

American Legion seeks info on Saguache County vets

The American Legion Garcia Post 110 And The Saguache County Veteran's Office have initiated memorials for the 6 cemeteries in Saguache County to honor the veterans who are buried in these cemeteries. These cemeteries are: Saguache Hillside Cemetery, Saguache Chicago Cemetery, La Garita Cemetery, Crestone Cemetery, Rito Alto Cemetery and Villa Grove Cemetery.

We are doing historical research & short biographies on all of the veterans who are buried in Saguache County. Although we have some information on some of the veterans, we need your help. If you have any information about family, friends, loved ones, acquaintances or know of anyone who does, please contact us. We are looking for any and all information on the lives of these veterans (even small bits of information are important—nothing is too trivial). We would appreciate anything that you have to share. Thank you!

Please call: Tom Blunt or Laura Weaver, Saguache County Veteran's Service Office at 719-655-2680 or write to: Saguache County Veteran's Service Office, PO Box 325, Saguache, CO 81149

Senior village receives small grant

by Sandia Belgrade

The community has expressed a strong desire to create housing for our elder citizens. In response to this, we applied for a Saguache County sales tax grant. In May we received word that the grant we submitted was awarded funding, and we express our gratitude to the County Commissioners. However, it was much less than we had hoped for. This sales tax cycle represents winter when sales were low. As a result, we received only part of the money we requested. It means progress will be very slow, but a project to develop housing does take 3-5 years. We will persevere and use these funds carefully to take us to the next level by exploring other grants. We'll also take steps to be eligible for funding from the regional CHODO (Community Housing Development Organization).

As you may know, there are people who have lived here much of their adult lives who are having to leave because there is no housing specifically designed for seniors. The Crestone End of Life Project is supporting this worthwhile effort with a donation of \$500 towards a senior village, and they are encouraging people to match their funds. If Crestone is where you want to spend your last years, consider making a donation of \$500 (or whatever you can) to match this contribution. Your generosity and vision can be a significant boost that will keep the project going forward. Call 256-4917 if you wish to contribute. All contributions are tax deductible!

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Cover for the latest Strange Lights album.

Crestone's Strange Lights getting international acclaim

As time goes by, local Crestone band Strange Lights is, it seems, edging up on the Denver, national, and international scene. Their 2009 album *Light Bright* has earned impressive reviews in both Colorado's *Music Buzz* magazine and Gulf Coast Music Review website. The most interesting recent news is possibly the huge number of songs downloaded from

their website, www.strangelights.net, having easily topped 300,000 songs. Deb reports that they have averaged about 25,000 tunes downloaded per month in the early part of 2010.

Lonny Roth says tentative upcoming venues for Strange Lights shows include; Crestone's own 4th of July and Music Festival, the Tenderfoot Tavern in Salida, the THC festival in Alma, Colorado, as well as others yet to be announced. Strange Lights' music style has recently been described as "Post-modern Moody Blues meets Glee/Psychedelic Furs". In their own words they describe the band's sound as a cross of the genres of melodic rock, indie, pop and psycho-folk. Robert Edsel, the semi-recent addition to Strange Lights, is adding a welcome jazz influence on drums. Visitors to the Strange Lights website can enjoy recent band news articles and blogs; purchase the newest music and merchandise; listen to and download many free podcasts, songs and videos; connect with their facebook and twitter, and much more!



Buildings and donkeys at the historic Hutchinson Homestead Ranch

Historic Hutchinson Homestead Ranch tours

Guided tours of the Historic Hutchinson Homestead Ranch, located between Salida and Poncha Springs, 8913 West Highway 50, in Chaffee County, will be offered from 1 to 3 pm on the second and fourth Saturdays of June, July and August. Admission is free, and donations to the ongoing preservation project are gratefully accepted. Docents will be at the Homestead to take visitors through the main house and newly restored log outbuildings of the historic ranch.

Crestone world premier moves to New Mexico

Last October Ammi Kohn premiered *Lama Genesis/Lama Incarnations* at Shumei. The staged reading is a two-act history of the Lama Foundation, an intentional community started in 1967 near Taos, New Mexico, a community with ties to a number of Crestone residents. The script is taken from oral history interviews Ammi collected over four years.

Shortly after the reading, the New Mexico Humanities Council awarded Ammi \$6450 to produce the readings in Taos, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque. Recently METTA theatre staged the reading to two sold-out houses in April and will stage the reading at St. John's College on November 7. Blackout Theatre in Albuquerque has agreed to produce the reading, most likely during the early months of 2011.

"The reading in Crestone was crucial to refining the script and its staging for future successful performances in New Mexico. I thank the Crestone cast and everyone who came to the reading to make the script come alive."

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