lighting, and longevity.

Budget & scope

A \$500,000 "Community Development Block Grant" (CDBG) was received by the Town. Total Project cost is projected at \$622,000, with minor changes anticipated during construction. These funds are being used for project infrastructure improvements, including drainage, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and paving. Landscape irrigation and street lighting piping is being laid underground to permit the future addition of these elements.

Future street improvements

Phase I is viewed as the first in a series of projects based on an overall Master Plan that will transform the core area of Crestone. Walkway and street improvements will establish improvement standards for future work in the public right of way. Landscaping, lighting, and street furnishings will be added over time.

Pedestrian pathways

A variety of secondary pedestrian connections are planned within the parks and ultimately connecting with the Charter School and future library. The pedestrian system will reach from the center of town outward, and will consist of hierarchy of sizes and materials, becoming less formal as walkways and bike paths become more distant from the commercial core.

The General Contractor on the project is Alcon Construction out of Alamosa. The Town is extremely fortunate to have this excellent team of professionals on the job. There is a high degree of mutual respect in the working relationship with this team of experienced builders.

The work is proceeding at a good pace, and the goal is to complete the work in time for the 4th of July festivities. The project area is in the heart of downtown circulation, but Alcon is making every effort to keep streets open as much as possible, and to minimize inconvenience to residents and visitors. Drivers have been very careful in negotiating the obstacles, and this is greatly appreciated by the construction crew.



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



\$420,000 2BD 1BA 41 pristine acres in the Grants. Great retreat property. Solar system. 3550 sq.ft. with home and meeting/retreat building. Creek runs through property. 703497



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



\$395,000 3BD 2BA premier custom built Lee Mitchell home. Exterior Cempo walls, indoor stucco, R32 insulation, very energy efficient, open floor plan. On 3 creekside lots. 718277



\$365,000 2BD 1.75BA Lovely Victorian home & guest cottage on 35 acres. Spectacular views, organic garden area, room for horses. Great for group retreats or sustainable living. 711475



\$350,000 Spacious 3BD 2BA home with passive solar. Majestic views, low-E windows. Custom detail throughout, high ceilings, lots of natural light, oversized master shower. On 3.2 acres.



\$275,000! Seller will finance. Unique property with 2 units and office space, 3BD 2 1/4 BA, 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. 717326



\$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



\$249,500 4BD 1BA Large home on 7+ acres in the Grants. Tons of charm! Built in 1998, 2555 sq.ft. with add. guest cottage, outbuildings, off-grid for self-sustainability. 717290



\$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



\$229,500 Cozy 3BD 2BA 1500 sq ft beautifully situated Victorian Ross Chapin cottage. ETS & baseboard heat. High ceilings, sky lights & fenced-in back yard. 699770



\$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, on private cul-de-sac. 709053



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



\$209,000 2BD 2 full BA. Newly remodeled kitchen, all appliances, separate dining area with garden views. Wood stove, tile floors, adj. greenhouse, screened porch, guest cottage. 718991



\$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



\$199,000 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. 716243



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 2BD 1 1/2 BA. Backs to greenbelt & creek. Passive solar, year-round warm earth mass floor. Custom kitchen. Bathroom with garden tub, screened-in porch. 699761



\$189,500 Recently remodeled, bright, spacious, cozy duplex with private patios 5BD 2BA. Conveniently located on the edge of town. Close to Charter School & grocery store. 699772



\$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 2BD 1BA Last century feel! Private, mountain views. Home sits on 1 acre, has a deep well, landscaped, with new roof, new paint. Wood shed, partial fencing, woodstove. 717458



\$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. 716242



\$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



\$165,000 2BD 1BA, on 3 acres. Recently added utility room. Extra insulated. Town artesian well. No covenants, commercial/residential zoning. 710550



\$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. 716246



\$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. Qualifies FHA, VA & USDA. 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



REDUCED! \$145,000 Nestled in Downtown Crestone, this cozy 1024 sq ft home is bright & spacious, with great views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountain range. 712504



\$145,000 2BD 1BA Great small vacation home, on 1/2 acre, high up in Chalet II. Nicely treed lot in a quiet area. Newer quality construction, low maintenance. 682475



\$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



\$144,000 2BD 1 1/2 BA vacation home, high up on the mountain, unsurpassed mountain & valley views. 1 car garage, all appliances, chest freezer, washer/dryer. Large windows, solar system. 719008



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



\$137,000 Great off-grid home on 3 acres. 360° views. Green construction for low heating costs. Separate shop for the mechanic! Great location, still needs work, but good price. 718382



\$119,000 Eclectic, artsy home in traditional adobe style, surrounded by privacy wall, gardens & trees. Guest quarters, 2 wood stoves, art studio. Amazing deal!



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



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Front row (l to r) John Rawinski, Connie Bielecki, Arrow Myers, Jeanette Duerksen. Back row (l to r) Dennis Lamb, John Stump, Eric Haarer, Patrick Myers, Ed Duerksen. Not pictured is participant and photographer Emmy Savage.

Birding group celebrates 100 years of bird conservation

A bird walk was held on May 14 in Alamosa to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day, which occurs each May. This year marks the 100th anniversary of bird conservation through the International Migratory Bird Treaty Act which promoted a coordinated management approach for birds that travel between Mexico, United States and Canada as part of their migration pathways. The goal of the bird walk was to bring awareness to the public and to promote bird conservation, exercise, fun and education in how to watch and appreciate birds. A total of 10 people participated.

The bird walk organizer was John Rawinski, a local author and bird conservationist who manages the San Luis Valley Birder's Network, a chat room about San Luis Valley Birds. "We had ideal conditions for birding today with bright sunlight and few winds. This made the fabulous orange colors of the Bullock's Oriole look absolutely outrageous. With few winds, we were able to hear a symphony of bird songs that we studied and learned."

For just a morning of birding, the group tallied 67 species of



An adult Swainson's Hawk.
photo by John Rawinski

birds. Some of the highlights included American Peregrine Falcon, Western Grebe, Swainson's Hawk, Bullock's Oriole, House Wren, Black-headed Grosbeak, Evening Grosbeak, Great Horned Owl, Wilson's Warbler, Western Wood-pewee and many brilliantly-colored Yellow Warblers.

The birders had a great day afield. A cash donation on behalf of all the San Luis Valley birders was made to La Puente shelter.

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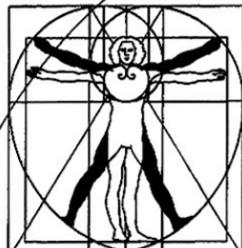
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In Search of Economic Reality

Economic scarcity scares people and is fueling an angry underclass

by Ed Lyell

The increasing worldwide recognition of massive income and wealth inequalities and diminishing life circumstances of the developed world is feeding political fervor. Most people in the developed world have had their incomes frozen while their governments are cutting their benefits in order to lower taxes and expand earnings for the wealthy. People now fear that they are dying younger and being made into slaves to big business and the 62 wealthy families that control half of the world's wealth.

This has moved people worldwide from a centrist political position to where the fastest growing political groups in Europe and the USA are the socialists on one side, and the fearful national patriots on the right. Both represent angry people. It is much like rat psychology: when you have a bunch of rats in a cage and you increase density while reducing food and water, the rats become angry, aggressive and riotous—like many parts of today's world. The USA still has peaceful frustration and anger but if the next political change does not fix things, and quickly, we will see riots and violence in America.

I am primarily a Quaker pacifist and around 1992 I heard the great novelist James Michener

speaking at a Quaker gathering. He was asked what he thought would be the future of the US, given the increasing income, wealth, and power shift to the top 1%. Michener's many novels were anthropologically-based, looking at regions of the world over many generations and centuries.

Michener referred to the US's 1960s "race" riots in cities like San Francisco. Those riots were all framed by the media as being race riots, whereas Michener said that they were income inequality and loss of hope riots. Michener said that riots like those would occur in the future if income inequalities kept increasing. He said that the real test would be when the military is called out to put down these riots. Will the low-paid, mostly of color, enlisted soldiers follow their better-off white officer's orders to shoot into the crowd, or will they turn and shoot their white officers?

It is like the so-called Arab Spring and continuing shooting wars in the Middle East. The media make the conflicts look like Sunni Muslim versus Shia Muslim. Yet the underlying causes are massive income and wealth concentration and the loss of hope and opportunity for the lower income group of each country. Some

countries are run by Shia and deny opportunity to Sunni while others are run by Sunni and deny opportunity to Shia. Yet the common theme is one group is making economic gains and the other is being oppressed. People being denied opportunity and substance will eventually become violent and turn to armed conflict to feed their families.

Something similar is happening in America today. We have increasing numbers of communities in which the majority are out of work, uneducated, frustrated and angry. Most are composed of people of color—black and brown. When they riot, as they increasingly will, the media will again call them race riots, like in Ferguson and Baltimore. Yet the real issue is income, wealth and power disparity with a loss of hope by the majority.

Congressional House Speaker Paul Ryan and presidential candidate Donald Trump advocate continuing trickle-down budget plans. These plans will continue to enslave the majority to enrich the top 1%. Ryan and his supporters believe in the novelist Ayn Rand's economic viewpoint of winner-take-all. Too many Americans are now adult illiterates created by a generation of diminishing school achievement and completion.

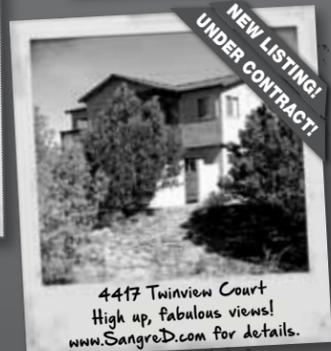
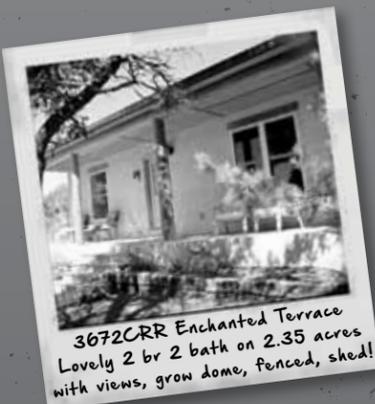
These uneducated and unskilled voters do not have the knowledge of history or the critical thinking skills to see through the con games of loud, rude and unsupported political rhetoric.

The exploitive capitalism of the last 50 years is causing the social fabric of nations to come apart. Even the business-oriented *Economist* magazine has attacked the failed type of capitalism that dominates the USA: increasing numbers of industries controlled by a few monopolies and cartels, creating record-level profit for the already wealthy, while destroying economic gain and hope for the masses (<http://econ.st/1rZCntK>).

The wealthy are already prepared for this warlike future. They have been purchasing homes and islands around the world. They have huge yachts waiting for them to live upon. Their jets are ready to fly them away when the country comes apart. They have had the National Guard expanded into hundreds of communities with large gated areas to hold the rioting masses. They have militarized the local police with riot gear, body armor, and weapons to control the majority in order to protect the wealthy 1%. Gated communities have their own water, fire, and police ready to fend off and survive as the overcrowded, underfunded, hopeless riot in the streets. Is this the America we want?

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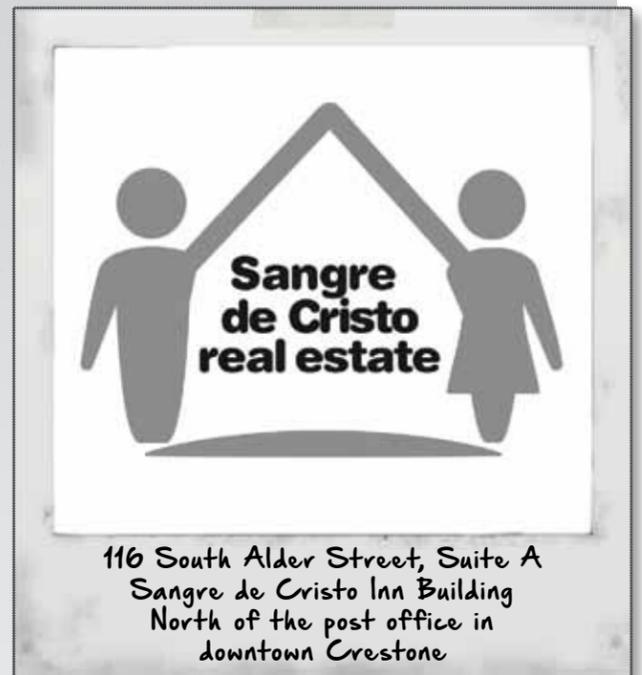
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There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root

Raspberry (Rubus idaeus)



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Raspberry bushes (a member of the Rose family) usually grow near streams or on damp hillsides. The stem is of course covered in thorns, so harvest with care! Small 5-petaled flowers appear in the spring followed by berries throughout the summer. The leaves are a strong nutritive—rich in minerals and vitamins. The can be used as a tonic, helping to build strong bones and teeth, and can be very helpful for exhaustion.



Raspberry.

Raspberry leaf is probably best known as a pregnancy herb. Two to three cups per day of the infusion (strong tea) helps prevent spotting in the first trimester, and strengthens muscle tone in the uterus throughout the pregnancy. It can even be consumed just before and during labor to help contractions be more effective. After birth, Raspberry leaf tea helps reduce uterine swelling and decreases bleeding. It can also reduce breast tenderness and increase the flow of milk.

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Now, in case guys are getting jealous that women have such an amazing herb, Raspberry leaf can also be used as a prostate tonic. According to herbalist James Green, "Herbs that are traditionally used to nourish and tone female sexual organs and functions likewise nourish and tone male sexual organs and function." So guys, drink your Raspberry tea along with your

pregnant wives and all will be well for a long time!

As a flower essence, Raspberry has been called the "healer's healer". According to one flower essence source, Raspberry flower essence is for "Feelings easily hurt; a touchy nature; for taking things too personally; for when people say hurtful things; overreactive-ness; insensitivity; for lashing out; lacking understanding; blaming others; resentment; bitterness; attitude of 'I don't deserve this'; unkindness." In other words, the essence assists one to come to a place of "Forgiveness; sympathy; taking responsibility for one's actions; benevolence; generosity; for releasing old wounds; desire to help others; the ability to 'turn the other cheek'."

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.

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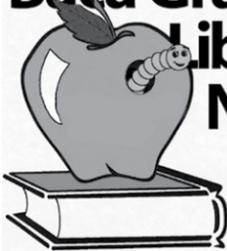
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6. Pavlova's step
9. Southeast Asia food staple
13. Fire starter
14. "My _____ Private Idaho," movie
15. Red Cross supply
16. Indian soldier in British Army, historical
17. CSI evidence
18. U in UV
19. *Climber support
21. *Light recommendation for some plants
23. Computer network acronym
24. Green stroke
25. Olympic chant
28. Cry like a baby
30. Depletes
35. X-ray units
37. *Organ of photosynthesis
39. Nary a soul
40. Doing nothing
41. Reduce pressure
43. Tolkien villains
44. Spy's other name
46. Judo gym
47. Same as Celt
48. *Cross between plant varieties
50. They don't mix with water
52. Hi-_____graphics
53. Demeanor
55. Black and white sea bird
57. *Homemade fertilizer
61. *Without synthetic chemicals
65. Driver's 180
66. Roswell debris?
68. Speedily
69. Alley cat
70. Game day appetizer
71. Zwiebacks
72. Annoyingly slow
73. Ensign, for short
74. Corset bones

DOWN

1. Attention grabber
2. Copycat
3. Back of neck
4. Chatroom agitator
5. First U.S. space station
6. *Where peas live
7. Barley bristle
8. Big mess
9. Auction off
10. _____ and crafts
11. Buddhist teacher
12. Yemen's neighbor
15. Brunei's ruler, e.g.
20. Altogether
22. Beehive State native
24. Stone's Oscar winner
25. Dickens's _____ Heap
26. Lamentably
27. Impromptu
29. *Garden intruder
31. Pippin's last name, "The Hobbit"
32. More painful
33. Cry of surrender
34. *Cabbage Worms and Potato Beetles
36. One way to prepare Ahi
38. *Popular apple
42. _____ bear
45. Soliciting of a bribe for a church office
49. Bad-mouth
51. Glucose and fructose, e.g.
54. Chopin's composition
56. On the fritz
57. Intersection of two arcs
58. Hahn or von Bismark
59. Fogginess
60. Elizabeth Gilbert's "Eat, _____, Love"
61. "My bad!"
62. Org. with a mission
63. Rotten and stinky
64. _____ pit
67. Ice-T on "Law & Order: SVU"

Baca Grande Library News



“For the love of reading” this summer

by Suzanne McGregor

Calling all youngsters! The summer reading program at the Baca Grande Library will begin on Tuesday, June 7 from 10:30-11:30 and will continue every Tuesday morning for eight weeks. The program, “For The Love of Reading” is for toddlers through age 10 and will be presented by

Miss Penny from the Saguache Public Library.

This summer, the program will focus on amazing adventures and magical stories in books and will encourage a love of reading that will last a lifetime. There will be stories, crafts, and a reading contest (with prizes!) for the youngsters. There is no charge for the program, and registration forms are available in the library. Drop-ins are welcome, and healthy snacks will be served. Parents are encouraged to

stay for the program, and older kids are welcomed to assist the younger ones.

The Friends of the Library (FOL) is always seeking new members for input and for active involvement in developing fundraising projects and planning activities for our current library and for our future plans. Their next fundraiser, the annual Root Beer Float booth at the 4th of July celebration, will need some folks to help serve up these delectable treats. Please consider giving them an hour of your time by volunteering for a shift at the table. (You get a free float—so worth it on a hot summer day!).

Just a note—if you are missing your sunglasses, water bottle, baseball cap, etc. please take a look in our Lost & Found box. If you are missing your library card, keys, flash drive, phone charger or a piece of jewelry, ask us at the front desk.

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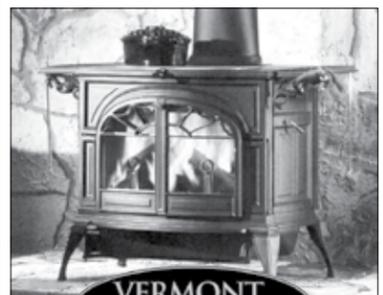
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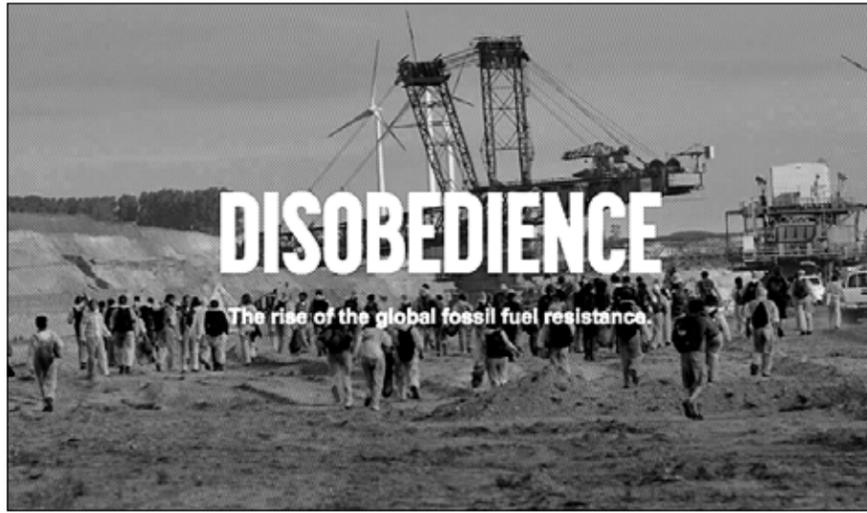
Dear EarthTalk: I'm tired of binge-watching dramas on Netflix. What are some of the best environmental documentaries that have come out recently?

Scott Andersen, Joplin, MO

While potent in its day as the film that put climate change on the public radar, *An Inconvenient Truth*, now a decade old, is hardly the last word in green documentaries anymore. Perhaps that honor will go to *Disobedience*, a 35-minute paean to how grassroots activism can be the lever that finally topples the dominance of fossil fuels. The film's producers hope to spark new interest in fighting global warming.

Released on April 30 via hundreds of self-organized watch-parties and dozens of independent cinemas—while hundreds of thousands more viewers stream it for free online—*Disobedience* includes interviews with some of the most renowned voices in the global discourse around social movements and climate change. Conversations with environmental luminaries including author/activist Bill McKibben and filmmaker and globalization critic Naomi Klein are interwoven with riveting verité footage of everyday people organizing and fighting for a livable climate.

Another new climate-oriented doc is *The Cross of the Moment*, which producers describe as “a deep-green, deep-time discussion of the environmental crisis . . . that attempts to connect the dots between Fermi's Paradox, climate change, capitalism and collapse.” The 80-minute film, available for free streaming on Vimeo,



Disobedience, a 35-minute paean to how grassroots activism can be the lever that finally topples the dominance of fossil fuels.

features interviews with top scientists and public intellectuals woven together into a narrative that critics praise as “challenging, exhausting and unflinching.” A host of experts such as doomsday climatologist Guy McPherson and Beat poet and bioregionalism guru Gary Snyder discuss humanity's prospects for surviving catastrophic climate change.

Another solid choice is last year's *Revolution*, an epic adventure into the evolution of life on Earth and the revolution to save it. Director Rob Stewart, best known for his award-winning 2008 doc *Sharkwater*, spent four years and travelled to 15 different countries to produce *Revolution*, which brings viewers face-to-face with sharks, lemurs, seahorses and cuttlefish among other amazing creatures. Through it all, Stewart stays positive and showcases activists and individuals around the world who are winning the battle to save the ecosystems we all depend on for survival.

Still others include: *Fossil Free*, which chronicles the mission of impassioned climate activists around the world; *Our Rising Oceans*, where scientists in Antarctica show us how climate change is already spawning dire consequences; *Fractured Earth*, in which everyday Pennsylvanians take on Big Oil in trying to keep fracking off their land; and *Oil and Water*, an examination of the uneasy alliance between the fishing and oil and gas industries in coastal Louisiana.

Meanwhile, a new breed of YouTube-savvy filmmakers is calling into question whether long-form documentaries are still relevant, given viewers' shorter attention spans and ability to click away in a flash to something more engaging. To wit, activist, artist and filmmaker Jordan Brown (AKA Jore) has released a series of short films on YouTube that focus on the interface between the dominant culture and the real impact on people, society and the environment. His 11-minute piece, *Forget Shorter Showers*, for instance, lays out the case for why people need to do much more than just take individual actions if they want to save themselves and the planet. Jore argues that only through organizing and working together can we directly challenge the industrial systems leading us down the path to planetary destruction.

CONTACTS: *Disobedience*, www.watchdisobedience.com; *The Cross of the Moment*, www.crossofthemoment.com; *Revolution*, www.therevolutionmovie.com; *Jore*, www.jore.cc.

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Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno

April 21 to May 20

Total precipitation for period:

Liquid precip: 1.76"

Snow: 9.7"

Measurable precipitation fell on 12 days.

Measurable rain fell on 9 days.

Measurable snow fell on 5 days.

A trace of snow fell on 5 days.

A trace of rain fell on 1 day.

Hail fell on 1 day.

3 thunderstorms occurred, including one thunder snow storm.

Total precipitation year to date:

Since Jan 1: 4.78"

Total snow to date:

Since Jan 1: 44.4"

Snow Season *: 66.4"

*Snow season runs from July 1 to June 30

Temperatures for the period:

High temp: 74.2°F on May 6

Low temp: 24.4°F on April 26

Avg. high: 59.2°F

Avg. low: 32.4°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 70°: 4

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 60°: 14

Number of days with the low temperature at or below 32°: 16

Winds for the period:

Avg. speed: 3.5 mph

Highest gust: 44 mph on April 25

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

Weather summary

Temperatures were slightly below normal, while precipitation was slightly above normal. A new precipitation record was set for April 28 when 0.35" of both rain and snow fell. The old record was 0.25", set back in 2006. Then on April 29, two more records fell. The first record was broken when the high temperature for the date only reached 33", and that was set at 1:02am MDT. The old record low high was 42°, set back in 1984. As it was, the afternoon high on that day only reach 31°. The second record reached was for total snowfall for the date, with 7.7" accumulating, breaking the old record of 6", also set in 1984.

Outlook for June

June is an average month for the amount of precipitation we see, averaging .92". Although snow has fallen 3 times in the month since 1982, it hasn't snowed in June since 1999. The most snow in 24 hours was 1", falling in 1983, and the most precip to fall was 3.20" in 1988.

For temperatures, the average high and low in the first week of June is 72° and 40°. By the last week of the month it warms up nicely to 80° and 47°. Record high was 95°, set on June 29, 1988, and also on June 30, 1990. The coldest reading was 24°, set on June 2, 1990.

The 30-day outlook from the National Weather Service for June, as of May 20, is for slightly below average temps along with above average precipitation. Note: For current Crestone weather conditions visit Keno's web site: www.keno.org/vws.

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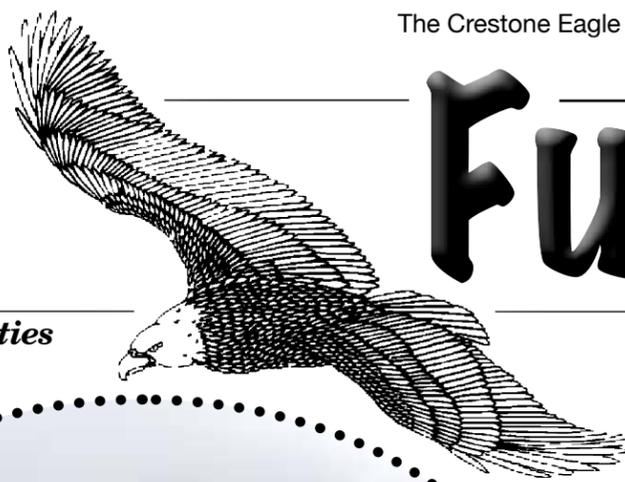
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Summer Fun



The Crestone Eagle's guide to regional events & activities

June, 2016

Hiking Liberty Road

by Larry Joseph Calloway

The sweet land of Liberty Road—named for a place that no longer exists—is not easy. It's sandy, dry and hot in summer. The pinyon and juniper trees, like the clumps of dusty gramma grass, have spaced themselves widely for survival, and the east wall of peaks along the way mock you with fresh streams that vanish when they hit the floor of the San Luis Valley.

The historic two-track trail on the firm sand sheet north of Great Sand Dunes National Park is another country. Except for the restored Duncan Cabin there's not a building in sight between the modular Forest Service latrine at the new parking lot and the high dunes about 12 miles south. You are more likely to see a horseman than a cyclist. And above it all the mountainsides, as they say, ring.

It's a wild walk through the Old West. Take water.

To get to the trailhead drive Camino Baca Grande to the intersection of the road known as Two Trees (It swerves around them). Turn right and follow a long zig-zag marked by new signs that say



"Liberty Road." The steel gate that used to stop drivers at the south Baca Grande POA line is open now, and the one-lane dirt road to the new gate a mile and a quarter down is usually graded.

A walk of about twenty minutes or three-quarters of a mile from the parking lot takes you to a fork. The right-hand road marked "952" takes

you to the shady grove at Deadman Creek in another 40 minutes or a mile and a quarter.

The trees are narrow leaf cottonwoods, a rarity treasured by the adjacent Baca National Wildlife Refuge. Swallows fly everywhere between the trees, feeding on gnats, mosquitoes and other well know Baca insects. In summer you can linger at Deadman on the green, and the clear stream has trout, say some old-timers like the publisher of this paper.

(The left-hand road at the fork goes to the forested upper reaches of the same creek. Upper Deadman can be flowing when lower Deadman is dry.)

Another hour and a quarter or about two and a half miles takes you to the Duncan Cabin, restored by volunteers a couple of years ago. It's locked tight by the Forest Service, but you can look in the windows and see history. There's an

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Summerfest on the Rio in Alamosa June 3-5

1:30-3 Chris Collins / A John Denver Tribute

Born in the little town Wind Lake, Chris Collins (guitar, banjo, lead vocals) grew up in the rolling hills and hardwood forests of southern Wisconsin. He didn't find his musical outlet until he picked up the guitar at the age of 17. It seldom left his side. It opened the doors for him



Moors & McCumber

that had previously seemed locked. It brought new friends and a way to express himself beyond his natural shyness.

He soon found himself playing regular shows at Milwaukee area clubs while attending the University of Milwaukee. Soon his music took him on the road and away from the classroom. In 2001, Chris recorded his first album, Alberta Skies and was nominated for Producer of the Year and Album of the Year. It seemed the path was laid to an original music career.

It was the exposure from his original music that led to the chance meeting with his current band members, a path that he could not have anticipated. He soon found himself producing large shows at major theaters. John Denver's music has provided him with an opportunity to play for audiences that he only dreamed of.

Chris recently was quoted as saying, "I frequently hear fans tell me what a gift I am to them. But the truth is that the audience is a much greater gift to me, and we so appreciate their support."

4:30-6 Moors and McCumber
6-9 Soul Sacrifice/ A tribute to Santana

With great passion and precision, Soul Sacrifice faithfully recreates the music of the legendary band Santana. Featuring burning renditions of Latin-infused rock classics such as "Oye Como Va", "Black Magic Woman", "Jingo Lo Ba" and "Soul Sacrifice"; plus breathtaking delivery of guitar ballads including "Europa" and "Samba Pa Ti", Soul Sacrifice captures and delivers up the signature multi-cultural sound and spirit that is Santana.

Unlike any other artist, Carlos Santana has created a successful fusion of latin, rock, jazz,

blues, soul and more. From the electrifying breakthrough performance at Woodstock in 1969 to the recent smash hits of the albums Supernatural and Shaman,

Santana's music has appealed to multiple generations of fans, transcending age, ethnicity and genre, creating the music that has become the soundtrack for the world.

The SummerFest on the Rio Committee would like to thank the following sponsors, the many volunteers, city employees, musicians, vendors and the community for what looks to be another successful summer kick-off.
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North Stage 6:00-9:30 ~ Lucky LaRue

Saturday June 4

South Stage
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1:30-3:00 ~ Chris Collins
4:30-6:00 ~ Moors and McCumber

North Stage
12:00-1:30 ~ Salt and Pepper
3:00-4:30 ~ Rachel and the Ruckus
6:00-9:30 ~ Soul Sacrifice

Sunday June 5

South Stage
12:00-1:30 ~ Grotto Cats
3:00-4:30 ~ Indian Nickel

North Stage
11:00-12:00 ~ Shadows of the Valley
1:30-3:00 ~ Tucker Hill
4:30-6:00 ~ Ernestine Romero

Saguache

Summer days at the Smith Market Gallery

You are cordially invited to visit the Smith Market Gallery. Owner Byron Williams has a collection of intricately designed gourds and baskets, many with antler embellishments or handles.

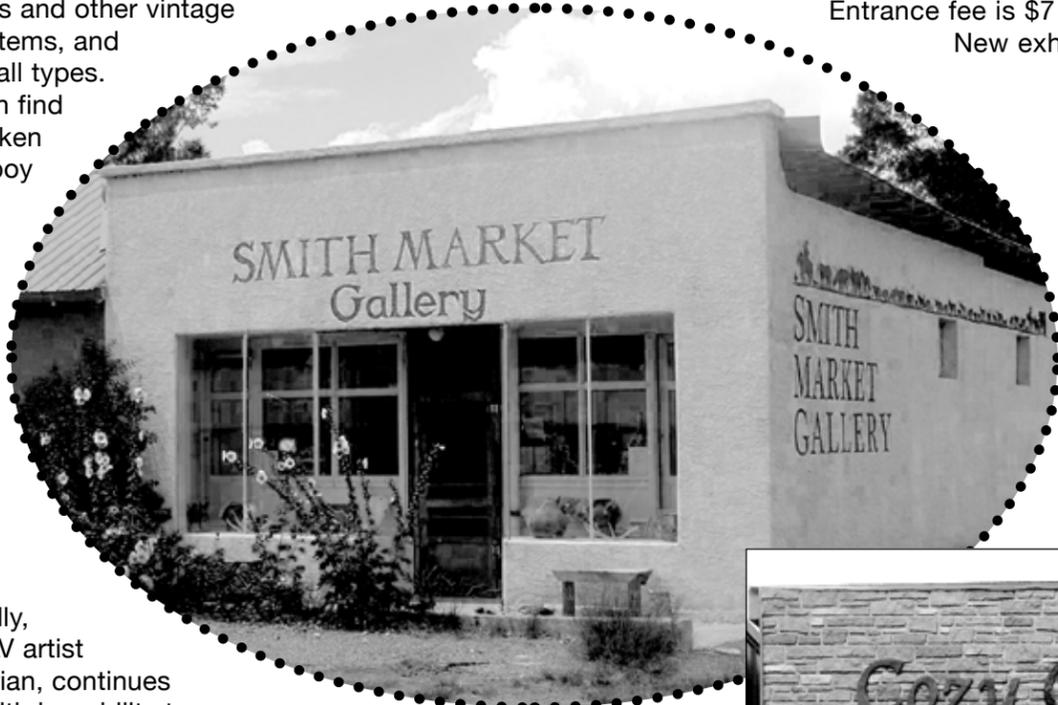
In addition to the beautiful handmade items is an interesting collection of western decorating items, which include saddles and other vintage horse-related items, and tobacciana of all types. You might even find an already-broken in pair of cowboy boots to make your western outfit complete.

If you are looking for antlers to decorate your house or garden, be sure to stop in and see our selection.

Additionally, well-known SLV artist Yvonne Halburian, continues to amaze us with her ability to capture the clarity and beauty of the valley in her watercolors. We are privileged to have in stock prints of Yvonne's famous maps of the valley's rock art and the Old Spanish Trail.

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Explore local history at Saguache County Museum

The Saguache County Museum is now open for its 58th season. Entrance fee is \$7 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under.

New exhibits include the Eastern Star exhibit, Elaine Woodard Memorial exhibit, and more.

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Sunday afternoon programs in June include: June 12: Mike Russo, editor of Colorado Central Magazine; and June 26: Becky Dolan and Ken Frye, founders of Native American Research & Preservation, speak about Stone Sculptures, Cultured Modified Trees, and Oblong Stones.

The free programs begin at 1:30pm. Donations are accepted.

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Miramonte Studios in Villa Grove is open! The small, solar-powered working studio provides space for artist Helen Martin to fashion her functional, hand-built, wheel thrown, and slab stoneware pieces. In the second floor studio, Helen has been painting. Reproduced original and handpainted greeting cards are now available in addition to the pottery. Helen's work is also available at the Villa Grove Trade, the Maverick Potter in Salida, and on Saturday mornings throughout the summer and fall. Helen can be found with her display at the Salida Farmers Market in Alpine Park. Stop in to see what's new for the 2016 season.



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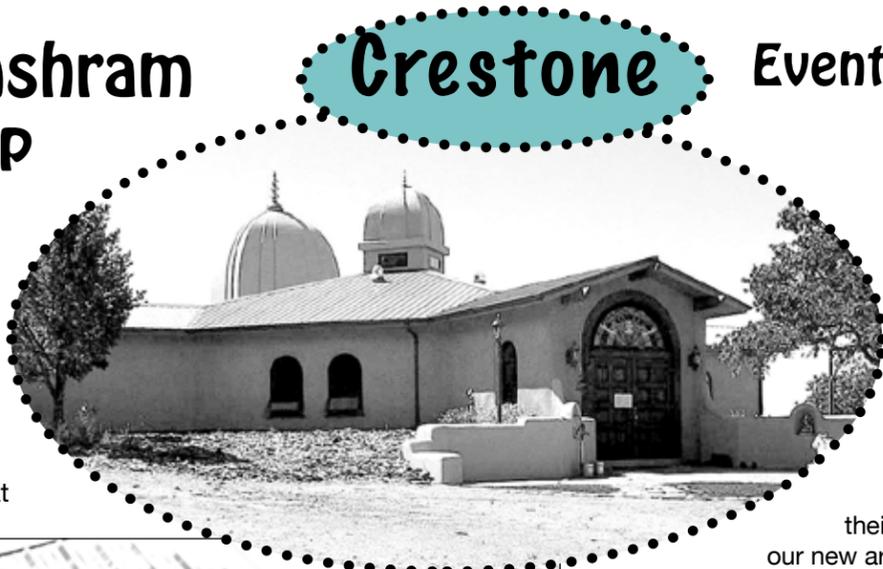
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Crestone

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Encaustic painting workshops

Stephen Futral, aka Ish, learned encaustics as an accident while living at Ein Hod Art Colony in Israel. There was no electricity and to paint at night he used candles. After knocking them over a few times and throwing out his paintings he decided to pour the wax onto the paper with gouache and india ink and crayons. When he brought his portfolio to various NYC art schools he was told he worked in encaustics. He said, "you mean there's a name to my mistakes?" He continued painting with encaustic for several years and re-enlivened it in the past five years, teaching at the local middle school and the HS mentorship program. He has also offered it as a two-hour workshop at his studio.

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Salida Arts Festival July 9-10

The Salida Arts Festival is Saturday July 9 from 10am-6pm, and July 10 from 11am to 5pm. We are a small boutique juried show all about 2D and 3D art. Featuring about 60 artists and their handmade fabulous jewelry, sculpture, paintings, ceramics, glass, photography and more. Buy some fine art or commission one, experience a gorgeous park and listen to wandering musicians. Get lunch from a yummy gourmet food truck. Free admission. Located at Salida's Centennial Park next to Salida Hot Springs, 410 W. Rainbow (Hwy. 50 and Holman Ave.) More information at www.SalidaArtsFestival.com.



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Hike Liberty Road

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old cook stove, a drop-leaf table with chairs and two pine bunk beds. The original hand-hewn logs were disassembled, marked and put back on a stabilized rock foundation. Duncan, like the empty Liberty town site further on, was a mining camp, but the nearby corral indicates other uses in recent times.



There's no natural supply of water at Duncan now, but somebody has rolled a quarter mile or more of black three-inch plastic pipe up the steep slope to Pole Creek. Two tall dead ponderosa pines near the cabin tell of recent climate change. One of them is down, and a tin Forest Service sign originally nailed on it horizontally is now vertical. It warns (reading sideways) that this is a "Wilderness Tree" necessary for birds and other living things and disturbing it is against the law. Since it seems to have fallen naturally, Nature may be in serious trouble.

The cabin is a good place to stop, yielding a round-trip of about 10 miles or four and a half hours. (If you carry a fitness tracker or smart phone, that's nearly 25,000 steps, dudes.) But strong hikers and backpackers can keep going another two hours or so to the north edge of the dunes, where a trail goes up Sand Creek to the high lakes and another goes to the trailhead on the Medano road from the national park headquarters. Follow the trail markers here—the old maps don't show the new trails.

One day in early April we met County Commissioner Jason Anderson on his mountain bike. He had peddled from the parking lot until the sand became too deep, then ran the rest of the way to Sand Creek. He said there aren't but ten days a year when the sand is firm enough for a bike—usually on a cool day after a rain.

You can get away with taking a dog, but there is a strange legal problem. Liberty Road forms the boundary between the national park preserve and Rio Grande National Forest. Dogs are not allowed on one side but they are on the other. Which side is your dog's responsibility.

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