



Another Saturday in Happy Valley Leftist Protest March, Pro USA/LEO Rally Both on Main Street, At the Same Time



Pro USA/LEO Rally goes on Main Street in Westcliffe.

by George Gramlich,
Report/Lurid Commentary

You can't make this stuff up.

A person, apparently not a Custer County resident, posted on Facebook a few weeks ago, that he wanted to have a "Custer County March for Justice" on Saturday, June 6th down Main Street in Westcliffe.

Everybody would meet at the west end of Main Street, Westcliffe, at the "Bluffs". At 11 a.m. they would perform the usual pre-event, progressive rituals and start marching down Main Street, on the sidewalks, to the Custer County Sheriff's Office. Then walk back. The purpose of the march was a call "for action to end racism and violence

against people of color, especially Black individuals, in this country." Uh, oh. Are we talking Antifa bad boys showing up in Happy Valley?

Also, why have it in Westcliffe? In Custer County? I have never seen or heard about any racism at all here. It is a solid, caring, Christian community with over 20 churches. The amount of char-

ity money and comradery coming out of Custer County is simply amazing. It is the most "welcoming" place I have ever lived in. Also, we have an outstanding Sheriff's Office with no history at all of any kind of racial abuse.

So why here?

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Independence Day Parade Status

As previously announced, the *Sentinel* is not doing the Independence Day Parade this year. Currently, two local ladies have decided to do it but have run into nonsensical roadblocks from Custer County Public Health (endorsed and supported by Commissioners Flower and Printz). They are saying, in real terms, that we can't have our Independence Day Parade. Hard to believe.

In response to this anti-American behavior, a group of local patriots, Custer Citizens for Liberty, have decided to have a protest walk on July 4th at 10 a.m. entitled "The Walk to Stand and Celebrate Independence Day."

All interested are encouraged to show up at Hermit Lane and Main Street at 9:15 a.m. and walk down Main to the Bluff's to protest the left wing tyranny being imposed on us at the state and local level. Bring your American Flags.

Update: Public Health has just filed a variance request with the state for the parade and the rodeo. It still has a lot of restrictions. When this will be acted upon is unknown. For Liberty, the event will happen, either as a parade or as a walk.

More information will be in next week's *Sentinel*. Editor/GG

Board of Health: Hot Topic is Variances for Events

by Tracy Ballard

The Custer County Board of Health (BOH) convened via teleconference, last Thursday, June 4th, where they discussed the Custer County Fair, Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo, and the Independence Day parade.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Jay Printz made a motion that the minutes from the May 20, 2020, meeting be approved and was seconded by Commissioner Bill Canda (Chairman of BOH). A Motion was approved unanimously.

Report from board members: Public Health Nurse, Elisa Livengood reported that the fifth amendment of the "Safer at Home" guidelines from the governor was released. The latest order would allow restaurants to have up to fifty diners or be at 50 percent capacity. Pools can be open, allowing up to 10 swimmers in at a time. Day camping is now allowed, but, overnight camping is not. This order is good through June 30, 2020. "This means no fairs, no rodeos, and no parades." A variance request would need to be filed with the state for consideration. As of June 4th, 28 persons had been tested, 26 were negative, and STILL only the two original that tested positive. "We've been doing a good job of keeping the numbers down in Custer County. We are still testing one or two people a week. I will be interested to see where we are at two weeks from Memorial Day, because really, that was the first time that we had a lot of out-

of-town people here and we had Main Street essentially full of people. So, that will be this coming Monday (June 8th). I'm hopeful that we will stay at those numbers and that we will have more of a case to the state to move forward with variance requests from the state." Immediately following, Livengood wanted to make a statement. "It is my professional job to uphold these orders, it doesn't mean I agree with them. I don't necessarily agree that we shouldn't have a parade, or a rodeo, or a fair, in fact, I'm pretty supportive of doing it, in the realm of safety and using some precautions. So, I want to put that out there. I'm not the bad guy here."

Meredith Nichols agreed with Livengood.

Tom Flower said he wants to ask Cara Evans, Commissioner's Administrative Assistant to be the one to take minutes for future BOH meetings. All board members agreed she would be a great asset. Printz wanted it known that because this request is not part of her job description, if she does not want to do it, this decision would not reflect poorly against her.

There was nothing under Old Business and nothing further under General Statements/Public Comment.

Chairman Bill Canda: Read a letter aloud that was submitted by Dr. Ann Willson,

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Woe to those who call
evil good, and good
evil;

Who substitute
darkness for light and
light for darkness;

Who substitute bitter
for sweet and sweet
for bitter!

Isaiah 5:20 NASB

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Because it was an easy target for the pathetic “virtue signaling” these “marches” are, in essence, all about: *Look at us, we care. We all are victims of racism, violence and social injustice. You must feel the guilt and shame we feel and live through every day. White guilt. White privilege.* On and on and on.... (As Michael Savage says, “Liberalism is a mental disorder”. With no cure, I might add.)

Being prepared for negative energy coming to Happy Valley, a bunch of local patriots decided to counter that with a Pro USA, Pro LEO and Pro Trump Rally at the *Sentinel* newspaper office at 601 Main Street, Westcliffe. At the same time as the protestors were to be waltzing their way down Main Street.

Emails went out, phone calls were made. Saturday morning comes and it is rainy, windy and just plain yucky. The delicate leftists cannot tolerate any form of “weather” so they issued a “march cancelled” post on their Facebook announcement. Then hours later, they changed it and said it was on. (The rain stopped.)

At around 10:30 a.m., local patriots (fairly heavily armed, of course, it is Custer County.) started showing up at the *Sentinel* with all kinds of flags to wave on Main Street. At around 11 a.m., guess who shows up to lend support: Pastor Adrian Washington. After a few minutes we formed a large circle in front of the *Sentinel* and Pastor Adrian lead us all in

prayer. Real prayer. Thank your for your support, Pastor.

A three-piece Gospel Group from the Cowboy Church also showed up at the *Sentinel* to play patriotic songs during the rally. They set up on the porch and they were simply wonderful. (During the rally, many rally goers went up on the porch to sing with the band. It was beautiful.)

More and more patriots kept showing up and at one point the head count was 77 rally participants. Pretty good showing with very little notice. A lot of nice hardware was seen and enjoyed.

So, the patriots lined Main Street in front of the *Sentinel*, waving flags, getting a great reception from the large number of vehicles driving by while the band played in the background. It was an inspiring time.

Later on, the right flank security spotted the protestors walking up the sidewalk right towards the USA Rally. Contact right! As they approached, the rally goers completely cleared the sidewalk for them so they could pass through easily. There were flag wavers on the curb and a bunch of patriots on the *Sentinel*'s front lawn so the protestors were covered on both sides. A Patriot Gauntlet if I ever saw one.

To the protestors credit, they hesitated for a second, then proceeded to “walk the gauntlet”. All told, there were about 50 - 55 leftists marching (We didn't get an exact count). In groups of 10 or so with some stragglers. But they behaved themselves as they walked through.

As the leftists approached the gauntlet, the patriots starting chanting “USA, USA, USA” and “All Lives Matter”. Everybody was polite but the patriot chants were quite loud.

After the event Facebook accusations by leftists that the rally goers verbally abused the protestors as they passed through were totally discredited when one of the rally goers posted a complete video of them walking through without even a hint of abuse. All you heard and saw was people chanting “USA” and “All Lives Matter” and the band playing God Bless America in the background. If that is abuse, then so be it.

No casualties were incurred, and the protestors continued the three-block walk to the Custer County Sheriff's Office where they probably had some sort of group cry or exorcism.

Summoning their Wizard of Oz Lion courage, the protestors walked back to Main Street, crossed the street to the school parking lot, and had a brief meeting. Then the whole bunch of them, now in one big group, started walking down the sidewalk towards the patriot rally's left flank. Contact Left! 80 yards!

The patriots cleared the sidewalk again. Again, the patriots chanted “USA, USA” and “All Lives Matter”, while the band and rally goers sang God Bless America. All in all, both sides did a truly excellent job of respecting each other's “space” with no bad words/insults being said by anybody. Kudos to all.

The disturbing part was that the leftists could have walked on the other side of Main Street and left the USA Rally folks alone in their area by the *Sentinel*. It was intentional interference and an attempt at provocation, but it didn't work. Both times they looked shocked that anyone would challenge their slanted perspective. They learned that loud chants and signs work both ways.

Of course, when someone says a “racial injustice”/Black Lives Matter (BLM) march is going to walk down Main Street, business owners will get a bit nervous as these events have often been accompanied by extreme violence and destruction. Many store owners on Main Street were very concerned and stressed out (in addition to the insanely stupid stress brought on by the local COVID stasi police). Apparently,



Above, Gospel singers from the Cowboy Church sang Patriotic and Gospel songs during the rally.

Below, The Sheriff's Office loving our Patriots.



the leftists don't care too much about business owners. They could have had their event in place at the Bluffs or in a park, but no, harassing hard working businesspeople by walking past their shops and scaring away customers is more fun.

Of note: Why did the supposedly “peaceful” protestors have an AR15 rifle with them? The Black Evil Rifle. One younger male, in dark clothes, had a black AR15 slung on his back. Why was THAT there, peaceniks? It is food for thought for the next progressive Peace-in.

Thankfully, the event was totally peaceful. Much credit has to be given to the Custer County Sheriff's Office who had repeated contact/meetings with the leftists before Saturday. Sheriff Byerly and Under Sheriff Hill both actually walked behind the protestors during the whole event. Good job, SO!

Before the protest, there was

a lot of concern that violent “out-of-towners” would join the protestors and cause havoc. A fair enough concern. Various citizens reconned the start of the protestors parade and took pictures of the vehicles and recorded the many out-of-state plates on them. We have the pictures and plate numbers. But they behaved themselves so no harm done.

In the end, the inappropriate, out-of-place left-wing march through Happy Valley ended well. And, it was countered by a fun, positive energy Pro USA, Pro LEO Rally at the *Sentinel*. I think the Patriots came out on top. Easily.

But be aware my fellow patriots, as Michael Horowitz says, “Inside every progressive is a totalitarian SCREAMING to get out.” We've even seen it here in Happy Valley the last few months with our local county government. Time to get involved and get off Facebook.

Could be an interesting summer.



Social hypocrisy? Why did one of the BLM/Social Justice protesters carry an AR 15 for a peace rally?

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