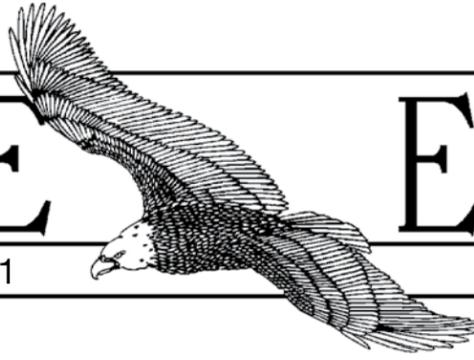


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## County faces election dilemma; Clerk asks for help

by Sandia Belgrade

When the Director of Elections in Colorado comes down from Denver to Saguache County weeks before the national election, it underscores the urgent cry for help being requested. With Donald Trump insinuating weeks ahead of time that the election may be "rigged", every polling place in the country is on notice to assure an open, legal process. Knowing the scrutiny to come, and the scrutiny that Saguache has had in past elections, Carla Gomez, County Clerk and Recorder, came before the County Commissioners to make her case

for support in terms of additional money and personnel. With her was Jed Choate, Director of Elections from the Secretary of State's office. He put an exclamation point to her request for increased funding, which could be as much as \$15,000. It is a daunting cost for a small county like Saguache, but Choate offered cogent details to support Gomez. There are regulations and required monitoring, as well as the need for experienced personnel.

### Election rules

The request for additional funding takes into account the

Secretary of State's (SOS) election requirements. There must be two election judges present, one a Democrat, one a Republican. Beginning Oct 24 they have been working at the courthouse from 8am-4pm. That includes two Saturdays. On election day, November 8, they are present from 7am-7pm and until all ballots are counted, These judges will handle a variety of voter matters, including monitoring, assuring the process is running smoothly, and answering questions. Voters with special needs, including those with disabilities or the need for

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Martina Looking Horse visited Crestone and talked about the protests happening at Standing Rock. Story on page B-1. photo by Vandee Khalsa

## American democracy: how safe is the vote?

by Lisa Cyriacks

"Clerks don't pray for winners and losers but large margins of victories so there are no recounts!" states Colorado Secretary of State spokeswoman, Lynn Bartels.

Fair and free elections are a hallmark of American democracy. This election season, there have been widespread accusations and allegations about the security of voting technology. An example is the allegation that voter databases in two states were hacked.

Voters face the first presiden-

tial election in 50 years without the full protections of the Voting Rights Act, which was designed to prevent discrimination in voting.

We keep seeing the two terms "voter fraud" and "election fraud" being used interchangeably. To clarify, "voter fraud" is the rare occurrence of a voter impersonating someone else. "Election fraud" is voter purges, exit poll fixing, voter intimidation, and manipulation of ballots and ballot tabulation methods.

Voter intimidation and discrimination are illegal acts under

federal law. Voters who experience or witness any discriminatory, intimidating, or deceptive conduct should immediately report the problem to election authorities or call 1-866-OUR-VOTE, a nonpartisan voter protection hotline.

For Coloradans, this is the first all mail-ballot Presidential election—a fundamental shift in how elections are managed in Colorado. More than 3,125,300 active voters in Colorado received ballots via the US mail more than three

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## Please vote

Dear Editor,

I have to say that as a self-employed independent businessperson, I really like most of the conservative rhetoric: smaller government, fewer regulation, and lower taxes. What's not to like?

But, I also want good roads and schools, clean air and water, and equal rights for everyone. Let's face it—most private businesses do not have a very good track record in these areas without government intervention.

So I want good government, not no government. Remember, if it's all privatized, you can't vote the bums out.

Think about it and please vote.

Concerned citizen,  
Richard Laurie  
Moffat, CO

## No budget furor

To the Editor:

I have been serving on the POA Board of Directors for the past 2 years.

Regarding the letter from Lisa Cyriacs in the last issue of *The Crestone Eagle*:

The title to her editorial is so misleading and inflammatory and simply untrue. The fact is, we have barely begun the process of discussing the budget and there *is* no conflict! To request something that does not yet exist and then make the accusation of non-transparency is what creates distrust in this community.

Since we are no longer with Hammersmith Mgmt. and now consult with Westwind Mgmt, we are being shown a more streamlined method of working on the annual budget. We are learning something new and perhaps do not have all the bugs out but is it far from dysfunctional. I think it will go a long way to simplifying the process and making it much easier to communicate with members.

And as for transparency (another word used to create suspicion) we will be having a special meeting of the POA board on November 3 where we will *openly* work on the budget. You are all welcome to attend. In fact the *only* way to know what is *really* going on is to come to the POA Board meetings. Otherwise all you get is confusing misinformation and hearsay.

Sincerely,  
Joanna Theriault

## Pet love & appreciation

Dear Editor,

I and the entire Pet Partners Team want to express our sincere gratitude to the community for its incredible response and support of our efforts to help assure the well-being of all pets and animals here. Since Pet Partners' inception a little over three years ago, the community as a whole has shown unwavering support in so many ways.

Pet owners (partners) have shown how much they really love their four-legged family members by calling on us when their pets need medical help, making sure they are healthy, well cared for and spayed or neutered. They have sought our help in finding good homes when circumstances require, and they often serve as fosters. They regularly inform us of the status of their pets and discuss areas for improvement. It's really heart-warming to see how much love and pride our community of pet owners takes in the care of their pets.

All of our community pets and animals are in much better health thanks to Dr. Linda Behrns. Her support to not only our animals, but also to Pet Partners' efforts, has been unconditional. We are a fortunate community to have her as such a tireless and devoted member.

Our local businesses have provided services, supplies, funds and moral support. In particular Crestone Mercantile has been our strongest and most devoted partner. And Crestone Brewing Co., our newest business partner, recently donated proceeds from Oktoberfest to the cause.

Dozens of ordinary community members have devoted time, energy, expertise and plain loving compassion. These volunteers are what make our efforts possible. They work at our fundraising events, our spay/neuter clinics, act as fosters, bring food and animal necessities and are mindful of animals in need. The list of care and support from our volunteers could go on and on.

Many, many members of the community contribute funds in our change collection jars at local merchants', some hand me money in the streets for our pets and some donate anonymously. We are grateful for all of these forms of loving hearts and generous spirits.

There are no grants or foundations or tax exempt benefits, it's just us, this community of people, helping each other take good, loving care of our animals and all being "Pet Partners". That is awesomeness incarnate!

With our sincerest gratitude,  
Patrick Moore  
The Pet Partners team, and  
Our pets & animals

## Taxes, taxes, unintended consequences

Dear Editor,

Anybody noticed your home insurance premiums went up af-

ter the failed Emergency Services District vote? The one last dissenting vote cast against it cost us all more in insurance premiums than the tax increase would have cost. Mine went up \$400 because the fire station was down-rated. My friend cannot now purchase lower cost insurance from AARP which I have been able to buy for years. A salaried fire chief would have cost me less than my trash pick-up (\$25/month). Anybody noticed the drought and fire danger was not affected by the vote?

The campaign to defeat the ESD waged by "the three" who sent out trumped-up inaccuracies on their computers, eventually faded into the dust as marijuana replaced it.

I speak for me in bemoaning the absence of a stand-alone fire department in the Baca. I prefer the mountain views, quietude, and a protected community with affordable insurance, to one with less protection and higher insurance. Votes make a difference, and the trade-offs are not always apparent to those who fail to anticipate unintended consequences.

Vince Palermo

## Vote for Colorado Care

To the Editor,

As a licensed physician in Colorado I'm writing this note to urge readers to vote for Colorado Care, Amendment 69, "Medicare for All Coloradans", as it's been called. Colorado Care is not part of the regular state government. It is a co-op solely engaged in health care, not the many issues vying for attention in ordinary state entities. Its managers, the Trustees, are elected by us, the citizens. Unlike insurance companies, whose shareholders primarily seek personal profit, Colorado Care, owned by us citizens, has as its primary interest good health care and quality providers.

This system is simple, having no deductibles, no narrow networks of providers and no annual re-enrollment. It covers *everyone*. Complementary, alternative, and integrative medical therapies are covered for practices that are demonstrably effective.

Colorado Care aims to improve health care in rural areas such as ours through a number of innovative approaches. Another major underserved population targeted by Colorado Care is that of those with mental health and substance abuse disorders. The overall theme of Colorado Care is to tackle the deficiencies that have made our health care system one of the

## Editor's Notes

### Thankful—and worried

The November issue is when I like to thank all our the *Eagle's* readers, writers, advertisers, photographers, subscribers, contributors, supporters and my wonderful staff. You all make *The Crestone Eagle* happen. We couldn't do it without you! I thank you deeply. You make this job rewarding and community journalism possible.

Since this is one of the most significant elections in my lifetime I also need to talk about dangerous polarization.

In Salida last week I saw a sign on a gun shop advertising a "Pre-election Gun Sale!". What? What is going on in people's minds? It made me think maybe I should buy a gun to protect myself from all the people buying guns.

I recently heard on the news that some Republican congressmen are already planning impeachment proceedings against Clinton in case she wins the election—tie her up with endless investigations. GOP "leaders" are already stating that they will not work with her. That they will do what they did to Obama—block any legislation to address the problems our country faces. No reaching across the aisle, no compromise legislation to work for the common good. No adulthood.

This isn't how it used to be. And I don't think this is how people—Republicans, Independents, Democrats etc. want it to be. You might expect this kind of behavior from a few uncompromising radicals—but not from those chosen to act for the best of our country and actually govern.

When those at the very top have signaled that it's alright to act without civility, to discriminate and even hate, it creates a very dangerous situation—in our society, in our neighborhoods.

It is imperative that "we the people" reach across the aisle—across the street, and find our own common ground and peaceful solutions. That is something I would be deeply grateful to see.

With Thanksgiving,  
—Kizzen



least effective among developed nations while at the same time being the most expensive. The extra money needed to pay for all these elements that have gone missing in our current system is expected to emerge from savings derived from the elimination of the practices of our current corporate health insurance plutocracy. Fewer health administrators will be needed and the cost of purchased drugs and medical equipment can be greatly reduced.

I urge you to help us move forward on health care that is both effective and fair. Health care is a right, not a privilege.

Earl ("Bill") Sutherland, MD  
PhD.

## Yes on Amendment 69—ColoradoCare

Dear Editor,

Healthcare is a public good and a moral necessity, like public schools, libraries, roads and street lights. It's time to stop quibbling about costs and boogie man fears. Universal healthcare is already successful in this country, it's called Medicare. Medicare costs less to run than the current for-profit system. Profit is just another cost added on top of actual healthcare costs.

Thirty-three countries provide healthcare for everybody for less cost than we do. We are the only industrialized democracy that doesn't have universal healthcare.

ColoradoCare is fair. Its healthcare premium tax is 10%. Employees pay 3.33%; employers pay 6.67% (which includes the medical portion of workers' comp.) or they may pay up to the full 10%. Self-employed and retirees will pay not more than 10% and likely less depending on their income amount and sources. Certain federal tax exemptions apply to social security and retirement income that also will apply to income taxed for ColoradoCare. See [coloradocare.org/calculator](http://coloradocare.org/calculator).

- Small businesses will provide health coverage for employees at the same reduced rate as big businesses.

- Medicaid recipients will not pay for ColoradoCare.

- Nothing changes for Medicare recipients except that ColoradoCare will be a supplemental plan.

In 2017, health insurance premiums will rise an average of 20% and 42% in rural Colorado with no end in sight. Wouldn't it be great to have certainty about your healthcare costs and not worry about how much higher your premiums will be the next year?

Amendment 69 means good health for *all* Coloradans, including 350,000 uninsured and 870,000 underinsured. It means no more deductibles, no co-pays for preventive/primary care, no narrow provider networks. People will access preventive care, rather than waiting until their problems are dangerous, saving healthcare costs.

Each of us knows somebody who needs healthcare. Now that friend, co-worker, neighbor and that child whose parents can't afford to send her to the doctor will get the healthcare she needs.

Vote yes on Amendment 69.

Mikela and Philip Tarlow

## We have not been abandoned

Dear Editor,

We speak in awe of our founding fathers Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton, Ben Franklin, etc. We have not been abandoned. We are all part of an unfolding evolution of human consciousness. As the saying goes God is not finished with us yet. What if both Hillary and Trump with all their flaws are both being spiritually guided? What if the spiritual wisdom of the American people is that we need the impulses both of them are bringing forward?

What if both Hillary and Trump have a piece of the wisdom which can guide our future? We certainly don't want to encourage the hatred coming out of the Trump campaign, but what if Trump is right that it is time for the rest of the wealthy countries in the world to pick up a larger share of the role of the world's military protection and what if we need to radically change the economic structure which created the enormous wealth of the 1% and increasing poverty of the rest of us toward a greater sharing of our national wealth with all our people? What if the great distortion in the distribution of wealth built into our economic structures is at the root of worldwide turmoil? And what about Bernie and Jill Stein and the Libertarians? Aren't each of them bringing forward important points to consider and integrate into the whole? And what if Hillary is right that the way we need to go forward is to join together and cooperate with one another?

Are we big enough inside ourselves to let go of self-righteousness and truly listen to one another? Bill Gates has become a hero through demonstrating the power of altruism. A tiny fraction of the profits from Wall Street would wipe out all student debt in our country. Great things are possible and worth working for. I am so grateful to be here in this time of great transformation. All that is required is to harness our national will. All it takes is each one of us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Fey

## POA thank you

Dear Editor,

The Baca Grande POA staff would like to express a sincere thank you to all of the extraordinary community volunteers who participated in inserting the election materials into envelopes for this election, and of course to the people who came forward to put their time and effort into counting ballots as Election Tellers. You all helped make the 2016 Annual Election possible and have shown your community commitment. Our gratitude goes to: Curtis Ramsay, Rose Burek, Pat Tullos, Ted and Diane Shepard, Judie Rose, Jill Dossenback, Margaret Varna, Alicia Mason-Miller, Sara Grimes, and our Election Tellers: Holly Hosner, Betty Speer and David and Carol Lee.

We also would like to congratulate the newly elected Board

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## The candidates review: Newman style

by Allan R. Newman

"The lesser of two evils" is a term that gets tossed around, about this time in the election year. And if the mainstream media have their way you only have two evils to choose from and it is difficult to tell who is the lesser of the evils; a woman who has already lived eight years in the White House and tried to steal the furniture when she got evicted or a giant carrot with bad hair and a bigoted attitude. Anyone who would vote for Trump would play Pin the Tail on the Donkey with a flamethrower.

Have no fear Colorado, you have more choice than any good democratic-minded voter could ever hope for. There are 22 (count-em) evils on the ballot. There should be someone there for just about everyone.

You already know more than you ever wanted to know about Trump and Clinton, so I'll start with the next evil on the list . . .

**Darrell L. Castle:** The American Constitution Party. Sort of a wishy-washy Libertarian with a defining quote that says if you don't want him "any of the others will do." Sounds fair to me.

**Gary Johnson:** Libertarian. A well intended New Mexican with a bazaar sort of charisma, like one of those lizards that can catch flies out of the air with their tongue, but who is sadly uninformed.

**Jill Stain:** The Green Party candidate who just so happens to be a real woman who cares about the environment and us folks who live in it. The question is, does the American electorate really want to vote for someone who cares about them?

**Frank Atwood:** of the Approval Voting Party, whatever that means. Had a little trouble finding anything on Frank other than he is either a murderer on death row in New Mexico or a Libertarian. Either one would be qualified, I'm sure.

**"Rocky" Roque De La Fuente:** American Delta Party. He wants to make sure your vote counts. Unfortunately he can't make your vote count till he is elected. So your vote isn't going to count till he's in office and around and around and around. That is a paradox. Besides, school kids will have trouble with that name.

**James Hedges:** The Prohibition Party. (pause) My sainted mother told me "If you cannot say something nice about someone don't say anything at all." So, James is in support of the folks at Standing Rock who are not only trying to stop a pipeline but are trying to protect the waters of the world for all of us, may they be blessed and bless you James. On the other hand, Prohibition Party? What dimension are these people living in? We went through that once before and it didn't work.

**Tom Hoefling:** America's Party. He's on a mission from God. Somebody had to be. I suppose God just doesn't have time to take care of things for herself.

**Chris Keniston:** Veterans of America Party. His catch phrase is "I am someone." Which sums it

up. Plus he is a veteran, for what it is worth.

**Alyson Kennedy:** Socialist Workers Party. Another woman candidate, which we don't have enough of. Great political name, but lets face it, when folks see the word socialist all they see is Commie baby eaters. Good luck Alyson. Good luck.

**Kyle Kenly Kopitke (KKK?):** Independent American Party. Good intentions with too much time and money. He has a PhD in Public Administration, so what else could he do.

**Lawrence Kotlioff:** The Kotlioff for President Party. The name of his party says it all.

**Gloria Estela La Riva:** Socialism and Liberation Party. Another woman with a great name but, again, a baby-eating Socialist. She does have a big plus in having Dennis Banks as a running mate.

**Bradford Lyttle:** Nonviolent Resistance/Pacifist Party. In America we kill people like that, don't we?

**Joseph Allen Maldonado (or as he likes to be called, "Joe Exotic"):** Independent People Party. Get this, he's a gay lion tamer. What else could you ask for? I beg, you give this guy some thought.

**Michael A. Maturen:** American Solidarity Party, which sounds like an oxymoron to me. I think this guy is uninformed. He should get in touch with the other 21 candidates.

**Evan McMullin:** Unaffiliated. Who votes for someone named Evan?

**Ryan Alan Scott:** Unaffiliated. Information on this guy is a little sketchy. As near as I can tell, he looks like a chimpanzee and is real pleased to be on the ballot. I believe in free elections but it should take more than just a Facebook page to get your name on a ballot for POTUS.

**Rod Silva:** The Nutrition Party. He wants to make America healthy again and who doesn't? Rod looks pretty healthy to me. If it's about food I'm all for it.

**Mike Smith:** Unaffiliated. Mike Smith sounds like an alias to me but, he says he's compelled to run because . . . "nobody else is up to the task." Who knew?

**Emidio Soltysik:** (I can't pronounce it either) Socialist USA. I love this guy. Another one of those pesky Socialists with a name and the demeanor of an ex-KGB agent. But the guy is full of good intentions for social justice and etc. etc.

There you have it, Colorado. That's all you need to know. I have done your homework for you and you should be ready for the voting booth or at least a quiet evening at home, with a glass or two of Chardonnay, filling out your mail-in ballot. Just remember that the election is a competition, but voting is an opportunity to express your opinion and enforce your feeble will on the people of America. As for me, there is a 23rd candidate at the bottom of the list on that ballot, and it is the most honest and my favorite and I would say the least of all evils, "Write-in."

## Letters

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members, Steve Dossenback and Bill Strathearn. Steve Dossenback came in with a total of 603 votes and Bill Strathearn came in with a total of 331. The staff and current Board of Directors look forward to working with you to see that the POA becomes the best that it can be for all to enjoy. Please visit our website to view the 2016 election results ([www.bacapo.org](http://www.bacapo.org)).

We also would like to thank all of our Committee Members who volunteer. This would include the Nominating Committee, Diane Dunlap, Judie Rose and Judy Gilbert; The Environmental and Architectural Committee, Charley Sommers, Steve Dossenback, Dennis Isselmann, Mary Ann Sheeran, Ed Sbarbaro, Paul Jackson and Don Root; the Violations Appeal Panel, Diane Dunlap, Judie Rose, Joy Hill, Marcia Heusted and Diana Moats. And, let's not forget about the other current Board of Directors, Sugandha Brooks, Joanna Theriault, Matie Belle Lakish, and much appreciation to Bruce McDonald for his past three years of service.

Thank you all for your care and commitment to the POA community!

Ayla Hoevers  
General Manager  
The Baca Grande POA

## CEOLP thanks

To our community,

Over the years, the Crestone End of Life Project has learned, through the direct experience of serving this community, that not only does it "take a village to raise a child" but it takes a village to support and guide us through all of life's transitions.

Without the broad range of support and participation that CEOLP has received, we wouldn't be here.

How grateful we are to the Colorado DPHE; the BGVFD; Saguache County Land Use and Commissioners; Dragon Mountain Temple for the donation of land; Ken Skoglund and Mark Potter; Ken Skoglund and Mark Potter; Lynn Pierce; Lynn Drake and Shahna Lax, who have all made significant contributions to the building and beautification of the site.

We extend our appreciation for the generosity of the Ashram in donating saris for use as shrouds; Blue Earth Design for crafting the stretchers; Shumei's willingness to use its van for transport of cremation guests; Mark Talbot/Xplore Design for years of IT support and design insight and to Kizzen Laki and *The Crestone Eagle* for their continued support.

## SLV Rural Electric Co-op reducing cost to 'opt out' of Smart Meters

To whom it may concern:

SLVREC is pleased to offer a budget billing solution for members wanting to opt-out of the advanced metering program.

- The budget-billing program will allow members to have a non-standard digital meter with no radio transmission capabilities.

- The meter reading charge of \$25 will be assessed only twice a year.

- The member must have been on REC service, at the same location, for at least 12 consecutive months to qualify for this program.

- The members must have a zero balance on their account to qualify for this program.

- The meter will only be read twice a year. This means that if your usage changes you will be responsible for paying any overages incurred during your budget billing closeout. If your usage decreases that amount will be credited to your account.

- When your meter is read at the 6 month period we will adjust the budget billing amount, if the usage has changed.

- Your account must be kept in good standing. If the account becomes delinquent you will be removed from the budget billing program and the non-standard meter election agreement will go into effect. You will pay \$25 per month for readings.

If you are interested in joining this program please call our office at 719-852-3538. You will be required to sign a contract agreeing to all of the terms and conditions of the budget-billing program. Thank you for your time and interest.

Yours in cooperation,  
Customer Service  
San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative

We're grateful to Tsering and Ling at the Desert Sage; Michelle and Benjie at The Cloud; to Jessi at the Bistro and to the Little Shepherd Fellowship, for use of their facilities for our meetings and events.

As always—so many to thank—especially those "hidden ones" who are always working behind the scenes: Gratitude to all!

Stephanie Gaines

## Saguache County Crime Report

by Mary Lowers

Despite the beautiful fall colors the volume of speeding tickets tell me that people were in too much of a hurry last month to enjoy the season. Most of the citations issued were for speeding, but there are still folks failing to stop at stop signs. A full stop, and sticking to the posted speed limit, will save drivers a couple of hundred in cash.

Early in October, a brawl in Moffat turned into big trouble. Four men were charged and will have to tell their stories in court. In connection with this incident a Moffat man, 30, had felony charges filed against him, including disorderly conduct, third degree criminal trespass and a felony menacing charge. Another player in this drama is a Moffat man, 54, who is summoned to appear in court on charges of third degree assault, harassment, disorderly conduct, third degree criminal trespass, and menacing. A third Moffat man, 18, involved in the altercation, faces disorderly conduct charges. And yet another Moffat man, 58, will face third degree criminal trespass and disorderly conduct charges in court in connection with this fight. From the look of things this will be a "he said/he said" trial.

A Pratt Kansas man, 40, began hunting season early. He was jailed in Saguache on Department of Wildlife charges including destruction of big game/wildlife with no bail amount listed. A Monte Vista man, 35, sits in the county jail with no bail amount listed on contempt of court charges.

There were several driving while under the influence of drugs and alcohol (DUI) that sent county men to jail. A Del Norte man, 38, was jailed with \$500 bail listed on charges including DUI, driving with excessive alcohol content and unsafely changing lanes. A Villa Grove man, 58, was charged with DUI, driving with excessive alcohol content, and speeding. His bail was set at \$500.

Domestic violence charges sent two Center men to jail. A forty-year-old Center man faces charges including domestic violence, second degree assault, and possessing a dangerous and/or illegal weapon. He was booked with no bail set. Another Center man, 29, sat in jail with no bail on charges of domestic violence and third degree assault. Third degree assault, domestic violence, and child abuse charges sent a Center woman, 51, to jail with no bail amount listed.

The search for missing Crestone resident Kristal Reisinger, 29, continues. Despite reported sightings of the young woman no confirmed reports of her whereabouts have come forth. Deputy Wayne Clark says that inquiries have been put out to the Rainbow Family and elsewhere. Please contact the Saguache County Sheriff 719 655 2525 with any information on this case.

A group of Crestonians putting together a neighborhood watch group is meeting on Sunday afternoons at the Cloud Station coffee shop. The group calls itself the Crestone Awareness Network and wants to send the message to people disturbing the peace and safety of the town that "What you are doing is wrong and not acceptable." The team plans to do walk-through in town and to document information it gathers while talking to, videoing and observing individuals and incidents. There will be a box at the Cloud where a written report of incidents can be dropped off. The Network is looking into training with SLV Behavioral Health. According to Deputy Wayne Clark, "The Saguache County Sheriff's Office is supportive and excited about this group."

Until next month, drive safely and remember to winterize your vehicle. Snow will be flying before we know it.

## Prescribed burns planned on Baca National Wildlife Refuge

CRESTONE, Colo – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to conduct prescribed burns on the Baca National Wildlife Refuge this Fall. The burns are planned for areas of the refuge along Lower Crestone Creek in order to reduce fuels and improve wildlife habitat. The burns will be conducted by professional fire personnel from the San Luis Valley Interagency Fire Management Unit. Exact burn dates will depend on weather conditions and other prescription requirements.

Neighbors and towns adjacent to the refuge should be aware of large plumes of smoke temporarily generated as a result of the prescribed burning, and that some burn units have the potential to smolder for several days. All burns will be monitored until they are declared completely out. Signs will be posted along nearest major roads including Saguache

County Rd. T and Colorado State Highway 17. Any neighbors or individuals that may require special consideration or assistance in the event that unplanned smoke issues arise are encouraged to call the Refuge Manager, Ron Garcia at 719-256-5527.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information see [www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health).

For additional information, contact the Baca National Wildlife Refuge at 719-256-5527.

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# A changing of the guard: New POA Board is elected

by John Rowe

The 2016 Annual POA Meeting was held on October 20 at 7pm at the Crestone Baptist Church. Board members Bruce McDonald, Sugandha Brooks, and Matie Belle Lakish were present, with Joanna Theriault unable to attend. POA attorney David Graf presided over the meeting and went over a few key points necessary to validate the election of the two new board members.

Mr. Graf first announced that the election participation met the threshold ( 20% of the 2,753 POA members in good standing) for the establishment of a quorum (551 voters minimum) and asked the audience if there was any difficulty of being duly notified. There were none vocalized by the 32 audience members in attendance and so the

election was declared legitimate and binding.

Steve Dossenback and Bill Strathearn will be our new POA Board Directors with Mr. Dossenback receiving 603 votes and Mr. Strathearn receiving 331 votes.

Mr. Graf then took audience questions and there were a few concerning just how a covenant or governing statute could be changed. It has always been difficult and has required a high number of voters and an overwhelming majority of "yea" votes to change something and has not occurred very often in the POA's history. A new state law requires that a 67% majority of the entire membership must vote in the affirmative to change a rule and this makes changing a covenant highly unlikely as their is never is anything to close to a 67%

majority of members that vote, much less all the same way for any ballot measure.

POA Board officer reports came next with outgoing President Bruce McDonald making the first statement. Mr. McDonald talked about the current Board's accomplishments, bringing in Westwind Management as a consultant, and dealing effectively with the long-standing Baca problems of increasing homeowner blight, non-payment of dues, and the continuing deterioration of the POA Hall.

Director Sugandha Brooks gave the Treasurer's report and stated that the POA finished about 3% over budget in terms of operating expenses and took large sums of money from POA reserves to purchase the new ambulance (about \$100,000) and major renovations to

the POA Hall totaling over \$50,000. She delivered the happy news that management fees are down 50% and new assertive collection efforts have netted \$67,000 and payment delinquency has gone down from 34% to less than half of that.

Charlie Sommers, head of the EAC (Environment and Architectural Committee) stated in his report that the EAC is tightening down on unfinished projects that have shown no progress for an extended period of time and that permits for new housing starts continue to be on the rise.

All Board members pleaded with the membership to become more actively involved in helping govern the Baca and bringing their vision for our community to the Board and each other.

## Meeting of POA board candidates: Echoes of the future

by Earl Sutherland

The seven candidates for the two openings on the Board of Directors of the Property Owners Association (POA) spoke before about thirty members and answered their questions. The meeting on October 10, held at the Baptist Church (the POA Hall being remodeled), was chaired by Diane Dunlap, who showed fortitude in managing a sometimes raucous proceeding. The candidates were Alison McClure, James ("Bill") Strathearn, Steve Dossenback, Robert McClure, Donovan Spitzman, Bob Garnett, and Bruce McDonald, each of whom offered a several-minute summary of, as it turned out, most any topic, often omitting Ms. Dunlap's request to state how many meetings of the Board they'd attended. Mr. Dossenback was the only speaker applauded, well deserved for his concise analysis of the importance of and methods for maintaining property values. The defining of and sustaining/growing of property values was a major focus of questions to the candidates. Many of the audience were not known to this observer and often self-defined as newcomers; they showed an enthusiastic desire to be well informed by their attendance and participation. While most

speakers thought of property values in terms of the dollars-worth of their real estate, some also alluded to the natural environment which has primarily attracted the majority of residents (whenever those residents' opinions have been sought!). Firm adherence to the governing documents, creating jobs, and nurturing the traditional spirit here of helping one another were suggested as key components of a healthy climate for real estate values. A related issue was the seeming opposition to the perhaps-too-severe regulations of the governing documents, composed to try to assure property values, versus the creative efforts of

younger newcomers, often less well-off financially, who may perceive the regulations as barriers to establishing themselves here. There appeared a hint of Young against Old values, despite calls to find a "middle ground".

Several speakers expressed concern about the "transparency" of the Board's actions. Ms. McClure has studied the various decisions of the Board in recent meetings and presented her results. There were 9 decisions made in executive session, all of which she felt were appropriate to that means; there were 34 decisions at public meetings which were, or could have been dis-

cussed; finally, there were 16 decisions made by e-mail, 9 of which Ms. McClure felt probably should have been available to be discussed by the membership. The "e-mail conspiracy"? Why isn't the membership more involved? Mr. McDonald re-stated his view that it's not the Board's responsibility to attract the interest of members, but others recognized that most organizations do seek to attract the engagement of those whom they serve, and several ideas were forwarded.

Soon the two newly elected Directors, Steve Dossenback and Bill Strathearn, will be seated. They would do well to heed the important concerns brought forth in this lively meeting and its well-spoken attendees.



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# Saguache County News

by Sandia Belgrade

## New Public Health Director named

Saguache County has hired David Daboll, as the new Director of the Public Health Department. After short stints by Ginger Stringer who replaced Marcy Gardunio, who replaced Della Viera, the County may finally have someone who can bring stability in a department that is significant to the wellbeing of county residents.

In a phone interview David Daboll said he was delighted to take on the position and challenge of being the Director of Public Health here in Saguache County. He brings to the position some 33 years as a physician assistant and a wealth of international experience. Much of his work was overseas with refugee groups in Bosnia, Africa, Indonesia working with International Medical Corps, as well as working in the Marshall Islands with the Marimed Foundation of Hawaii. The last 15 years he has worked in the San Luis Valley as a medical provider. He lives in Alamosa with his wife and two teenage children. He is an active adult leader with Boy Scout Troop 307.

We extend a welcome to Mr. Daboll and wish him well.

In the meantime two women have had to step up in the Public Health Department because several positions were vacated. Crowfox Fleming, Financial Coordinator, reported that they were working hard to keep up on invoicing and new methods of billing. She has attended webinars to keep current with grants. State inquiries showed that the department was staying in compliance with their strict protocols, and Commissioner Tim Lovato thanked her for taking on the responsibilities. Janet Beiriger, Administrative Assistant, gave updates on emergency preparedness and response (EPR). They are getting ready for a statewide EPR drill. Given that this department handles critical areas such as Regional and County Disaster Preparedness, Immunization and Vaccination, Nursing Services, and Home and Community Based Services, the quality of staff seems to be up to the task.

## Other new positions at the County

Other employees are also fill-

ing new positions in the various departments in the County. Rhianon Curry is now office manager for Road and Bridge. She replaces Iris Garcia who has transferred from Road and Bridge to Public Health. Garcia will replace Illeen Rivale as Prevention Coordinator. Rivale is retiring.

## On call personnel at Social Services

In her monthly report Linda Warsh, Social Services Director, proposed a payment system for "on call" people which will be in line with comparable counties. An on call person is available for 24 hours and receives a maximum of \$12/day. This will be instead of comp time.

## Budget update

The Commissioners were presented with the 2017 Preliminary Budget on October 4. On that date there was also a Public Hearing and adoption of the Supplemental Budget for 2016. There were also two bids on a County vehicle: a silver 1998 Ford Expedition. One bid was for \$810; the second bid of \$860 by John Ortega was accepted.

## Commissioners refuse raise

Colorado Senate Bill 288, a bipartisan bill signed by Governor Hickenlooper in 2015, allows officials to accept a pay raise ranging from 0 to 30%. The 30% is automatic for all county officials in the state unless commissioners petition the state legislature for less money. To their credit, our Commissioners have refused the raise because it would cost the County \$25,000.

## New solar installation

Richard Ramstetter of Penitente Solar Energy, LLC appeared before BOCC for the hearing of their Conditional Use request. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this solar project. Ramstetter has an augmented water plan. SLV Rural Electric has been contracted to provide utilities and in the future they may even purchase energy from Penitente Solar Energy. The Commissioners approved their request and said it welcomes solar installations.

## Tourism Council update

Three members of the Tourism Council gave a general report of their activities including the progress of the mosaic project in Crestone and signage around the county such as Crestone/Moffat sign; their grants program, their advertising and cooperation with other organizations, especially the SLV Tourism Association. The three council members—Vivia Lawson, a realty agent from Crestone; Theo Boudreaux, general manager of Joyful Journey; and Faith O'Reilly, owner of Saguache Lodge—reported that they are making a concerted

effort to involve more geographies other than Crestone and Saguache. They are actively seeking new members and interested people from Center, Villa Grove, and La Garita. They're also interested in communicating with Air BnBs around the county. O'Reilly emphasized that the council wants people to know about their advertising grant: any group doing an event can get \$250 from the council for advertising and marketing. They have a simple, straight forward application. The Council, which meets once a month, is funded by the lodging tax which is 1.9%. It is their sole support but it provides a revenue stream, O'Reilly collects the tax from her guests at the Saguache Lodge. The amount the Council has to work with varies between \$13,000 and \$17,500 a year, but because of reporting time lags they're always 2 quarters behind in knowing the amount.

## Website concerns

Faith said the County's website is not usable to their members. The Council is wanting autonomy to be able to manage their own domain and not be dependent on the County site. She said the BOCC reacted favorably, and the County will begin the process of doing it themselves. They are considering user-friendly software, and Boudreaux will be able to provide some expertise with the website.

## Medical marijuana facility

Shauna DeMoss and Berlin O'Butler of Stryker Industry, LLC submitted a Conditional Use request for a medical marijuana facility for cultivating and processing south of Saguache. The Planning Commission had previously approved their application. DeMoss explained that they were envisioning a large operation of 1,000 plants per greenhouse. The greenhouses will be sealed; they not concerned about any contagion or cross pollination from hemp. Their system employs filters. Their focus will be cultivation and extraction of medical marijuana first. Later they hope to include recreational grows. They will purchase water and have a metered well. When queried about the 5% excise tax on the ballot, DeMoss and O'Butler support it and welcome it to help the burden of the County. They feel strongly that the medical bubble won't burst as more applications are being found for it and federal acceptance will enable more research. Nationally it is approximately a 1.3 billion dollar industry that stands to benefit the County. The Commissioners approved their application for phase 1. (reminder: the excise tax only affects marijuana cultivators even though all eligible residents get to vote on it.)



Saguache County Commissioner Ken Anderson wearing a hat made of Colorado hemp.

## Speaking of hemp

Commissioner Ken Anderson is seen here sporting the new hat of the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union. It is made from hemp and Ken says it is very sturdy. He is on the board of Farmers Union District 5.

## County youth

Randal Arredondo, Road & Bridge Supervisor, announced that he will be working with a youth program again, the Conservation Youth Corps, and will probably work with about 10 teens from all over the county. He is working out the budget and their work.

## VISTA program funded

Yvonne Morfitt, science teacher at Mountain Valley School in Saguache, coordinates their VISTA program (Volunteers In Service To America). It has been approved for another 3-year cycle. Readers may not know that this program was founded in 1965 by President Kennedy and has continued since as a national service program. The Mountain Valley School greenhouse teaches the kids to grow hydroponically. The program is most active February through summer. The Commissioners approved supporting them again this year.

## 12 Hours of Penitence

The 2nd Annual 12 Hours of Penitence mountain bike race was deemed a success. Some 67 individuals from across the region participated in the event which is a grueling mountain bike event. The race takes place within Penitente Canyon Recreation Area which is west of the town of La Garita. Saguache County Commissioner Jason Anderson rode on a trio team that placed second in the race. This was the first year the event was operated by SLV Dirt Worx, a Del Norte-based non-profit. The event is made possible through a special use permit issued by the Bureau of Land Management.

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The regular Board of Trustees meeting held on October 10 began with a public hearing on the 2017 budget. Citizen comments were made and noted, which included comments about the need to increase funding for weed and mosquito control. A copy of the draft budget is available for viewing in Town Hall.

**Further discussion**

- The FEMA-funded drainage project to be completed by January 2017.

- An announcement for a Master Planning Trail Grant public meeting to be held at 1:30 on November 14 at Crestone Town Hall for the purpose of getting public input for possible trail locations within the town limits.

- Trustee Laki reporting on using a variety of trees to landscape the Downtown Redevelopment Project areas. Tree donations worth more than \$4500.00 have been collected for spring planting. The Town is sincerely grateful for the donations that will conclude the town's in-kind match for grant funding requirements.

- A Law Enforcement Task Force met to discuss options for funding a police officer in town.

**Other news**

There has been a bustle of activity around the Town of Crestone this month. The plaza in Little Pearl Park is now complete. The disappearing fountain looks great, as well as all of the flagstone work. A shelf of chalk has been provided nearby for artists of all ages to add their colorful creations to sidewalks. Come down, relax and enjoy the view.

White stop lines have recently been painted at a few intersections to help remind people to stop at the stop signs. We have high pedestrian traffic, as well as people riding bikes, Segways and horses, so please let us work together to keep the roads in town safe.

Crestone Awareness Network is a newly formed neighborhood watch group, consisting of com-

munity members and Town Board members. CAN is working in conjunction with the Saguache County Sheriff's Department, and one of their goals includes making the town parks safe. If you are interested in becoming involved, speak with Trustees Benjamin Byer, Terry Goergen, William Martino or Deputy Wayne Clark.

A glorious golden autumn is now waning in Crestone, which means winter is fast approaching, so here are a few tips before it turns cold:

1. Get your chimney cleaned.
2. Check your furnace; change your filter, if needed.
3. Insulate your pipes and hot water heaters.
4. Trim trees close to your home.
5. Add door draft guards to exterior doors.
6. Stock up on firewood.
7. Keep hot cocoa or herbal tea on hand to warm your insides.

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Friday October 21 the kids from Crestone Charter School had a blast carving pumpkins, a project graciously sponsored by the owners of the new Crestone Inn, previously known as Casa del Soul. All K-12 students participated in 2 separate groups and the owners even offered prizes for the best ones! photo by Lori Nagel



Erica Erfurt and Shelby Morley happily carving a pumpkin. photo by Lori Nagel

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**NOTICE OF VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OF THE BACA GRANDE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT TO FILL VACANCY BY APPOINTMENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that a vacancy exists for the Office of Director of the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District (the "District"). An eligible elector of the District will be appointed by the Board of Directors (the "Board") to serve until they or their successor is elected at the next regular special district election in May 2018.

An eligible elector of the District is registered to vote in Colorado and:

1. A resident of the District; or
2. The owner (or spouse/civil union partner of owner) of taxable real or personal property situated within the boundaries of the District; or
3. A person who is obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase taxable property within the District.

The Board is accepting Letters of Interest from eligible electors of the District wanting to be considered for the appointment by the Board to the Office of Director. The Letter of Interest must include the following information:

1. Name of eligible elector as it appears in her/his voter registration record;
2. Address of residence, or address of qualifying property if not a resident of the District and spouse's name, if property is in spouse's name;
3. Phone number;
4. Email address;
5. Reason(s) for interest in serving as a Director; and
6. Details of experience, training, education, and/or background that would bring value to the Board.

Letters of interest and/or resumes should be personally delivered or mailed so that they are received at the District office no later than 4:30 PM, November 7, 2016 to be considered for this vacancy.

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# Saguache County election

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language assistance, have the right to ask an election judge to assist them with voting. It is required to pay them \$10/hour which is calculated to be \$6,000 just for judges.

### Personnel sorely needed

Gomez has been short-handed in the office. No one on her staff has had election experience and can operate the electronic equipment. Renee Hazard was trained, but she has resigned. The person hired to replace her has requested vacation time, leaving Gomez in an untenable situation. The election process is complex and federal law is complicated and requires significant training. The additional funding that she has requested will be used to bring in an experienced election specialist. Working with Carla will be Debbie Rudy, a previous election director from Montrose who has experience running elections. Her presence will assure this election runs smoothly and correctly. Rudy will earn \$50/hour plus per diem.

### The statewide situation

Saguache is not the only county facing a dilemma. Choate has a staff of 4 and they have found counties all over the state hard pressed to meet their responsibilities. These four people are serving 63 counties and spending 4-5 hours a day getting county officials up to speed. In his tenure of four years Choate has found that when someone leaves at an inopportune time it results in an enormous amount of work and uncertainty. To Carla's credit, she knew she needed help and made it happen. The state will reimburse the County approximately \$.90 per voter or \$3400.

### Commissioners frustrated by request

The Commissioners had a difficult time wrapping their minds around the additional cost being



*Jed Choate, Director of Elections from the Secretary of State's office.*

requested. Jason Anderson wondered why Carla couldn't have given more notice of this. However, Choate informed her only 2 weeks before of the specific requirements she had to meet. Jason's concern was that small counties can't afford these rules. Choate explained that it's not a Colorado rural vs urban issue; the rules have been established nationwide to assure equity and fairness. The fact is that counties pay for elections, and Saguache County has to bite the bullet and come up with the money. After this election Carla and her staff will receive training in how to work the complex process and machines in the future.

### Note

The election judges are there to help voters and poll workers to minimize confusion and delay. They intervene only when necessary to help a voter or poll worker to solve problems as they occur. They ensure that no one is wrongly turned away from the polls. They note problems with machines and help clarify procedures, for instance, what to do if a voter lacks a photo ID. If you go to the County Courthouse to vote, you must be prepared to show a photo ID.

## 2016 General Election news

Saguache County Clerk & Recorder, Carla Gomez, announces that the 2016 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8. Ballots will be mailed to all active, registered voters beginning October 17. The ballot packet will include: 1 ballot, 1 secrecy sleeve, instructions, and 1 return envelope. Voters will mark their ballot, insert it into the secrecy sleeve, insert this into the return envelope, sign the envelope where indicated and return the voted ballot to the Clerk's office at the Saguache County Courthouse, 501 4th Street, or by mail to PO Box 176, Saguache, 81149.

The Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) located in the Courthouse is open through Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, from 8am until 4pm, Monday through Friday, and from 7am until 7pm on Election Day. The VSPC will also be open on Saturday, November 5, from 7am until 11am. Voted ballots can be returned to the Clerk's Office by mail or they may be hand-delivered to the VSPC on the days indicated above. Ballots may also be deposited into the drive-up Ballot Drop Box located in the south parking lot of the Courthouse off of Pitkin Ave. This drop box is open 24 hours a day through 7pm on Election Day. Please keep in mind that ballots received after 7pm on Election Day will not be counted and that postmarks do not count. The exception to this is only overseas/military ballots.

We do suggest that you mail your ballot as soon as you can, or at least by November 1, to be certain that we receive it in time. As we all know, mail going to Denver to be processed then back here, can add to the delivery time.

Visitors to the Courthouse will also notice red "100 Foot Limit" signs on all sides of the building. These are to inform the public of the lawful boundaries for electioneering. We ask that people involved in this activity honor these posted limits.

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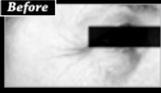


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## Shumei welcomes Japanese artist Kouzui Ikeguchi

Shumei International Institute is very pleased to have Kouzui Ikeguchi's paintings on display from September to December. Join us on Sunday November 13 starting at 3pm for an art symposium with the artist. Kouzui was born in 1968 in Matsue, Shimane Prefecture and raised in Yonago, Tottori Prefecture. At the age of 16, she began studying under sculptor Shunji Okutani, who is one of the disciples of famous wooden sculptor Koun Takamura.



Japanese painter Kouzui Ikeguchi Kanji will be at Shumei International Institute November 13 from 3 to 5pm.

In 1986, she entered into the Kongozen Shyorin-ji Temple to practice a Zen sect of Buddhism and to study East Asian Buddhism. She became a bonze priest and later an officiating monk. During her Zen practice, she studied Buddhist pictures from kei Manai. She continues to paint Buddhist Saints while temporarily working at a kindergarten.

She paints using the Nihonga technique, a Japanese style of painting generally using crushed mineral pigments mixed with a natural liquid adhesive and ap-

plied with sumi ink outlines on top of Japanese paper.

Currently she is working on a Juichimen Kannon standing statue for the Senju-in temple in Matsue, Shimane, the Shingon lineage Buddhism.

Meet with Kouzui and learn more about her work on Sunday November 13, 3 to 5pm. This event is free to the public. Please visit [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) or call 256-5284 for more information. The Shumei gallery is open every day 9 to 5pm.



Japanese clarinetist Chiho Sugo will be at Shumei Friday November 18 at 7pm. The show, titled "Origins," will include percussionist James Doyle, Dr. Tracy Doyle on flute and Alyssa Powell on clarinet.

## Chiho Sugo at Shumei Nov. 18

Shumei International Institute is happy to host Japanese clarinetist Chiho Sugo on Friday, November 18 at 7pm. The show, entitled "Origins," will include percussionist James Doyle, Dr. Tracy Doyle on flute and Alyssa Powell on clarinet. The show will include the works of Poulenc, Tsuboi, Dorff, Douglas, and more. Traditional works from Japan and the American Southwest will make for a memorable evening. There is a \$10 suggested donation at the door.

Chiho Sugo is an Associated Professor at Gunma University where she teaches wind instruments and other courses including Japanese Traditional Instruments. As an active clarinetist, she gives characteristic chamber recitals regularly in/around Tokyo. Her first CD, Brahms Album *Regenlied* (2014) includes Violin Sonata played on E-flat clarinet. She earned her Master of Music at Morehead State University and finished Doctoral course works at Louisiana State University. She's a member of the Japan Clarinet Association and currently a visiting scholar at Adams State University.

James W. Doyle serves as assistant professor at Adams State University where he teaches percussion, world music, and directs the Brazilian, steel pan, and percussion ensembles. James currently performs with the Music in the Mountains Festival Orchestra, the San Juan Symphony, the Chamber Orchestra of Colorado Springs, and tours internationally with the Doyle/Kane Duo for flute and percussion. He has performed and given clinics throughout North America, Europe, Australia, Africa, and Asia, including performance clinics at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention. James earned a Doctor of

Musical Arts from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, a Master of Music from Louisiana State University, and a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Central Missouri.

Dr. Tracy Doyle is Professor of Music at Adams State University where she teaches applied flute, chamber music, and courses in music education. An active flutist, she enjoys performing in a variety of styles from classical to Celtic, and is an advocate for new music. Tracy has performed and given master-classes throughout the United States, Australia, and Japan in solo, chamber, and orchestral settings. As an educator, she leads an engaged and vital collegiate flute studio. Tracy earned her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in flute performance from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, and her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in music education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Alyssa Powell teaches clarinet, saxophone and bassoon at Adams State University. She has been the prestigious concerto soloist with both the University of New Mexico and University of Montana symphony orchestras. She performed the world premiere of *Life, Love and Timelessness* for tenor, clarinet and piano by at the conference of Professional Music Teachers of New Mexico. In addition to teaching at Adams State University, Alyssa teaches general music at Queen of Heaven School in Albuquerque. She is a sought-after woodwind clinician in many middle and high schools in Albuquerque.

Please join us on November 18 for an evening of excellent entertainment. For more information visit [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) or call 719-256-5284.



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# WinterFest! Get ready for the celebration December 2-4

by Kathi McCallum

Winterfest in Crestone is back! Kick off begins Friday, December 2 from 4-6pm at the Crestone Artisans Gallery on Cottonwood Street for "I Would Rather Have Chocolate". Indulge in chocolate decadence while shopping and being serenaded by local music. Then it's off to the Crestone Mercantile for the "Pet Partners" fundraiser dinner and Tree Lighting Ceremony. Next, find the firepit and warm up while singing songs of celebration and gratitude. Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4, come out to the Cre-

stone Charter School for the Holiday Bazaar featuring a variety of local artists. Be sure to sign in for the special door prize gift baskets given away daily. Enjoy music while you shop by talented local Steve Storm and surprise guests. Come hungry because there will be hot food and drinks along with pastries and yummy treats available from vendors and in the kitchen/dining area.

Bring your children, who will be happily entertained while you shop in our Children's Holiday Zone area with crafts and exciting entertainment. We are happy to announce Kelly Hosner Crowley who will be sharing Solstice Stories and Sing-along. Later, Auntie M (aka M. Diane Bairstow) will bring her puppets, stories and playfulness. And of course, jolly ole Saint Nicholas will be flying in to visit. Be sure to wear fun bright colors for your picture by our expert photographer Lori Nagel.

This year's festival will be great fun for the entire family. There are many activities scheduled that will ensure a good time for all. Stay tuned for evening music at the Cloud Station. Please see Facebook page for further details.

We would like to thank the many local businesses and individuals who have generously contributed to helping make Winterfest a great time for all.

Here's a partial list of the vendors who are confirmed for this year's WinterFest:

•Diane Bairstow - children's books.



Elianna Krakauer enthusiastically shops at last year's WinterFest, stopping by Aoife Kelly-Tate's display of fashionable handmade accessories. Aoife's daughter, Saoirse and mother, Anne Kelly look on. photo by Lori Nagel



Aoife Kelly & Chad Tate's daughter, Saoirse, was so happy to spend a lil' quality time with Santa Claus at last year's WinterFest. photo by Lori Nagel

- Aoife Kelly-Tate - gifts, books, dream catchers, knitting and forever health products.
- Brisa Storey - handmade jewelry, clothes, crystals and vintage items.
- Jane Adorney - food gift items and handmade jewelry and art work
- Justice D'Alessio - beaded wire-wrapped jewelry and wrap skirts
- Roberta Davis - baked goods, lavender mists, sage wreaths
- Winter Ross - prints and textiles.
- DeAnna Elliott - fleece wraps and blankets
- Andre Sirois - crystals, gems and minerals
- Andrea Long - jewelry, smudging herbs
- Desiree Marceau - felted ornaments, hand painted cards, candy, baked goods
- Elianna Krakauer - jewelry, didgeridoos, crystals, gifts, and chair massage

- Geneva Hollier - handwoven items and magnets
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  - Mary Benevides - soaps, lotions, candles, recycled totes, baked goods
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  - Sasha Lovelace - candy, jelly, jam, jewelry
  - Shirley Motz - fiber arts and hand spun yarns
  - Windwalker - custom made leather boots & sandals, and glass ornaments
- More are being added every day! It's clear some of Crestone's very artistic and creative people are coming to make this year's WinterFest a wonderful family event!

# WinterFest

## 2016

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Lots of fun festivities at last year's WinterFest celebration, including this kick-off party at the Crestone Artisans Gallery. photo by Lori Nagel

## Crestone Artisans Gallery

by Paula Hudson

Well, I hope you were around for the month of October! The Crestone Artisans Gallery started it off with a kickoff brunch for the Crestone Artists Tour. Patrons were fortified with pastries and warming drinks and music to accompany them on a tour of the gallery. Many of the artists there were also members of the tour so it provided a good preview of the Artists Tour itself. Then, as if that wasn't enough for October, off the gallery members went and created a Halloween celebration! These folks must be hyper-active. Gallery members dressed up in costumes. In that dark and gloomy night, there were wizards and snow queens, sprites and imps floating around. Oh, the children dressed up, too. The gallery had snacks and wine to fuel the grown-up ghosts and goblins and treats for the kids. Did you see the strange eyeball masks drifting around Crestone? Inside the gallery there was face painting for the little trick or treaters and the big ones too. The fire pit outside helped take the chill off: after all, even mummies and zombies get cold. Certainly hope you were there, it was a lot of fun.

The gallery, for November, has introduced a stunning new sculpture by Bob Long. It is made of Colorado marble in mottled soft hues of cream and darker soft shades. Please stop by to enjoy it and the new work that has been brought in for the holiday season. Bob Adler has some beautiful handmade jewelry boxes. Patrick Moore has new wood framed photographs that just sing Crestone. (You get two artists in one package because Bob A. made the frames.) Pat Tesauro-Jackson



Kathy Strathearn weaves these wonderful rugs and wall hangings.

has been stretching her creative wings and has new offerings such as wood key chains inlaid with stone and key holders for your walls. Buy one when you get tired of losing your keys every time you put them down. Carolyn, Sasha, Jane, Bob and Myan and Jeff all have new jewelry, perfect for gifts. Carrie's small bags are perfect for purses, cosmetics or anything you carry. I am running out of space here! Let me mention other wonderful works: Look at the pottery, weavings, paintings, prints, books and cards, pens, music, all of which make great presents at extraordinarily reasonable prices.

Oh, a short story, if you please. A man came in the Crestone Gallery who owed a gallery in Vail. After he had looked carefully around, he said, "This is really impressive, Your artists put some of my artists to shame." So, good on you!



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Visit [www.crestfest.org](http://www.crestfest.org) to check out our current selection. Have an idea of a business that may donate? Do you own a business and are interested in helping support CPI? Contact us today!

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

## Change is coming! CPI needs your feedback!

Crestone Performances Inc. finished its 18th Annual Crestone Music Festival in August. We hope you had as much fun attending as we did organizing it. Now that the dust has settled, we want to hear your feedback so we can keep improving our event. Yes, it's been a couple of months . . . Think back for us. There are changes around the corner and we want to hear from you. Please go online to our website, [www.crestfest.org](http://www.crestfest.org), to answer a quick survey and let us know your thoughts (your answers will be anonymous). While you're there

be sure to pop in and check out the current selection of discounted gift certificates. Feeling even more generous? Call us today to become a member! 719-256-4533.

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knitted items, and much more. A donation drawing for a decorated Christmas tree adds to the excitement of the day.

Breakfast and a hot lunch will be available from Mama Laurie's kitchen.

Call Hillary at 303-507-4821 for information on a vendor table or to be on the wait list for one.



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A cottage industry intended to promote economic development and encourage the creative spirit, Homegrown Totes operates out of a workshop space in downtown Saguache and employs home sewers in Crestone and elsewhere around the county.

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# 17th annual Community Thanksgiving Pot Luck will be held November 20 at the Crestone Charter School

Do you remember the wonderful, warm, community feeling of last year's pre-Thanksgiving Potluck?

On Sunday, November 20, from 12:30-4:30pm at the Crestone Charter School, Neighbors Helping Neighbors will again set the tables for their 17th annual community event.

Volunteers are needed to buy and cook a turkey or donate a turkey for someone else to cook. Volunteers are also needed to help with setup, decorating, serving and clean up. Bring a potluck dish that will serve at least 10 people. (This is a hungry crowd.) Some suggestions are: cranberry dishes, salads, vegetables, lots of different potato dishes (especially mashed potatoes), other creative family favorite side dishes, bread, desserts, pies, cakes, cook-

ies, apple sauce, apple cider, and other drinks.

Coffee, teas, sugar and cream will be provided. You are asked to bring your own plates and eating utensils. Donations of money are also needed to purchase additional supplies.

Call Judie Rose at 256-5110 with questions or to volunteer.



Come join in the fun and enjoy the food at the annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Community Thanksgiving Pot Luck dinner held at the Crestone Charter School on Sunday November 20. photo by Lori Nagel

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**Sunday, Dec. 4 *The Wisdom of Winter***

The season of winter is a time of senescence and at times, death. It is a time when we go indoors and have the opportunity to do quiet work. It is a time of contemplation. It is the place of dreaming and visioning. We will be spending time with these processes. 9:30am to 4:30pm. \$85 or \$155 for both workshops.

To register and for location call Dorje Root, 719-937-7786, or dorjoroot@yahoo.com.

**Saguache 2017 Planning Conference Nov. 19**

Save the date! The Saguache Chamber of Commerce will be holding the 4th Annual Saguache Planning Conference on Saturday, November 19th at the County Road & Bridge Building-located at 305 3rd Street, Saguache. The Chamber will be collecting dates for meetings and events to put on the Chamber's 2017 Community Calendar. The conference is from 10am to 3pm. There will also be a line-up of great speakers discussing important items of interest for our community. More details will be forthcoming.

Come enjoy the gathering, contribute to our annual calendar, listen to great speakers, and enjoy refreshments and lunch from our local restaurants. Questions? Contact 719-322-7298.

**Crestone Nordic Ski Alliance**  
*by Peter May*

The Crestone Nordic Ski Alliance is excited to announce that it will be expanding the length of its groomed trails this year. The BLM has issued a permit to expand the snow trails onto the BLM land adjacent to the USFS land in the area of South Crestone/Willow Lake Trailhead Road. CNSA is hoping to groom between 5 and 10 km this year on both BLM and USFS land, as soon as there is sufficient snow depth.

This year we will have two youth leaders helping us plan and maintain the snow trail system. They are Malana Ramadei and Jon Rose. We are very happy to have these two youth become involved with supporting local, winter, recreational opportunities!

CNSA is totally supported by donations and volunteers. You can support this local skiing effort in at least two ways: make a tax deductible donation, and/or help maintain the trails. A formational meeting will occur in November. Check out the Crestone Nordic Ski Alliance page on Facebook for more details.



Amulya Dawn Beechwood, Katie Getchell and Teanna Grote, as a part of the Crestone Tribal Bellydance Project, perform a lively and quite funny dance—beer in hand—October 1 at Crestone Brewing Co.'s Oktoberfest. photo by Lori Nagel



Adam Kinney plays with his band, Plan Be, at Oktoberfest. photo by Lori Nagel



Crestone Brewing Co. staff serves beer and kombucha at the Oktoberfest event. photo by Lori Nagel

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## Monthly Events

### Thursday, November 3

- 1st of student-led conferences at Moffat – Moffat School
- Special budget meeting of BGPOA Board – Crestone Baptist Church 6:00 pm [bacapoa.org](http://bacapoa.org) 719-256-4171

### Saturday, November 5

- Unload Your Burdens: Yoga for healthy neck, shoulders & back – Crestone 10:00 am-12:00 pm \$20 [www.yourowniyoga.com](http://www.yourowniyoga.com) 310-924-9223

### Monday, November 7

- Town of Crestone Planning Commissioners Meeting – Crestone Town Hall Meeting Room 6:00 pm-8:00 pm 719-256-4313

### Tuesday, November 8

- Election Day – 7:00 am-7:00 pm

### Wednesday, November 9

- Guru Rinpoché Tsok (Vajrayana communal feast) – Choying Dzong 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
- Crestone End of Life Project Meeting – Little Shepherd Church 7:00 pm-9:00 pm 588-7415

### Thursday, November 10

- Free Monthly Kinship Caregiver Clinic – Alamosa Colorado Legal Services 4-6:30pm <http://bit.ly/2eRyn9E> 719-589-4993

### Sunday, November 13

- Art Symposium with Kouzui Ikeguchi, Shumei International Institute 3-5pm Free 719-256-5284

### Monday, November 14

- Full Moon – All Day
- County Commissioner hours in Crestone – Downtown 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- Full-moon Fire Ceremony & meal, Haidakhandi Ashram 10am-noon [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org) 256-4108

- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-11:00 am
- Master Planning Trail Grant public meeting – Crestone Town Hall 1:30 pm
- Town of Crestone Board of Trustees Meeting, Town of Crestone Meeting Room 1:30-6pm 256-4313

### Wednesday, November 16

- Baca EAC meeting – Baca Pro Shop 4:00 pm [bacapoa.org](http://bacapoa.org) 719-256-4171
- BGPOA EAC meeting – Baca Pro Shop 4:00 pm [bacapoa.org](http://bacapoa.org) 719-256-4171

### Thursday, November 17

- Rumi Study Circle. All Welcome! – 2:00 pm-4:00 pm [nurashkijerrahi.org](http://nurashkijerrahi.org)

### Friday, November 18

- Chiho Sugo at Shumei International Institute 7pm \$10 [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) 719-256-5284
- Friends of the Library meeting – Crestone Town Hall 1:30 pm

### Sunday, November 20

- Community Thanksgiving Pot Luck – Crestone Charter School 12:30-4:30pm Free 256-5110

### Wednesday, November 23

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

### Thursday, November 24

- Thanksgiving – All Day
- Free class at Shakti Sharanam 9am Free [www.shaktisharanam.com](http://www.shaktisharanam.com) 719-256-5668
- Free Monthly Legal Clinic, Saguache Library 5-7pm <https://coloradolegalservices.org> 719-655-2551

### Friday, November 25

- Salida Parade of Lights – Downtown Salida 6pm

### Sunday, November 27

- The River of Restoration: Self Care, Yoga, Yoga Nidra, 3:30-6pm \$25 [www.yourowniyoga.com](http://www.yourowniyoga.com) 310-924-9223

### Tuesday, November 29

- New Moon – All Day
- New-moon Fire Ceremony & meal, Haidakhandi Ashram 10am-noon [www.babajashram.org](http://www.babajashram.org) 256-4108
- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-11:00 am

### Saturday, December 3

- Holiday Bazaar in Saguache – Saguache Community Building 9:00 am-3:00 pm 303-507-4821
- La'ne' Sa'an Moonwalker workshop, 9:30am-4:30pm \$85 or \$155 for Sat. & Sun. 719-937-7786
- WinterFest, Crestone Charter School 11am-6pm

### Sunday, December 4

- La'ne' Sa'an Moonwalker workshop, 9:30am-4:30pm \$85 or \$155 for Sat. & Sun. 719-937-7786
- WinterFest, Crestone Charter School 11am-4pm

### Thursday, December 8

- Free Monthly Kinship Caregiver Clinic, Alamosa Colorado Legal Services 4-6:30pm <http://bit.ly/2eRyn9E> 719-589-4993

### Friday, December 9

- Guru Rinpoché Tsok (Vajrayana communal feast) – Choying Dzong 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

### Monday, December 12

- County Commissioner hours in Crestone – Downtown 10:00 am-2:00 pm

### Tuesday, December 13

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

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

You can safely assume that you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do.  
-Anne Lamott

### Sunday

- Sunday Mass at Nada Carmelite Hermitage Nada Carmelite Hermitage chapel 9-10am 256-4778
- Yoga w Cynthia, Fellowship Hall of Little Shepherd Church 10-11:15am \$10 719-298-0360
- Drop-in Meditation at Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple Choying Dzong 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Town Hall 7:00 pm-8:00 pm [www.slvaa.org](http://www.slvaa.org)

### Monday

- Yoga w Cynthia BeBop Studio 10-11:15am \$10 719-298-0360
- 'Meet Your Crestone Board' Mondays Crestone Town Hall 1:00 pm-3:00 pm 719-256-4313

### Tuesday

- Yoga w Cynthia Joyful Journey Hot Springs 12am \$10 [joyfuljourneyhotsprings.com](http://joyfuljourneyhotsprings.com) 719-298-0360
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45 pm By donation 719-256-5668
- Narcotics Anonymous open meeting marijuana users welcome Baca Grande Library back door 7:30 pm-8:30 pm 970-309-0710

### Wednesday

- Yoga Fundamentals & Refinements Shakti Sharanam 8:30-10am By donation [shaktisharanam.com](http://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 noon-1pm [www.slvaa.org](http://www.slvaa.org)
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45pm By donation 719-256-5668

### Saturday

- Yoga w Cynthia Historic Everson Ranch 10:00 am-11:00 am \$10 [olt.org](http://olt.org) 719-298-0360
- Dorje Trola Practice White Jewel Mountain 10:00 am-12:00 pm no charge 719 480-5403

To die for an idea; it is unquestionably noble. But how much nobler it would be if men died for ideas that were true.  
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# Out & About with Lori Sunflower

What Are You Grateful For About Living in Crestone?



**Terry Godfrey**



I'm grateful more than anything else because this is a place where I'm known. I go to the post office and I'm greeted with smiles and hugs. When I go back to where I was born, I have to be on guard, lest I say something that will offend. Here, I can be myself. I left my home in St. Louis when I was 17 years old to join the army. My parents and grandmother had already died, so I didn't have a home there anymore. I went from one place to another in the army, and this is the first place I've really considered home in years. I've been here 15 years now. It's a place where I can develop myself in so many ways.

I've always thought that was so wonderful, to have a place where you were known. This is the place where I am known—loved by some & accepted by many. It is not hard for me to find "my people" here—people who share my interests and values. Home is where the heart is!

**Isaline Simms**



I'm grateful for the amazing peace and beauty that is here in these mountains, as well as the people. These mountains are so powerful, such vortexes, so I feel like the serenity they give, the solitude, the quietness, helps you go to such a deeper place of healing, that you can't run from (laughing)! Crestone keeps pushing us to heal what we need to heal so that we can become

real, whole people—whole people together. I'm grateful for the women I've connected with, especially recently. I'm grateful for the freedom for the kids, being able to grow up and be who they are without being judged or ridiculed for being different. I'm grateful to be living in a rural place, where I feel safe. We have all different types of people in Crestone, and highly spiritual people on so many different economic levels, so you get a varied view of philosophies, life, religion, connection to one another, and connection to yourself. So it's interesting in that way and I feel it keeps pushing me to be a better person.

**Father Eric**



The thing I'm most grateful for is the people. I came here first in 1983 and there weren't that many people around. There were a few old timers that had always lived in Crestone. Since then, so many people from all different places have come to Crestone. What I really like about it, and our church community is a great representation of this, is that we've got people from all over the country, from all different religious backgrounds, all different economic backgrounds, family backgrounds, ethnic backgrounds. So these people that come from all different backgrounds have to form community somehow. It's almost a recipe for learning tolerance, graciousness and respect for people with differences. I grew up in a rural community in Michigan where absolutely everyone thought the same way. They were all related, all Republican, etc. There wasn't much diversity. It was just all white. So, I love the diverse nature of the people here, and what that brings out in people.

The next thing I'm grateful for here in Crestone is the beauty and the silence. It's like nowhere else. I first came out here as a volunteer carpenter, working at Nada. But mostly because a friend and I wanted to go backpacking, so we would backpack on the weekends and then work during the week. And still every summer, on our day off, I go hiking in the mountains, usually with some friends from the congregation or the local community.

The mountains, the silence, the beauty, the sky! The unbelievable sky! The stars at night. It's just kind of a pristine wilderness here. I've had, outside my hermitage, elk, mountain lion, bear, bobcat, wolverine, and of course the ubiquitous deer and bunnies, and all of these other things. It's like living in a *National Geographic!* To live in a place that is that beautiful and that silent and that still where you can just drink it in, is a real gift. But yeah, the people and the beauty and the silence—that would be it for me!

**Bonnie Deleagar**



There are a lot of things I'm grateful for about living in Crestone. I've got a beautiful home, great garden. I love the sunrises and the sunsets, being around or near the wildlife, and these bubbling creeks, fresh water. I love the community. I was involved with Neighbors Helping Neighbors for a long time, and I'm now involved in Crestone Baca Village. Those are great things that build our community and keep us in touch with one another and help one another. That's very important, especially at this time of our evolution.

I came here 11 years ago. My youngest son, Danush, is a builder and kept saying, "Mom, if you come here, I'll build you a house." I really never thought I could make a living here. Finally, the portal opened and I came. It was great because then I had family. I had my son, daughter-in-law, and 2 grandchildren. Then, they moved to New York. I had to think about what was keeping me here, because it was no longer family. But the community is family. I feel very comfortable with the people here—a lot of like-minded people who are into the environment, clean air, clean water . . . So that's why I'm here. I'm still here, and I do love it here.

**Barbara Barnett**



The land. The earth. The energies. And the people, of course. When I first came, close to 30 years ago, most of us came because of land. We fell in love. And it's still that way for me.

The first time I came here, I was here for only one afternoon, and I just fell in love. Then I came back and I ended up buying 120 acres with John Milton because we both wanted to do similar things, including retreats. One night as we were camping, we were suddenly surrounded by spirits, who said, "We've decided you can stay." I was weeping. That was the beginning.

Until 2 years ago, I had wood and dirt floors, no running water, no electricity. I carried water. My house has now transformed, with dear friends building me a kitchen and bathroom, and finishing the upstairs.

Crestone is a place where I'm in connection with longtime friends and new friends. There's a strong sense of independence and connection to spirit and to the earth, which is what drew me here and what keeps me here. I'm grateful for my dog, I'm grateful for my friends, but it's really the earth, and her spirits.

**Anrahyah Arstadt**



Having moved away to California for 3½ years and returned last winter, I'm deeply appreciating the beauty, the silence, the night sky and the peace. Those are so precious. That took me awhile to get used to when I first came here, because I was from the northwest, where beauty was green and lush. I've been here a total of 21 years, and I deeply appreciate community and connection and I feel like this community has my back. I also appreciate that it's a place I get to grow and learn. If I have a conflict with someone, chances are pretty much guaranteed I will see them at the post office, every day, until I work it out—deal with my sh\*t! (laughing) A quote that comes to mind is from Jared, the first Credit Union manager years ago, who said, "Here there is no them, it's only us." And I like that. There's a sense of being responsible for what we create as community. And how we maintain and how we manage. And that's a huge challenge in the diversity that's here, which I love . . . and am challenged by.

If you have feedback or ideas for future topics, please email [peacelove@gmail.com](mailto:peacelove@gmail.com). In addition to being the Staff Photographer for The Crestone Eagle since 2012, Lori Nagel is a freelance photographer, graphic designer & web designer. [www.sunflowerstudios.us.com](http://www.sunflowerstudios.us.com).

# Adzom Gyalse Rinpoche to lead Dorje Trolo Drubcho in Crestone

*by Ani Tsultrim Lhamo*

December 8-12 White Jewel Mountain will again host the great Dzogchen master, Adzom Gyalse Rinpoche. While he is in Crestone, Rinpoche will lead a Dorje Trolo Drubcho. Dorje Trolo is the most wrathful form Guru Rinpoche manifested in the 8th century to subdue the unruly in Tibet. The Dorje Trolo practice is known for eliminating external, internal and secret obstacles.

Rinpoche will give a Dorje Trolo empowerment on the morning of December 8. The drubcho, which is an intense period of practice, will begin that afternoon and continue until noon on December 12. Much merit is accumulated during a drubcho and many blessings are received. Rinpoche will

also give teachings on the Dorje Trolo practice during the drubcho.

Adzom Gyalse Rinpoche is the reincarnation (tulku) of Adzom Gyalse Gyurme Dorje, the eldest son of Adzom Drukpa and lineage holder. Adzom Drukpa achieved the Rainbow Body at his death.

Adzom Gyalse Rinpoche was identified and enthroned as a tulku by HH Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche when he was eight years old. Dilgo Khyentse then took on the task of raising the young monk.

At an early age Adzom Gyalse began receiving teachings, transmissions and empowerments from many eminent masters including HE Shechen Rabjam Rinpoche, Lama Tserpo Rinpoche, HH Dalai Lama, HH Trulshik Rinpoche

and HH Penor Rinpoche. After his graduation in 2004 from the Philosophical College at Shechen Monastery in Kathmandu, Nepal he began teaching and giving oral transmissions at the monastery. By 2010 he was awarded the scarf of Khenpo (Doctorate Certificate).

Rinpoche is the master of all annual ceremonies at Shechen Monastery in Kathmandu, Nepal and some branch monasteries in Bhutan. He also gives guidance to the monks in three-year retreats in Bhutan where he has a retreat center.

This will be Adzom Gyalse Rinpoche's second visit to Crestone. In July of 2015 Rinpoche taught "The Thirty Verses of Heart Advice" by Longchenpa. These are very special verses of guidance which Longchenpa gave to his advanced students and lamas. Rinpoche has a direct unbroken lineage back to Longchenpa.

The retreat will be held at Choying Dzong (Yeshe Khorlo). For information on the retreat and online registration please call 719-480-5403.



  
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## Friends of the Baca Library welcomes new members

by Thom Onkto, FOL Chair  
David Lee, Secretary  
Carol Lee, Treasurer

The Friends of the Baca Grande Library (FOL) is a membership organization that supports our local library, out on T Road, and supports the establishment of a future new library in the town of Crestone. We recently held a membership drive via an EDDM (Every Day Direct Mail) campaign through the Moffat and Crestone post offices. This drive yielded 55 new members. Annual membership is \$12, and forms for membership are available at the Baca Grande Library counter. The money we raise, as through the annual tax day bake sale and the annual Fourth of July sale of root beer floats, helps in the upkeep of the present library, and may help in the purchase of the lots for the new Library. This past summer, FOL also donated \$325 to the

Town of Crestone to plant a tree for the town street and landscape improvements.

The next meeting of the FOL will be on Friday, November 18, at 1:30pm in the Crestone Town Hall. At that time, we will discuss the support of new library projects, as well as the status of the campaign for a new library.

FOL members were present at the open meeting to discuss the new library, held by the North Saguache County Library Board on October 13. That meeting was an open discussion on issues concerning strategies for acquiring the land for the library and the features and design of the new library. We urge interested people to attend the next meeting of the North Saguache County Library Board marketing group, to be held at the Crestone Charter School on Friday, November 11 at 6pm.

## Northern Saguache County Library District news—a passion for libraries

by Michael Pacheco

Like most of you, I've lived in a few communities over my life and I think you'll all agree when I say there is just no place like Crestone. It wasn't long after moving here that I instantly recognized how much of a family this town really is. Like any family, we squabble amongst ourselves from time to time, but when one of our own is in need, this community comes together in a way that I've never seen before. People who struggle to make their own ends meet are quick to give whatever they can, when the need arises. I am constantly blessed by the love we all have for our neighbors and our community.

This passion carries over into our everyday lives and if you take a little time to sit back and watch it, it's pretty amazing. A shining example of this is our small, humble library. Even though it's located well out of our community, we still

get over 60 patrons a day! Every day it's full of people filled with a passion. Passion for self improvement, passion to create and passion to make the world around them just a little bit better. It's full of people who have chosen to empower themselves and people who are not fond of the word "no".

In those moments of observation I've come to realize that this passion and this energy is in fact our greatest resource and in the same way we have fought to protect our water and other natural resources we must also fight to protect and grow the resources that empower our people. If we want to continue to offer people a place to learn, gather and collaborate the simple truth is, we need a new facility. One that can serve this community well into the future. Please, take some time to visit our local library and ask how you can help.

## HRRMC adds telepsychiatry services

SALIDA, Colo.—Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center is now offering telepsychiatry services for patients. This videoconferencing model allows HRRMC Psychiatry Services to better meet the mental-health needs and demands of the community.

Fredi Prochoda, DNP, offers psychiatric medication assessment and management via videoconference from her office in Woodland Park. Prochoda works in conjunction with HRRMC Psychiatry Services' on-site nursing support at the HRRMC Medical Clinics, 550 W. Hwy. 50, in Salida. Patients schedule appointments at the HRRMC Medical Clinics.

"Fredi Prochoda's experience and training in psychiatric medicine will provide patients in our service area with the opportunity to obtain high quality health services locally," said hospital CEO Bob Morasko. "Videoconferencing is something new to our community but is proving to be successful with our patients."

Prochoda has bachelor's degrees in biology, psychology, and nursing; master's degrees in family practice and family psychiatry; and a clinical doctoral degree as a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). All education was completed at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora.

She is licensed as a registered nurse, family nurse practitioner (FNP), and family psychiatric and mental health nurse practitioner (FP-MHNP), and board certified in family practice and family psychiatry.

HRRMC Psychiatry is accepting new patients and referrals are not needed. Common conditions treated include depression, anxiety, sleep disturbance, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and ADHD. For more information or to make an appointment, call 719-530-2000.

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# Who We Are

## Patte Reaves-Smith:

*“Miss Patte” loves kids, community, and making art*

*by Gussie Fauntleroy*

Patte Reaves-Smith has never shied away from work—she thrives on it, in fact—but there was one job so contrary to her nature that she had to quit. And leaving that job, even though it paid well at a time when she was raising a young son on her own, turned out to be a pivotal point in her life.

It was the early 1990s and Patte (pronounced Patty) and her son’s father had gone their separate ways after sharing a life of creativity and music in Denver for several years. He was a musician in the band Runaway Express, an offshoot of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. Patte, who has been artistically inclined all her life, was painting in watercolor and other mediums, creating artwork for friends and enjoying the company of such musicians as banjo player and internationally known comedian Steve Martin and longtime Nitty Gritty Dirt Band member John McEuen.

Then Patte and her common-law husband separated and she found a job with American Express, where her days were spent in a cubicle on the phone. “There was no creativity. I felt stifled, I felt like I lived in an egg carton all the time,” she remembers. So when her sister invited her and little Zachary to live with her in Alamosa, the timing was right. Doubly so since Patte and Dale Smith met in Alamosa, beginning a relationship with the man she calls “the love of my life and my best friend.” In 1995 Dale was offered a teaching job in Moffat. For both of them it was the perfect next step toward a life that combines creativity with a full-hearted dedication to community and, in particular, kids.

### Natural beauty and hard work

In Patte and Dale’s comfortable, modest foothills Crestone/Baca home, her creative touch is all around—in the warm, vibrant colors of walls and kitchen cabinets; in repurposed items like her grandfather’s steamer trunk placed on end as a side table and an old ringer washer that serves as a beer cooler/conversation piece for summer gatherings of friends on the covered deck. In the well-tended garden, an old iron bed frame filled with dirt is known as “Patte’s flower bed.”

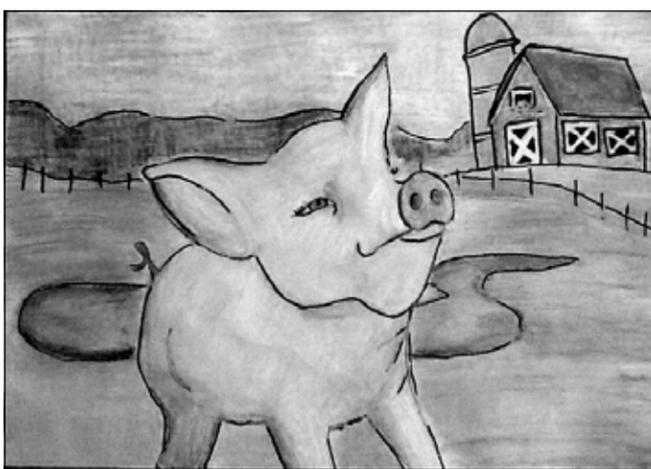
When the couple moved to Crestone, it reminded Patte in some ways of the places she’d lived as a child. Her father, an archeologist/anthropologist, and her mother, a geologist, both worked for the National Park Service. With Patte the eldest of five daughters, the family moved frequently from one national park to another, mostly



Patte Reaves-Smith



Sisters (left to right) Jane, DeeDee, Katy, Patte and their mother, Abbie Reaves. Not pictured, Jessica.



One of Patte’s illustrations for Diane Bairstow’s book, *Buster and the Bubbles*.

in the Southwest. In each place, a small community of well-educated Park Service employees and their families lived among extraordinary natural beauty and cultural richness, far from urban centers.

Patte’s parents established a strong work ethic in their daughters, which saw Patte cutting wood and peeling bark for fence posts in her father’s small logging side-business and planting trees for the Youth Conservation Corps, among other jobs as a teen. Throughout her life, she has often worked two or three jobs at once, using her prodigious energy and diverse skills



Patte and happy kids at the Crestone Adventure Day Camp.

photo by Lori Nagel



With Dale and their kids (left to right), Desiree, Josiah, Zachary, and Nathan (sitting).

to support herself and her family, and to be of service. After her parents divorced when Patte was in middle school, the girls lived with their mother in Golden, Colorado and Patte graduated from Littleton High School. Her father was in Washington, D.C., so she moved there to experience a larger, more cosmopolitan life. “I thought of myself as worldly until D.C.,” she says, smiling. “Then I discovered how innocent I was.”

### Finding Crestone/Moffat

After meeting her first husband in D.C., his musical career brought Patte back to Colorado; her sister’s invitation took her to Alamosa; Dale’s teaching job brought them to Crestone, and in 2002 Patte began working for the Moffat School as well. Having studied art at Loretto Heights College in Denver and education at Adams State College, Trinidad State Junior College, and Colorado Community Colleges online, she now serves as librarian and reading interventionist at the Moffat School, where she is universally and affectionately known as Miss Patte.

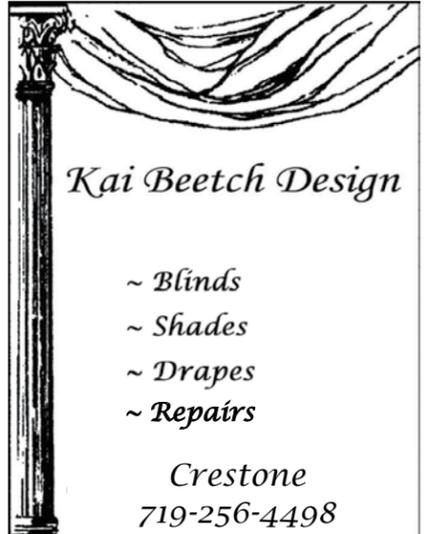
Yet even before beginning at the Moffat School, Patte was opening her heart and home to children. Now grandparents of four, she and Dale together raised her son and his daughter and two sons, and early on Patte provided day care in their Crestone home. (She also was a baker serving the Desert Sage Restaurant and individuals and had a house cleaning business.) “When the kids were young, I collected children—my kids would bring home friends who they thought were not getting enough to eat,” she says. “However I can support them, teach them, help them, that’s what I do.”

**Kids & a creative life**  
At the Moffat School Miss Patte is dedicated to encouraging and assisting reading in kids of all ages. “My motto is: Reading is the water that floats all boats.” She organizes the school’s book fair, makes available e-books and interlibrary loans, and opens the library to Crestone Charter School students as well. She also leads the students in community service projects—including collecting stuffed animals for children at the Salida Hospital, and food and coat drives—through the Kiwanis Key Club and K Kids Club. In the summer she organizes and leads the annual six-week Crestone Adventure Day Camp, free for both Crestone and Moffat area kids, ages 5 to 12.

In her free time Patte still enjoys making art, exploring all types of painting mediums and making jewelry. Two years ago she illustrated the cover for Dale’s CD, *We Still Sing*, for which as a poet/songwriter she also co-wrote some of the songs. She illustrated Crestone resident Diane Bairstow’s children’s book, *Buster and the Bubbles*, and created the logo for the local band, Blue Rooster, in which Dale is drummer. Her life today is a universe away from a cubicle. She is grateful for living in a place where there are “so many creative people and people who honor creativity,” she says. “I can be my true self here, and be totally accepted for it.”

You can see Patte’s art at painterpatte.com.

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



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Some of the over 45 children honored during Fall Navratri at the Ashram.

## Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

Our Fall Divine Mother Festival and our Festival of Lights (Diwali) were splendidly celebrated this last month. Thank you to all who participated and made this a wonderful time. Here is a photo of some of the 45 children honored on the last day.

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

The Maha Lakshmi Shop is full and ready to serve you for all of your holiday shopping and if you mention this article, we will happily give you 10% off as our gift to you. We have lots of fun, little stocking stuffers like deity magnets, paperweights, pendants, bangles, bindis, and a huge array of incense and diffuser oils. We recently

received shipments of new singing bowls, hanging crystals, silk saris, yoga pants, silk scarves, deity candles, prayer flags, malas, incense, oils, yantras, soaps, bells, purses, bracelets, om curtains, murtis, a few Divine Mother 2017 calendars, beautiful greeting cards, and many other great gift items, so stop by or give us a call about these.

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## Sri Aurobindo Learning Center The Integral Yoga

by Rod Hemsell

In Sanskrit tradition, Integral Yoga has a long history, along with Raja Yoga, Bhakti Yoga, Tantra, and so on, and there it is known as Purna Yoga. Purna actually means "perfect", which implies that perfection of both the inner being and the outer nature, from top to bottom, is the goal. This meaning is perhaps a bit different from what we might associate with the term "integral", especially since that term has become so over-used by new-agers.

After a detailed presentation of the various schools of Yoga in *The Synthesis of Yoga*, Sri Aurobindo writes a long last section titled "The Yoga of Perfection". There, a major emphasis is put on the classical idea of the purification of our mind and life, as in Raja Yoga, and on a subsequent descent into us of the Divine Force, Shakti. The first movement is therefore referred to by him as "the first liberation", which is similar to the classical idea of liberation in Yoga. The second movement is referred to as "the second liberation", in which the already liberated soul, or Purusa, experiences a higher force of knowledge, power, love, and delight flowing through the instruments of body, life, and mind, making a liberated and elevated action in the world possible.

The transition from the first to the second liberation is narrated in great detail in at least nine cantos of Sri Aurobindo's mantric poem, *Savitri*, in order to give us a strong impression of the nature of both movements. For example, first movement:

"His soul stood free, a witness and a king.  
Absorbed no more in the moment-ridden flux  
Where mind incessantly drifts as on a raft  
Hurried from phenomenon to phenomenon,  
He abode at rest in indivisible Time . . .  
Thought lay down in a mighty voicelessness;  
The toiling Thinker widened and grew still,  
Wisdom transcendent touched his quivering heart . . .  
Mind screened no more the shoreless Infinite."

Second movement:

"Rivers poured down of bliss and luminous force,  
Visits of beauty, storm-sweeps of delight  
Rained from the all-powerful Mystery above . . .  
A heavenly impetus quickened all his breast;  
The trudge of Time changed to a splendid march;  
The divine Dwarf towered to unconquered worlds . . .  
Life now became a sure approach to God,  
Existence a divine experiment  
And cosmos the soul's opportunity."

-(Savitri, Bk 1, Cn 3)

Most importantly, however, in this mantric teaching he also emphasizes the interim that necessarily imposes itself between the two liberations. For as he says, the stillness and peace of the first must enable us to establish an immovable calm stability that will not be shaken by the descent of the force in the second liberation:

"In the unapproachable stillness of his soul,  
Intense, one-pointed, monumental, lone,  
Patient he sat like an incarnate hope  
Motionless on a pedestal of prayer . . .  
A neutral helpless void oppressed the years"

-(Savitri, Bk 3, Cn 3).

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## Enjoying Everyday Life

Investing your time in the important things



by Joyce Meyer

Imagine we're at a graveyard. You look at a tombstone and see the person's name, the date they were born and when they died. In-between the dates there is a dash. I think it's interesting that a person's whole life—from the time they are born until they die—is represented by that dash.

So I want to ask you: What are you doing with your dash?

Time goes by so fast, and you don't want to get to your later years in life and have nothing but regrets. David talks about this in the Psalms.

Psalm 39:4-5 (AMPC), says, "Lord, make me to know my end and [to appreciate] the measure of my days—what it is; let me know and realize how frail I am [how transient is my stay here]. Behold, You have made my days as [short as] hand-breadths, and my lifetime is as nothing in Your sight. Truly every man at his best is merely a breath!"

It's so important for us to invest our time in the important things of life. Because you don't want to spend your life climbing the ladder of success only to find out your ladder is leaning against the wrong building when you get to the top!

### It starts with a balanced life

First Peter 5:8 (AMP) says we should "be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined]." This is the key to living with purpose, making your time count. Are you living a balanced life, getting enough sleep, drinking enough water, taking care of yourself so you have the energy you need to do what God is leading you to do?

Are you focused on the important things—your relationship with God, spending time with family and friends? The people in your life are more important than money. I don't want to spend my whole life storing up material possessions that are already in the process of decay and will someday end up in a junk yard. That's what happens to all the things we "worship" here. There is nothing wrong with having nice things and enjoying them, but we cannot afford to put them before the really important things.

So I ask you again: What are you doing with your time? Are you investing it or wasting it?

### Making wise choices

Wisdom is doing now what you will be happy with later on. A

good example of this happened when I had a hip replacement in 2015. After the surgery, I healed very well and quickly. The doctor said that it was because I was in great shape physically before surgery. I was in great shape because I've spent lots of time working out, eating properly, getting good sleep consistently, and doing other healthy habits. I paid the price, investing my time in ways that bought me strength and helped me to recover successfully.

The bottom line is if you take a little time to do the right thing to begin with, then you won't be forced to take a lot of time later on taking care of problems that could have been prevented in the first place.

### Avoid the time-wasters

I've discovered eight simple, practical ways you can avoid wasting your time:

1. Stop getting upset about things you can't do anything about. Be determined to keep your peace in every situation (John 14:27).

2. Don't complain (Philippians 2:14). It's useless, changes absolutely nothing, and the more we talk about problems, the bigger they seem to become.

3. Don't try to "buy" time by getting less sleep. This actually causes you to lose more time the next day because when you're tired, you make more mistakes than you would if you were properly rested. And every mistake costs time to fix.

4. Stop hurrying. This also causes us to make mistakes and waste time.

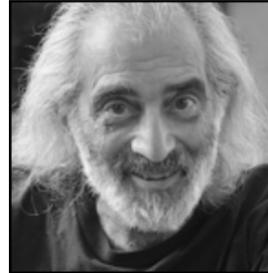
5. Enjoy what you have instead of craving and going after things you don't have (Ecclesiastes 6:9).

6. Don't live in the past. You can't go back and do anything over again. Let it go and get on with life! (See Philippians 3:8-13.)

7. Take time to deal with little problems and you won't spend more time later dealing with big ones.

8. Identify things that hijack your time and be firm in avoiding them.

We all have room for improvement in our lives. I want to encourage you to make a decision to begin making changes in the areas you need to grow in. You'll have abundant life in Christ and make your "dash" count as you invest your time in the plan He has for you!



## Aging as an art

by Ammi Kohn

### The F--k-it List

At 82 I prefer the F--ck-it List to the Bucket List. Not for me the longing and driven unrequited passion. YES to thinking about what I might gently be enjoying now and *what I don't want to do any more and don't have to do any more!* The F--k-it List includes:

1. Away with working for someone else, their inanities and stupidities, when I could do it much better myself.

2. No, I don't want to do sky diving or any such thing to prove myself. Ego manhood, begone. Fuggedaboutit.

3. I really don't care if I sleep in late and procrastinate another day. No more having to be at work at their time. What luxury, my time. Curl up in the blankets and wait 'til the house is warmer.

4. The outside world can go to the devil for all I care. Why did I even worry about that crazy place the world conditioned me to?

5. I don't have to suffer fools. Or, at least, I don't care about them. Why, sometimes they even amuse me!

6. Distant shores can stay there without me. Look at the beauty around me.

7. Nobody tells me what to do! And I really mean that!

8. Actually, I don't care any more if younger people open the door for me. I like it. I deserve it for living this long

9. I can pretend to be deaf when I don't want to hear something, and people believe me. OK, OK, sometimes I'm not pretending. But it does save me grief.

10. No need to be perfect. People expect you to make mistakes. Allowances are made for this aged person.

11. Not to worry about looking foolish, you cute old man, you sweet harmless doddering male.

So, there we are, looking back at all the wasted energy and emotion, the mistakes and unwarranted regrets and human tragic comedies. Why did we hold dear and near all those silly desires and misplaced energies? Let's ration time more wisely now than years ago when it seemed infinite and death was a far off dream. Now time's winged chariot beats louder and it seems to me that amusement for all the things we stupidly spent energy on years ago should be accompanied with gratitude for all the things we don't have to do any more. Forget about the bucket list.

Gratitude and an amused look at life makes for better living and a longer, happier life.

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## Make your OWN Vegetarian Thanksgiving Turkey!

- Ingredients**
1. 1 apple
  2. 12 toothpicks
  3. raisins
  4. 8 miniature marshmallows
  5. 1 green olive
  6. 2 cloves



**To Make the Feathers:** Slide raisins onto toothpicks about 3/4 the way down. Add marshmallows on the end and stick the “feathers” into the back of the apple.

**To make the head:** Slide raisins down toothpick and top with a green olive (head). Pull the pimento out to make a wattle.

**Insert three toothpicks under the turkey so it can stand freely(not shown)**

## Groan

**Billy:** I can't wait to go to Grandma's for Thanksgiving. My cousin will be there and he has 3 feet!

**Willy:** Three feet! How did that happen???

**Billy:** I don't know. My aunt wrote to my mother and said, “You won't recognize Howie. He's grown another foot!”

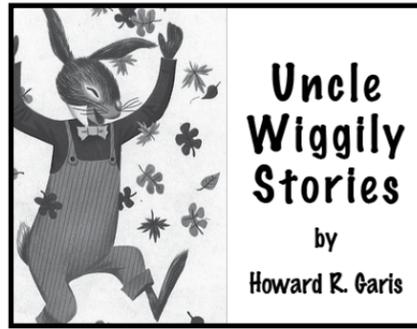
## Mad Libs

### How to Play

One player prompts others for a list of words to substitute for blanks in a story, before reading the – often comical or nonsensical – story aloud. The game is frequently played as a party game or as a pastime.

### A Thanksgiving to Remember

My \_\_\_\_\_ bundled up my \_\_\_\_\_ and me to go to  
 (name 1) (noun)  
 Thanksgiving dinner at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ house. They  
 (name 2) (name 3)  
 lived in \_\_\_\_\_. On the way my \_\_\_\_\_, and we  
 (a place) (noun) (past tense verb)  
 all had to \_\_\_\_\_ it up. It was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (past tense verb) (adjective) (adjective)  
 Once we got there, we found \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (Name 2) (noun)  
 When we \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, it smelled \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (Past tense verb) (place) (adjective)  
 Our \_\_\_\_\_ were there too, and we all \_\_\_\_\_ until  
 (plural noun) (past tense verb)  
 we \_\_\_\_\_, then \_\_\_\_\_ brought out the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (past tense verb) (name 2) (noun)  
 and we \_\_\_\_\_ that too. Then we \_\_\_\_\_ in  
 (past tense verb) (past tense verb)  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ and made \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (noun) (adjective) (plural noun)  
 We all had a \_\_\_\_\_ time and went home \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (adjective) (adjective)  
 and \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (adjective)



## UNCLE WIGGILY STARTS OFF

Uncle Wiggily Longears, the nice old gentleman rabbit, hopped out of bed one morning and started to go to the window, to see if the sun was shining. But, no sooner had he stepped on the floor, than he cried out:

“Oh! Ouch! Oh, dear me and a potato pancake! Oh, I believe I stepped on a tack! Sammie Littletail must have left it there! How careless of him!”

You see this was the same Uncle Wiggily, of whom I have told you in the Bedtime Books—the very same Uncle Wiggily. He was an Uncle to Sammie and Susie Littletail, the rabbit children, and also to Billie and Johnnie Bushytail, the squirrel boys, and to Alice and Lulu and Jimmie Wibblewobble, the duck children, and I have written for you books about all those characters. Now I thought I would write something just about Uncle Wiggily himself, though of course I'll tell you what all his nephews and nieces did, too.

Well, when Uncle Wiggily felt that sharp pain, he stood still for a moment, and wondered what could have happened.

“Yes, I'm almost sure it was a tack,” he said. “I must pick it up so no one else will step on it.”

So Uncle Wiggily looked on the floor, but there was no tack there, only some crumbs from a sugar cookie that Susie Littletail had been eating the night before, when her uncle had told her a go-to-sleep story.

“Oh, I know what it was; it must have been my rheumatism that gave me the pain!” said the old gentleman rabbit as he looked

for his red, white and blue crutch, striped like a barber pole. He found it under the bed, and then he managed to limp to the window. Surely enough, the sun was shining.

“I'll certainly have to do something about this rheumatism,” said Uncle Wiggily as he carefully shaved himself by looking in the glass. “I guess I'll see Dr. Possum.”

So after breakfast, when Sammie and Susie had gone to school, Dr. Possum was telephoned for, and he called to see Uncle Wiggily.

“Ha! Hum!” exclaimed the doctor, looking very wise. “You have the rheumatism very bad, Mr. Longears.”

“Why, I knew that before you came,” said the old gentleman rabbit, blinking his eyes. “What I want is something to cure it.”

“Ha! Hum!” said Dr. Possum, again looking very wise. “I think you need a change of air. You must travel about. Go on a journey, get out and see strange birds, and pick the pretty flowers. You don't get exercise enough.”

“Exercise enough!” cried Uncle Wiggily. “Why, my goodness me sakes alive and a bunch of lilacs! Don't I play checkers almost every night with Grandfather Goosey Gander?”

“That is not enough,” said the doctor, “you must travel here and there, and see things.”

“Very well,” said Uncle Wiggily, “then I will travel. I'll pack my valise at once, and I'll go off and seek my fortune, and maybe, on the way, I can lose this rheumatism.”



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## The Horn of Plenty

*The Cornucopia, or horn of plenty, is a common symbol of Thanksgiving. It represents the harvest and the abundance of the earth. Traditionally, the cornucopia was a curved goat's horn filled with nuts, fruits and grain. The use of a goat's horn comes from a Greek myth wherein Amalthea (a goat) broke one of her horns and offered it to the God Zeus as a sign of her devotion. In gratitude, Zeus immortalized Amalthea, by setting her image in the sky, now known as the constellation Capricorn.*

Part of Speech	Meaning	Example
Noun	Person, Place or thing	mother, teacher, dress, coat, apple, car, ipad
Plural Noun	Several people, places or things	hot dogs, computers backpacks, horses
Verb	Action word	explode, run, fly, dance hit, cry, laugh
Verb Past tense	Action taking place in the past	jumped, went, saw, saved exploded, hung, flew
Adjective	Description word	green, big, small, silly, ginormous, pretty, cool

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## Student-led conferences at Moffat School

November 3 will be the first of two Student Led Conference dates at Moffat School for the 2015-16 school year. Student Led Conferences (SLCs) consist of students conducting formal conferences with their parents/guests to display school work and discuss their educational goals. This helps by keeping the spotlight on the student, while he or she presents their work to their parents. SLCs also help by getting parents more involved.

The student's role in SLCs is to present their work and discuss what they are working on in each of their academic classes.

The parents' role is to be an active listener and ask for clarification on any information they do not understand. Parents should check in with the team of teachers if they still have questions after the conference.

The teacher's role is to help students prepare their materials, portfolios and allow for time to practice presenting. Teachers also act as time keeper and facilitator during the conference.

### Benefits of Student Led Conferences

#### Student:

- Increases accountability for their own learning
- Helps build self-confidence and self-esteem
- Students learn to evaluate their own progress and make individual academic goals
- Allows students become actively involved
- Encourages parent/student communication
- Allows students to become actively involved

#### Parents:

- Increases the amount of information given to parents
- Parents learn more about their child's skills and learning
- Allows parents to help their child set positive goals
- Parents become active participants in their child's learning
- Helps eliminate standing in line for a conference

#### Teachers:

- Puts less stress on teachers and allows for a more relaxed atmosphere
- Environment is less confrontational
- Places more responsibility on the student and parent
- Results in increased parent participation

This a great opportunity to show off their work and illustrate the growth they have achieved in a short period of time.



Kindergarten and first graders making treasure maps on the floor. Each map had a path, compass, title, landmarks, and treasure!



Moffat High School senior Christina Chavez at the Spud Bowl.

## Chavez represented Moffat High School at 2016 Spud Bowl Oct. 8

The tradition of Spud Bowl began in 1946, when the San Luis Valley's potato growers were asked by the college to donate sacks of potatoes to aid in funding Adams State's athletic program. Each year valley schools are asked to nominate a senior female to represent their school. This year, Christina Chavez, Moffat High School senior, represented her school on October 8, 2016 at Adams State College. Each nominee will receive a semester tuition waiver for Adams State University. The Spud Bowl Queen, Katelyn Caldron, from Sanford High School, will receive a scholarship that will cover tuition, room and board for an entire school year.



Front (L to R): Students Nico Anzelc, Matthew Potter, Joedelee Rigdon, Cheyenne Hunter; Back (L to R): Med/Surg Manager Nika Starr, Emergency Department Manager Jodi Townsend, HRRMC Foundation Director Kimla Robinson, Key Club Coordinator Patte Smith.

## Moffat School joins LiveWell Colorado's efforts to expand fresh lunches

by Linda Stagner

Moffat School is among a select group of school districts in Colorado that has accepted the LiveWell Colorado challenge to provide more freshly prepared school lunches that taste good and are good for students. Over the next two years, Moffat School will receive assistance from the LiveWell@School Food Initiative to offer more menu items that are made from scratch, right in the school's kitchens. In addition, the district will receive kitchen equipment, free culinary training, and on-site support from a LiveWell Colorado chef consultant.

For this initiative to be successful, school food directors need the support of parents, students and staff. Staff and families are encouraged to be a part of the healthy meal enhancements by trying the new menu items, sharing feedback and ideas.

The goal of the LiveWell School Food Initiative is to make it easy for kids to make healthy lunch choices.

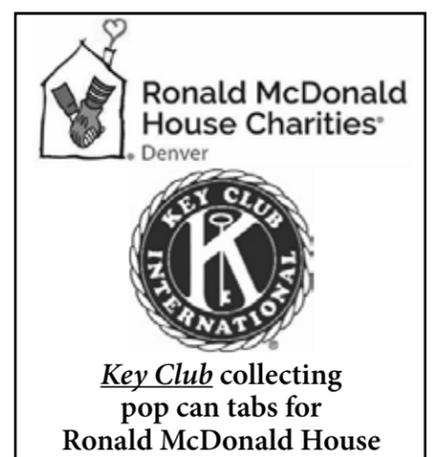
LiveWell Colorado recognizes the key role of the food service director as well as of parents, students, staff and the entire community in ensuring the success of this effort.

Research proves that when kids eat a balanced diet, they are better able to focus on academics and extracurricular activities. Moffat School is very excited to be participating in this initiative and looks forward to serving meals that are both good for students and taste good. It will take some time and effort to complete the process, but it'll be worth it because it's the right thing to do for our kids.

LiveWell Colorado is a non-profit organization. Its LiveWell School Food Initiative was launched with funding and support from the Colorado Health Foundation. The goal of the LiveWell@School Food Initiative is to ensure all children in Colorado have access to and choose healthy food at school by 2022. For more information, visit [www.livewellcolorado.org](http://www.livewellcolorado.org).

## Students donate stuffed animals to HRRMC pediatric patients

On Oct. 13, students from the Moffat High School Key Club donated new stuffed animals to Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center for pediatric patients. The students collected the toys from their community through Kuddlez for Kidz, a program which provides hospitalized children with stuffed animals and other comforting items. Kuddlez for Kidz was founded by a Denver teen named Rylie who was diagnosed at age 7 with a disease that required many hospital visits. She found that having a stuffed animal made the tough appointments a little easier.



Key Club collecting pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald House

# Crestone Charter School news

by **Daya Scheide**  
and **Sabian Storm**

This October, Crestone Charter School middle and high school students attended a peer mediation training with the Center for Restorative Programs in Alamosa. Sophomore Sabian Storm reflects on his experience at the training:

It was another frosty morning at the Crestone Charter School as we piled into the van. Beautiful pink, yellow, and crimson clouds hung above the Sangre de Cristo Mountains as the sun ascended overhead. The van was off, and we quickly approached our destination at the Alamosa United Methodist Church for a day of peer mediation training with the Center for Restorative Programs.

Shortly after our arrival, students from five different San Luis Valley schools showed up. As the convention started up, mostly every student was intently listening. Everyone was arranged in one giant circle surrounding a central focal point. That is where the experienced mediator stood explaining techniques to solve different confrontations students have inside of their schools.

The trainer explained the four main steps in the mediation process: Start with making the person feel comfortable by introducing yourself, making sure they know it's a confidential process, and laying down some positive ground rules. Second, have the person or people explain their side of the story. This step is called Storytelling. The third step in the process is definitely one of the most important aspects of this conflict resolution technique. It is classified as Solving. This step is exactly what it sounds like. It is the part of the mediation process where the conflict is resolved, or at least assisted. Finally, you come to step four. This is where you summarize and restate solutions. Depending on the conflict you have at hand, the people or person may sign a written agreement as consolation and as written record of the agreement.

There are five general categories people will fall under when responding to a conflict: Avoiding, Competing, Collaborating, Accommodating, and Compromising. Effective mediators are supposed to stay more in the compromising and collaborating areas because those focus more on meeting the

needs of both individuals in a conflict. The goal is to find a common ground that everyone can feel happy about. We also learned about the difference between open and closed questions. Open questions can't be answered with "yes" or "no", but closed questions can. I think everyone learned the importance of empathic listening, and that someone's outward behavior represents only about 10-20% of what they are actually going through on the inside, just like the icebergs we see, which are actually only the top 10% or so of the actual berg.

Overall, the experience was really very eye-opening. We were able to understand what the most common problems are in the schools around us, and to see how different types of people respond to conflicts, and to experience the actual process of mediation. This convention was quite educational, and really did give some good insight on how to be an attentive, respectful listener and to effectively solve conflicts. CCS students now have the tools to help people resolve a conflicts in a mature, peaceful, and professional way.

In other CCS news, Robin Blankenship's 4th and 5th grade students completed their historical trek through the San Luis Valley. Students began their journey in the historical town of Las Sauces, and then set off along the Rio Grande corridor at the place where Spanish explorer Don Diego DeVargas crossed the great river in 1694. Their adventure took them to the Brownie Hills geological formation in the San Luis Hills, and was capped off with a well-earned dip at the Splashland Pool.

Each student dressed as a historical figure from the valley, and shared his or her knowledge of SLV history with the rest of the class. Students even ate their meals from a horse-drawn cowboy chuck wagon. The adventure was filled with history, geology, and storytelling. What an incredible example of experiential learning!

On October 17, Crestone Charter School's Student Leadership Council (SLC) had their first meeting. Each SLC member was chosen by his or her classmates to represent them as they make important decisions about school activities and policies. SLC responsibilities will include conducting tours of the school for new families, conducting all-



The 4th and 5th graders take an historical trek through the San Luis Valley.



This year's Student Leadership Council members: Rider Miller, Max Van Horn, Travel Cole, Sabian Storm, Cailan Boone, Noble Cole, Pheobe Tieder, Claire Dessain, Ginger Hedstrom, Kaelen Hollyer, and Aspen Hollyer.

school assemblies and other events, providing trained conflict resolution for their peers, and reporting to the

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## The Washington Beat

### President-Elect Hillary

### Clinton ¡Adiós mal hombre!

by David Nicholas

The race is over

Hillary Clinton wins it. The third debate was a major disaster for TheDonald (of which see more below). The polls won't probably move down from the 9-11% lead Ms. Clinton gained during October. At time of writing it points to landslide, or almost a landslide on November 8. Barring the unforeseen in early November before voting, Ms. Clinton is locked in to win.

Who put her over the top? With Julian Assange of Wikileaks up to his usual tricks, dumping thousands of hacked Hillary Campaign emails throughout October, her win is due more to the fear of voters as to what TheDonald's predatory hostility and anger augured if he won office, than the email verbiage of her campaign handlers, Jon Podesta and others, or doubts as to her capabilities to do the job.

This campaign was a race to the bottom, leaving an ugly aftertaste in the mouth. An aftertaste in large measure being the unforgiving mood of many people, having invested months of time and energy into a campaign that never came to fruition for them. The natural optimism the American people have about the future was sorely tried in this fight. Regaining it will take the winner a lot of time.

#### Who & what gave Hillary the boost to take it over the top?

Millennial women, former Bernie supporters who had remained undecided after Ms. Clinton's nomination at the Democratic Convention, but who found TheDonald's attitude towards women to be disgusting and abhorrent.

Hispanic Americans who registered to vote in droves in states formerly to be considered the GOP's traditional bailiwick, such as Arizona, Texas and Georgia.

Black Americans, who solidified behind Ms. Clinton after a steady drift away from her in August and September. They helped make North Carolina lean to Ms. Clinton and kept Michigan, Pennsylvania and Virginia in play for her.

Women, all women not already committed to Ms. Clinton who found that the Billy Bush video (as it is called now) confirmed TheDonald as a vicious sexual predator.

Last but not least, educated white men, previously considered a reliable Trump voting block, who began defecting after the first debate on September 26 when TheDonald had a hard time putting two cohesive sentences together.

To be clear, women voted for Ms. Clinton over her opponent and there were two reasons for that. These were the September and big October surprises.

The first debate's Alicia Machado moment came right at the end of the debate, which Ms. Clinton cited as an example of TheDonald's sexual predatory abuse. It was a trap carefully laid for him and

TheDonald fell into it. It spelled the beginning of the end for TheDonald.

The second was the 2005 Access Hollywood video starring TheDonald and AH co-host Billy Bush followed by 10 women who came out and made accusations that he had molested them on different occasions. While likely voters, polled after the video was released, said that it had no effect on how they would vote, it did change the momentum for the Hillary Campaign, which had been heading for the doldrums going into the election.

For millennials some credit can be given to Saturday Night Live, whose take on the race had Alec Baldwin's TheDonald and Kate McKinnon's Hillary Clinton sparring like it was the real thing. In fact it could be said in weeks following that it was as if life was imitating art.

Also John Oliver's HBO weekly LastWeekTonight was priceless, a gem of raw sanity. His ruthless knack for explaining the complicated in simple speak earned him an Emmy.

For other progressive millennials—that is left-wing progressives—they found their next mission. The fight to force the president-elect to take on Bernie Sanders' progressive agenda after the election and to radically campaign for their issues. Climate change and free education got their vote out. It was worth noting that several emails from the Bern himself, saying that if Democrats win control of the Senate he would become the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee, sent GOP House Speaker Paul Ryan into conniption fits.

#### Voters rule, but didn't we always?

We put up with so much crap these past two years of what may be remembered as the most divisive campaign since the 1960s—specifically 1968, where Richard Nixon went up against Hubert Humphrey. But this campaign was way more. This was the most destructive ever in terms of confidence in the union, these United States, this America.

Folks went to the polls for many reasons, the main ones being anger and frustration with Washington, DC being in political gridlock for the past four years.

There was fear and loathing that a sexual predator would thrust his views of women on the national discourse for the next four years. Following that, TheDonald threatened to bring an autocratic style, between dictatorship and cruel idiosyncratic crusading—El Duce Mussolini—that would have made the European Dark Ages appear like a beacon of light.

Out of the two choices for President that had a serious chance at taking the oath of office on January 20, 2017, there was really only one who could keep the political



chaos to come at a minimum, and that was Hillary Clinton.

If you had enough, the best course you woulda/coulda/shoulda taken was early in-person voting. While turning off the news channels, nightly newscasts and seeking out the sounds of silence, difficult given the media saturation.

But perseverance is part of the great America character and here we are on the other side of the nightmare, not in calm water necessarily but having reason to hope that all will get better.

That said, here's how it went.

#### The End of the End—Part 1

Dreading as I was at having to refer to TheDonald as "Mr. President" I should know better because the candidate himself was reliable in being his own worst enemy.

But it was clear, just minutes after the first debate ended, that TheDonald had badly lost this major political event before an estimated audience of 84 million people. If TheDonald listened to his handlers, he would have moved on from Alicia Machado, the winner of Trump's Miss Universe contest in 1997. But he didn't. He dug in and started lashing out for a week of news cycles, resurrecting his 1997 furor all over again. It just confirmed everything he denied he was: a mean angry white man who in his alpha male superiority saw women as slaves and chattels.

It was all he could talk about, trying to justify that he wasn't a racist, misogynistic pig, while at the same time calling Miss Venezuela, "Miss Piggy" among other things over her weight gain, real or imagined. TheDonald didn't quite get it that just tweeting his venom at all hours of the night was strange, weird behavior.

He chose to ignore the other hit Ms. Clinton had on him in the first debate, how much tax he had paid or hadn't. That came during the week.

Meanwhile, the only way his obsessive narrative changed was the Vice-Presidential debate on October 4 between candidates Indiana Governor Mike Pence and Virginia Senator Tim Kaine, which the Governor was seen as winning (48-42%) on style but which Mr. Kaine won on substance.

However the debate came and went and all the goodwill momentum that might have come from it had dissipated by Tuesday because *The New York Times* series of stories on TheDonald's tax returns—returns leaked from Trump Tower—showed that a 900+ million tax write-off possibly allowed him not to pay taxes for up to 18 years.

Only a few people caught it in the first debate, but he admitted he hadn't paid any taxes, and in the second debate he actually boasted that he hadn't.

And the bad news for TheDonald just kept on coming. To wit: the Trump Foundation based in New York state should cease and desist conducting business in the Empire State as it wasn't registered to operate, the implication being that it had been operating illegally and in the main donating money to—none other than—TheDonald. Then there was this.

#### The End of the End—Part 2—Access Hollywood

Suddenly and without warning on October 7, *The Washington Post* released a video from Access Hollywood where TheDonald's sleazy and disgusting remarks about women made him America's premiere sexual predator. CNN's Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer, with his usual panel of CNN political correspondents, was stunned into silence as the video was played. CNN's Chief Political Analyst Gloria Borgia nailed it when she said that this was the defining moment of the Presidential race—the main October Surprise—that some of us had been expecting.

The video played on an endless loop for 12 hours before TheDonald issued a video apology ("I said it, I was wrong, I apologize"). It was just "locker room banter," he said. Uh-huh.

Besides being too late, the apology came across as clearly disingenuous. The apology also included an attack on President Bill Clinton saying the President had said much worse on the golf course. Huh!

He claimed that as the video was 10 years old that he had changed. Uh-huh. TheDonald was 59 in this video made in 2005, and his claims that he has changed rang pretty hollow. His current behavior and his arrogant attitude indicated to many that his "old habits" were still in play and just as strong as ever.

Most of America agreed and his support in all the polls went into free fall from that moment and gave a solid lead to Ms. Clinton. Within 24 hours the floodgates opened and Republicans started either calling for him to resign from the race or in some cases un-endorsing the Presidential candidate.

By October 9, GOP candidates were fretting that these new revelations would damage their down-ballot races, and were in stampede mode. The list of those rescinding their endorsements for TheDonald looked to be legion. The narrative was that the RNC should approach him and ask him that to withdraw from the race.

Of course, from the Hillary Campaign's point of view, this couldn't have made them happier. These were the daylight hours before the second presidential debate.

TheDonald's campaign manager Kellyanne Conway cancelled



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her talk show appearances, and only former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani took on the talking points on TheDonald's behalf.

On NBC's MeetThePress, *The Washington Post's* Ruth Marcus was asked what should Ms. Clinton's answer be if the question was raised about Bill's infidelities? She said that Ms. Clinton should answer that after Bill Clinton's infidelities were exposed, she stayed with her husband, whereas after TheDonald's and Rudy Giuliani's infidelities were exposed they dumped their wives.

Meanwhile TheDonald tweeted that entire Sunday that he would come down hard on Ms. Clinton at the second debate that evening.

**The Second Presidential Debate—October 4**

TheDonald was true to his word. He was bombastic, arrogant and tried for 90 minutes to dominate. He even tried to psyche out the Democratic nominee by having four women, three who had alleged sexual impropriety against President Bill Clinton, sit in the TheDonald's guest box right in her line of sight.

The Commission on Presidential Elections nipped that one in the bud and threatened to escort them from the hall if that happened. They were allowed to sit in the audience.

The debate itself was a draw in my view. The viewing audience was measured at about 69 million viewers, tended to lean Democratic. An instant poll gave the debate to Ms. Clinton 57-42%. Ms. Clinton didn't seem all that energetic or enthused. She had decided clearly to appear calm amid the attacks TheDonald leveled at her, even threatening to put her in jail, if he became president.

On top of his demeaning rhetoric in the debate, his interruptions and his disrespect in refusing to sit still while Ms. Clinton gave her answers was a trick. The trick was to force the cameras to follow him around the room.

This tactic kept him in extreme close-up while Ms. Clinton didn't move when she answered. The result was often that she was never in full frame. Her hand gestures and often her face went out of the shot. It was a pretty bad production. However, the focus groups weren't fooled and all thought Ms. Clinton won it.

The main wonder by all pundits after this debate was, would TheDonald's "upbeat" performance—compared with his disastrous first debate performance—staunch the bleeding of the video release two days earlier?

No, it didn't, but it muddied the narrative for the better part of the second week of October, mixing TheDonald's crass debate tactics and the raunchy Access Hollywood

video. This was before women who claimed they had been groped by the man started coming forward and dominated the narrative.

**The end of the end—Part 3—Jessica Leeds**

The talk after the debate was about Bill Clinton's alleged infidelities versus TheDonald's sleaze talk—which was worse? The hope was that the talk would neutralize the video blowout. That may have worked until October 13 when two women went public in *The New York Times* and detailed alleged sexual abuse by TheDonald on two separate occasions.

One woman, Jessica Leeds, one of the people in the *Times* story, appeared on CNN Anderson Cooper's AC360 and she related the whole sordid story of TheDonald's groping and kissing her in a Braniff Airlines first class seat.

Ms. Leeds was compelling as she related her story to Mr. Cooper. I was looking to see if she was lying or looking for fame, but in my view she was telling the truth. Thank God she spoke out. Ms. Leeds just killed TheDonald's chances of being President. She did it quietly and with calm, and she could not be denied.

TheDonald lied in the second debate when Mr. Cooper asked him if he had kissed woman without her consent and he said "No!" Try as he might to ride out that bombshell, nine more women came out and stated the same thing. TheDonald shouted "Horrible, horrible liars." (his words).

Worse, TheDonald didn't/doesn't understand is that to deny the claims, saying that the women were "too old" and just "not attractive" enough to have his attention, is an admission of guilt. Ms. Leeds cashiered TheDonald and marked him for political oblivion.

**The third debate, October 19**

On the morning of October 19, MSNBC's Morning Joe's guests, GOP handlers Mike Murphy and Steve Schmidt, said that unless TheDonald put in a stellar performance, it was all over. The national polls were giving Ms. Clinton a lead of 9-11 points ahead of her opponent, and Mr. Schmidt guesstimated that Ms. Clinton could win 400+ Electoral College votes (270 needed to win). It would be a landslide. Wow, beyond my wildest dreams.

After the third presidential debate, it is going to be a landslide.

The third debate was a disaster for TheDonald. In front of an estimated 71 million viewers, Ms. Clinton won it 52%-39%, according to a CNN/ORC instant poll of debate watchers, who said that she would make a better president.

"Such a nasty woman," beat him hands down, no ifs, ands, or buts. Let's be abundantly clear, he lost and he lost it in the debate.

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

**—MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS**



by Ish

**1/ The Debt: ★★★★★**

This is an espionage thriller that takes place in 1965 when Mossad agents go into East Berlin to track down Nazi war criminal Vogel, known as "The Surgeon of Birkenau," a monster who was never brought to justice. All three Mossad agents had been venerated by their country for decades but in 1997 some shocking news comes to them about their former colleague. Was their mission accomplished or not back in 1965? The suspense builds in both time periods with startling action and surprising revelations. Stars Helen Mirren, Tom Wilkinson and others.

**2/ Freerunner: ★★★**

The storyline is interesting yet decadent about a bunch of "freerunners" who are given 1 hour to get from one end of the city to the other, while the very rich lay bets as to who will win. The catch is they all have a bomb locked to their necks. They go through a host of bad guys while trying to save their own lives. Their method is called Parkour and is really great to watch the abilities involved with that type of running. Stars Sean Faris, Tamer Hassan, Rebecca Da Costa and others.

**3/ My Week with Marilyn: ★★★★★**

Based on a true story of Sir Lawrence Olivier directing the film, *The Prince and the Showgirl*, starring Marilyn Monroe. There is an aspiring young filmmaker who gets into helping on the film and forms a protective comradeship with Marilyn while Olivier is getting more and more frustrated with her ineptness on the set. A fine portrayal of the sensitivities, doubts, depressions and other emotional highs and lows of this great icon. Stars: Eddie Redmayne, Michelle Williams, Kenneth Branagh and others.

**4/ Dead Man Down: ★★★★★**

A gangland player infiltrates a crime empire run by a ruthless kingpin, with one purpose: revenge for destroying his once-happy life. As he meticulously orchestrates his revenge, he is watched by a neighbor who later blackmails him into helping her with her own retribution. Directed by Niels Arden Oplev of *Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* fame, this thriller stars: Colin Farrell, Noomi Rapace, Terrance Howard, Dominic Cooper et al.

**5/ One Week: ★★★★★**

This film chronicles the motorcycle trip of Ben Tyler while he rides from Toronto to British Columbia, stopping at various landmarks as he seeks the meaning of life, having just recently been told he has stage IV cancer. Stars: Joshua Jackson, Peter Spence, Marc Strange et al.

Three points stand out. On a woman's right to choose: Trump "Well, if that would happen, because I am pro-life, and I will be appointing pro-life judges, I would think that that will go back to the individual states."

Then, on Vladimir Putin and Russia. Clinton: "And it's pretty clear . . . It's pretty clear you won't admit . . . Well, that's because he'd rather have a puppet as president of the United States." Trump: "No puppet. No puppet. No, you're the puppet. You're the puppet!"

But what sealed TheDonald's fate happened here: Chris Wallace: "Your running mate, Governor Pence, pledged on Sunday that he and you—his words—'will absolutely accept the result of this election.' Today your daughter, Ivanka, said the same thing. I want to ask you here on the stage tonight: Do you make the same commitment that you will absolutely—sir, that you will absolutely accept the result of this election?"

TheDonald: "I will look at it at the time. I'm not looking at anything now. I'll look at it at the time."

Then he said: "What I've seen—what I've seen is so bad. First of all, the media is so dishonest and so corrupt, and the pile-on is so amazing. *The New York Times* actually wrote an article about it, but they don't even care. It's so dishonest. And they've poisoned the mind of the voters."

It's quite telling when TheDonald's campaign manager, Kellyanne Conway, walked away from CNN's

Dana Bash half way through an interview in the post-debate spin. She knew he had lost it.

In any case this debate comes too late for TheDonald because going by the established victories of the previous debates, millions—thought to be 20-25%—of the voting electorate have already cast ballots and the word is the early vote favored Ms. Clinton.

**The election is rigged!**

Not in my lifetime would you be stupid enough to make that claim. The American voting system—which is controlled locally with many checks and balances—is so geared to prevent voter fraud, let alone vote rigging, that it would take an extensive web of collusion to make an impact on a national vote. TheDonald's claim was just pushing so much crap uphill.

President Obama's admonishment to TheDonald to stop whining and concentrate on getting voters to vote was music to the ears. The President was joined by Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) who ripped into TheDonald's claim and by Ohio's GOP Secretary of State Jon Husted who called his claims "irresponsible."

Finally, ¡Gracias a Dios por Alicia Machado! This woman made Hillary Clinton's ascension to the presidency a certainty. We should be grateful to this citizen being herself. Very grateful.

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## Is the vote safe?

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weeks before “Election Day”. National statistics show that more than 40 percent of ballots will be cast, and in many instances counted, well before Election Day.

In Colorado, the decentralized nature of the elections system—each county counts their residents’ ballots—provide some assurance that widespread fraud will not impact Colorado’s national and state races.

Saguache County Clerk, Carla Gomez, in a pre-emptive step, recently requested additional funds from the commissioners to comply with new rules pertaining to mail-in ballots. The expansion of voter registration, walk-in ballots, early voting, signature verification requires in more days to have judges present. In Colorado, the use of bipartisan election judges is an integral part of preventing illegal election practices of voter intimidation, discrimination, or interference with voters’ rights. With mail ballots, some of these protections are removed opening the door for voter intimidation, ballot box stuffing, lost votes, vote buying, and ballot insecurity. As Saguache County is discovering, the cost of running an all mail voting system is actually greater than the use of polling places.

A statewide registration database is essential to the vote verification process. Ballots themselves are anonymous, but residents voting by mail must sign

their return envelope. When the process is working correctly, those signatures are reviewed and verified by a bipartisan team against the one on file with the state.

Residents in Colorado can verify and update their information online by accessing the Secretary of State website: [www.GoVote-Colorado.com](http://www.GoVote-Colorado.com). They can also track their mail ballot status online. Or, they can contact the Clerk’s office in the Courthouse.

Coloradans, who prefer, can still vote in person. In Saguache County, the Voter Service Polling Center is the Courthouse. These voters must present a valid ID. Acceptable forms are a driver’s license, a passport, a copy of a recent bill or a paycheck that shows the voter’s name and address.

By state law, computers used to tabulate votes—whether cast on a touchscreen or by paper ballot—are not to be connected to the Internet. Results are transferred from the off-line computers to another system, which uploads the tallies to the Secretary of State.

Despite these measures, instances of election and voter fraud do still occur. Earlier this fall, CBS4 found evidence of several dead men and women voting in Colorado years after their deaths. The Secretary of State’s office confirmed that 78 dead voters were still erroneously eligible to vote—they’ve since been removed from voter rolls.

In the 2016 presidential election, one candidate is warning about voter fraud, while another proclaims that the Russians are

interfering.

Almost a century and a half ago, Sen. Stephen Douglas told Abraham Lincoln, who had just defeated him for the presidency, “Partisan feeling must yield to patriotism. I’m with you, Mr. President, and God bless you.”

After the 2000 election, Al Gore said, “Well, in that same spirit, I say to President-elect Bush that what remains of partisan rancor must now be put aside, and may God bless his stewardship of this country.”

The question now, after a deeply rancorous election that has cleaved partisan divides ever deeper, is whether either Trump or Clinton could summon those words about each other after November 8.

**What do you need to know?**

- The final day to register

and receive a mail ballot is October 31.

- Colorado allows same-day registration and voting at voter service polling centers. In Saguache County that is the Courthouse.

- Ballots must be received (not postmarked) by 7pm on Election Day, November 8.

- If returning your ballot by mail, Colorado election officials recommend 68¢ postage or two Forever Stamps when mailing your ballot. The USPS recommends sending it by November 1.

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See additional information from the Saguache County Clerk about voting in Saguache County on page 8.

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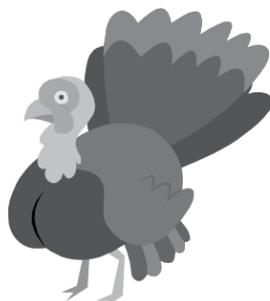
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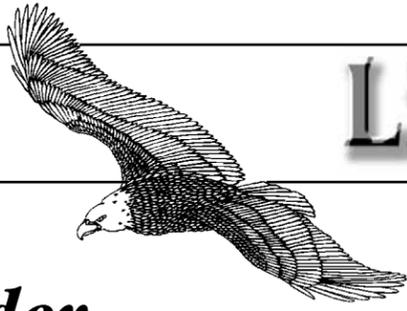
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## Lakota elder & historian speaks about the Sioux Nation & Standing Rock in Crestone

by Melinda Myers

On September 29 the Cloud Station sponsored Lakota elder and historian Martina Looking Horse. Martina gave a talk on historical attitudes towards native people and the Oceti Sakowin, (Great Sioux Nation), in particular. It was an intimate glimpse into our nation's unsavory past and troubling present from the Native perspective. Martina was in town visiting friends on her way home from speaking at the Unify Fest in Santa Fe. She was persuaded to give her talk and the idea arose to make it a fundraiser for assistance to the Oceti Sakowin Camp in North Dakota. The generous folks of our community responded (special thanks to Hanne, Manitou Foundation and Elephant Cloud). A letter of support from our community was signed and Martina will be presenting it at the Circle when she returns to Oceti Sakowin Camp. Over \$1,300 was raised and more importantly, we all learned a little of what it is to walk in our continent's first inhabitants' shoes. Martina is working on forming a "Grandmothers' Council" for the camp and organizing the tribes and supporters for further environmental and treaty actions to partially rectify the neglect, abuse, and genocide of the Oceti Sakowin at the hands of the US.

Martina Looking Horse started life on the Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation in South Dakota. She earned her name Wawokiye Winyan, Helping Woman, at an early age. As a toddler in the crib,



Martina Looking Horse.

she was attacked by a rabid dog. The dog had somehow entered the home. Martina's brothers ran away and climbed on the beds to try and get away. The dog, seeing what easy prey the baby was, tried to push his jaws through the slats of the crib. Martina hit him with her rattle, but he pushed harder to get closer, snapping his frothy bloody fangs near her face. She hit him again and his madness made him



People wait in line to greet elders at a processional ceremony in Standing Rock.

photo by Vandee Khalsa



The grandmothers have claimed the treaty land surrounding Standing Rock and the warrior youth are setting up camp.

photo by Vandee Khalsa

lose control and shove his whole head through the bars, trapping him tight. Martina saved the family and established her role in life.

In the 1970s, high schooler Martina drove her Dad to treaty meetings and wound up becoming their secretary. Later, as she got more interested, she would write treaty articles for Native papers. It soon became apparent to her that it never ended well for the Lakota. "The US has broken every law in the book, including the 10 Commandments, when it comes to the American Indian." The ingrained attitudes of Americans towards indigenous people goes back 500 years. In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue and his reports of the brown peoples he found there prompted the Spanish Crown and Church to issue Papal Bulls in 1494 & 1496. These outline the policies of the Doctrine of Discovery, whereby the lands with non-Christians were free for the taking since the inhabitants were Enemies of Christ and had no souls and should be enslaved. Most Native peoples of the Americas were forced to convert or face persecution and death. This mindset continues to exist today.

Being a student of US/Lakota treaties has given Martina a unique perspective amongst her people. So few Natives have access to "decent education", (the specter of boarding

schools still lingers here), and international agreements have their own language, so little is known about the nuances of the laws. Martina's knowledge again makes her a great help to her people. She is constantly called upon to advise them in treaty matters. This is what makes her such an asset to the action at Standing Rock. Historically, according to Martina, women have the property rights to the land and they can send an eviction notice to corporations to get off the treaty lands. The US is obligated by international treaty laws to be the "Great White Father" and protect the Great Sioux Nation from harm. There is even a "Bad Men" clause, where the US government must escort them off the reservation if they are detrimental to the tribe.

So what has happened to change this law? Is the US protecting the Lakota in 2016?

April 1, 2016, the youth of the Standing Rock Lakota Reservation started a camp along the Cannonball River to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline from drilling under the Missouri river a half mile from the water intake for the entire reservation. Originally the DAPL was to cross near Bismarck, but it was determined that a leak could pollute the Capital's drinking water,

### Standing in solidarity with the Standing Rock Lakota

Greetings Water Warriors! We from the sacred center of Turtle Island stand with you to end the spoiling of our precious Mother! Enough is Enough!

Blessings to all of you brave Protectors, putting yourselves on the front lines to stop this endless greed and corruption. We have you in our hearts and send you energy to keep vigilant and prepared.

Here, under our sacred mountains, we have to constantly fight for our water and our public lands from being defiled by the extractor mentality of capitalism gone amok in a 'Manifest Destiny' race to the bottom. We live here for the land and the water and the abundance of creatures under clear bright skies. We chained ourselves to bulldozers when the gold seekers came, we protested and wrote letters to stop drilling and fracking in our closed aquifer, and we backed down the Air National Guard when they wanted to endanger our children in their school. We will fight for our little corner of Earth and we stand in solidarity with Standing Rock.

As a community that celebrates all the spiritual paths that make up our diverse local family, we feel the bond with you, our Brothers and Sisters and honor your devotion to the duty of protecting the water and land for all our children.

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by Kim Malville

This is the month for lovers of Venus. The brilliant planet rises higher and higher in the evening throughout the month. Its altitude at sunset increases from 16° to 22°, getting brighter every night. Venus is bright because of its cloud cover, but below it lies the hottest planet in the solar system, with a temperature of 863° F. Its dry, desiccated surface, once possessing oceans and lakes of water, has been destroyed by climate change brought on by carbon dioxide in its atmosphere. Beware you Earthlings!

At the first of the month Saturn is easy to find to the right of Venus, but it gets lost in the light of the setting sun at the end of the month. Mars is still visible in November, appearing about due south as the sun sets.

**November 1-3:** Look for the young crescent moon as it travels past Venus and Saturn some 45 minutes after sunset. On November 2 it will lie exactly above Saturn.

**November 14:** Full moon. The moon is closest to the earth than at any time between 1976 and 2020.

Philae, the orbiter was never designed to land on the comet. Despite gently coming to rest at a speed of less than two miles per hour, parts of it probably broke apart. We'll never know the details, as it is now dead silent.

As you perhaps remember, Comet 67P is famous for its odd-ball shape. With two lobes joined together at a neck, it resembles an interplanetary dumbbell or a peculiar peanut. Rosetta photographed a large crack in its neck in 2014. After the comet made its closest approach to the sun in August 2015, the crack grew by several hundred meters and new cracks appeared.

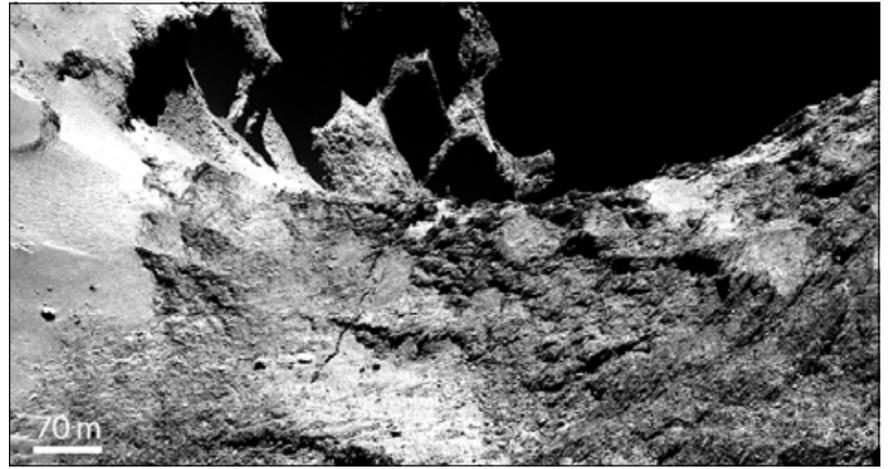
The fractures appear to be developing as forces bend the comet back and forth, becoming strongest when it comes closest to the sun: a true pain in the neck of astronomical proportions! Apparently the ends bend in opposite directions as the comet spins, flexing the neck and creating stress. Because the comet isn't held together very strongly, with the body strength of a snowball, the neck is starting to break. At this rate, in a few hundred years, the comet could fold itself in half as the two lobes snap apart and meld together. Rarely in astronomy do we find changes that occur so quickly.

**Would Pluto by any other name smell as sweet?**

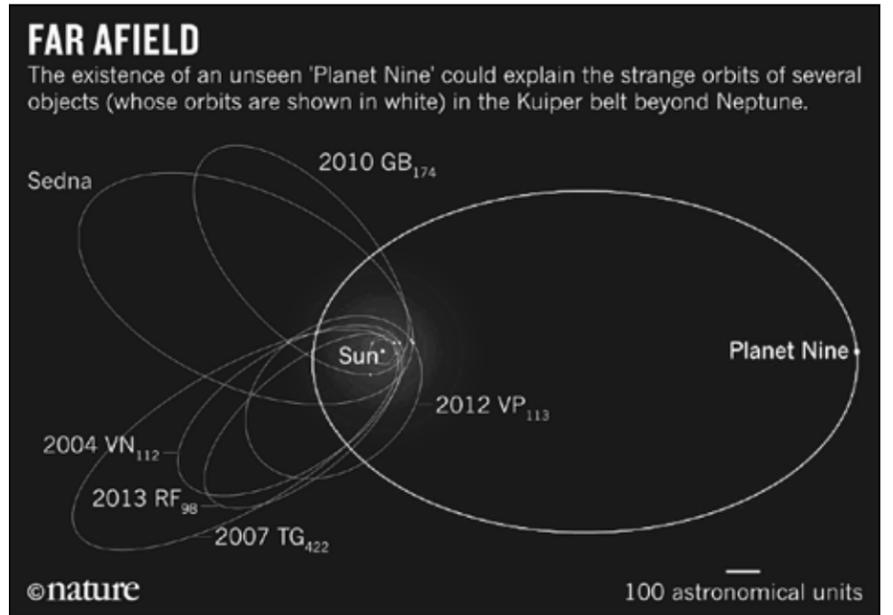
Planet Nine, the replacement of Pluto, has a good chance of lurking unseen in the dark depths of the outer solar system. Its days of hiding may be numbered. The evidence for Planet Nine's existence has continued to grow over the past nine months, as several different research teams have determined that the orbits of other small, distant

objects appear to have been influenced by its presence. This hypothetical giant planet (Pluto is only a dwarf) is thought to be about 10 times more massive than Earth, taking some 20,000 years to orbit the sun. It will be discovered within 16 months or so, as predicted by Mike Brown, the astronomer who killed Pluto. Brown said that 8 to 10 groups are currently looking for the planet.

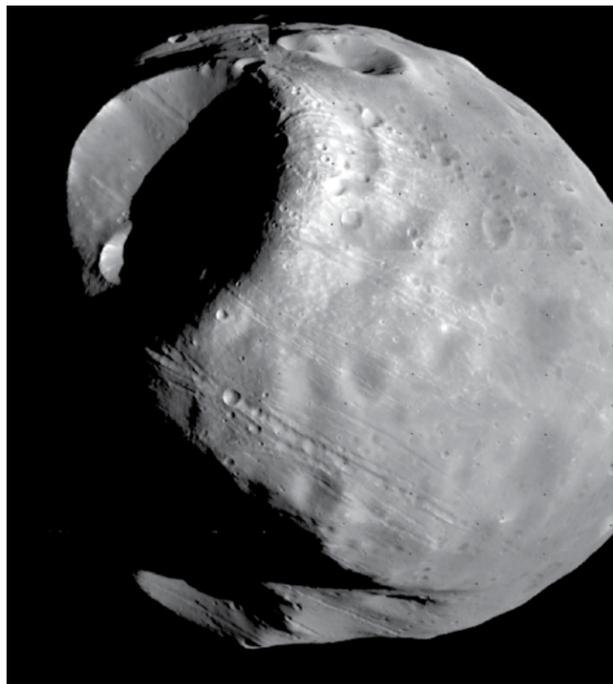
The latest evidence for Planet Nine comes from a peculiar aspect of the solar system. The plane in which the eight major planets orbit the sun is tilted from the sun's equator by six degrees. The best explanation for that tilt is that the gravitational influence of a distant



Crack in the neck of Rosetta's comet.



Planet Nine: "It can't hide much longer."



Phobos: The "Death Star" moon of Mars.

**Don't cry for me, Earth**

On September 30 the Rosetta, the comet orbiter, finished its nearly 26-month visit to comet 67P by touching down on the surface of the comet and turning itself off.

After more than 10 years in space, Rosetta arrived at 67P on August 6, 2014. Three months later, a lander named Philae detached from the orbiter and dropped to the comet's surface. It didn't go as planned. Philae was not able to attach itself to the surface by harpoons as planned, by bouncing twice and ending up in the shadow of a cliff.

Without the sunlight to charge its battery, Philae went to sleep about 60 hours later. Unlike

large planet has slowly, over the past 4.5 billion years, pushed the other planets out of their original orbits. Not a bad replacement for the original dwarf. Pluto lovers should be pleased, although we can be sure that Planet Nine, when actually discovered, will be named Pluto. The search is on! This is an exciting hunt to be watching from the bleachers.

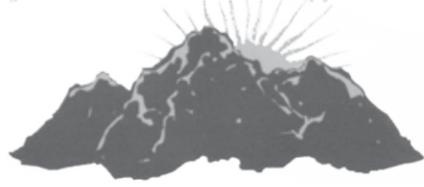
Studies of Mars' moon Phobos has a connection with keeping the Earth safe from asteroids, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) announced recently.

Phobos has a huge crater, more than five miles across, and a new computer model by the LLNL in California simulates the dramatic impact that could have caused that distinctive crater. The research is part of a planetary defense program, studying how to protect Earth from a devastating impact.

Those studies have demonstrated that a crater of this size can be created without destroying the

moon, which actually used to be an asteroid. The object that slammed into Phobos and created what's called the Stickney Crater could have been about 820 feet across and been traveling at a speed of about 13,420 mph. It did not shatter the asteroid, and if something like it were moving toward Earth, a powerful nudge such as this would have diverted it from impacting our planet. That could involve ramming a spacecraft into the asteroid to change its course, or even detonating a nuclear device near it. A nuclear explosion near the asteroid would heat up one part of it, and acting like a rocket engine, could propel it on a safe course, taking Earth out of the crosshairs. This would work for an asteroid like Phobos, but probably not for a fragile object like Rosetta's Comet which could split and shower the earth with many fragments. We should be afraid, be very afraid, of throwing nuclear devices around the solar system!

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# Ask Dr. B about pets

## Colder weather concerns & poison hazards for cats, dogs & wildlife

**by Dr. M. Linda Behrns, DVM**

How can fall be halfway over already?! It seems as though summer flew by and now we are facing colder weather, which brings along with it a list of things to watch out for concerning our pets' safety.

I hadn't seen a snake for months and suddenly they seem to be all over around my house and on the roads, getting ready for their long hibernation over the winter. Most of the snakes we have here are either garter snakes or bull snakes which are basically harmless, although they can still bite and the wounds can become infected. They are both very helpful in controlling the rodent population and compete with rattle snakes for the same food and environment, so the more we have the better, just know they are out and about right now and try to avoid them. Rattle snakes are a whole different story, but luckily we don't have too many of them on this side of the valley. If you take your dogs hiking on the west side of the valley keep a sharp eye and ear open for them as they are much more common there.

Mice and pack rats are looking for warm, cozy spots to live this winter so inevitably I am seeing more cases of pets getting into rodent poison or possibly being exposed to the poison by eating the rodents who ate the poison. Please, please, please try traps or other means of rodent control before resorting to poisoned baits. Pets are

not the only inadvertent animals harmed. Wildlife such as foxes, owls and other raptors can also be killed after eating the animals who have eaten the poison. Nobody likes to deal with a dead mouse in a trap, but it could save a life that you don't want to harm.

This is a popular time to top up the antifreeze in cars. Ethylene glycol-based coolants are very sweet and attractive to children, dogs and wildlife. Cats can get a toxic dose by just stepping in it. Be very careful not to spill any and to thoroughly clean up afterwards or use less toxic propylene glycol-based products to keep everyone safe.

Some species of mushrooms may come out in the fall. While many are non-toxic it can be hard to tell which are dangerous and which aren't, so keep an eye out and make sure your dogs aren't eating any. If they do get into them, try to get a sample of what they ate so it can be identified.

Although I see dogs that have encountered porcupines year-round, it does seem to be a bit more common in the fall. Try to keep a close eye on your dogs when out walking and keep them close to home at night, both for their safety and the porcupine's.

Don't forget that all of our animals that live outdoors need a place to stay that is warm, dry and out of the wind. That said, it is a lovely time of year so get out and enjoy it while it lasts!



*Is that a car? Should we cross the road now? Wildlife are on the move!*

## Fall & winter migrations make collisions with wildlife more likely

Vehicle collisions with wildlife happen year round, but statistics indicate that the migration of animals to their wintering habitats can lead to higher incidents of wildlife-vehicle collisions during the fall and winter seasons. The Colorado Department of Wildlife (CDOT) and partnering agencies, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and Colorado State Patrol (CSP), remind motorists to be alert because, "Wildlife are on the move!"

"It's a very significant occurrence—the migration of wildlife. We need to understand that while roads have been built for our convenience, they are sometimes paved in the middle of animal migration corridors," said Mark Lawler, CDOT biologist. "As snow begins to fall in the high country, the changing weather pushes wildlife to the foothills and lower elevations. The animals' natural instinct sends them in search of food and water sources which means crossing our state's roads and highways."

Motorists should be aware that wildlife can cross roads without warning at most any time of day or night, but a majority of animal-vehicle collisions occur from dusk to dawn, when wildlife are more active and unfortunately more difficult to see. Over the past ten years the state has seen an average of 3,300 reported wildlife-related collisions each year. Also in

that ten-year period 2,661 crashes involved driver or passenger injuries. And sadly, 33 of the collisions resulted in human fatalities.

CDOT has created a new educational video, "Wildlife on the Move," which touches upon the risks of potential wildlife encounters on the road. The visual tool also outlines several tips for preventing collisions and gives recommendations on what to do if you experience a wildlife collision.

CSP Public Information Officer Joshua Lewis, who is featured in the video, offered this advice: "The best practice for drivers is to be aware, drive with caution, and slow down, especially at night. If you see one deer or elk, expect others. And remember to scan the sides of the road for signs of movement and to watch for the shining eyes of animals that reflect car headlights at night."

If a wildlife collision does occur, the video instructs drivers to, "brake, look, and steer." Brake: slow down and concentrate on retaining control of the vehicle. Look: be aware of your surroundings, especially other vehicles. Steer: move your vehicle to a safe position off the road.

To view the "Wildlife on the Move" video and for more information about wildlife visit [www.codot.gov/programs/environmental/wildlife](http://www.codot.gov/programs/environmental/wildlife).



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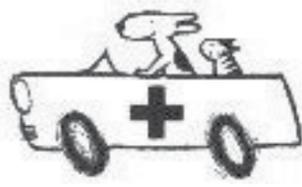
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The 2016 Saguache County Firewise Team. From left to right: Daniel S. Johnson, Taleb Nelson, Christopher Botz, Tad Crawford and Jim Vanderpool.

## 2016 Firewise Program underway

For the past 8 years, the Saguache County Firewise Program has provided funding for qualified personnel to assess wildfire hazards around structures and help homeowners to develop plans for protecting these structures. As it has developed and grown, the program has assessed over 350 homes and hands-on mitigation has been completed on nearly 200 homes.

"This year we have a crew of 5 firefighters of various qualification levels which allows us to do larger and more numerous projects," says Daniel S. Johnson. Johnson is a qualified Type 2 Safety Officer and Division Supervisor who has done this work for the county all 8 years. Baca Grande Fire Chief Christopher Botz and first-year firefighter Taleb Nelson work as swampers to

haul cut material and load trucks while Assistant Chief Tad Crawford, Jim Vanderpool and Johnson work as Fallers.

At present, the program has a waiting list of around 20 homeowners, who are invited to work with the crews on their own properties. "We expect to get to everyone before the snow flies, but if not, we should have enough funding to continue next spring," says Johnson. "With climate change, wildfires are spreading into new areas and extreme fire behavior has become the norm. We all love living in treed environments but we need to take responsibility to protect our structures before a wildfire roars through."

To be added to the waiting list, call Johnson at 719-480-8764.

## SMOKE COLUMN COMMUNITY INFORMATION ON FIRST RESPONSE

by Chris Botz

Remember your woodstove ashes are the most likely cause of an event at this time of year. Please place them in a metal container, and outside set them clear of any flammable materials.

If you do have a stove or chimney fire: close the stove door and damper, close the flue if you are able, dial 911 and move outside. Don't open the doors or windows as this supplies more oxygen to the situation. Do not spray a fire extinguisher directly into either situation. They are pressurized and may blow the fire and embers out into the room.

We are still recruiting new members to EMS and Fire departments.

For EMS please call Darrick Garcia, Ambulance administrator at 719-580-0048 or Tad Crawford at the Baca Firehouse 719-256-4781.

We are still being asked to pro-

vide those reflective blue address signs. We cannot because we no longer have the grant and there is no money in the budget for them. I still think they are a terrific idea and think we should figure out a way of making them more readily available. Please talk to the Baca board members or Town trustees about solutions to make this tremendous resource more readily available.

Wildfire is still a big threat. Please be careful with all ignition sources, especially on windy days.

This is the season of bonfires. We encourage you to call 719-589-5807 or 719-655-2544 if you are going to have one. Let either dispatch center know your address and the estimated times of your fire. Please have the materials to extinguish the fire handy. If it does get out of hand please call us right away: 911.

Have a great Thanksgiving! Thanks, Fire and EMS.

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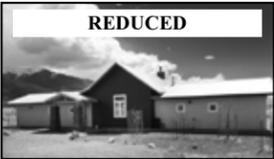
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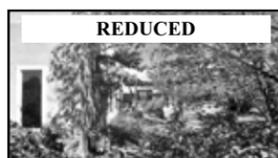
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# In Search of Economic Reality

*Back to the red brick schoolhouse*

by Ed Lyell

For decades America's schools were mostly one-room school buildings serving thousands of small towns. They did a good job, many better than today's factory-style, structured schools. The current factory-style school has student achievement results that are the worst in the developed world. The modern school started as a place to create several generations of compliant, time-based, assembly line workers. Yet the world no longer needs such workers and does need better educated, lifelong-learning critical thinkers. America's schools need dramatic restructuring and transformation.

The red brick school building teacher had to be very smart, not necessarily in every topic, but in how to facilitate many different aged children to read books, write papers, do their math and help teach one another. That was Thomas Jefferson's vision when he first described the need for an educated citizenry for democracy to work. The current political war shows the problems when a large portion of eligible voters are poorly educated, opinionated without evidence and often deny science and data. Our poor education system has helped create demagogues that could destroy America.

Thousands of small rural schools came about because people could only travel 15 to 25 miles per day via horse. Teachers were chosen to be generalists who could teach children how to teach themselves and one another. Generations of their students became the smart farmers and small business people that built America. Yet the majority of children now live in urban areas with large age-based schools organized around academic functions. In rural areas it is hard to recruit and keep teachers with high levels of skill in math, science, or many other functional areas. Thus schools often hire someone to coach a team and then assign them to a subject, perhaps a subject the coach/teacher does not even know, let alone is able to teach.

Technology could combine with this dearth of good teachers and permit us to return to the generalist teacher who can facilitate a student's learning. Learning must focus on a student's passions and use the knowledge of the world through video and the internet. Students now have unlimited ability to become self-directed, mature, lifelong learners that are in high demand everywhere in the world and in their home area.

We should reorganize our schools into Montessori activity-based pre-puberty elementary

schools and high touch/high tech post-puberty self-learning academies guided by adults who will help youth follow their passions using the modern learning tools of the global community. That teacher needs to be an expert in accessing information, finding and using relevant videos, simulations, computer-based games and guiding project-based learning activities.

Done properly this rural learning academy could provide a better education than a city-based factory-style big building school. We have examples of new-style learning communities in charter and magnet schools. We have found teachers who thrive by getting out of their grade-based classroom, or math- or science-only classrooms. Many of us who are considered intellectuals have discovered that our best insights and accomplishments have come from learning about what is between the academic silos, seeing the similarities of multiple subject areas and discovering patterns of behavior which can only be partially understood within the narrow areas of university organization. An expanding number of top universities, research labs, and innovative corporations use inter-disciplinary teams to discover new things and fix old problems. We could be even better at these needed skills if we started teaching

our youth to follow their passions and be better motivated to learn instead of just 'putting up' with school in order to stay eligible for sports, proms, or just avoid going into the workplace.

The rural school district could reorganize into lifelong learning communities using everyone in the community as teachers participating in project-based learning. Newly trained or retrained existing teachers using the technology of the internet, video games, simulations and other exciting ways to learn will become energized in growing beyond their formal content area skills or teacher education-developed tools. Universities would be partners in delivering content and technology while creating a smoother path for youth to move through high school and university with less pain and chasm jumping.

Visualize youth working with farmers or agricultural engineers to implement increasing crop yield while cutting back on environmentally unfriendly fertilizers. Watch a community-based learning team use satellites and geo-coded data bases and tools to fertilize and irrigate a crop using half the water currently used and getting twice the yield. Watch them learn to use self-driving or computer-driven drones and tractors. Similarly, teams could be working on forestry or wildlife or water projects. Everyone would have the most important part of learning driving them—a passion to understand and improve.

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# There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root, RH (AHG)  
Herbs for winter health



Elderberry.

It often seems that we head into autumn and winter still running from the activity of summer. It sometimes takes a full-on winter flu to get us to slow down and adjust to the more relaxed pace of the season. It is possible, though, to tune into the shorter, colder days and begin to slow down before our immune systems rebel and demand that we pay attention to them. Our bodies require more sleep and warmer foods as we head into winter.

In Chinese medicine, autumn corresponds to the metal element, the lungs and colon, and the emotion of grief. Winter corresponds to the water element, the kidneys and bladder, and the emotion of fear. Suppressed emotions, as in any

condition which blocks energy flow, can lead to physical illness. Now would be a good time to tune into any unresolved grief or fear, and find ways to clear them.

Nutritionally, more cooked foods than raw will help the body in this season. Warming herbs, such as onion, garlic, ginger, cinnamon, and licorice in foods and as teas keep the inner fires burning. In a previous article I talked about a tonic herbal concoction—Fire Cider. It's a fiery combination of onion, garlic, horseradish, ginger and other herbs. If you can't find that article, you can find the recipe online. One teaspoon a day helps maintain winter health, or helps clear sinus infections, flus and colds.

Our local herbs, mullein, osha, usnea, red root, and grindelia can help prevent and treat colds and flus. Homeopathic Oscillo-coccinum can be taken at the first sign of flu or after having been exposed. Elderberry syrup is an excellent antiviral—use it to sweeten your tea to maintain health, or to shorten the duration of an illness. And speaking of teas, this is an excellent time to stay well hydrated, with warm liquids if possible. I love Traditional Medicinals tea—they are good quality, good tasting and easy to use.

And last but certainly not least—sugar suppresses the immune system. Replace it with small quantities of natural sweeteners and fruit, and toss your artificial sweeteners in the trash immediately upon reading this article!

To your health!

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# Lakota historian in Crestone

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A banner near Standing Rock reads "Oil Spills. Oil Kills. Water is Life." On October 23, water protectors declared that they were enacting eminent domain on Dakota Lands, claiming rights from the 1851 Treaty of Fort Laramie, and set up three blockades on Highway 1806. More at [IndianCountryTodayMediaNetwork.com](http://IndianCountryTodayMediaNetwork.com). photo by Vandee Khalsa



Martina Looking Horse & Hanne Strong at the Cloud Station September 29.

so a switch was fast-tracked through approval process with no environmental impact assessment or water easement. Little attention was given to non-violent activism until 25 Standing Rock kids ran 2,000 miles to Washington D.C. to send the message of Mni Wiconi: Water is Life. Since then a snowball of support has rolled into Sacred Stone Camp and spawned the even larger Oceti Sakowin Camp across the Cannonball River. Over 300 tribes from across the globe have sent representatives and donations in support of the Lakota. This mighty gathering of nations is claiming enough is enough and drawing the line in the sand.

Now as the peaceful water protectors pray for the Mother Earth and state-sanctioned military-level law enforcement forces grab people indiscriminately, the camp's resolve deepens. They are in it for the long haul, for the North Dakota winter, which is just as bitter cold as it sounds. Martina is committed to make sure the many elders are

warm and safe and healthy. There are many more people than cars in camp. If there were an emergency evacuation due to weather or an attack on the camp, hundreds would be stranded, mostly women and elders. Martina's vision is a multi-passenger vehicle with all-terrain capabilities, which could ferry people on much-needed trips for supplies. Many elders need to get to doctor appointments, medications, and laundry. Showers are not available at camp. We are looking for donations to get a vehicle or if someone has a road-worthy car they would like to give to a good cause, please contact 256-4773.

Elephant Cloud is sponsoring a box for warm winter gear and a cash donation jar. If you have larger items arrangements can be made. A convoy will be going sometime after Thanksgiving to bring donations to the camp.

Please help Wawokiye Winyan, help her people, the water, the land and all that is sacred. Mni Wiconi.

## Rio Grande National Forest seeks public input on La Garita Hills analysis

The Rio Grande National Forest and Bureau of Land Management San Luis Valley Field Office invites public input on the draft environmental impact statement for the La Garita Hills Restoration Project. The proposed project area is located southwest of Saguache and includes more than 145,000 acres of National Forest System land and 33,000 acres of land managed by the BLM.

Several projects would be generated from this large analysis that covers a diversity of forested and non-forested ecosystems ranging from low elevation foothills to subalpine spruce-fir forests. Proposed activities include: salvage harvest of beetle-killed spruce trees followed by planting seedlings in areas with inadequate natural regeneration; fuel reduction treatments adjacent to developed private lands; and in drier vegetation zones further from private land, thinning of commercial- and non-commercial-sized trees and prescribed burning to meet a variety of resource objectives, such as improving wildlife habitat and reducing the potential for uncharacteristically severe wildfires.

Comments will be used in the development of the final environmental impact statement and are most useful if received by November 14, 2016.

Comment letters may be emailed to [comments-rocky-mountain-rio-grande-saguache@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-rocky-mountain-rio-grande-saguache@fs.fed.us); faxed to 719-655-2502 with subject line of La Garita Hills Project; or mailed to District Ranger, 46525 State Hwy. 114, Saguache, CO 81149.

The draft environmental impact statement and supporting information is available for review at [www.fs.usda.gov/projects/riogrande/land-management/projects](http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/riogrande/land-management/projects).

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# Garden Guru

Stocking up & taking stock



by **Matie Belle Lakish**

The harvest is in. I hope yours was abundant. Now is a good time to take stock of the season's harvest, look at the successes and the not-so-successful efforts, save the last of the seeds, and put away the last of the crops. It's been a relatively mild fall, so you may still have a few things left in the ground, like beets and carrots, turnips and parsnips. As I write this, I still have some cabbages, cauliflowers, and kale that are holding up well. All of these crops can handle temperatures in the 20's, and some of the roots will be all right in the ground when the temps go into the teens. By Thanksgiving, however, we'll expect to have snow on the ground and all of our crops in storage.

A good way to store those root crops, if you have a cool indoor space, is to pack them in boxes of sand and put them in a cool, dark space. A root cellar is ideal, and in earlier times, root cellars were standard equipment on homesteads. Nowadays, we may look for a cool space in or under the house. Dampen the sand occasionally to keep the roots from shriveling up and drying out, but don't store them in closed plastic containers. They need some air circulation.

Fermenting vegetables is an old strategy for preserving your crops, and is especially good for the cole crops—cabbage, cauliflower, and broccoli. In the old days, food preservation was the primary reason for fermenting these vegetables. Now we know that the fermenting process has health benefits of its own that we can take advantage of by making such items as sauerkraut and kimchi, a Korean fermented vegetable dish. Kimchi recipes usually call for Napa cabbage, but other cole crops can work as well. There are plenty of recipes available on the Internet.

Kale chips is a current favorite, and I intend to harvest my

remaining kale leaves sometime before that mid-teens night and try making them. I've enjoyed eating the chips, but have yet to try making them. A new challenge.

## Scoring the tomatoes

I've pulled the tomato plants and the kids had a great time searching for the labels. I tried several new varieties of open-pollinated tomatoes, as well as some of my old favorites. I also planted one hybrid tomato, Delicious, a fairly early large tomato, to compare to the open-pollinated ones. A summary of my results is as follows:

**Gold Nugget:** These small golden cherry tomatoes were the earliest of all. Just right for that early salad, they started to bear in July. They are fairly flavorful, although perhaps not as tasty as some of the later cherry tomatoes.

**Glacier and Cold Set:** These two were also early, as one might imagine from their names. They are both small, determinate plants, and are good for small spaces and early harvest. Cold Set's fruits seemed slightly larger than Glacier, but both are medium sized, that is, bigger than cherry tomatoes, but considerably smaller than slicers.

**Tiger or Tigerella and Golden Sunshine and Jaune Flamme:** These three are fairly early and have small- to medium-sized fruits, but the plants are full sized, not small determinate plants. They are all tasty and bear all season. Tiger is red with yellow stripes, and Golden Sunshine is a bright yellow. Jaune Flamme is orange. I'll plant them again.

**Azoychka:** I got this one, and a few others, from Adaptive Seeds, a Pacific Northwest seed company that specializes in saving heirloom seeds suitable for the Northwest. This is a Russian variety. I have had fairly good success with Russian varieties for our short season, and this one was also a good one. Fairly early for a larger tomato, red



The autumn harvest.

and flavorful. I'll plant it again.

**Oregon Strawberry:** Another one from Adaptive Seeds, this is a larger golden tomato shaped like a large strawberry. This was a main season variety, ripening in late August/September. Although it was rather nice, it had few features to recommend it over my old faithful varieties. I might give it another try.

**Delicious:** Produced two or three early tomatoes, good quality big red ones, as well as a few later on in September. However, it was no earlier or more productive or tastier than open-pollinated varieties. It has a slightly tougher skin than some of the other main season tomatoes, which is a plus.

**Black Krim and Cherokee Purple:** I like both of these plants a lot. They are productive and tasty, and both are dark skinned and darker red fleshed. In fact, I can hardly tell them apart. I have tried them both for several years, and even bought new seed and bought plants. According to the catalogs, Black Krim, a Russian variety, is earlier than Cherokee Purple, an old Native American variety from the Appalachians. However, they seem so similar to me that I wonder if Cherokee Purple took a trip to Russia and back. Black Krim may have slightly more tender skin, but they are both large slicers, have tasty flesh, and they take about the same amount of time to bear and ripen. A good choice for our area.

**Amana Orange:** This is a tasty, large, main season tomato. This was my second year of planting it, and it continued to do well. It has a somewhat longer season, that is, it produces late in August and into September. It is a good slicer, nice flavor, and orange.

**Burpee's Long Keeper:** I grew this tomato years ago, but hadn't grown it in this climate. It did well, producing several round tomatoes with good shape and size. The fruits hold up for a long time after picking—thus the name, Long Keeper. The flavor isn't tops, but its keeping quality makes up for it.

My favorite tomato is a large yellow tomato that I have planted for the last several years. It has good flavor and ripens consistently in late August and up until frost. Last year it crossed with a red, and I now have a large red tomato as well. The yellow one is still my favorite. Its flavor is excellent. The downside is that it is odd shaped, often having two or three lobes.

Some tomatoes I grew this year that I will not plant again include Stupice, which was disappointing in both size and flavor, and Pink Berkley Tie-Die. In spite of its enticing name, it was disappointing in both color and shape, and did not ripen before frost. Boxcar Willie was also disappointing, ripening only one modest tomato. Two Russians, Moskovich and Cosmonaut Volkov have never been as productive for me as Black Krim, so I will phase those two out.

A pleasant surprise was Ildi. This turned out to be a yellow pear tomato that ripens at least two weeks before the ones I have always grown. Ildi was a vigorous plant that put on lots of tasty yellow pears. For flavor, they can't be beat.

I like to save the best tomato seeds for future years. It's easy to do. Scrape the seeds from a nicely shaped early, very ripe fruit and soak them in a little water to remove the gelatinous coating. Take the seeds and spread them on a paper towel, then let them dry.

Afterward, write the name and date on the towel and fold it over. This is a good way to save seeds for planting next year, or exchanging at the seed exchange.

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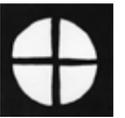


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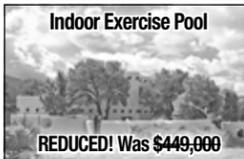
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**Reduced! - Was \$229,000**  
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3BD/2BA 1520sf New Construction by Paul Koppna, energy efficient design. Active solar hot water sys thru radiant floor grid + domestic hot water. Very insulated, triple pane windows & heat recovery ventilation, airtight construction.



**Creekside!**  
Tract 2 Lindisfame - \$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.



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



**Energy Efficient!**  
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**Southwest Style**  
1479 Badger Road - \$182,000  
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.



**3/1.75 on 1.013ac**  
635C Panorama Way - \$179,000  
Lovely 3 bd/1.75 ba home on 1.013 acres. Open floor plan, custom kitchen cabinets, hardwood floors, lots of light. Bonus studio room. Passive solar design, propane HWBaseboard heat, honeycomb blinds. Landscaped courtyard.



**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.



**Fantastic Views!**  
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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.



**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.



**Small Home, Small Price!**  
4485 Ridgecrest Way - \$74,500  
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340C Palomino Way	\$389,000	SOLD*	909C Brookview	\$190,000	SOLD*	719 Rendezvous Way	\$159,000	SOLD*
4262 Serene Way	\$299,900	SOLD*	4417 Twin View Ct	\$189,000	SOLD	1202C Wagon Wheel Road	\$152,000	SOLD*
557 & 560 Panorama Way	\$299,000	SOLD*	1447 Chaparral Way	\$189,000	SOLD*	123C Skyview Way	\$139,000	SOLD*
3615C Splendid Terrace	\$275,000	SOLD	3949C Cheerful Way	\$189,000	SOLD	4370 W Twin View OL	\$138,000	SOLD
288 Allott Trail	\$269,000	SOLD*	1927C Lone Pine Way	\$185,000	SOLD*	20510 CO Rd 59	\$99,000	SOLD*
1202C Hilltop Way	\$269,000	SOLD	Townhome #16	\$179,000	SOLD*	226 Staghorn	\$50,000	SOLD*
3919 Cordial Way	\$269,000	SOLD	600 Heatherbrae	\$175,000	SOLD	Willow Springs B&B	\$299,000	UNDER CONTRACT
765CRR Heatherbrae Road	\$269,000	SOLD*	190 Cascade OL	\$169,000	SOLD*	1453C Wagon Wheel	\$259,000	UNDER CONTRACT*
149 Moonlight	\$259,000	SOLD	3704 Carefree Way	\$169,000	SOLD*	1564 Wagon Wheel	\$229,000	UNDER CONTRACT*
418 Moonlight Way	\$249,000	SOLD	3732C Cordial Way	\$162,500	SOLD*	144 Rain Dance Trail	\$199,000	UNDER CONTRACT*
705 Rendezvous	\$220,000	SOLD*	635C Panorama Way	\$159,500	SOLD*	1649C Willow Creek Way	\$169,000	UNDER CONTRACT*
624 Panorama Way	\$219,500	SOLD!	3376 Genial Way	\$159,000	SOLD*	2784 Carefree Way	\$139,000	UNDER CONTRACT*

## Free legal clinic for caregivers of minor family members in the San Luis Valley

Colorado Legal Services has just launched the Kinship Caregiver Clinic, a free legal clinic providing one-on-one legal advice to low-income clients who are the primary caregivers of their grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews or cousins.

This clinic addresses the need for primary caregivers to have the legal authority to make important decisions about school, medical needs, and access to public benefits for minor family mem-

bers in their care. The clinic is held the 2nd Thursday of every month from 4-6:30 at the Alamosa office of Colorado Legal Services. Through this on-going, monthly clinic, attorneys will explain the legal choices caregivers have, will help clients complete their court paperwork, and will help them prepare to represent themselves in court. The clinic will be an on-going resource for clients, who can attend the clinic as many times as they need to successfully com-

plete their court cases. Interested clients should contact Colorado Legal Services at 719-589-4993 or visit the office at 603 Main St., Alamosa, to get an application for the clinic.

The Kinship Caregiver Clinic is in addition to the free legal advice clinics that occur monthly at the Saguache Library (the last Thursday of every month from 5 to 7pm) and at Blanca/Fort Garland Library (the second Tuesday of every month from 5 to 7pm).

This clinic model is the fourth of five that will launch this year with a focus on increasing legal services to residents in rural areas of Colorado under the Pro Bono Innovation Fund Grant received by Colorado Legal Services from the Legal Services Corporation. For more information on the Kinship Caregiver Clinic or the Library Clinics, please call 303-866-9384.

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# Baca Grande Library News



## Our gratitude list

by Suzanne McGregor

It is a good feeling when November comes, since we get to give public thank-yous to those who have made such positive contributions to the Baca Grande Library. First of all, many thanks to the Northern Saguache County Library District for the support that makes our library such a valuable asset for all of us. District Board members, District Director Sarah Koehn-Frey, and many volunteers have spent countless hours this past year in providing the resources necessary to run our current library and in planning for our proposed new library in town.

Many thanks to our Friends of the Library members who have been working diligently to improve and enhance our library this year—installing a new deck and steps at the front of the building, implementing fundraising projects, volunteering on committees and attending workshops in planning for a new library . . . and the list goes on. Much gratitude goes to Thom Ontko for his dedication and leadership of this group through the years. And to our front desk volunteers and substitutes who help us out when we need an extra hand.

Last, but certainly not least, much gratitude to our patrons who are loyal, patient and conscientious and forgive our mistakes, to those who come in and bring us donations, goodies, vegetables and flowers from their gardens, compliments and hugs, suggestions, sweet stories and lots of smiles—even when paying their overdue fees! Thank you to parents and caregivers, teachers and storytellers who are promoting a love of reading and a thirst for knowledge in our youngsters. Library staff members always have a day-brightener, and we thank all of you for those.

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 30 from 3pm to 4pm at the library for a very important presentation of Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body. Ann Carter, Regional Director for the Southern Colorado Alzheimer's Association, will provide insights on how to optimize physical and cognitive health as we age. She will present research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement. Hope to see you!

Upcoming meeting: Future of the new library and community feedback. Friday, November 11, 6-8 pm at the Charter School. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Notice: The library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. Many thanks and blessings to all of you from Suzanne, Barry and Sandia.

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

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6. Slovenly abode
9. \_\_\_ row
13. "Leave me \_\_\_!"
14. Lamb's momma
15. Chew out
16. Stirs up
17. \*Reagan, to friends
18. Extend subscription
19. \*Electoral entity
21. \*Election day
23. Right-angle building extension
24. Cat-headed Egyptian goddess
25. British broadcaster
28. Plural of locus
30. Farmer's turf, pl.
35. Pale or bitter beverages
37. 1960s boots
39. "No way, \_\_\_ \_\_\_!"
40. Under the weather
41. #6 Across dwellers
43. Actress Moore
44. Arctic people
46. On the surface
47. Julia Roberts as \_\_\_ Brockovich
48. Clear and bright
50. Snorkeling site
52. \* \_\_\_ Whitman, co-chair of John McCain's 2008 campaign
53. How snug bug in a rug feels?
55. Singular of #35 Across
57. Diver's breathing device
61. \*Election within a party
65. Conical tent
66. Miner's bounty
68. Hindu queen
69. Do like Vesuvius
70. Additionally
71. Nashville player
72. A rolling stone gathers none of this
73. Japanese currency
74. Downhill riders

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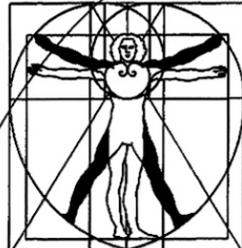
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5. Bring to consignment store
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10. Warm-hearted
11. What's the big one?
12. Like moist grass in the morning
15. King Minos, e.g.
20. Heidi's shoes
22. Consume
24. Prejudice
25. Pesto ingredient
26. Russian cuisine staple
27. Small intestine/large intestine connection
29. RC or Pepsi
31. Went by horse
32. 100,000 BTU
33. Mr. Simpson, to Marge
34. \*Important kind of state
36. "\_\_\_ to My Lou"
38. Bassoon cousin
42. Asparagus unit
45. \*List of candidates
49. Unidentified John
51. What coquette does
54. Polish currency
56. \*This account of John Podesta as hacked
57. Curriculum based on science, technology, engineering, math
58. Claudius' successor
59. "Moonlight Sonata," e.g.
60. \*Dems opponents
61. Colonial times' laborer
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested parties that the necessity has arisen to amend the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District 2016 Budget and that a proposed 2017 Budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District; and that copies of the proposed Amended 2016 Budget and 2017 Budget have been filed at the District's offices, 141 Union Boulevard, Suite 150, Lakewood, Colorado, where the same is open for public inspection; and that adoption of Resolutions Amending the 2016 Budget and Adopting the 2017 Budget will be considered at a public hearing of the Board of Directors of the District to be held at the District Office, 57 Baca Grant Way South, P.O. Box 520, Crestone, Colorado, 81131-0520 on Friday, November 18, 2016, at 9:00 A.M. Any elector within the District may, at any time prior to the final adoption of the Resolutions to Amend the 2016 Budget and adopt the 2017 Budget, inspect and file or register any objections thereto.

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By /s/ Lynn Drake, Secretary

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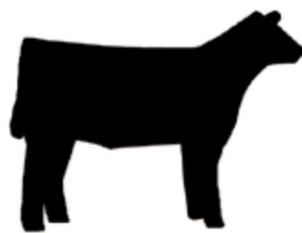
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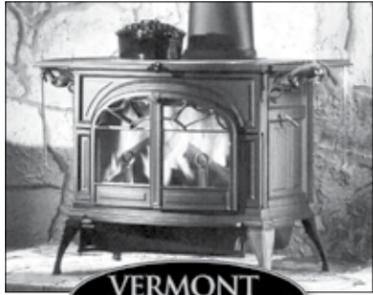
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From the Editors of E - The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: What is fusion energy and why are environmentalists so bullish on it?

- Mickey Brent, Milwaukee, WI

Nuclear fusion may be the most promising energy source that most of us have never heard of. Scientists first discovered fusion as a potential energy source in the 1930s and have been quietly working on it ever since. Only recently, given societal pressure to find alternatives to fossil fuels, has fusion started to capture the attention of the media and policymakers—and now researchers are hoping the process can become a key source of safe, clean, reliable energy in the near future.

Nuclear fusion is the fusing of two atoms into one. Fusion is very different from fission, in which atoms are split in half. Although both emit energy, fusion emits much more. Fusion takes an immense amount of heat and pressure and is the reaction that happens inside of stars, including our own sun. The temperature at the center of the sun is around 15 million Kelvin (27 million degrees Fahrenheit)! Scientists have achieved temperatures of around 100 million degrees inside experimental fusion devices but have yet to make the process net energy positive. The issue with doing reactions at such high heats is that the heated substance cannot touch anything or the container will melt. Therefore, fusion reactions are done in a donut of floating plasma, suspended by magnetic fields.

When compared to other energy sources, fusion energy seems like it might be our best bet in the long term. Compared to fossil fuels and renewable energy sources, fusion is wildly more efficient and no more dangerous. Fusion is three to four times more efficient even than nuclear fission, without the downsides such as the risk of nuclear meltdown or dirty bombs. While nuclear



The EU, US, China, India, Korea, Russia and Japan have all contributed to the ITER fusion reactor currently under construction in southern France.

fission requires uranium to function, fusion reactors only require deuterium, which occurs naturally in seawater, and tritium, which can be produced through a reaction of deuterium and lithium. These low raw material costs cause fusion to be considered a potential source of limitless energy. Due to the low radioactivity of fusion, even in the case of an explosion, radioactivity would be contained to the reactor site. Fusion reactors' small input and extremely high output have made them a popular idea.

So what are the drawbacks of nuclear fusion? Or is it the perfect energy source? Most critics of fusion energy point to the timeline as its greatest weakness. The majority of projections see 2050 as the first year fusion reactors could be commercially available. This is too late for fusion energy to solve our current energy crisis. Some environmentalists claim that funding for fusion energy could be better spent on renewable sources such as solar and hydro that give us clean energy now. Another concern with fusion is public opinion. People tend to be wary of anything nuclear, if only because of the incredible devastation of nuclear bombs. While nuclear fusion is far safer than fission, many activists in France, for example, are protesting all forms of nuclear energy.

The biggest fusion energy project in the world is called the ITER which means "the way" in Latin. ITER is located in Southern France and funded by the European Union,

the U.S., China, India, Korea, Russia and Japan. ITER will be a fusion reactor used for research and is currently under construction. Current plans are for ITER to be ready for the first test of plasma by 2025. The main other research on fusion energy is being done at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Though commercial fusion reactors are far from a reality, the abundant raw materials and high safety, paired with enormous energy output, make it an outstanding possibility for the future.

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## Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno  
September 21 to October 20

**Total precipitation for period:**

Liquid precip: 0.49"

Snow: 0.7"

Measurable precipitation fell on 4 days.

Measurable rain fell on 4 days.

Measurable snow fell on 1 day.

A trace of rain fell on 3 days.

No thunderstorms or hail occurred.

**Total precipitation year to date:**

Since Jan 1: 11.27"

Total snow to date:

Since Jan 1: 46.6"

Snow Season \*: 0.7"

\*Snow season runs from July 1 to June 30

**Temperatures for the period:**

High temp: 74.8°F on September 28

Low temp: 21.1°F on October 7

Avg. high: 66.4°F

Avg. low: 35.2°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 70°: 11

Number of days with the low temperature at or below 32°: 12

**Winds for the period:**

Avg. speed: 3.0 mph

Highest gust: 44 mph on Oct. 3.

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

**Weather summary:**

For the last 10 days in September, our area saw near-normal temperatures and precipitation. Then October rolled in and so did a flash drought, resulting in very dry conditions, along with above-normal temperatures. There were 2 record low temperatures set in the period, along with 4 records highs also set. The first measurable snowfall of the season fell on September 23.

**Outlook for November:**

This is the month where winter starts to take its hold on our area. In the first week of the month, it isn't too cold yet, with the high and low temperatures averaging around 53° and 44°. But by the end of the month it gets a lot colder, with highs around 38°, while the low averages around 12°. The record high temp for November is 68°, set on November 12, 1999, while the coldest reading was -11°, on November 30, 2006.

Precipitation-wise, we normally only see snow fall, as we have only seen measurable rain recorded twice in the month since 1984. Average snowfall for the month is 8.1", along with 1.06" of liquid precipitation once the snow is melted down. Record for November is 3.07", set in 2013, and record snow was set in 1997, when 33.5" fell.

The 30-day outlook for November put out by the NWS is calling for well above average temperatures for the entire month, along with normal to a bit less than normal precip.

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

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