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Cerrillos Hills State Park Welcomes Speaker and Cerrillos Native, Gabriel Sahd, on Sunday November 18th at 3:00 p.m. for *The Story Of A Peon In New Mexico*

CERRILLOS, NM – Please join Cerrillos Hills State Park in welcoming speaker Gabriel Sahd, Cerrillos native, to the Centennial room at the Visitor Center on Sunday, November 18, at 3:00 p.m. for a Chautauqua program about Spanish peonage in New Mexico.

Mr. Sahd will portray José Aaron Librado Gurul, a 16 year-old peon from Placitas, New Mexico. In servitude to a wealthy patron from Bernalillo, New Mexico; the boy becomes a wool drover on a harrowing journey from Santa Fe to Kansas City in 1867. Hear the story of back-breaking labor, hunger, and danger, and learn the horrors of peonage.

“Gabriel Sahd’s family has been in Cerrillos for generations,” said Sarah Wood, Cerrillos Hills State Park Manager. “We’re pleased to have him as a speaker through the New Mexico Humanities Council Chautauqua program.”

The program is free, open to the public, and made possible by the New Mexico Humanities Council and the Amigos de Cerrillos Hills State Park.

The Cerrillos Hills State Park Visitor Center is located at 37 Main Street Cerrillos, NM 16 miles south of Santa Fe and 3 miles north of Madrid off New Mexico State Highway 14. For more information, contact park staff at 505-474-1096 or visit www.nmparks.com.

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