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The event of the year! The Crestone Music Festival happens August 12-14. Performers shown here, clockwise: The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Javier Mosley, BandaBordel, Mama Magnolia, and the T Sisters. For a complete lineup, see page 8. To see this photo and more in color, visit our website at www.crestoneeagle.com

Two county tax questions approved for Nov. ballot Potentially as many as seventeen statewide initiatives

by Lisa Cyriacks

Saguache County Commissioners approved two ballot questions for raising taxes. The first is based on a proposal submitted by a bi-partisan committee of citizens to raise sales taxes by one percent (1%) in support of Saguache County law enforcement and provide matching funds toward a new justice center to be located in Saguache County. The second measure approved by the Commissioners is to impose a five percent (5%) excise tax on the on the first sale

or transfer of unprocessed marijuana by a retail marijuana cultivation facility located with Saguache County. (See article on page 7 for more information.)

Two statewide ballot measures have already been certified for the 2016 ballot as of July 18, 2016.

Amendment 69 or the Colorado Health Care System Initiative is a citizen-sponsored initiative that proposes the creation of a single-payer health care system funded through a payroll tax. (See article on page 28 for more information.)

The second is the Colorado No Exception to Involuntary Servitude Prohibition Amendment, a legislatively referred amendment addressing civil rights. This amendment could potentially remove the part of the Colorado constitution that allows forced, unpaid labor by convicted criminals.

Other initiatives are still in the process of gathering signatures. Petitioners must file the required number of valid signatures (98,492) by August 8, 2016, before

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WVVOFer Jason Morey uses an 8lb sledge hammer to ram dirt into first course of the tire wall of this Earthship. See feature article on page B-9

Concerned Crestone/Baca citizens meet with SLV Rural Electric management over smart meters

by John Rowe

A group of concerned citizens from Crestone and the Baca met with a group put together by the San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative (SLVREC) on June 30 at the POA Hall for two hours to discuss SLVREC's plans to replace the existing meters on everyone's power post with so called "smart meters". These smart meters are catching

on all over America and are becoming the norm in most locales. They can detect and record much more detailed data on electrical usage in someone's home, including how much power is being used, when, and potentially, with what electrical devices. They emit the same sort of radio waves (RFs) that are used in cell phones and wifi internet such as is used here locally by many.

People all over America are concerned about health issues arising out of the cumulative affect of these RFs in cell phones, wifi internet, and now, these smart meters. It was reported at the meeting that data is beginning to be collected to demonstrate an increase in health problems in places where smart meter use is widespread, including

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Editor's Notes

Stronger together

This past week I spent my evenings watching the historic Democratic National Convention.

I listened to speakers tell their stories, give their opinions and express their hopes. Sometimes I cheered, sometimes I had tears in my eyes, sometimes I felt deep concern about the future of our country and the challenges we face.

I listened to Michelle Obama, Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Cory Booker, Bill Clinton, Barack Obama, immigrants, soldiers, teachers and preachers, fathers and mothers and civil rights leaders. The common message was "We are stronger together."

An already very progressive Democratic Party became the most progressive ever thanks to the efforts of Sanders and his many thousands of supporters. A platform of affordable college became one of FREE and affordable college. Addressing minimum wage, climate change, income inequality and overturning Citizens United became not just a goal, but a priority. I was glad to see Clinton, when she gave her historic acceptance speech, acknowledge Sanders and invite his supporters to join in making those goals happen.

There have been a lot of hard feelings within the Democratic Party. Passions run high. Friendships have been strained. But the key message from all kinds of people was that if we want to see these progressive ideals become a reality we have to come together. If we are divided, we are conquered. And all that we worked for is lost.

These are amazing historic times. The first Black president, marriage equality, and now the first woman presidential nominee—an event that as a woman I found so deeply moving.

Hillary Clinton said in her speech, "When there are no ceilings, the sky's the limit!"

Now let's heal wounds, find common ground, and pull together.

With thanks,

—Kizzen



Gratitude abounds

Dear Editor,

I write in gratitude to all who worked so hard to bring together a fun, comfortable, entertaining 4th of July event. It was the first I have attended, but I heard comments from others that it was the best yet.

I want to add another thank you to all those who have brought to reality the vision of the new Crestone downtown improvements. The Town Hall building and all the street, parking and sidewalk additions make it feel like our town is getting such special attention. Crestone provides so well for those of us fortunate to live here, as well as visitors.

I am also going to take this opportunity to thank everyone at the Eagle for the great articles, event calendar and connecting the community. You are all appreciated.

Feeling so grateful,
Kelley Michelle

Grange at CrestFest

Dear Editor,

The Energy Fair is at the Crestone Music Festival this year and the Crestone Mountain Grange will have a booth and small team running educational examples of simple living, updates and general info on our projects, as well as a community priorities survey. A working gray water treatment system (under construction) will be on display. Stop by, say hi, join us!

If you want to help identify and connect a network of others who feel a similar sustainable life calling, share your story with the Grange/HUB. As a facilitator, I'm attempting to build a community center greenhouse to help enhance educational relationships around living micro-climates and greenhouses, producing food for the young and old to eat and reconnecting the importance of where our food comes from. I hope it inspires you to contribute your piece to the puzzle.

Hope to see you there,
Nathan Good

Local schmocal

Dear Editor,

Bored and idle, I contemplated what it means to be a local. Anywhere. Specifically here in this corner of the greater San Luis Valley called Crestone, most of which is the Baca.

And I made a free association list of what qualifies one as a local here no matter one's other roots.

If you can remember:

Frank Snider and his potato gun; The Roadkill Café; The Kitchen Table and when it burned down; Frank Snider biting it on his Harley; Laurie's Burrito Wagon; Curt's when it was Kurt's and his cow's; The Desert Sage when it was Ken's (and the Bistro before that); The post office and Monty when the post office was above where Steve

McDowell's Merc is now . . . you're a local. (Of course the true locals are the flora and fauna, including those that bite.)

Further consideration led to the obvious insight that local history and color continues as a work in progress. And it would be presumptuous of anyone to be the self-assigned definer and arbiter of what constitutes a local in this locale, although there's much to say on the subject of locals in general.

Yeah, I know, get a blog.

Thanks and ciao.

— Douglas Mago

Guadalupe returns!

Dear Editor,

We are bringing the Guadalupe and Goddess Art back to Crestone for a limited time during the music festival! We have so very much missed our friends, the mountains, the stars, the community and the great expanse which had become so deeply woven into our beings over the past two decades of living there. We will have a booth at this year's music festival and look forward to seeing and touching in with you and many old friends in our "Sanctuary to the Divine Feminine".

With loving blessings~

Naomi Lake & Jimmy Roderick

Will NATO save us from terrorism?

Who is NATO? And what is it? Whom does it serve?

NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Alliance) was formed in 1949 with 12 member states, as a security-alliance against any future Soviet invasion. It is by far the largest military alliance in the world, organized and directed from the Pentagon.

That was at the beginning of a long cold war. This cold war has started to heat up again. Now NATO includes 28 countries, mostly European, but also Canada, has expanded towards Russia by accepting various Eastern European countries, and after united Germany was allowed to enter NATO in 1990, its expansion towards Russia continued, despite a promise not to. At the same time, in 1991 the Warsaw Pact, counter piece to the NATO to the East, was dissolved. Russia finds itself more and more encircled by NATO allies.

So who is NATO? Putin says bluntly, NATO equals the USA, and indeed, he is right insofar as America, in NATO, is calling the shots.

Why do you think German troops (and Danish, French, British, Canadians, etc.) were fighting in Afghanistan, in Irak, and now even in Syria?

It's due to article 5 of the NATO treaty, which declares that if one of the NATO countries is being attacked, all the NATO countries are considered to be under attack. This article was invoked after 9/11, for the first time in its history, for an attack whose origins are still being investigated.

More recently the enemy of high priority became Muslim countries, where incidentally also lie the largest oil reserves (or passages to them), while Russia, another nuclear power, is getting its pride

Karen Potter

The Crestone Eagle is sad to report the death of long-time Crestone resident Karen Potter. A CEOLP cremation was held on July 27 with a potluck and celebration following. Large numbers of friends, family and community members came to say their goodbyes to her. We hope to print an obituary notice next month. —Love to her family.

back and has become a serious threat once more. So serious that Ukraine had to be meddled with so it would not fall into the hands of bad old Russia again.

Divide and rule is an old Roman imperialistic war strategy. NATO doesn't want an united Europe. Divided and confused, it is easier to manipulate. Brexit was welcomed for this very reason.

NATO has created and directed illegal secret armies in many European countries, even has been involved in several terrorist attacks in Italy, Germany and Belgium, while blaming the attacks on left extreme and right extreme organizations.

So, will NATO save us from terrorism? Or is it rather a driving force in having created terrorism?

"We will make America great again!" Trumps election slogan. And what does "great" mean, exactly? Controlling the entire world and all its resources? One can imagine how desperately a military power of that extent depends on an unlimited supply of fuel. Not easy to fly those big machines on solar and wind power.

Great at what costs? Permanent war is the program that keeps the Empire, with its industrial-military power-complex going, and NATO gives it all the authorization it needs to do so.

But some people are watching closely. And so should you, if you care about permanent peace.

No permanent peace is possible without unveiling the truth, even if just one piece at the time. Every empire, with its arrogant, immoral and destructive power, sooner or later will fall. Everyone can see what is happening to this country on the inside—domestic terrorism, a challenge so huge that it is dismantling the very foundation of any democracy. Do Americans feel safer now, after another 15 years of oh-so-costly war-faring?

How about, let America become true again, instead of "great"? And instead of, "bless America", bless the whole world?

For every life matters! Not after all, but first of all.

—Ruth E. Pulver

Correction

In my article on Mormon settlement in the SLV I mentioned Joe Lewis as the famous boxer of Mormon descent from Manassa. I should have written Jack Dempsey the true Manassa Mauler. My apologies for this error and thanks to the readers who pointed it out. —Mary Lowers

Correction

The July Eagle's front page photo by Bill Ellzey said it was a photo of South Crestone Lake. It is actually North Crestone Lake. Ellzey had it correct—it was our error. Apologies.

Spanish Creek Fire above Baca remained small

Baca and Crestone residents were concerned in July when a small fire started in the mountains above the Baca Grande subdivision near Crestone. The fire was first called in by Josh Wilfong. Most likely it was caused by a lightning strike that had smoldered for some days. It may have started around July 9 when a storm moved through.

The site was located 1.5 miles east of Dream Way, up Spanish Creek Canyon, on the north side, in the Rio Grande National Forest, close to the Sangre de Cristo wilderness.

Baca Fire and the Saguache County Sheriff's department were the first out to check on the fire. After that all available fire and EMS began setting up for a potential wildland fire.

Our mutual aid partners were notified and the National and Colo-

rado Forest Services were notified.

The National Forest Service arrived and the incident was taken over by Chad Lewis, FMO, and Josh Jordan with a hand crew.

The hand crew went in and was unable to reach the site of the fire, but got to a point where they could view it. It was burning in down and dead timber, surround by a very steep talus slope and exposed rock. At this point the National Forest Service ordered a helicopter water operation.

Baca Fire set up a water fill site .25 mile north of the Shumei center. Baca Fire also ran the dust abatement effort, while the helicopter hovered to take on water.

Monitoring was continued and carried on by Baca Fire. As of 9am, July 25, there was no activity at the burn site. Many thanks to all the firefighters, deputies and emergency personnel who responded to this fire.

Please be extremely careful with fires as all fires are a threat.

(Thanks to Chris Botz for his report on this fire)

Climber dies in hundred-foot fall on Crestone Needle; two rescued in another incident

by Mary Lowers

The Saguache County Search & Rescue (SCSAR) and Custer County Search & Rescue (CCSAR) had a busy month with two missions in a row to the Crestone Needle. This 14er is more treacherous than others according to many expert climbers. The Needle proved deadly for Steven Hunt, 55, of Parker who fell from the precarious perch on Sunday July 10. Hunt, the father of two, was an expert climber who had climbed all of Colorado's 14ers. His climbing partner who watched his friend fall to his death called 911.

SCSAR and CCSAR worked together with the Western State Mountain Rescue Team who assisted with the Flight for Life. SCSAR members stayed with the body overnight, coordinating with team members in the Cottonwood Lake area. A helicopter tried to land near Cottonwood Lake on Monday July 11 but was unable. The body remained with Search and Rescue supervision on the mountain until Tuesday July 12, when it was flown out.

CCSAR received a call that two climbers were stranded on the Crestone Needle on Sunday July 17. They were about 100 ft. above where Steven Hunt had fallen to his death a few days before. CCSAR was in communication with the climbers who spent the night on the precipice. According to the *Wet Mountain Tribune*, the 29-year-old woman and her 35-year-old male companion found some of Steven Hunt's personal belongings during their ordeal. Rescue volunteers got the stranded climbers down and they hiked out Monday, July 18.



A Saguache County Sheriff's deputy investigates a broken window and break-in at the Crestone Mercantile.

Crestone Mercantile broken into

by Mary Lowers

In the early morning hours of Wednesday July 20, Crestone Mercantile grocery store was broken into by a person as yet unidentified. Elaine Johnson told me, Steve McDowell got to the store very early and noticed broken glass on the east side of the grocery. A sensor which was not working should have sent a signal that glass had been shattered. As Elaine pointed out, "the Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) is NOT responsible for the incorporated Town of Crestone" but when summoned, a deputy arrived forty-five minutes after being called to the scene.

The attempt to break an office window during the break in at the store damaged the compressors which hold food at the correct temperature. Luckily due to timing no food was lost. Elaine said, the damage "could've been in the tens of thousands of dollars." The store's alarm systems and camera systems have been upgraded. "We can view on our phones everything going on in the store twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week." Elaine commented.

According to Elaine, security camera footage caught a clear view of the potential perpetrator. She told me, "We believe the person who caused the damage has a serious mental health problem. It was not an inside job." Elaine is concerned about the high levels of addiction and mental health issues in the community.

Elaine said the Crestone Mercantile is very grateful for the support from the community. She added, "We are angry about what happened. We have compassion for the young man whose mental illness allowed him to act in ways that will ultimately get him into the criminal justice system. It is a harsh reality that this country, with so much, does so little for those who are suffering from addiction or mental illness."

Prairie dog plague alert

The Baca National Wildlife Refuge has posted notices that plague has been detected in the prairie dog villages on the refuge alongside the T-road. People who walk their dogs along the Colorado College access road are encouraged to keep them on a leash so as not to come into contact with infected prairie dogs. The disease is transmitted via fleas. Infections in humans and animals can be fatal without early treatment. Symptoms of infection include swelling at the site of the bite, aches, fever, chills, cough and systemic illness. Cases in humans are rare, but can occur when humans and rodents come in close contact. Insect repellents can protect from fleas.

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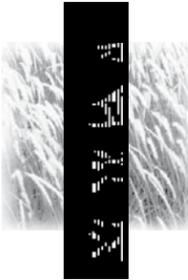
by Mary Lowers

Failure to Appear charges are still a dominant number of the bookings for August. A Durango woman, 37, and a Center man, 37, were both jailed with \$1000 bond each on Failure to Appear warrants. So much of life as they say, is about just showing up.

A Center man, 33, was jailed in Saguache with no bail amount listed on charges that include: Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, and Harassment. A Center woman, 26, was jailed in Saguache for Violation of a Restraining order. She was held on a \$500 cash only bond.

Two DUI charges landed a Saguache man, 55, in jail with a \$500 bond listed. An Aurora man, 26, was arrested in Crowley on Contempt of Court charges, with no bail amount listed.

Lots of speeding tickets were issued for Hwy. 17 and US 285 during the past month. This month's driving tip is to remember to stop; that's a full stop at stop signs. Quite a few folks received a citation for not stopping at stop signs this past month. No Seat Belt tickets were down in number but still up from past months.



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and international best-seller **The Weird Sisters**
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Commentary

Get smart on smart meters, Part II

by **Lonnie Nichols**

A meeting was held at the POA on June 30 by SLVREC with nearly 65 local citizens attending. SLVREC came to field questions and concerns on the rollout of the new “smart meters”, but they were not quite prepared for the strong push back by those present. Safety concerns, along with privacy issues and examples of other areas’ opt out choices (power companies/municipalities) were the main concerns of those present. SLVREC President, Loren Howard, was the main rep for SLVREC, accompanied by a rep from the “smart meter” manufacturer, a software developer, and two other reps. In summary, not to duplicate any effort on this subject, many of the 65 present expressed deep concern of the issues over a period of 2½ hours—the SLVREC did not appear to respond in a “team” or “understanding” manner. The most efficient way to request an opt-out for those interested is to send an email to the SLVREC board at: SLVREC.com. I have drafted a letter to the SLVREC board and will present at their next meeting.

As for research and data, much has been discovered since last month. The American Academy of Environmental Medicine (est. 1965) has researched and documented many strong cases that show detrimental health issues arising from smart meter emissions. From the AAEM (10/23/13), a case series by Dr. Federica Lamech, MBBS: “. . . documented 92 cases that demonstrate adverse health effects in the human population from smart meter emissions.” The AAEM has also performed extensive research on the detrimental effects of electromagnetic as well radio frequency fields in general, which of course would include the smart meter field. Another study by the BioInitiative (12/31/12) by 29 independent scientists documents specific health issues as a result to exposure to radio frequency (RF) fields. The report specifically includes smart meters. It is a very thorough and alarming document and can be found at: www.bioinitiative.org.

As to the fire risks, we asked the SLVREC manufacturing rep several times what preventative measures were in place to ensure fire safety for the Baca. There was never an answer, other than “the fire statistics show very few have ever caught fire”. I found one website that had 93 pages of examples of fires and explosions as a result of these meters shorting out. I presented 12 pages to them for their records. One can find plenty of documented examples on: emfsafetynetworks.org.

In Part I of this series I mentioned . . . “the new technology can assess your electric usage in great detail; how much time you are watching TV, listening to music, using your refrigerator, your electric heat, etc. The plan is eventually to have an RF chip installed in every single appliance.” Upon further research, this large “smart grid” is actually a roll out plan by the U.S. Department of Energy (D.O.E.). On their website one can find references to smart grid, smart meters, and appliance monitoring. I mention this because many power companies deny the smart meter roll out is part of a larger roll out or network—not to mention it is national and even a global plan.

Next month I’ll provide specific examples of areas and companies that have provided moratoriums and/or individual opt out options. There are quite a number across the nation, especially in California. Also, a large package of the above-referenced research was provided to the Crestone Town Council, and it was favorably received. They, as a group, requested updates as they are researched/discovered.

The key is to get informed so we can make a choice to “opt out”: In addition to the above links, feel free to google “smart meters” or “take back your power” (a great video) for starters. There’s a small group that meets each Thursday at 10 am at the POA if anyone is interested—all are welcome. Get informed. We have choices. We can opt out. Many municipalities have placed moratoriums on these smart meters.



by **Allyson Ransom, Clerk**

Our faithful little friend, Rooster Cogburn, is missed from the Town Hall front porch, so there will be no more crowing at 9am and no more tapping at the windows to get our attention. We will miss him but luckily, he is safe and sound, now residing on a farm near Moffat, happy living the good life, with a flock of hens.

The Fourth of July celebration was a huge success this year with so many people donating time and talents, whom we gratefully thank. We also wish to sincerely thank the following businesses, groups and individuals who donated cash, gift certificates or in-kind donations. These folks not only helped make this event a huge success but actually made it all possible: Casa del Soul, Colorado Gator Farm, Crestone Area Business Association, Crestone Brewing Co, Crestone Creamery, Crestone Realty Limited, Dollar Tree-Boulder, Elementum Fellowship, Elephant Cloud, Joyful Journey Hot Springs, Rainbow Thrift Store, Shumei International Institute, Burt Wadman, Walmart-Alamosa and Walmart-Salida.

Improvements continue in the downtown area with striping and crosswalks to be completed. Also, the final installations to the Town Hall building include painted railings and wagon wheels along the front porch. The park areas are being opened up to create a beautiful green space while the removal of fencing and an historic shed took place and these will be reused in other areas of town.

At the Board Meeting on July 11, 2016 the board revisited:

- Ordinance #2016-002, an Ordinance amending Ordinance 2013-001, which imposed a temporary moratorium on designated marijuana stores.
- Resolution #013-2016, establishing rules and regulations

for retail marijuana sales in the town limits. This question to allow retail marijuana sales in the town limits was originally placed on the April 5 ballot and passed with approximately 70% of voter approval.

The Town will be posting a one-month open period for accepting retail marijuana business applications from September 1, 2016 through October 1, 2016. Complete and detailed applicant packets including the rules and regulations will be available at Town Hall in September.

All Town of Crestone meetings are posted in the Town Hall bulletin board next to the front door at 108 W. Galena Ave. and in the US Post Office bulletin board. Board meetings are still held on the second Monday of each month from 1:30-6 pm, and there is always time for the public to share comments at the end of each meeting. If anyone would like to be included on the agenda and present to the Board, please submit requests and materials to include one week in advance.

We have a Certified Notary Public available during regular office hours in Town Hall from 9am-1pm, Mondays-Fridays. The cost to notarize each certificate is \$5 as per the Secretary of State guidelines, and a current and valid ID must be presented.



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Saguache County News

by Sandia Belgrade

When taxes might be a good thing

The voters of Saguache County will see two ballot items related to taxes this November, a sales tax and an excise tax. The excise tax will only be imposed on marijuana growers yet the whole county will benefit. The other, a sales tax of only 1%, will enable the poorest county in the state to have funding for the County Sheriff's Department and construction of a county justice center. Sheriff Warwick noted that tourists will actually pay more of that 1% tax. See the two articles for specifics.

Land Use

As both Land Use Administrator and Airport Manager, Wendi Maez covers a lot of ground. She handles lot consolidations, marijuana applications and site visits, and the airport. Maez has to cover a large county and work on a timeline. She reported that she is swamped with over 200 items piling up from last October. When she requested the Commissioners hire someone for filing a few hours/day to catch up, the Commissioners seemed to balk; yet another department requested a slab of concrete and were approved.

Marijuana news

Maez's department has collected \$25,000 for marijuana this year. A new application was submitted by RA Blumenhein, owner, and Ron Cabrera, applicant, to have the first outdoor marijuana grow facility 10 minutes from Joyful Journey. They will have 1800 plants on 4 acres. A security system is in place. There will be black plastic around it, taller than the plants to obscure them. Richard Drake reported that the Planning Commission approved it, but he thought a site visit might be in order. The Commissioners accepted the application with conditions by Planning Commission: a site visit, no light pollution, a written report, and a review in 6 months.

Living Wisdom makes impressive progress

Ammi Kohn, president of Living Wisdom, was accompanied by Kirsten Schreiber, board member, and Bob Adler, a free associate, to thank the Commissioners for their sales tax grant. Kohn said it has galvanized their effort to provide housing options for seniors in our county, which is graying rapidly.

Demographics show we're addressing a population increase of those 65 and over. The grant kick-started a market study needed to attract investors. A website has been created, and Living Wisdom has partnered with Adams State University to design and carry out a mail survey. Kohn noted that going the route of mixed private and subsidized funding, not the federal route, has been successful. One notable result has been the donation of \$20,000 for the project to use for planning and site selection. The grant has seen a return of 300%.

Commissioners support Raise the Bar initiative

Currently Colorado has one of the easiest constitutions to amend. As a result there are more than 150 amendments to the Colorado Constitution and they often conflict with one another. Often the Front Range makes changes that do not reflect rural issues. The Colorado Supreme Court has approved a statewide ballot initiative seeking to make it more difficult to amend the State Constitution. The Commissioners are supporting the resolution regarding the Raise the Bar initiative. This will make it harder for special interests to amend Colorado's Constitution. By setting the bar higher they hope changes will be well-thought-out and inclusive.

A 12-year horse opera

In what has been a long drawn out case of misunderstandings and inappropriate actions, Mary Jane Milam appeared before the first BOCC meeting of the month to request a gate be taken down that was an obstacle to access a road leading to her house. In June her husband was riding on road 10xx where Gene Hollenbeck's ranch hands were installing a gate, although the County had advised against it. He was told "if you're too old and feeble to open a gate get out of here." A gate was initially put up by Hollenbeck on 10xx a long time ago as part of sage grouse conservation. Then he installed a fence on a private driveway that goes to the Milam property. Road and Bridge mistakenly approved gating on the private road although Randal Arredondo, Road and Bridge Supervisor, said he was

given permission to install the gate. Another issue is a virtual cattle guard that was not put in properly. County Attorney Ben Gibbons will write a letter requesting Hollenbeck remove the gate at Cagan's Course also known as road VV9.2. By the second meeting of July the Milams decided they needed the virtual cattle guard removed and will put in an automatic gate opener. The commissioners moved to have Road and Bridge put a real cattle guard on Cagan's Course. As was noted, the County doesn't have jurisdiction over private property. Hollenbeck and Milam need to find some middle ground.

The County seeks direction around waste

Waste is a key issue for countries worldwide. Chris Canaly and Kristina Crowder with the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council (SLVEC), discussed landfill operations which are costly and have been difficult for the County to maintain. Canaly encouraged Saguache County to participate in The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) workshop July 26-27 in Alamosa and will pay for it. It will provide information on regional landfills and help develop relationships. SWANA is an organization of more than 8,300 public and private sector professionals working to advance solid waste management with shared emphasis on education, advocacy and research. Commissioner Tim Lovato and Iris Garcia of Road and Bridge will attend.

Eric Toledo of the Rural Community Assistance Corporation also addressed Saguache County's landfill operation. There is a San Luis Valley Solid Waste Authority with representatives from Alamosa County, Rio Grande County and the City of Monte Vista. Saguache County is not using this resource. What will it take for the County to maximize operations? Is a regional landfill the answer? Or a transfer station? Commercial hauling is much of the revenue for our landfill. It might take education and 2-3 years for residents to take ownership because of the issue of illegal dumping found in isolated rural communities, and as Ken Anderson noted, people still dump stuff here. Jason Anderson noted that the Colorado Department of Health and Environment waste program says there are private services throughout the state which will take tires at a cost. Wendi Maez looked into it and found money available only for passenger tires. She applied for a grant but none is available for truck tractor tires.

Commissioner news

Commissioners will attend the Upper Rio Grande Economic Council wood utilization workshop—how we use our wood products—all beetle kill—and how to use dead timber in our county to create jobs.

Need to talk to a Commissioner?

The Commissioners have announced that they are coordinating so that they will be in all three main towns of Center, Crestone, and Saguache on the second Monday of the month.

Liquor License renewals

Carla Gomez, Saguache County Clerk & Recorder, presented applications for Liquor License renewals. The Commissioners approved

Liquor License renewals for Sand Dunes Recreation, LLC Liquor and Villa Grove Trade. They also approved Crestone Performances Special Event Liquor License request for the Crestone Music Festival.

Report on smart meter meeting

The SLV Rural Electric Coop (REC) met with residents in Crestone to discuss smart meters. REC said they are quicker, more detailed and have science behind them. The organizers were logical and provided the information: the radiation is worse than smart phones, and their use results in fewer meter-reader jobs. Some in the audience were yelling. Other places have made smart meters optional.

Airport news

Constantin Diehl, CEO of UAS Colorado, a non-profit business, showed the Forest Service how drone support would help with fires. Drones can fly in closer with better imaging using a digital raster graphic which is a scanned image of a site.

Wendi Maez applied for a DOLA grant, and the County was awarded \$40,000 for feasibility studies at the County airports.

Social Services training

Linda Warsh, Director of Social Services, said that Pueblo County Social Services personnel are providing free training for Child Welfare Services and for staff, understanding of procedures. They have an memorandum of understanding for services for 5 years. It's proving to be a good partnership on how to screen calls and whether to refer to child welfare. Getting a new supervisor is crucial. Pueblo is helping to cover everything until that happens.

Driver's License renewal no longer in Saguache

Due to personnel changes, the Clerk & Recorder's office in Saguache will no longer provide Colorado Driver's License renewal services. Residents will have to drive at least 50 miles to the two offices closest to this area. The Alamosa office is located at 715 6th Street, phone number 719-589-4274. The Salida office is located at 120 W. 3rd Street, phone number 719-539-2802. Residents can renew their licenses at any Colorado Department of Revenue Drivers' License Office in the state.

Town of Center repairs

Joan Mobley, Town of Center Administrator, said there are serious problems with the sidewalk near the County building in Center resulting in ice and snow buildup. It is not draining right. The estimated repair costs are about \$4100. The Town of Center is willing to do inkind for the paving that Road & Bridge will have to do. Mobley also mentioned that one of the Town's goals is to remedy the situation of Center having no affordable housing.

Director of Public Health resigns

Ginger Stringer is leaving to take a position as the San Luis Valley Regional Epidemiologist. She will work with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Emergency Preparedness and Response Division and Communicable Disease Epidemiology programs.



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Smart meters

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some cancers. Many also worried about privacy issues as these devices may be able to monitor someone's activities within their homes to an alarming degree and expressed concern on who had access to this information. Jobs are also sacrificed because these meters need no on-the-spot reading and can be designed to send billing information directly to a customer's account.

Electrical power providers have evidence collected from extensive studies that demonstrate that the levels of RFs put out by these meters are far below levels needed to cause anyone any harm. The waves emitted are much less than cell phones and the meters are usually at least a few hundred feet from peoples homes and cell phones are, of course, right up against a user's body. And there is not science that demonstrates that cell phones create health problems either. Opponents to smart meters object to this evidence being used as the end-all-and-be-all of the debate point to new evidence suggesting that the governmental and industry standards to acceptable levels of these radio waves are set far too high and that the widespread use of RF emitting devices is too new to really know what levels are harmful.

SLVREC stressed that all information collected by smart meters is strictly confidential and will not be used by anyone except for billing. They say that the loss of jobs is minimal and will be offset by the anticipated lowering of electrical bills. Smart meter opponents think bills will go up and are skeptical of personal information being protected properly.

The meeting was organized by a group of area residents: Lonnie Nichols, Dorje Root, Vicki Webb, Dean Lloyd and Susan Sawyer. About 50 concerned citizens rounded out the no-smart meters contingent. SLVREC was represented by CEO Loren Howard, smart meter expert Dr. Bob Pierston of Colorado State University, and smart meters' manufacturing representative Jeff Langely, of LEIDOS. Several other unrepresented SLVREC folks were present also.

The meeting began with introductions of key people and Mr. Nichols stating his case for an opt-out clause for area residents. He detailed investigations that he and Dean Lloyd made that showed that there are potentially alarming levels of RFs in some places in our community. Vicki Webb spoke next, giving an eloquent plea to have the Crestone area exempted from smart phones as she lives with a son who is hyper-sensitive and cannot tolerate many RFs. Dorje Root and Susan

Sawyer also spoke briefly in defense of Crestone and the Baca being excluded from SLVREC plans. Loren Howard and Jeff Langely addressed some points briefly, with SLVREC expert Dr. Pierston being silent during these presentations. Mr. Howard then took the rest of the meeting to call on people in the audience to weigh in, many of them waiting with hands up for many minutes for an opportunity to speak. The meeting closed at 5pm with several people still wanting a chance to give their input. Almost all declared that a prime reason to live in Crestone was to avoid toxins present in modern society. Some were belligerent and spoke in finger-wagging tones about how Mr. Howard worked for them and had better listen. One man tore up his electrical bill as a demonstration as to what he would do if smart meters came to pass. Two or three people were actually yelling when their turn to speak came around. For his part, Loren Howard seemed to withdraw and shut down a little more with each speaker and seemed relieved and unreachable by meeting's end.

People left the meeting looking discouraged and this reporter spoke to several attendees and asked them what they thought of the meeting. They all agreed with this reporter and said they thought that the SLVREC group was not open to discuss any sort of opt-out option for area residents from the start and were just putting in an appearance. The folks this reporter talked to were more split on the audience's negative impact on the discussion with some thinking that people were justified in being frustrated and some, like this reporter, thinking that the audience animosity was another reason that the meeting did not accomplish much.

It should be noted that Loren Howard and company did not make any sort of statement to the effect of setting people at ease with the upcoming new technology and made little effort to alleviate citizen fears. The concerned citizens, for their part, did not ask Mr. Howard for an audience with the decision makers in the process, the SLVREC board, or what it would take for Mr. Howard to be in favor of an opt-out clause, should it become apparent that a clear majority of Crestone/Baca do not want smart meters. There seemed to be no room in the anti-smart meters group for individual opt-out, only a community one.

Addendum: As the Eagle goes to press we've been informed that during a presentation to the SLVREC by three Crestonians on July 26, the SLVREC Board of Directors stated that a vote would be made on "individual opt out" for installations of the new smart meter. At this time, we do not have any results for this vote.

November ballot

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certification by the Secretary of State to the November ballot. Below are a couple of examples of what to expect on the November ballot.

Primary elections and how candidates are selected for representing major political parties on a general election ballot is a major concern. Potentially there could be an initiative that would restore presidential primaries in Colorado and would allow unaffiliated electors to vote in the primary election without declaring an affiliation with that political party.

Another controversial ballot initiative, Raise the Bar, Protect Our Constitution is designed to make the Colorado constitution more difficult to amend by citizen initiatives. The ballot measure would raise the threshold for voter approval of a citizen-initiated constitutional amendment from the

current 50% plus one vote to 55% with at least two percent of the signatures from residents in every one of Colorado's 35 Senate districts. Saguache County Commissioners recently endorsed the ballot measure—the sole ballot initiative they agreed to weigh in on. Raise the Bar would only impact citizens' ability to amend the Constitution, not legislator's.

Citizens of Colorado may initiate legislation as either a state statute or a constitutional amendment. In Colorado, citizens also have the power to repeal legislation via veto referendum. The Colorado General Assembly may also place measures on the ballot as legislatively referred constitutional amendments or legislatively referred state statutes. Referred amendments require a 2/3 vote of each chamber.

The Colorado Secretary of State provides a list of potential 2016 measures, which can be found here: www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Initiatives/titleBoard/

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Marijuana excise tax on November ballot

by Sandia Belgrade

A proposal for an excise tax on retail marijuana growers will go to the voters this November. The Saguache Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has issued a resolution asking whether Saguache County may impose a 5% excise tax on the first sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana by a retail marijuana cultivation facility located in the county.

The question on the ballot will read:

"Shall Saguache County increase taxes by \$350,000 annually in the first full fiscal year and by such amounts as are raised thereafter as authorized by Colorado Revised Statutes 29-2-114 through the imposition of an excise tax of 5% of the average market rate, as determined by the Colorado Department of Revenue, on the first sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana by a retail marijuana cultivation facility located within Saguache County, with such revenues to be used as determined by the Board of County Commissioners of Saguache County to fund, among other programs, Youth services, land use code enforcement, county infrastructure, marijuana program administration costs, and other General Purposes of the County; and shall such earnings thereon be collected, retained, and expended as a voter-approved revenue change without limitation or condition under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution or C.R.S. 29-1-301, as amended, or any other law, all in conformance with Saguache County Resolution 16-___?"

YES NO

Several residents remarked that the way the ballot question is worded makes it sound like the county will increase taxes by \$350,000 annually. That is not the case. The 5% excise tax will apply only to marijuana growers—not to all residents.

But it will be up to all the voters to decide if the county should implement the tax.

In 2015, Governor Hickenlooper approved House Bill 15-1367, which authorizes each county in the state to levy, collect and enforce an excise tax pursuant to Section 29-2-103 and Articles 26 and 28.8 of Title 39, C.R.S." The tax shall be imposed at the time when the retail marijuana cultivation facility first sells or transfers unprocessed retail marijuana from the retail marijuana cultivation facility to a retail marijuana product manufacturing facility, a retail marijuana store, or another retail marijuana cultivation facility." The tax may not exceed 5% of the average market rate, and it must be approved by popular vote. There is no excise tax on medical marijuana; only recreational marijuana businesses will be affected.

Gains to Saguache

It is worth noting that in a state bringing in millions from marijuana, this county gets precious little because there need to be three retail outlets from which to collect money. However, with the excise tax, our county will bring in a predictable revenue stream from legitimate grow facilities. Eligible voters in the county are being given the opportunity to approve an excise tax to increase revenues to the County which may be used for public health, youth health education, land use code enforcement, County infrastructure, marijuana program administration costs, County landfill operations, and other needs of the County as determined by the Board of County Commissioners. The number of legitimate grows as well as unregulated marijuana grows have stretched Land Use personnel as well as law enforcement thin in our county as well as many other communities around the state. An excise tax on marijuana would provide them with the revenue needed to monitor and respond to complaints related to cannabis grown and sold in their communities. The price of retail marijuana at a store will include the excise tax, similar to liquor or tobacco.

What is an excise tax?

Also known as a sin tax, an excise tax historically was levied on certain goods deemed "harmful" to society in some way. Now an excise tax can include candies, soft drinks, fast foods, and coffee, as well as alcohol, drugs, gambling and tobacco. According to <http://norml.org>, revenues from cannabis excise taxes might be comparable to the revenues currently raised through the federal tax on alcohol (\$8 billion) and cigarettes (\$5 billion). The state of Colorado is collecting roughly \$90 million in marijuana excise taxes alone each year—an amount short of the \$162 million it collects from cigarette taxes, but by far it exceeds the \$42 million it receives from taxes on alcohol. When state-level sales taxes, license fees, and application fees are added to the picture, Colorado's revenue from marijuana taxes rises to roughly \$130 million per year. House Bill 15-1367 allows our rural county government to collect taxes on marijuana.

Other counties Some may wonder why the County is requesting an excise tax when it is so small, only 5%. The challenge facing the County is to design the excise tax so that there is a balance between taxing the product enough to off set its regulatory costs, and not taxing it so heavily as to result in widespread tax evasion and black market marijuana sales. As part of the overall picture, compare this effort to other actions. Voters in Boulder County approved a

5% excise tax as did voters in Ouray County. When Ouray approved a 5% Marijuana Excise Tax, the increased revenue for their budget is estimated to be 10.7% higher— due primarily to the Excise tax. In Pueblo County, which has a much larger population, voters approved a 1% excise tax rate by a good sized margin. The tax rate will increase by 1% each year until it reaches 5%. Pueblo's booming pot industry didn't oppose the measure. "Contrary to popular belief we definitely do want to see a positive impact from our industry in the community," said Richard Quessel of the Southern Colorado Growers Association. Pueblo's excise tax on marijuana growers is expected to raise about \$3.5 million a year by 2020, with the money available for any high school senior in Pueblo County who attends one of two public colleges in the county. Thus, even at this low level, Saguache County will improve its ability to fund public health, youth health education, land use code enforcement, County infrastructure, as well as the land use marijuana program administration costs and other needs of the County.

The new excise tax on County retail recreational marijuana growers will be in voters' hands. Residents who are not cultivating or in the marijuana business will not be taxed. Yet we as a county will have our resources and priorities improved.

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Crestone Music Festival

+ August 12-15, 2016 +

by Tom Dessain

The 18th Annual Crestone Music Festival will be held at the Baca Grande Golf Club in Crestone Colorado August 12, 13, & 14. It's a three-day, multi-genre, multi-cultural musical event which also features a kids zone, family activities, contests, energy vendors and demonstrations, arts & crafts, healers, international cuisine and great libations. Be sure to check out our other Eagle articles on the Raffle and Family Tent activities.

Headliners

This year's headliners are spectacular. Friday night will feature the amazing T Sisters. This is a six piece Americana band with drop dead harmonies and frolicking instrumentation. They have been featured on Garrison Keillor's 'A Prairie Home Companion'. You'll be wowed!

Saturday is huge with The Fabulous Thunderbirds coming to town. This Grammy nominated band has a distinctive and powerful blues/rock sound with Cajun and soul influences. This is exemplified in their three top 40 barnburner hits "Tuff Enuff", "Wrap it up" and "Look at that". Their live shows are renowned and often put bigger billed names to shame. Muddy Wa-



CrestFest welcomes The Jah Kings for the first time!

ters called front man Kim Wilson, "his favorite harmonica player and vocalist". This band should be a total blast to experience, so don't miss them Saturday August 13th!

And all the way from San Diego, California and France, two bands merged together to form BandaBordel! Separately they reign as Quel Bordel (California) and BandapArt! (France), first touring France together and now the United States! They play original folk fusion in a funky French gypsy kind-of-way. They have headlined House of Blues Mainstage and shared the

stage with the Young Dubliners

who we had last year. This will be a raucous good time and a fun way to end the fest Sunday evening.

Regional Acts

Don't forget our regional acts which include; bilingual 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, Kirtan brought to us by Vamadeva, the steel drum band Pan Jumbies, Spanish guitar virtuosity from Javier Mosley and musical comedy from John Craigie. We also have a pile of talented local acts to start your days plus belly dancing from BellySatva, African Dance from The Crestone Love Tribe, Energy Fair Demonstrations and shows



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Straight from the Front Range, The Alcapones perform Friday evening.

from the Salida Circus. So come on out, get away and play!

You can get more info and buy tickets on-line at crestfest.org or call our office at 719-256-4533. The Crestone Music Festival is a production of Crestone Performances Inc. a 501c3 non-profit community service organization.

Sponsors

Our thanks to the following sponsors: Aventa Credit Union, Colorado Creative Industries, Anschutz Family Foundation, Saguache County, Baca Grande POA, The Crestone Eagle, Shumei International Institute, Orient Land Trust, Joyful Journey Hot Springs, Free the Monkey, Alamosa Live Music Association, KRZA radio, RMS Utilities and Greenstar BLOX.

2016 Festival Schedule

Friday, August 12

1:00-1:30	Fossil Fuel [Dad & Daughter Folk]
1:45-2:15	Organic U-F-Flows [Local Hip Hop]
3:00-4:00	Ponder the Albatross [Reggae Grass]
4:30-5:30	2MX2 [Conscious Hip Hop]
6:15-7:30	The Al Capones [Ska / Wise Guy Funk]
7:45-8:15	Crestone Love Tribe [African Dance]
8:30-10:00	T Sisters [New Grass]
10:00-??	Late Night Activities

Saturday, August 13

10:30-11:15	Not from Around Here [Alt Rock]
11:45-12:30	Blue Rooster [Blues & Classic Rock]
1:15-2:15	Jah Kings [Roots Reggae]
2:20-3:00	Salida Circus
3:00-4:15	Pan Jumbies [Steel Drum & Marimba Band]
4:20-5:00	Womens' Wood Chopping
5:00-6:15	J Mosley & The JME Allstars [Latin Guitar]
6:20-6:45	BellySatva [Belly Dance]
6:45-7:30	Mens' Wood Chopping
7:30-8:00	Scholarship Award
8:00-9:30	The Fabulous Thunderbirds
10:00-??	Late Night Activities

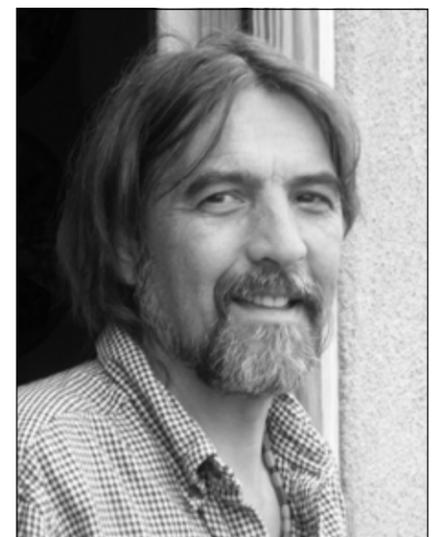
Sunday, August 14

8:00-8:45	Kirtan w/ Vamadeva [Chanting & Meditation]
9:15-10:00	Cheap Therapy [Tropical Pop]
10:30-11:15	Kicker [Country Rock]
12:00-1:15	Mama Magnolia [Soul]
1:15-1:45	Salida Circus, Pie Eating Contest
1:45-3:00	Tumbleweed [Progressive Country]
3:05-3:30	Limbo, Crestone Love Tribe
3:30-4:30	John Craigie [Comedy Folk]
4:35-5:00	BellySatva [Belly Dance]
5:00-5:30	Raffle
5:30-7:00	BandaBordel [French Gypsy Funk]

T-shirt design winner

The winner of the 18th annual CMF T-shirt design contest that will be featured on the cover of this year's program was created by James Joseph Roderick. This is the 8th time he has been awarded the design by the Crestone Music Festival.

Roderick was born and grew up in Provincetown on Cape Cod, attended the Art Institute of Boston and made his home in Crestone for 20 years. He was one of the founding members of the Crestone Artisan's Gallery. He has recently relocated to

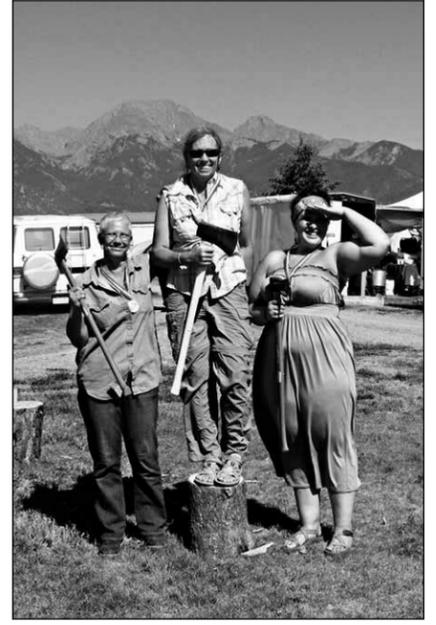


James Joseph Roderick.

Arizona with his wife Naomi.

Check out his artwork online at www.James-Roderick.Fine-ArtAmerica.com or better yet, visit Jimmy and Naomi's booth at the festival: A Sanctuary to the Divine Feminine, with a special honoring of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Originals, cards and prints will be available.





Festival food & fun!

There is an abundance of festivities that accompany our fabulous music during the festival. We have a large variety of arts and crafts vendors who have everything from clothes, shoes and hats, to massage, crystals and jewelry. We also have great food with a nice variety of choices like crepes, pizza, Greek, Mexican, organic and Thai. There will be roasted nuts, corn and smoothies along with coffee, baked goods and ice cream. We have extremely likable libations with Ska Micro-brews, wine from the Holy Cross Abbey and home-made, hand-made Mojitos. New this year will be a reserve supply of Bloody Marys for the mornings. Our festival booth will be selling T-shirts, hats and

mugs plus CDs from the performing artists.

To start your days, we offer free yoga with Yoga Alliance instructor Cynthia Nielsen. In the family tent, artsy Ansley will provide opportunities for kids to get creative using nature, paints, and recycled materials. Ansley will also have games and giggles and story times too. The Salida Circus returns bringing a trapeze this year which is new and very exciting. Two youth workshops are planned for Saturday & Sunday afternoons so your little performer can learn real circus acts! We will still have our traditional men's and women's wood chopping and limbo and pie-eating contests. Back this year is one of our most popular ap-



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

Always a favorite is the brand new Martin acoustic electric guitar worth over \$900! It comes with a hard shell case, Fishman active

electronics and a full warranty.

Next up, from Kristi Mountain Sports in Alamosa, a \$500 credit to be used towards any product or products from their store. This can include hiking gear, ski gear, climbing gear or a mountain bike. They have a huge selection of products and it's just fun to shop at a sporting goods store.

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

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

paratus, the giant Eurobungy jumping machine. We have two new additions this year we think will be real crowd pleasers. Just west of the festival grounds will be a field of Knocker Balls. Imagine people running around in giant single pieces of bubble wrap! It's crazy, it's fun, and you can't miss it.

Next is the Crestone Energy Fair, right inside our festival grounds, complete with information, products, films, lectures and

various demonstrations about current energy and living technologies and possibilities. There will also be alternative home tours available on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Our Family Tent, the Energy Fair and activities are located on the west end of the festival grounds. The schedule of activities will be posted at the gate, on the family tent, and in the program. All workshops are free and open to everyone. For more information call us at 719-256-4533.

Thank you Aventa

Aventa Credit Union and Crestone Performances Inc. have teamed-up again to award a \$500 scholarship to a local student. The winner this year (drum roll please) . . . is Miki Mei Moreno. Miki lives in Villa Grove and graduated from Crestone Charter School in May of this year. She will receive \$500 to purchase recording equipment and an upgraded programming system. The official award ceremony will happen at 7:30pm August 13 at the 18th Annual Crestone Music Festival.

Miki began composing electronic music years ago and found inspiration surrounding her in the San Luis Valley. Her sounds began reflecting the senses of nature with original songs such as, "October Rain" and "Lilac". Before long she had produced her first album, *Lost Fields of Blooming Dreams*, and is currently working on her second. She is excited to expand her opportunities with this scholarship and hopes to soon reach a larger audience.

Our thanks go out to Aventa Credit Union for fully funding this program. They have been generous, gracious and sincere in their efforts to make a difference with students and the arts in our community. Over the past few years, the generosity of Aventa Credit Union has been a major reason we are still here. Thank you Aventa! For more information please call 719-256-4533.



2016 Energy Fair at the Crestone Music Festival

Friday night we'll kick it off in the Energy Fair Tent from 5:30-8pm. We will discuss itinerary options and prepare for the weekend.

Saturday, home tours will depart from Pirate Camp at 9am. Tours will return at 12:30, in time for Jah Kings at 1:15pm. From 2pm-5pm, the Building Demonstration area will be active with ongoing Q&A and active building demonstrations with highlighted presentations at 2pm and 4pm.

First up in the Energy Fair Tent at 2pm will be Curtis Scheib, founder of Eco Depot, discussing the current status of active solar and independent power creation. In the building demonstration area Mason Greenstar will share their experiences with various papercrete style products. Additionally, enjoy time with Dave Kirchner in the Solar Cooking area for the final stages of the day's solar cooking rewards.

Following Pan Jumbies at 4:25, Paul Shippee, founder of



The fair will include solar cooking exhibits.



The building demonstration area will host Steven Harrel sharing his knowledge of straw bale construction.

Crestone Solar School, will be in the Energy Fair Tent covering Passive Solar Design 101 while Tim White explores the power of Earthen Materials and Monolithic Construction.

Simultaneously, Nathan Good will be doing an active demonstration of Amendment 86 in

the Grange area. Amendment 86 is the current state - and county-approved grey water legislation. Yes, when done properly, grey water and composting toilets are currently legal. Learn the right way to recycle and reuse your grey water. Meanwhile, Chris Steen will be demonstrating Earth Bag construction in the Building Demonstration area.

The final stage of Saturday's Energy Fair will be a Home Owner Forum and community discussion at 6:30pm. The discussion will focus on going beyond sustainability and entering the realms of regenerative living.

After the Fabulous Thunderbirds on Saturday Night, wander on down to Pirate Camp for a late night ARC experience. We'll have music, drumming, fire dancers, an aerial performance, our typical late-night feast and DJs to keeping the party going.

Sunday will once again begin with home tours departing from Pirate Camp at 9am and returning around 12:30pm, just in time for Mama Magnolia. We'll start the day in the Energy Fair Tent

at 1:15pm with Paul Shippee and Passive Solar Design 101. Nathan Good will continue to discuss and answer questions about Amendment 86.

The building demonstration area will host Steven Harrel sharing his knowledge of straw bale construction. At 3pm Tim White will bring his personal humor and vast knowledge of earthen materials and the benefits of monolithic construction to the day.

Cedar Rose-Guelberth will be in the Energy Fair Tent inspiring people towards a holistic approach to design of space and lifestyle, while Thomas Shultz will be in the building demonstration area working with rammed earth tires.

To complete the weekend, we'll close things down in the Energy Fair Tent at 4:30pm with a thank you gathering.

The Energy Fair is our opportunity to gather and brainstorm visions for our future—a future with abundant food and water supplies, comforting shelter and supportive social structures. How do we get from here to there? Join the discussion at this year's Energy Fair.

Energy Fair Schedule

Friday, August 12

5:30-8:00p Welcome Reception

Saturday, August 13

9:00 Home Tours leave Pirate Camp
2:00-5:00 Building Demonstration Area open
2:00 Curtis Sheib, Dave Kirchner, Mason Greenstar
4:15 Paul Shippee, Tim White, Nathan Good, Chris Steen
6:30 Home Owner / Community Forum

Sunday, August 14

9:00 Home Tours leave Pirate Camp
1:00-4:00 Building Demonstration Area open
1:15 Paul Shippee, Nathan Good, Steven Harrel
3:00 Tim White, Cedar Rose-Guelberth, Thomas Shultz
4:30 Closing Gathering

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Crestone Artisans Gallery hosts Ice Cream Social

2nd annual event included live music

by Paula Hudson

What a busy month! Crestone put on a terrific 4th of July celebration, complete with the pirate ship in the parade and an Art Festival. There was a 42' tent in Little Pearl Park and artists from all over the area set up their wares. The displays spilled out of the tent and scattered over the park. There were paintings and jewelry, custom made sandals and boots, delicious food, a charming baby camel (hope you didn't miss her, she alone was worth a trip to the festival) a dunking game and music, music, music.

If all that wasn't enough, the gallery had an ice cream social Saturday July 23. Locally made ice cream was served, along with other treats and the gallery showed off its new works by known artists and new artists. The music on the deck was delightful and the party once again spilled over into the park.

One of the new artists, Kathy Strathearn, makes the most beautiful weavings. They are not only wonderful in construction and color but soft to the touch. She says, "Being relatively new to Crestone, I have found Crestone Artisan Gallery a saving grace. I am a tapestry weaver, both Rio Grande and Navajo style, and do Native American style beading on rattles, drumsticks, and dancing sticks. The gallery has given me a beautiful place close to home to show



Kathy Strathearn, a new member artist at the Artisans Gallery, is a tapestry weaver, both Rio Grande and Navajo style, and does Native American style beading on rattles, drumsticks, and dancing sticks.

my work. It has also provided me with so many new and amazing friends, both my fellow artists and customers! There are many talented artists in this area, and the gallery shows a small but vast variety of the talent here."

The Crestone Artisans Gallery frequently has festivities to which everyone is invited. Look for announcements in the paper, on Facebook, the Gallery's website and on posters around town. Hope to see you next time.



Everyone enjoys the free ice cream and plethora of toppings at the Crestone Artisans Gallery's Ice Cream Social July 23. photo by Lori Nagel



Cheap Therapy entertains the masses on the front porch of the Crestone Artisans Gallery at the second annual Ice Cream Social. photo by Lori Nagel

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THE VIEW FROM HERE

A CAUCUS OF CROWS

by William "Buck" Winters

As I strolled by a cluster of cottonwoods the other day, the lively chatter of several crows caught my attention. The conversation seemed lively and animated, and it was clear that a discussion was going on. This bein' an election year, it rather put me in mind of a meeting I'd attended at the POA Hall, back towards the beginning of March.

Colorado is a state where candidates for the November elections are selected by caucus, a curiously American process that originated in the country's rural past. Doin' a little etymological research taught me that the term originated in the late 1700s, and might have been derived from an Algonquin word for elders or advisers, or from a Greek word for drinking cup. I tend to favor the latter, probably because too much political discus-

sion drives me to drink.

The trouble with a stroll-derived thought process is that it tends to be a bit circuitous, since walking paths tend to wander. I found myself reflectin' on a peculiarity of our language, the fact that a group of crows is referred to as a "murder". This struck me as rather unfortunate, and probably more of a reflection of our agrarian past than an accurate description.

Muttering to myself a bit, I decided it was time to engage in a little linguistic improvement. Tossing the unfortunate, though historical, collective noun aside, I seized on the obvious (at least to me) replacement term. Of course! A gathering of crows is a CAUCUS! On occasion, even a raucous caucus. I shouted it into the wind, and the wheeling crows seemed to approve.



Crestone Performances is sponsoring workshops by The Salida Circus.

CPI brings circus workshops to Crestone

The Salida Circus will be holding weekly classes at the Crestone Charter School starting Thursday,

August 18. The classes will run for four weeks from 4:30 to 6pm and are open to all ages. The cost is \$10 per class per person and classes will include: aerial silks, acrobatics, tumbling, juggling, clowning and parkour movement techniques.

These workshops are being guaranteed, subsidized and produced by Crestone Performances Inc. This is a new approach by CPI to provide educational enrichment activities not normally available to communities of the San Luis Valley. Our hope is to take these workshops and others to venues around the valley.

CPI operates three distinct programs which are the annual Crestone Music Festival, our Youth Enrichment Program (YEP) and our Community Assist program. For more information on us and who we are, please visit crestfest.org or call 719-256-4533.

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The new Neighbors Helping Neighbors phone book will be arriving by January, 2017. To make it as accurate as we can, if you have changed your number, are new since 2014, want to add your cell phone, PO box or email address, please fill out a form at the Crestone Mercantile or Elephant Cloud. You can also email the information to: NHNCRESTONE@hotmail.com or call Mary Wolf at 303-455-5632.

If you are a business, artist, body worker, e-business, etc., and want to advertise, please contact Meryl Ennis at merylemail@gmail.com or 256-4890. If you have an ad in the 2016 book and want to renew it, please contact Meryl, if she has not been able to reach you. For those who have agreed to buy an ad, if you have not already done so, please send in your camera-ready ad to rvolkmar@gmail.com and your payment to Meryl at PO Box 426, Crestone, 81131 no later than August 26. Please make checks for ads, or any donations, to NHN. We thank everyone for their continued support of NHN and of our community.

Volunteer Vacation: Kit Carson Peak

Looking for a challenging, rewarding, and fun vacation? Join the Rocky Mountain Field Institute's Volunteer Vacation, a 6-day backcountry trail work trip that will focus on the multi-year project to realign the summit trail to Kit Carson Peak and Challenger Point from the Willow Lake Basin with the goal of making this trail safer and more sustainable.

All meals for the week are provided by RMFI. Please find more information and online registration at www.rmfi.org/civicism/event/info?id=1345.

Donate a tree or plants to downtown Crestone!

The Town of Crestone has new sidewalks, but empty planter beds. Let's make down beautiful! Would you like to sponsor a shade tree with a plaque with your name on it? Or in memory of someone? Do you have extra perennial flowers to share (deer resistant a must!) Would you like to sponsor a planter bed?

The Crestone Tree & Plant board would love to hear from you! For overall donations and information call Elaine Johnson 256-5887. For plants, Patrick Moore, 588-6431 and for trees call Kizzen Laki at 256-4956. Thanks!

Amendment 69: Universal Health Care in Colorado presentation Aug. 3

Colorado State Senator Irene Aguilar, MD will be in Alamosa on August 3 from 7pm to 8:30pm (location TBA) to discuss Amendment 69 (ColoradoCare), a certified ballot measure for universal healthcare in Colorado. Dr. Aguilar is a key architect of the amendment and will discuss this proposal to provide healthcare for every resident and answer your questions.

Free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Barb at 719-221-8434 or slvbarb498@gmail.com.

Nonviolent Communication

Healing Through Emotional Awareness is an ongoing workshop/class that meets every other Wednesday from 4:30-6:30pm. We use the book *Nonviolent Communication—A Language of Life*, by Marshall Rosenberg, PhD. You can read the first chapter at cnvc.org.

This NVC class/workshop is a practice group and learning circle for support and healing "confused perceptions" that lead to unnecessary suffering. NVC promotes safe conflict. The next Intro class begins a new cycle when new participants may enter. At the beginning of each two-month cycle a commitment is requested to attend the next four classes. The next Intro class is on August 31 at 4:30. Please call Paul Shippee for info and to register 719-256-4656.

IFC spreads wings in Albuquerque; Film to be presented at CEOLP August meeting

Michael Onewing, volunteer and trainer with Informed Final Choices (IFC) and the Crestone End of Life Project, was invited to present at a day-long event on end-of-life issues sponsored by the Albuquerque Shambhala Center. Michael offered a 2-hour training on care-of-the-body, an integral piece of home funeral practice. Her workshop was a great success, with many of the participants interested in other IFC workshop offerings.

Trudy James will be visiting from Seattle, WA and will present her moving film, *Speaking of Dying* at the CEOLP/IFC August 10 meeting. Trudy will also share the insights she's gleaned through years of service with her organization Heartwork. A main focus of Heartwork is learning how to develop skillful means in addressing end-of-life issues with family members and close friends.

Join us at the Church of the Little Shepherd, August 10, 7pm. For more information call Stephanie at 719-588-7415. For CEOLP registration materials contact Lorraine Cazier at 719-938-7802.

Sun Studio art presentation with Ammi & Jennifer

On Canadian artist, Emily Carr. Her life & work.

Crestone Charter School, August 15, Monday, 7pm.

"I want the ferocious, strangled lonesomeness of that place, creepy, nery forsaken . . . a great dense forest behind full of unseen things and great silence and on the sea the sun beating down."

-Emily Carr

Emily Carr's Life and Art



Presented by Jennifer & Ammi

Monday, August 15th, 7:30pm at the Charter School



Saguache fiber arts quilt. Come see handmade quilts and fiber art.

2016 Fiber Art happens in Saguache Aug. 20 as part of Art Walk

As part of the annual Saguache Art Walk scheduled Saturday, August 20, the Fiber Art in the Park will be featured at David Martinez Park in downtown Saguache (4th Street) from 10am to 2pm. There will be a basket in the park to collect yarn donations. Fiber artisan Faith McGill will take the donated yarn and knit a star. Last year her star was a door prize at the local Holiday Bazaar.

The Saguache Sagebrush Quilters will be at the park with hands-on activities. A sunflower quilt will be on a wooden frame for those wanting to try their hand at quilting a few stitches. The 2016 Fall Festival quilt will be on display. Knitters and crochet artisans will join their quilting sisters at David Martinez Park throughout the day. Fiber is another medium of art and other artisans in other mediums will be sharing and showing their talents throughout the town of Saguache.

Contact info for Fiber Art in Saguache: call 719-850-0051.



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Trudy James will be presenting her film 'Speaking of Dying' and sharing her insights on Heartwork, end-of-life choices, on August 10, 7pm, Little Shepherd church. FREE

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

Monthly Events

Monday, August 1

- BG Stables' Children's Riding Program Session 5, 8:30 am-11:00 am \$150
- Town of Crestone Planning Commission Meeting, Town Hall 6-8pm Free 719-256-4313

Tuesday, August 2

- New Moon Fire Ceremony, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-noon www.babajashram.org 256-4108
- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-11:00 am

Wednesday, August 3

- Ashram Children's Camp – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-1pm www.babajashram.org 256-4108
- Ashram's Annual Family Week – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-1pm \$108 babajashram.org 719-256-4108
- Real Love Workshop, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-1pm Sug. Donation \$108 256-4108
- Understanding Amendment 69 w/Sen. Irene Aguilar, MD, SLV Museum 7-8:30pm www.coloradocare.org 719-587-5529

Thursday, August 4

- New Moon
- Covered Wagon Days, Del Norte All Day www.coveredwagondays.com 520-481-2628
- Ashram's Annual Family Week, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-1pm \$108 babajashram.org 256-4108

Friday, August 5

- Covered Wagon Days, Del Norte All Day www.coveredwagondays.com 520-481-2628
- Ashram's Annual Family Week, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-1pm \$108 babajashram.org 256-4108

Saturday, August 6

- Covered Wagon Days, Del Norte All Day www.coveredwagondays.com 520-481-2628
- Live Intuitively Journal the Wisdom of your Soul, Crestone Charter School 1-4pm Free 719 480 0010
- Yogic Cooking Workshop – Shakti Sharanam 3:00 pm-8:00 pm \$35-65 sliding www.shaktisharanam.com 719 256 5668

Sunday, August 7

- Qur'an Class & Potluck. All Welcome. Please RSVP, 5-7pm nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290
- Sundays at Six: Mariachi San Luis (Mexican Folk) – Cole Park, Alamosa 6:00 pm Free

Monday, August 8

- Moffat School Registration – 8:00 am-5:00 pm
- Town of Crestone Board of Trustees meeting – Crestone Town Hall 1:30-6:00 pm 719-256-4313

Tuesday, August 9

- Moffat School Registration – 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Wednesday, August 10

- Nonviolent Communication, Paul Shippee 4:30-6:30pm By donation <http://paulshippee.com> 256-4656
- Crestone End of Life Project Monthly Meeting & Film Viewing, Little Shepherd Church 7-9pm Free 719-522-7415

Thursday, August 11

- Baca Refuge Invasive Plant Mgmt. Tour, 9:00 am-3:00 pm 719-256-5527

Friday, August 12

- Crestone Music Festival – Challenger Golf Course All Day crestfest.org 719-256-4533

Saturday, August 13

- Crestone Music Festival – Challenger Golf Course All Day crestfest.org 719-256-4533
- Guru Rinpoché Tsok (Vajrayana communal feast) – Yeshe Khorlo (Choying Dzong) 6-8pm

Sunday, August 14

- Crestone Music Festival – Challenger Golf Course All Day crestfest.org 719-256-4533
- Monthly Sampai, Shumei Sanctuary 10:30am-noon free www.shumeicrestone.org 719-256-5284

Monday, August 15

- First day Moffat School K-12 – Moffat School
- Presentation on artist Emily Carr – Crestone Charter School 7:00 pm Free

Tuesday, August 16

- Green River Canoe – Green River All Day \$635 www.earthknack.com 719-256-4909
- Volunteer Work Vacation, Kit Carson Peak 6 days \$25 registration fee www.rmfi.org/civicism/event/info?id=1345, 719-471-7736

Thursday, August 18

- Full Moon
- Full Moon Fire Ceremony, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-noon www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108
- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-11:00 am
- Rumi Study Circle. All Welcome. Please RSVP. – 5-7pm nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290
- BGPOA Board of Directors Meeting, BGPOA Meeting Room 6-8pm bacapoa.org 719-256-4171

Saturday, August 20

- Saguache Arts Festival 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Sunday, August 21

- River of Restoration: Restorative Yoga & self care, Crestone 3:30-6pm \$25 www.yourownyoga.com 310-924-9223
- Sundays at Six: SLV Big Band – Cole Park, Alamosa 6:00 pm Free

Monday, August 22

- First day Moffat School Preschool

Wednesday, August 24

- Ease of Being: iRest Yoga Nidra, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm \$10 www.yourownyoga.com 310-924-9223

Thursday, August 25

- Baca Ranch History – Baca National Wildlife Refuge 9:00 am-3:00 pm 719-256-5527
- Sufi Study & Dhikr. All welcome. Please RSVP. – 5-7:00 pm nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290

Saturday, August 27

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

Monday, August 29

- Discount Spay & Neuter Clinic – All Day \$20/animal 719-256-5887, 719-588-4024

Tuesday, August 30

- Discount Spay & Neuter Clinic – All Day \$20/animal 719-256-5887, 719-588-4024

Wednesday, August 31

- Discount Spay & Neuter Clinic – All Day \$20/animal 719-256-5887, 719-588-4024
- Nonviolent Communication - Healing Through Emotional Awareness – 4:30 pm-6:30 pm 719-256-4656 Thursday, September 1
- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors), Yeshe Khorlo (Choying Dzong) 10-11am

Friday, September 2

- Outdoor Living Skills Symposium, Earth Knack School Site \$135 www.earthknack.com 719-256-4909

Thursday, September 8

- Fall Baca Refuge Mgmt. Tour – Baca National Wildlife Refuge 9:00 am-3:00 pm 719-256-5527

Sunday, September 11

- Guru Rinpoché Tsok (Vajrayana communal feast) – Yeshe Khorlo (Choying Dzong) 6-8pm

Daily/Weekly Events

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

Daily

- Morning Aarati, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 7-8am, 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 are welcome. 256-4108, info@babajashram.org, www.babajashram.org

Sunday

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

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 5-6:45 pm By donation 719-256-5668

Wednesday

- Yoga Fundamentals & Refinements Shakti Sharanam 8:30 am-10:00 am By donation shaktisharanam.com 719-256-5668
- Crestone Food Bank Crestone Town Hall 1:00 pm-3:00 pm 256-4644

Thursday

- Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting Crestone Baptist Church 12:00 pm-1:00 pm <http://www.slvaa.org/>
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5:00 pm-6:45 pm By donation 719-256-5668
- Yoga and iRest Yoga Nidra class. Crestone 9:00 am-10:30 am \$15 drop in, 6 for \$75 series 310-924-9223

Crestone celebrated 4th of July with food, fun, art, music, games and a parade



Out & About with Lori Sunflower

How Do You Share Crestone w/Loved Ones Who Visit?




Adam Kinney

When my friends and family come to Crestone, one of my favorite things to do is just absorb them and take a break from my daily grind and connect with the people that I love and the people that I come from. I also really appreciate being able to vicariously see Crestone through fresh eyes and kind of get a fresh perspective on how beautiful this place is—I become accustomed to it because I see it every day, so when they show up, their awe of how beautiful this place is often inspiring and invigorating for me to see Crestone. I really appreciate being able to share with them the things that my family and I are up to—the art we’re making and the business that we’re running. So, when loved ones visit, I really like to stay around my house and play cards and cook food and connect.



Christine Canaly

I think there’s something for everybody here, and ya kind of have to tailor it to who comes. My brother, the first time he came into the valley, said it the best: “Your eyes can rest here.” So, I think that’s what this place offers, more than anything, is the opportunity to have some space.

Here in Crestone and for people who are interested in Buddhism and practice, there’s a space at the Zen Center that’s really beautiful where people love to go—it’s a woven wood basket and it’s non-denominational, and anyone can go there and just sit. It’s also great

to take them to explore the Ashram because those are such unusual buildings there.

If there are people that love outdoors and love walking, then there’s trails, and camping and just taking them up. And my mom loved music, so I used to take her dancing—it was great! The music and that vitality have always been here, so if the timing is just right, you can do that.

What Crestone offers is a place to relax and be able to listen to your own thoughts and find a lot of people who are also here pursuing that as well. And the conversations can become extraordinary and you can meet and have the most incredible conversations here where you think you’re going to have this casual conversation and then it ends up becoming this really extraordinary moment, and you just get this insight that you’ve never had before. And it just makes it so worthwhile to have struck up a conversation with somebody—strangers for sure, though those strangers can become very good friends!



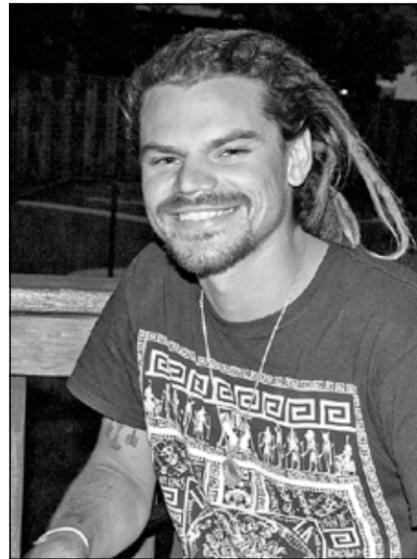
Scott Norris

When people come to visit here, which is rare for me (laughing), I usually like to get ‘em outside and go hiking or climbing. It seems like most of my friends are also climbers, so when they show up we usually go out and throw a rope out and do a little climbing and just experience the days here. Hopefully that’s in some of those nicer months—September, October and March are when I tell people to come—my 3 favorite months here.

When my mom came out to visit, she really enjoyed just going up to North Crestone Campground, and she didn’t really have to go through a lot of effort or anything, but she got to experience the beauty of it and the sounds of the nature, and that whole feeling.

I like just sharing the natural beauty that exists here and I find that people really appreciate and see the beauty of what we have here in the absence of everything that’s out in the “real world,” so I think that’s really what I like to

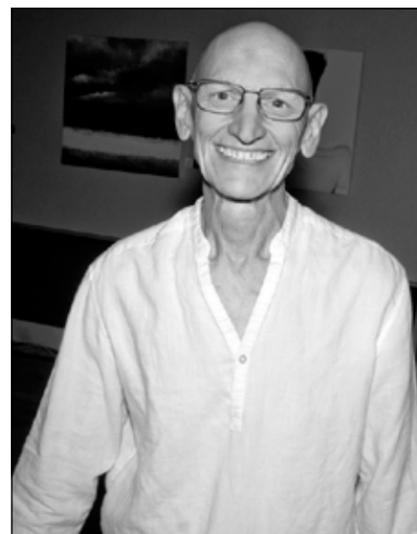
share with people when they come here is being able to shed all of the hustle and bustle and the phonetic energy that exists out there and kinda get here and be able to slow down and just listen to the water in the streams or watch the sunset and hike in the mountains and do some climbin’!



Kyle Gardner

I think it’s a really hard place to share with people in a small amount of time. My lessons here have always been over a long period of time, so to bottle that up into a short period of time is very difficult. So when people come, you take them hiking, you take them to do the fun things. There’s a concert happening, you go see the concert. You go see the springs—Valley View and Joyful Journey. You enjoy the outdoors—if they like to fish, you go fishing.

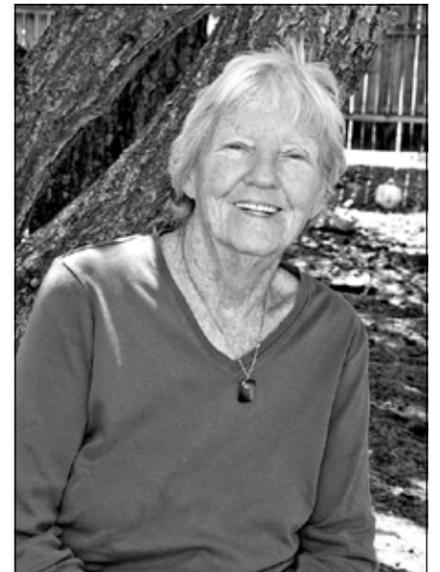
I’ve asked myself the same question. Just today I was wondering, if I had family come here, how would I entertain them? Because half the time you spend here, you’re working. You’re working on your land, or on someone else’s land. And it’s so communal-based that to come from outside the community, it’s kind of difficult to share that bond, ya know, cuz it is a tight community. So I guess ya cook food, and ya share time outdoors around the fire, or something like that. But yeah, it’s a difficult question to answer I suppose.



Noah Baen

Well, when I lived in New York, the only times you’d ever get to the Statue of Liberty or the Empire State Building or the Staten Island Fairy. In Crestone, our equivalent is like the Stupa and the Ashram, the hot springs, and almost everyone loves going to the big Stupa because the view is so fantastic. There’s people who I’ve

hosted here who really only know about the Sand Dunes, and that’s what they come for. And I’m trying to open their eyes a little bit, like “hey, there’s 23 spiritual centers; hey, there’s a vortex,” ya know? “Pick up on the vibe here!” And most people get into that. I had some in-laws who wanted to go to the hot springs, and wanted to go to the Sand Dunes, and hang out, and that’s cool. You can take people out at night and have them look at the stars, which is a real Crestone experience. Oh, and the Ziggurat! And if you’re here on a full moon day, there’s the drumming circle up by the campground. And now I also tell ‘em to make sure and check out the sidewalks, because they’re so new. And I helped Beatris paint the mural, so I tell them, “Go look at the mural I painted!”



Rainbow Adler

My daughter came, and she knows that I really felt like I was led here. Miss Kimberly told me that she found a place that I want to live. And the way she said it. And then she invited me to come and would drive me down here and we would check it out. So we got to town, and in the morning we looked, and here are these dogs all gathered around and schmoozing with one another—there were about 20 dogs!—and I said, “well, if this is the way the dogs are, the people must be wonderful!” So, I called my husband and said, “Bob, you need to come out here and see where we’re gonna live.” Just right away, I was definitely drawn here.

We’ve taken our friends to the Sand Dunes, and don’t forget to take people to the UFO Watchtower. And there’s Hooper Pool, and for those who like to go swimming nude, we have that wonderful Valley View. Joyful Journey’s pools are great because they can pick the temperature of where they want to be. Basically, it’s just to walk them around and introduce them to all my friends because everyone’s just so friendly and loving. So, the people who come feel extremely welcome.



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RIDELINK —an idea before its time?

by CarolAnne Robinson

The board of Living Well Crestone would like to update the community that the RIDELINK pilot program, offered through the months of April and May 2016, completed with no trips scheduled. From this we conclude that our community wasn't ready to engage with the framework of the program which included a minimum weekly offering of Tuesday trips to Alamosa and Thursday trips to Salida, with required membership in the program, and a 3-day advance notice necessary to create a safe, reliable public service.

An informational packet was mailed to a total of 977 US postal boxes located in Crestone in February of 2016 and public meetings were held for potential drivers and riders to outline the details of the programs offered and answer questions.

There were 13 rider member-

ship packets submitted to Living Well Crestone and 3 driver applications. Only one member requested a ride during the pilot program and it was for a round trip ride to Crested Butte. This trip would have required the rider as the only passenger to pay the full mileage reimbursement to the driver, which was cost-prohibitive for the rider.

Two other requests from a non-member were received during the pilot program requesting a ride with less than the required advance notice (3 days). Feedback received was that the \$15 round trip fee from Crestone to Alamosa or Salida with a maximum of 3 destinations was priced too high, in contrast to current bus service from Moffat to Alamosa or Salida for \$15 one way with drop off at the bus station. Additionally, potential drivers felt that the mileage reimbursement rate wasn't enough compensation for their time and use of their personal vehicle.

The Saguache County grant award of \$2,500.00 covered the \$764.19 pilot program expenses, and a reimbursement check for \$1,735.81 was delivered to Saguache County administration.

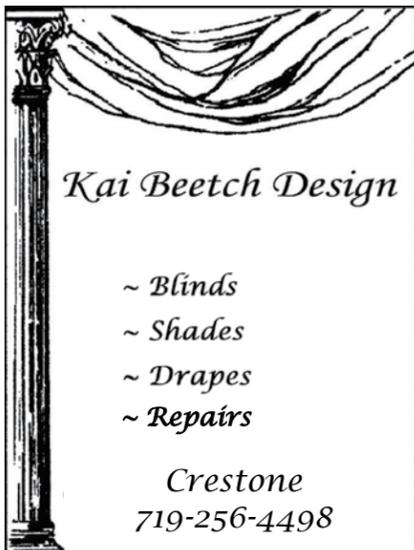
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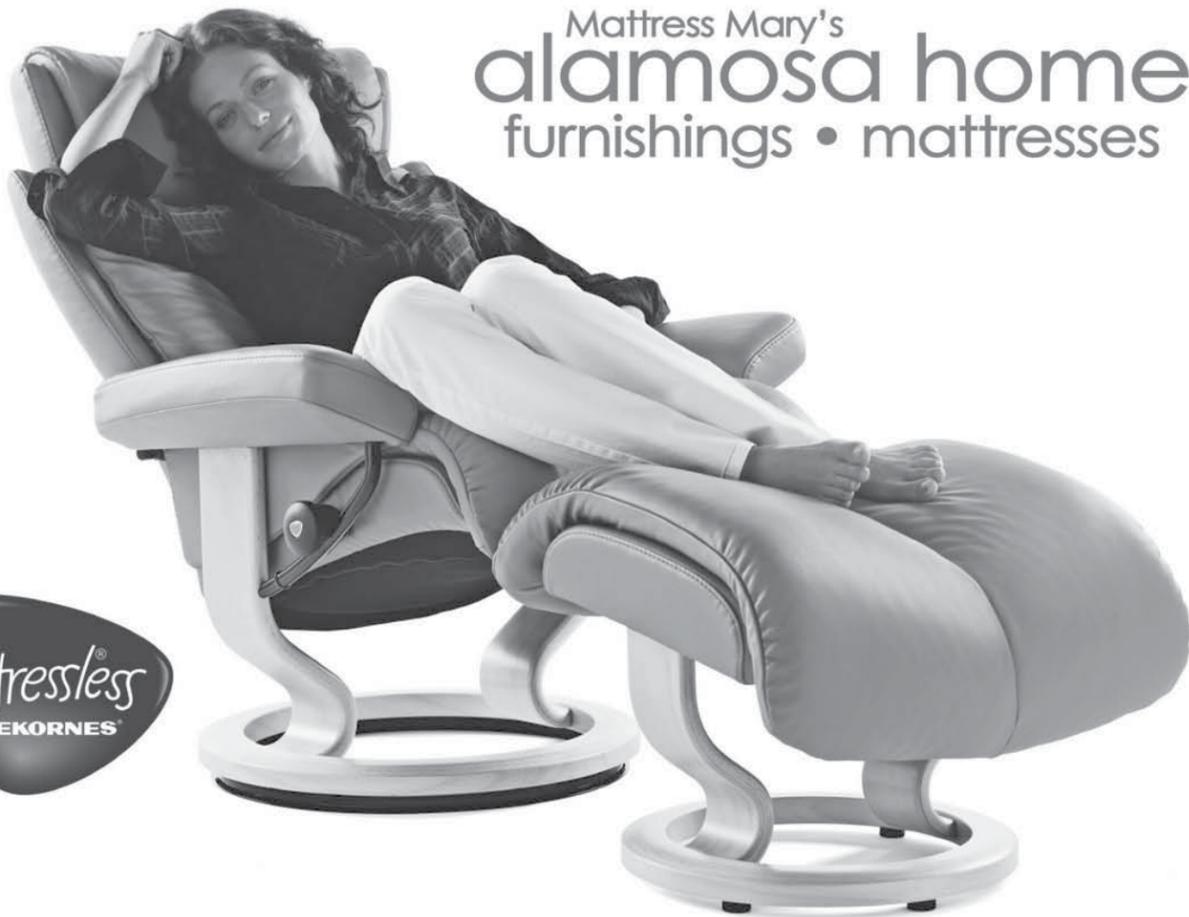
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Crestone Mountain Grange promotes climate battery & new gray water rules at upcoming Energy Fair

by Nathan Good

Happy day and summer blessings! For those of you who don't already know, I have been facilitating the Crestone Mountain Grange (CMG) potlucks and projects. The Grange is over one year old, and I'm networking to build a community center greenhouse (CCG). We will have a booth at the Crestone Music Festival to fully share the vision.

Why do Grangers meet? To share food, family and health, to support and celebrate ourselves, each other and our community. To promote bio-friendly solutions and practices. The June CMG meeting at the Cloud Station hosted a well-attended climate battery (CB) presentation with permaculture master Jerome Osentowski, followed by a hands-on workshop constructing the community's 3rd CB system designed to grow a Mediterranean food-forest at a local's homestead. On the 4th of July we joined with John Loll to promote the Colorado Community Rights Initiative. Please Google it and sign if you agree, since the deadline is Aug. 5.

When I ask the local elders what's most important to them, most say, "Our children's health, happiness, and the biosphere that supports it." Historically our roots are sustainably curious here in Crestone, where alternative methods of shelter, growing food, family

and spiritual practices are fostered. Lately it seems we've diverged a little from the old, slow pace that used to be the norm here, and replaced it with some fast change and welcomed new folks! Grangers are inspired to share old-fashioned values of simply working closely with nature, growing food, and at times making less cash in exchange for more rewarding relationships within community projects. A survey being offered by the CMG, which aims to find out the long-term priorities of folks in Crestone, will also be available at our Music/Energy Festival booth.

Currently a CMG team is learning that Colorado State regulation 86—a grey water initiative passed over a year ago—has recently been approved by Saguache County. It allows your bath, shower, and laundry wash-water to be repurposed. It is basically a system that uses wetland and ornamental plants as a filtration system for your lightly used waste water, before returning that water to flush your toilet. A model of this and a demonstration will be at the Crestone Energy Fair at this year's CrestFest bash. It will be a camp of folks who are mimicking bio-friendly practices, using compost and aquaponics, and demonstrating simple living.

For the long haul, to prove that the CMG is viable it needs a



Jerome Osentowski presenting at June's Grange meeting on the climate battery.



Climate battery being constructed at Pamela Ramadei residence under the direction of central Rocky Mountain Permaculture Institute.

real commitment, like partnering up with a local charitable organization. The CCG has already received many valuable resources, including thirty-nine 40'-long trusses, all of the insulation needed for the roof, and 5 commercial kitchen appliances. We will soon be seeking a two- to five-acre parcel of land just above the info kiosk for a fifty- to one hundred-year lease, upon which to locate the proposed CCG building.

A Grange CCG workshop was held in May to name the project, and ask the Grangers what, why, and how to accomplish all of this. The answers are still coming in for the name and the wording of our press release. Here is what we have come up with so far:

#1 It will be a community space for all ages to gather, grow and play. Its foundation will be built on cultivating food and the arts, with education and ethics at its heart. It will support local eco-

economic resilience through a working educational bio-friendly model.

#2 It will be built with appropriate technology and permaculture design. A market survey/study of community needs will lead creation for viability and success from the products and productions produced in the multipurpose building. A system of accountability for long-term sustainability will be in place to ensure that its long-term mission is sustained.

CMG would love to see you at the Energy Fair booth and hear your ideas and input, and help us all to spread this story and get more feedback from our county government, the Town of Crestone, the POA, and local businesses and spiritual centers. If you want to get involved please email us at crestonemountaingrange@gmail.com. Thanks to all the hosts and members who've made the CMG fun and purposeful.



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Residents at the Bridge are hard to find

This summer, if you stop by the Bridge in Alamosa looking for someone, good luck finding them. Residents have been traveling all over the valley, playing outdoor games, lounging around on the patios, and picnicking.

It all started in May with the annual Mother's Day Spa and Gala. Ladies at the Bridge, along with their daughters and friends, were treated to manicures, massages, and—most importantly—chocolate covered strawberries.

The men were not left out. In June, they enjoyed the Father's Day Chili Cookoff. Massages (but not manicures) were offered to the men, their sons and friends. After tasting delicious chilis, awards were given by the gentlemen judges for the top three favorites.

Several performers visited in June, including a singer, and drummers—all the way from Crestone.

In July, residents and community were treated to the annual Car and Show, which included music by Elvis, and a traditional summer picnic of hot dogs and hamburgers.

Meanwhile, the activity bus barely cooled off from a picnic at Chapman Park in Monte Vista before it was off to the Alamosa Round-up Rodeo, a restaurant trip to Del Norte, the 4th of July parade in Alamosa, a picnic at Great Sand Dunes National Park, the Pioneer Days Parade in Manassa, and then another restaurant trip to La Garita. The annual August trip to the Creede Theater rounded out this summer's activities, after which the activity bus enjoyed a much needed rest.

When not traveling, residents have been spotted outside the building hitting croquet balls and tossing bean bags around. Also, early morning badminton has become so popular that players planned a tourna-

ment among themselves.

Besides outdoors games, the patios have hosted cocktail hours, lazy Sunday poetry readings, and root beer float afternoons. When they have time off, residents lounge on the patios to read and converse. Their favorite spot is the along the east side of the building where they can shelter in the shade and away from the rain, to enjoy a terrific view of Mt. Blanca.

Besides all this summertime fun, residents continued to enjoy the regular activities of Bingo, Table Topics, and Friday Night Socials. The book club, encouraging mental activity, and studying the classic mystery novel, *The Maltese Falcon*.

Whew! It's a good thing these folks have space to lounge with all these activities going on—that may be the only place you'll find them.



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Arvilla Weldon said she "lives in gratitude each day" at the Bridge of Alamosa. "I'm living in good health and get nothing but nice, sweet care here."
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Donovan Spitzman:

Designing a creative life

by Gussie Fauntleroy

Somewhere along the way, Donovan Spitzman discovered something interesting: Wearing the most “sparkly, vibrant, loud, obnoxious” clothes he could come up with, as he puts it, was a smile generator. He could walk through a crowd and leave a wake of smiles and laughter, and even if the teenagers thought they were laughing at him, the light-heartedness he spread was genuine. For an inherently quiet person who enjoys hanging out with extroverts, Donovan’s fashion style—which he initially adopted just “to be part of the party decoration”—became an open door to conversations and friendships. And eventually, it became a business.

Guise Designs is a small cottage-industry clothing line begun in March 2015 with the aim of “shifting men’s fashion out of neutral,” as the tagline puts it. Its 45-year-old founder, designer, model, marketer, and sometimes-needle-and-thread-wielder has never actually lived in neutral gear. But at one point he found himself downshifting to a pace and quality of living more in synch with his natural rhythm and ultimate goals. It’s a long way from the track he was on as a young adult.

High gear

Born and raised in small-town Ohio, Donovan spent every summer after age 11 with his mother in southern California, where she continued her career in the hair salon industry. Her son learned early about hard work, stocking shelves and helping with whatever else she needed. After high school he studied tool and die design at an Ohio technical school and went to work for a company tooling fixtures for jet engine parts. Four years later, just as he was offered a pie position for which he could basically name his salary, his mother called from L.A. She and her husband, who by then were successful in beauty product sales, had been offered a major Denver-area sales territory—if they could get it up and running in less than three weeks. She asked her son to move to Denver to help.

For the next seven years Donovan had his hand in every aspect of the business, starting with packing boxes and rising to sales manager. As soon as he became the company’s most proficient employee in any position, he moved up to the next. He also had his eyes and mind blown open at events such as the annual hairdressers’ “congress” in Minneapolis, where he witnessed the spectacle of a flamboyant runway fashion show, attended educational seminars, talked environmentalism and world politics, and discovered that “hairdressers are the center of the universe.”



Donovan and his father, Frank Spitzman, in Key West, Florida.

Eventually, diverging from the family notion of how best to grow the business, Donovan left the company. Along with a friend, he wrote sales and motivational training programs and began traveling the country presenting them. As he learned to work with and train creative people, he began moving out of linear left-brain thinking and into the creative side of himself—preparation for his future life in Crestone. Then major shifts in beauty industry dynamics sent the signal that it was time for a big change. He was 29. Looking back at that phase of his life, Donovan smiles. “I didn’t mess around, I ran to the top of the ladder,” he says. “I was living life as a race—I didn’t know where I was going, but I was getting there first!”

Switching tracks

After leaving the corporate world, Donovan underwent what he calls “a little life reorganization.” Living in the Boulder area, he became a massage therapist to help support his then-wife, who was attending college. The couple lived low-rent in places like an old barn and an abandoned house. The next move was to the tiny mountain community of Rico, near Telluride. There for seven happy years, Donovan worked for a blacksmith, learning on the job and settling back into small town life. Following a divorce he retested the beauty business waters in Denver, decided the conditions weren’t right, and returned briefly to Rico to manage a historic hotel and restaurant before moving to Crestone in 2011.

When someone familiar with Donovan’s personal style asked him to design a shirt for the Zeitgeist Circus fashion show in Paoonia, he realized there was room in the world for supercool men’s garments in quality fabrics, produced cottage-industry style. The first time he entered a fabric store, there was no turning back. He taught himself to make skirts and pants, although shirts require teamwork. But to market and sell his designs at any profit required a high price point. He pondered the dilemma while learning fire staff spinning and associating with others passionate about cir-



Spinning fire at the Grand Canyon.

photo by Terray Sylvester



The first time Donovan was allowed to make his own Halloween costume: clown nose, wacky glasses, and a “mobile phone” coming out of his shirt pocket.

cus performance art. In the meantime he had also become honorary captain of the land-based pirate ship, SS. Crestoner, by means of friendship with the men he considers the ship’s real captains, Art Portier and the late Jerry (Jahree) Burton.

A creative, regenerative life

One day Donovan got a call from a friend in Taos, who asked if he could bring the pirate ship, costumes, and fire spinning to the Taos Solar Music Festival. The festival would pay them to be part of the entertainment. That sparked an idea: Each circus performer would also bring something homemade to sell. Today Art Rebel Circus (ARC) travels to various fairs and festivals, performing and offering Guise Design clothing, Alma Carél’s handcrafted chocolate, and other goodies for sale.

For the past four years Donovan has also organized the Crestone Energy Fair, which this year takes place in conjunction with the Crestone Music Festival, Aug. 12-14. The Energy Fair represents the essence of what drew him to Crestone in the first place: alterna-



Wild style that led to a business.

photo by Paul Grice

tive and sustainable building and energy models and other means of what he calls regenerative living. He is incorporating many of these concepts into his own home, a work in progress he’s building with help from his father and fellow Harley aficionado, Frank Spitzman, who lives with him. The house is passive solar design with rammed-earth tires and papercrete blocks. “I’ve designed my life around the things that make me happy,” Donovan says, then smiles and adds that he feels free to live that way in Crestone, where he can be “just another freak doing his own thing.”

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

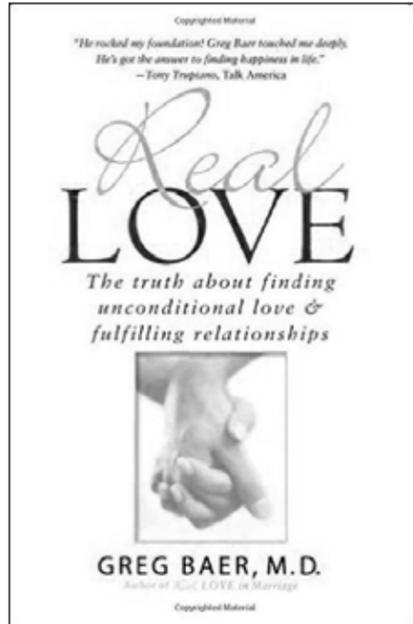
Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

We are both busily preparing for and looking forward to our Annual Family Week with concurrent workshop, which will run from Wednesday, August 3, through Friday, August 5. The program runs from 10am until 1pm each day. The children's program will be run by Kelly Hossner and her assistants but a parent or guardian must be on the Ashram premises at all times (they may be participating in the adult workshop). There is no charge for the children, but we do need to enroll them by calling us at 719-256-4108 or emailing us at info@babajashram.org.

We are very excited this year about the concurrent workshop, as it will be on Real Love, Finding Unconditional Love and Fulfilling Relationships. I have been doing this work for several months and have found it life-changing as have the several people who have been attending our two weekly Real Love study groups here at the Ashram. The workshop will be conducted by Real Love coach and facilitator, Inge Jechart, who is flying in from Oakland, CA. There is a suggested donation of \$108 for the adult workshop with some partial scholarships available. If you would like to come the first day to find out more about Real Love (this day will be mostly an overview of the work) you are welcome to attend for a donation of \$35 with the option of signing up for the rest of the course if you choose to. Once again call us at 719-256-4108 or email us at info@babajashram.org for more information and please do not let finances stand in your way of attending these amazing three days.

Our new-moon fire ceremony this month is on Tuesday, August 2. Our full-moon fire ceremony is on Thursday, August 18. The fire ceremonies begin at 10am and are followed by a meal. Morning aarati is at 7am and evening aarati is at 6pm. There is generally a small fire ceremony after morning aarti at about 8am each day that we do not have a large one at 10am. Please call the Ashram at 719-256-4108 or email us at info@babajashram.org for proper protocol for attending



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fire ceremonies and any other questions. Please note that this year Fall Navratri (Divine Mother Festival) will be from Saturday, October 1 to Sunday, October 9 so you can mark your calendars now.

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Sri Aurobindo Learning Center – Savitri Immersion Workshop

by Rod Hemsell

“The Formless and the Formed were joined in Her.”

This line from *Savitri* seems to me to express the essence of the goal of Buddhist and Hindu Tantra, and it is not an idea or a concept; it is a spiritual experience. It is the special character and importance of Sri Aurobindo's *Savitri*, that it can transmit this experience: that is the Guru's gift of Mantra.

“The silent Soul of all the world was there:

It bore within itself a seed, a flame,
A seed from which the Eternal is new-born,
A flame that cancels death in mortal things.
All grew to all kindred and self and near;
The intimacy of God was everywhere . . .”

The goal of the Savitri Immersion Workshop is to hear and see this sruti of Sri Aurobindo, this intuitive revelation of the spiritual Self in us—fully, directly, experientially, and then to know that “This Word was seed of all the thing to be.” As we have said in previous articles on Savitri, this goddess of Vedic origin has been adopted by Sri Aurobindo as the symbol of a “new consciousness” opening in humanity, whose future possibilities, as seen in his prophetic vision, have radical implications for our species and its life experience:

“And when that greater Self comes sea-like down/ To fill this image of our transience,/ All shall be captured by delight, transformed:/ In waves of undreamed ecstasy shall roll/ Our mind and life and sense and laugh in a light/ Other than this hard limited human day,/ The body's tissues thrill apotheosised,/ Its cells sustain bright metamorphosis.” But in the same breath he specifies the process of Yoga that is required in order for this to be possible:

“But first the spirit's ascent we must achieve/ Out of the chasm from which our nature rose./ The soul must soar sovereign above the form/ And climb to summits beyond mind's half-sleep;/ Our hearts we must inform with heavenly strength,/ Surprise the animal with the occult god./ Then kindling the gold tongue of sacrifice,/ Calling the powers of a bright hemisphere, . . ./ Acquaint our depths with the supernal Ray/ And cleave the darkness with the mystic Fire.”

The process by which this is done has three stages typical of many yoga systems: sutra, mantra, tantra or, in other words, 1) the teaching and practice, 2) the Guru's transmission and inner hearing; 3) the reception of the Divine Shakti to transform our nature. These are the movements that we will be exploring in depth in our August retreat. The workshop starts with an introduction on Sunday afternoon, August 14, and proceeds throughout the week until Friday evening August 19, with three-hour readings and meditations twice daily, communal living and sharing, mountain walks, art, music, and healing activities, hot springs, and good food. Allan Nett will join us again this year for Pranayama practice.

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Enjoying Everyday Life

God's strategy to overcome anger



by Joyce Meyer

Anger is a common problem and we all have opportunities to get angry. Sometimes people get hurt and instead of dealing with their anger, they hang on to it and become bitter, hard-hearted, and miserable.

Living in anger is like banging your head against the wall, so to speak, because it keeps you stuck, doing something that is never going to work because it isn't God's plan or the way He does things. But the truth is, giving it to God and trusting Him to be your Vindicator so you can be free of anger is actually easier than continuing to live with it.

Uncontrolled anger hinders our prayers, makes us miserable, causes mental illness and can even make us physically sick. These are just a few problems anger causes.

Facing my anger problem

I know what it's like to live angry. My dad was an angry person and he was very abusive. When I left home at the age of 18, I thought I would be free of the pain and anger I had experienced most of my life because I was leaving it behind me.

It took a long time for me to realize that although I left that situation, I actually took the problem with me. It was etched in my soul—in my thinking, my emotions, the way I talked and how I dealt with relationships. So I spent years after that experiencing all kinds of problems, manifesting destructive dysfunctional behaviors that I blamed on everything and everybody else.

Instead of taking responsibility for my anger and the hurt in my soul, I would say things like, "I wouldn't be angry if Dave would pay more attention to me," or "I wouldn't be angry if my boss paid me more to do this job." Whatever my problem was, it was somebody else's fault.

Thank God, I eventually learned that I needed to let Jesus deal with what was going on inside of me so I could experience the freedom He wanted me to have.

God's anger management strategy

The best thing we can do when we're struggling with anger is go to God immediately. Don't give in to the temptation to think about what someone did to you over and over or talk about it repeatedly. Instead, make the choice to give it to

God by asking for His help right away.

Ephesians 4:26-27 says, "When angry, do not sin; do not ever let your wrath last until the sun goes down."

I used to think that just having the feeling of anger was wrong, but these verses show us that it's not the emotion itself that is sinful but what we choose to do with it. Turn it over to Him instead of trying to defend yourself, get revenge, hate people or hold on to your anger.

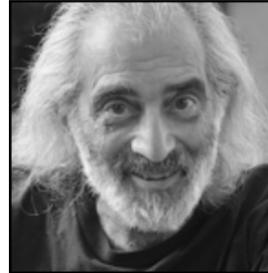
You may be thinking, "But Joyce, you don't understand what they did to me. It's so hard to forgive — I just can't do it!" Believe me, I do understand how hard it can be. But God never tells us to do something without giving us the ability to do it, and you CAN release your anger to Him and forgive if you will trust Him to help you.

God's Word has the answers we need to successfully defeat anger; it's full of power and it has the ability to change our life! So I want to share several scriptures you can study to help you manage anger God's way:

- Ecclesiastes 7:9 gives this instruction: "Do not be quick in spirit to be angry or vexed, for anger and vexation lodge in the bosom of fools." People who are offended and stay angry become filled with bitterness and resentment, letting the enemy steal the best God has for them.

- James 1:19-20 says, "Let every man be quick to hear [a ready listener], slow to speak, slow to take offense and to get angry. For man's anger does not promote the righteousness God [wishes and requires]."

Make a determined decision to do what the Word says, but don't strive to do it in your own strength. Spend time with God, telling Him what you need and studying scriptures about anger, forgiveness and love. Write down verses that remind you to be slow to get angry and to overcome evil with good. Speak them out loud as declarations of your faith in God to help you. He loves you and has a good plan for you. All things are possible with God (Matthew 19:26) and in Christ, you don't have to live an angry life!



Aging as an art

by Ammi Kohn

The generations change

by Ammi Kohn

For the first time ever one of my children leads the family Seder, the Passover ceremonial meal.

The Passover Seder and the festive meal that follows is the most observed Jewish tradition in the United States, more observed even than the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). It is a very special occasion and our family has always had a Seder, with family gathering from different parts of the country.

As pater familia, I have always led it . . . until this year! Esther leads this Passover season and I feel deeply the passing of generations and the change of tradition.

The table is arrayed with the best china, special readings are set by the dinner plates, the wine glasses filled. As in so many years past, each person has a small plate with the ritual symbols of Passover on them—unleavened bread, parsley, horseradish, egg, and a mix of nuts, raisins and wine to resemble the bricks that the Hebrew slaves made.

We stand for the blessing over wine, hold our wine glasses aloft and sing together. The ceremony begins. Its different from what I have done in the past. Omissions, new additions, each of us asked to bring a question for a discussion centered around freedom. Esther adds her particular twist to this tradition of over two thousand years.

My special addition to past Seders is a family improv performance of the Exodus story, with whatever props are available—a laundry basket for baby Moses (my 6' grandson) to float down the Nile, a glitzy tiara for the Pharaoh (my 47-year-old son), a rubber plant decorated with red crepe for the burning bush. Always it's a fun blast. I know this is one new family tradition that will last a while.

The Seder ends with the singing of America, a tradition started by my Father. We are sated with food and family cheer. And so to bed after a lot of dish washing and cleaning up.

I lie awake, smiling, remembering Seders past, wondering how the next generation of Seders will evolve. My grandfather, born in 1870, had a very traditional Seder. My Seder was a mixture of tradition and innovation. My granddaughter, Lauren, five generations from Romania, is marrying a Black man and lives in Jackson, Mississippi.

One of these years the family will meet in Jackson for Seder. And what marrying of traditions will my granddaughter create?

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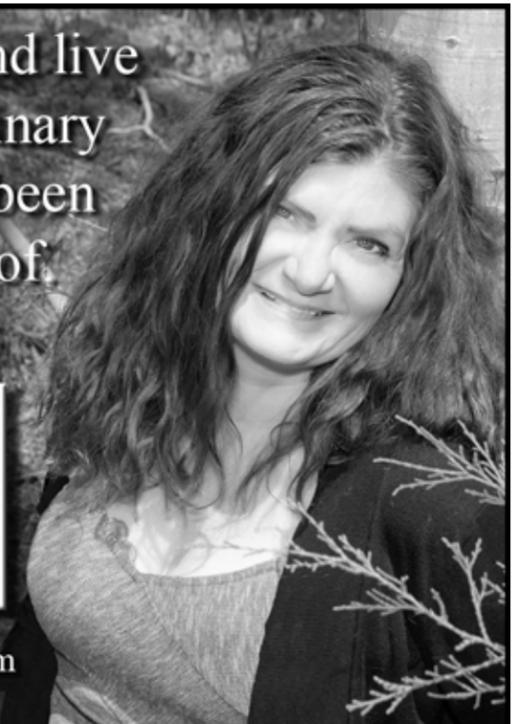
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Pre-registration is strongly recommended due to high demand for these services. You can call Pet Partners at 719-588-6431, or Elaine at 719-256-5887, or Dr. Behrns at 719-588-4024, or drop by the Crestone Mercantile to sign up, or go to Pet Partners Facebook page to provide the necessary information.

For registration we need to know: your name, telephone number and/or email address, pet's name, breed, gender, age and approximate weight. Cats and dogs of all breeds, genders and ages are

welcome, although the procedures are not recommended for animals younger than five months or those very old. If you have a question as to whether the procedure is recommended for your pet call Dr. Behrns at 719-588-4024.

Special "Thank You" to Shoshannah Asha and Jessyre who recently raised funds for Pet Partners at the Seed of Life Dance--Crestone. Such generosity in association with other community events is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Special "Thank You" to all community members who contribute funds in the Pet Partners collection jars in businesses around our village. All funds donated to Pet Partners go directly to the health and well-being of our community pets. Pet Partners has zero overhead or administrative costs, it is 100% volunteer-run, so every cent you donate is spent on the pets! Thank you.

Libraries: Feeding body & soul

by Kathy Geddes

Recently the Saguache Public Library fed the community a pork roast dinner, complete with frijoles and green chile. The second annual Hogs and Hot Air celebration was a success with about 130 locals enjoying a meal and some history from a couple of "old-timers". The event was a thank you to the community from the Library District Board and the Friends of the Saguache Public Library. Financial support to cover the meal came from the Colorado Trust, whose mission is to advance the health and well being of the people of Colorado.

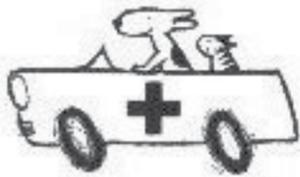
The well-being of diverse Saguache citizens was in evidence with a lot of neighborly chatter filling the community building. The official Hot Air came, in part, from the son and daughter of Cecil Hall, a storyteller and history keeper of the Saguache region, now deceased. Sid and Nancy were able to supply some stories from Cecil's trove. Cecil wrote of the dreadful winters of the early 1930s, especially in 31-32, when it got down to minus 55° one fine morning. He noted that kids "snowproofed" their boots with buck tallow, some of which might have been a year or two old. Olfactory memories are some of the strongest and he clearly remembered the classroom atmosphere as everyone's feet and boots finally warmed up.

Virginia Sutherland provided more "Hot Air" for the group. She reminded us that the Saguache County Bank never closed during the 1929 crash and that this valley suffered during the Dust Bowl days in the 1930s. She spoke of hard winters, too. Sometimes the school bus couldn't even get out of town and then the superintendent and the principal would have to house the kids overnight. Even more adventurous (for the kids) was when the bus would get stuck outside of town. Then, the nearest rancher would have to hitch up a team and wagon and rescue the kids, who had a sleep-over at his house! Virginia spoke about how everything changed in little communities after World War II. The old way of being was stirred up and became more homogenized and has remained so ever since. The soul of the place seemed to go away.

Saguache Library's event fed the body, tickled the funny bone and perhaps nourished the soul. Feeling that we are a part of a community is a soulful connection we enjoy experiencing. Many small towns have libraries that are loved and reflect the essence of the community. At the library we can gather, be ourselves, share with others, be part of something that we call community. Visit the library soon and often. It is our community's living room.

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Moffat School News: Become a part of our Moffat PK-12 family by enrolling

“You are allowed to scream. You are allowed to cry. But, you are not allowed to give up.”

-Unknown

As the world continued turning this summer, we continued doing what we do during the summer months, which consists of hiring new staff, updating our technology and devices, cleaning the school classrooms and grounds, ensuring that our buses are safe to get everyone to and from school and getting ready to welcome everyone back to school in August!

The first day of school is right around the corner and we want *you* to come check out our school, enroll, stay for a while and well, you know, enjoy your experience with us!

What? You are just so excited and can't wait to take a step inside our school doors and let the experience unfold? Well you're in luck because the following dates and times are set for fall registration/enrollment at the Moffat PK12 campus! Please check out our website: www.moffatschools.org for a list of what you made need to bring with you if this is your first time enrolling with us.

Registration Days for pre-school-12th grade:

- Monday August 8th, 8am-5pm
- Tuesday August 9th, 8am-5pm

Mandatory iPad Parent Night:

- Thursday August 11, 6-7:30pm for all students in 4th-12th grades. A light meal will be provided. The \$40 user fee will need to be paid on the evening of the training and we will have cases and screen protectors available for a low price or you must bring your own case and screen protector to the training. You will not be permitted to take the iPad from the school premises until you have the appropriate case and screen protector.

First days of school:

- Monday August 15 for all K-12th grade students
- Monday August 22 for AM and PM Preschool students

Combined Athletics Program practice dates:

- Monday, August 8 high school football and volleyball practice will begin at Mountain Valley

- Monday, August 15 middle school football, volleyball (at Mountain Valley) and middle/high school cross country practice will begin at Moffat.

All student athletes must have a sports physical on file at the school prior to participating in any school-sponsored sport. Please see your family physician to get this accomplished. There may be an opportunity to get a sports physical at Mountain Valley School. A date has not been scheduled at this time.

Because of the new state-of-the-art building that our communities helped make a reality, and our amazing returning and newly hired staff anxiously awaiting your arrival, we are asking that *you* put Moffat PK12 at the top of your “be there” list. We know you will enjoy our 4-day week—Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm, Positive Behavior Support system, our family-style climate and whole-child focus with wraparound services to support each individual student on their path to success, our one-to-one iPad program for 4th-12th grade students, with a plethora of iPads in all elementary classrooms, a new outdoor dual 9-hole disc golf and fitness course for everyone to enjoy (to be completed in fall 2016), dual enrollment course offerings through ASU for high school students, physical education, music, art and technology elective courses, after school programs through the Alpine Achievers Initiative,

Charter School welcomes new director

There have been some changes at the Charter School this year. We are excited to announce that Marie Louis-Baker has accepted the position as Interim Director. She has a long history with the Charter School and will serve our school well this year. Our middle school Language Arts teacher, Daya Scheide, stepped down this year and we have hired a new teacher Audrey McDowell. She is wonderful and brings a youthful energy that we are confident the students will love. Laura Karnes, our School Counselor, has also taken a position elsewhere and we thank her for her service. We have posted the position for the new counselor on our website at www.crestonecharter.com.

and the list goes on and on . . . so, don't hesitate to stop by anytime to check out what we can offer YOU to enhance your educational experience

Enjoy the rest of your summer break! We can't wait to see all of the prospective and returning students. So, as stated above, you are allowed to scream, you are allowed to cry, but you are not allowed to give up. We will provide the support you need to succeed! We will see *you* in August!

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Patte Smith teams with AmeriCorps, continuing Crestone Adventure Day Camp

by Mary Lowers

Five years ago the late Safyia Balekien and YES Program's Judie Rose approached local mom, artist and educator Patte Smith about running a summer day camp in Crestone. Miss Patte, as she's known to Moffat School library patrons and many Crestone kids, took on the challenge and Crestone Adventure Day Camp was born. "I wanted to run a camp not a babysitting service," Patte told me. She creates a curriculum, has a day plan that's consistent "so the kids know what to expect." Adventure Day Camp is "looking back to the summer time we had growing up."

The camp motto is "Play is a shared experience." Patte feels that the camp experience allows children to grow and expand their horizons. She tries to create an "atmosphere that emphasizes the joy of sharing, the thrill of discovery and the fun of companionship." A day at camp starts with open play time, then organized games like Red Rover or Capture the Flag, then a snack, free play, lunch, arts and crafts, and water play. Patte mentioned that organized games and free play can teach important lessons about fair play and coping. Crafts give kids dexterity and experience using fine motor. Patte said, "They create art, gizmos, weave. I taught one interested camper to crochet." As a trained librarian and reading interventionist Patte enjoys reading aloud to campers from a wide variety of books. Many of her choices "take on contemporary issues."

Up to this past summer, there were twenty to twenty-five campers; tuition was around \$225, on a sliding scale, for three weeks including everything but

lunch. Patte hired local young adults and teens that she had trained in CPR, First Aide, and had passed background checks to work as camp counselors. Camp was held in the old schoolhouse/Community Center in Crestone.

Summer 2016 saw the Crestone Adventure Camp partner with AmeriCorps who wanted to run a kids camp in Crestone. Miss Patte said, "Lets work together." And so they did. Camp moved uphill to the Crestone Charter School. The program was free. Camp benefited from counselors who came already trained. They were able to get one school van for camp which allowed kids from Moffat and Casita Park to catch the bus to camp. Patte is hoping to get enough buses to do field trips next summer. The size of



camp grew in 2016 to nearly forty kids in attendance on most days. The AmeriCorps partnership allowed the campers to participate in a grant-funded USDA food program, so breakfast and lunch were served. Bistro one2one in Crestone ran the Adventure Camp lunch program this past season.

Patte is hoping to make Crestone Adventure Camp an expanding experience for the community. The program has been sustainable. Patte explained that CYP helped pay salaries not covered by grant funds. She had a GO FUND ME site that helped pay four extra staff members. Patte is thankful for the "wonderful response from parents grateful for the dynamic program." If you would be interested in helping the continued success of Crestone Adventure Camp there's an account set up for tax deductible contributions at Aventa Credit Union in Crestone.



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*The long hot summer:
Shades of '68*

by David Nicholas

Much of a presidential race comes down to luck, being in the right place at the right time. The next three months will make the difference.

In 2008, Mr. Obama sealed the deal when the Republican nominee, Senator John McCain, suspending his campaign, went to New York at the height of the meltdown on Wall Street and impending banking collapse. Mr. Obama agreed to go. At a joint meeting at the Federal Reserve, the cameras went in with the two nominees. When asked to say something, Mr. McCain was speechless while Mr. Obama spoke with authority. That did it.

Will it happen this campaign? Likely, fortune as always favors the bold. Who that is, we wait and see.

The feeling is that all is not well

If June was bad for things getting out of control, that feeling was then compounded in July when the Dallas police shooting occurred, followed less than week later by the truck massacre in Nice, France. Then a day later we watched the attempted coup in Turkey by disgruntled sections of that country's military and just two days after that ex-Marine Gavin Long deciding to murder three policemen in Baton Rouge, setting a trap for which his tour of duty in Iraq trained him very well.

You could also blame it all on the Brexit referendum in late June where a majority of the island nation voted to dump the European community and go it alone, so to speak (of which more below). But what brings it home is that no matter where you are in the world, civilization only works if we all agree that it's worth supporting and that the difference between civilization and chaos is a very fine line.

So whether you watched the network coverage of each of these events or not, the feeling it conveys is that the social and political fabric is eroding if not downright collapsing. As a result, the electorate goes for what it sees as tried and true: the safe law and order nominee. But more on that below.

No one cares that Micah Johnson's motive for killing five policemen in Dallas was his protest of the police killings of Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge and Philando Castile in Falcon Heights, MN. The latter had occurred just two days after the former. The video of Mr. Castile's horrific murder by a policeman went live on social media as it happened. That was lost as the dominant narra-

tive swung to people sworn to serve and protect the community

killed in cold blood. As horrific and wrong as shooting the policemen in Baton Rouge, the temptation was to shut out everything else in the nightly news. Reasons no longer matter as the narrative provides a convenient overwhelming blur.

Perception as news narrative

This is all perception, but perception in this time is everything, and yelling at the television from time to time won't make it go away. In this context people are reacting both in sadness and in anger, and politically, this does not auger well. If you are on the wrong side of the law and order argument, you can lose an election.

As much as there are well-reasoned arguments as to why such and such happened, people are not interested in argument. They want action to stop the further erosion of civil order. This is why TheDonald mumbled that he was "the law and order" as an almost off-hand remark in responding to the attack in Nice as well as the demonstrations that came as a result of the Dallas shooting.

The last time Americans felt like this was in 1968 when one of the worst presidents in modern times, Richard Nixon, was elected. So this is a warning that this election matters and you will need to vote to ensure America's answer to Benito Mussolini, TheDonald, is denied the brass ring. He could win it, given the nation's mood right now.

A marriage made in hell: Trump-Pence take vows

Yep, TheDonald picked him. Sort of, maybe, and yes, he finally did over three days of mulling and decisive indecision. We were all spellbound were we not?

Indiana Governor Mike Pence, term-limited, right wing Tea Partier and general enemy of women and women's reproductive issues. It was not surprising the GOP presidential nominee picked someone who was a doctrinaire Tea Partier. He went with someone who looked good to the conservative base of the Republican Party who were going to stay away from the polls in droves. TheDonald overlooked former GOP Speaker Newt Gingrich and hungry New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, but this is a marriage made in hell: The Trump/Pence GOP ticket.

At first, the news was depress-



ing that TheDonald picked a conservative who might bring the Republican secular members with the evangelical wing of the party. But right from the start watching the CBS 60Minutes interview with Lesley Stahl on July 17, the Governor grimaced, squirming as TheDonald spewed forth his trash-talk. There is nothing so satisfying as watching a man who really had no idea what he was getting into, wishing he was somewhere else at that moment.

"Strong Republican leadership can bring real change," said Mr. Pence in his acceptance speech. Uh-huh. A better choice could not suit the Hillary Campaign more. While conservative GOP members might warm to this choice landing on the Federal political scene once again, Indiana is more than happy to see the back of him, and it's quite likely that on November 8, he won't carry his home state.

Mr. Pence represented Indiana's 2nd and 6th congressional districts in the United States House of Representatives from 2001 to 2013. During that time, the Governor endorsed controversial legislation on abortion, gay rights and immigration both in Indiana and while in Congress, where he consistently ranked as one of the most right-leaning members of the House. He attempted to shut down the government over Planned Parenthood funding, supported a measure that made English the nation's official language and signed one of the nation's strictest abortion laws earlier this year.

The hope is Mr. Pence is almost certain to appeal to socially conservative and evangelical independent voters (are there any?) who have been skeptical of TheDonald, a brash, thrice-married New Yorker with little appetite for fighting the culture wars. With the Governor, TheDonald brought onto the ticket his inverse: a social-issues warrior with a long, very conservative track record.

Hell on Wheels: The Republican Convention, Cleveland, July 18-22

So it was TheDonald's convention, it was white and right and stale on detail, and almost immediately it went off the rails. This convention in part was to show what a kind, generous man TheDonald is, which we all know is a croc, but that was the aim: TheDonald was good and kind, while Hillary was bad and criminal.

First off, the StopTrump movement, which planned to changed the rules of the convention to allow delegates to vote for whomever they wished, fizzled. The floor fight they wanted didn't happen and lost momentum.

If you had to listen to another "over-caffeinated" (former Obama campaign director David Axelrod's term) speech by former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, this one

checked all the boxes for righteous anger and hatred of Hillary Clinton, but it was nothing new.

The main feature of the evening was Melania Trump, the wife of the nominee. Mrs. Trump was billed as the highlight of the first night and she was great . . . on delivery. But fact checkers on social media found parallels, nay plagerism, of Mrs. Obama's 2008 speech in which major applause lines had been "co-opted" into Mrs. Trump's speech.

So instead of the narrative from the first day of the convention attacking Hillary Clinton, instead the headline was Melania Trump's speech. From plagerism, the narrative went to the nominee's—TheDonald's—character, competence and staffing questions and as to what he would do if he won the presidency. None of it would be good, but readers of this column knew that already

However the scariest speaker in my view was the man who followed Melania Trump. Former Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency US Army Lt. General Michael Flynn was the scariest wacko to come out of the Republican Convention. When it comes to the extremes of the right, the General wants to go marching into war zones and use America's might to defeat our enemies, come hell or high water (my summation not his). His speech worked as effective rhetoric initially, but he went on and on and on. The General couldn't be stopped, crazy is as crazy does. But in practical terms invasion and occupation is something else.

There is no doubt that General Flynn wants to be the SecDef in any Trump administration, and that he was touted for a while as a Vice-Presidential pick should give us pause for thought. He unloaded years of pent-up frustration from when he was answerable to President Obama. It has clearly driven him crazy. You have to wonder as the head of the DIA how he sat on his hands when in his words a "weak and spineless President" came to take out Osama bin Laden, a foe the General accused the President of keeping secret (which he neglected to elaborate on). Like most wackos General Flynn is free to walk among us untethered. Just a word of warning, and so it goes.

On the second day TheDonald won the delegate count and formally became the GOP nominee for President. Alaska challenged the vote it cast that was recorded by the convention secretary. It wasn't unanimous and some delegates walked out. The final results: TheDonald received 1725 votes, Ted Cruz garnered 475 votes, John Kasich 120, Marco Rubio 114, Ben Carson 7, Jeb Bush 3, and Ron Paul 2.

Turkey machinations

Readers of this column may remember my dislike for Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan for having delusions of grandeur, having

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been in power for fourteen years. He has been slowly forcing both the opposition and the Turkish press into obedience and acceptance of him as supreme ruler, all in the name of democracy. The effort includes building a palace on the backs of middle class Turks that makes Louis XIV's palace at Versailles look like a summerhouse.

Needless to say not everyone liked the idea that Mr. Erdogan was intent on becoming the next Ottoman Empire's Sultan of the Turks, Erdogan Pasha! Now Mr. Erdogan saw the real nemesis of his ambitions as the army. Over the years he managed to ease out most of the Turkish high command that didn't agree with him and install his lackeys. However he underestimated the opposition to him in the lower ranks, such colonels, majors and lesser ranks.

So on the evening of July 14, troops moved into the capital, Ankara, and in Istanbul closed the bridges across the Bosphorus that link Europe and Asia, took over the main airport and occupied the government TV channel. For fourteen hours it was touch-and-go. In the end the attempted coup failed, due in the main to Erdogan Pasha using a CNN Turkey bureau interview calling on his supporters to go out on the streets and block the army units moving around the city. It worked, and the pain is going to be long and deliberately intense.

Erdogan Pasha, never one to forego an opportunity to rid himself of opponents and critics, had 9,000+ people arrested thought to be actively in support of the coup. The tally was about 6,000 military including 107 generals and admirals.

As the days go on 27,000 public employees are also under direct suspicion and have been suspended from office. Dictators do that and do it best while expounding on the freedoms of democracy. Erdogan Pasha as Sultan wants his parliament to pass a law allowing the death penalty and signs are he will get it. All political parties are now cowed into submission, fearing the repercussions he will impose on his enemies may also be turned on them. Look to public trials and executions of accused plotters.

Dallas & Nice

Sadness on the killing of the five policemen doing their duty in Dallas on July 7 by Micah Johnson, an army reservist.

On July 14, Bastille Day, further grief for the French. Eighty-five people killed plus scores wounded by a driver of a truck identified as Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhlel, a 31-year-old man of Franco-Tunisian origin. Authorities say he self-educated himself on ISIS tactics although it

took some days to establish that the case. ISIS took its time to claim responsibility. In the end it did as part of terrorist advertising to cause havoc at home where sympathizers live. Does not auger well for folks in coming years no matter where we live.

Brexit ramifications

Yes, it's in a land far, far away but let it be an eye-opener for us in America. The British exit (Brexit) from the European Community was a campaign that no one took seriously even up to the day of the vote and even the long night of counting the vote which followed.

What was jaw dropping wasn't so much the vote but how Great Britain or the United Kingdom ceased being a major world power in the blink of the eye. 17 million plus voted to leave the European Union hoping for a brighter future in which, the ways of empire, the sun never used to set. Yet in 24 hours Great Britain became just Britain—essentially England and Wales—while Scotland vote to stay in the EU. Scottish leadership intimated that they would seek another referendum to break away from the Westminster government. Normally it would take decades for an empire to vanish but Britain managed to do it 24 hours. A world power that is at best now a chaotic banana republic.

It's sobering that the guy who carried out an election promise to hold a referendum on whether to stay or leave the economic union Britain had been a part of since the 1970s, Prime Minister David Cameron, resigned, took all his toys and went home.

What was worse was that the leaders of the campaign for Britain to leave the EU—former London Mayor Boris Johnson and the leader of the United Kingdom Independence Party (Ukip) Nigel—also no longer sought the reigns that they fought so relentlessly to wrest from the political masters in London.

The worst of it is that Mr. Johnson was a school-boy chum at Eton with David Cameron, but they have had a lifetime of competition, politically and socially. Brexit became a matching of egos over a decision for which the victors had no plan if they won. Incredibly no one asked any of the proponents wanting to leave what would happen if they won, because none of them thought they would win. Just staggering.

Understandably, Europe and its political masters swore that if Britain elected to leave there would be no second chance. This decision would be final and immediately the vote was announced, leaders of the EU said Britain should leave immediately. The utter contempt of EU members towards Britain at this point, and the clear loss of re-

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY
—MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



by Ish

1/ Lost & Found in Armenia: ★★★

A US Senator's son (Jaime Kennedy), in his attempt to forget the break up with his fiancée, is forced to vacation in Turkey by his best friends. A para-sailing trip mishap lands him in a small village in Armenia, where he is accused of being a spy. There he meets a young woman (Angela Sarafyan) who helps him to escape from misfortune at the risk of her own life.

2/ Sexy Evil Genius: ★★★

A group of people are all lured to a downtown LA bar by an ex-girlfriend they all have in common. She could be called beautiful, conniving and perhaps downright insane . . . but now she has one more last surprise for them. A dark comedic thriller to be sure, sardonic, spare and diabolically clever. Starring Seth Green, Michelle Trachtenberg, Katee Sackhoff, Anthony Michael Hall, Harold Perrineau, William Baldwin and others.

3/ Assault on Wall Street: ★★★

Jim's an average New Yorker with a well-paying job and a loving family, but when the economy crashes, he loses everything. Filled with rage, Jim snaps and goes to extreme lengths to seek revenge over what's been taken from him. Maybe formulaic but we all wish some accountability would have occurred for the crimes committed.

4/ Run: ★★★

As they evade the mob, Mike and his son Daniel have lived a nomadic life for 16 years, using Daniel's parkour skills to make a living by pulling off robberies. Now, Daniel wants to leave the life of crime, but Mike plans one last—ill-fated—job. Good storyline and great parkour skills.

5/ Freelancers: ★★★

The son of a slain NYPD officer joins the force, where he falls in with his father's former partner and a team of rogue cops. When the truth about his father's death is revealed, he swears to exact revenge. Stars 50 Cent, Forest Whitaker, Robert de Niro et al.

spect for a country that ruled the waves for centuries, signals that the negotiation that follows to hasten Britain's departure from the EU will be cold and brutally rational.

One area of England that voted to stay in the EU was the City of London, which is to say a powerful financial center of world commerce. It now faces problems of international exchange with Europe and the United States.

There is a new prime minister in Britain. It's a woman, Theresa May, who now has to see how Britain exits Europe. Immediately, Mrs. May named Boris Johnson her Foreign Secretary. Essentially this man has no qualifications—other than stupidity—to do this job, but sorting out this mess is his, in the main, and already Europe is sneering at this clown.

Empires come and go, but watching Britain survive this mess will be something to watch.

Fox News head Roger Ailes departs amid claims of sexual abuse

For years the cable news network the Fox News Channel has been the bête noir of liberals everywhere. The head of this Murdoch media company has been Roger Ailes, whose creation it was. Mr. Ailes was the former head of ABC-News, as well as media director to various Republican presidents since the 1960s, including Presidents Dick Nixon, Ronald Reagan and George HW Bush.

In early July, Mr. Ailes was accused of sexual harassment by former anchor Gretchen Carlson. Mr. Ailes denied the accusations but then on July 19, *New York Magazine* reporter Gabe Sherman wrote that Fox News star Megyn Kelly told investigators hired by 21st Century Fox that Ailes had sexually harassed her ten years ago. According to a document obtained by the Drudge Report, Ailes will receive at least a \$40 million buyout from the network.

What this means is that the conservative narrative which Fox News pursued with the fanaticism of a crusade, while maybe not lessened initially, is permanently stained and subject to the crowing rights of its cable competitor MSNBC for a long time to come.

The Clinton-Kaine Presidential ticket for Democrats in 2016

On July 22 Ms. Clinton announced that Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) is her Vice-Presidential running mate. An ordinary choice in my view and very white, as the word prior to the announcement was that she was comfortable with the Virginian Senator. Yes, he speaks Spanish fluently which is a plus, but couldn't she find a Hispanic American whom she could be comfortable with?

It makes her race against The-Donald more of an uphill battle than it needed to be. But we will see won't we?

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'Sick Around the World' author, T.R. Reid, spoke to Crestone community Presented information on Colorado's Ballot Amendment 69

by Lisa Cyriacks

"The not radical, not crazy idea of providing healthcare for everybody." - T.R. Reid

Correspondent T.R. Reid travelled to five capitalist democracies to learn how "the rest of the world" provides healthcare to their citizens. The PBS Frontline film *Sick Around the World* was the topic of discussion recently at a forum to learn about Amendment 69—The Colorado Health Care System Initiative aka ColoradoCare.

T.R. Reid is the current Chair of the Colorado Foundation for Universal Healthcare and former *Washington Post* bureau chief for Tokyo and London.

Colorado voters will be deciding on Amendment 69 in November. This state amendment would create a single-payer health care system funded through a payroll tax, similar to Medicare. People who qualify for existing federal health programs could continue to receive the same benefits.

All Coloradans would be automatically enrolled in Colorado Care regardless of financial circumstance. Currently approximately half a million people in Colorado are uninsured, with about the same number underinsured—meaning they spend more than 10% of their income on insurance.

ColoradoCare is a resident-owned, non-governmental health care financing system. The initiative calls for a 21-member governing board from seven regions of the state. The first board members will be appointed by the governor and legislative leaders, then an elected board would succeed them.

Under the proposed system, people could still choose their medical providers. Instead of sending bills to an insurance provider, bills would be sent to ColoradoCare. There would be no deductibles and no copays for primary care.

At the meeting, T.R. Reid walked viewers through the health-care systems in Japan, Canada, U.K, Taiwan and Germany, and Switzerland. The first question facing these countries—and the United States, for that matter—is an ethical issue: Is health care a human right? Each country provides healthcare in a variety of methods; but the United States provides the most expensive, least efficient and most inequitable

medical care among all the industrialized democracies.

T.R. Reid: "As Americans search for the cure to what ails our health-care system, we've overlooked an invaluable source of ideas and solutions: the rest of the world. All the other industrialized democracies have faced problems like ours, yet they've found ways to cover everybody—and still spend far less than we do."

"I've traveled the world from Oslo to Osaka to see how other developed democracies provide health care. Instead of dismissing these models as 'socialist,' we could adapt their solutions to fix our problems. To do that, we first have to dispel a few myths about health care abroad."

Studies show that annual per capita costs in developed nations around the world range from about \$3,400 to \$5,700. Except in the US, where annual costs run to \$8,508 per person.

In metro Denver the largest healthcare system, Health One, has a 34% profit margin, which represents about \$650 million. That is a lot of money in the system that is not going directly to benefit the people of Colorado and their health.

Statistics show that Colorado employers' health insurance costs climbed an average of 8% in 2016. Most companies passed these increased costs on to their employees. Resulting larger premiums, bigger deductibles, higher out-of-pocket expense limits may keep workers from seeking medical care. Workers are paying more for less coverage.

One cannot research this question of healthcare in Colorado without encountering the name Irene Aguilar, one of the chief architects of Amendment 69. She is both a state senator and a licensed MD. Aguilar's personal interest in a European-style healthcare system centers on the documented lack of care for America's poorest citizens.

Aguilar on ColoradoCare: "Healthcare is evolving. The federal government allowed state to opt out of the Affordable Care Act. They required states to meet four criteria. The first is that they cover at least as many people. The second is that it is at least as affordable for people. The third is that the benefits are at least as comprehensive. And the fourth is that it can be shown that

your plan is actuarially sound going out ten years, and will not further increase the federal deficit."

Back in 2013, the architects of the ColoradoCare amendment hired an economics professor to analyze three alternative futures for healthcare in Colorado.

Supporters of the amendment assert that it would essentially eliminate the need for private healthcare insurance for Coloradans, while meeting all of the specifications of the federal Affordable Care Act. Senator Aguilar: "Long story short, [Dr. Friedman] predicted we would cover everybody, get rid of deductibles, and decrease healthcare spending by \$4.5 billion."

The tax increase resulting from the approval of Amendment 69 would be about \$25 billion. Considering that the entire Colorado state budget for 2016 is about \$26.4 billion, this represents an enormous increase. The \$25 billion dedicated to ColoradoCare would, however, be managed by an independent board, not the governor or the state legislature. Another \$10 billion will come from the federal Medicaid program, producing total funding of around \$35 billion.

The current cost of healthcare in Colorado is currently around \$50 billion. About \$30 billion of that comes directly out of citizens' pockets as payments for private insurance. Many people pay even more, costs represented by deductibles and copays. Both costs will be virtually eliminated by Amendment 69.

The Colorado Commissioner on Insurance estimates that private health insurance plans have administrative costs of almost 19% of spending, about ten (10x) times the administrative costs of Medicare.

According to surveys, for individuals the healthcare system has changed very little as a result of Obamacare. Insurance premiums have increased for some, but not

for all. Benefits have improved at a much lower rate, if at all.

Senator Aguilar: "In Colorado, a paradox exists between Front Range communities, where insurance rates are lower, and rural areas that have higher costs. ColoradoCare will give health providers a fairer rate for serving patients on Medicaid, of which there are about a million. Since there would be no deductibles under ColoradoCare, the middle class would benefit and pay less out-of-pocket."

"Colorado is a good-size state to try a universal health care system on for size. It gives the state an opportunity to try a system that is optimized for Colorado, rather than the ACA, which is designed as a one-size-fits-all system", Aguilar said. "Private, profit-based health providers keep finding new ways to make money from insurance."

According to ColoradoCare's website, Saguache County could expect to save \$312,646 annually (58.3%) on insurance premiums. In addition, new hires and part-time employees would also have health care coverage for themselves and their dependents. Un-measurable savings would also be the time currently spent learning about and administering health care benefits and workers' comp medical.

Voter approval of the ColoradoCare program, this coming November, would initiate a very complex planning process to flesh out the essential details. The target implementation date would be January 1, 2019.

Individuals can calculate their individual costs/savings at www.coloradocare.org/for-you/calculate-your-savings.

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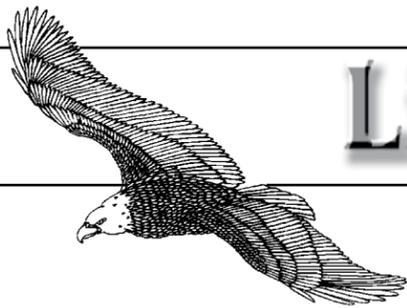


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Living on the Earth

This solar house: Building with awareness

by Paul Shippee

This article is about super energy-efficient, conscious home building. As an example of this, it features a new 100% solar heated wood-frame house in the Baca by local strawbale builder Paul Koppa. First, I'd like to offer a brief background primer on cold climate home heating and review the evolution of builder consciousness as it applies to home heating.

Home heating

An "all-electric" home usually implies that home heating is done with electric resistance heating, like those baseboard units you see installed along exterior walls, or perhaps the boxy ETS (electric thermal storage) heaters, or even portable plug-in heaters. For decades, electric home heating has been touted as both "clean and efficient" by the manufacturers. But they conveniently leave out the fact that two-thirds of the energy in the coal or gas (fossil fuels) burned to produce the electricity in far-away power plants goes up the stack as waste heat—rejected into the environment along with carbon dioxide and other toxic elements—as necessary by-products of the fossil fuel combustion process, similar to your car engine.

More than two decades ago at a solar conference, held at what is now the Crestone Mountain Zen Center, I heard California architect Sim van der Ryn say, "heating a house with electricity is the thermodynamic equivalent of cutting butter with a chain saw." Fossil fuels—coal, gas and oil—extracted from the ground are a finite supply of ancient solar energy; and these cheap fuels are surely limited going forward. This explains the growing popularity of the present "Leave It in the Ground" movement. John Nelson, local clay artist and professional masonry contractor, who attended my Crestone Solar School workshop last fall says, "We have to move our consciousness and economy away from this petro-based stuff to something that's cleaner."

A solar civilization

All life, everything we are and do, comes either from today's sunshine or from ancient sunlight stored in the ground as fossil fuels. I made up a simple slogan to help guide the big-picture shift in awareness. It says, "Use Today's Sun Today!" This slogan applies to solar electricity, as well as to solar home heating, with technologies and knowledge that are already well developed. There is also solar technology for cooling homes in hot climates.

There are two temporary barriers. One is political, where old fossil fuel interests resist popular



The exterior of Koppa's passive & active solar home features south-facing windows & hot water solar panels.

solar initiatives; the other is financing the front-end cost of solar. However you look at it, it comes down to widening our consciousness to realize what local homesteader, organic gardener, biofuels enthusiast and musician Nick Chambers said: "We are indeed a solar civilization."

A conscious home-builder

"What is a conscious home-builder?" It might be someone who is both practical and educated in the big picture of ecology, someone who sees how everything is interrelated and interdependent in every detail of the home building process, while at the same time being smart about project costs. Ecology, by the way, means "earth household" and it applies to our home the Earth as well as to our own house.

For starters . . . a conscious home-builder these days would not use electricity to heat a home or to heat domestic hot water, even if low off-peak rates are offered. Yet local builder Paul Koppa, whom I interviewed for this article, as one local example of a conscious home-builder, markets his new home as "all-electric." What's going on here? I was interested to find out.

The first thing I learned in talking with Koppa is that, in fact, this is an "all-solar" home. This means the largest energy use in the home, which is for space heating and domestic hot water, is supplied virtually 100% by solar energy. Virtually because there is an option to use electrical back-up when needed on cloudy days for domestic hot water. Another option, the wood-burning stove for space heating back-up, uses wood that took only a few decades to grow (ie, renewable, not a fossil fuel). It's also worth noting that there is no large propane tank sitting in the yard of this house soaking up dollars continuously year after year.

Another thing I learned is that Koppa, a well-known Crestone strawbale builder, switched to wood-frame construction for this house as an experiment that includes various economic factors.

Since this new house was unoccupied all last winter, Koppa told me he took the opportunity to



Five large south-facing passive solar windows bring winter sunlight deep into the great room. This warms the five-inch thick dark concrete radiant floor—thermal mass—where solar heat is stored for early evening release. The large planter box you see is also thermal mass, made of concrete blocks and planter soil. It absorbs sunlight and prevents overheating the space during the day, while storing solar heat for later release, warming the home through long winter nights.

photo by Lori Nagel



Paul Koppa with daughters Sage and Aesha.

photo by Ram Loti

monitor the electrical energy usage in the absence of any use of electrical appliances such as the electric cook stove, refrigerator, washing machine, lighting, TV and computer devices.

The result was an average of 140 kilowatt-hours per month or \$18/month (it does not include the fixed normal wires & maintenance surcharge.) Note that this average electrical cost to keep the vacant house warm at 70° all winter was not for heating but only to power the active solar pumps that send solar heated water to the radiant floor and the hot water tank, and for the small fan that runs the heat recovery ventilator (HRV). The house was 100% heated all winter by the sun.

Four conscious building systems

The result of heating this house and hot water for an average of \$18/month over the winter is, according to Koppa, due to the conscious deployment of four building "systems" that mutually reinforce each other. These four conscious building systems are smart energy conservation measures, large passive solar windows on the south side, active solar thermal collectors on the roof, and a heat recovery ventilator (HRV) system.

Out of these four building systems the best bang for the buck, by far, is the energy conservation measures. Some of these incur extra building expenses, but the conscious builder and the environmentally conscious home-buyer will view these extra costs as an investment, not an expense. It is a one-time investment today that returns future dollars saved by avoiding ongoing expenses for burning fossil fuels, either electricity or gas. This makes good investment sense by comparing today's energy conservation costs to future savings in conventional fuel costs. In other words, you get your money back.

Some details

The energy conservation features in this house are numerous: smaller, triple-glass, low emissivity windows on the east, west and north; large plain, clear double-glass south-facing windows; an ideal aspect ratio where the south wall is about twice the length of the east and west walls; advanced wood framing methods on 2x6 walls that save trees; extra wall insulation (cellulose plus 1.5" foam board on the outside R30); extra ceiling insulation (blown-in cellulose R55); 2"-3" of foam insulation under the 5" concrete slab. And lastly, the 1508 sq ft size of this house is modest, neither large nor small, with an accommodating floor plan that makes it seem larger, and thus is easy to heat in cold winters.

Energy conservation features save home heat. They cost a little more at the front end and then deliver cash dividends long into the future. The consciousness at play here is known as a life-cycle costing, a practical and smart economic viewpoint that considers the fuel savings of the home over its lifetime compared to front-end costs.

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Building an Earthship in the Baca with WOOFers B-9



by Kim Malville

August is the very best month of the year for us in the northern hemisphere to spot meteors. Beloved by campers in the summer, it is a time for sleeping outside without a tent. The Perseids begin to appear in late July and reach their peak on August 12. If you watch the trajectory of the meteor and can trace it backward, if it is a Perseid, it would have originated near the constellation of Perseus toward the northeast.

August 11, 12 - The Perseids produce up to 60 meteors per hour at their height. It is produced by comet Swift-Tuttle, which was discovered in 1862 and as it orbits the sun the comet drops tiny particles along its orbit. The Perseids are famous for producing a large number of bright meteors. The shower runs annually from July 17 to August 24. The waxing gibbous moon will set shortly after midnight, leaving the perfect night sky for an excellent early morning show of fireworks without the noise. Find a comfortable chair and face northeast. Although these meteors radiate from Perseus, they can appear anywhere in the sky.

August 16 - Mercury reaches its greatest distance from the sun as seen from the earth. This is the best time to view Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the evening sky. Look for the planet low in the western sky just after sunset.

August 18 - This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Sturgeon Moon because the large sturgeon fish of the Great Lakes and other major lakes were more easily caught at this time of year. This moon has also been known as the Green Corn Moon and the Grain Moon.

August 27 - Conjunction of Venus and Jupiter. A spectacular conjunction of Venus and Jupiter will be visible in the evening sky. The two bright planets will be extremely close, appearing only 0.06 degrees apart. Look for this impressive pairing in the western sky just after sunset.

Juno reaches Jupiter

The spacecraft Juno completed a five-year cruise to Jupiter, arriving in Jupiter's magnetosphere on July 4, 2016. The spacecraft traveled over a total distance of roughly 1.74 billion miles to reach Jupiter. The spacecraft will orbit Jupiter 37 times over the course of 20 months.

Juno's highly elliptical polar orbits take it close to the planet—within 2,700 miles above its cloud tops. Each of these lower orbits takes 14 days and the spacecraft is expected to complete 37 orbits until the end of the mission. One of the most fascinating goals of the mission is to learn about Jupiter's core. At present it is believed to have a rocky core surrounded by a thick sheath of liquid hydro-

gen, which behaves like a conducting metal in which electrons are free to move. This huge planet spins on its axis every 9 hours and 50 minutes. That rapid spin generates a magnetic field, the strongest of any planet's, some 14 times stronger than that of the earth. The magnetic field results in intense trapped particles, like those of our Van Allen belts, and brilliant auroral displays at its pole, such as are visible in the figure.

Juno is scheduled to reach the end of the mission during its 37th orbit and perform a controlled deorbit and disintegrate into Jupiter's atmosphere. During the mission, the spacecraft will be exposed to high levels of radiation from Jupiter's Van Allen belts, which may cause future failure and risk collision with Ju-



Perseid meteor shower.

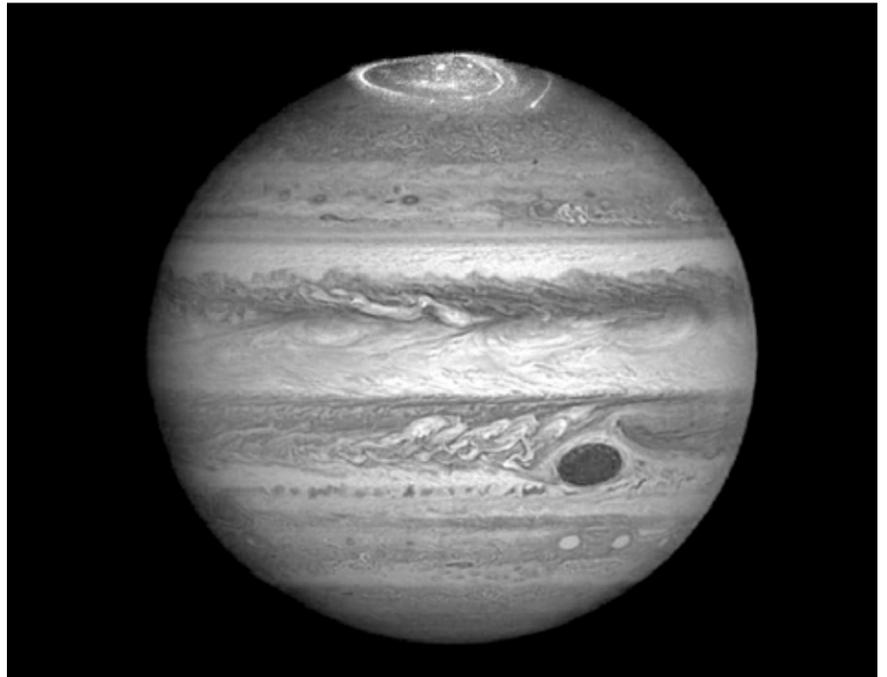
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piter's moons. The controlled deorbit will eliminate space debris and risks of contamination. Because of the high velocity collision of the spacecraft and the dense atmosphere, Juno will burn up and disintegrate. NASA is currently formulating a mission to explore Europa and investigate whether the icy moon might be habitable. If a fragment of disintegrating Juno were to land accidentally on Europa and inadvertently contaminate part of its surface with organic material from Earth that would certainly mess up our future search for indigenous life. Thus, suicide was built into the mission plans.

Life on Europa

A new NASA study suggests that the necessary balance of chemical energy for life could exist on Europa. The moon is believed to hide a deep ocean of salty liquid water beneath its cracked icy shell. Whether the Jovian moon has the raw materials and chemical energy in the right proportions to support biology is a topic of great interest.

The study compared Europa's potential for producing hydrogen and oxygen with that of Earth, through processes that do not directly involve volcanism. The balance of these two elements is a key indicator of the energy available for life. The study found that the amounts of hydrogen and oxygen should be comparable on both worlds. Cracks in Europa's seafloor likely open up over time, as



Jupiter showing polar aurora and Red Spot.

NASA

the moon's rocky interior continues to cool following its formation billions of years ago. New cracks in its rocky core would expose fresh rock to seawater, leading to production of more hydrogen, oxygen, and chemical compounds that could nurture life. In Earth's oceanic crust, such fractures are believed to penetrate to a depth of 3 to 4 miles, while on present-day Europa, water could reach as deep as 15 miles into its rocky interior.

Europa's rocky neighboring Jovian moon, Io, is the most volcanically active body in the solar system, due to heat produced by the stretching and squeezing effects by Jupiter's gravity as it orbits the planet. Scientists have long considered it possible that Europa might also



Europa and alien.

NASA

have volcanic activity, as well as hydrothermal vents, where mineral-laden hot water would emerge from the sea floor. Like the seafloor vents on earth, these hot vents on Europa could be teeming with life. Deep in its oceans, that life would be protected from deadly radiation from Jupiter's Van Allen belts. This strange cocktail of water, ice, rock and ionizing radiation may be perfect for creating life.

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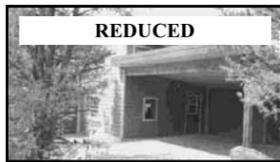
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NEW LISTING
\$25,000 14X64 on 1 acre in Lazy KV estates. HOA fee includes, water bill for the year, fishing pond, and clubhouse. Bank says sell! 421948

Archeological dig along Old Spanish Trail

by Mary Lowers

It was a perfect summer day when Forest Service Public Affairs Specialist Mike Blakeman picked me up to visit the archeological dig out at the Bunker Site down Liberty Road toward the Sand Dunes. The 2016 dig is a volunteer effort building on work from 2011, 2012 and 2013, a multiyear study of the Baca Mountain Tract of the Old Spanish Trail Corridor. The Cooperative Archeology Project is the brainchild of Dr. Mark Mitchell, Research Director of the Paleocultural Research Group (PCRG) a nonprofit group dedicated to scientific research and public education in the archeology of the Great Plains and southern Rocky Mountains. This project is funded through grants from the National Park Service and the History Colorado, a state historical fund.

We pulled off the road past the clear shallow waters of a stream and walked in, meandering through cottonwood, piñon and juniper. Before long the sound of birds, a slight breeze though the pine boughs and our footfalls were interrupted by the yapping sound of metal detectors. Jordyn Neely, a student intern from Del Norte working with the Forest Service this summer who attends Adams State University had a metal detector in her grasp, wailing with the sound of discovery.

She carefully dug a few inches down with her spade, explaining that hot rocks can sometimes cause a shrill sound indicating the possible presence of metal. Rocks out of the way, she kept swinging the detector over the spot. Again the machine signaled it had found metal. Carefully sifting the dry dirt through her fingers, Jordan uncovered a marble-sized lead ball. This ball was an old style musket ball. Along part of the surface you could make out teeth marks. Jordan explained that if a ball did not fit into a musket correctly the soft lead could be adjusted to fit by changing the shape using your teeth.

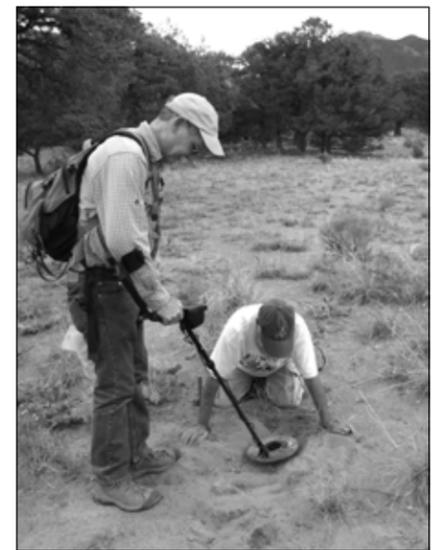
Archeologist volunteer Marilyn Martorano, who grew up in Alamosa and attended Adams State told me, "This site is so amazing to me. It is very complex and experts are still learning about it." Earliest artifacts found so far this year date to the 1770s. John Horn, a retired historical archeologist volunteering with the project, was excited by the older finds. Horn specialized in mining, railroad and homesteading history during his career. He said, "I'd never had a chance to see artifacts from these early dates." The site is very large and was re-discovered by Bob and Judy Bunker when they were working for the Baca Ranch, which owned the property for many years. The focus of this year's dig is the Bunker Site which is the only documented paraje or overnight camp along the trail. These camp sites were placed roughly a day's ride apart.

Native Americans in the San Luis Valley (SLV) broke trails for



Charlie Haecker (center) explains an artifact found during metal detecting to the group of SLV junior archaeologists that visited the site to learn about archaeology and the values of historic preservation and site stewardship.

travel, hunting and trade which were utilized and modified by later European immigrants. Some feel it should actually be called the Indo-Hispanic Trail. Obsidian arrowheads, grinding stones and other Native artifacts litter the site. Marilyn Martorano says five distinct types of Native American pottery have been unearthed at the site. The Old Spanish Trail (OST), the east fork of the north branch that is, runs along the west side of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, near to Crestone. It turns west near Rito Alto, going through Saguache and over Cochetopa Pass and onward to Los Angeles, CA. Archeologists postulate the site has been used as a campsite for traders for perhaps a thousand years. If the traders



Jon Horn (left) and Charlie Haecker (right) metal detecting.

were heading west to the coast they probably went in the late summer or fall when the desert to the west was more passable then during the winter snows and spring floods. Discoveries over the years at the site include objects from the well preserved 1890s gold camp of Duncan, residential sites used by Native

Americans, and traces of the OST. Mark Mitchell says the site "represents an unparalleled record of the many and varied uses humans have made of the SLV."

Angie Krall, Forest Service Archeologist with the Rio Grande National Forest, began much of the work on the OST. Marilyn Martorano called her "a motivating force" behind the digs. She found the Spanish trader Antonio Armijo used the trail as a pack trail in 1829 to take Churro Wool from NM west to trade for horses and mules. Many "tinklers", small metal cones that hung from the bridles of horses and pack animals making a soft

Preserving artifacts

As archeologist Marilyn Martorano said, "The theme is preservation. The reason we do this is to tell the story." When the dig team finds artifacts they put a flag on the spot and leave the artifacts where they are. The importance of where an object is unearthed cannot be overstated. Where something is found, what is found near it and what condition it's in combine to paint a clear picture. An artifact out of context, away from its discovery point is of less value. When you are out and about in the mountains and you find something cool, mark the spot (florescent tape works well for this), then tell someone. Your find left where it was discovered could change history.



A metal projectile point and a cone tinkler found during metal detecting on the site.

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ringing noise as they moved, have been unearthed. Spent lead balls from early flintlocks and trade beads including a rare Russian Blue bead have also been found. Metal arrowheads have been discovered. According to archeologist volunteer Charles Haecker from Santa Fe, NM, "Bows were backup if gun powder got wet." These metal arrowheads were trade items too. Haecker told me the Aztecs made copper arrowheads for the Spanish.

If you have a good eye and know what to look for, old trails like the OST give clues to help you follow them. The forest looks different where the trail is. Limbs from trees have been cut. Lower branches lopped off so animals could be comfortable tied to them. You may notice "blaze" trees that have a big obvious cut out area in the bark. These were used as trail markers. Over the course of the digs some trees have been dated to four hundred years ago on the site. If you take a minute it is easy to see why the site was a good place to camp. Water's close but you are up above the wetlands and game is plentiful.

Marilyn Martorano said the whole project has a preservation theme, "the reason we do this is to tell a story." In the case of the Bunker Site and the Baca Mountain Tract the story is complicated, interweaving different cultures and varied uses over time. The OST exhibit is currently at the Crestone Museum if you want to see some of the artifacts found during this dig project.



John Duncan, founder of Camp Duncan.

photo 'Postmarks & Places' by Jack Harlan

Local history: Duncan, Colorado

by Mary Lowers

Near the Bunker Site at the mouth of Pole Creek on the south side of Milwaukee Hill sat the mining camp of Duncan, CO. Duncan was named for its founder John Duncan who was born in Indiana in 1851 and came to the San Luis Valley over Medano Pass. He was inspired by tales he'd heard from a member of Fremont's Fifth Expedition who talked of the great wealth in minerals lying on the ground in the valley.

He did find gold-bearing rock. He built a one room log cabin which is the only still standing in Duncan. Selling lots for \$25, John Duncan organized the town which prospered from 1870 to 1872 on the wealth from diggings such as the Honest Abe, the Golden Treasure and the Sultan Mine. Businesses in Duncan included: three grocery stores, a drug store, dry goods and hardware freight haulers, lumber yard, sawmill, feed store and livery stable, and two saloons. The Harper

House Hotel offered meals for thirty five cents and a bed for six dollars a week. The little town supported a doctor, a lawyer, a notary public, a publisher/realtor and a schoolmaster. The local schoolhouse was a multi-use building serving as a church and meeting hall. Duncan got a post office in 1892.

In 1897 the US Supreme Court ruled the owners of the Baca Grant, where Duncan sat, held the mineral rights to the property. In 1899 the Grant owners ordered the eviction of miners from the Baca which meant the entire town of Duncan was evicted. In 1900 the court ordered US Marshalls known as deputies to enforce the evictions. The *Crestone Eagle* (newspaper after which the current publication is named), at the time reported, "Mr. Duncan and others are fortifying their cabins and are well supplied with arms." The evictions turned out to be nonviolent by and large. Upon leaving Duncan home owners were paid \$125 per house and then the structures were resold to their owners for \$10, providing the buildings left the Grant. Many moved to what became the town of Liberty (1900-1921) on the banks of Short Creek and Deadman's Creek outside the Baca Grant.

John Duncan never found the mother lode he was looking for. He and community members dug holes, trenches and tunnels trying to find the source of the rich float (gold) once plentiful on the surface. He died in Saguache in 1918 at the age of 67 and is buried in an unmarked grave in the Saguache Hillside Cemetery.

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Garden Guru

Native American favorites: Potatoes



by Matie Belle Lakish

Potatoes are so ubiquitous in the San Luis Valley that we don't think of them as particularly special, and rarely think of them as a New World gift to world nutrition. However, these tasty tubers developed in the South American highlands under stressful climatic conditions similar to the San Luis Valley. At altitudes where short summers and cold nights are the norm, potatoes, not grains, were the staple foods of indigenous people.

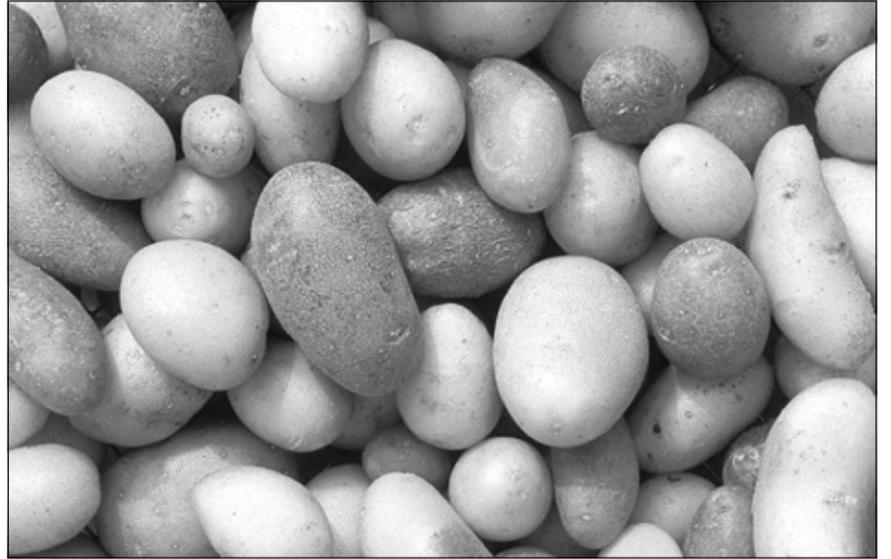
Today, partly because of our high altitude, potatoes are a major crop in the San Luis Valley, and the science behind their culture is sophisticated and complex. The CSU Experiment Station is one of the foremost potato research centers in the country, and many large farmers now plant tissue cultures instead of pieces of potatoes to avoid diseases and maintain variety integrity. Special varieties developed specifically for our climate help insure crop success. Did you know there is a Crestone Russet? A Sangre Red?

I recently read an essay by Wendell Berry, a well-known author and organic activist, who traveled to the highlands of Peru in 1979 to observe the growing methods of indigenous farmers in the Andes. These families had been successfully growing potatoes at elevations between 11,000 and 14,000 ft, and on slopes of up to 25% for thousands of years. He observed that high altitude traditional farmers grew a wider variety of potatoes, mostly smaller, but with much higher nutrition, than the larger more common varieties. What really impressed him though, was the difference in the way the traditional farmers grew their crops. Invariably, the fields were small, usually less than an acre and often

just a few square feet. The gardens were carefully terraced and the soil was held in each plot by shrubs and bushy plants that surrounded the plots. While potatoes were the primary crop, there were hundreds of varieties used for different purposes. The fields each had separate identifiable names, and were fallowed frequently. When they were not planted, animals grazed on the plots and deposited their manure. Other than a hoe or shovel, machines were rarely used. The small, tasty, high-nutrition potatoes that these farmers produced made more sense in their lives than newer, bigger potatoes that took longer to cook at high altitudes.

Imagine growing potatoes at the top of Kit Carson Peak! It makes our 8000 ft. elevation seem quite balmy. We can learn some cultivation and nutrition lessons from these farmers, however. A few of these "exotic" varieties of potatoes have made it to the valley, or can be ordered on-line. Rocky Farms, a local organic seed potato grower has some of these high-nutrition varieties available. The New family at the Mosca store, aka White Mountain Farms, have been leaders in introducing these older varieties, and the Green Spot in Alamosa often have a few kinds during the spring planting season. Some of my favorites are the purple ones, but they also come in various shades of yellows, browns, and reds. Coloradocertifiedpotatogrowers.com offers access to varieties on-line that are produced by local growers.

If you haven't grown potatoes, they are a fun and easy crop to grow on new ground. I often use them as the first crop when I am starting a new garden bed. To use them in that way, you will need to clear and lightly till the soil. Using a hoe or rake is



The potato is the vegetable of choice in the United States.

photo courtesy of the US Dept. of Agriculture

sufficient. About the middle of May in our climate, place sprouting potatoes, or purchased potato sets, on the soil about 8 inches apart in each direction, or in rows, as your choose. Cover the potatoes with well-rotted manure or compost at least 2 inches deep. Sprinkle on some bone meal, and then a soil acidifier such as Ironite or sulfur to bring the pH down a bit (unless you are using mushroom compost, which already has the pH adjusted) then cover the whole with 4 to 6 inches of mulch. Mulch may be straw, leaves, grass clippings or other organic material. Never use the rubber or dyed mulches being sold by garden centers. Mulches made from chipped wood are better used in paths than in growing areas. After the mulch is applied, water deeply, and at least weekly. In a few weeks the green tops will show through the mulch.

Once the potatoes start to bloom, you can run your hands under the mulch and pluck a few new potatoes to add to your summer beans for an old favorite—green beans and new potatoes. To prepare, cut the potatoes into halves or quarters as their size suggests, and cook in a little water until about half-tender. Add the cut green beans and continue cooking until tender. Season with salt and pepper, butter or bacon fat, as you choose, for a very nice

summer dish. While it's too late to plant your potatoes for this year, you may be able to purchase new potatoes if you haven't grown them this year.

What you don't harvest as new potatoes can be left in the ground to mature for winter storage. Leave the plants until the tops freeze in the fall, but dig before the ground freezes, then store the harvest in a cool, dark place. Potatoes to be used for seed the next year can be stored over the winter in a paper bag in the crisper section of your refrigerator, so if you find some beautiful purple or rose colored potatoes for sale in the fall, put some away to plant next spring.

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There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root

Goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*, S. spp.)



Goldenrod is a native of North America. Its golden yellow flowers can be seen blooming throughout the continent from August through October. Goldenrod is a prime example of a weed that is really a medicine. The flowers are commonly thought of as a cause of hay fever, though goldenrod is actually an herb that is beneficial for hay fever. People can be allergic to Goldenrod, but it's more likely that they're actually allergic to ragweed which often grows nearby. (People who are sensitive to other plants in the composite family should be cautious when using Goldenrod). There are several local species and all can be used interchangeably.

Goldenrod is edible; the leaves can be cooked like spinach, the seeds can be used as a thickening agent, and the flowers can be added to salad. I have not actually eaten this plant so I can't vouch for the taste!

As a medicinal plant, Goldenrod has many properties. It helps reduce mucus in the upper respiratory tract and so can be useful for colds, flus and sinus infections. It also has diuretic, antimicrobial, and anti-inflammatory properties which make it very helpful for urinary tract infections. It's the above-ground parts of the plant

that are used, upper leaves and flowers. They can be dried for a tea, or tinctured. Goldenrod can also be applied externally for wound healing and to stop bleeding.

As a flower essence, Goldenrod "is specific when an individual is not able to express their true Self because they are being overly influenced by the people around them . . . As a person matures development happens on two axis. The horizontal axis is the influence of their environment including family, friends, associates and the physical environment itself. The vertical axis (also referred to as 'Self') develops from our Higher Self. People who benefit from Goldenrod flower essence cannot easily access their vertical axis due to strong influences from the horizontal axis." (Wild Rose College of Natural Healing)

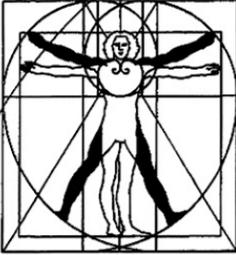
The positive qualities of a balanced Goldenrod personality are well-developed individuality, and an inner sense of self balanced with social consciousness.

Dorje Root, RH (AHG) 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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Solar home

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While energy conservation saves home heat, and solar (both thermal and electric) can provide free energy, these improvements may be financed through eliminating your utility bill.

The second and third building systems on this 100% solar-heated house integrate well with the energy conservation features. These are the passive and active solar heating systems. The passive solar system is large south-facing windows that deliver warm direct sunshine to the interior of the home during the daytime. The planter box you see along the large south windows acts as a thermal mass storage battery absorbing solar heat, storing it for nighttime release thus balancing temperature swings. It also provides warmth to encourage plant growth.

The active solar system, consisting of the five 4'x8' solar thermal collectors you see mounted on the roof, delivers heat via solar hot water piped deep into the radiant concrete floor all day long. This free solar heat rises up through the slab, reaching the top surface sometime after sundown when it begins to radiate and release warmth into the home during the nighttime. Note that the radiant floor heat distribution is free because you already need a floor. Because the floor area is large, the heat distribution temperatures can be much lower than

conventional baseboard heaters. Low temperatures allow the solar thermal collectors to operate more efficiently because they lose less heat through their glass covers.

In this way the day and the night heating requirements are met rather naturally by combining passive and active solar heating systems. These solar heating systems are kept small and less costly by the small house footprint and the variety of optimized energy conservation features outlined above.

The fourth energy system is the HRV heat recovery ventilator. This system consists of ducts and a silent fan that runs about twenty minutes each hour. It exchanges stuffy, polluted indoor warm air for incoming fresh air while capturing the heat from the outgoing air. Indoor air pollution is an energy-conservation liability resulting from building very tight homes in an attempt to reduce heat-robbing air infiltration. This system greatly reduces cold air infiltration, a large heat loss factor in conventional homes, to nearly zero.

You can view this solar home on the Crestone Energy Tour in August.

Paul Koppa would like to thank the following folks for their help in building this home: Tounson Saryon of Integral Design Studio, design; Michael Wasserman of Greenstone Energy, solar; Steve Dossenback of Craig Electric, electric; Vincent Lopez of Lopez Plumbing, plumbing.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION ON FIRST RESPONSE

Spanish Creek Fire response a team effort

by Chris Botz

It has been a busy fire season this year. This is the site we use to track fires: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov>. We have been working with the US Forest Service teams and with our principal mutual aid partner, No. Saguache Co. Fire Protection Dist.

On our most local fire, the Spanish Creek Fire, we provided support with EMS on standby and Baca Fire running water operations for the US Forest Service helicopter attack. The helo site was on Dream Way, just north of Shumei. We keep two "porta-tanks" full, and we ran a dust abatement operation. Thanks to EMS: Darrick Garcia, Hillary Semanski and Chris Hughes; for Fire, Warren Stephan, Dan Wheeler, Bill Johnson, Matthew Crowley, Tad Crawford and Guy Standing. Special thanks to the US Forest Service crews. Chad Lewis, FMO, would be

the one to contact if you would like to thank them.

We have also had a busy Search and Rescue season as well. Thanks to the Sheriff's Department: Dan, Steve, Tom and Wayne; and Flight for Life. Also Custer County S&R, and Western State S&R, all the responders named in the previous paragraph and the two that went all the way to the top, Jeff Wishmere and Shawn Maminakis. We continue to train and respond; however, we count on you to be another set of eyes and ears for us. Please don't hesitate to call if you see smoke or suspect fire.

We are putting on an EMS/Fire benefit on Saturday, August 20, 10am to 2pm at South Crestone Park, just north of the Baca Firehouse. There will be food and other items to purchase. All purchases are to be cash or check. Please support this effort. Thanks.

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Local couple enlists WWOOFers to help build an Earthship

by Debra Powers Schultz

Is the American dream of home ownership too lofty a goal anymore? Who of us can say they own their home outright? Whoever of us wants to pioneer, and make something of our own, and on our own?

Well, we did. What chutzpah, you say. What guts, says another. Bah, "Dreamers!" says yet another. Right? So dream it we did, and spoke to our ancestors, "Just how did you do it?" After all, they built their homes themselves, be they log cabins, straw bale, tipis, yurts, adobe dwellings, or grass shacks! Whoa! you say, Well then, why can't I?

Why not, indeed. Can we build our own home with our own two hands? Are we crazy? Most of us have never been trained to wield a hammer or build a thing larger or more complex than a birdhouse in shop class, much less consider the logistics of designing, building and maintaining a structure in which to live and grow, raise a family, reach old age.

We at Lovebourn saw past old limitations and convention to realize our most bold endeavor: designing and building the home of our dreams: simply, naturally, ecologically, and out-of-pocket. The best part of this story is—it's not impossible, not with a little help from our friends . . . family . . . WWOOFers? So if you, too, are inclined, think outside the box, roll up your sleeves, pull on your work boots and get creative.

My husband, Thomas, and I met through an arts program in Phoenix and married in Crestone after purchasing two lots in the Baca in 2013.

Here's the hard part: recycled tires rammed with good old terra firma make up the walls of an Earthship structure. If you think this sounds scary, difficult, time-consuming and exhausting, you are correct, however, we were undaunted. We were resolute. Knowing Earthship to be the most labor-intensive alternative build option, we sucked in our guts (figuratively as well as literally) and reminded ourselves, as Christopher Robin once said to his friend Pooh Bear, "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

Until we met friends Zuki and Nick Zamora and they enlightened us to the work/trade program of WWOOF, USA (the World Wide Organization of Organic Farmers), it may have taken us ten years to pound all them thar tires. Seems the Zamoras had hosted these folks, mostly young, fresh-faced kids looking for adventure, thirst-



During the build Debra and Thomas are living in a converted 1981 Bluebird school bus, hosting WWOOFers from the sparest of accommodations.



Before pounding with sledge hammers, the tires must first be filled with dirt and hand packed. WWOOFers quickly learn the best technique and gracefully master it.

photo by Thomas Shultz



Working in close quarters is common when building an Earthship. WWOOFers Dylan Roa, Pierre de Montvalon, and Jason Morey swing hammers in unison creating a rhythmic dance.

photo by Thomas Shultz



Winter approaches and WWOOFers all begin to fly south, leaving 9 course tire walls and temporary roof as proof of their hard labor.

photo by Thomas Shultz



WWOOFers Emie Reid and Andrea Perez take a well deserved break; each pounded tire weighs 300lbs when completed. . . girl power!

photo by Thomas Shultz

We wanted to marry in the place we would build, quite literally, our future together. And we wanted to build an Earthship.

Thomas attended the second ever Earthship Biotechnology Academy in 2012, and since then Earthship, and its progenitor, Michael Reynolds, have practically become household names. If, perhaps, you've been living under a rock and have no idea what I'm yammering about, read on.

An Earthship incorporates six principles of building design which make it a fully sustainable living and off-grid structure: water catchment/harvesting, food production, solar and wind power, thermal mass/solar energy heating and cooling, building with recycled materials, with water being recycled and reused. We felt this design had everything we wanted and needed for survival and comfort, and what we personally held dear—recycling, upcycling, interfacing the natural phenomena, living simply and sustainably.



Debra Powers Schultz (host, owner, builder) bakes an apple pie in a salvaged wood burning stove located in the school bus. What a tasty treat for the WWOOFers!

ing for knowledge, ready to swing a sledgehammer, and all for a hot meal and a campsite. They suggested we "get a couple a WWOOFers" for ourselves. We did, and what ensued surpassed our expectations.

Young people now are truly no different than they have always been but have one advantage over most of us at their age: these new millennials

have technology to be globally connected. Yet many still stridently search for answers to the questions we, too, asked. "Now that I've graduated, what do I do with my life? Should I pursue higher education, or get right to work? And, "If I go to college, how will I pay for it?" Valid questions for sure.

Thomas and I feel we have some answers. Our Lovebourn build project could vessel our knowledge and experience in a positive, healthy, hands-on way; providing practical application beyond one summer of natural building. We are helping to empower young men and women in creating opportunities to live more simply, share with greater generosity, perhaps entrepreneur into design or build businesses of their own.

Since first putting tires to grade in July, 2015, Lovebourn has hosted over fifty people. We were featured on the home tour of Crestone's 26th Annual Energy Fair for Homes Under Construction. Pounding tires,

pouring concrete, septic and latrine installation, labyrinth design, food production, sharing stories and ourselves, creating for us a home but building for the future a generation of home builders; it's all been a wild, fun, hearty, energetic, fulfilling ride. We've seen a younger generation allowed to peek into another world of possibility, while discovering their own true capability.

Currently the Earthship stands seven tire courses high (ten is needed for completion). We intend to have an enclosed structure and be living in our home, albeit rough-edged, by wintertime.

We consider it a great success and wish to continue the path of teaching and learning, because these "kids" taught us as much as we gave them. We were allowed to participate in the joyful energy of youth and hope, and what they learned will be evidenced in their future endeavors. Collectively we found we are all dreamers, irrespective of social difference.

We don't see sustainable living as some noble idea; it is, for us, a practical solution which can benefit humanity at large while bringing us all a little closer together.

To contribute to Thomas and Debra's Lovebourn Earthship Build and further their education with young people through Wwoof, Poosh, and other work/trade organizations, contact them directly at: Lovebourn@gmail.com, or visit their crowd-funding project at Generosity.com and search for Lovebourn-Earthship-Natural-Building-Experience. Their home build continues until finished here in the Baca and they give tours when available.



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AUGUST 2016 Listings

<p>SOLD!</p> <p>Was \$179,000</p> <p>SOLD!</p> <p>Great Screened Porch!</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>SOLD!</p> <p>226 Staghorn - \$50,000 Multiple structures on 6.823 acres include earthship with bathroom, wood cabin with woodstove heat (no plumbing), insulated Quonset hut with concrete slab and water pump and two barns, 4 woodburning stoves, lots of fencing, well & septic.</p>	<p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>Off-Grid</p> <p>288 Allott Trail - \$269,000 Custom built 2BD/1.5BA 1500sf off-grid home w/600sf guest house & 400sf workshop, located on 2.81ac. on the S. tip of the Baca. Designed w/2 octagons connected by a clerestory, it has beautiful finishes.</p>	<p>Was \$249,000</p> <p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>1564 Wagon Wheel Road - \$229,000 A 2,192sf beautiful single level ranch style home built in 1997 on 1.66 acres. 3bd/2ba, great room, living room & 2 car attached garage. Well and septic. Great value!</p>	<p>Income Potential</p> <p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>Baca Townhome #16 - \$179,000 A lovely 3BD/3BA/sunroom 1622sf one story townhouse located close to S. Crestone Creek walking path & convenient to town. Great for full time homeowner or can be as rental. Great for full time homeowner or as a rental.</p>	<p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>New Construction!</p> <p>1649C Willow Crk Way - \$169,000 3 BD/1.75 BA 1282sf home by Terrapin & CO on beautiful 1 ac lot backing greenbelt. Great mountain views. Open living space w/oak floors. ETS heater. Under construction now.</p>	<p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>Separate Office/Workshop</p> <p>3732C Cordial Way \$162,500 Private & unique hexagonal 2BD/1.75BA home on 1.36 treed acres. Separate 384sf bldg incl. heated & finished office & workshop/storage area. Great views, wrap around deck.</p>
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<p>New Listings</p> <p>Sustainable Elegance</p> <p>1311C Spanish Creek - \$499,000 Expansive 3060sf 3BD/2.5BA home on 7.5ac, beautifully appointed w/ custom features: gourmet kitchen, spacious master suite, slate floors, Pella windows. Solar hot water in-floor heat, 2 fireplaces & 3 Fujitsu heat pumps. Heated grg w/3 bays.</p>	<p>Castle in the Woods!</p> <p>2795CR Brook Terrace - \$425,000 Built 1993, remodeled 2008. 3-story, 2 or 3BR/1.75BA 2182sf home on 2.765ac cul-du-sac, backs to greenbelt. Artistic stone & stucco offers feeling of antiquity, privacy & uniqueness. A must-see home in a special location!</p>	<p>Treed & Private!</p> <p>1038 Beaver Trail - \$337,000 This 2292sf 3BR/2BA home on 3.57 acres in park-like setting backs to greenbelt. Post & beam construction & strawbale in-fill, this 2-story sustainable home is passive solar, solar domestic HW & in-floor heat, woodstove. Separate 300sf studio.</p>	<p>Fantastic Views!</p> <p>760 & 761 Panorama Way - \$159,000 Built in 1996, this Pueblo-style 1172sf 2BR, 1.75BA Rastra home features an open living space w/ fabulous protected west views & lots of light. Energy efficient w/ on-demand hot water heater, woodstove & passive solar design.</p>	<p>Remodeled!</p> <p>34 Camino Baca Grande - \$159,000 1600sf 3BR 1.5 BA A-frame w/loft, remodeled in 2006 w/ETS heat, 5 window air conditioning units, appliances, laminate flooring, windows, roof & updated plumbing & wiring. T&G ceiling in great room. Upper & lower decks w/great views!</p>	<p>Moffat</p> <p>Willow Springs - NOW \$299,000 Fully restored former historic Forbes Hotel. 9bd/3BA 3600sf; detached 22x24 studio, 500ft artesian well. Great business potential for B&B, hotel/retreat center.</p>	<p>Baca Townhomes</p> <p>Townhouse #10 - \$179,000 Exquisite town house completely remodeled in 2008. 1480sf 2-story 2BD/2BA features redesigned kitchen & bathrooms, updated heat & lighting systems, beautiful patio. Must see!</p>
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<p>Chalets</p> <p>Indoor Exercise Pool</p> <p>1967 Rockyview Way - \$439,000 Luxurious 3BD/2.75BA/Office/3-car Garage 2953sf home sits on 2.374 acres & has a 2-room upstairs Master Suite. Beautifully landscaped courtyards & gardens with custom fence & deck, great views</p>	<p>Private on the Creek</p> <p>3959 Cheerful Court - \$429,000 Custom Cathedral Style Mt Home. Approx 2700 sq/ft, located on 2.16 acres by Cottonwood Creek. Many architectural features incl Brazilian cherry hrdwd flrs, diamond plaster walls. Features 30x16' Art Studio.</p>	<p>Was \$459,000</p> <p>786C Panorama Way - \$419,000 This Lee Mitchell custom 3bd/2ba/sunroom/library/balconies 2428sf home with fabulous gardens sits on 2.14 acres w 2-car garage/studio. Exquisite - Must See!</p>	<p>New Construction!</p> <p>1114C Chaparral Way - \$349,000 2-story New Construction, 3BD/2BA 1740sf home w/fabulous views designed by R3 Concepts and built by Mountain View Design & Build. Overlooks Pundarika Retreat Center providing lots of open space.</p>	<p>Guest House</p> <p>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!</p>	<p>Magnificent Views</p> <p>22 Alpine OL - \$295,000 CUSTOM 3bd/2.5ba/2 car garage 2232sf home close to town. Screened porch & wrap deck. Gracious Living with exceptional views!</p>	<p>Fantastic Views!</p> <p>2720 Happy Hollow Tr. - \$279,000 This meticulous, 4BR/2.5BA 2000sf home has magnificent valley views from the living spaces, including a large sw-facing deck. Excellent condition, flexible floorplan, nice outdoor space, located near Dharma Ocean.</p>
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<p>Guest Cottage</p> <p>3481C E Graceful Ct - \$275,000 Beautiful property w/ 2BR/1.5BA ~1228sf home, guest cottage & detached one-car grg on 1.44 acres. Great passive solar, w/mountain views. Walled tiled front courtyard & landscaping. In-floor radiant heat, tile floors, T&G wood ceilings in LR</p>	<p>Affordable Luxury</p> <p>1202C Hilltop Way - \$269,000 Lee Mitchell built home ~1700+sf 3bd/2ba Southwest style on 5 lots (2.63 acres) in Chalet 1. Mountain view from a high arched LR window, high ceilings, large Master Suite w/soak tub, separate shower, walk-in closets, & radiant floor heat.</p>	<p>A lovely sanctuary</p> <p>3919 Cordial Way - \$269,000 Two story, 3BD/2.5BA ~2400 sf home has a walled courtyard & 4 intimate decks w/ great views. Southwest style home gracefully adorned with fine details and finishes.</p>	<p>WAS \$269,000</p> <p>Gracious Living</p> <p>757 Rendezvous Way - \$259,000 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.</p>	<p>WAS \$259,000</p> <p>Non-Toxic, Great Value \$113/sf!</p> <p>207C Foothill OL - \$249,000 2-story 3BD/2.5BA/Study 2192sf 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.</p>	<p>Eco-Friendly</p> <p>Reduced! - Was \$249,000</p> <p>1738C Willow Creek Way - \$239,000 Built in 2013, this Paul Koppiana 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.</p>	<p>WAS \$242,000</p> <p>Garage & Studio Apt</p> <p>983C Peaceful Way - \$237,000 3BR/2.5BA 1894sf main house w/ studio apt, oversized 1-car garage & grow dome on 1.36 acres in Chalet 1. Passive solar design w/ two adobe brick walls & curved back wall, concrete kitchen counter tops, in-floor radiant heat & wood stove.</p>
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<p>New Construction: Paul Koppiana</p> <p>Reduced! - Was \$229,000</p> <p>1867C Rockyview Way - \$219,000 3BD/2BA 1520sf New Construction by Paul Koppiana, energy efficient design. Active solar hot water sys thru radiant floor grid + domestic hot water. Very insulated, triple pane windows & heat recovery ventilation, airtight construction.</p>	<p>MILLION \$ VIEWS!</p> <p>Reduced from \$299,000</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Creekside!</p> <p>Tract 2 Lindisfarne - \$199,000 Creek-side 2 BR/1 BA 812sf home on 2.74 acres w/812 sf partially finished basement w/electric baseboard heat & concrete floors. New roof w/architectural shingles, new windows, new interior & exterior paint.</p>	<p>Backs to Greenbelt/Open Space</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>New Construction</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Energy Efficient!</p> <p>958 Meditation OL - \$189,000 Beautiful 3BR/1.5BA 1363sf energy efficient home w/solar hot water system, passive solar, & well-insulated ceilings & walls. On private cul-du-sac in Chalet 1 w/ organic garden & storage shed. Full bath w/soak tub. Spacious kitchen.</p>	<p>Southwest Style</p> <p>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.</p>
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<p>Private cul-du-sac</p> <p>190 Cascade OL - \$169,000 1365sf home with 1293sf walk-in basement, large screened porch & hot tub. Sits on 1.133 acres, beautiful wooded lot on private cul-du-sac close to town. 2BR/1.75BA on main level & flexible basement w/3 rooms, 1/2BA including laundry.</p>	<p>3735 Jubilant Way - \$155,000 3BD/1BA 1094sf home located on 1.152. Protected views. Large loft BR w/balcony. 2BD/1BA downstairs w/ clawfoot tub. Woodstove & back-up baseboard heat. Aspen T & G ceilings, pine floors & wood exterior.</p>	<p>3708 Enchanted Way - \$142,500 2 BR/1BA 1088 sf energy efficient home w/ ETS heat & water heater on ETS, woodstove, honeycomb blinds, & solar heat collector. Lovely views from open living space, roomy master bedroom, backs to greenbelt. Many new windows.</p>	<p>Small Home, Small Price!</p> <p>4485 Ridgecrest Way - \$74,500 Unique, small 394sf home, with 2nd structure in Chalet 3. Fixer-upper, but can be a home in the Baca at an affordable price. Woodstove, loft sleeping area w/wood ceilings. Full kitchen w/cookstove, fridge & combo w/d. Shower bath.</p>	<p>Off-Grid</p> <p>43 Smoke Tree Trail - \$399,000 Gracious 3BR/2.5BA 3755sf strawbale 1.5 story off-grid home on 11.86 acres. Lg great room, cook's kitchen, douglas fir wood floors & large woodstove that heats entire house. Energy efficient & private w/ amazing views!</p>	<p>Fine Strawbale Construction</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Mother-in-Law Suite</p> <p>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!</p>
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<p>Off-Grid</p> <p>144 Rain Dance Trail - \$199,000 This ~2600sf 4BD/2BA (w/unfinished 3rd BA) sustainable builder's home has solar thermal, PV, combo of frame & pumice construction. On well & septic. Barn & storage shed, and more! On 6.32 acres. Includes Lot 145.</p>	<p>Off-Grid</p> <p>600 Heatherbrae - \$175,000 Beautiful 1240sf 2BR/1.5BA off-grid home w/many custom built-ins & exquisite views on 2.61ac bordering Conservation Easement. Propane heat & woodstove. Enclosed passive solar porch, enclosed shower w/ surrounding decking, well water.</p>
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340C Palomino Way \$389,000 SOLD	1927C Lone Pine Way \$185,000 SOLD
4262 Serene Way \$299,900 SOLD	3704 Carefree Way \$169,000 SOLD
557 & 560 Panorama Way \$299,000 SOLD	635C Panorama Way \$159,500 SOLD
3615 CD Spendid Terrace \$275,000 SOLD	3376 Genial Way \$159,000 SOLD
765CRR Heatherbrae Road \$269,000 SOLD	1573 Kings Hill OL \$159,000 SOLD
149 Moonlight \$259,000 SOLD	719 Rendezvous Way \$159,000 SOLD
418 Moonlight Way \$249,000 SOLD	1202C Wagon Wheel Road \$152,000 SOLD
705 Rendezvous \$220,000 SOLD	123C Skyview Way \$139,000 SOLD
2145 Indian Well Way \$209,000 SOLD	4370 Twin View \$138,000 SOLD
1447 Chaparral Way \$189,000 SOLD	20510 CO Rd 59 \$99,000 SOLD
3949C Cheerful Way \$189,000 SOLD	226 Staghorn \$50,000 SOLD

In Search of Economic Reality

America is not a melting pot—the Mason-Dixon Line and old Mexican boundaries still exist.

by Ed Lyell

It is over 150 years since the Civil War. That war was caused by wealth inequality, with a racial component. The northern states had amassed great wealth from the opportunities presented to build railroads west and develop new territories. That effort was subsidized by government land grants and contracts. The South had wealthy people, yet their wealth was created and maintained by having slave labor growing labor-intensive crops.

Powerful people had decided that slavery was unjust and thus sought to abolish it in America. Southern states felt the opposite, since without slaves the landowners of the South were going to lose money or even go broke. Thus we had the worst war in US history, if judged by percentage of Americans killed.

Yet these many decades later we still have increasing racial imbalance in income, wealth and opportunity. We are again seeing violence as the oppressed become frustrated with no improvement over the decades. All but the richest ten percent of Americans have had their household income frozen for 40 years even with more people per family working. Everything costs more, especially prescription drugs. Low income people are dying in the world's richest nation

by being denied medical care even with insurance, while Medicaid has been denied in some Republican-led states. People feel that they are fighting for their lives and attack the wealthy and the police that defend them. The "black lives matter" folks are not just upset about some youth being killed by police but by societal oppression and denial of hope. This is a worldwide story as the global economy has stalled for the working class around the world. Outbursts of killing come from frustration and a lack of hope for improvement or even survival for their families.

In America, when we look at a modern map of state average income for the lower 90%, we can draw the same Mason-Dixon Line of 150 years ago. (census.gov) Southern states have been reluctant to create higher paying jobs, extend government safety net services, or improve education for their working class citizens. The last decade has also changed the voting rights of lower income adults, especially for people of color.

Carol Anderson, a professor and chair of African American Studies, has documented the voting rights changes for people of color throughout the South. She stated: "The midterm 2014 gubernatorial and U.S. Senate elections

in Texas, North Carolina, Virginia and Alabama were all decided in favor of Republicans by a margin smaller than the number of disenfranchised voters in each state." <http://lat.ms/2a8wgNo>.

This disenfranchisement has been caused by requiring forms of identification difficult for low income families to obtain and by closing government offices that issue IDs. Anderson states, "This has meant that 36 GOP-controlled states have resurrected some form of poll tax, literacy test or other Jim Crow-like disenfranchisement mechanism".

For decades I have shown census maps to my students that show population by race throughout America. The cultural divisions persist for over a century. Blacks dominate the southeastern states, and Latino's dominate the southwest. The maps show that the old Mason-Dixon Line of the Civil War is still valid. In the southwest, Mexican Americans dominate those states which used to be part of Mexico. Most people do not move and even the large minority population in northern cities was already growing pre-Civil War as the ending points of escape from the South by slaves.

Decades of real or perceived growth and opportunity have kept low income people satisfied that life was getting better. We now are aware that the improved life style was not from income gains but from the availability of debt. As debt has maxed out, people have noticed that their real wages have been frozen since 1970.

The historic road to improvement was primarily through better education and especially access to higher education. Yet the quality of education is directly tied to socioeconomic status. Higher education has shifted from a public good, paid for primarily by taxpayers, to a private good, requiring higher tuition and fees from families, including those who must borrow the money from the wealthy.

Low income families, which include most families of color, now see that their road to improvement, has been closed by the wealthy. In order to keep low income people from using their voting power potential to regain access for improvement they are being kept away from voting. This is helping the wealthy in the short run but will lead to armed revolution unless major changes occur to help America's working class. If people cannot vote change then they will fight for change. This is especially true as they see their families in pain, sick, oppressed, jobless, and in poverty while the top 10% have more and more opportunities in education, university, health care, and wealth.

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Baca Grande Library News



by Suzanne McGregor

On behalf of our Friends of the Library (FOL) group, we would like to extend much gratitude to those volunteers and library staff who participated in the FOL Root Beer Floats Booth fundraiser to benefit the library on July 4. These dedicated volunteers set up the canopy and tables, decorated signs, made trips for supplies, manned the table, made yummy floats, and cleaned up afterwards.

The FOLs "fearless leader" Thom Ontko, who is on the mend, was there every step of the way. And we would like to welcome Crestone's own Megan Riley as the newest member of the NSC Library District Board of Trustees—she may have even made you a root beer float!

Preparing for the start of school, a number of youngsters feel a bit anxious about this new experience, so maybe the library can help with some ex-

citing books about this adventure-to-be! We have *Kindergarten Rocks!* (Katie Davis), *The Kissing Hand* (Audrey Penn), *The Night Before Kindergarten* (Natasha Wing), *First Day Jitters* (Julie Danneberg), *Chrysanthemum* (Kevin Henkes), *This School Year Will Be the BEST!* (Kay Winters), *David Goes to School* (David Shannon), and *Llama Llama Misses Mama* (Anna Dewdney). They are sure to get a giggle—and maybe a bit of courage as well.

We are continuing to weed our DVD section, and the withdrawn videos are available by donation in our Book Nook in the front room. They tend to go fairly quickly, so come in and take a look. They are all in good condition, but we need to make room for the new ones which are added to our collection on a regular basis.

Enjoy the Crestone Music Festival this month (August 12-14). Barry Monroe, one of our dedicated library staff members (and a great musician!), will be performing with the Cheap Therapy Singers. Let them play for you on Sunday morning!

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- British peers
- Also known as
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- *Olympic sport on both track and road
- Miner's bounty
- October birthstone
- Masseuse's office
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- Jazz subculture hipster
- Three-____ sloth
- Actress Cameron
- Aussie's petrol station
- Additional
- European finch
- Malicious look
- Garlic mayo
- Mischievous Scandinavian god
- Cleopatra's necklace
- *Reason for Olympic banning
- Mary's little one
- To the ____ degree
- Alexander Hamilton - Aaron Burr incident
- Women's undergarment
- *Dressage, Eventing and ____
- Broadband predecessor
- Abraham's sacrifice
- "____ Goo Dolls" rock band
- Relating to zones
- 1.067 km, in Russia
- As opposed to rent
- Not mainstream art
- Formerly
- Clinton ____ Rodham
- "Spaghetti Western" director Sergio

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- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- "Oh, my!"
- *Spent at the 1960 Summer Olympics
- Sound of battle
- Declare with confidence
- Plural of #25 Across
- Cry of horror, in comics
- Civil rights org.
- 1.3 ounces, in Asia
- Antioxidants-rich berry
- Owl's hangout
- Price for something very cheap?
- Hertz = ____ / second
- Must-haves
- Kum Ba ____
- Having a streak of good luck
- Lieu
- Paralyzing disease
- "The Tortoise and the Hare" author
- Cambodian currency
- Trapper's prize
- Oedipus' successor
- Deflect
- *Official Olympics starter
- Sub station
- *Health concern in Rio
- Nimbus, pl.
- Charge with crime
- *Shooter's Olympic tool
- *2016 Summer Olympics travel destination
- Incite
- Solo
- "Born to Hand ____," from "Grease"
- ____-friendly
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Dear EarthTalk: Are we really heading for a coal-free power future in the U.S. or is this just an environmental pipe dream?

-Jack Summa, Boston, MA

Far from just an environmental pipedream, the coal industry in the U.S. and around the world is in the midst of a major downswing. In 2011, coal dropped below 40% of total U.S. energy generation for the first time since the late 1970s, while in 2015 coal accounted for only 33%. And given the influx of cheap natural gas and the ascendance of renewable energy sources—not to mention recent coal mine safety lapses with tragic consequences—coal might not be able to mount a comeback.

“Technological advances have made natural gas, wind and solar—and efficiency—increasingly competitive,” reports John Brinkley in Sierra Magazine. “The once-robust overseas demand for coal is disappearing.”

Brinkley adds that a decade of sustained public advocacy for clean air and clean energy has left coal out in the dark. The Obama administration’s landmark Clean Power Plan that forces big coal-fired power plants to clean up their acts dramatically or shut down has been



Piñon jay enjoying view from new growth on ponderosa.

photo by Kate Steichen

one major factor in coal’s slide, while the Paris climate accord has sped up the process even more by taking a huge bite out of potential U.S. coal exports.

Over just the last five years, fully one-third of U.S. coal plants, some 232 different facilities, have been closed or scheduled for imminent retirement. Plans for another 184 new coal-fired plants have been shuttered—activists claim credit but the development of new technologies that make harvesting natural gas that much cheaper may have more to do with coal’s death knell. For the first time in 200 years, no new coal plants are on the drawing board in the U.S.

According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), which collects data and reports on energy statistics for the federal government, some 13,000 megawatts of coal power went offline in 2015 as a result of coal plant retirements, while wind energy added 8,600 megawatts and solar tacked on an-

other 7,300 megawatts. The Sierra Club’s Beyond Coal campaign reports that coal’s downswing is just beginning, with another 50,000 megawatts of coal power predicted to go offline by 2030.

And the trend isn’t stopping at the border. “Many countries that used to be reliable customers for U.S. coal just aren’t into it anymore, partly because of last year’s successful UN climate change conference in Paris,” reports Brinkley. Even before the Paris agreement, China, the world’s largest producer and consumer of coal, had been scaling back production and imports drastically in efforts to clean up urban air pollution and reduce its carbon footprint. In 2015, China cut imports of U.S. coal some 86.5% from 1.7 million tons to only 229,000.

Of course, coal is still big business in the U.S. and beyond, and it isn’t going away overnight. But how long it can stick around as a viable contender for Americans’ energy dollars is anybody’s guess. “The trajectory for the coal industry is clear, but the timeline is not,” sums up Brinkley.

CONTACTS: Sierra Club’s Beyond Coal, www.content.sierraclub.org/coal; Energy Information Administration, www.eia.gov.

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Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno

June 21 to July 20

Total precipitation for period:

Liquid precip: 0.78”

Snow: 0.0”

Measurable precipitation fell on 7 days.

Measurable rain fell on 7 days.

A trace of rain fell on 5 days.

7 thunderstorms occurred, including one dry thunderstorm.

Hail fell on 1 day.

No measurable snow fell.

Total precipitation year to date:

Since Jan 1: 6.38”

Total snow to date:

Since Jan 1: 45.9”

Snow Season (old) *: 67.9”

Snow Season (new) *: 0.0”

*Snow season runs from July 1 to June 30

Temperatures for the period:

High temp: 91.9°F on June 21

Low temp: 43.9°F on July 4

Avg. high: 83.8°F

Avg. low: 50.2°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 90°: 1

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 80°: 25

Number of days with the low temperature at or below 50°: 12

Winds for the period:

Avg. speed: 3.5 mph

Highest gust: 40 mph on July 10

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

Weather summary:

Temperatures were around average while precipitation was slightly below average. June 21 saw a record high temperature set at 92°, breaking the old mark of 90°, set in 2005.

Outlook for August:

August is the second wettest month of the year, averaging 2.06” of precipitation. The wettest August was in 1987, when 4.64” fell.

Temperature-wise, things start to cool down just a bit in August, with the average high and low temps in the first week averaging 80° and 49°, and by month’s end cooling off to 76° and 45°. The highest temperature ever in August was 92° set on August 1, 2002, and the lowest reading was 34°, set on August 28, 2004.

The 30-day outlook for August from the NWS, as of July 22, is calling for above average temps along with average precipitation.

Note: For current Crestone weather conditions visit Keno’s web site: www.keno.org/vws.



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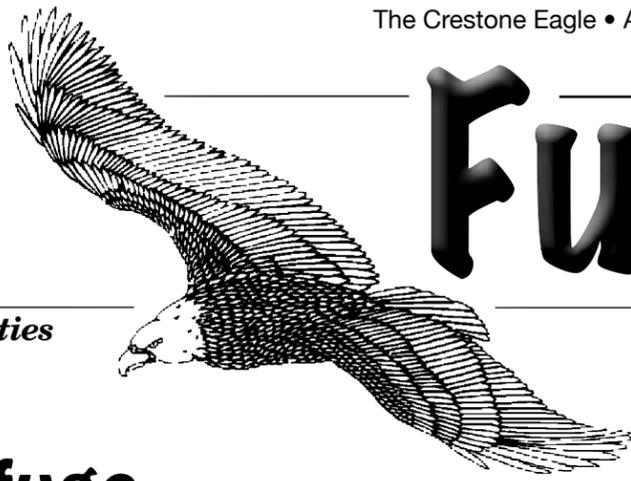
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Summer Fun



The Crestone Eagle's guide to regional events & activities

August, 2016

Baca National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center now open

by Larry Joseph Calloway

The bright new building now open to the public at the edge of the old Baca ranch headquarters is in the right place to become the visitor hub for all the federal lands that embrace Crestone, from breathless peaks to desert sands and seasonal wetlands. The long white headquarters of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge holds offices, a conference room and a visitor center with a stunning view.

Refuge manager Ron Garcia during the open house last month showed a drawing for a three-panel kiosk that will be built at a new turnout beside the old ranch headquarters gate on County Road T. The left panel will tell about the region's "heritage" and the middle, about the Baca refuge and its cousins in the San Luis Valley. The right panel will tell about other land-agency attractions here under the title "Gateway to Adventure." The kiosk was designed in concert with the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

The visitor center, which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service prefers to call a "contact" center, is not yet furnished with the usual racks of brochures for the region, wall maps and wildlife murals, but the

artwork for the center's archeological display is in place. This will be a collection behind secure glass of artifacts proving 12,000 years of human activity. The items, including arrowheads and prehistoric projectile points, will be on loan from an extraordinary hawk-eyed cowboy

Baca National Wildlife Refuge Summer Tour Series

- Thursday, **August 11**, Invasive Plant Species Management
- Thursday, **August 25**, Baca Ranch History
- Thursday **September 8**, Fall Refuge Management
- Thursday, **September 23**, Elk Management/Viewing

named Bob Bunker, who collected and documented them during his lifelong work at the ranch.

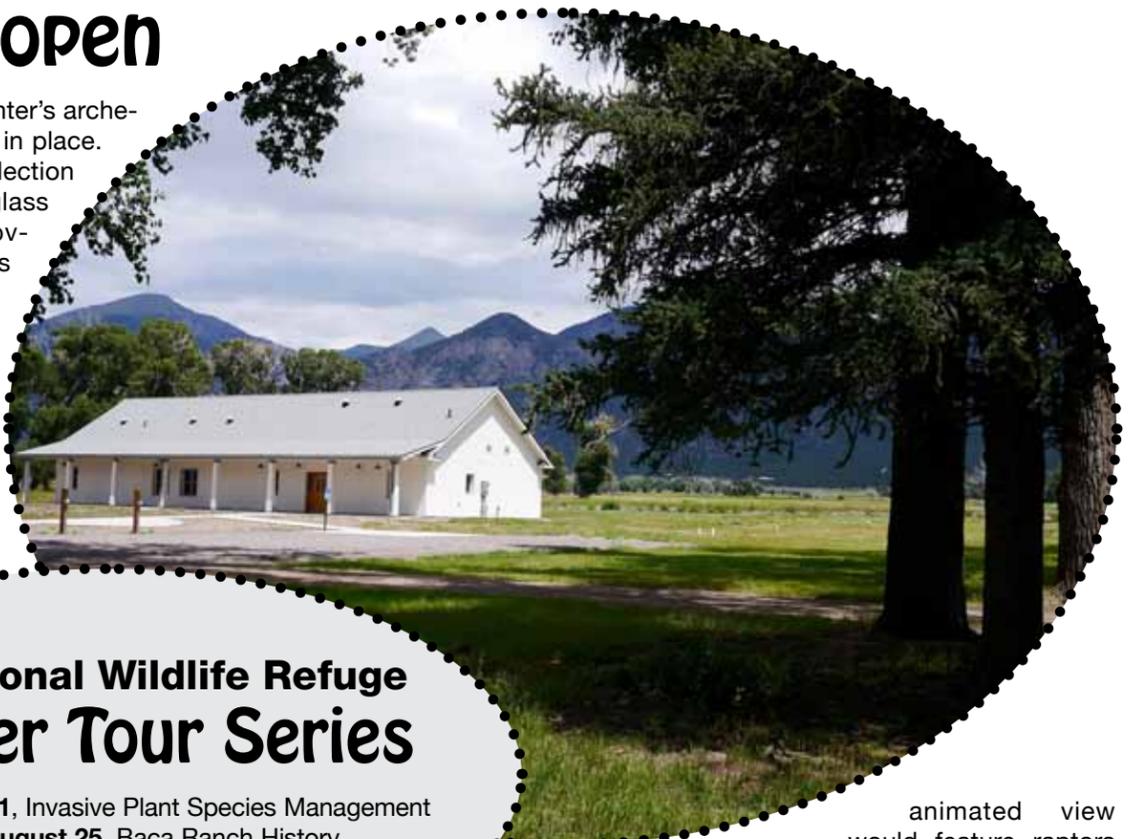
The visitor center's spectacular view of the mountains to the east is framed by a bay window at the end of the room. In the foreground is

a former pasture that Garcia wants to reclaim with native vegetation in order to attract a colony of birds and small mammals. About 200 acres would be protected from the refuge's problem elk and other intruders by a tall "exclosure" fence like the ones protecting riparian habitat elsewhere on the refuge. The

animated view would feature raptors like Swainson's hawks, red-tail hawks, prairie falcons, kestrels and even golden eagles as well as songbirds. For this reality show Garcia would like to add some "audio" by planting sensitive microphones outside feeding a speaker system inside.

The bay window replicates one in the old ranch house in the nearby

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7th annual Saguache Art Festival August 20

The Saguache Chamber of Commerce and Saguache area artists invite you to the 7th annual Art Festival, Saturday, August 20.

Spend your day visiting galleries, watching studio demonstrations, and enjoying music, good food and artwork created by the developing Saguache art community.

You'll also want to visit the photography exhibit sponsored by the Saguache Museum to be held in the Methodist Hall and a book

sale by Friends of the Library to be held in the Masonic Bldg. An approximate two-block radius will host some 20 artists and crafters from 10 in the morning until 5 in the evening.

One of the Saguache art venues is Smith Market Gallery where Byron Williams carefully transforms gourds into objects that transcend simple containers. Byron began doing basketry nearly a half century ago, and continues to work with those natural weaving materials

as additions to masterfully altered gourds. The addition of skillful and thoughtful elements of color, antler, feathers, carving and stitching creates objects beautifully combin-

ing found objects with his creative eye. The San Luis Valley provides constant inspiration for him, and his love and respect for the natural world is reflected in his work.



Byron Williams is the proprietor of Smith Market Gallery where he has his workshop and a large display area for his own as well as the work of other artists and crafters.

photo by Lynn Nowiskee

Smith Market Gallery

Saguache

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.

We are also featuring work by the wood artist Slim Wolfe. His furniture is both creative and functional.

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Explore local history at Saguache County Museum

Come to the Saguache County Museum Sunday, August 7, to hear Mary Morfitt and Virginia Sutherland share stories about growing up during the Great Depression and being here at home during WWII. Sunday programs begin at 1:30pm and are free! Refreshments are served and donations are accepted.

To check on speakers and subject matter for other Sunday programs please call the Museum at 719-655-2557.

The Museum Gift Shop has many new books and the latest SLV historians. There are lots of other things in the gift shop either you or a family member would enjoy. All items are made by local artists and crafters.

Cozy Castle Cinema

The Cozy Castle Cinema, located at 403 4th Street in downtown Saguache, operates year round showing first-run movies and foreign films. First-run movies are shown

every weekend. All showtimes are Friday 7pm, Saturday 4pm and 7pm, and Sunday 7pm. In addition to first-run movies, the cinema also showcases foreign films the first Thursday of every month starting at 7pm. Ticket prices are \$7 for all ages; children 3 and under are free. Cozy Castle Cinema features an all-digital cinema, amazing DTS 7.1 surround sound, all carpeted floors, high back rocker chairs, extended leg room, and a fully stocked concession stand. All this plus a warm, inviting, cozy atmosphere. Cozy Castle Cinema owners, Scott and Pearl Alexander, welcome you to experience a movie with us. Come by the cinema, sit back and enjoy the show. You won't be disappointed. For feature film and showtime information, call the movie hotline at 719-221-4159. Hope to see you here!



The new Village Pub restaurant opens August 5

Owners Scott & Pearl Alexander invite you to visit The Village Pub, Pizza & Spirits, located at 401 4th Street in Saguache. Their new pub, which offers both indoor and outdoor dining, dine-in and carry-out options, opens on Friday, August 5 at 11am.

Menu items include pizzas, calzones, pasta dishes, salads, desserts and appetizers. In addition to this great food, The Village Pub will be offering local craft beers from San Luis Valley Brewing (Alamosa), Three Barrel Brewing Company (Del Norte), Elevation Beer Company (Poncha Springs), Eddyline Brewery (Buena Vista), and soon will be adding craft brews from Crestone Brewing Company. In addition to craft beers, The Village Pub will also serve import and domestic beers, five excellent wines from Casa Rodena Winery (Los Ranchos de Albuquerque), plus a nice selection of mixed drinks.

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Crestone

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Visit the Wildlife Refuge

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stand of cottonwoods, and another architectural feature inspired by the historic ranch buildings is the long west porch designed in the style of New Mexico territorial adobes. Interior details, by contrast, are high tech and energy efficient. The solution to the problem of bringing light through a pitched roof is solar tubes with fascinating dimmer switches.

Visitors are free to walk around the historic ranch complex, dating from 1864. The refuge has always been under-staffed due to budget restrictions from on high. Garcia's only paid assistant is pistol-packing biologist Corrina Hanson. But two volunteers, Debbie and Mike Croft, will be living in a mobile home near the center through winter. The usual visiting hours are 7 to 4.

To get to the site, drive five minutes from Crestone and take the second dirt road, which bisects a town of chronically cute and very rare Gunnison prairie dogs (take care). The gate on T Road is the first of two with the antique "Luis Maria Baca Grant" logo. The second is not open to the unguided public. Nor is the 92,000-acre refuge itself. But the wildlife service is conducting tours—two this month and two next month—reservations required.

By next summer, Garcia hopes, there will be another way to get to the new center. With the cooperation by other land owners, a two-mile trail would be created between the Crestone Charter School to refuge visitor hub. "The refuge is working with other federal agencies and the town of Crestone under a program to connect local communities and schools with neighboring federal lands," Garcia said. "We will be constructing the new trail as part of this effort. The Forest Service and National Park Service and BLM are interested in connecting existing trails on their lands."

The tentative route along South Crestone Creek would likely pass through open land where, as Garcia put it, "the buffalo is." That artful steel sculpture on a concrete footing is a gift to the community by some Baca Grande subdivision residents, who also maintain it—just as the trail hopefully would benefit from private generosity. (Peter and Denise Taylor and Sage Brown paid the buffalo bill.)



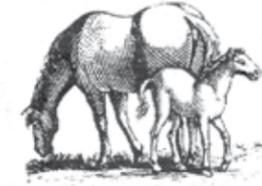
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