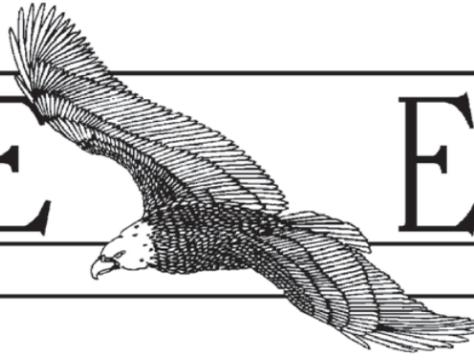


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Water, wetlands & habitat—the cranes are back, & water pumping is always a concern

by Lisa Cyriacks

The Sandhill Crane migration may be one of the last great animal migrations in America. Every year, the cranes converge in the San Luis Valley—in the spring on their way to their breeding grounds in Canada and Alaska.

Their stopover in the San Luis Valley is to build stores of energy by consuming massive quantities of food, much provided by the grains in the fields and aquatic invertebrates in wetlands along the Rio Grande.

Ruled by natural rhythms of the earth, over eons of time the Sandhill Cranes have had to adapt to human activity, even the ebb and flow of water in the valley. Without a doubt, migratory waterfowl—including the Sandhill Cranes—look for water, for roosting and foraging. They will follow the water where it flows, when it flows.

The Rio Grande Basin contains thousands of miles of riparian areas. The Basin also has a diversity and abundance of wetlands located throughout the valley.

The most recent addition to the San Luis Valley Wildlife Refuges complex is the Baca National Wildlife Refuge.

Historically the lands included in the Baca NWR were used as a cattle ranch. Water use patterns were developed and varied little for over a century. Creek water from the Sangre de Cristo Mountains was diverted through ditches and continuously redistributed further and further out to low-lying areas.

After the wildlife refuge was

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Climate action on deforestation in East Africa—Feature article on page B-1.
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Baca Grande POA earns national recognition for 'Firewise' wildfire preparedness community

The Baca Grande Property Owners Association has received an official designation as a Firewise USA® site after completing the criteria required by the national Firewise USA® Recognition Program. The Baca Grande community initially was a pilot Firewise USA® site in 2002. It gained recognition on Jan. 30, 2020, under the leadership of the newly formed

Baca Firewise Committee, in partnership with Baca Emergency Services.

"The Firewise USA recognition of local efforts to reduce wildfire risks can benefit homeowners when seeking property insurance coverage, as well as protecting their homes and natural surroundings," said Supervisory Forester Adam Moore of the Colorado State Forest

Service's Alamosa Field Office. He adds that federal and state grant opportunities often give weight to a Firewise USA® designation when determining who gets competitive funding.

The CSFS works with the National Fire Protection Association to implement the Firewise USA® Recognition Program in Colorado

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Support for Crestone water & sewer sales tax

Dear Crestone Residents,

On April 7, 2020 Town of Crestone residents will have the opportunity to support the Town's water and sewer services by voting on a sales tax issue. The measure proposes a 0.5% retail sales tax increase with proceeds exclusively funding the town's water and sewer enterprises. It will only increase your sales taxes by 50 cents per \$100 spent.

The Town's Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund has had to bear the costs of complying with State Engineer's Office Groundwater Rules to achieve sustainable aquifer levels, numerous State Department of Health rules on maintaining water standards for public health, as well State rules on treatment of wastewater.

In order to provide funding to correct deficits, three options were identified: 1) Increase monthly service rates on customers; 2) Ask for a mil levy increase on property owners' taxes or 3) Increase the retail sales tax by 0.5% sales tax, to be on the April 7 election mail-out ballot.

The Trustees chose to place a referred measure for a sales tax increase as the best way forward because the tax would be spread over a much larger pool of people than just town residents; anyone purchasing goods in Crestone would contribute, whether they be Baca residents, Moffat residents, tourists, etc. Also, funds would be collected in relatively small amounts over a more dispersed amount of time, rather than a lump sum due with property taxes, for example.

Collecting extra revenue would allow the Town to perform maintenance and improvements, as well as pay monthly bills for sewage treatment as required by contract with Baca Water and Sanitation. Additionally, the increase in revenue could be used to increase a "match" in grant funding and be leveraged for future building developments, efficiency and sustainability measures, and emergency preparation.

Should the sales tax issue on the ballot fail to pass, the result would be a dramatic increase in water and sewer rates for customers..

The Town of Crestone is fortunate to have very high quality water. Please vote yes on the sales tax measure. All residents living in the Town of Crestone and registered to vote will be able to vote on April 7 either by returning their ballot they received in the mail or at the town hall from 7 am to 7 pm.

Crestone Board of Trustees

Thompson candidate for Commissioner

Dear Editor,

Hello, my name is Lynne Thompson and I am running for the office of Saguache County Commis-

sioner for District 2.

I am running as a Democrat and have chosen to petition on to the ballot.

I will be going around the entire county obtaining signatures, so you will see me in Crestone at various businesses and neighborhoods.

I was the Chair of the Democratic Party for two terms and Vice Chair for one. I have been on the Saguache County Planning Commission since 2016. I am the Secretary for the ScSEED (Saguache County Sustainable Energy and Economic Development) Board.

I retired in 2009 as Clerk of the Saguache Combined Courts. I worked for 27 years in the Colorado Court System, with the last 14 years in Saguache.

My uncle has owned a farm around the Center area since 1961, and I have been coming down to the valley since then on weekends, summers. I moved to the valley permanently in 1993.

I think we need to really look at how our county has changed and grown in the last couple of years and make sure we have the resources and services to keep up with this growth. I also think we need to stand up for our water and *not* let it get sold to the Front Range. We have the potential to provide more solar energy and recycling.

This is a brief letter to basically introduce myself. I would like to listen to Saguache County residents' concerns and ideas and am looking forward to meeting you in my travels throughout Saguache County.

Thank you for your vote,
 Lynne Thompson

Adam Kinney, Candidate for Mayor

Crestone community,

My name is Adam Kinney, and I am announcing my candidacy for Mayor of the town of Crestone.

I moved here in 2001 in search of a place to homestead and raise a family. I was obviously overwhelmed with the beauty of the mountains, but even more taken by the culture of the people here. I absolutely revered the old timers, and how they worked hand in hand with the influx of young people moving to town. It was a wonderful time to discover Crestone.

Since then, I have built my house with my bare hands (and a lot of help from friends), watched my children be born at home, served on the Town Council for more than ten years, always and forever making a stand to preserve the value system that made it possible for so many of us to land here and create a home for ourselves. All the while, I have made a point to acknowledge the folks who were here before us, and to try and balance the growth of our small town with a way of life that makes this place special.

Additionally, I have been a volunteer firefighter for two plus years, and I own a small manufacturing business that creates jobs and channels big city money through our small town economy.

I'll be the first to acknowledge that I have made some mistakes that have had a lasting impact on our community. I will likely make more as I continue to try and be

of service. However, I can say with great certainty that I will not make the same mistakes twice, and in my 19 years here I have learned more about community, responsibility, and listening than I ever thought possible.

As a citizen, I stand for accountability, transparency, economic development, and honest communication. If I am elected Mayor, I will work towards these values every day, and do everything I can to make our local government accessible to the people.

Thank you.

Adam Kinney

Continue the momentum

Dear community member,

For the past eight years, I've had the honor and privilege of serving as your Mayor. During that time, Crestone has grown considerably, as I have focused on enhanced economic viability, environmental preservation, and sustainable tourism to support our local businesses—without sacrificing our unique quality and way of life. Results of town initiatives during those years are summarized below:

Our annual sales tax revenue more than doubled as we brought valued new business development into our commercial district;

Our Trails Coalition built trails each of the past three years and in 2019 built the first-ever trail on public Baca National Wildlife Refuge, connecting to the Colorado College Baca campus;

Colorado designated Crestone as a Creative Arts District, bringing increased recognition of our artists;

Sidewalks and storm drainage projects changed our downtown area, providing solutions to safety concerns while providing storm drainage to a town that has historically known devastating floods;

With Town assistance, volunteers brought beauty and life to the sidewalk project, planting and helping to maintain a profusion of flowers and trees;

The entire community rallied around the creation of a playground where families can congregate and kids can play, with funding from Ka-Boom, Colorado Health Foundation, Saguache County and other grants;

The Crestone Cemetery became the first and is still the only cemetery in the state of Colorado to be certified to offer natural, or "green," burials;

The Colorado State Historical Society brought Native American ancestral remains to the Crestone Cemetery as their final resting place, with sacred ceremony;

Efforts are ongoing to become designated as an International Dark Sky Community;

Crestone hosted an official welcome to mark the historic arrival of the Teyuna Mamo Elders from the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta region of Colombia;

Crestone's Board of Trustees approved a Resolution on July 9, 2018 recognizing officially that nature, natural ecosystems, and all species possess intrinsic and inalienable rights which must be effectuated to protect life on Earth.

Today we are living in uncertain times. We are now confronted

Editor's Notes

No water to spare

This month Christine Canaly of the San Luis Valley Ecosystem wrote a letter about the "Renewable Water Resource's proposal to build a transbasin diversion that would siphon water out of the San Luis Valley to support Front Range growth" and how they are doing a misleading survey. I encourage you to read her letter on page 3.

RWR's efforts to suck water out of the valley is a very big deal, with the potential for long-lasting negative consequences for the San Luis Valley, our wetlands, agriculture and even towns like Crestone up on the hillsides.

You may also have noticed that we've been running articles about diminishing wetlands, continued Closed Basin Project pumping, and development that will affect our water.

The San Luis Valley is the highest alpine valley in the world. It's a home not just to agriculture and ranching, but to vast numbers of migratory birds and wildlife. It is a unique ecosystem that must be preserved. Yet, unfortunately, wetlands continue to dry up.

There isn't any "extra" water here. Every drop has already been over-allocated. We have been in a sustained drought since 2002 (despite a wetter year now and then). Even this spring the Sangres are below normal in snowpack and Drought Monitor says we are now "abnormally dry". Climate change is upon us and models often show us having a drier weather pattern in the future.

This is no time to even consider selling off water to the Front Range—or anywhere. And we must take a hard look at the continuation of the Closed Basin Project. I doubt we can spare this water in the face of climate change.

Plus we need to look at our own household water use and conserve and use it responsibly.

Water is life.

—Kizzen

with potential steep increases in our electric rates and in our sewer rates. We have a huge water issue as sustained Closed Basin Project mining of our aquifer for the past almost forty years has created an unsustainable drop in our unconfined aquifer. Law enforcement is still lacking. We need affordable housing. These issues require immediate and continuing attention while working collaboratively towards favorable outcomes. This is not a time to change. Experience still matters. During these past eight years I have developed close working relationships with local, county, regional and state leaders which will be extremely useful as we confront these multi-faceted challenges. I have served our community well in the past and will again.

With this letter I ask that the momentum I've created during the past eight years be allowed to continue and that you elect me, once more, as your Mayor.

Sincerely,
Kairina Danforth

Veterans Service Officer resignation

Dear Editor,

This is to inform you that I am resigning from my position as Saguache County Veteran Service Officer effective March 1, 2020. I wish to thank all Saguache County veterans for the honor of serving them and their families for the past eight years.

Respectfully,
James M. Sheeran

Two excellent candidates: Danforth & Van Wart

Dear Crestone community,

I am writing in support of the re-election of Karina Danforth as Mayor of Crestone. Crestone has thrived during Mayor Danforth's tenure. We now have storm drainage, sidewalks, a trail system and a vibrant commercial district.

She has worked tirelessly to enhance Crestone's standing in the SLV and around the state. She has developed remarkable working relationships at county, regional and state levels.

Her dedication to the dark sky initiative will continue a legacy of enhancing Crestone into the future. We still face many issues. Karina has a steady hand and a proven track record. I strongly urge you to support Karina Danforth as our next Mayor.

At the county level I support Justin Van Wart to be County Commissioner. He is young, smart and very savvy economically. He understands the need to protect our aquifer and fragile environment while stewarding the inevitable growth in our part of the valley.

Thank you for the consideration. Please vote!

Terry Goergen, Trustee,
Chairman of Crestone Planning Commission

No runaway development

Dear Editor,

I am writing to thank you for keeping the reading public informed of the activities in Moffat. Lisa Cyriaks' nearly monthly articles and

Sandia Belgrade's updates in the Saguache County News section are often the only information folks get about Moffat. I was heartened to read Bob Adler's Letter to the Editor 2 months ago—thank you for noticing what is going on!

Crestone may be the gateway to the Higher Realms, but Moffat is the gateway to Crestone. If you haven't seen Moffat lately, take a look next time you are driving to Saguache. Just past the Moffat school, notice on your right the many new structures of the first Moffat annexation. If you have 5 minutes to sightsee, go 0.9 mile from Hwy. 17 towards Saguache, then turn right on County Road 59. Make the immediate right on Mayor Patricia Reigel Boulevard. This is a public road, a part of Moffat. You might just be amazed at what you see.

This industrial area is only the beginning of the development within the 100 acres known as "Potch/Area 420" Annexation #1.

Last fall Moffat and Potch presented 2 more annexation proposals to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), for 325 *more* acres. The BoCC refused these annexations on December 10, 2019, and again on January 21, 2020. That very evening, Moffat passed Annexation #3. On February 4, 2020, they passed Annexation #2, again without approval from the BoCC.

The County is challenging this misbehavior.

Many environmental issues are at stake. Moffat officials pay lip service to "blight", but take a look at the blight upon the land that is Area 420.

Crestone is a strong community. There is general agreement on global, national, and state issues. I hope the Crestone/Baca area can see the sense in stepping up locally for our smaller, more vulnerable neighbor. Many Saguache County residents contacted the BoCC with concerns about this development. Please continue to make your voices heard.

We have a responsibility as the first state to legalize marijuana to make sure our policies are cogent. Funded and available enforcement should be ensured. Runaway developments such as Potch/Area 420 need to be prevented. Other states will be looking to us for leadership as legalization spreads.

Thank you,
Shawn Quick

Response to RWR phone survey

Dear Editor,

Residents in the San Luis Valley have been contacted by a public opinion research company asking questions about Renewable Water Resource's proposal to build a trans-basin diversion that would siphon water out of the San Luis Valley to support Front Range growth.

The questions asked and statements made were extremely misleading. It is apparent that Renewable Water Resources is testing their "messaging" to see what resonates with valley residents and how to best sell this ill-conceived project.

Those of us who actually live in the valley understand that the Rio Grande River basin is already highly over-appropriated, and tak-

Marlene Pruitt

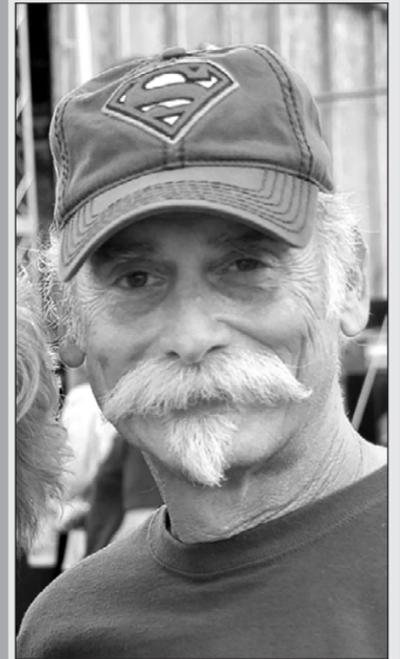
April 7, 1935-January 10, 2020

Marlene Pruitt was born on April 7, 1935 in Michigan and died on January 10, 2020 in Nevada.

Marlene, and her late husband, William (Billy) Pruitt made Crestone their home for approximately 20 years. Needing to move to a lower altitude, Bill and Marlene left Crestone in approximately 2009.

Marlene worked in the Saguache County Clerk's office while Mary Moore was Clerk, and then ran for and became the County Clerk herself and served in that capacity for a number of years. Marlene was also an active member of the Minnehaha Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Marlene was a vivacious, happy person who made friends easily. She will be missed by family and friends.



James Maxwell

James Mallory Maxwell passed away on 31 January. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sherry Marceil Purvis Maxwell, who crossed over 9 years ago. Having beaten one type of cancer for a decade, Jim succumbed to a different type early this year. He hoped to be reunited in another plane with Sherry, the love of his life, and with Creator. Jim enjoyed good food, celebration, friends and family, and his Colorado mountain home. Eating seafood amongst old friends was a source of irreplaceable joy for him, and indeed his last words were about getting a huge plate of Louisiana gulf shrimp to eat.

Jim was raised in New Orleans and joined the Army after earning a bachelor's degree as an English major from LSU. He spent 21 years in the infantry, serving on the DMZ in Korea during tense international times. He showed his family many parts of the country, where together they lived and explored. In Hawaii, they visited every island they could, and in Massachusetts, Virginia, Georgia, and Colorado they sought out the best scenery and cuisine, and dove into local history.

He retired with honors as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1994, and moved his family to build a permanent family home in Crestone, joining family members B.G. and Al Purvis, and John and Laura Syperda here. He operated a gunsmith business here and taught meditative marksmanship to many Crestone residents. He enjoyed fishing, camping, and sitting on his patio looking out at the valley in the company of family.

He is survived by his two sons: Jeremy, of Portland, OR and Nathan, of Crestone; and brother Ralph and sister Dede, both of Louisiana. Nathan cared for him during his final years. Jim was a wordsmith, a gourmand, an aesthete and an artist, but above all a father and husband.

He will be missed by friends and family.

ing more water out of the valley would mean less agriculture, less forage for wildlife and more pronounced declines in our groundwater system.

Beware of a survey that lies about the facts. We need to be well informed about our water and the consequences of it leaving the San Luis Valley.

Please feel free to get onto our e-alert list for updates. Send an e-mail to: info@slvec.org and request "E-Alert List."

Thanks,
Christine Canaly, Director
San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council

Romanoff for Senator

Dear Editor,

Many of us here in Crestone are alarmed at the direction this country is taking and how we got here. It's not just climate change that demands urgent action, it's also a broken, expensive healthcare system, exploding homelessness, unprecedented disparity of wealth, a corrupt political system that can best be described as legalized bribery, endless war and the utter insanity of our military spending. And that's just the short list.

Some good news is that Colorado voters will have a clear choice in this election cycle to send someone to the U.S. Senate who can and will make a difference. Andrew Romanoff is running and I'm completely convinced that he is the most qualified candidate and our best hope to change course. Go to his website (www.andrewromanoff.com/meet-andrew) and read his platform. Also check out his schedule of upcoming events and get out and hear him for yourself.

Getting him elected won't be easy. Andrew's first hurdle will be the caucus vote on Saturday, March 7. There are several Democrats in the Colorado race and the field will be narrowed for the primary ballot. Hickenlooper hasn't bothered to show up at several of the debates that have already taken place. This says a lot about his candidacy.

There are big differences between the candidates within the

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Missing Moffat girl found

by **Mary Lowers**

On February 17 an alert was issued for a 13-year-old girl missing from Moffat. She was found safe and sound. SCSO believe she was heading east to North Carolina or Chicago with someone she met on social media. Her father discovered she was missing and was very concerned as he'd heard a report from his daughter's school that she was talking about running away with a man she had met on the internet. A security camera at the Moffat home showed the girl getting into a gray Cadillac SUV. It was difficult on the security footage to see if the girl was forced into the car or got in of her own free will. The teen was located at the Poncha Visitors Center the day after she disappeared.

According to a report by Sa-

guache County Deputy Quintero, an Attempt to Locate (ATL) was issued nationwide and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) sent out an Endangered Missing Alert. A supervisor at the Poncha Visitors Center recognised the girl from the alerts and called Chaffee County Deputies who sat with the woman until Deputy Quintero from SCSO could get there. The man who took the girl is identified as Jason Harter, 35, of Nathrop. The girl spent the night at his trailer near "some hot springs." The victim and perpetrator's stories of what happened vary and will be clarified through investigation and court hearings.

SCSO stated, "We would like to thank everyone in the Saguache County community who shared the post while looking for her and the people who helped locate her."

Moffat fire cause undetermined

by **Mary Lowers**

After months of investigation, the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (CDFPC), seeking answers to the cause of the Moffat Fire which laid waste to a block of town on Oct. 15, 2019, announced the results of their work. CDFPC Investigator Dawn Tolles and Chief Investigator Jerry Means were unable to establish an exact cause of the fire which was officially determined to be of "undetermined origin."

The report states that "no indication of an incendiary cause was found." The report says Slip Benson, owner of a house at the northwest corner of the block where the fire originated, may have been the first person to notice the blaze. Inspector Means said, "Benson reported that he smelled smoke from inside his home and when he went outside to see where the smell was coming from, he said the northeast corner of a structure at 645 E. Moffat Way

was on fire." The residence was a wood frame construction with a 250-gallon propane tank. The report states that tall grass caused the fire to spread quickly to the southeast corner of the site where the propane tank ignited. "Benson said when he heard the propane tank whistling he knew it was a sign of trouble." The propane tank explosion was seen from Crestone.

Fire departments from all over the area were on scene within minutes. The reports says "lack of water hindered firefighting efforts." A water tanker truck from Chaffee County was filling up with water from an irrigation well fifteen minutes away from the fire. Water was also accessed from a well at Moffat School. There are no fire hydrants in Moffat. Getting the fire under control took some time. Dry grass and other fuels were a problem, as they ignited quickly. Luckily for the town the winds were down on Oct. 15.

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Colorado Democratic Party. I feel strongly that we don't have the time to send a "business as usual" centrist candidate to the Senate because "business as usual" isn't getting it done. That's why I'm supporting Andrew. He's got the ideas, the integrity and the energy. He's in it to work for the people, not corporations and special interest groups.

You can find out when and where your precinct caucus is being held by going to the Colorado Dems Website (www.coloradodems.org/2020-caucus-locations). For the Crestone area, it will be at the Crestone Charter School at 2pm March 7. You must be present for your vote to count and you also must have been a registered Democrat by Feb. 14 in order to participate in the caucus on March 7.

Help send a message to Washington Democrats that we don't need them to tell Colorado voters who to send to Congress. If you know anyone who wants to support Andrew, please pass this letter on. Thanks.

Best regards,
Wade Lockhart

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Saguache County crime report

by **Mary Lowers**

The Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) continues its warrant sweep. Quite a few people brought in on failure to appear and fugitive from justice warrants were also charged with other criminal counts they had accrued while hiding out and avoiding the consequences of their actions.

A Saguache man, 56, went to jail with his bail set at \$4,250 on two fugitive from justice charges and a possession of a controlled substance charge. A failure to appear charge sent a Moffat man, 20, to jail with a bail amount of \$300 set. A homeless man from Moffat, 20, faced second degree assault charges along with a fugitive from justice charge. His bail was set at \$25,000. A Saguache man, 37, went to jail on a fugitive from justice warrant out of Rio Grande County. He was summoned to appear in Saguache County Court on theft of less than \$300 value and accessory to a crime with a bail amount of \$2000. Aggravated motor vehicle theft along with two fugitive from justice warrants sent a Saguache man, 37, to jail with \$2000 bail listed. A Saguache man, 67, was jailed on two fugitive from justice warrants, a count of second degree criminal trespass, driving under restraint, theft, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance. His bail was set at \$3,075.

A Center man, 29, was jailed for domestic violence, third degree assault and a fugitive from justice warrant with a bail amount of \$500 set. A Saguache man, 19, was jailed with \$200 bail listed on a fugitive from justice charge. A fugitive from justice warrant put a Center man, 50, in jail with \$10,000 bail listed. There was no bail amount listed for a Las Cruces, NM, man, 44, jailed in Saguache on a fugitive from justice warrant. A homeless Crestone woman, 30, was jailed on fugitive from justice charges with \$1000 bail listed. A Moffat man, 30, was jailed on failure to appear charges. He bonded out of jail for \$1500.

A Center man, 28, was jailed with a \$50,000 bail set on charges that include sexual assault on a child by a person of trust. First degree arson charges sent a Center man, 28, to jail with \$25,000 bail set. The Center Police Department will handle this case. A Monte Vista man, 47, was jailed with \$500 bail set on charges of unlawful conduct on public property and second degree criminal trespass. Possession of a controlled substance sent a Moffat man, 45, to jail with a bail amount of \$2500 set. A Moffat man, 24, was jailed for violation of a restraining order with no bail amount listed.

Criminal mischief charges put a Center man, 32, in jail with a bail amount of \$500. A homeless man from Center, 43, was held in jail on \$10,000 bail on charges of theft and second degree burglary. A summons and complaint was issued for a Canadian man, 25, for shoplifting in the amount of \$50 to \$300 from the Elephant Cloud Market in Crestone. This is a class three misdemeanor. A Litchfield, MD man, 27, is in jail on \$10,000 bail facing charges of second degree burglary, theft of \$5000 to \$20000, and conspiracy. He was evidently conspiring with a Salida woman, 24, who faces identical charges with no bail amount listed.



**"We all need
one another,
much and often."**

- Charlotte Perkins Gilman

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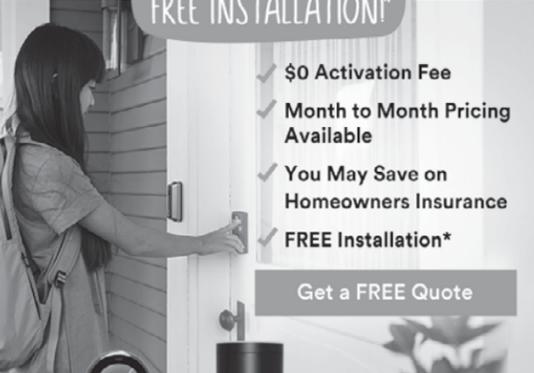
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photo by Kate Steichen

County enforcing camper/RV ordinances

by Mary Lowers

According to Amber Wilson, Interim Land Use Administrator for Saguache County, a Land Use Code Enforcer will be actively enforcing the County Land Use Ordinance XIII.4.3 which mirrors a State regulation stating that people may only live in their RV or camper for two months on their property. This regulation, enacted by the Saguache County Board of Commissioners in August of 2018, states, "Recreational Vehicles (RV's, campers, etc.) may only be occupied for a maximum total of sixty days during the construction process. Recreational Vehicles cannot be used as permanent residences."

That sixty days is a one-time deal. It does not matter if you are still constructing your home after sixty days, the RV or camper must be gone or no longer serving as a residence. Wilson says, "pulling off the property for a while and then moving back won't work" to extend your time with a residential recreational vehicle on your property. The law says your recreational vehicle may only be a residence for sixty days even if you are still constructing your home.

State statute and County regulations are clear: "All residential structures must have approved sewage disposal systems installed before occupation may occur." This

holds true for recreational vehicles that are residences, ie. being lived in. This "safe sewage disposal/keep the water table clean issue" Wilson agrees is a prime motivation for enforcing the camper and RV ordinances. Further regulations allow the County to enforce ordinances stating that "land owners must provide for the removal of trash, rubbish, junk, garbage, inoperable vehicles, and appliances from lots and tracts of land lying in the unincorporated areas of Saguache County."

Administrator Wilson told me that the Code Enforcer would first give someone thought to be in violation of these ordinances a warning and suggestion that they get into the Saguache County Land Use Office, 595 Third St. in Saguache to talk about how to come into compliance. Wilson said, "Doesn't hurt to come in to our office." There can be flexibility for someone coming into compliance. Wilson said "a variance is possible."

When I asked Wilson why this sweep on camper and RV residents, she said the chief concern on the County's part is public health and sanitation. She said that penalties for code violations could be a daily fine for each day out of compliance or whatever the judge sees fit. There are cases pending but Wilson said no one has left their property.

Sheriff's Deputies are tenants from hell, says homeowner

by Mary Lowers

When Crestonian Katrie Christopher had to be away from her home at 380 Alder St. for a few months she wanted her abode to be safe. The opportunity to rent bedrooms to two new deputies from the Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) seemed like a great idea. In her victim statement Christopher says, "This would be a win for not only myself, but for the officers (deputies), and the community as well. Response time to Crestone would be cut drastically. It seemed beneficial to all."

According to Christopher, the deal made with Deputies Nate Randal and Dominick Vasquez specified that each deputy would pay \$100 per month for a bedroom, shared bath, living room, laundry room, and kitchen. Christopher's bedroom was off limits to the tenants, as was her truck. Dominick Vasquez was the deputy who communicated directly with Christopher and was to pass the rental rules on to Deputy Randal. Christopher asked for the rent money to be placed in a cocoa tin. She said, "I thought with such a small sum of money, and with their position in our community, the honor system would be reasonable." The deputies moved in December 2019. Christopher left for medical treatments in Florida.

Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick was pleased to have deputies in Crestone because getting a better response time to incidents in Crestone and the Baca Grande is a long time problem that looked as though it was getting solved. The new substation which Steve McDowell and Elaine Johnson have put in to the new Crestone Mercantile addition for the SCSO would be staffed regularly. The sheriff told me, "I feel bad we are not yet in that space."

Christopher began to get concerning reports from friends

who cleaned for her and took care of her pets and plants. She was told that the deputies were disrespecting the space and the agreement they had made. Reports of a filthy house were bad enough but when Deputy Vasquez brought his partner to live there without permission from Christopher things seemed to spiral out of control. He lied to Christopher about the new resident and the condition of the home said Christopher. In early January the cocoa tin cash kitty went missing and Christopher received only forty dollars rent for the deputies' whole terrible stay. Every time she asked Deputy Vasquez about reports that rental rules were not being followed, "he downplayed the situation."

According to Christopher, after incidents around the delivery and installation of a new propane stove, another barrage of half-truths and outright lies from Deputy Vasquez, concern over her Crestone home increased. Christopher said, "I was 1900 miles from home and realized that I had left my home in the hands of a dangerous man." She gave the deputies a thirty-day notice to vacate the property by February 5.

Christopher had some time between the medical treatments she had gone to Florida for and decided to drive to Crestone to see what was really going on on Alder Street. She got home the evening of February 2 to a "rancid smell" and a trashed house. Her bedroom had obviously been used even though it was "off limits" and not part of the deputies' rental agreement. Christopher said that Deputy Vasquez claimed that someone had broken into the house, had sex in her bed, and wrecked her truck, which was sporting a broken windshield, a muddy bed, and was running poorly. Christopher said, "I feel completely violated and disheartened by men who were supposed to protect and serve."

In addition to a trashed-to-the-max house, Christopher discovered her daughter's Playstation 4 was missing. Deputy Wayne Clark later returned the missing Playstation. Christopher stated, "Also stolen were cannabis candy bars, wine, champagne, liquor and all of my food containers." Christopher is not comfortable in her home any more. She can't even sleep in her bedroom she said.

Sheriff Dan Warwick was astounded at the behavior of these young men. He told me, "If I had known, I wouldn't have recommended them." One deputy is no longer with the SCSO and both were disciplined over the rental complaint. The Sheriff feels badly for Christopher as a crime victim. He said, "There's nothing SCSO can do to make her whole again." Sheriff Warwick is also frustrated that his work to provide this side of the county with more deputies has tanked. He did assure me he intends to have the new Crestone SCSO sub-station staffed with competent deputies by summer.

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Saguache County News

by Sandia Belgrade

The County is well prepared for the corona virus

The coronavirus has infected more than 75,000 people in mainland China and around the world. 1800 deaths have been documented. So far 15 cases of coronavirus disease have been identified in the U.S. How safe is our county? Key department heads are on top of emergency preparedness for the virus which the World Health Organization has now designated with the official name COVID-19. Lynette Grant, head of the Public Health Department, reports that the department has a stockpile of personal protective equipment including face masks, gowns and gloves. They have submitted the inventory to the State. There is also a well-stocked emergency trailer able to respond quickly. The State is developing a plan, and all health personnel are closely monitoring the situation. Grant met with Robert Woelz, Director of Emergency Preparedness, and both are monitoring the virus. Woelz noted that most healthy people would weather an infection. Figures can be deceiving: the case fatality rate of COVID-19 appears to be about 2.5%, which is in keeping with what it was at the beginning of the outbreak. By comparison, the case fatality rate for the seasonal flu in the United States ranges between 10% and 18%. Thus, most of us in our county have more to fear from the flu. Grant said the usual precautions apply: wash hands and cover a cough or sneeze. Yet, most people do not wash their hands after using a toilet. There's also been a rise in xenophobia. Wash your hands of that, too.

Check your voting status

A long-time resident of Crestone who has been registered to vote with Saguache County since 2004 and always received her ballots, including last November's, checked her status only to find the State had no record of her. That's alarming in a significant year such as this one. She checked her voter registration with Saguache County and discovered Saguache County also had no record of her voter registration. This is a heads up to check your registration, even if you regularly vote.

Registration is easy

Go to the County website: www.saguachecounty.net. Under Departments, select Clerk and Recorder. This links you to their website which is www.colorado.gov/sa-

guachecoclerk, a government portal which is much more stable than our County website and one which the County Clerk Department regularly updates.

There are six links to the Secretary of State's webpage for information pertaining to the upcoming elections. Select Elections and scroll down. You can register to vote in either Spanish or English. Wait a day and check your status on the Secretary of State's website and/or call the County to confirm you're in the system. No online access? Call 719-655-2512 to request a voter registration form be mailed to you.

County website

Speaking of the County website, it is often not up-to-date. In fact, unlike the County Clerk and Recorder, some departments have not updated their information for several years. The Public Health and Social Services departments are particularly in need of providing current information. Residents have a right to expect a better website. This an area the Commissioners might better oversee.

Do not fear the census

County Administrator Wendi Maez introduced a resolution to proclaim March 29 to April 4 as Census Week. Flyers will be posted around the county. The census benefits our county because it determines that it gets its fair share of the more than \$675 billion per year in the amount of federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities based on population totals and breakdowns by sex, age, race and other factors. We need the census to count everyone. It helps your community gets its fair share of the more than \$675 billion per year in federal funds spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs. However, one item has aroused paranoia: it asks residents to check if they are Hispanic. That arouses suspicion in these charged political times. By law the Census Bureau is legally bound to strict confidentiality requirements. Individual records are not shared with anyone, including federal agencies and law enforcement entities. Note that you can leave the question blank and your census will still be counted. Maez has applied for available census grants.

The Crestone Baca Planning Commission may dissolve

Of note to Crestone residents is the possible dissolution of the Crestone Baca Planning Commission. This might be a positive thing. By way of background, Bill McClure, who is on the County Planning Commission, related that at the time a gas station was partially built—the half finished cement block structure near the POA—Crestone Baca residents wanted



Brian Lujan, Center Town Manager.

more say on their area. However, there were times they had no quorum, and they had only done lot consolidations. According to Commissioner Jason Anderson, it meant that the area with the largest population had no say on County planning. The Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) have moved forward on this effort to have Crestone represented on the County-wide planning commission so representation will be fairer. The BoCC held a Public Comment Work Session in February. The County will advertise for interested residents to submit a letter, and the Commissioners will decide who to appoint. People have already expressed interest in applying. Crestone will have one member and one alternate. The County Planning Commission will stay at nine members.

Center annexation impact report

Brian Lujan, Town of Center Manager, has drawn up a detailed property annexation impact report and presented it to the BoCC. Given the difficulties the County has encountered with previous annexation efforts, the Board is trying to ensure that the minimum requirements are being met. The annexation will allow for construction of a new ultra-modern sanitation plant to allow for more businesses and additional housing, which is essential for recruiting and retaining quality teachers.

Jury duty scam

The Sheriff's Office has received reports from the 12th Judicial District Jury Commissioner of a recent phone scam. Several Saguache County residents have received calls from an unknown person who indicated that he was with the Sheriff's Office and that there was an arrest warrant for the individual for not showing up for jury duty. The person was told that the bond was \$925.00 and that the person needed to pay the amount in the form of a cashier's check. The caller gave a phone number to confirm the warrant and it was eventually routed to the Conejos County Sheriff's Office. The Jury Commissioner and Saguache County, along with the Conejos County Sheriff's Office, wants citizens to know that this is a

scam. *Do not* pay/send any money! If the Jury Commissioner requires your presence in court, you will receive a Jury Notice by mail or will be served personally by a Sheriff's Deputy. If you have any concerns please call the Jury Commissioner, 719-589-7602 or the Saguache County Sheriff's Office, 719-655-2525.

SNAP benefits being cut

Linda Warsh, Director of Social Services, reported that the Trump administration approved a new rule that is estimated to cut off nearly 700,000 unemployed people from food assistance provided by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP (formerly known as food stamps). The rule makes it harder for states to waive the federal program's work requirements. Ken Anderson pointed out that they are not taking into consideration that in rural areas like ours there is very little work during winter months.

Administrative report

Wendi Maez said that the National Park Service requested approval to improve trail signs. The County has signed an agreement with the Department of the Interior for signs on the Old Spanish Trail which the County will install. Maez also noted that the County needs to have a better payroll system in place.

Land Use

Amber Wilson may only be the interim Land Use Administrator until a permanent one is chosen, but she has certainly had a workload during her trial run. In February she presented 12 different companies for their yearly marijuana review. Wilson also reported that 2019 excise tax money coming into the County totaled approximately \$228,500. Revenue from conditional use permits—much of that also from marijuana—came to \$49,853. County resident Shawn Quick asked if any of the \$228,500 could be applied to code/law and she received a positive reply.

Problems on County Road 41G

Four residents who live on County Road 41G came to seek relief from the Commissioners. It seems that over the last 20 months their road has been barraged with nails. Not just one or two, but so many that they have had fifteen flat tires in one year and in one instance 7 nails in 1 tire. It has hindered emergency medical travel. The residents said someone has also been shooting at the house. To them, it feels like homegrown terrorism happening right here. They called the Sheriff who said it's a civil matter between neighbors and they're not coming out. I spoke off the record with a deputy who said that there might be more going on than was apparent. Randy Arredondo of the Road and Bridge Department said they will scrape the road of nails.

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Town of CRESTONE News

February 10, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:31am, and the Board of Trustees passed the following motions:

- To approve the agenda as amended
- To approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of January 13, 2020
- To approve paying the bills
- To approve the financial report as presented
- To approve Treasurer Busby and Public Works Coordinator Andrew Martinez spending up to \$30,000.00 to purchase a new tractor, including a three-point attachment for ditch cleaning.
- To direct Treasurer Busby to work with Wall, Smith, Bateman, Inc. on this year's audit.
- To change the status of Code Enforcer Armando Méndez-Sánchez from contract labor to a regular part-time employee
- To rescind the January 13, 2020 motion that approved an agreement with the Crestone branch of the USPS to regularly provide snow plowing services; and instead to direct Town staff to plow the post office's parking lot only as an emergency backup if the post office's private contractor is unable to plow, contingent on receiving a signed release of liability form for the Town and its employees from the postmistress
- To approve the MOU with the Crestone Charter School to use Town Hall as a shelter and care facility in the event of an emergency evacuation of school premises.
- To purchase and replace a 15mph speed limit sign on W. Golden Ave.
- To direct Attorney Farish to draw up a document for conditional approval based on concerns and issues discussed after the public hearing for the PUD application on Tract 3, presented by Crestone Peak Community Housing
- To approve any of the following people to meet and discuss sewer collections and IGA agreements with the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District (BGWSD): Trustee Sam Pace, Mayor Kairina Danforth, Treasurer Gwynn Busby and Water Manager Ann Bunting.

To adjourn the meeting at 3:30pm.

Staff reports

Treasurer Busby discussed the following in her report:

- Most recent tax revenue reported was \$31,251.00
- Marijuana tax received in January 2020 \$748.20. Income from paraphernalia in January 2020 totaled \$224.50
- Update on a BGWSD meeting that took place on January 28, 2020 with Mayor Danforth, Treasurer Busby, and BGWSD manager and two Board members regarding the Town's IGA with the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District
- Proposal to buy a new tractor with a six year warranty after several bids were researched.
- Changing the Code Enforc-

er's status from contract labor to a part-time employee

Mayor Danforth reported

- A public congratulation was given to Clerk Ransom for becoming a fully certified Municipal Clerk with the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) and being the first Clerk in the Town's history to be certified.

- The Town will be acquiring a new telescope, courtesy of Kim Malville, in order to hold public stargazing events with a stargazing event to take place on August 14, 2020 at Colorado College's Baca Campus

Clerk Ransom discussed the following in her report

- CIRSA, the Town's insurer, strongly advised not plowing on private property due to third party liability concerns

- CIRSA also recommended that any electric car charging stations in town need to be well marked, and the Town needs to be sure that an agreement with the company indemnifies the Town from all liability for any damage to the charging stations and cars.

- 2020 Election will be held by mail ballot, and ballots will be sent between March 16 and March 24.

- The candidate nomination petition period has ended with the following results: Kimberly Martinez and Benjamin Byer are the two candidates for the two Trustee seats opening up, and the Mayor position will have two candidates on the ballot: Adam Kinney and Kairina Danforth

- A TABOR issue will be on the ballot asking the town voters to approve a one half of one percent sales tax increase for the specific purpose of increasing revenue in the water and sewer budgets, which have been in the red for years.

- Before voting, please confirm directly with the Saguache County Clerk that you are registered and that your address is correct, as the County updates voter lists as per State statute and the County Clerk also provides the Town Clerk mailing labels for ballot packets.

Water System Manager Ann Bunting reported

- The Division of Water Resources (DWR) has agreed to correct and update the Town's well pumping records. This update will show a reduction of usage of 90% for the years 2011-2014

- Update on the Town's cross contamination surveys and a new water service hook-up to Block 46 (S. Spruce Ave.)

- Clerk Ransom was directed to review a letter to be drafted by Water Manager Ann Bunting regarding reasons to support a sales tax increase before sending to Board members for input

Planning Commission

Chair Terry Goergen reported on the monthly Planning Commission meeting of February 3, 2020, which included a discussion with Attorney Farish about the unfinished building on W. Golden Ave. and possible remedies.



At a special meeting of Crestone Town Trustees on February 10, Kirsten Schreiber presented information on behalf of Crestone Peak Community Housing (CPCH) regarding the Living Wisdom housing project's development plans, once their land is acquired. CPCH, a non-profit, is applying for a PUD (Planned Unit Development). This is required to build on the 4.6 acres behind the Charter School they have a contract on.

photo by Lori Nagel

Presentations to Board

Crestone Charter School Director Marie-Louise Baker presented a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Trustees requesting that Town Hall be designated as an emergency site, which the Board approved.

Attorney's report

Attorney Gene Farish served as the public hearing officer and opened the hearing at 1pm, stating that the purpose of the public hearing was to solicit public comment on the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD) for a senior housing development on Tract 3 land within the Town of Crestone and requested by the non-profit group, Crestone Peak Community Housing. Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

Farish verified that all legal public posting and mailing requirements had been met by the Town, including publication in local newspapers of general circulation, as per Crestone Zoning Regulations, Section IX-10 and the Town of Crestone's Ordinance #2010-016.

Attorney Farish explained planned unit developments to the audience members, saying that they may not adhere to a strict zoning code, but can be an overlay of a particular zone. Furthermore, the Board decides if a PUD is appropriate for that specific zone. Attorney Farish confirmed that Tract 3 was zoned rural residential, consisting of 4.62 acres.

Attorney Farish stated that the applicant had met with the Planning Commission and the Board of the Trustees for preliminary meetings. The applicant stated at the Board meeting of January 13, 2020 that they were ready to go forward and requested a public hearing. After sworn testimony, the Board would then decide whether or not to approve the application for the PUD, or to approve it with certain conditions.

Attorney Farish announced the names of those people who submitted comments to the Town in writing prior to the hearing.

Positive comments submitted via mail or email came from Barbara and William Howell, Gussie Fauntleroy, Marta Shoman, Kate Steichen, Linda Craig and Leslie Danziger.

One oppositional comment was submitted via email from town resident Fred Bauder.

Farish opened the hearing for comments in favor of the proposed

PUD. The following people were individually sworn in by Attorney Farish before speaking: Kirsten Schreiber, Barbara Hoepner, Richard Sanderson, Steve Elliott, Benjamin Byer and Matt Hudson of SGM Engineering, who gave positive details about the survey he had done at the site for CPCH.

Fred Bauder was the only oppositional speaker and stated that while senior housing was a good idea, the distant and rocky location the group chose was not a place for seniors. As an alternative, Bauder suggested a large downtown inn that is currently for sale with sidewalks and parking already adjacent, and making it pedestrian friendly and accessible to all town services. He also addressed flooding possibilities due to a large open gully extending south from Burnt Gulch Canyon, cutting across Tract 3 and extending all the way to Camino Baca Grande road near the kiosk.

Trustee comments followed about conditions which needed to be addressed, such as confirmation of an insurance of completion guarantee, possible traffic and flood studies and water/sewer hookup reviews by the Town. The Town still needed to determine whether or not the water plant would need a secondary pump installed to have adequate pressure up to the site with multiple dwellings planned and the possibility of needing large water taps.

Attorney Farish closed the public hearing at 2:41pm and reminded the matter to the Board.

After informing the applicant that they would make a decision on approving the PUD application at the March meeting, the Board went on to discuss a letter from resident Mary Lowers regarding a drainage issue near the W. Galena Street Bridge.

A letter sent from the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District stating the BGWSD would not renew their current IGA with the Town was also discussed.

Trustee Laki gave detailed historical background about the sewer system, which the Colorado Department of Health mandated, and grant funding for both the Town and the BGWSD upgrades was dependent on a special agreement set up by the State for the two entities to work together; thus, the Town was never considered a regular residential customer like POA members who pay their own mill levies for services.

Baca Grande Property Owner's Assoc. meeting report

by David Lee

The Baca Grande Property Owners Association held its monthly meeting on February 20 in a new format, scheduled to alternate with the more traditional business meetings, with reports from departments and committees. In this more informal and informational meeting, reports on general topics provided opportunities for questioning by the 20 members present. Kevin Flewell, the Executive Director, gave a concise summary of issues in the POA that have taken up much of his time. With Emergency Management Services (EMS) he is working with staff on adding training and ensuring that supplies are adequate and well organized. A new billing service will accept Medicaid payments, producing \$100,000 of additional income each year. He is aware that the Fire Department is short nine volunteers to operate all of the equipment in case of a major emergency. He sees that the challenge in attracting more firemen is to provide adequate employment and housing.

The principal challenge of the Maintenance Department is to ensure that some 90 miles of roads are kept in good shape, with additional gravel to surface the most needed roads, keep the existing equipment in good operating condition, and auction off the old equipment that is no longer being used.

As for Administration, much progress has been made in implementing new software for human resources and finances. He hopes that a revamped website will be completed and operating in about three months. The finances are in good shape.

Kevin talked about starting a strategic planning exercise that will produce a relatively short list of actionable items. It will be conducted by a planning professional, and it will consist of interviews and workshops. This is not a master

planning process, but more for the short term. Members of the audience stressed that this process be as transparent and inclusive as possible. This planning process will occur in the near future.

Jason Anderson, a County Commissioner in his last year of service, spoke of County issues that particularly affect the POA. He spoke of roads in general, and the difficulty in obtaining funding (from a gasoline tax) to maintain them, particularly difficult in rural areas, such as Saguache County. He did mention that the Commissioners are working to pave the second exit road from the Baca, the extension of the Spanish Creek Trail beyond the Baca and across Wildlife Refuge land, to Colorado College and the T Road. They intend to pave this road during 2020.

This past year the marijuana licensing fee has realized an income of \$232,000. This money is to be applied to code enforcement. The County has hired a code enforcement officer. His work started with the grow operations and is now extending county-wide, including the Baca. He is looking at violations of sewage treatment, blight and unlicensed structures. He is starting at the Lazy KV Estates but will continue surveying the Baca. Owners in the Baca must comply with County code, and violations are more easily penalized than the violations of covenants in the Baca (more legal teeth with the County).

On a per-capita basis, Saguache County is one of the most rapidly growing in the country, and its new residents are primarily over 65, middle income, and moving from urban centers. We will increasingly face challenges of affordable senior housing and adequate health care for this expanding senior population. Think of Saguache County facing the challenge of managing growth.

The Commissioners have recommended the dissolution of the



Snapped this beautiful buck's photo in the Baca Chalets 1 on January 24.

photo by Lori Nagel

Crestone/Baca Planning Commission, arguing that the development problems are no longer unique to this local area and would be better met by the effective County Planning Commission.

Bert Wadman spoke about the Safe Trails to Schools program in the Baca. Considerable progress has been made towards the design and construction of a non-motorized trail paralleling the Camino Baca Grande, and not only providing a safe passage for students to and from school, but also runners, joggers and walkers of all ages. As traffic grows on this main artery into the Baca, the necessity of a pedestrian route away from the road is more important. \$625,000 has been raised for the trail, with only another \$80,000 to be raised. Bert expects that the planning and design progress will finish in 2020 and the actual construction will finish by the end of 2021. Its completion will stimulate planning for connecting routes. A trail from the NWR headquarters and up through

the Colorado College property will connect to the main path, hopefully complete in 2020.

Finally, Peggy Godfrey spoke of her decades-long campaign to stop the erosion of water resources in the north San Luis Valley, including Crestone and the Baca. The principal contributor is the Bureau of Reclamation's Closed Basin Project. Through Peggy's persistence, the Rio Grande Water Control District is looking at this issue in more detail. By the time this paper is published, several Crestonians will have heard (and hopefully questioned) the most experienced hydrologist working in the valley to shed more light on the drying up of surface water in the northern valley, particularly the drying of both San Luis and Saguache creeks.

The meeting format seemed successful, from informal comments heard after. Perhaps fewer topics/speakers would leave more time for audience questioning. This was much more enjoyable than a typical business meeting.

"Let's Get Sustainable"

The San Luis Valley Tourism Association will host its 20th annual conference on March 4, 2020. This year's theme is "Let's Get Sustainable!" Speakers will include Addison Phillips with Charge Ahead Colorado, Steve Coffin with NoCo PLACES 2050, and Dr. Nick Parker, teaching Sustainability 101.

The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) and Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) jointly administer the Charge Ahead Colorado electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure grant program. Grants are available for community-based Level II and DC fast-charging stations. Program objectives include improving air quality, encouraging deployment of EVs across the state, and supporting implementation of the Colorado Electric Vehicle Plan. Since its inception in 2013, the Charge Ahead Colorado program has made awards for more than 930 EV charging stations across the state.

NoCo PLACES 2050 is a collaborative effort formed in May of 2018 to manage the impact of population growth on Colorado's mountains, with an initial focus on local, state and federal lands in the Arapaho Roosevelt Forest region. The group includes leaders from the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin, Jefferson and Larimer counties, and other key stakeholders. Throughout his career, Steve Coffin has specialized in developing and implementing strategies to help businesses, governmental entities and non-profits align themselves around strategy and vision and more effectively communicate and position themselves and their initiatives.

The mission of the San Luis Valley Tourism Association is to preserve our environmental and cultural resources by unifying our marketing efforts to promote the mystic San Luis Valley as a tourism destination and thereby developing responsible economic growth for the seven counties of the valley.

The conference will be held March 4 at the Alamosa Elks Lodge at 406 Hunt Avenue from 9:30am to 4pm. Lunch will be provided. The conference will include, as always, the popular "What's New" session. You may register online at sanluisvalley.org or at the door.

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Democratic Party caucuses March 7

by Barbara Tidd

Show up on Saturday, March 7 at 1:30pm to register and chat with your neighbors before the caucus begins promptly at 2pm.

Where is my caucus?

Precincts 1 (Saguache/Villa Grove) & 2 (Sargents): Saguache Rd. & Bridge, 305 3rd St., Saguache
Precincts 3 (Town of Crestone, Casita Park), 4 (Moffat), 5 (Baca): Crestone Charter School, 330 E. Lime Ave., Crestone

Precincts 6 (Center West) & 7 (Center East): Kiwanis Hall, 5th & Broadway, Center

To find your precinct go to www.GoVoteColorado.com, click on Find My Registration, then County & District Information. Your precinct number is the last 2 digits on the Precinct line.

Or contact Barbara Tidd, Saguache County DEMS Secretary at slvbarb498@gmail.com, 719-221-8434.

Hold on . . . Didn't we get rid of caucuses?

Good question—the answer is “No!” In 2016, voters passed Proposition 107 & 108 which re-established presidential primaries. Therefore, Colorado will have a primary election on Tuesday, March 3, for the presidential race. However, Colorado (both Ds and Rs) still holds caucuses to help select which non-presidential candidates will be on the primary ballot.

Why should I caucus?

Caucus is the first step in the election process for non-presidential candidates, and it's your opportunity to make your mark on the Democratic Party. On Saturday, March 7, you will have the opportunity to advocate for which Democrats you want to be on the primary ballot for US Senate, Congressional District 3 (CD3), Senate District 35 (SD35), House District 62 (HD62), and County Commissioner. Want to be a Precinct Organizer (PO)? Want to be a delegate or alternate to County Assembly/Convention? POs and delegates are elected at caucus. Have an idea for a change in the Democratic Party Platform? Want to start your journey to become a National Delegate to this summer's Democratic National

Convention? It all starts at caucus.

Colorado US Senate candidates who are going through the caucus/assembly process are Andrew Romanoff, Erik Underwood, John Hickenlooper, Stephany Rose Spaulding, and Trish Zornio. Other US Senate candidates are petitioning only and are not part of the caucus/assembly process. See coloradodems.org/2020-candidates for all candidates' names.

Who can caucus?

Registered Democrats in Colorado can caucus. Also, if you will be 18 years of age on or before Tuesday, November 3, 2020 (Election Day), if you registered to vote as a Democrat by Feb. 14, you can caucus!

Saguache County Assembly

The Saguache County Assembly/Convention will be held on Sunday, March 29 at the Saguache Community Building, 525 7th St. beginning with a noon potluck. The County Assembly/Convention will begin at 1pm sharp. Whether or not you are elected as a delegate or alternate to the County Assembly/Convention, you are welcome to attend. It is open to the public.

Saguache County is allowed 4 Delegates to the State Assembly, State Convention, CD3, SD35, HD62, and JD12 Assemblies. Delegates to each of these Assemblies and Convention can be different delegates. In addition, Saguache County may have one member on the State Permanent Organization/Credentials Committee, which meets after the County Assemblies and before the State Assemblies, which are at the Denver Convention Center on April 17. State Convention is at the Denver Convention Center on April 18.

For more information or to see the 2020 Colorado Delegate Selection Plan, go to www.coloradodems.org/caucus.

For more information or to get involved with the Saguache County Democratic Party, contact Chair Randy Arredondo randyharredondo@gmail.com; or Secretary Barbara Tidd, slvbarb498@gmail.com, 719-221-8434.



Crane watchers brave cold temperatures to view the annual crane migration.

photo by Gerald DeShirlla, courtesy Monte Vista Crane Festival

Monte Vista Crane Festival March 6-8 The Sandhill Cranes are arriving

Every March, bird lovers flock to Colorado's picturesque San Luis Valley from all over the state and beyond to witness the arrival of some 25,000 Sandhill Cranes.

The Monte Vista Crane Festival, slated for March 6-8, celebrates the cranes' annual stopover in the valley. "Their remarkable journey begins in southern New Mexico's Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge and ends in the cranes' nesting grounds around the Yampa Valley, Greater Yellowstone area and even further north for some of the longer-traveled birds," said Crane Festival committee president Jenny Nehring.

Now in its 37th season, the crane festival is one of the oldest birding festivals in the country and the oldest in Colorado. Though the festival began in celebration of a small Whooping Crane population grown from science aimed at boosting the faltering species, the event now pays full tribute to Sandhill Cranes.

The San Luis Valley's wide-open alpine desert, flanked by the rugged Sangre de Cristo and San Juan mountains, offers breathtaking vistas. The standalone beauty is heightened by the arrival of the cranes, drawing wildlife lovers and photographers to the valley every year to bear witness. Other wildlife sightings include owls, eagles, elk, mule deer, pronghorn, coyote and a variety of other birds and raptors.

The elegant cranes gather by the thousands in the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge, which manages its habitat to attract the birds and other wildlife. Refuge staff plant barley in the surrounding fields and mow them down just before the festival. Cranes gather in the newly mowed areas to feed on the fallen grain and small

animals attracted to the food. At night, the wetlands provide roosting sites that help protect cranes from predators, said Refuge Manager Suzanne Beauchaine.

Festivalgoers and folks visiting throughout most of March can expect to see hundreds if not thousands of cranes in one field alone. The cranes spread their expansive wings, dancing and hopping in a beautiful courtship display. During crane fest, there's an almost reverent quiet among the hundreds of visitors lined up with cameras and binoculars along the split rail fence separating the refuge from viewing stations. The profound silence allows people to hear the rolling trill of the cranes and sound of rushing wings when the birds suddenly take off en masse.

The festival includes expert-led crane- and hawk-viewing tours, adventures to unique natural areas in the San Luis Valley, wildlife presentations, nature movies and a kids' coloring contest. There's also a craft and nature fair with an array of nature-oriented goodies such as birdhouses, jewelry, wood carvings, quilts, photography and paintings.

Other local activities include a visit to Great Sand Dunes National Park, downhill skiing at Wolf Creek Ski Area, beer tasting at one of several local breweries, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, hiking and hot springs.

Folks interested in seeing Sandhill Cranes during the birds' annual San Luis Valley stopover should make plans as soon as possible. Festival tours, speakers and local accommodations typically sell out fast. For schedule and ticket information, visit www.mvcranefest.org.

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Emmy Savage's painting "Sacred Ground II" will be on display with a collection of some of her other work for the month of March at Shumei International Institute. Her art symposium is Sunday March 22 at 3pm.

Emmy Savage featured artist Shumei International; Symposium March 22

Emmy Savage will be showing her work at the Shumei Gallery in Crestone for the month of March. A symposium with Emmy will be held where she will be reading from her book, *Walking the Stations in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains*, a work that directly relates to her painted landscapes. A reception will follow. As an ac-

tive member of our Crestone artist community we are using this opportunity to thank Emmy for her many contributions to the arts in Crestone, as she will be moving from Crestone this year.

Emmy's work explores the relationship between landscape, solitude, contemplation and spiritual connectedness. Her subjects range from the mountain and skyscapes of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains to the intricate architecture of the corrals and cattle chutes of the Luis Maria Baca Wildlife Refuge and those of Cochetopa Creek in the San Juan Mountains across the valley. She has walked through all of the landscapes that appear in her essays and paintings.

Come visit with Emmy and learn more about her work on Sunday March 22, 3pm to 5pm. This event is free to the public. Please visit www.shumeicrestone.org or call 256-5284 for more information. Please call the office to confirm the office is open.



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Crestone Artisans Gallery & a pot o' gold

by David Lee

As the winter stretches on, Gallery members hold parties, bringing the community together. Last month was our very well attended Valentine's Day party. There was some question about whether there would be enough food at that event, but we were awash in tasty Mexican-style snacks and wine.

In March we hold a traditional St. Patrick's Day party. This year it will be entitled "The Pot of Gold" party, and will be held on the 17th, 4-6pm in the gallery. A highlight of the party will be the donation of excellent hand-crafted beer courtesy of the Crestone Brewing Company, accompanied by beer-friendly snacks. There will be live music and a free drawing of a work of art from the Gallery's collection. At this party the prize will be a fine work of pottery, produced by our new gallery member, Deborah Crowley. Deborah recently moved to Crestone from Austin, Texas, where she was an active member of the Eastside Art District. She produces both hand-formed and wheel-thrown vessels

of fine porcelain.

Your visit to the Gallery will reveal the work of several new members. Christine Columbo's work was described in the January *Eagle*, and one of her landscape photographs was the drawing prize for last month's Valentine's Day Party. Susan Reycroft produces beautiful silk paintings. Jeanette Amlie joined us most recently. She works in mixed media, mainly on paper. She comes to Crestone with vast experience in hand papermaking. She worked for many years at the University of Iowa's acclaimed paper studio, The Center for the Book.

New work has been added to the Gallery by the existing resident artists, as well as by the newly participating artists. At the beginning of the month, member artists will temporarily remove their artwork to allow for a deep cleaning and refurbishing of the Gallery. The walls will be touched up and old holes patched and painted, and then the artwork will be re-installed. With a fresh look and new artwork, it is an especially good time to visit.



Christine Columbo (left) presented her work of art to the lucky door-prize winner at the Crestone Artisans Gallery's event on Valentines Day. The winner was Katherine Walter, a glass artist from Saguache, who was thrilled with the print and told a friend just before the drawing that she never wins anything! photo by Lori Nagel

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The Fellowship of the Flowers invites you to plant flowers this spring

by Patrick Moore

In the summer of 2017 we in this community banded together as The Fellowship of the Flowers to plant flowers in the town's new flower beds and to create an oasis of light and beauty and fellowship high up here where no shadow can touch. Hundreds donated money to buy flowers and trees. Many more donated flowers from their own gardens. On June 3, 2017 over a hundred of us came out in unity, fellowship, beauty and light to plant the new trees and flowers. It was awesome! It also proved that this is a community of Keepers of the Light.

Since that summer, many things have happened; the flowers and trees in the beds have thrived! Phase II of the Town's infrastructure and flood control project has been completed. The irrigation system for the flower beds has been re-

worked in Phase I and installed in Phase II and have been fully tested and work perfectly.

This summer we will band together again in fellowship and common purpose to plant trees and all the new flower beds in Phase II. Kizzen and her group are raising funds and organizing to plant the trees. (See the article about that in this issue of *The Crestone Eagle*). The Fellowship of the Flowers will raise money, gather home grown flowers and plant the flowers in Phase II beds. Our budget this year is \$7,000. (There are more and larger beds). Please donate generously.

Donations can be taken to Elaine at the Crestone Mercantile Grocery. You can also mail donations to Crestone Mercantile Grocery, attn: Fellowship of the Flowers, PO Box 249, Crestone, CO 81131. Finally, you can give your donations to Patrick (me) anytime, anywhere! In fact, if you throw money at me, I'll know exactly what it's for, and thank you in advance for that.

You can volunteer in any capacity you feel inspired to by calling or texting me at 719-588-6431, or drop me an email at epmdomone@gmail.com. And of course, it will be awesome when everybody comes out to help on the day of planting. We're aiming for June 6 and/or 7.

Please spread the word. Tell your non-local family and friends about this community effort and invite them to be a part of it. And remember: "Deep in their roots, All flowers keep the light." (Theodore Roethke).

The Curse of Hedy Lamarr

by Heidi Wong

On Sunday, February 16, we launched our 2020 season at the Historic Ute Theatre with *Stand Still and Look Stupid: The Incredible Story of Hedy Lamarr*. We are so grateful for a wonderful turnout—60 folks in the audience on a Sunday afternoon in February! Denver-based actress Emily Ebertz truly impressed all of us with her amazing performance, and wonderful Mike Broemmell, the playwright, joined Emily for a highly informative Q&A at the end of the show.

Much to our shock and embarrassment, however, both toilets at the theatre overflowed an hour before the performance began. Fortunately, audience members were quite forgiving, and neighboring businesses generously offered use of their bathrooms.

Frozen pipes, perhaps? Not according to Mike, the playwright. It's *The Curse of Hedy Lamarr*! He explained to us after the show that once he completed the script a few years back, several obstacles delayed the play's production: the first three actresses cast one after the other for the role didn't work out. Mike finally discovered Emily Ebertz, and she is undoubtedly perfect for the part. During the first year in production, one tech-related nightmare after another started: before one performance, all of the audio and visual equipment went down. That's not all—when Mike was writing some materials associ-

ated with the play, a couple of keys on his laptop broke loose, and the next day, two more letters flew off the keyboard. It was then that the playwright realized that the four dislodged letters spelled out H-E-D-Y.

Well, whether the pipes were simply frozen or Hedy Lamarr was reminding us to clear out crap that doesn't serve us, the show must go on! Please check out our upcoming events at www.historicutetheatre.com, follow us on Facebook, or give us a call at 719-427-1080.

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Give us your input on local solar on March 13

On the afternoon of March 13 the Crestone Baca Resiliency Energy Group will be hosting a focus group for current and near-term prospective Crestone & Baca property owners to explore local solar power considerations. If you are interested in sharing your thoughts re: photovoltaic (electricity from the sun) power for your home or business and would like to participate in this hour-long focus group, please email Janet Woodman at woodmandesign@fairpoint.net.

Woof Creek Sled Dog & Skijor Races March 7 & 8

The 2nd Annual Woof Creek Sled Dog & Skijor Race has been rescheduled due to snow conditions. The new event dates—snow permitting—are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8.

This year's four-legged athletic competition is ISDA sanctioned and will have 20 or more sled dog and skijor teams battling it out on a picturesque snow track at the Rio Grande Club & Resort in South Fork. The competitions are from 9am to 2pm on Saturday and Sunday and will run from four to six miles and include two participation levels—seasoned and recreational mushers. The races will include four and six sled-dog teams as well as skijor racers, which are cross-country skiers pulled by either one or two pouches.

Stay tuned for more info as the new race dates draw closer. For details visit the Woof Creek Sled Dog & Skijor Race Facebook page or www.riograndeclubandresort.com.

Talk on native bees

Dr. Olivia Carril has been scheduled by the Colorado Field Institute for a talk on native bees April 22, Earth Day, 7pm at Adams State U. in Alamosa, Porter Hall room 130. For those who missed her talk last summer at the Baca Refuge, here is another opportunity.

Sponsor a tree in downtown Crestone!

The Crestone Tree Project is wanting to plant 10 new trees in downtown Crestone in the new streetside planter beds. Kizzen is organizing the tree project again and is looking for sponsors for 5 trees. The cost will be around \$400 to \$500 depending on type and size of tree and includes a plaque identifying the donor. People can sponsor a tree "In Memory of" someone. It's a long-lasting way to remember a special person. Or sponsor for themselves, family or business. The time to plant trees is now!

We will appreciate the beauty and shade of downtown trees for many years to come.

Contact Kizzen at kizzen@crestoneeagle.com.

Pet Partners Free Spay/Neuter Clinic

Colorado Animal Welfare League (CAWL) is conducting a free Spay/Neuter Clinic on March 13, 14 and 15 in Alamosa. If your pet has not been spayed or neutered yet, we encourage you to sign up and take your pet to this clinic. There will not be a spay/neuter clinic in Crestone this spring, so this is your chance.

You can register by going to CAWL's Facebook page at fb CAWL, or you can call or text Lisa Petri at 720-339-4040. When you register please provide your pet's species (cat or dog), name, gender and age. State the day you are registering to bring your pet and leave your name and contact information.

Dropoff is each day at 7:30am. The clinic is in the big CAWL's trailer parked across the street from the fairgrounds and recreation center, in the parking lot of the Alamos County Road and Bridge building with the green metal roof.

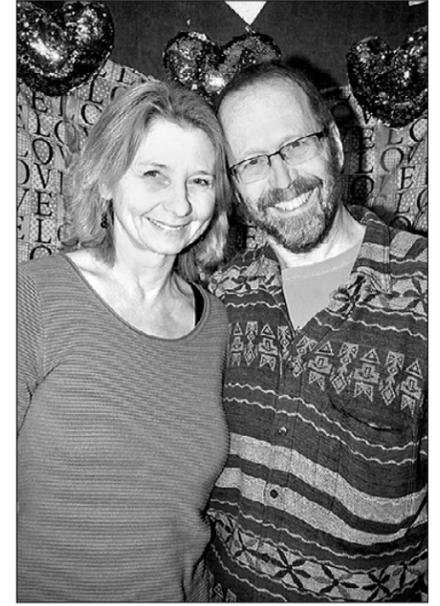
Please take this free opportunity to have your beloved pet spayed or neutered. It's the compassionate thing to do. You can get on Facebook to carpool and encourage others to go too.

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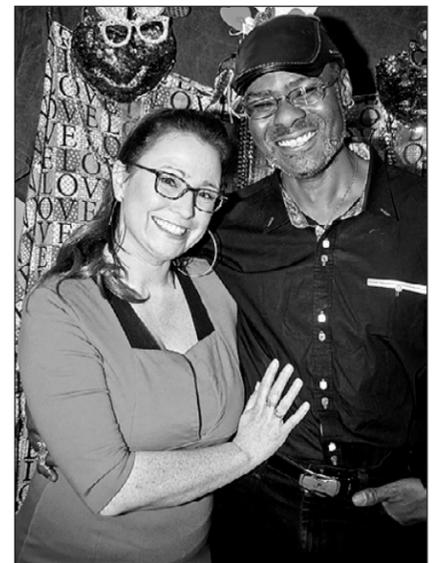
Disaster Action Team Cherry Moon and Ayesha Williams provided recovery assistance to a gentleman and his pets who lost everything in a house fire on February 14, 2020. If you would like to volunteer for the American Red Cross please visit www.redcross.org today.



Anrahyah Arstadt and Eric Weiss got photos in Lori Nagel's heart-themed photo booth at the Crestone Artisans Gallery event on Valentines Day. Over 70 people were in attendance! photo by Lori Nagel



Valentines Anoushka Perker and Everett Wilson at the Gallery. photo by Lori Nagel



Valentines Niamh Kelly-Weston and Joel Weston. photo by Lori Nagel



Rose Burek (center) and Tom Jones (left) took a sweet photo with their visiting family members in Lori Nagel's heart-themed photo booth at the Crestone Artisans Gallery's event on Valentines Day. photo by Lori Nagel



Meryl Ennis graced the Valentines Day event with her beautiful music. photo by Lori Nagel

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

Monthly Events

1 March

- Guided Meditation Chamma Ling Retreat Center 2-3:30 PM
- Chanoyu Tea Ceremony Shumei International Institute 2-4 PM
- Crestone Poetry Festival Crestone Charter School 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

3 March

- Super Tuesday

4 March

- SLV Regional Science Fair, Plachy Field House
- Crestone Food Bank 10AM-noon
- Guru Rinpoche Tsok Yeshe Khorlo, Buddhist Temple & Retreat Center (Choying Dzong) 6-8 PM
- SLV Tourism Ass'n Annual Conference, Alamosa Elks Lodge 9:30 AM-4 PM

5 March

- Rumi Study Circle. All welcome. Golden Light Sufi Circle 4-6 PM
- SLV Regional Science Fair Plachy Field House
- SLVREC Board Meeting 9:30 AM

6 March

- Monte Vista Crane Festival

7 March

- Monte Vista Crane Festival
- SLV Seed Exchange Joyful Journey Hot Springs 9 AM-5 PM
- Colorado Democratic Caucus 8 AM-5 PM
- Woof Creek Sled Dog & Skijor Races Rio Grande Club & Resort 8 AM-5 PM

8 March

- Monte Vista Crane Festival
- Milarepa Day Yeshe Khorlo - Buddhist Temple & Retreat Center (Choying Dzong) 8 AM-6 PM
- International Women's Day
- Woof Creek Sled Dog & Skijor Races Rio Grande Club & Resort 8 AM-5 PM
- Daylight Savings starts 2 AM

9 March

- Full Moon
- Full Moon Riwo Sangcho, Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple & Retreat Center (Choying Dzong) 10-11 AM
- Full Moon Fire Ceremony followed by a meal Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10 AM-noon
- Town of Crestone Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Alder Meeting Room 9:30 AM-5:30 PM

11 March

- CEOLP/IFC monthly meeting Little Shepherd Church 7-9 PM
- BGPOA EAC Covenant Violation Meetings POA meeting room 10 AM
- BGPOA EAC Building Meeting POA meeting room 1 PM
- CEOLP monthly meeting, Agape Room, Nada Carmelite Monastery 7 PM

12 March

- Sufi Dhikr & Potluck. All welcome! Golden Light Sufi Circle 4-6 PM

13 March

- Solar Power Focus Group 3-4 PM
- Free Spay/Neuter Clinic Alamosa Co Road & Bridge parking lot 7:30 AM-5 PM

14 March

- Introduction to the Alexander Technique 10 AM-11:30 PM
- Free Spay/Neuter Clinic Alamosa Co Road & Bridge parking lot 7:30 AM-5 PM

15 March

- Free Spay/Neuter Clinic Alamosa Co Road & Bridge parking lot 7:30 AM-5 PM

17 March

- Bake Sale/Food Drive Crestone Food Bank 10 AM-2 PM
- Gallery's Pot o' Gold Party 4-6 PM

18 March

- Dakini Tsok Yeshe Khorlo 6-8 PM

19 March

- POA Board meeting POA meeting room 10 AM
- Spring Equinox 9:50 PM

22 March

- Emmy Savage at Shumei 3-5 PM

24 March

- New Moon
- New Moon Fire Ceremony followed by a meal Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10 AM-noon
- New Moon Riwo Sangcho, Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple & Retreat Center (Choying Dzong) 10-11 AM

25 March

- Spring Navratri Haidakhandi Ashram 8-10 AM

26 March

- Spring Navratri Haidakhandi Ashram 8-10 AM
- Student Open Mic

27 March

- Spring Navratri Haidakhandi Ashram 8-10 AM

28 March

- Crestone Food Bank 10 AM-noon
- Spring Navratri Haidakhandi Ashram 8-10 AM
- Cabin Fever Talent Show 8 AM-5 PM

29 March

- Saguache County Democratic Party Assembly/Convention Saguache Community Bldg. noon-4 PM
- Spring Navratri Haidakhandi Ashram 8-10 AM

30 March

- Spring Navratri Haidakhandi Ashram 8-10 AM

31 March

- Spring Navratri Haidakhandi Ashram 8-10 AM

1 April

- April Fools Day
- Spring Navratri Haidakhandi Ashram 8-10 AM

2 April

- Spring Navratri Haidakhandi Ashram 8-10 AM

3 April

- CCS Middle School performs The Mighty Tailor 6 PM

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, www.babajashram.org.
- Jyorei, Shumei Sanctuary, please be seated by 7:50am and 5:50pm, 256-5248
- Tours, gallery & Jyorei, Shumei, 9am-5pm, 256-5284
- Open meditation & prayers 8:45-10:30am in Vajra Vidya Retreat Center Shrine Room. All are welcome. 256-5539. www.vajravidya.com
- Tours, Temple & Gift Shop, HUA 256-4108, info@babajashram.org, www.babajashram.org.
- Evening Aarati, HUA, 6-7pm. Chanting in Sanskrit and Hindi. All welcome. 256-4108, info@babajashram.org, www.babajashram.org

Sunday

- Sunday mass at Nada Hermitage 9-10am, 256-4778
- Sunday Service Crestone Baptist Church, Chris-

- tian Service Traditional/Contemporary 10am-noon
- Drop in Meditation at Choying Dzong (Sitting and Walking), 2281 Happy Day OL, 10am – 1pm
- Sutra Reading: Life story of the Buddha, Yeshe Khorlo, 2-3pm
- Dorje Trolo Practice, White Jewel Mountain Healing Center, 2pm
- AA meeting (open, discussion), Crestone Town Hall, Alder St. north of Galena Ave, 7pm

Monday

- Al-Anon meeting, Little Shepherd Church, Alder St. north of Galena Ave., 1pm

Tuesday

- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam, 5-6:45pm by donation, shaktisharanam.com, 256-5668
- NA meeting (open), Little Shepherd Church, Alder St. north of Galena Ave., 7:30pm

Wednesday

- Yoga Fundamentals & Refinements, Shakti Sharanam, 8:30- 10am by donation, shaktisharanam.com, 256-5668
- Food Bank, 10am-noon
- Wednesday night Bible study, Crestone Baptist Church 6-7:30pm

Thursday

- AA meeting (open, Book Study) Crestone Baptist Church, Rd. T west of the kiosk, noon
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam, 5pm-6:45pm, by donation, shaktisharanam.com, 256-5668

Saturday

- NA meeting (open, Step Study), Little Shepherd Church, Alder St. north of Galena Ave., 9am
- Feel Free Ministries free meal, noon-4pm, Little Shepherd Community Center



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How have your pets enriched your life?



Liz Paup

I've had pets my whole life. I've never not had a dog. They've always just been part of my soul, and I think I'm part animal sometimes, dog specifically! My dog, Piper, even though she's crazy when she barks, she's my therapy dog. I didn't train her to do any of that. I have nightmares all the time, and as soon as I have a nightmare, she's right up on my chest and pushes her face against mine and makes sure mom's OK and calmed down. She taught herself to do that, which I think is incredible. They're just so amazing and full of so much love, like my little soul mates. And Buddha, even though he's crazy, too, he's like my big baby. They become part of your soul and make everything better. They've gone through the hard times and the fun times, but they're always there no matter what. That's what I love about my dogs!



Jananne Settle

I grew up with pets. My dad would bring home all sorts of them. At one point, we had 3 male boxers, a rabbit, a prairie dog, and a raccoon we rescued, all at the same time. The house was always full of pets! My first pet as an adult was Tigger, an orange tabby. He was a source of support and comfort through a difficult time. Tigger was with me for 21 years. He will always have a special place in my heart.

Our current pet, Lacey Lou, a 9-year-old female boxer, came to us

at a special time. My dad had terminal lung cancer. We wanted the last bit of his life to be as comfortable and enriching as possible. Lacey came in as if she'd been there all along. She bonded with my dad right away and they spent a couple weeks together before he passed. Lacey Lou helped the whole family cope because the dog still needed to be fed and taken for walks. Plus she could tell when we were upset, was an ever present comfort to us and still is!

My pets have enriched my life with unconditional love and presence of mind. Lacey is not thinking about yesterday or tomorrow. There's a cartoon showing someone walking a dog. In the dog's mind bubble, the only thing is him getting walked by his person. In the person's bubble, it's a trillion things they're thinking about. Lacey's helped me be more aware of that. When I walk her, I try to just focus on us walking, ever since I saw that picture. She's really good at it and knows how to be in the moment. I think I could learn a thing or two from Lacey Lou!



Matthew Johnson

They make the worst roommates ever. They don't pay for anything! You have to feed them all the time. They're constantly in need. However, the other side of that is unconditional love. They don't care if you forget Valentine's Day, birthdays, etc. They're better than any family member as far as that goes, right?! They add calmness to your life. They're super friendly and there for you. They need homes and love just like we do, but they're better at expressing it than people. They've enriched my life by making my house feel like a home. When you move around a lot, you don't feel comfortable getting a dog. Some do, then have to get rid of them moving into a no-dogs-allowed situation. So, actually being in a place where you can give them a good life, they pay it back so much. Wish they'd pay for more! You know, one of them has to get a job at some point. Even like puppy modeling? I'm sure that's a

thing, somewhere, right? But they can't figure that out. The problem is they don't have the thumbs!

I have 45 pets, if you count the fish. It's 4 dogs, 2 cats, and 39 fish. I can't imagine my life without pets. My dad had to give up a dog because he was traveling more, and his life became emptier. It's amazing how clean his house is without pet hair everywhere, but there's also this emptiness about it I wouldn't trade. I'll take the dust, the dirt, the pet hair and my cat, Jack, getting a bladder infection and peeing all over my laundry, just cause the amount of cuddles Jack has given me, as a 20-pound cat (this big!) makes up for it. So, they give more than they take.



Todd Rezack

Layla, she keeps me on the go, and she always gives you unconditional love. Even on the darkest days, the animals, they always seem to be there to help you. It's definitely a good karmic exchange there when you provide for animals on that level. There's probably something that comes back to you on another level. She's been my world for about five years. You guys all know that.



Anoushka Perkert

Luna taught me a lot about patience. She's kind of unusual because she's very shy of people. Whenever she sees somebody on a trail, she hides. I have to be really careful and patient with that. One day I lost her on a trail with mountain bikes. She was so freaked out; she hid in the underbrush for hours. I went back at night and she finally came out. I know I can't push it with her. I give her time to feel comfortable when she's around people, letting her decide what she wants to do, when she wants to

come out, how she wants to show herself. She's a lot more social that way.

We got her as a pup when we still had my older dog, Sparks. They were fun and cute together. Sparks showed Luna everything. When we brought her home, he turned into Mr. Most-well-behaved, which he wasn't before! She constantly relied on him. When he died 4 months ago, she was really sad and mopey for long time. You can tell, dogs miss their companion. She's better now, but I'm also not ready to get another dog yet! Two dogs are a lot of work.

Oh, and she's a total princess! She likes to have food brought to her, be brushed, be on our bed all the time. We stopped saying no. We let her get away with a lot. Other than that, she's pretty well behaved.



Shawn Wilkinson

Dreama's been my service animal since 2010 because I had a traumatic brain injury and she stayed with me while I traveled all around. She's been on airplanes, boats, trains, buses, motorcycles—she's ridden everything! Every mode of transportation there is, she's been on it. The only thing she doesn't like is escalators. Her nails get caught in the tracks. She's been my confidant since my brain injury and been through everything with me, and she's helped me train other animals to service other people.

Pets always enrich lives. They're something to care for, and they're always there to care for you. One hour to them is seven hours to us. Like, if you're gone for 20 minutes, that's a long part of their day, since they live seven years to our one. So if you're gone just a short while, they really miss you.

Having that greeting every day is really good, too. They keep you grounded, and Dreama's service has been just that. I got seasick one time really bad on a ship in 12-foot swells with the boat coming out of the water. I couldn't move, sick laying on the floor, and Dreama sat with me the entire time with her paws on top of me. She's always been a really great service dog even before she got registered to be one. Then I had the injury, and she became exactly what she needed to be.

If you have feedback or suggestions for future topics, please email peacelori@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.

Crestone Energy Fair announces keynote speaker David Mauriello

The Crestone Energy Fair is pleased to announce that David "Diamond" Mauriello of the Oppenheimer Ranch Project will return this year as the keynote speaker for the 2020 event.

Diamond grew up in Southampton just outside of Philadelphia.



David "Diamond" Mauriello of the Oppenheimer Ranch Project will return this year as the keynote speaker for the 2020 Crestone Energy Fair.

He attended Temple University where he received his B.S. in geology and stayed on to teach and get his masters degree. His academic focus was in paleo-geology with an emphasis on glaciation periods. Diamond's recent work on social and environmental justice initiatives, including urban vacant lot farming, GMO awareness, and other green endeavors find even greater expression in the Oppenheimer Ranch Project. He has an extensive background in landscape, residential, and commercial construction, and is also a master dry-set mason.

Diamond and his partner, Leah Shaper, established the Oppenheimer Ranch project 5 years ago as an experiment in high alpine sustainability. Their goal is to transform 50+ acres of high alpine wilderness into an off-grid, self-sustaining homestead. An earthship residence is the heart of the construction project, currently being built to anchor the organically grown permaculture farm. Geothermal greenhouses are also being integrated into all designs.

In addition to the farm, Diamond also plays host to a YouTube blog, also called the Oppenheimer Ranch Project, where he details life at his ranch and brings to the forefront issues currently facing the world rife with environmental changes. His extensive knowledge of geology and glacial periods provides a unique perspective in his blog, and as a result has a large following.

We are now taking presentation applications for this year's event, scheduled for August 14-16 in the Crestone Town Park. Applications may be found on our website, www.crestoneenergyfair.org.

Lastly, come say hi at the SLV Seed Exchange at Joyful Journey on March 7.



The Crestone Museum has great displays on local history.

Crestone Historical Museum news

by Jim McCalpin

The Crestone Historical Museum & Welcome Center is gearing up for the summer 2020 season, with a few improvements. The first improvement is the Museum's association with the newly-formed Crestone-Baca Historical Society (CBHS). CBHS is a nonprofit association of people interested in history and historic preservation in the Crestone-Baca area. Members qualify for gifts and discounts on Museum purchases and on Museum activities that charge admission (but admission to the Museum itself remains free). More detail on CBHS and how to join is available in the latest (Feb. 2020) Museum Newsletter. To get a copy, email Museum Director Jim McCalpin at mccalpin@geohaz.com or 719-588-4279.

The second improvement relates to the upcoming 50th anniversary of the creation of the Baca Grande Corporation (1971-2021). Ever since 2011, our Museum definition for what constitutes "history" always hovered around 50 years ago. Thus we devoted no displays

to the Baca Grande development, only to the older Baca Ranch. But all that will change in 2021. This year, the Museum will be looking for artifacts, documents, and photos from the early days of the Baca Grande development, with the aim of creating some permanent and/or rotating exhibits before these items become lost to history. The Museum will be using an even more flexible definition of history this summer, making displays of such gone-but-not-forgotten events as the Crestone Music Festival (1999-2017). Who knows, Tom Dessain might end up in our big glass display case . . . that is, if he's not too busy MC-ing concerts in Town Hall Park. Will the Festival come back to life? Will history repeat itself??

Finally, the Museum will continue its schedule of weekend activities (summer lectures, field trips, gold panning in the creek, woodstove cookery, and downtown walking tours). We are always looking for Museum volunteers, who now automatically receive free membership/benefits in the CBHS.

Attention Creatives!
The Crestone Energy Fair is seeking a design for this year's event logo and t-shirt design. Winner will receive a free vendor booth at the event and a t-shirt.



Last year's event logo by Adam Kinney

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Wetlands & water pumping

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established in 2004, natural creek flows were diverted to primarily provide water for wet meadow habitats. Over the past fifteen years, modifications have resulted in minimizing irrigation of upland habitats to restore hydrologic conditions to natural wetland areas.

Although there is no way to control how much or how long water is available, the goal is to promote vegetative diversity, promoting habitat for migratory waterfowl, shorebirds, secretive marsh birds, colonial waterbirds and upland birds—a primary objective of the Baca NWR.

Recently the Rio Grande Water Conservation District took up the discussion of the impact of pumping water in the watersheds of lower Saguache Creek and San Luis Creek. Peggy Godfrey, Saguache County representative to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board, is requesting an independent engineering study of groundwater depletion on lands that include the Baca NWR.

The Friends of the SLV National Wildlife Refuges took the opportunity to weigh in with concerns of the impact of continued groundwater withdrawals on the Baca NWR. Their letter advocates for a collaborative approach to studying water use and prioritizing ways to minimize impacts to habitat on the Baca NWR and throughout the San Luis Valley.

The Baca NWR has seen the groundwater table substantially lowered and much of the available wet acreage in 1984 has been lost—at least partially due to continued withdrawals from the Closed Basin Project. The playa wetlands on the downstream end of the drainages that flow out of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains rarely receive water anymore.

In their letter the Friends of the SLV National Wildlife Refuges point to the approximately 48% of water for the Closed Basin Project that is pumping water from directly under the Baca NWR. The hope expressed is that with decreased groundwater pumping, the wetlands habitat can be restored over time. But they also advocate for a collaborative approach, knowing that water use has changed for multiple reasons.

Water management in Colorado is complex and closely regulated. Migratory patterns for birds have shifted following the flow of water.

Today in the midst of debates about climate change, along with changes in precipitation over the years, it does not seem to be too much to ask that decisions made 50 years ago about groundwater be re-visited today.

To hear the cranes calling to each other, visiting each spring in timeless rituals of courtship on their way to breed and to raise their young, is to take a step back time.

Is it too much to ask to take a different step back in time and restore water resources and wetlands in support of wildlife and waterfowl?

Firewise recognition

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and provides technical assistance and education to landowners and communities to help them take action in preparing their homes against the threat of wildfire. Steps required for a community to receive the national designation include obtaining a wildfire risk assessment, forming a Firewise USA® committee, investing in reducing the community's wildfire risk and creating an action plan based on the wildfire risk assessment. For Baca Grande, the assessment was also an update to its Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Foresters with the CSFS Alamosa Field Office worked with Baca Emergency Services to conduct a wildfire risk assessment and create a CWPP for the community. This plan identifies effective and realistic actions that will reduce the community's wildfire risk and improve readiness. Examples from the plan include creating defensible space around homes, participating in educational events and community work days, and obtaining and implementing wildfire risk reduction grants.

New Baca Firewise Committee leads community engagement

Baca Grande POA's board of directors formed a Firewise Committee made up of Baca Grande

residents last summer to assist in implementing the action plan. The committee's mission is to educate, motivate and assist Baca Grande residents to take action to reduce risks and prepare for emergencies. Committee Chair Carolina Brown encourages residents to attend educational meetings and events and create defensible space around their homes. She also encourages residents to report the time or money they spend reducing wildfire risk, since this supports annual Firewise reporting.

"The Alamosa Field Office has worked closely with the Baca Grande community over the last two decades on fuels mitigation efforts, and becoming a Firewise USA® site was the next logical step to increase community participation," Moore said.

The Baca Grande POA and CSFS expressed appreciation of residents for their active part in creating defensible spaces around their homes and getting better prepared for an emergency situation.

Baca Grande residents can communicate their ideas and concerns to the Baca Firewise Committee by email at bacafirewise@gmail.com, or by attending a monthly committee meeting or participating in a community Firewise USA® event.

Other communities or municipalities in the San Luis Valley interested in pursuing the Firewise USA® designation should contact Moore at 719-587-0915.

Joyful Spring!

March at Joyful Journey Hot Springs Spa

The 10th Annual San Luis Valley Seed Exchange is on Saturday, March 7th from 10am-5pm at Joyful Journey. Celebrate spring at this free, community event. More information at SLVSeedExchange.com



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Writer's Forum:

Cultural appropriation in the art market

by SD Youngwolf, a tribally enrolled Native American artist

Colonial powers have appropriated Native cultures around the world for hundreds of years. For five hundred years the Native cultures of the Americas have been under assault. Tribal nations have been the victims of genocide, theft, brutality, rape, and murder. Additionally, objects, arts and designs have long been exploited by colonial commercial operators. Things considered sacred in Native culture are appropriated and sold for money. Museums display sacred pieces that were stolen from the people to whom they are important objects that serve a sacred purpose in the people's lives. In our time, the exploitation of Native culture continues in the form of cultural theft and exploitation, and the dominant population thinks nothing of co-opting these things, including ceremonies, to copy and commercialize. White supremacy is closely related to cultural appropriation. It is a facet of white privilege that people feel they have the right to take whatever they like from any culture. Native cultures are now taking a stand, and saying our culture is not for sale!

It should be recognized that the practice of taking anything

from anywhere and commercializing it as if it were your own is a colonial mindset, and should not be encouraged or accepted. This is true of ceremonies, as well as designs, artifacts, instruments, or other objects that have a sacred significance.

I propose that it is time to make a commitment to stopping this abuse by galleries and art markets, refusing to show pieces that incorporate any form of cultural appropriation. I strongly urge artists to recognize that the gallery should not be a place of cultural appropriation.

The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-644) is a truth-in-advertising law that prohibits misrepresentation in marketing of Indian arts and crafts products within the United States. It is illegal to offer or display for sale, or sell any art or craft product in a manner that falsely suggests it is Indian-produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian or Indian Tribe or Indian arts and crafts organization, resident within the United States. For a first-time violation of the Act, an individual can face civil or criminal penalties up to a \$250,000 fine or a 5-year prison term, or both. If a business violates the Act, it can

face civil penalties or can be prosecuted and fined up to \$1,000,000.

Under the Act, an Indian is defined as a member of any federally or officially state-recognized Indian tribe, or an individual certified as an Indian artisan by an Indian tribe.

Cultural Appropriation is addressed on Wikipedia: "the original meaning of these cultural elements is lost or distorted, and such displays are often viewed as disrespectful, or even as a form of desecration, by members of the originating culture.

Cultural elements which may have deep meaning to the original culture may be reduced to "exotic" fashion or toys by those from the dominant culture.

Kjerstin Johnson has written that, when this is done, the imitator, "who does not experience that oppression is able to 'play,' temporarily, an 'exotic' other, without experiencing any of the daily discriminations faced by other cultures." The African-American academic, musician and journalist Greg Tate argues that appropriation and the "fetishizing" of cultures, in fact, alienates those whose culture is being appropriated."

It is a symptom of a colonial mentality that sacred ceremonial objects are copied and marketed as if they were genuine articles, often at a lower price, thus even competing with the real thing. If an imitation of a Native American sacred object is displayed in a gallery, there should at the very least be a disclaimer, stating that this is a

copy, not a genuine article, and not made by a Native person. so as not to mislead anyone that it is a genuine article. Without such a disclaimer, this could be seen as a violation of the AIACA. Better, it should not be displayed at all. It should be recognized that some things are sacred, and not everything in the world is appropriate to copy for commercialization and profit. Any item displayed that is derived from traditional Native American arts and crafts should be created by a person who conforms to the AIACA definition. It would be a good thing if the galleries posted a statement that cultural appropriation is not practiced or condoned by the owners nor the artists represented.

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Human nature

by Dr. Eric Weiss
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We are all being subjected to the amazing political dramas that are playing out in our country. It is almost impossible to believe that the Senate acquitted President Trump on the two articles of impeachment that were brought against him, setting the stage for a possible fascist takeover of the United States government.

This is a serious and frightening development, and we should be responding to it in the most effective ways we can access. But we can afford some small relief if we step back and consider this development in a larger, historical context. Over two thousand years ago, Aristotle observed that human civilization generates a constant and rather rapid churning of governmental forms—monarchy, plutocracy, tyranny, democracy. If we'd had a larger perspective, we might have expected a change from democracy to some other form as a matter of course.

This constant churning of governmental forms points back to something tragic in our current

human nature. No "ism," no theory of how to live, will ever be able to tame the wildness and complexity of our full physical, emotional, and mental beings.

What Sri Aurobindo offers us in this situation is the understanding that human nature is not fixed, but is rather part of an ongoing natural evolution. As apes, at some point, became human, so humans can, at some point, emerge as something more than human. We can develop out hearts until they blossom as Soul. We can develop our minds until they reveal a capacity of understanding that utterly transcends the mind. We can develop our wills until they are fundamentally unified with the Universal and Transcendent Will of the Divine.

As long as we accept the current limits of "human nature," there is no way out of the churning of civilizations. We should shape our politics around the possibility of transcending the human condition, and of becoming beings that radiate Divine Light here on Earth.



Spring Navratri, the Divine Mother Festival, will run from Wednesday, March 25 through Thursday, April 2. There are daily fire ceremonies at 10am.

ceremonies begin at 10am and are followed by a meal. Morning aarati is at 7am with evening aarati at 6pm. We generally have a small fire ceremony before morning aarati at 6:25am when there is not a big fire ceremony scheduled.

As mentioned above, Spring Navratri, the Divine Mother Festival, will begin this year on Wednesday, March 25 and continue until Thursday, April 2. During this time we have daily fire ceremonies at 10am followed by discourses on the Divine Mother and lunch. We also have special pujas to different aspects of the Divine Mother at 8am. The first three days we honor Mother Durga, the next three, Mother Lakshmi, and the final three days are in honor of Mother Saraswati. This is followed by the recitation of the 700 verses praising the Divine Mother in English which goes from about 9am until 9:45. We will honor our children on Sunday morning, March 29. This begins after the fire ceremony is complete, generally about 11am. Call the Ashram at 719-256-4108 for more information.

In honor of Spring Navratri, the Maha Lakshmi Shop will offer 20% off all books and statues of the Divine Mother through the month of March. Please make sure you inform the checkout person that you would like this discount. The shop is full of wonderful items from India and is open every day from 9am until 5pm. We also have many Indian gently used suits on sale for 50% off. The shop is a major support of the Ashram so we appreciate your patronage. Our shop website has many items on-line at <http://mahalakshmiashram.org>.

Please visit the Ashram website at www.babajiashram.org to find out more about the Ashram. We invite you to visit the Ashram, as we love to share Shri Babaji's and Mother's home with others. Give us a call at 719-256-4108 for more information.

Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news: Spring Navratri starts

by Ramloti

February has been an unpredictable month with snow and few visitors and then a sunny long weekend that had lots of folks here. We also remembered Shri Babaji's Mahasamadhi on February 14 and had a lively Shivaratri on February 21. We passed the next plumbing inspection on the long-term resident hermitage allowing the drywall, plastering, painting, and other interior work to be completed. We are grateful for everyone's support. Please keep the project in your positive thoughts and prayers.

The full-moon fire ceremony this month is on Monday, March 9 and the new-moon fire ceremony is on Tuesday, March 24. We will have daily fire ceremonies as well during Spring Navratri from March 25 through April 2. All fire



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Crestone Food Bank to hold bake sale & food drive March 17

If you like to bake and want to help the hungry, the Crestone Food Bank will hold a "Feed the Hungry" Bake Sale on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17, from 10am to 2pm. Weather permitting, we'll be on the deck outside the food bank, on the west side of the Merc, but will move inside if conditions warrant.

Bakers are invited to bring breads, cakes, pies, muffins, cookies or other baked goods to the food bank between 9 and 10am. For those who want to contribute in other ways, a donation bin will be available for non-perishable foods, and cash donations are much appreciated as well.

All proceeds from the sale will go towards feeding local residents who struggle to make ends meet and have trouble putting adequate food on the table. Far too many of us, on fixed income or working low-wage jobs, are forced at times to

choose between paying the electric bill or buying groceries.

Some 300-plus individuals and families visit the food bank monthly, and these numbers are growing. Resources, meanwhile, are stretched thin in the 15-member Food Bank Network of the San Luis Valley, and we would not be able to keep our shelves stocked without your help—and support from the Saguache County Commissioners.

The Crestone Food Bank, staffed exclusively by volunteers, is open from 10am to noon every Wednesday and from 10am to noon on the last Saturday of the month.

You can make a difference on March 17 by baking a loaf of bread, buying a dozen cookies, or making a small donation to help your neighbors. Thank you!

For more information, or to join our volunteer team, please call 719-539-7740 or 719-745-7826.



Moffat kids loved the CPI Carnival.

lunch programs through the Boys and Girls club. Amicas Pizza directly supports our carnival in Salida. So thank 'em and eat pizza!

So what's going on now? CPI held another Student Open Mic on February 20 at the Crestone Charter School. Once again this gave students of all ages a chance to perform in front of parents and the community and once again they hammed it up. The next Open Mic will be March 26.

CPI will be awarding the first round of scholarships in March. The program is designed to help students with their efforts in music, dance and theatre and all Saguache County school students are eligible.

Our first carnival of the year happened in Moffat, February 13. The next ones will be at the Crestone Charter School March 27 and at Center schools April 23. The carnivals provide schools with a fun fundraising event where 100% of the proceeds go to the schools. The carnivals are made possible by a Saguache County Sales Tax Grant and Amicas Pizza.

Next we will be assisting Neighbors Helping Neighbors with their annual Cabin Fever Show March 28. Come enjoy the show. Also coming up in April will be the Shakespeare Festival and Bazillion Capoeira Martial Arts.

Our continued success is made possible through individual donations, our sponsors and grants from Saguache County and Colorado Creative Industries. Our sponsors are *The Crestone Eagle*, Orient Land Trust, Joyful Journey Hot Springs, Manitou Institute, the Sand Dunes Swimming Pool, San Luis Valley Federal and Sangre de Cristo Real Estate. From Salida we have First Street Flooring, Amicas Pizza and the Heart of the Rockies Medical Center. If you would like more information or would like to contribute to our efforts, please go our web site, crestfest.org and/or give us a call at 719-256-4533. Our address is PO Box 6, Crestone, CO 81131. CPI is a 501(c)3 community service organization. Thanks for your time and stay tuned! All donations are tax deductible.

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as received by Earl LeRoy Sovereign God

People want to rationalize the truth. I Am the Truth and people want to rationalize Me.

I stand alone in Who I Am. If I am all in all, then you recognize that I am Sovereign. If people do not see Me as Sovereign, then, in their minds, I Am a fallible god and not a Sovereign God. Their lives reflect their beliefs and they will always have open doors for the enemy to steal, kill and destroy in their lives.

I Am Almighty God and nothing is impossible with Me. You remember the parable of the sower—the end result of the seed (My Word) depended on the soil it was planted in. Rocky soil or soil infested with weeds did not produce fruit. The mixed soul produced less than a hundred fold. Rich loam soil, which is high in nutrients, produced 100 fold. The latter soil is the condition of the heart that believes My Word wholly in faith like a child.

Faith is like a mustard seed that will grow and mature into a strong tree. There are strong trees and there are immature trees.

There are also stunted trees that will never mature and be strong, and will never produce much fruit. Many seeds that are sown also never germinate. This is the way of man and his choice (free will).

As the Word of God, I became Man to pay the price for all of man's sins. This was so we could have a relationship again like We (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) had with Adam and Eve before they sinned. They reflected our light and lived in Glory. Now all humanity is given the invitation to accept what I have done for them. Whoever accepts My payment for their sins, and surrenders to the leading of My Holy Spirit; this person is washed white as snow as Adam and Eve were before they sinned. Salvation is the door to the Kingdom of heaven here on earth, and it is the opening to the gates of the Kingdom. My Kingdom is vast, and the treasures of the Kingdom are discovered by your searching and trusting and obeying My Word, and pressing into its glory.

Many are content to live by the gate. Some enter in and find their comfortable place and few press into the glory of the Kingdom. Those who have crucified the flesh and all its desires will enter into My Glory and live by My grace. Those who settle for some flesh and some truth will never see My face because of the mixed soil.

So it comes to this—those believing only some of My Words and mixing it with man's ideas of the soul, will never enjoy My rest. Yielding to My Spirit and pressing into My Presence will provide you a place to dwell in My Glory and live forever in fellowship with Us as We created you to be.

Love, Jesus

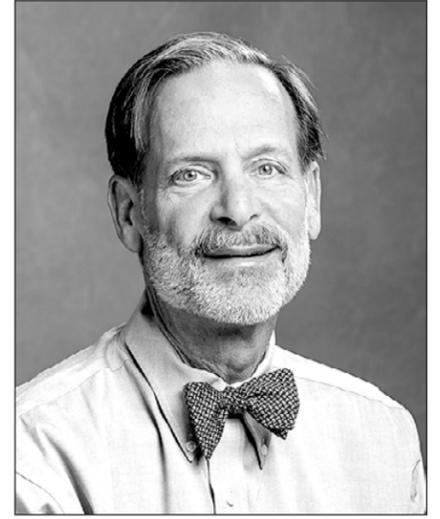
Dr. Wool transitions to HRRMC

On Monday, Feb. 17, Cardiologist Kenneth J. Wool, M.D., will transition to working for HRRMC Cardiology. Over the past year, Dr. Wool was providing cardiology services under Chaffee County Cardiology, formerly Colorado Springs Cardiologists.

Dr. Wool has also accepted the role of medical director for HRRMC Cardiology.

During the next few weeks as he transitions into his new role, patients with immediate needs are encouraged to schedule an appointment with any of the HRRMC cardiologists: Laurence Berarducci, M.D., George Gibson, M.D., or Stephen Mac Kerrow, M.D.

"HRRMC is pleased to welcome Dr. Wool, who is joining our cardiology department to help fa-



Studio portrait of Kenneth Wool, M.D., Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center; Salida.

cilitate the building of a comprehensive cardiology service line and program for our patients," said HRRMC CEO Robert Morasko.

HRRMC Cardiology services are provided at the HRRMC Outpatient Pavilion in Salida and at the HRRMC Buena Vista Health Center.

In the near future, Dr. Wool will also see patients in Westcliffe at Custer County Medical Center.

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The Jokester

Where can you always find gold on St. Patrick's Day?
In the dictionary.

What should you say to a runner in the St. Patrick's Day marathon?
Irish you luck

What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four leaf clover?
A rash of good luck

Why can't you ever get Irish golfers to end a game?
They refuse to leave the green.

What kind of spells do leprechaun witches cast?
Lucky Charms!

Why were all the leprechauns still complaining in April about it raining on St. Patrick's Day?
Because Irish stew.

What do Irishmen say when you tell them Bono is your favorite singer?
You too?

Why are the Irish so concerned about global warming?
They're really into green living.

What did the Irish referee say when the soccer match ended?
Game clover.

What did the baby find at the end of the rainbow?
A Potty Gold.

Who was St. Patrick's favorite Super Hero?
Green Lantern.

What did St. Patrick order to drink at the Chinese restaurant?
Green tea.

Why should you never iron a 4-leaf clover?
You don't want to press your luck.

What happens when a leprechaun falls into a pool of water?
He gets wet.

Why did the leprechaun cross the road?
To get to the pot of gold

Why does the River Shannon have so much money in it?
Because it has 2 banks.

What job did the leprechaun have at the restaurant?
He was a short-order cook

How can you tell if a leprechaun likes your joke?
He's Dublin over with laughter!

What did the Irish potato say to his sweet heart?
I only have eyes for you

What musical instrument do show-off musicians play on St. Patrick's Day?
They play on their brag-pipes.

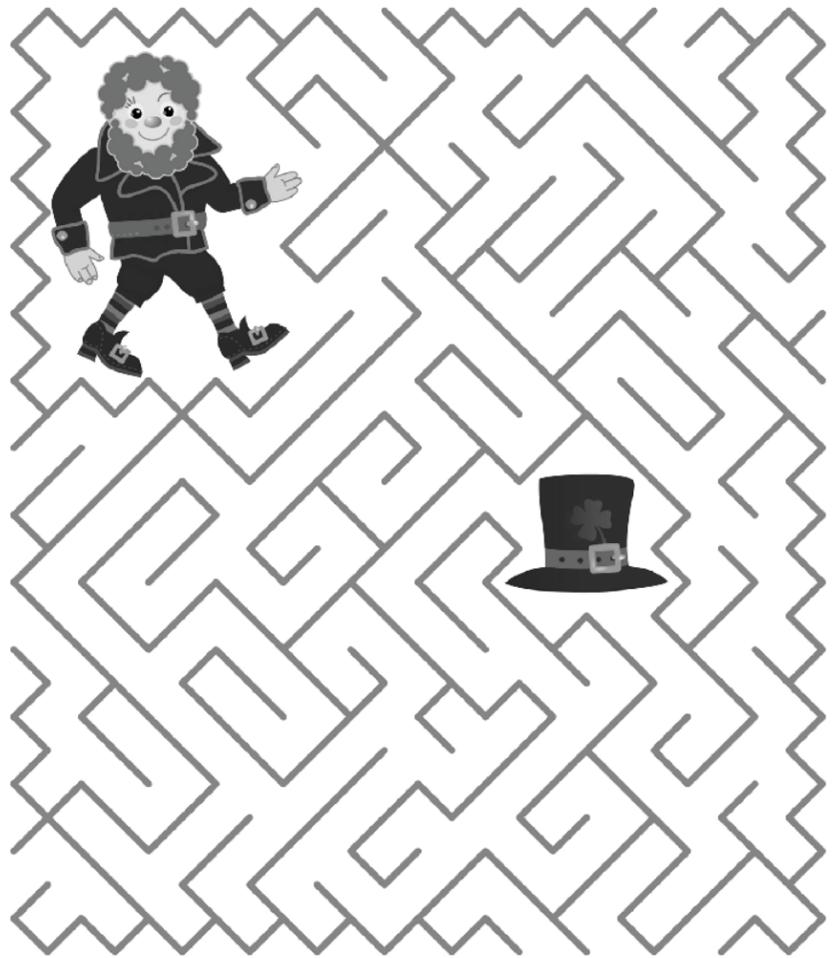
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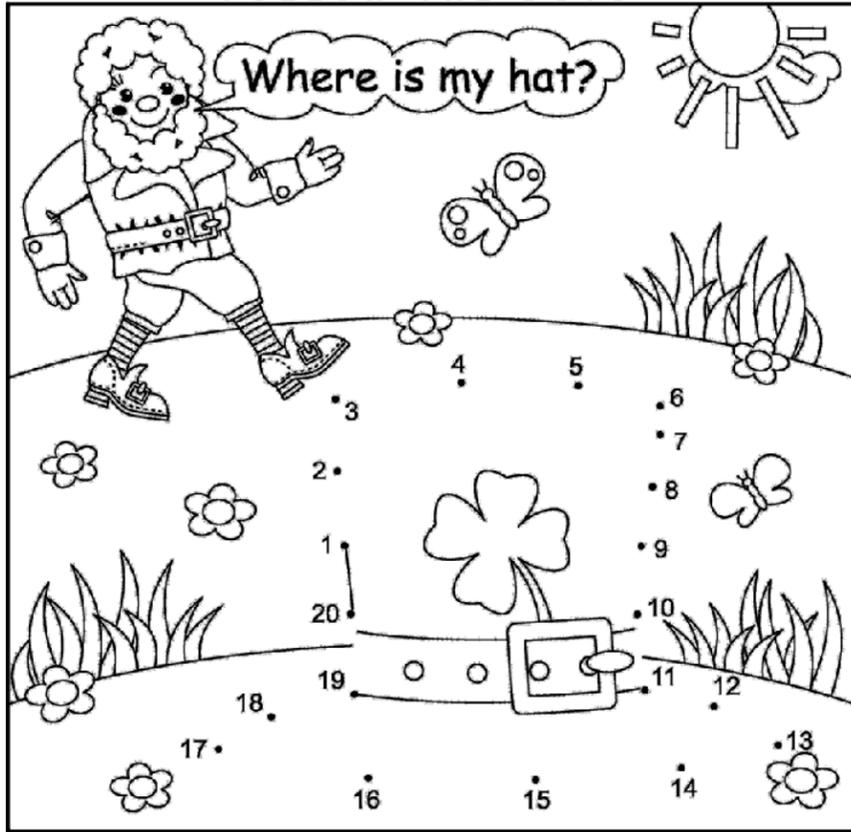
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Moffat was very busy in a lot of great ways in the month of February

To start the month, Ms. Vigil's 3rd grade class visited the Moffat Town Hall and spent some time visiting with Mayor Reigel.

High School boys' and girls' basketball teams both qualified for the playoffs, Middle School girls' basketball concluded a successful season, and Middle School boys' wrestling is underway. Congratulations to our very own, and only, High School wrestler, Wyatt Gardner. Through a lot of hard work and dedication, Wyatt was able to qualify to compete for the state championship tournament in Denver.

In addition, our archery program and its participants continue to shine! Students in grades 5-12 recently competed in a national qualifying tournament in both the team and individual events. No official results are in yet, but we are expecting that several students have earned a spot in the national tournament to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Huge thanks to our archers, Mr. Sciacca and Mr. Shellebarger, all of our generous tournament sponsors and our families and community members for attending and cheering our students on. This was an incredibly well organized and successful event.

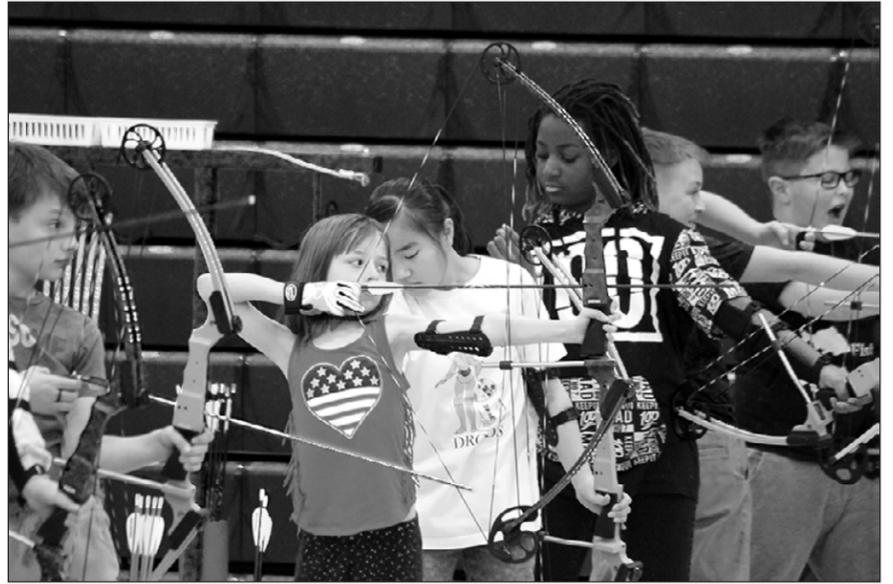
Speaking of special events—on the 13th of February Moffat School had its homecoming assembly and annual staff vs. students basketball game where the students were able to squeak out a hotly contested 1-point victory. The festivities continued that evening, as Moffat held its annual Math Literacy/Crestone Performances Inc. Carnival/Chi-

li Cookoff/Homecoming Bonfire! A great time was had by all and thanks to everyone who attended and volunteered to make this possible. Special thanks to the Moffat Fire Department for keeping us safe during what is purportedly the first Homecoming Bonfire to be lit in about 20 years.

On February 11 and 12, CCS staff and students joined with Moffat students to tour Metro State University and spend a day at the Colorado State capital. Students had an excellent time navigating the campus and toured the student union building, several academic buildings and received a warm welcome and introduction to college life in the Jackson Student Success Center. The following morning we arrived at the capitol and were graciously welcomed by both Representatives Wilson and Valdez. Several students were selected to come to the floor of the House and were then officially welcomed and introduced to the entire legislative body. An audio recording of the welcome is available by going to: https://colorado.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=15&clip_id=14888. (The introduction begins at about the 5:30 minute mark of the recording.)

After watching a bit of the legislative process we were treated to a great tour of the capitol and then headed home.

As always, thanks to all our wonderful and dedicated staff and students, and especially to our families for sharing their wonderful children with us! Go Cowboys!



Moffat's Vanessa Blocker prepares to send an arrow downrange.

photo by Adam Humphrey



Moffat Archery Tournament winners in the Elementary Boys Division are (L to R): Chase Shellabarger, second place; Preston Heater, third place; and William Maxfield, first place.

photo by Adam Humphrey

Moffat PK-12 School holds archery tournament

by Jack Sciacca,
Moffat Teacher/Archery Coach

Moffat students participated in a mid-season archery tournament on February 19, in the Moffat gymnasium. Moffat added archery to their curriculum in August, as part of the National Archery in the Schools Program. A Saguache County tax grant funded the purchase of archery equipment and instructor trainings. The program is under the direction of coaches William Shellebarger and Jack Sciacca.

Over fifty archers, grades 5-12, competed for prizes in six divisions. Winners in each division are as follows: Cairn Pike, High School Boys; Nicole Berry, High School Girls; Riley Heater, Middle School Boys; Oriana Steele, Middle School Girls; William Maxfield, Elementary Boys; and Miwa Kato, Elementary Girls. Winners received awards, including personal

archery gear, courtesy of the following sponsors: Rocky Mountain Youth Project; Cougar Run Inc.; Kiana Creek Farms; Sorum Tractor Co., Inc.; U.S. Tractor & Harvest Inc.; Town & Country Automall, Alamosa; Metz Potato Company; K&K Farms; NAPA, Haynie's Inc., Alamosa-Monte Vista; Skoglund Excavating Inc.; Western Recreation; and Curtis Farms LLC.

Moffat submitted scores from the tournament into the National Archery in the Schools Program database as part of the Colorado State Virtual Tournament. Results of the State tournament will be announced March 1. State standings may qualify archers for the NASP Western National Tournament in Sandy, Utah on April 24, 2020. For more information on the National Archery in the Schools Program, please visit: <https://www.nasp-schools.org>.



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Winter at the Crestone Charter School

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Every month, Crestone Charter School students and teachers come together for an all-school meeting that concludes with a gratitude ritual. In one of our best-loved school traditions, students line up and take turns expressing their gratitude for the things they appreciate about their school, their community, and their lives. "I am grateful for the Ski and Snowboard Program," is, by far, the most frequently expressed appreciation by our students. Students love fun, camaraderie, and the challenge of participating in Colorado winter sports with their friends at the Monarch Mountain ski resort every Friday during the winter season. Over the years, CCS has developed a strong relationship with Monarch staff. They offer our students a

great deal on season passes, which includes ski and snowboard lessons in the mornings. In the afternoons, students ski or snowboard in smaller buddy groups and hone their new skills.

We are grateful to the Moffat School District which provides us with a yellow school bus and driver. Just riding in a school bus is a new and exciting experience for our younger students! This year, Moffat started their own Ski and Snowboard Program, so now we can all travel and ski together.

We are also grateful for the teachers and parent volunteers who love the program and dedicate their Fridays with the students to make this program possible.

Save the date for student theater performance

The CCS Middle School Drama Club is hard at work on their



Crestone Charter School at Monarch Mountain.



Middle School Theater Club.

upcoming production of *The Mighty Tailor*, a one-act comedy based on the Grimm Brothers' tale, filled with magical moments, unforgettable characters, and spell-binding scenes. With elves, giants, unicorns, and dragons, this play has something for just about everyone. It's a celebration of courage, teamwork, and the power of living your own story. Please support our young actors, and join us for a family-friendly performance on the evening of Friday, April 3!

Fundraising update on Youth Cabin

We are so proud of our Crestone Youth Initiative! The Crestone Youth Initiative (CYI) is a partnership between the Crestone Charter School, CCS parents and student youth to help identify and

meet the needs of our current and future teens. With short-term and long-term goals, CYI successfully raised money last summer for its soccer and volleyball activities through car washes and bake sales. Now, their sights have focused towards one of their long term goals: a Youth Cabin on the CCS campus.

CCS has designated \$60,000 to kick start the campaign to build this Youth Cabin. So far, the youth have helped raise over \$2,000 by creating a high-caliber fundraising video titled *A Cure for Small-Town-itis*. You can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/FODMHonSZIw>. With 80% of our goal left to raise, we are reaching out to our wider community to help us meet our total \$10,000 goal. Will you be one of our supporters today?

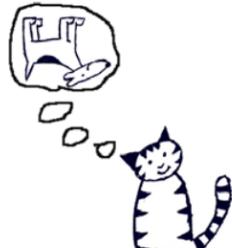


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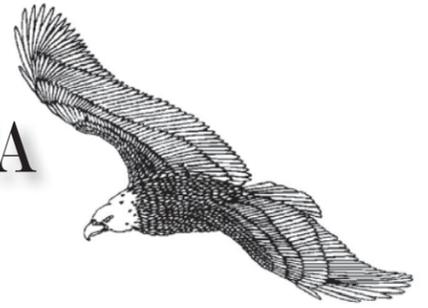
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We, the organizers of a campaign to preserve our newspaper in this challenging time for print journalism, have created a non-profit entity to continue the mission of *The Crestone Eagle* — reliable news and information for Colorado's upper San Luis Valley.

We ask for your assistance.

Crestone Eagle Community Media has been declared tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service under 501(c)(3) of the revenue code. So your gifts are deductible.

The first challenge of Eagle Media is to buy *The Crestone Eagle* from Kizzen Laki, its founding publisher and beloved editor, as she nears retirement. Next, the directors will recruit a professional editor who will be responsible for seamless continuity of the monthly publication in consultation with Kizzen. And, the non-profit board will encourage creative use of exciting new media. Digital facsimiles of each edition? Deep archives? Podcasts of community forums? Video features?

Yes, the *Eagle* will soar!

Funding levels: Silver, \$1,000 or more. Gold, \$5,000. Platinum, \$10,000. Founding Funder, \$20,000.

Charter Supporters, under \$1000. Those donating \$1000 or more will be given an 8-by-12 photograph by Bill Ellzey in appreciation. Everyone will receive the gratitude of a unique and wonderful community.

To contribute, please contact Dan Frelka, PO Box 28, Crestone, CO 81131, dfrelka@gmail.com, 607-790-0021.

With thanks, Eagle Media board of directors; Frank Judson, Daniel Frelka, Gussie Fauntleroy, Cheryl Waschenko, Peter Anderson, Larry Calloway, Kizzen Laki, Cindy Pearson

(The Eagle Media application to the IRS is available upon request. More information on who we are including our mission statement is available on *The Crestone Eagle* website www.crestoneeagle.com)

Into the future—what we want to do

The Crestone Eagle's incorporation as a non-profit (Crestone Eagle Community Media or CECM) was recently approved by the US Internal Revenue Service. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, *The Crestone Eagle* can:

Achieve greater financial stability

The Crestone Eagle depends on advertising, subscriptions and newspaper sales for its income. The largest amount of revenue comes from advertising. The region that the *Eagle* serves is affected greatly by the season. Winter sees a time of business slowdown, construction is nearly halted, as is agriculture. Tourism is reduced and limited mostly to visits to various spiritual centers. Businesses tighten their belts to make it through the winter and often reduce their advertising expense. To compensate, *The Crestone Eagle* reduces the size of its paper during the winter and spring, reduces staff hours, does less reporting and is hard-pressed to pay its bills. Yet there is still a community need for news, information and public service promotion. Becoming a non-profit allows grants, donations and sustaining memberships to keep the newspaper viable.

Changing technology has affected how people get their news. Newspapers now need to have a strong website presence to attract and keep readers. *The Crestone Eagle* needs to have a stronger website presence and more immediate reporting. Funding from grants, donations and sustaining memberships will permit this, putting the newspaper on a more secure financial footing. It can then take advantage of modern communication technologies, engaging younger readers.

Sustain and enhance our coverage

The Crestone Eagle is known for its in-depth reporting, especially on important environmental and social concerns in our region. *The Crestone Eagle* also reports on the spiritual centers which make this community so unique. It explores their philosophies and spiritual teachings. In-depth interviews with world-traveled individuals and visiting teachers add great depth to this news/magazine and enrich its readership. These articles are a feature of the *Eagle* that makes it unique and beloved by its readership. All of this reporting is expensive. Sustaining memberships could sponsor the kind of research and reporting which a small town for-profit newspaper can't afford.

Support economic well-being

The Crestone Eagle will continue to support our community and region. Saguache County is one of the poorer counties of Colorado. It is very rural. Job opportunities are few. Many people who move here must bring their income with them. Trying to serve such a large region that is so rural and low-income is difficult for both public and private agencies. Communication from these agencies to the public is always needed. For health and safety, it is essential. This is a job that newspapers do as a public service. Yet, newspapers have their own overhead costs that must be met. There is only so much they can give away. Sustaining memberships and foundation grants can help a non-profit publication like *The Crestone Eagle* provide the community service that has always been a big part of its mission.

Upgrade our community presence

With support from grants, donations, and sustaining memberships, *The Crestone Eagle* can improve its reporting and continue to educate and inform the public. It will continue to upgrade technology and to retain and train its employees; improve its website and social media presence thus being visible, relevant and viable in an age of "instant news"; reach more readers and potential visitors from all around the world, thereby continuing to assist the economics of the region; continue taking years of articles, research, and archival and resource material and uploading this material to the website for easy access.

Find new ways to support our community

CECM could partner with our local schools to provide mentorships in writing, journalism, technology, graphic design and photography. Crestone Charter School and Moffat School students could benefit from hands-on learning. The *Eagle* may be able to connect with regional colleges to offer credits and support.

CECM's website could provide broad content and links to numerous spiritual, health and learning centers. Crestone is known around the world for these centers. The website could serve as a hub to make information and links available.



The Eagle crew and their furry friends in August 2019. (front) Carrie, Janet, Diane, Cliff, (back) Jennifer, Kizzen, and Shoshannah. photo by Lisa Cyriacks

CECM could expand its support for other community non-profits such as the Baca/Crestone Library, Crestone Performances, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, the Community Food Bank, the Living Wisdom Council, the Trails Coalition, youth programs, the Crestone and Saguache museums, the Communities that Care Program, and the Crestone Energy Fair.

CECM could seek grants and outside funding to publish a regional tourist guide for Saguache County.

CECM will allow for donations, grants and sustaining memberships. The hard work of our local board of directors will ensure that this community media resource continues to fairly represent and serve the needs of the broader community. Their input and ideas will enrich, guide and support *The Crestone Eagle* as it continues to serve our community in the 21st century.

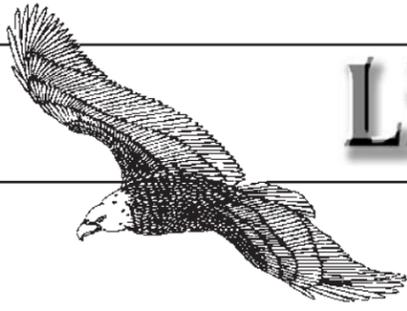
What we need:

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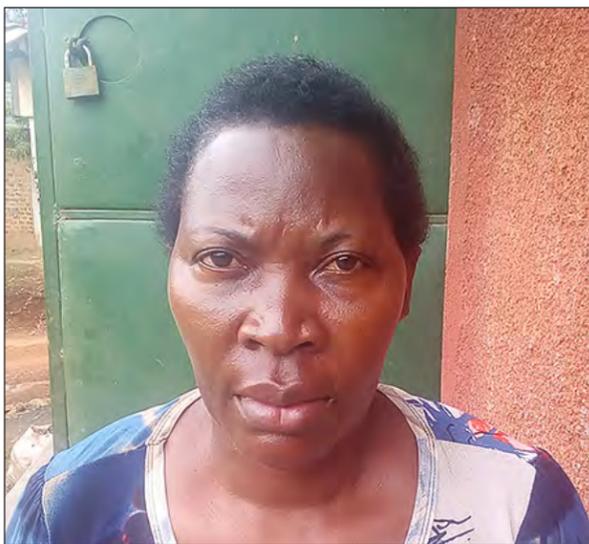


Living on the Earth

News from the frontlines: Grassroots climate action in East Africa

by Lee Temple &
Kimbowa Margaret

Along with recent climate catastrophes such as the Australian fires that have claimed over a billion animals' lives, many of humanity's own climate-destructive behaviors still boggle the mind. Take today's global deforestation figures for example: in 2020, a football-field-sized portion of the Amazon rainforest (already 20% deforested) is denuded of trees and wildlife every single minute; and in the past five years, an area the size of the United King-



Kimbowa Margaret.

dom has been deforested worldwide, every year. So in spite of 2014's global commitments to halve deforestation by 2020 and halt it by 2030, we're still failing miserably.

Why do we care about this? According to the climate change experts, if we want to avoid the worst effects of climate change (think multiple Australian catastrophes, etc.), we need to start reducing glob-

al greenhouse gas emissions (which are still rising) by 2025, and cut them in half by 2030.

Hard evidence from a recent *Science* report shows that, in addition to all other carbon-mitigating and fossil-fuel-reducing efforts, tree-planting and re-forestation is by far the most effective, best way to combat climate change, and that planting half a trillion trees in available areas could remove a quarter of existing CO₂, or 2/3s our total CO₂ contribution during the last 300 years. Planting trees is easy, available to all, and cheap, compared with every other climate solution. And more and more areas around the world are also seeing not only human-caused deforestation, but significant climate-caused tree die-off and destruction too (looked at our mountains recently?). So planting trees by everyone to nations has effectively become a new planetary moral imperative in our time.

As many of you know, I founded and still run the global climate action website primamundi.com, where we often get many interesting and inspiring climate-focused communications from around the world. Here's a recent email from Ugandan climate champion Kimbowa Margaret. The earnestness of her message, titled "A Big Call For Help!", perfectly underscores the urgency and relevance of all grassroots action, and



Charcoal (dead, burned trees) being transported to market.

tree-planting in particular:

"Hi and warm greetings, on behalf of Mother Earth. Thanks for the great climate-conscious work you're doing. I'm writing to share my plans for implementing a bold action against deforestation.

"My name is Margaret, a mother of five. With your support, I'm starting the business of saving trees. Here's my proposition to positively impact the fight against climate change in the world, in my home country Uganda, and in the neighboring five countries in East Africa.

"Country-wide in Uganda, homes currently rely on burning charcoal for cooking. This has led to deforestation at an alarming 200,000 hectares (nearly 500,000 acres)/year.

"As a result, countless viable fruit trees are killed and processed into charcoal every day. This saddens my heart, but strengthens my determination to stop it.

"I asked myself: 'What if one could make it unprofitable to cut down these fruits trees? What if it could be profitable for the average citizen to plant more of these majestic tall trees? What a wonderful world that would be!'

"Since fruit rots and perishes in a few days, tree-owners can only sell small amounts at market. High supply at local markets reduces prices and profits, and leaves wasted, rotting unbought fruit. Tree-owners are therefore powerfully motivated to sell trees for quick cash for emergency expenses like medical bills, or purchasing food during droughts.

"However, if all the harvested fruit is fairly bought from the tree-owner and dried for export to the sizeable markets of Europe, the Middle East, Japan and USA, the smallholder will earn sufficient, ongoing money during both yearly harvest seasons, more than s/he would get from single-payout charcoal burning. This would encourage more tree-planting and greater deforestation mitigation.

"My proposal relies upon a new, efficient, fruit dryer. Costly electric food dryers require electricity that's usually not available in rural areas. High-maintenance commercial polythene solar fruit dryers suffer intense internal heat build-up, cause fruit rot during rainy seasons, and

dry fruits slowly, often taking two days per batch.

"A group of local graduates engineered a new low-energy dryer, affectionately named 'Sparky,' that employs a solar-powered battery on sunny days and recycled agricultural-waste briquettes on rainy ones. It dries five times faster than the sun, and the renewably-sourced briquettes save even more trees from the axe.



Mangoes like these (or jackfruit) would be some of the fruits harvested in the project. photo by Dulalkarmakar / CC BY-SA

"Sparky enables me to purchase much fruit from tree-owners, which thus creates a reliable market that will convince/encourage poor, smallholder villagers to plant more trees. Additional advantages include steady job-creation, connecting healthy local fruit to the global food supply chain, decimating local food waste, lifting small farmers out of poverty, enhancing nutrition and food security via dried fruits' two-year shelf-life, providing stable income and food for farmers/dependents, and employing clean, low-energy-footprint power.

"It's my dream to implement this much-needed, proven solution to save our living planet from the horrible climate effects of ever-increasing deforestation. I'm not going to rest. I'll work harder every day until I've expanded to cover all



Tree-cutting in Kenya.

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by Kim Malville

March 1: Venus, bright and un-twinkling, continues to dominate the evening sky this month.

March 8: Daylight savings starts

March 11: During the next two weeks in the dark skies of Crestone you should be able to see the Zodiacal light, stretching upward from the western horizon in a hazy pyramid of light. It will pass upward through Taurus into Gemini, tilted slightly to the left. Because it will be nearly perpendicular to the Milky Way you can distinguish one from the other. The Zodiacal light is produced by sunlight reflected from dust particles lying in the plane of the planets. The particles are produced by collisions between asteroids. The dust gradually spirals into the sun and is renewed by more collisions.

March 19: Spring Equinox occurs when the sun crosses the celestial equator at 9:50pm MDT.

March 24: Venus reaches its greatest distance east of the sun, attaining its greatest height above the western horizon. It will remain visible for more than 4 hours after sunset.

March 28: The youthful crescent moon forms a triangle with Venus and the Pleiades, best viewed about one hour after sunset.



Orion. (Urania's Mirror, London, 1825)

Constellation of the month: Orion

You all probably can identify Orion with its bright red star, Betelgeuse on his shoulder, bright blue star Rigel on his lower leg, and the three stars of his belt. Orion was what the Greeks called a dem-

igod, a son of Poseidon (or Neptune for the Romans), the god of the sea. As such he could walk on water. He became a skilled hunter with the bow, and boasted about it. He boasted too much, claiming he would be able to slay every animal on earth. Gaia, the goddess of Earth, was alarmed by such hubris and sent a scorpion, which stung his heel and killed him. Both were placed in the heavens at opposite sides of the cosmos: Orion dominates the winter sky and Scorpio dominates the summer sky.

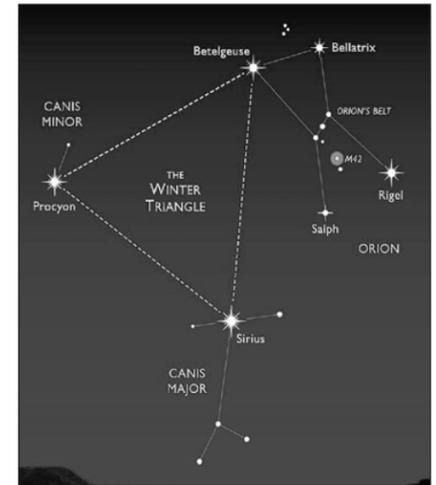
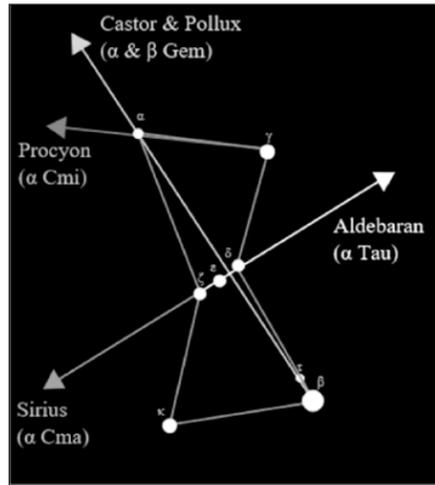
Orion has enough stars to guide the viewer beyond him. The three stars of his belt lead downward to Sirius, the Dog Star, the brightest star in our sky, and upward to Aldebaran, the blood-shot eye of Taurus the Bull. Rigel and Betelgeuse lead upward to Gemini the twins, Castor and Pollux. Betelgeuse joins with Bellatrix to point to Procyon, the Little Dog. Sirius, Procyon, and Betelgeuse form the Winter Triangle of bright stars.

Star of the month: Betelgeuse

Betelgeuse has come into prominence the past few months by a strange infection of fading. It is a fabulous star, very red, very big, and bright. It has been the eleventh brightest star in the night sky, but it faded to become the 23rd brightest at the end of 2019. Some lovers of cosmic catastrophes have suggested that this unusual behavior may mean it will become a supernova explosion that will be spectacularly visible from Earth, possibly outshining the Earth's moon and becoming visible during the day. Wow, that would be great! But, like the prediction of the death of Mark Twain, its demise as a supernova appears to be exaggerated.

Comparing the star between January and December 2019, it is clear something strange has happened. It is a variable star, getting bigger and smaller, brighter and dimmer over a period of some 6 years. At its largest it would fill the solar system beyond Jupiter, if it were in the center. At its smallest it would reach to Mars. Earth, of course, would be inside its hot gas. Betelgeuse is also very young. With a mass of 10-20 times that of the sun, it has evolved very rapidly. Now it is only 10 million years old, much, much younger than our sun, which is 4.6 billion years old.

The good news is that this unprecedented dimming appears to

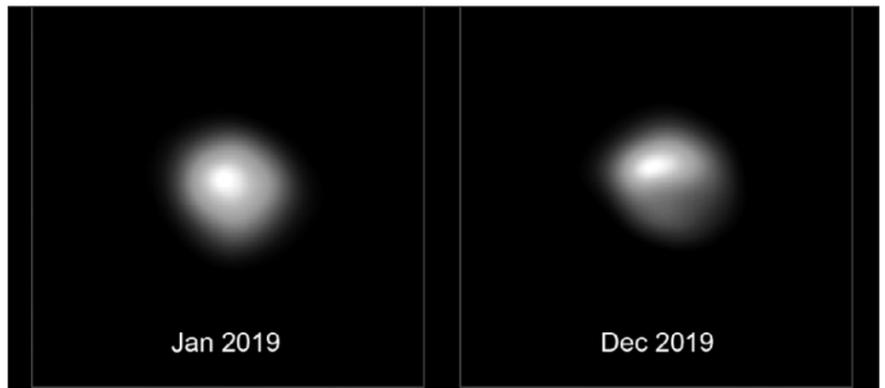


Orion's guide to the sky and the winter triangle.

have ceased around February 8-10. Now it has stabilized. Perhaps it will not explode in the near future, after all. The European Southern Observatory released dramatic images of Betelgeuse, showing how it has dramatically changed over the course of 2019. Its surface has changed as one part has become darker. Or, it may be due to a hot and bright convection cell that has come to the surface. Once it has released energy and has cooled, it may be darker and moving down, like the much smaller convection cells on the sun.

into space. But on the surface of Betelgeuse, these convection cells are hundreds of millions of kilometers across, as large as our sun itself. Perhaps we are seeing one bright ascending cell and a darker descending one.

Betelgeuse, for all its beauty, is a youthful giant, headstrong and unpredictable. It is very bright because it has used up its energy much too extravagantly. What it does now is uncertain. We do suspect that sometime in its 100,000 years it will be unable to contain its exuberance and will explode with a



Dimming of Betelgeuse. This comparison image shows the star Betelgeuse before and after its unprecedented dimming. The observations, taken with the SPHERE instrument on ESO's Very Large Telescope in January and December 2019, show how much the star has faded and how its apparent shape has changed.

photo courtesy of European Southern Observatory

Perhaps you have seen the most recent photograph of those convective cells on the surface of the Sun, recently taken by the new Daniel K. Inouye solar telescope. These convection cells are blobs of hot gas carried from deep inside the star to the surface. On the surface of the Sun, they can be 1,000 km across, releasing the Sun's heat

spectacular burst of light and matter. Some of its matter will be scattered throughout the surrounding interstellar space, providing material for new stars to be born. Some of its matter will fall to the center, probably becoming a black hole. It will be a fabulous final act, but one that most parents wouldn't mind avoiding for their own teenagers.

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Starr Sightings Astrology

Spring Equinox

by Starr Sites

Just as with February, March begins with shakeup energy as Mars prods the North Node (path of the future) while sextiling erratic Uranus. New inspiration is possible as the planetary patterns are generally positive, including a Grand Trine (ease), 2 Kites (with focus on the North Node and Mercury—making wise decisions), and a Mystic Rectangle (raising consciousness), which suggests positive developments are now possible after the long ordeal of Trump's impeachment and Britain's Brexit stalled progress. Make hay while the sun shines because the relative calm of early March cannot be expected to last beyond the Full Moon on the 9th.

As March begins, Mercury is midway through its first retrograde period of the year (begun February 17). While Mercury is in emotionally vulnerable Pisces (February 3-March 4 and Mar 17-April 11), pay attention to detail in your communications, especially while Mercury is still retrograde. Mercury stations direct at the Full Moon on March 9 but remains in its shadow until April, so our plans this month may be less comprehensive than we'd like. Mercury in Pisces amplifies emotional vulnerability mixed with creative ideas, but there is the potential for unpredictable and irrational behaviors, in personal, national and global affairs this month.

The Full Moon aligns a sensitive Pisces Sun with confusing Neptune while being opposed by a worried Virgo Moon. US national anxiety may be further sparked by aggressive Mars opposing our national Sun in the 7th house of allies and open enemies. Although gentle Venus conjuncts Uranus (relational or financial volatility) which sex-

tiles our nationally friendly Jupiter/Venus, also in the 7th house, Pluto opposes our national Mercury, so unexpected and destructive administrative decisions could exacerbate future problems. The Sabian Symbol for Uranus at 5 degrees Taurus mid-month ("a grieving young widow, weeping over the grave of her fallen husband") is concerning. This image suggests a national or global tragedy may occur this month with substantial loss of life. Chiron adds stress through its T-square to the Nodes. Have we wounded ourselves as a nation by acquitting Trump? Or does this refer to the dangerous coronavirus?

This Full Moon is about revisiting the lessons of the past, while also facing the truths of the moment. Determine what must be released *now* because old patterns or out-worn relationships are blocking the new chapter of your life which beacons.

Chaos may be heightened during this Full Moon as Mercury "stands still", gathering strength for its forward movement, while opposing Trump's Mars (angry vitriol) as the Sun conjuncts ephemeral Neptune, bringing confusion, illusion, betrayal, disappointment or grief. At the same time Venus conjuncts Uranus, which can stir breakups and exert pressure on women's health laws. Watch the Supreme Court this month regarding a ruling on abortion rights.

Spring Equinox comes a day early due to Leap Year. It falls on March 19 in the US, rather than on the 20th as it does in Europe, Asia and Australia. The message of this Equinox is that good communications, especially within our families, is possible now because of the sympathetic water trine between Mercury in Pisces and the North Node in Cancer. Saturn at 29° Capricorn (a test) is trine the Sun on the powerful zero-degree Aries Point as the zodiacal New Year begins. Whatever is activated at Equinox sets the tone for the entire year, including Saturn qualities (discipline, patience, perseverance as well as delay) which will support progress this year. Buckle down and get to work after being paralyzed by impeachment and Brexit earlier in the year.

The Equinox also highlights Mars, Jupiter and Pluto, all conjunct, parallel and high declination, and thus acting excessively. With Pluto prominent, nuclear issues are on the table during 2020 along with other potentially traumatic events. Expect Iran's nuclear position to dominate the international conversation for much of the year.

On March 24 the New Moon in Aries (new beginnings) further

amplifies Mars/Jupiter/Pluto, while rigid Saturn squares explosive Uranus, amping up aggressions, saber-rattling and earth changes. Chiron also squares the Nodes, suggesting further wounds resulting from health emergencies (Chiron), as well as storms, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and potential terrorism or war skirmishes which are Plutonic events that alarm and harm.

On the last day of the month Mars conjuncts Saturn (challenges to forward movement), Jupiter conjuncts Pluto (high energy) and trines Venus in Taurus (sensuality). As a nation we must examine our values regarding how social and political compliance with power has threatened our democracy and degraded our political systems. What containment is possible now that Trump is all-powerful?

Here's some personal advice. Gather up your energy and initiate a *new path*. Let go of the past and do not become immobilized by fear. Appreciate the happy moments that you've shared with loved ones left behind. Behold the vista of possibilities that expands before you and feel gratitude as you step into and sculpt your new reality.

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Who We Are

John Loll

From peacenik to peaceful activist for the Earth

by Gussie Fauntleroy

As a young man in 1969, John Loll had no need to fight the draft to keep from being shipped to Vietnam. A lifelong physical disability meant he was ineligible to be drafted. That same disability—born with clubfeet—left him with a deep sense of compassion for others facing challenging life circumstances, especially those on the social and economic margins of the American mainstream.

In May of that year, John put his beliefs into action. With 14 others, dubbed The Chicago 15, he entered a Selective Service Headquarters in South Side Chicago. They stuffed draft files into sacks and carried them down a set of back stairs. Out in the alley, they set the sacks on fire. As 40,000 draft records went up in flames, with no backups in those pre-computer days, the activists sang songs (“Oh Happy Day!”) until the police arrived.

Later, aware of the presiding judge’s reputation for intolerance, John decided to skip the trial. He

took a road trip through the South. For the first time, he witnessed the desperate poverty of African Americans living in rough-built shacks. It was an eye-opening experience that coincided with his awareness of the growing civil rights movement.

Two years later in 1963, John’s parents took part in a silent vigil protesting the white supremacist bombing of a Birmingham, Alabama church, which killed four young African American girls. Added to this example of standing up nonviolently for social justice, three books strongly influenced John as a teen: Tolstoy’s philosophical treatise, *The Kingdom of God Is Within You*, Gandhi’s autobiography, and *The Art of Loving*, by psychoanalyst and social philosopher Erich Fromm. “I developed an idealistic framework out of all that,” he says.

Losing fear

When John was 16, a car collided with his motor scooter, fracturing his leg and resulting in an embolism that brought him very close to death. In the emergency room he found himself floating above his unconscious body. As he looked down on it, he became aware of “elders” speaking to him, saying he needed to return to his body. His work on earth was not finished. So he did, remaining in the hospital long enough for late winter to blossom into spring. “What was most apparent from that experience,” he says, “was a feeling of no fear as a result, because I knew there was something more.”

Perhaps that gave him the moxie, as he puts it, to declare to his parents after one year at Plattsburgh State Teacher’s College that he was “going on sabbatical.” He never returned, instead moving to Connecticut to work for civil rights and peace with the Committee for Nonviolent Action. When Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, the group held a silent vigil in Philadelphia despite a mayoral ban on public gatherings of more than 13 people. Along with the others arrested, John was a first-hand witness to police brutality against peaceful protesters.

Shifting gears

Deciding that demonstrations were not producing the changes he believed were urgently needed, John turned to direct action—including draft record burning. After his release from prison, he moved to Berkeley, California, looking for work that felt meaningful. He was hired by the Center for Independent Living, this country’s first center operated by and for people living with disabilities. He ran the center’s paratransit system, later working for many years in various capacities with Marin County’s public transportation system. Among his efforts was a public



John at O’Haver Lake, 2008.

photo by Kate Steichen

awareness campaign promoting public transit for the sake of the environment.

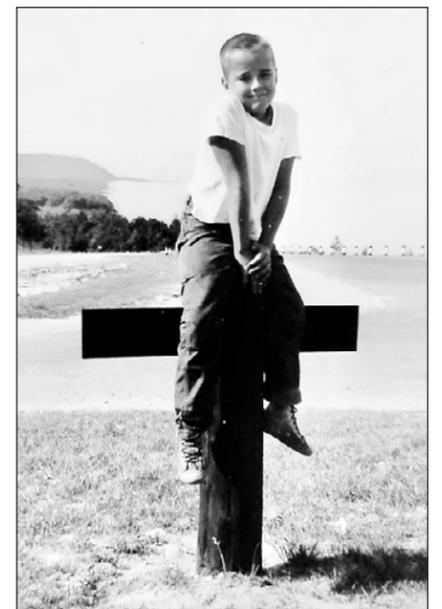
When John retired in 2003, he was ready to leave the Bay Area’s burgeoning population and high cost of living. He found Crestone through an Internet search, looking for a rural community where his pension would allow him to buy a home. What he also found were people of like mind and opportunities to continue acting on his passion for a better world. He served on the POA board, calling it one of the most difficult jobs he’s ever had, and for a time was heavily involved with Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist retreat center.

Resiliency and renewal of spirit

In recent years John has invested his energy in Crestone Baca Resiliency, which his partner Kate Steichen initiated through a search conference in 2017. In 2018 he was elected to the board of the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District, and currently serves as board president. In that capacity he

hopes to help guide the district toward the use of renewables—ideally including a local microgrid—for its backup energy needs. He also is active in opposing any exportation of San Luis Valley water to the Front Range.

On the spiritual front, John finds joy and steadiness through his Buddhist and Sufi practices, as well as from the land itself, which he believes contains the same sacred quality its indigenous inhabitants perceived. “There’s a renewal of my spirit here that is just ongoing,” he says. “The greatest lesson I’ve learned here is that to be fully present in the times we live in is to treat others and ourselves with the most generous love we can possibly summon, to forgive ourselves and others for the trespasses we make to one another and the planet, and to try and walk on it with the utmost respect.”



As a boy on a camping trip with his family.



John and Kate in 2014.

became a fugitive, moving among a network of supporters in the U.S. and Canada before eventually turning himself in. He was sentenced to a year in federal prison, serving two-thirds of that with time off for good behavior. In the 51 years since then, he has maintained a deep commitment to a more just and livable society, especially for those unable to effect change for themselves. In recent years, through community and political involvement, writing, and inner work, his efforts have turned increasingly toward the continued livability of the planet, and the peace and wellbeing of those who call it home.

Understanding the underdog

John remembers himself in boyhood as a “happy little guy,” despite the bullying aimed at him for being different, and even as he endured a series of surgeries to correct his misshapen feet. His family lived in various Chicago suburbs for his father’s job with a printing company, moving just north of New York City when John was 17. When he was about 12, the family



An active member of Crestone Baca Resiliency, John designed a logo expressing strong opposition to the export of water from the San Luis Valley.

photo by Kate Steichen

House approves legislation to protect over 660,000 acres of Colo. wilderness

Largest Colorado wilderness protection package in 40 years

The U.S. House of Representatives has approved legislation to permanently protect nearly 1.4 million acres of wilderness in Colorado, California and Washington.

The legislation—introduced by U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)—is the largest wilderness-protection package the House has approved in more than a decade. It would permanently protect more than 660,000 acres of wilderness in DeGette’s home state of Colorado, 630,700 acres in California and 131,700 acres in Washington. The bill also adds nearly 1,000 miles of river to the National Wild and Scenic River Systems.

“We have been working on this legislation for more than 20 years,” DeGette said. “The areas that will be protected under this bill are some of the most beautiful and pristine landscapes that our country has to offer. And by officially designating them as wilderness, as this bill does, we will finally be providing them the permanent protection they deserve.”

The legislation, approved by a vote of 231-183, will provide the nearly 1.4 million acres of wilderness included in the bill with the highest level of permanent land protection available, ensuring they remain untouched and available for future generations to enjoy.

By designating the areas as wilderness, they become permanently protected from the threat of any future logging, mining, drilling, road building or any other type of development on that land. Instead, the untouched wilderness areas are preserved for the public’s benefit and enjoyment—whether it be for hiking, horseback riding, rafting, kayaking, hunting, fishing, camping or some other popular form of outdoor recreation.

Studies have shown that preserving wilderness lands for the public to use often provides a direct economic boost to the nearby economies.

According to the Colorado Office of Economic Development, Colorado’s outdoor recreation industry generates \$28 billion in consumer spending every year in the state and supports more than 229,000 jobs.

Nationally, the industry is responsible for generating \$887 billion in consumer spending each year.

Specifically, the legislation—known as the Protecting America’s Wilderness Act—would protect 660,000 acres in 36 areas across Colorado. Unlike many of the high-elevation wilderness landscapes that have the focus of previous land-protection bills, DeGette’s legislation seeks to protect more of Colorado’s mid-elevation ecosystems that serve as critical habitats for a variety of plants and wildlife, and are often used by Coloradans for a wide-range of outdoor recreation activities. While more than two-thirds of the areas to be protected in Colorado are already being treated as wilderness areas, by officially designating them as such, DeGette’s bill will provide them the permanent protection they deserve. The legislation will protect 36 unique areas across the state, including the Handies Peak, Dolores River Canyon and Little Bookcliffs.

DeGette introduced the now-approved legislation (H.R. 2546) in May 2019. At that time, the bill was known as the Colorado Wilderness Act, and it sought to protect more than 600,000 acres of wilderness in 32 areas across Colorado.

After being approved by the House Natural Resources Committee in November, DeGette agreed to amend her solely-Colorado-focused legislation to incorporate five other land-protection bills that were being sought by members from California and Washington. She also renamed it, from the Colorado Wilderness Act to the Protecting America’s Wilderness Act, to reflect the broader reach of the amended bill.

Prior to its final approval on the House floor, DeGette offered—and the House approved—an amendment to add four more areas in Colorado to her bill. The additional areas were Colorado’s Diamond Breaks, Papoose Canyon, North Ponderosa Gorge and South

Ponderosa Gorge—bringing the total number of areas to be protected in Colorado to 36 and the total number of acres in her state to 660,000.

DeGette’s decades-long effort to protect Colorado’s wilderness started shortly after she was first elected to Congress. In 1998, DeGette was approached by a group of concerned citizens who had been working for years to identify untouched areas throughout the state that could qualify for a wilderness designation. DeGette has been working hand-in-hand with the group ever since they first met—as well as with countless other resi-

dents and community leaders from across the state—to craft the legislation that the House approved today.

While DeGette has introduced various versions of the Colorado Wilderness Act in every Congress since 1999, this is the first time it has been voted on by the full House. Now that it’s been approved, it will soon head to the Senate where DeGette is already working closely with lawmakers there in an effort to make sure it’s included in any land-protection package the chamber may consider this year.

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Byron Pike & High Ground Gardens

by Matie Belle Lakish

High Ground Gardens, local seed purveyors, was begun by Bryon Pike, whose intention was to offer locally adapted seed varieties, while preserving the local heirlooms that have benefited high-altitude gardeners and small farmers for generations. His focus has been the San Luis Valley, but over the years many old-time gardeners from several southwestern states have contributed seed-stock to his collection.

Bryon and his wife, Leah, moved to the San Luis Valley 16 years ago, and now live in the Baca, where Bryon has three garden sites. As he is growing plants to produce seed, he has to isolate the different varieties of the same plants so they don't cross-pollinate, and will remain true to variety. For instance, if he planted four corn varieties in the same locale, they would mix their pollen so much that the resulting new plants would be unrecognizable. Lacking a large acreage, Bryon plants in three different locations, two in the Chalets, and one in Casita Park.

Like many local gardeners, Bryon originally saved his own seeds of varieties that grew well in the challenging SLV weather, soil conditions and high altitude. Over time, they became adapted to this area. Bryon started the seed business to share his passion on a larger scale. He calls it his "passion hobby." While they do sell the seeds, Bryon has had several agriculture-related jobs over the years that actually pay the bills. Leah helps with the business, but Bryon does most of the growing.

Bryon is passionate about saving non-hybrid, non-GMO traditional seeds. He has visited seed exchanges and traditional gardeners and farmers around the southwest and collects and grows out seeds of old varieties, many of which have

not been planted in years.

Last year I grew a Three Sisters patch from seeds I got from Bryon. It included Hopi Blue Corn, a traditional Hopi purple climbing bean, and Hopi Orange Squash, all from plants that Bryon grew from seeds he was gifted by Hopi elders. The plants did quite well, in spite of the cool wet summer that slowed many plants. The beans were particularly nice, and matured dry beans well, even in our short season.

Many of the seeds they sell have been selected over the years to be hardy and productive in this climate. Leah mentioned the chard and broccoli that they sell as being especially well adapted for this climate. Bryan spoke about their Hardy Tomato, which has some frost resistance. He said it was the only plant in a field that survived a frost, and he has saved and propagated it ever since.

In the garden by their house, which is on a rather steep hillside, he grows trial varieties in large tubs. If someone gives him seeds to try, or he decides to try a new variety, he will do it first in one of the tubs. If he likes it, he'll plant out more the next year. He has found that seeds from other areas may adapt, over a few years, to our mountain conditions. In another garden, with more level ground, he plants in raised beds, but without boards or other retainers. He then plants on the sides of the mounded area, as well as on the top, and takes advantage of warmer soils for more tender plants. He has noticed that even a foot or two of elevation change can make the difference between a plant freezing or surviving.

As he plants large areas, he doesn't usually mulch with straw, but instead, puts seeds for cover crops around the plants, usually around August 1. When the plants die in winter, he just pulls out the old plants and the cover crop takes off.



Bryon and Leah with their products at a seed exchange.

We also talked irrigation. Bryon uses a 5/8 inch Aqua-Traxx drip tape, 15 mils thick, that he said has held up well for 12 to 15 years. This has emitters at various intervals, and various flow rates, depending on what is best for the crop. I asked if he loops the system, as I do, to create even pressure in the hoses. He said it isn't necessary, as he gets a Pressure Compensating Tape, that regulates the flow from one end to the other so that all plants in a long row receive the same amount of water. He gave me a catalog from dripworks.com, which is the company he orders from. He noted that he buries the hose in the winter to protect it. His water systems are on timers so they go on and off without his presence.

One of Bryon's experiments is with Goji berries. He has experimented with Goji for several years, and last fall Leah picked several pounds from plants in Casita Park. Bryon believes, based on observations of wild Goji's in the area, that they were brought here by Chinese workers over 100 years ago. Indeed, he has ordered plants from Phoenix Tears Nursery in Logan, Utah, whose genetics have tested identical to those grown in China. Planted and watered, the nutritious berries are hardy and bear abundantly in the valley. Also known as Wolfberry, or Matrimony Vine, Goji is loaded with nutrients, both berries and leaves, which can be dried for later use. For example, testing done by Phoenix Tears showed that the dried leaves have over 1000 milligrams of Vitamin C in about 1/2 cup. Bryon gifted me a Goji plant a few years ago, and it has survived well with little water or care. He has plants for sale, and I plan to increase my planting, as I have researched the nutritional benefits of this remarkable plant.

Bryon and I also share a love of apricots. He told me he has plant-

ed over 100 seeds from a hardy tree, along his back fence. His goal is to select the best plants and graft them to create trees with frost-tolerant blossoms and tasty fruits.

Bryon, Leah, and their son Cairn hope to have their own farm someday, where Bryon can have room to expand his experiments. In the meantime, visit their website at highgroundgardens.com and check out their seeds and blog. Bryon and Leah will also have their seeds available at the Seed Exchange at Joyful Journey Hot Springs on Saturday, March 7, from 10am to 5pm.

I like this quote from Bryon's article, "The Mysteries of Seed Adaptability", on their website. "Our relationship with seeds and plants is founded on paying attention to how our life-supporting crops have evolved over large spans of historical time with humans having selected for the favorable traits of the food we enjoy today. Now that's advanced! Do we grow the seeds or do the seeds grow us?"

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Tree-cutting in Kenya.

photo by Daniele Gidsicki

Climate action in East Africa

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regions in the six countries. Right now, with your assistance, I'm raising seed capital of \$5500, to buy two medium-sized 50kg/day food dryers, and to purchase fruits from tree-owners.

"In appreciation, I'll distribute our 100% organic, 100% non-GMO dried fruits to everyone who contributes seed money, and who will also be eligible to purchase future fruit at a 10% discount for a two-year period. Future prices will also be approximately 50% lower than now, due to re-use of the equipment you'll help me buy today. When I get a minimum of \$100 from campaign backers, I'll be featured on GoGetFunding's public page, making my endeavor more visible worldwide.

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Learn more/contribute to her project by visiting: <https://gogetfunding.com/support-me-save-10000-grown-up-trees-from-deforestation>.

Many organizations actively support tree-planting by individuals and organizations, communities and nations. One of the oldest and biggest, the Arbor Day Foundation (www.arborday.org), makes it easy for anyone, red or blue, to get involved in this critical effort. You can learn more about other grassroots efforts on our Allies page (<https://primamundi.com/step-up/allies>), and you can read more about deforestation in Chapter 18 of my award-winning book, *Awakening Into Unity*.

Long-time Crestonian Lee Temple has authored the award-winning Global Awakening series, founded highly-regarded climate website primamundi.com, and received the 2019-20 Albert Nelson Marquis (Who's Who) Lifetime Achievement and Global Humanitarian Awards.

Water issues Part 1

by Tom McCracken

Availability of water affects everyone in the SLV. Surface water comes from precipitation in the surrounding mountains, as the valley floor only receives 7-9 inches of rain per year. Ground water (the aquifer) is recharged by surface water that percolates into the soil. Aquifer levels determine how far the streams flow into the valley.

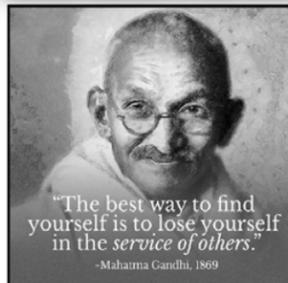
Historically water was developed for "beneficial use" by ranchers who diverted streams onto adjacent land and irrigated native grasses to feed livestock. This practice, developed over the past 150 years, turned out to be a sustainable use of water that provided food, fiber and wildlife habitat along the riparian zones, without chemical inputs. The first folks to develop the water were given first "priority." The "doctrine of prior appropriation" is widely viewed across the western US as an equitable means of water management.

About 60 years ago, wells were drilled in the center of the valley which are used to grow crops like potatoes, alfalfa and grain under center pivots. Inexplicably these wells were exempted from the "priority" system. Drilling continued unchecked for years and additionally the "Closed Basin" wells were drilled to send "excess" water to neighboring states under a compact that mandated Colorado to share the Rio Grande.

We are now dealing with an aquifer so depleted that surface streams sink into the ground much earlier, causing environmental and economic damage to ranches and public lands. In January of 2019 the aquifer was depleted by 1,400,000 acre/ft.

In 2004 the State Legislature initiated groundwater rule SB 222 intended to restore the aquifer. Local sub-districts were created to accomplish this rather than enforcing the Doctrine of Prior Appropriation. After fifteen years this mandate has yet to be accomplished and the goal of restoring the aquifer becomes more challenging each year and is further exacerbated by climate change.

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Her Story: Women's History Day, Month & Museum

by *M. Diane Bairstow*
**The Year of the Woman
 February 1920/2020**

Every month we are following the ratification of the 19th Amendment and considering women's issues then and now. In March 1920, West Virginia and Washington signed onto the 19th Amendment. Thirty-five states down, only one left to go!

International Women's Day

Women's Day began on February 28, 1909. It was organized by the Socialist Party of America who championed worker's rights, trade unions, farmers, immigrants and women. In 1910, the International Socialist Women's Conference proposed that March 8 become an annual celebration in honor of working women, and the following year (1911) it became official.

In the United States, the success of the suffrage movement contributed to a decline in the popularity of the IWD. However, it was revitalized by the growth of feminism in the 1960s and UN sponsorship in 1975.

Women's History Month

On the 100th anniversary of IWD (March 8, 2011), Barack Obama proclaimed March to be "Women's History Month." Also to coincide with the 100th Anniversary, the White House issued a 50-year progress report on the status of women in the United States. It found that younger women were more likely than their male counterparts to hold a college degree and that the number of men and women in the labor force had nearly equalized.



Women in Bogotá Colombia show solidarity with early suffragettes by wearing white during International Women's Day celebrations. photo by Alexander Torrenegra

Around the globe

In 27 countries including Russia, China, Vietnam and Cuba, IWD is an official holiday. It is so popular that in most of these countries if it falls on a weekend, it is moved to the following Monday, and in several countries, if it falls on a Tuesday or Thursday, they will extend the celebrations to include Monday or Friday. In China, women are entitled to a half a day holiday, and in Madagascar and Nepal it is a women's-only holiday.

Women's History Museum

Since 2013 Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney* (D-N.Y.) has been working to establish a Women's Museum on the Mall in D.C. She and Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) and Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) introduced a bill to establish a privately funded bipartisan commission to determine the feasibility of a women's history museum. In November 2016, she sponsored a bill which led to a Congressional commission that recommended the creation of a new Smithsonian Museum dedicated to women's history. In March 2019, Maloney, Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Brenda Lawrence (D-MI) and Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) introduced the "Smithsonian Women's History Museum Act."

On February 11, 2020, the House of Representatives, in a largely bi-partisan vote, approved the bill. Two hundred and twenty-four Democrats and 150 Republicans voted in favor of the bill. The only woman who voted against it was Liz Cheney (R-Wyoming), daughter of former Vice President Richard Cheney.

"I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights"

The theme for this year's IWD is, "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights." Will this be the generation to finally "realize" (bring into reality) gender equality? Perhaps so. Millennial women are better-educated than their male counterparts, and in many instances professional childless women actually earn more.

Breaking news

Last month, on February 12, the House voted to eliminate the deadline for adding the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the Constitution. The 1972 Amendment failed ratification by 3 states when its 1982 deadline passed. Also last January (2020), Virginia became the 38th, and final state, needed for ratification. Of course this has to pass the Senate, so action is unlikely this year.

*Carolyn Maloney was also a lead sponsor on the Equal Rights Amendment, and she has reintroduced it to Congress every year since 1997.

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565 Panorama Way - \$249,000
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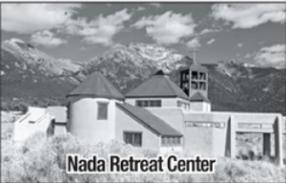


1596 Willow Creek Way - \$331,000
Bright & spacious 3BD/2BA 1878sf ranch home. 2.8ac w/garage, fenced yard/ garden & circular drive. Lg deck. Amazing views inside & out. Lg Great Room w/passive solar, trombe walls & wood stove. Outdoor spa/hot tub!



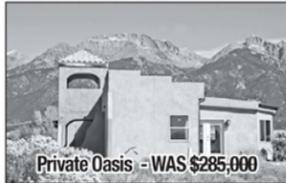
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Grants



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Grants

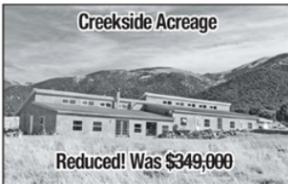


1327 Badger Rd - \$196,000
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1149 Camino Del Rey - \$181,900
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Moffat



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107 E. 9th St, Moffat - \$245,000
Spacious, 4BD/2BA 2,392sf hm on 1.5ac lot w/lg fenced yard & patio. New windows. Metal roof. Freestanding fireplace & air tight wood burner. Pvt mstr ste upstairs w/ sunken tub. Built-in bar in lg LR. Excellent shared Artesian well. Updated septic.



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Chalets



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Chalets



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4201 Caprice Way - \$344,000
2640sf 2-level contemporary 3BD/4BA on 1.5 creek acres. 382sf upper deck w/ fabulous Mtn/Valley/Creek views. Huge Great Rm w/high ceilings can be used as studio or workplace. 3 Beds with Ensuite Baths upstairs. 425sf garage.



305 Palomino Way - \$299,000
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Chalets



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408 N Chaparral Way - \$239,000
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ONE HAND CLAPPING

Daisy

by Tom deMers

Four steps separated me from the sidewalk, me frozen against the wall of the post office. Daisy, down on the sidewalk, scanned me, her big head swaying on a thick neck. I knew it was Daisy by the notch torn out of her left ear, also by the shade of brown. Daisy is an unofficial resident of Beaudry, Montana, by common consent someone who visits now and then to scavenge and fatten before she hibernates. It was Labor Day, her time.

My daughter Molly and I had been playing in the water of Little Sandy Creek before stopping at the post office to check the mail, the closed post office. Five-year-old Molly was safe in my truck a dozen feet down the street. My eyes were fixed on another truck, an old blue pickup across the street. Harry Collins sat in that truck. He had turned to lift a 30.06 from its rack. Harry was known for a conservative tendency to shoot first and ask later, one of a group unhappy with the town's toleration of a foraging bear.

I shook my head slightly, no Harry, no telling how Daisy will react when shot from behind, no way to kill a bear. I did not look at Daisy who had moved up the steps, not in a threatening way but curious, extending her nose to sniff the pee that had pooled between my bare feet. Her smell was strong. Catching my scent, she recoiled with a huff, swung back down the steps and stood. After a disapproving shake of her big head, she took off, loping down the street. I watched her pass my truck. Molly never lifted her eyes from the screen of my cell phone. That's when Harry's shot hit Daisy under the left shoulder. The bear took a few more steps, then dropped to her knees. I

walked slowly down the sidewalk. She toppled onto her side, her head facing the street. I stood watching her gasp, sides heaving, legs still moving as if she could walk on air. Her exhales sounded with a wheezy moan. Her journey down the street gave Harry's shot the perfect angle. It was Daisy's last amble.

Harry's shot divided Beaudry along party lines: Harry the hero who saved us all from imminent danger vs. Harry the trigger-happy executioner of a natural creature. Of course, both sides were right, both sides were wrong. Daisy was a threat. I certainly felt that as I pissed myself on the post office steps. Just because she had never broken into a car or attacked someone didn't mean she wouldn't do that one day. Wild things needed to keep their distance or else. But for three years coming into town, Daisy had been a respectful raider of trash cans and dumpsters before ambling back to the wild. It was as if Daisy had been our beautiful guest. And she was pregnant. The wildlife people told us that.

"She never came in the spring and never brought her cubs." That was smart and showed good sense. Ed argued that the following Sunday in our kitchen. Wolves had become dogs and become some of our best friends. He said that too. Who knows what the future holds for people and bears in the age of climate change?

"Who knows if we kill them all when they get too close?" My wife Alice said that. Which prompted Molly, who'd been playing on the floor, to stand quite ceremoniously, a doll under one arm, and recite some Dr. Seuss, "I speak for the trees, said the Lorax. And trees can't talk."

Dear Molly. May yours be the voice of the future.



DISPATCH

from the edge 

by Peter Anderson

"Dad, I'm scared," my oldest daughter said, and she had good reason to be. We were going on our second hour of being stranded in a ground blizzard on the shoulder of Highway 285, out in the middle of South Park. Seventy-mile-an-hour winds were rocking her little Subaru. It was scary but not nearly as scary as it had been trying to navigate in a whiteout. Were we still in our lane? Where was the shoulder? Were we getting crossways and about to drive into a ditch? Might we end up in the path of a northbound semi? We rolled to a full stop and I opened my door to see if I could determine where the edge of the road was so that we could park safely off to the side. A gust of wind ripped the door from my grasp and it was all I could do to pull it shut.

Finally, we were able to orient ourselves, pulling up behind another stranded car. We weren't in any immediate danger, but the wind was blowing snow through a crack in the seal, depositing a mini-drift on the inside corner of the passenger side window. I imagined it getting bigger and bigger. Fortunately, we had a full tank of gas. We left the engine running to generate a little heat—less and less as the day wore on it seemed—but heat nonetheless. My youngest daughter had burrowed into a sleeping bag in the back seat and was entertaining herself with movies on her phone. My oldest daughter and I wrapped ourselves in some reasonably warm layers and maintained our vigil in the front. I confess that the bunwarmer, which I had cranked to the max in my seat, no longer seemed like the bourgeois device I had always thought it was.

"Our job is to stay put and stay warm. That's all we can do right now," I said. "The wind will let up eventually." But the word "eventually" carried a lot freight. What did it mean? Two hours from now? After dark? After midnight? Tomorrow morning? How long would we be able to generate heat from the engine? And after that? It was three o'clock. A wind advisory, we were able to determine, ran till 6pm. So we just sat tight, listening to her playlist and hoping for the best.

Periodically, the windshield would ice up to the point that we couldn't see out. We busied ourselves with the project of preserving our ever-shrinking view of the

outside world. I had broken and disposed of the windshield scraper earlier in the day—Doh!—trying to de-ice before we left Arvada. All that we had for the job was a plastic CD case. Occasionally, through whatever opening in our windshield glacier we were able to chip away, a break in the snow cloud revealed a plow driver parked twenty or thirty feet ahead of us in the oncoming lane. No one was going anywhere, not even the plow guy, but we were glad he was part of our frozen convoy.

Six o'clock came and went but the wind didn't know that. Then, sometime around seven, it began to let up. Visibility was improving, we thought, but only in small increments. And then, we noticed some movement through the ice on the driver's side window. A truck was edging forward in the southbound lane (by that time, there were no worries about oncoming traffic), following the snowplow guy who had also started moving. "See if you can pull in behind that Silverado," I told my daughter, and 10-4, Rubber Ducky, we soon had us a convoy, moving slowly, but moving nonetheless.

Turned out we were only able to get as far as an isolated fire station to the south of the highway near Como, where we would be marooned for the rest of the night, but so what? We had lights. We had heat. And after we emptied our cars of whatever provisions we were carrying, we had an impromptu post-Thanksgiving potluck. Later the good people of Fairplay somehow managed to deliver some hot cooked meals. Someone broke out a twelve pack of beer. By the time a gust of wind took down a flagpole outside of the fire station, we were happily settled in for the night and able to reflect on our good fortune. As in any emergency, the first responders, in this case the volunteer firemen of South Park, deserved our unending thanks, having led our convoy out of harm's way. My youngest, who had been wrapped up in murder mysteries all day, amused herself by imagining that someone in our temporary firehouse community would turn out to be a serial killer. Fortunately, the better side of humanity prevailed. It was reassuring to spend the evening in a room full of strangers sharing food and drink, telling tales about our collective misadventure, and appreciating one another's company.

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Baca Grande Library News



by Suzanne McGregor

Some of our long-time patrons are just discovering the advantages of being able to access their library accounts online. It is possible to see what items are checked out with their due dates, renew items, and order books and videos from other libraries and have them delivered here. Setting up the online account is easy—if you need help just call us at the library, and we can give you instructions over the phone. We will also verify that your information is correct if you are having problems logging in. Our union catalog (AspenCat) includes 116 other Colorado libraries with over a 1.5 million holdings, so the chances are high that you can find what you want—and more!

Our current weekly reading program, "Stories for Little Ones," geared for infants through age 4, is still going strong. It is facilitated by our favorite storyteller Penny from the Saguache Public Library and is held each Tuesday morning from 11am to noon

(or until everyone gets cranky!). Please bring your little one(s) to this program and get an early start on a love of reading that can last a lifetime. It is free of charge and there is no registration required—just come when you can.

We want to thank David Lee, Bob Herman and John Galaher, volunteers of our Friends of the Library (FOL), for installing the new metal shelves in the back non-fiction room. The funding for these shelves came from a Saguache County Sales Tax Grant submitted by the FOL last year. The library also has five new ceiling fans from a grant submitted through the Library District. Many thanks to everyone for these new additions to our library.

For the newcomers in town, we extend a warm invitation to come visit the library. We look small from the outside, but many treasures lie within! There is a resource center with public computers and printer, and we offer copying, laminating and faxing services (fees apply). There is an entire video room and a children's reading room, plus a large collection of fiction and non-fiction books. Our alternative building and spirituality sections are among the best in the valley. We would love to show you around.

Baca Grande Library, 256-4100. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10am-5pm; Sat. 10am-4pm.

There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root, RH (AHG)
Chillin' with flower essences



In these times we all need extra ways to chill out. Between the climate crisis, political crisis, and general dark times, those who are anxious have more anxiety, the depressed have greater depression and there seems to be a general angst in the air. If there was ever a time to utilize flower essences, it would be now.



Clematis, a local version of one of the Bach remedies.

Although flower essences work on the emotional level, they also benefit us physically since often out-of-balance emotions can create out-of-balance bodies. For those who don't know, flower essences are an energetic remedy based on the energy of flowers. The first group of essences were developed in the 1930s by Dr. Edward Bach, an English doctor and homeopath whose sensitivity allowed him to experience the energy of the flowers directly. He came up with a group of 38 essences or remedies and a guide for how to use them, generally based on 38 states of mind. In the 90 years since then, many different groups of flower essences were developed. I still use the Bach remedies because that's what I'm most familiar with, and I have yet to find a situation that couldn't be remedied with one or more of them.

There are 3 essences for depression with 3 different indica-

tions. Gentian is for despondency, Gorse for despair, and Mustard for a depression that comes on for no reason like a dark cloud. It's important to be clear about what exactly is going on. There are also several remedies for anxiety or fear. Aspen is for fears of unknown origin, Mimulus for fears of known causes, such as the dentist or flying. And Rock Rose is for terror. Because of this, it's important to study the various remedies and have a deeper sense of exactly which mental state they benefit. Rescue Remedy, used for emergency, shock, trauma, grief, or hearing bad news, consists of 5 of the Bach remedies—Impatiens, Star of Bethlehem, Cherry Plum, Rock Rose, and Clematis.

Another way of choosing the proper remedy is choosing intuitively, using either muscle testing, a pendulum, or whatever intuitive tools you use. The beauty of the remedies is that there are no side effects. If you chose the wrong remedy it simply won't work. They can be given to children or animals, diluted and taken orally or rubbed into the skin. They can be taken in any fluid, including coffee, or drops can be taken directly into the mouth. Up to 5 or 6 remedies can be taken at a time. Usually a few drops of each are put into a dropper bottle with spring water and 4 drops taken 4 times a day.

I have found the flower essences to be amazing allies for any kind of emotional state. They bring balance, clarity, and workability, and I have been so grateful to have this tool in my life. May they bring you peace.

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

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THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

—MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



by Ish

1/ Predestination: (2014) Action, drama, mystery, sci-fi. This film surveys the life of a Temporal Agent, who is sent on a series of time-travel journeys, that are designed to ensure continuation of his law enforcement career for all eternity. Now, on his final assignment he must pursue the one criminal who has eluded him throughout time. Stars: Ethan Hawke, Sarah Snook. (4 stars)

2/ A Walk Among the Tombstones: (2014) Action, crime, drama. Matthew Scudder, a former cop now private eye, is asked by a drug dealer to find the men who kidnapped his wife. They killed her even after he paid them. Scudder refuses the job. The drug dealer sees him again explaining how they killed her and he decides to take the job, thinking they've done this more than once. Stars: Liam Neeson. (3.5 stars)

3/ The Invisible Guardian: (2017) Thriller. A female inspector confronts a serial killer while dealing with the ghosts of her past / subtitles. (3.5 stars)

4/ While We're Young: (2014) Comedy, drama, mystery. A middle-aged couple's career and marriage have been on the rocks but are overturned when they meet a younger generation couple. Stars Ben Stiller, Naomi Watts, Adam Driver. (3.75 stars)

5/ King's War: (2012) Series, 80 episodes. War, power, thriller. This is Asian feudalism. Displays court principle, wars, power, revenge, and respect. An intricate unfolding of small village and small officials rising in hierarchy of the court, wars and position. (5 stars).

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ACROSS

1. Cause for September celebration
6. Net holder
9. Island near Java
13. "PokÈmon," e.g.
14. *Alice Paul and Crystal Eastman wrote its first version in 1923, acr.
15. Archeologist's find
16. Synagogue scroll
17. Bag in Paris
18. "Behind ___ Lines"
19. *Aviation pioneer
21. *She rebelled against sentimental novel
23. Nurses' org.
24. Deceptive maneuver
25. Director's cry
28. Snow and cycling helmet manufacturer
30. Low hemoglobin
35. Bryce Canyon state
37. Something to do
39. Lady's Bella Notte date
40. Puerto ___
41. Bone hollow
43. Slang for heroin
44. Cake cover
46. ___ and drab
47. Roman robe
48. "Purple People ___," pl.
50. Defender of skies, acr.
52. Easter lead-in
53. Attention-getting interjection
55. Pres. Truman's 1947 creation, acr.
57. *She originated the little black dress
60. *"Hidden ___"
64. Knights' feat of strength
65. *Mary Phelps Jacob patented the 1st modern one
67. Dickens' Heep
68. Ladies' fingers
69. Three strikes
70. Actress Rene
71. Crowd-sourced review platform
72. Lilliputian
73. Master of ceremonies

DOWN

1. Better than never?
2. a.k.a. midget buffalo
3. 100 cents in Ethiopia
4. D-Day beach
5. Move a picture
6. Breather
7. Investment option, acr.
8. Last European colony in China
9. Crooked
10. Sheltered, nautically
11. Trace or outline
12. Slippery surface
15. Feel indignant about something
20. Indian cuisine dip
22. *Sally Ride was 1st woman in space for this country
24. Speaker's platform
25. *1st person to win 2 Nobel Prizes
26. Carthage's ancient rival
27. Implied
29. *She developed philosophy of Objectivism
31. Formerly, formerly
32. *Home of Wesleyan College, first college chartered to grant degrees for women
33. Insect, post-metamorphosis
34. *Inventor of a newborn screening test
36. Use a whetstone
38. Caitlyn Jenner's ex
42. Primitive calculators
45. Ulysses and Cary
49. Female
51. *Singular of #60 Across
54. Tennis-affected joint
56. Gold, to a chemist
57. Pepsi rival
58. Fling
59. Rush job notation
60. Inevitable occurrence
61. Reduced instruction set computer
62. Alleviate
63. Old Woman's home
64. *Jennifer Lawrence played her in eponymous 2015 movie
66. Rivoli in Paris, e.g.

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The ballot will contain two (2) candidates for two open Trustee positions:

C. Kimberly S. Martinez and Benjamin J. Byer; and two (2) candidates

For Mayor: Adam Kinney and Kairina Danforth;

And one referred measure as follows:

Ballot Title:

AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE # 2000-1 (WHICH ENACTED A 3% SALES TAX FOR THE TOWN OF CRESTONE) INCREASING THE TOWN SALES TAX BY 0.5% TO A TOTAL OF 3.5% ON THE RETAIL SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF CRESTONE

BALLOT ISSUE:

SHALL THE TOWN OF CRESTONE'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$60,000.00 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE # 2000-1, INCREASING THE SALES TAX ESTABLISHED BY SAID ORDINANCE BY 0.5% ON THE SALE OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AT RETAIL RESULTING IN A TOTAL TOWN SALES TAX OF 3.5%, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE TOWN GENERAL FUND AND ALLOCATED TO THE WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 2020, AND SHALL SUCH REVENUES CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATION CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Yes _____ No _____

The election is to be held as a Mail Ballot election. Active registered voters will receive a ballot by mail. Ballots may be submitted by return mail, or in person at Town Hall (108 W. Galena Ave. Crestone, CO). Town Hall is open for election business from 9:00 am-2:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and from 7:00 am-7:00 pm on Election Day. All voted ballots must be received by the Crestone Town Clerk by 7:00 pm on Election Day.

To be eligible to vote in this election, you must be at least eighteen (18) years of age; be a citizen of the United States; have been a resident of the Town of Crestone for at least twenty two (22) days immediately preceding the election; and be registered to vote on Election Day. If you know you are registered but do not receive a ballot in the mail by March 28, please contact Town Clerk Allyson Ransom at (719) 256-4313.

NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP

The Saguache County Tourism Council and Board of County Commissioners are seeking new members to represent Saguache County on the Tourism Council. If you would like to join the Saguache County Tourism Council please send a letter of interest to Wendi Maez, County Administrator to wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov, mail to PO Box 100, Saguache, CO 81149 or hand deliver to 505 3rd Street, Saguache, CO 81149. The Tourism Council meets regularly each month at the Saguache County Road and Bridge meeting room.

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
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Published March 1, 2020

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Farm Manager
The San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition is excited to announce it is hiring for the Rio Grande Farm Park Farm Manager Position. Job description available at www.slvlocalfoods.org. Please submit Resume and Cover Letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com Open until filled. Questions call 719-937-2319

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ELECTION CORNER

January 1st marked the first day that Baca Water could accept self-nominations for the (3), three-year term board vacancies on the 2020 board. On January 30, we published a "call for nominations" in the Saguache Crescent and it appeared in the February issue of the Crestone Eagle.

To date, we have received five nominations from eligible electors in the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District. They are eligible because they are:

- registered to vote in the state of Colorado (and one of the following)
- a resident of the District
- the owner of taxable real or personal property situated within the boundaries of the District
- a person who is obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase taxable property within the District

Those five candidates are:

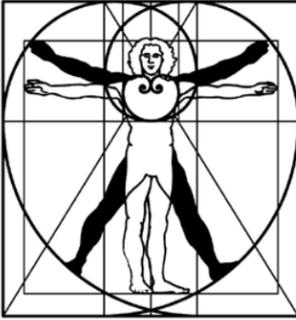
- Gregg Conlee
- Mike Smith
- Dan Gray
- Ben Priestersbach
- William Peck

Self-nominations will close on February 28, with the deadline for a write-in candidate being March 2. With five candidates and three seats, it looks like we will have an election on May 5, 2020.

An election will be a lengthy and expensive process, involving our administrative staff and volunteers from the community. We are fortunate to have support from Joe McConnell, Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Local Government Elections & Financial Analyst. Fromm & Company, who has much experience with elections, will also be assisting.

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Dear EarthTalk: How is it that fungi can help clean up contaminated soils?

—M. Sharpe, Canton, CT

Like animals, fungi derive energy by breaking down large molecules into smaller compounds. They do so by secreting enzymes and acids onto whatever it is they intend to consume, and then absorbing the byproducts of this digestion process. While fungi primarily consume biological matter (like dead wood), their enzymes can also break down a wide array of man-made compounds. In fact, fungi are so good at this, we're now employing them to clean up contaminated soils via a technique known as mycoremediation.

Of course, these fungi are just doing what they evolved to do eons ago. Underneath our feet, massive fungal networks run through the soil, with many fungal species developing a symbiotic relationship with plants whereby a part of the fungus (the mycelium) grows adjacent to—and sometimes inside of—the roots of the plant. The mycelium is capable of breaking down and transporting nutrients and minerals essential for the plant's survival. After detecting and digesting these compounds, the mycelium ferries them to the plant's roots, where they're absorbed. In exchange, the plant releases compounds that are vital for the fungi's survival.

It's the fungi's ability to break down and/or transport compounds that make them useful for restoring damaged soils. Often, these soils have been saturated with compounds made up of dangerous—and relatively large—molecules. By breaking these molecules into smaller pieces, fungi help to reduce their toxicity. In other instances, soils are contaminated with fundamental elements such as cadmium,

arsenic, and mercury, which can't be broken down. However, fungi still have the ability to uptake and transport these substances, and to eventually concentrate them in their fruiting bodies (mushrooms). We can then remove the fruiting bodies, and the contaminated ecosystem will be one step closer to regaining health.

Fungi can break down and/or absorb a wide range of compounds, including oil and other petroleum products, PAHs, PCBs, PCPs, neurotoxins, airborne pollutants, synthetic dyes, cadmium, lead, arsenic, mercury, copper, dioxins and organophosphates.

If fungi are so effective at cleaning up our environment, why isn't this technique more widespread? For starters, it's a slow process. As with any biological strategy for environmental clean-up, mycoremediation is limited by the speed of metabolism. If a polluted area needs to be cleaned quickly, other options may be better. Another issue with mycoremediation is that it often fails to completely rid soil of a given toxic compound, instead simply reducing the concentration. It can also be hard to justify economically, as no one wants to eat a mushroom full of heavy metals.

However, the biggest reason for mycoremediation's relative lack of fame and use might simply be a lack of data from field tests. It's a relatively new technique, without many case studies to support its use (despite a good amount of lab testing). Thankfully, this situation is changing. In 2017, for example, a large batch of oyster mushrooms was used to remediate soil damaged by California wildfires. The same variety of fungus has also been used to clean up oil spills and other toxic messes.

CONTACTS: Fantastic Fungi Film, fantasticfungi.com; "Mushroom as a product and their role in mycoremediation," ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4052754/; "Untapped potential: exploiting fungi in bioremediation of hazardous chemicals," nature.com/articles/nrmicro2519.

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Mt. Blanca viewed from Badger Road.

photo by Kate Steichen

Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno

January 21 to February 20

Total precipitation for period:

Liquid precip (includes melted snow): 0.22"

Snow: 5.8"

Measurable liquid precipitation fell on 5 days.

Measurable snow fell on 5 days

A trace of snow fell on 7 days.

No rain, thunderstorms or hail occurred.

Total precipitation year to date:

Since Jan 1: 0.39"

Total snow to date:

Since Jan 1: 7.9"

Snow Season*: 37.5"

*Snow season runs from July 1 to June 30

Temperatures for the period:

High temp: 45.7°F on February 16

Low temp: -7.4°F on February 5

Avg. high: 35.9°F

Avg. low: 12.8°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 40°: 8

Number of days with the high temperature at or below 32°: 8

Number of days with the low temperature below 32°: All 31 days

Number of days with the low temperature below zero°: 2

Winds for the period:

Avg. speed: 3.4 mph

Highest gust: 42 mph on February 3

Main direction: Out of the north-east.

Weather summary:

Temperatures were slightly above normal and snowfall was very much below normal for the period. While our snow season for 2019-20 started off being above average and stayed that way up until the last days of December, once January 2020 got here, the snow almost totally stopped falling, and by the time February arrived, there was no improvement in the first 20 days of the month. While other areas of Colorado, including the Front Range, were seeing record snowfall for February, we have been seeing very little snow fall so far in this neck of the woods.

Outlook for March:

March is our snowiest month of the year, with 12.1 inches of snow seen on average. Overall precipitation-wise, 1.04 inches of both snow and rain can be expected, with most of that falling in the form of snow. The first measurable rain of the year usually isn't seen until April, but there is still a 4 out of 10 chance that the first measurable rain could fall in March. The most snow to fall in the month was in 1983, when 40.4 inches of snow accumulated, while the most precipitation seen was 2.89 inches, in 1990.

Temperature wise, in the first week of March, the average highs and lows are 43° and 18°, and by the month's end they warm up to averages of 51° and 24°. The warmest March day occurred on the last day of the month in 2012, when it reached 71°, and the coldest March day was reached on March 3, 2002, when it dropped down to -10°.

The 31 day outlook for March by the NWS is calling for below average temperatures along with average precip, which hopefully means we will see more snow than what has fallen so far this year and will help out our snowpack, which we rely on for our drinking water. But do keep in mind that we are still in a drought at the moment that in the first 52 days of 2020 has only gotten worse.

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

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