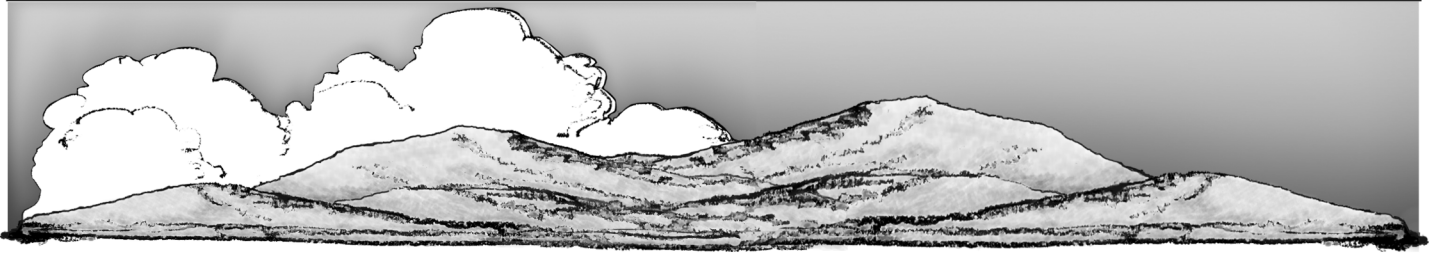


# CENTRAL ARIZONA LAND TRUST



## FOR LANDS' SAKE

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### Get Ready for the 3rd Annual 50 Mile Feast!

*New Venue for 2014*



*Save the Date!*

*August 23, 2014*

*5:00 PM*

*Willow Springs Program Center  
775 N. Camp Willow Springs Road  
in Prescott*

The chef is hired, the menu is being crafted, and the producers are planting and feeding. Our annual fundraiser has been a huge success and we are looking forward to an even better event this year.

The 50 Mile Feast has been so successful that we have outgrown the kitchen at Chino Valley Farms! We are grateful that the Girl Scouts-Arizona Cactus-Pine Council has offered to support our efforts and the 50 Mile Feast will be held at Camp Willow Springs on Thumb Butte in Prescott. It is a lovely venue, with plenty of parking, open space and covered areas. (West on Gurley/Thumb Butte Rd, Right on N. Camp Willow Springs Road 3.9 miles west of Gail Gardner, then 0.5 miles to Willow Springs Program Center). Tickets may be obtained for \$100 each or \$750 for a table of eight. Call the CALT office at 928-445-7790 or visit the website at [www.centralazlandtrust.org](http://www.centralazlandtrust.org).

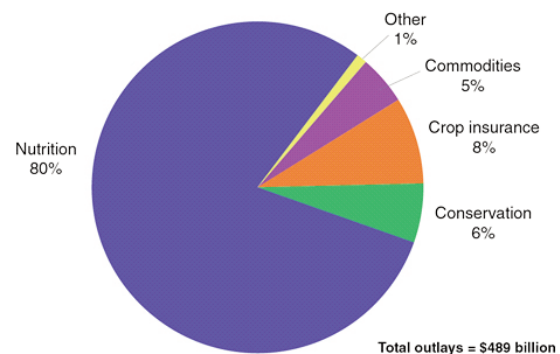
### 2014 Farm Bill News

*By Kresta Faaborg, District Conservationist with Natural Resource Conservation Service*

On February 7th, 2014 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Farm Bill) was enacted. Some of the old familiar programs will remain such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). While some programs have been consolidated and revamped sure as Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) and Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP). The graph to the right breaks down how the funds are slated to be spent in the 2014 Farm Bill.

ACEP is a tool that enables a willing landowner to partner with Central Arizona Land Trust (CALT) and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to place a working land easement on private lands for the long-term viability of the nation's food supply by preventing conversion of productive

Projected outlays under the 2014 Farm Act, 2014-2018



Source: USDA Economic Research Service using data from Congressional Budget Office, Cost Estimates for the Agricultural Act of 2014, Jan 2014.

lands to non-agricultural use. There are both land and landowner eligibility requirements for this type of working agriculture easement. If you would like to find out more about the program, please call your local NRCS office in Prescott Valley at 928-759-9301 x 3 or talk with a CALT member.



## LAND TRUST

*Preserving Open Space in the Heart of Arizona*

### Mission

**The mission of the Central Arizona Land Trust is to preserve and protect open space, wildlife habitat, working agricultural lands and the scenic and cultural values of Central Arizona for future generations.**

The Central Arizona Land Trust was founded in 1989 as a local private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Donations are tax deductible as allowable by law.

For Lands' Sake is a regular publication to inform and educate its supporters and the community.

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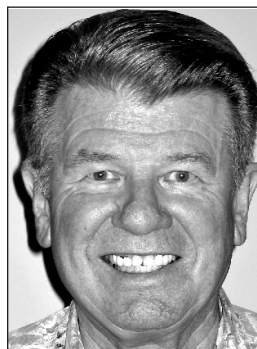
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## President's Message



As I write my last presidential article for Central Arizona Land Trust (aka CALT) it is a bitter sweet experience. Betty and I are moving back to California to semi-retire on a 6,500 acre cattle ranch 12 miles north of Chico. We both have experienced living there in the past and we'll reside in a small cabin on Pine Creek at the base of the Sierra Nevada foothills.

The past ten years living in Prescott has been a real treat for me, especially working with the Central Arizona Land Trust Board and the many sister organizations that share our mission. The CALT Board continues serving northern

Arizona with the mission statement relating to preserving and protecting open space, wildlife habitat, working agricultural lands and the scenic and cultural values of north-central Arizona for future generations. I'll still be involved with CALT, but on a long-distance basis as an advisor when needed.

We've recently held a "meet and greet" or "friend raising" function where several of the attendees were individuals or organizations with whom we have had little or no contact in the past. This is significant because in rural areas such as Yavapai County, most people with common goals have friendships with or knowledge of each other. At this event, each one of our Board members had the experience of explaining the purpose of the Central Arizona Land Trust to someone in attendance that had little or no knowledge of our mission.

Attendees included Prescott City Council members, students, slow food advocates, farmers, representatives of public transportation and natural history. In addition to our being able to explain our purpose we learned about other groups and individuals with whom we could conceivably partner in future transactions.

This exercise is a part of a planned program that involves working more closely with community organizations and partnering and collaborating with other similar land trusts and non-profits in Arizona. As we venture out into expanding our mission CALT will undoubtedly create relationships that will expand the emphasis on open space, working agricultural lands, wildlife preservation and protection and water awareness programs throughout the state.

As I've mentioned in previous articles, accomplishing these goals and objectives will require the cooperation of our local government agencies, other non-profits with similar missions and friends and donors who subscribe to the mission of our organization. We thank you for your past support and look forward to your continued involvement and participation with the Central Arizona Land Trust.

Education is the primary challenge for land trusts throughout the nation and CALT hopes to continue its work in northern Arizona in the future. Our land feeds our bodies and souls, and it is the most important legacy we can pass on intact to our children and grandchildren. If you're a landowner looking to preserve your property, learn how to protect your community today.

*Gordon Bergthold*

Gordon Bergthold  
President



# CALT Holds Friend-Raising

By Kate O'Connor-Masse

A mini-grant from the Land Trust Alliance provided assistance in helping CALT reach our community engagement goals by providing funds to hold a “friend-raising party” on April 10, 2014. The event was held at the Crossroads Cafe at Prescott College with appetizers featuring Orme Ranch beef, pecans from Windmill Gardens and other local products. Granite Mountain Brewery donated beer. Thanks to all the Prescott College staff and the Granite Mountain Brewery for their hard work and support of the CALT mission.

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Prescott City Council Member Jean Wilcox expressed a common sentiment for the friend-raising: “For me, it was time well spent. I learned something new from every person I talked to...Thanks, everyone.”



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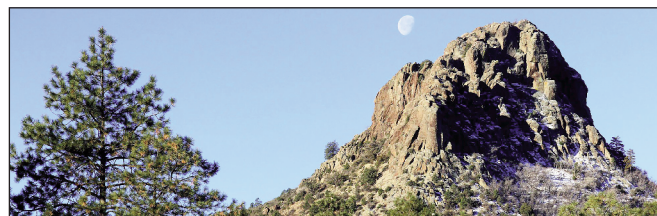
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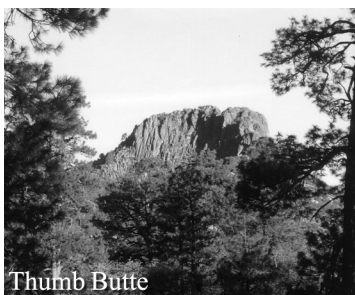
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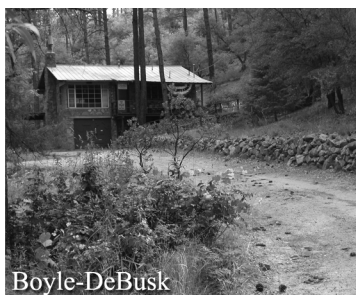
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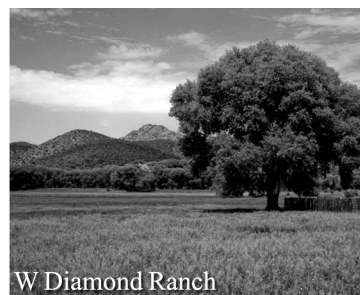
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