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## Libri Party Explores Endangered Animals

By Claire Johnson, Junior Reporter

*(Editor's note: Through a generous donation from the late Dr. John Austin and his wife, Jacqui Smalley, Boulder Community Library received a Libri Foundation grant for 67 new children's books which arrived in June. This is the fifth such grant they have made possible.)*

On Saturday, June 13, the Boulder Library had a book



party to kick off the Kids' Summer Reading program and to introduce the new Libri books, most of them emphasizing math and science. If you remember last year's Summer Reading Program, each visit to the library earned a young reader a star, and when six stars were received, a stuffed dog or cat could be 'adopted.' This year the library set up the same program except the prize is a stuffed animal considered to be an 'endangered species.' Not only are these animals totally adorable, but they are also teaching children to be aware and not support buying the products that hurt these animals.

The party started with many kids and adults gathered on the floor and in chairs. The library staff and other Boulder adults showed pictures and told facts about endangered animals such as cougars, prairie dogs, black-footed ferrets, and rhinoceroses. Boz Bosworth told about the black-footed ferret which is becoming extinct because new houses are being built where prairie dogs live and the ferret's main food is prairie dogs. Peg

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### Dates to Note:

- ◆ Sept 22 Autumn begins
- ◆ Sept 25-26 Escalante Arts Festival
- ◆ Oct 16-18 Writing Workshop: *Boulder Cliff Notes, Words and Place*
- ◆ Oct 31 Halloween
- ◆ Nov 1 Daylight Savings time ends

## Libri Party (continued from page 1)

Smith told the group about ways to help make sure these endangered animals survive. Judi Davis and other adults gave short summaries about some of the new books, and kids were getting pretty excited and raising their hands to check them out.

Everyone then went to the kitchen and there was a wonderful lunch set up consisting of flamingo punch, busy bee honey and peanut butter sandwiches, goldfish crackers, carrot and celery sticks, and last, but not least, Bug Bites chocolates with cool cards in them telling about endangered bugs.

Everyone had a great time. Be sure to keep working on getting six stars if you haven't already done so!

Judi Davis sums up an enticing new book. Volunteer "reviewers" checked out some of the new books early and gave kids a preview of some really good reading material.



## After Slow Start, Community Market Flourishes

By Dianne Oberhansly

Although an unusually cool month of June provided a slow start for most local gardens, summer produce is now abundant at the Boulder Community Market.

Red House Farm, operated by Scott and Brynn Brodie, noted they have done well especially with beets, carrots, potatoes, basil (and pesto), and fresh bread. Sue Fearon, who typically has ripe produce earlier at her lower altitude in Deer Creek, noted that her garden, too, was behind schedule this year. Now, however, her tomatoes and peppers are prolific-- especially since she planted 400 of each! Constance Lynne and Matt Cochran, new producers at the market this year, have been offering tinctures, salves, and dry teas all made from plants that they either

grow or gather themselves. Other producers regularly represented at the market include Hell's Backbone Grill garden, Original

Trade Goods, Sugarloaf Honey, Mike and Carrie Ryan, Redtail Farm, and Boulder Mountain Bread.



Sue Fearon with her prolific and colorful veggies. (Photo by Peg Smith)

# Poet David Lee Reads to Boulder in First Writers' Workshop, Oct 16-18

David Lee, Utah's first Poet Laureate (1997-2002), will visit Boulder and read from his work on Saturday, October 17 at 6 p.m. in the Boulder Town Hall. The reading is free and open to the public. Lee will be here as part of the creative writing faculty of "Boulder Cliff Notes: Words and Place," a weekend workshop sponsored by Boulder Heritage Foundation.

Having authored more than a dozen books of poetry, Lee draws not only from his connection to the natural world, but from his diverse world experiences. He has been a hog farmer, a boxer, a decorated Army veteran, a seminary student, a semiprofessional baseball player and earned a Ph.D. with a specialty in John Milton's poetry. He served as the Chairman of the Language and Literature Department at Southern Utah University for a number of years before recently retiring. Having won national awards from the Endowment for the Arts and the Endowment for the Humanities, Lee is still claimed and loved by Utah's readers. Much of his work centers on rural people and their unique American dialect.

*Scholarships are available — 2 adult and 2 young adult (13 and up) — to help defray the cost of the workshop. To apply, submit your name to the Boulder Community Library.*

Playwright Raymond King Shurtz and author Di-  
anne Oberhansly, also members of the faculty, will give a free reading on Friday, October 16 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. The unusual format for the work-

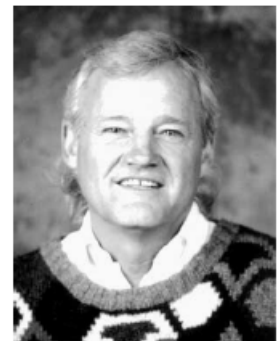
shop allows students to study and work with all three writers. A separate morning session titled "Hogsback Heritage Project" will also be offered for those wishing to focus their writing on the up-

coming 2010 Boulder Heritage Festival's theme: the Women of Boulder. This session, open to adults and young adults, can be taken alone or as part of the larger workshop.

For anyone seeking information on "Boulder Cliff Notes" and/or "Hogsback Heritage Project," email [workshops@boulderheritagefoundation.com](mailto:workshops@boulderheritagefoundation.com) or call (435) 335-7550. Also, many of David's books can be found in the Boulder Community Library.

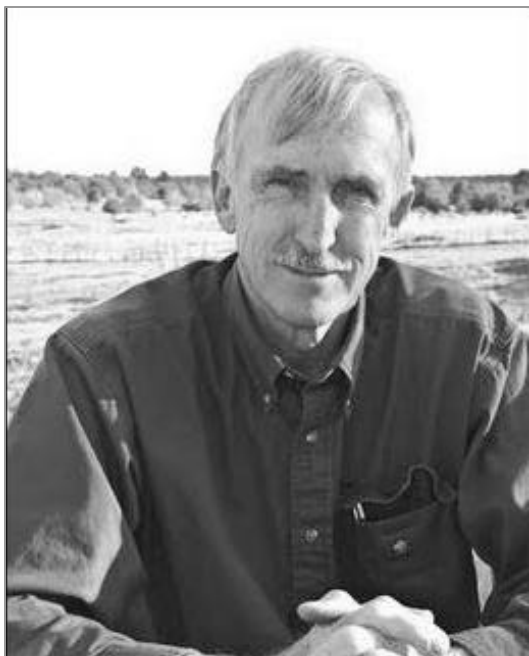
Visit <http://boulderheritage.org/> for application form, schedules, or more information.

**David Lee.** Dave was named Utah's first Poet Laureate in 1997, serving in this capacity until 2002 at which point he received a Commendation Award in the Utah House of Representatives. He has been honored with grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities and has received both the Mountains & Plains Booksellers Award in Poetry and the Western States Book Award in Poetry. In 1999, his collection *News From Down to the Café* was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, a testament to the wide national interest in his work. Dave has been chosen as one of Utah's top twelve writers of all time by the Utah Endowment for the Humanities, and has been honored with the Utah Governor's Award for lifetime achievement in the arts. In 2001, he was chosen as a finalist for United States Poet Laureate. Dave taught at Southern Utah University and is currently retired.



# John Austin: A Life Celebrated

By Dianne Oberhansly



For many of us who live in Boulder, the sound of a small plane flying overhead will never be heard in quite the same way as it used to. On the morning of May 29, 2009, Dr. John Austin and a close friend, Susan Jordon, died in the two-seater Storch plane that John was piloting. Jordon, visiting from her home in California, was being treated to one of John's favorite pasttimes: viewing the incredible country in and around Boulder by air.

John had owned the Storch for a number of years. It was designed as a low-flying aircraft which he used not only for sight-seeing, but for spotting stray cattle. A pilot for over 30 years, John also owned a Cessna which he and his wife, Jacqui Smalley, often used to travel to Boulder from their other home in Oakland, California.

John, 64, began his stays in Boulder when he was 16 and his mother, driving through the area, fell in love with this unique country and bought an old cabin on Highway 12. He and his family spent summers here. Years later, John and Jacqui acquired the house, renovated it, and used it as a welcome refuge from their busy lives in California and also as a retreat where they could entertain friends, family, and business associates. Jacqui is an exceptional cook and the couple was known for their love of sharing fine food and wine with others.

In 2003, John and Jacqui purchased what is now Boulder Creek Canyon Ranch, a 300-acre parcel on which they have raised cattle and Chilean horses and grew alfalfa. To protect this one-of-a-kind property and its view shed, they enlisted the support of the Nature Conservancy and placed the ranch under a conservation easement so that it could not be developed in the future. They had just finished building a house on the ranch where they intended to move and live full-time since John had recently retired.

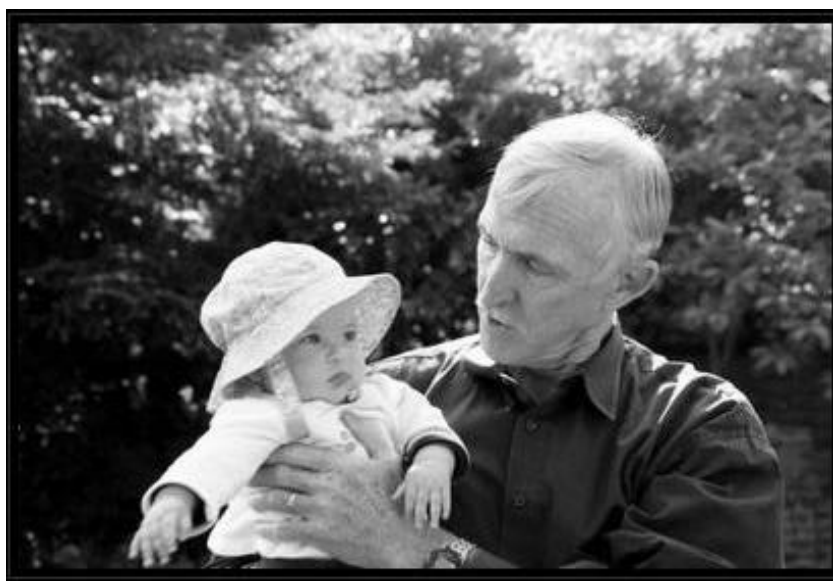


Photos taken from postings on John Austin memorial blog at

<http://austin-smalley.blogspot.com/>

Above: John and Jacqui; right: proud new uncle of Eva, daughter of Bryce and Marcia.

Opposite page, from top: with Chilean horse filly; carving the meat for a shindig; taking care of ceaseless septic repairs; John and The Truck.



Although he graduated with a medical degree from the University of California, went on to lead several healthcare services, and eventually became founder and Chief Medical Officer of Arcadian Management Services, John always arrived in Boulder ready to repair fence, ride horses, and be an ordinary rancher. In his old western shirts and scuffed boots, he was known to many of the Boulder old-timers as “Johnny,” some of whom he had done ranch work for as a teenager and young man.

Perhaps the best, most revealing portrait of John was drawn by the multiple speakers at the memorial held for him in Boulder on June 27. His sister, nephew, and various friends and colleagues pointed out how John had been “the person you could always rely on.” Everyone gave personal accounts of John’s generosity. Whatever good fortune he had found in his life, they said, John wanted to share.

Sid Moosman recalled how in the early days, John would buzz over the Moosman house as he flew into Boulder, a signal to Sid’s father, Doyle, that he would need to be picked up from the airstrip shortly. Stacy Davis Jensen remembered how John had offered a reward of rides in his plane to elementary students who did well in school. Stacy was too old to win a ride, but John, knowing how much she wanted to go up, took her anyway. One friend, writing on a memorial blog, described John as “smart, focused, energetic, stubborn, caring, funny, compassionate, loyal, direct, independent, loving, supportive, hard, soft and many other things all at the same time --just a fantastic mix of things to make a special individual.”

John--and Jacqui--have made an indelible mark upon the small community of Boulder. For several years, their generous donation has made it possible for the Boulder Community Library to receive new children’s books from the Libri Foundation (see page 1). They have also been a major contributor to the Boulder Community Foundation as well as establishing the Boulder-Escalante Scholarship Foundation to help support deserving students through college. John bought, delivered, and helped give flu shots last year to anyone wanting one in Boulder.

Albert Einstein said that “There are only two ways to live. One, as though nothing is a miracle. The other, as though everything is a miracle.” John’s accomplishments, broad range of interests, and many, many diverse friendships attest to his subscribing to the latter belief. He will be greatly missed.



## Mary Behunin Dishes It Up

By Bobbie Cleave

Mary Behunin, Food Service Manager at Boulder Elementary, describes her job as "the best I've ever had." It is her seventh year working at the school and her 13th year living in Boulder. Her husband, Farlan, is a Boulder native and went to elementary school here.

Every school day, Mary prepares breakfast, snacks, and lunch for students wanting school meals. Students may choose to bring food instead. When asked to name the kids' favorite meals, Mary's answer was spaghetti and also chicken parmesan. Her favorite meal to prepare is chili and cinnamon rolls.

Mary learned to prepare food in large quantities both growing up in a large family and working at the Boulder Mesa Restaurant. She has a wonderful attitude



about her job and the students, calling them an "inspiration to me every day." She also very much enjoyed working with the new principal, Roy Suggett, last year, as well as the teacher aides. Mary emphasized that before working in a school, she had no idea how hard teachers work and how dedicated and creative they are. Boulder is lucky to have her as part of the team at Boulder Elementary.

## Tim Clarke Kicks Up Heels in Ireland

By Dianne Oberhansly

Although the July 3 Talent Show at the Boulder Mountain Lodge was a good one this year, many of you may have noticed the conspicuous absence of one of the traditional entrants: Tim Clarke. He usually entered the show in several categories. Tim's acts were either humorous, often drawing from his beloved Monty Python, or associated with Irish set dance.

Tim's longtime dream of escaping to Ireland came true this past June when he purchased a European camper/van on the internet and moved to Ireland. Currently, he is traveling the Irish countryside where the dance festival season is in full swing--no pun intended. His messages back to Boulder friends indicate that he is finding the dance and pub scene very hospitable.



Tim also leaves a hole in the Boulder Community Foundation, where he was Executive Director of the three-year-old nonprofit. During his tenure, Tim began working on ATV issues with Garfield County, then became heavily involved in the Dixie National Forest Travel Plan for off-road vehicles. He also led the making of the beaver watershed issues video, a great educational tool for ranchers and water users. Another of his accomplishments was pushing along the creation of a Quiet Use Brochure for the Boulder/Escalante area.

Tim was meticulous and dedicated in his work, establishing ties with many important individuals and agencies on behalf of the BCF. He will be greatly missed, both as a foundation advocate as well as a friend.

# Riders Converge in Boulder for Horse Challenge

By Katie Austin

Horse people throughout Garfield County, Sevier and Wayne Counties converged in Boulder on Saturday, Sept 12 to take on Boulder's first Extreme Horseman Challenge. The 27 contestants had to complete an obstacle course guaranteed to spook or thwart the most experienced of horses and riders. Each rider was judged and timed. We were able to watch a great deal of talent and horsemanship and some interesting trailer loading techniques, as well.

The winners were:

- 1st place, Clint Lyman, Loa
- 2nd place, Ross Rote, Torrey
- 3rd place, Heather Weems, Escalante
- 4th place, Jamie Barnson, Escalante
- 5th place, Cassie Lyman, Escalante
- 6th place, Ryan Haws, Boulder
- 7th and 8th places, Sean Outzen, Boulder
- 9th place, Ben Stutman, Torrey
- 10th place, Breck Crystal, Boulder

Big thank you to our three judges, Josey Muse, Arnold Alvey, and Garth Noyes ; to the Boulder Community Alliance who sponsored the event; and also to all the helpers we had.



From top:  
Wendell  
Roundy  
doing the  
"coffee  
grinder";  
Becky and  
Breck  
Crystal at  
the jump;  
Wendell  
moving  
pails.  
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